

# Te Hononga Pokapū

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

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**STRATFORD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## What's on at the Whare Pukapuka!

It's Māori Language Week and you're invited to take part in our free activities at the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre.



12-18 Mahuru 2022  
Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

### Storytime

Rāapa (Wednesday) 14 September, 9.30am.

Join us for a special edition of Storytime as we celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori.

### Tākaro in the library

Rāapa (Wednesday) 14 September, 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Rāmere (Friday) 16 September, 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Join us for a fun game of Tākaro! Tākaro is a simple matching game using symbols and Māori names. Tākaro is fun for everyone, regardless of where you are in your Te Reo journey.

### Kete kōrero

We've got kits to encourage whānau to explore Te Reo Māori at home. These kete include kupu (word) magnets and other fun resources. They're able to be issued to your Library card like a book for 7 days.

Our *Glockenspiel Romeo and Juliet* performance will also be playing in Te Reo Māori for the week. You can listen daily at 10am, 1pm, 3pm and 7pm.

## Did you know?

**A disposable nappy can take 500 years to decompose.**

Tamariki will use an estimated 6,500 disposable nappies before they finish toilet training. Those nappies will generate one tonne of plastic waste and cost caregivers around \$3,000! Time to think about cloth?

## Waste Free Workshops



29 September, Centennial Rest Rooms, Cost - \$10

We've got two workshops coming up with entertaining eco warrior, Kate Meads!

Explore waste free parenting (with a free cloth nappy pack worth \$60), or learn why we waste food and how to stop it.

To book, visit [katemeads.co.nz/collections/stratford](https://katemeads.co.nz/collections/stratford)

## Farewell to Queen Elizabeth II

We pass on our condolences and sympathy to the Royal family for the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

A condolence book is available at the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre, and the New Zealand flag at Council's building will fly at half-mast.

You can find photos and a video of the Queen's visit to Stratford in 1954 on our Recollect site here: <https://stratford.recollect.co.nz>

## Face masks no longer required at Council sites

The Government's Covid-19 traffic light framework ended at midnight on Monday 12 August.

As a result, you no longer need to wear a face mask at our council facilities, including the Council building in Miranda Street, the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre, and the TSB Pool Complex.

Although face masks are no longer required at our sites, we'll continue to support those who choose to wear one. It's also important that you continue to stay at home if you're feeling unwell.

The 7-day isolation period for people who are positive for Covid-19 remains, and masks will continue to be required at some health care facilities, like pharmacies, hospitals, and rest-homes.

Thank you for your patience as we've navigated this challenging time together.

For more information on the changes, visit [covid19.govt.nz](https://covid19.govt.nz)

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## Public Notices

### Meeting Schedule - September 2022

**Farm & Aerodrome Committee**  
Tuesday 20 September at 12noon

**Audit & Risk Committee**  
Tuesday 20 September at 2.00pm

**Policy & Services Committee**  
Tuesday 27 September at 3.00pm

**Extraordinary Meeting of Council**  
Tuesday 4 October at 3.30pm

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.

**S Hanne**  
Chief Executive

### Elizabeth Watson Fund

In accordance with the will of Elizabeth Maree Watson, Council has been given funds from her estate to distribute.

The fund is available to assist elderly people in the Stratford area who require financial support and assistance. Applications are now being sought. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Reside in the Stratford area
- Have reached the age of entitlement to NZ Superannuation
- Be considered by the Mayor as suitable to apply and require financial support and assistance.

Application forms are available to download on [stratford.govt.nz](https://stratford.govt.nz) or by contacting Council.

For more information on the above funding programme, contact the District Mayor.

**N Volzke**  
District Mayor



Look for your voting papers in the mail from 16 September.



**Library and Visitor Information**  
Phone 06 765 5403  
Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm  
Saturday 9.00am – 12.00pm  
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  
Saturday 7.00am – 5.30pm  
Sunday 11.00am – 5.30pm  
Public Holidays Closed

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

14 September 2022