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News from the Stratford District Council

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

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For more information on COVID-19, including alert levels, visit covid19.govt.nz

COVID-19 Stratford wastewater detection - what we know so far

Late last week Taranaki District Health Board (TDHB) announced a positive COVID-19 result from routine wastewater sampling in Stratford.

In response to this, COVID-19 testing stations have been set up locally in Stratford since Friday 5 November 2021. These have been delivered by Ngāruahine Iwi Health Services, TDHB and Ngāti Ruanui, with support from Stratford District Council (SDC).

TDHB says the positive result could have been due to recently recovered cases returning to the region from MIQ who are shedding the virus, transient visitors to the region, or could signal undetected cases in the community.

Getting tested is our best chance of ensuring any COVID-19 cases in our community are detected and managed as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have been tested since last Friday!

As of midday Tuesday 9 November, SDC hadn't received the latest results from wastewater sampling, and no positive tests had come back from the COVID-19 tests.

We'll update our website stratford.govt.nz and Facebook page as soon as we have been provided with the latest information on wastewater sampling results. You can also see more information on TDHB's website tdhb.org.nz

Health and wellbeing support

Living under the threat of a global pandemic affects us all in different ways. Last week's news of the positive wastewater sampling result in our local town may have made you or a loved one feel worried or anxious.

If you or someone you know is struggling, free call or text 1737 any time, 24 hours a day for support from a trained counsellor. You can also call Lifeline on 0800 543 354 or text HELP to 4357.

Get tested to be sure!

What are COVID-19 symptoms?

Symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to a range of other illnesses such as cold and flu. Shortness of breath is a sign of possible pneumonia and requires immediate medical attention. Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- a cough
- a high temperature of at least 38°C
- shortness of breath
- sore throat
- sneezing and runny nose
- temporary loss of smell.

Having any of these symptoms does not necessarily mean you have COVID-19, but if you are feeling unwell and have been to one of the locations of interest please self-isolate and get tested straight away even if you have a snuffle or a slight sore throat.

It is best to be on the safe side. Stay at home until you have been well for at least 48 hours and your test is negative.

Vaccinations are our best defence

You can get vaccinated at our local pharmacies, Avon Medical Centre and at the COVID-19 vaccination hubs around Taranaki.

Visit bookmyvaccine.nz

Public Notices

Meeting Schedule - November

Audit & Risk Committee

Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 2.00pm

Policy & Services Committee

Tuesday 23 November 2021 at 3.00pm

All meetings are held in the Council Chambers, Miranda Street, Stratford. Meetings will be held by audio visual link if required due to COVID-19 Alert Levels.

S Hanne
Chief Executive

Rural Spray Round

From Monday 8 November Council has started to carry out vegetation control on rural watertabling, and this will continue until Christmas, weather permitting. Any frontages that are kept well maintained by the property owner eg, watertables, kerb lines, gutters and footpaths that are kept free of growth, will not be sprayed.

Any person who does not want their road frontage sprayed should contact the Council on 06 765 6099.

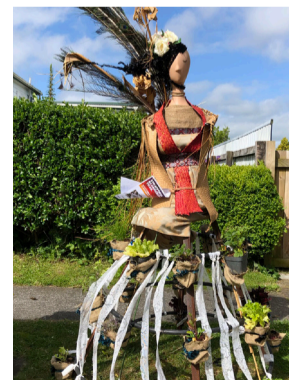
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Winning scarecrows!

Well done to the following Scarecrow winners for taking out the top spots in this year's trail! Together they receive a share of prizes worth \$2,000!

- **Pre-School:** "Te Karetao Kai Māra" by Central Kindergarten
- **Primary School:** "Gingerbread Man" by Stratford Primary School, Room 13
- **Open:** "Ghost Rider" by the Sextus Family located at 562 East Road
- **Business:** "Swiftly" by Dairymaster Milking Systems
- **Best use of recycled materials:** "Rocky" by Gr8Kidz

Check them out alongside all of the other amazing scarecrows on the trail before 14 November 2021. Maps are available from the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre. Huge thanks to our sponsors and judges, Stratford New World, Stratford ITM, Fulton Hogan and Stratford Business Association.



Looking for a summer job that offers variety and flexibility?

Then look no further than the aquatics industry and a role with your local swimming pool!

Sign up to our next Lifeguard course to become a Qualified Pool Lifeguard and gain the skills needed for prevention and response.

On completion of this qualification you will receive 20 NCEA level 3 credits.

The next courses are:

- 15 - 18 November 2021
- 17 - 20 January 2022

Contact the TSB Pool Complex team by emailing pool@stratford.govt.nz or phoning 06 765 6275 for more information and to register!



Library and Visitor Information
Phone 06 765 5403
Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm
Saturday 9.00am – 1.00pm
Sundays & Public Holidays Closed

Transfer Station
Phone 06 765 8500
Monday – Friday 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Wednesday 10.00am – 1.00pm
Saturday & Sunday 1.00pm – 5.00pm

TSB Pool Complex
Phone 06 765 6275
Weekdays 6.00am – 7.30pm
Wednesday 6.00am – 6.30pm
Saturdays 7.00am – 5.30 pm
Sunday 11.00am – 5.30 pm

Glockenspiel
Performs Daily at 10.00am, 1.00pm,
3.00pm and 7.00pm
10 November 2021