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News from the Stratford District Council

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**STRATFORD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Speed limit on Ōpunake Road changing to 80km/h

**At last week's Ordinary Meeting elected members approved to reduce the speed limit on Ōpunake Road to 80km/h.**

This speed will apply from the intersection of Elizabeth Grove to the Stratford District boundary, and will be effective from 1 June 2022.

The speed limit review came after a report by Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency which sought to identify the top 10% highest risk roads that are located within each local authority boundary across New Zealand. This work is part of the Government's Road to Zero Strategy, which aims to reduce the road toll in New Zealand by 40% before 2030.

Waka Kotahi identified Ōpunake Road as a high-risk road within the Stratford District and the statistics match their findings, with 57 crashes occurring within the last 5 years, some of these unfortunately being fatal.

Community consultation was carried out in August 2021 and Council received 64 submissions on the topic. Feedback was split, with approximately half of the submissions interested in seeing the speed limit reduced, and a number of responses seeking road safety improvements instead of a speed limit change.

Alongside this approved speed reduction, Council has received funding of \$1.275 million towards safety improvements for Ōpunake Road. This funding will go towards improving a number of areas identified within the feedback Council has received, and in combination with a reduced speed, will allow for a much safer road for all.

This funding is available through Waka Kotahi's "Road to Zero" strategy and will be spent within the current Long Term Plan period, ending 2024. Following 2024, Waka Kotahi has approved a further \$1.15 million for Ōpunake Road safety improvements.

**Covid19: Taranaki is in Orange.**  
Visit [covid19.govt.nz](https://covid19.govt.nz) for more info.

For details on testing and vaccination clinics in Taranaki visit [tdhb.org.nz](https://tdhb.org.nz)

### Public Notices

#### Meeting Schedule - May 2022

##### Policy & Services Committee - Hearing

Tuesday 24 May at 2.00pm  
To hear and consider submissions to the Rates Remission Policy.

##### Policy & Services Committee

Tuesday 24 May at 3.00pm

All meetings will be 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

#### Notice of Temporary Road Closure

Council has approved the closure of the following roads for the purpose of the 2022 Targa Rally.

##### Thursday 26 May 2022

- Between the hours of 9.05 am and 1.35 pm
- Makara Road: Ratapiko Road to Croydon Road
  - Croydon Road: Makara Road to Stanley Road
  - Salisbury Road: Makara Road to 845 Salisbury Road
  - Stanley Road: Croydon Road to Beaconsfield Road

##### Friday 27 May 2022

- Between the hours of 12.00 pm and 4.30 pm
- Wawiri Road: Ahuroa Road to Makuri Road
  - Makuri Road: Wawiri Road to Douglas Road
  - Douglas Road: Makuri Road to approximately 356 Douglas Road

Between the hours of 12.40pm and 5.10 pm

- Wingrove Road: 200m from its intersection with Skinner Road to Cheal Road
- Cheal Road: Wingrove Road to Oru Road
- Oru Road: Cheal Road to Rawhitiroa Road (South Taranaki)

Affected residents will receive a letter providing an emergency telephone number of Targa New Zealand Rally Base and other important information.

For all other enquiries please contact the Ultimate Rally Group on 0800 827 427 or [gm@urg.co.nz](mailto:gm@urg.co.nz)

**V Araba**  
Director Assets

## Who's your community champion?

**Nominate a local champion for our annual citizen and youth citizen awards.**

The awards identify people in our community who have shown leadership, inspiration, or dedication to a cause.

Mayor Neil Volzke says, "Everything good about our district is due to someone's passion, selflessness and commitment to the community."

"More often than not these people are working behind the scenes – and these awards are our opportunity to shine a light on the role they play in making our district tick."

Nomination forms are available from our website, [stratford.govt.nz](https://stratford.govt.nz), Service Centre, or the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre.

**Nominations close on Friday 27 May 2022.**



2021 Citizen Award recipients

## Design a flag for our Puanga celebrations

**Our 2022 Design a Flag competition is open now, and closes on 27 May 2022.**

Pick up an entry form at the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre or download one from our website [stratford.govt.nz](https://stratford.govt.nz)

Winners receive a \$50 prize pack and get to see their design flying down Broadway for our Puanga celebrations in June.

Entries must be received by 27 May 2022.



**Take a 10 minute survey and be in to win \$100**

**Share your views about our goal to zero waste, and you could win!**

Scan this QR code with your mobile phone to go directly to the survey or visit:

[surveyMonkey.com/r/zerowastesurvey](https://surveyMonkey.com/r/zerowastesurvey)



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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 – 5.30pm  
Sundays & Public Holidays Closed

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