

Community centres get much needed makeover

Renovations to community facilities in the Stratford District have been completed, making much needed improvements to eight community assets in total.

In 2020 Stratford District Council was successful in receiving a Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) investment of \$339,190 towards the renovation and refurbishment of the Stratford War Memorial Centre, Centennial Rest Rooms, Hall of Remembrance, Tututawa Hall, Douglas Hall, Kohuratahi Hall, Whangamomona Hall and Makahu Hall.

Improvements across the facilities varied from new heat pumps and roofing to full interior and exterior paint jobs, new flooring and in the case of the Centennial Rest Rooms, a new toilet layout and kitchen.

Chief Executive Sven Hanne says, "The grant was received with gratitude as it allowed Council to remove the cost of important upgrades from ratepayers and hall committees, and produced business for our local tradespeople."

"These improvements mean we can continue to have well-functioning community centres in our more isolated rural communities and it has provided for more modern facilities across Council's venues for hire," he says.

Stratford's War Memorial Centre (WMC) was completely renovated inside and re-opened to the public last week. The WMC offers the Stratford community and those outside of the district a central and flexible venue. Providing users with appropriate Information Technology (IT) equipment, a commercial kitchen and the choice of three individual hire

spaces or the option of hiring the whole venue, fitting up to 1,000 people in the complex.

The Centennial Rest Rooms located on Fenton Street, on the edge of the picturesque King Edward Park, have been given a much needed makeover too. It was completely renovated inside and out with a fresh paint job, as well as a new kitchen, upgraded bathroom facilities with family room, inclusion of a large television for presentations and video-conferencing and the installation of Wi-Fi. The rooms provide a venue to those needing meeting spaces for smaller events, and the public toilets are open from 6am to 6pm daily.

For more information on Stratford District Council's venues for hire, you can contact Council's Service Centre on 06 765 6099 or email stratforddc@stratford.govt.nz



Have you got what it takes to become a lifeguard?

Sign up to the TSB Pool Complex Lifeguard Course, running these April school holidays!

Gaining the Skills Active Pool Lifeguard Qualification provides you with the responsibility and key skills needed for prevention and response. On completion of this qualification you will receive 20 NCEA Level 3 credits, and the opportunity to start a career in the Aquatics Industry.

Cost: \$300.00 plus a PLPC recognised First Aid certificate
Course Dates: 20, 21, 22 April 7.00am – 11.00am. This is a three day course; attendance on all three days is required.
Venue: TSB Pool Complex

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Email pool@stratford.govt.nz or phone 06 765 6275





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This week, Council will be sharing it's Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information pack.

We're facing four key issues over the next 10 years and need your feedback on some big questions.

These include:

- Water conservation (metering)
- Waste Minimisation (green and food waste collection)
- Economic Development targeted rate
- Residential Subdivision

Submissions will be open until 2 May 2021 and can be made online or in writing.

Find out more, including public meeting dates, at stratford.govt.nz

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