

Central Link

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

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STRATFORD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Submissions invited on draft Annual Plan

The Draft 2022/23 Annual Plan outlines Council's budget and services for the coming year, and includes some variations to the LTP which we're seeking feedback on.

District Mayor, Neil Volzke says, "Twelve months ago we finalised the LTP, and due to a number of challenges we are in a position of needing to adjust, adapt and discuss proposed changes to this plan with the community."

"The proposed overall rates increase of 6.41% for the coming year is only slightly higher than the 6.21% originally proposed in the LTP. This relatively small difference however hides a lot of cost pressures that have come to light over the past year," said Mayor Volzke. "We've worked closely with Council staff to find ways to continue delivering services without passing on these cost burdens to our ratepayers."

The key changes Council propose as part of this plan include:

- Roading Targeted Rate, Forestry Differential
- Revenue and Financing Policy amendments
- Waste Management costs
- Fees and Charges

More details on these changes are available in the consultation document.

Among these changes, the year ahead has some exciting milestones to look forward to, including the completion of the new Aquatic Centre on Portia Street. "This is a project that was fueled by community passion and interest, much like the recently completed Stratford Bike Park," says Mayor Volzke.

"These projects, among other significant work which is creating employment opportunities and improving our town and district are all adding to a vibrant, resilient and connected community - in the heart of Taranaki," he says.

A full copy of the draft plan, consultation document and revenue and financing policy is available to view on stratford.govt.nz, at the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre or from Council's Service Centre on Miranda Street.



Have your say on the plan by completing a submission form before Monday 11 April 2022

Bike Park artwork

The last section of artwork has been added to the education cycle track concrete.

The artwork tells a story that centres around the importance of whānau and support by a community. One that works together to share and care for people and places in our district. It was designed by Wharehoka Smith and completes the finishing touches of our wonderful new community facility.



Get creative for Anzac

You're invited to make Anzac poppies to add to the Library's 'Wall of Poppies'.

The 'Wall of Poppies' is an Anzac Day community art installation in remembrance of the First World War, and designed to be created with the Stratford community through 'take and make' craft packs, as well as in collaboration with schools and community organisations. Get involved by contacting the Library.



Sport Rural Travel Fund

Round two of the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund is open!

If you are a rural sports club or team with players between 5 and 19 years of age, you may be eligible for subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sports competitions. Visit stratford.govt.nz for more information or contact Rhonda Vanstone by emailing rvanstone@stratford.govt.nz or phone 06 765 6099



Covid19 Update: Taranaki is in Red. Visit covid19.govt.nz for more information.

For details on testing and vaccination clinics in Taranaki visit tdhb.org.nz

Public Notices

Stratford District Youth Council - Notice of AGM



The Stratford District Youth Council will hold their annual general meeting on 5 April 2022 at 4.30pm in the Centennial Rest Rooms, Fenton Street, Stratford.

K Whareaitu
Director Community Services

Meeting Schedule - March 2022

Policy & Services Committee
Tuesday 22 March 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 COVID-19 public health measures.

S Hanne
Chief Executive

Did you know?

It is illegal to dump rubbish in public areas and offenders can be fined up to \$400 for making a mess of our district.

You can help keep the Stratford district beautiful and help us find those responsible for dumping rubbish by reporting what you notice. If you see illegally dumped rubbish, please phone 0800 DUMPING (386 7464), or if the rubbish might affect a waterway, call Taranaki Regional Council's environment hotline on 0800 736 222 or fill out the online form.

You can report the type of rubbish, the approximate amount and whether it is blocking a road or could endanger the public. If you saw the rubbish being dumped please supply the date and time, details of the vehicle and any other relevant information.

Keep an eye out for more 'Did you know?' features in our Central Link and on our Facebook page.



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
Saturdays 7.00am – 5.30 pm
Sunday 11.00am – 5.30 pm

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

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