

# Central Link

He karere tā te Kaunihera ā Rohe o Whakaahurangi  
News from the Stratford District Council

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## Long Term Plan submissions heard

**Yesterday, Councillors heard from and deliberated on submissions on the Long Term Plan 2021-31 (LTP).**

Council received 114 submissions in total on the plan and 14 people requested to speak at the hearing.

Mayor Volzke says, "While I had hoped more people would take the opportunity to provide feedback on the plan, we're grateful to those who have taken the time to complete the submission form and have their say."

"Every bit of feedback received on our plan is valuable to our decision making process," he says.

Council shared its LTP Consultation Document and supporting information with the community throughout the month of April, holding three public meetings in Whangamomona, the Stratford War Memorial Centre and Whakaahurangi Marae.

District Mayor Neil Volzke says those who attended the meetings got the chance to challenge us and have their say on the plan. "Alongside the written submissions, we were able to call on feedback received at those meetings to factor into our thinking when making decisions on the plan."

Mayor Volzke says a highlight of the consultation period was their visit to Toko and Huiakama Primary Schools where students shared their Enviroschools achievements.

"We were blown away by their efforts and it was encouraging to receive in person LTP submissions from Huiakama students on our visit. These kids are our future and if they can be involved in the decision making process now, I like to think they'll continue to engage in activities and decisions that impact their community as they grow into adulthood."

Council's consultation included four key questions for the public and a snapshot of submissions received show some close debate for at least three of these:

- The issue of water conservation saw 43 people support the introduction of water meters and 41 against.
- The waste minimisation issue had 53 submitters in support of a food and green waste collection service and 30 against.
- The introduction of an economic development targeted rate had 47 submitters say yes and 30 no.
- The proposal of another Council-led residential subdivision had stronger support in numbers with 61 for and 19 against.

### Next steps...

Any changes decided by Councillors will be worked into the plan and taken back to Council at an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 22 June for Councillors to adopt the final Long Term Plan 2021-2031 to come into effect 1 July 2021.



Mayor Volzke receives submissions from Huiakama School students at a visit to the school in April 2021.

## Puanga flag competition open now

**What does Puanga (Māori New Year) mean to you? Design a flag to show us!**

Our Puanga flag competition is back for 2021. If you have tamariki or rangatahi at home, encourage them to enter their flag design by 4 June 2021.

Schools in the district have been sent the entry forms and you can pick one up from the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre, or download one from our website [stratford.govt.nz](http://stratford.govt.nz)

Entries are open to age categories 5-12 years and 13-18 years of age.

Please return entry forms to the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre, the Council Service Centre or by email to [akingston@stratford.govt.nz](mailto:akingston@stratford.govt.nz) by 4.30pm, Friday 4 June 2021.



Winning flags will go on display down Broadway to celebrate Puanga 2021 in June/July. Winners get to take home their designed street flag at the end of our Puanga celebrations, plus they will receive a \$50.00 prize pack.

Watch this space for more information on our Puanga market day and rakau reflections and aspirations activity happening in June/July.

Our Puanga celebrations are supported by Toi Foundation.

**Pictured: A previous winning flag design by Tisha Weston-Jacobson.**

## Public Notices

### Meeting Schedule - May

**Policy & Services Committee**

Tuesday 25 May 2021 at 3.00pm

All meetings are held in the Council Chambers, Miranda Street, Stratford.

**S Hanne**  
Chief Executive

## Let us know how we're doing, take our survey!

Complete our Customer Satisfaction Survey online at [stratford.govt.nz](http://stratford.govt.nz) or fill out the survey which arrives in letter boxes this month.

**How are we doing?**

The survey is an opportunity for residents to let us know how we have performed over the past 12 months.

Everyone who completes the survey, and provides their contact details, will go in the draw to win one of five \$100 Stratford Business Association vouchers.

**The survey closes at 4.30pm on 14 June 2021.**



## Careers Expo inspires future workforce

**Last Friday's careers expo attracted over 700 people who were able to broaden their horizons on job pathways and opportunities available for them, right here in Taranaki.**

The expo was delivered by our Workforce Programme under Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs and in partnership with the Ministry of Social Development, Stratford High School and Taranaki Diocesan School.

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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

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**19 May 2021**