

Alert Level 1 - Keep playing it safe Stratford

We're now in Alert Level 1.
Remember, this doesn't mean alert level none.

Please continue to remain vigilant and follow basic hygiene measures to keep yourselves and our community well.

Stay home if you are feeling unwell and call Healthline on 0800 611 116 for advice.

For everything you need to know about the current alert levels for New Zealand visit covid19.govt.nz

If you have had a Covid-19 test, stay home until you return a negative test.

Wash and dry your hands and keep track of where you go using the Covid-19 Tracer App.

You can always contact Council by phone or email if you don't wish to come in to one of our facilities.

Meet your 2021 Youth Councillors

Last week four new Stratford District Youth Councillors were officially sworn in by District Mayor Neil Volzke.

Brooke Hereora, Ciara Staines-Huley, Taylyn Kelsen and Victoria Payne have joined Connor Giblin (Co-Chair), Harmony Hanover (Co-Chair), Achim Hanne, Alena Hojdelewicz, Emma Steele, Keisya Gunawan and Taleesha Kelsen to make up the full 11 members of the Stratford District Youth Council.

District Mayor Neil Volzke says, "These young people will gain a lot of knowledge and experience through their involvement in council."

"Our youth council is one of the longest standing in the country and that's something members of the youth council, Council staff and the wider Stratford community should be proud of," he says.

"After attending their first meeting I can tell that this group of enthusiastic young people will be an effective voice for their peers."

Speaking on behalf of his fellow elected members, Mayor Volzke says it's important that they have this connection with youth in the district. "We look forward to hearing their thoughts on issues and activities that affect young people across our community," he says.

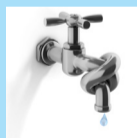
Stratford District Youth Council has been championing local youth voices and running events for youth since 2003.

The Youth Council is made up of a diverse group of people aged between 12 and 24-years-old who live, work or go to school in the Stratford district.

They meet twice a month in one formal, and one informal meeting to have input into Council activities, build leadership skills and plan future activities that benefit local youth.

Previous activities have included A Scary Night, Colour in the Park and the regular Get On The Bus events.

To stay up to date with Stratford District Youth Council follow them on Facebook and Instagram, or get in touch with Community Development Officer, Sarah Shepherd on 06 765 6099 or sshepherd@stratford.govt.nz



Are you conserving water?

Stratford district is under water restrictions.

The restrictions apply to those using the Stratford, Toko or Midhirst water supply, and mean a total ban on sprinkler and irrigation systems, and on unattended hoses.

Handheld hoses can be used depending on your house number. Even numbered houses on even days and odd numbered houses on odd days.

Residents are asked to help conserve water by turning off taps and fixing leaking taps and pipes.

A big THANK YOU to the Midhirst community

Council recently learned that residents in Midhirst have taken great initiative at placing their kerbside collection bins in a position that makes it much easier for collection.

A couple of no exit roads have had bins from all households placed on the same side of the road which reduces the time of collection and makes it easy for the truck to pick up the bins.

Ka pai! Thank you Midhirst from Council and its rubbish and recycling contractors - Envirowaste.

Keep up the great work!



Our Library can help you become digitally savvy!

Learn some computer basics in our range of free classes at the Stratford Library.

Registrations for our March/April classes are now open, starting from 24 March 2021.

Contact the team on 06 765 5403 to find out more and register your attendance.

Visit stratford.govt.nz for the full timetable of both SteppingUp and Better Digital Futures for Seniors classes.

Library and i-SITE opening at 12pm on Tuesday 16 March

Next Tuesday, 16 March 2021 our Library and i-SITE will be having new furniture installed. The facility will be closed for the morning to allow for installation and set up.

The Library, i-SITE and AA Express services will open at 12noon. If you have any questions please contact the team on 06 765 5403.

Public Notices

Creative Communities Funding - Round Two Open

Applications for financial assistance under the Creative Communities New Zealand Scheme are now invited.

Application forms are available from Council's website, stratford.govt.nz, the Council's Service Centre, and the Stratford Library/i-SITE. Applications close at 4.30pm on Friday 9 April 2021.

FUNDING CRITERIA

Projects or activities must:

- increase participation in the local arts;
- increase the range and diversity of the arts available to the Stratford community; and
- enhance and strengthen the local arts sector.

Any group, organisation, or individual may apply for support under this scheme, so long as the project for which funding is required conforms to the above criteria.

Applicants are encouraged to contact Rhonda Vanstone at Council on (06) 765 6099 or rvanstone@stratford.govt.nz to ensure eligibility and provide assistance with application information.

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DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

Council Hours

LIBRARY & i-SITE
Phone 06 765 5403
Monday - Friday
8.30 am - 5.00 pm
Saturday
9.00 am - 1.00 pm

TSB POOL COMPLEX
Phone 06 765 6275
Weekdays 6.00am - 7.30pm
Wednesday 6.00am - 6.30pm
Saturdays 7.00 am - 5.30 pm
Sunday 11.00 am - 5.30 pm

TRANSFER STATION
Phone 06 765 8500
Monday - Friday
2.00 - 5.00 pm
Wednesday
10.00 am - 1.00 pm
Saturday & Sunday
1.00 - 5.00 pm

GLOCKENSPIEL
Performs Daily at
10.00 am, 1.00 pm,
3.00 pm and 7.00 pm