

# Central Link

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News from the Stratford District Council

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**STRATFORD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## School Zone speed limits changing

**We're lowering the speed limits in school zones across the district, and you can have your say on the proposed changes this month.**

SDC is changing the permanent speed to 30 km/hr for urban school zones and 60 km/hr for rural school zones. This is in response to the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2021, which came into effect on 19 May 2022.

Director Assets Victoria Araba says, "During June we consulted with our school communities and properties directly affected by the school zone speed limits. Using their feedback we've made some minor amendments to our original proposals, such as reducing the Makahu School zone to 30km/h instead of 60km/h, and now we'd like to hear from the wider community."

The proposed speed limit zones can be viewed on our website [stratford.govt.nz](http://stratford.govt.nz) and feedback is open until Friday 16 September 2022.

"The speed limits do have to change, there's no question about that, but we want to know from the community if the zone areas are fit for purpose and if they agree with the need to have the speed limits permanently fixed for those zones," says Victoria.

The alternative to a permanent speed limit is a variable speed limit, which uses different times of the day to enforce a lower speed. This is currently in place outside Stratford Primary School, where the speed limit is 40km/h during school dropoff and school pickup on week days.

While these changes have come about because of a Land Transport Rule, they work alongside SDC's wider School Safety Project. "This project seeks to improve the safety of streets near school entrances for students and all road users, encourage active travel to school and reduce congestion," says Victoria.

The School Safety Project is currently focusing on improvements to the streets surrounding Stratford High School, but will be rolled out across all urban schools over the coming years.

To have your say on the school zone speed limit changes, you can:

- email [submissions@stratford.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@stratford.govt.nz) using "School Zone Speed Limits" as the subject header
- write to Steve Taylor, Projects Manager Stratford District Council PO Box 320 Stratford 4352
- complete a short form on [stratford.govt.nz](http://stratford.govt.nz)

**Submissions close 16 September 2022.**

## Report issues with the free Antenno App



**Use Antenno to report community issues and receive Council updates.**



### Public Notices

#### Meeting Schedule - August 2022

**Policy & Services Committee**  
Tuesday 23 August at 3.00pm

**Extraordinary Meeting of Council**  
Tuesday 23 August at 4.30pm (approx.)

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 Alert Levels.

**S Hanne**  
Chief Executive

#### Rates Reminder - First instalment

Payment of the first instalment of rates for the 2022/2023 year is due no later than 4.30pm on 31 August 2022.

**T Radich**  
Director Corporate Services



## Candidates step up for our community

**Local election nominations closed last Friday, with candidates making a stand across all Stratford wards. See the full list of nominations on [stratford.govt.nz](http://stratford.govt.nz)**

Chief Executive Sven Hanne is pleased to see people stepping up for the community. "Being on Council is a real privilege. Elected members get to be the voice for others, share ideas and make decisions, with the best intentions for the future of our district in mind," he says.

Now that nominations have closed, the next opportunity for people to make their mark on the district is by voting.

An election will be held for the Stratford Rural General Ward only, giving rural residents the opportunity to help decide who best represents them. There are the same number of candidates as there are seats available for the Mayor (1), Stratford Māori Ward (1) and Stratford Urban General Ward (6), therefore they will not require an election.

Voting in this year's local body election is by post, with voting documents being delivered to enrolled voters from 16 September

Opportunities for the community to meet and learn about candidates will be available in the coming weeks.

## Did you know?

**If you start composting your food and garden waste now, you'll have a heap of nutrients to put back into your soil for Labour Day planting.**

Hot composting is a quick way to reduce your food and garden waste and improve your soil quality. All you need is space in your garden for a compost bin or pile, and in as little as 6 – 8 weeks you can begin using your compost in your garden.

For more information about hot composting, visit [wastebusters.co.nz/hot-composting](http://wastebusters.co.nz/hot-composting)



## Event Recycle your car seat

**Has your car seat expired?** Don't send it to landfill! Bring it to our recycling event.

The first 50 car seats to be recycled, get 60% off the recycling fee. Recycle your old seat for just \$10!

**Is your seat safe?** Get a safety check for FREE.

**10am - 2.30pm, Sunday 28 August  
Stratford War Memorial Hall**



# DO YOU NEED A KICK UP THE ARTS?

**A Creative Communities Scheme (CCS) grant could help you get your project off the ground.**

If your project supports access and participation in arts activities, diverse arts and cultural traditions, or encourages young people to engage with the arts, you may be eligible for funding.

For more information on the funding available visit [stratford.govt.nz](http://stratford.govt.nz) or contact Erin Bishop at Council on 06 765 6099.

**Applications close on Friday 2 September 2022.**

**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  
  
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