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STRATFORD
DISTRICT COUNCIL



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Public Notices

Meeting schedule - January 2023

Policy & Services Committee
Tuesday 24 January 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 public health measures.

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Chief Executive

Repair Café a success thanks to handy volunteers

Stratford's Repair Café held on Saturday 3 December, was declared a success by Stratford District Council (SDC) as over 60 free repairs were completed for people from the community.

Peter McNamara, SDC Waste and Water Education Officer, says the volunteer repairers were the heroes of the day.

"A big thank you to Colin Cowie, Malcolm Izzard, Lee Cloke, Phillipa Rosen, Ray Wales, and Jess McNamara for giving their time and skills to help their community," says Peter.

"We had volunteers come in early and stay late to finish repairs. Some repairers even finished mending items over the week after the event. They really cared about doing things right."

The Repair Café handled a wide range of repairs, with electrical, furniture, sewing, mechanical and bike repairs being the most popular. All items were repaired for free, with parts being donated by the volunteer repairers. One bike and three electrical items weren't able to be mended. They either could not be fixed or needed extensive repairs or parts.

Peter says each piece bought in for repair came with a story.

"We saw wartime toys, a beloved kerosene lamp that belonged to someone's grandfather, Mum's favourite dress, and a little weed eater that needed a bit of love to help a lovely lady tackle the garden again," says Peter.



Volunteer, Ray Wales, repairs an antique toy

The feedback from the community on the day was overwhelmingly positive, says Peter. One community member even turned up with a Christmas cake for the volunteers.

Building on the success of this year's event, the Repair Café will be back in 2023, but this time run by the community. Volunteers, including repairers involved in the recent Café, will take on the organisation of the event, with the venue being supplied by SDC.

When asked what his favourite part of the Repair Café was, Peter says he was able to chip in and fix a little boy's spiderman scooter.

"Just being able to fix up his scooter and see him ride on off to the pools was the best. I might not be organising next year's Repair Café, but I'm going to be volunteering!"

Congratulations to Bronwyn Davis for winning our draw for a reconditioned BMX bike!

Keep up-to-date with Repair Café 2023 news at Stratford.govt.nz



SUMMER QUEST

Win prizes!

Ready for our new summer reading adventure?

Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre invites tamariki to head to the great outdoors in this year's Summer Quest reading adventure.

Pick up your quest booklet from the library and head out to collect your stamps for **reading, exploring, participating** and **manaakitanga**.

There are great prizes to be won, and if you collect at least one stamp through the summer, you'll get a special invite to our **Summer Quest party!**



Whangamomona Republic Day is coming

Have you got your ride to Republic Day sorted?

You won't want to miss out on the triumphant return of this unique event on Saturday 21 January 2023.

If you want to jump on our popular Republic Day bus, make a booking through Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre. It costs \$10 return per person, and you'll receive a passport to allow you into the Republic.

The bus departs from the Stratford War Memorial car park at 10am, and returns from Whangamomona at 3pm.

Want to give gifts that'll make a splash?



Come and see our brand new range of swim gear and accessories available for sale at Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre. We've got you and your whānau covered for all your summer fun!

Last day to donate gifts to Xmas appeal

Wednesday 14 December is the final day of our Mayoral Christmas Gift Appeal.

Donations can be dropped off under the Christmas tree at Council's Service Centre on Miranda Street, or at the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre

Thank you for making someone's Christmas brighter!

Library and Visitor Information

Phone 06 765 5403

Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm

Saturday 9.00am – 1.00pm

Sunday & 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

Wai O Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre

Phone 06 765 6275

Monday – Friday 6.00am – 6.30pm

Saturday 7.00am – 5.00pm

Sunday and Public Holidays

10.00am – 5.00pm

Glockenspiel

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

14 December 2022