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DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Public Notices

Meeting schedule November 2022

Ordinary Meeting of Council
Tuesday 8 November 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

Weed spraying on urban roads

Stratford District Council will carry out weed spraying on urban roads from **Thursday 3rd November 2022**. This includes kerb and channel sections, and footpaths.

This work will take around 10 days to complete, weather permitting.

Any areas that are defined as a "No Spray Zone" by the property owner will not be sprayed.

If you don't want your road frontage sprayed, please contact us on 06 765 6099.

V Araba
Director Assets

Welcome to the new Stratford District Council!

Last week, Stratford District's Mayor and Councillors were sworn in at the first Council meeting of the 2022-25 term.

We held a pōwhiri to welcome our new Council, with representatives from Whakaahurangi Marae, Ngāti Ruanui, Ngāruahine, Ngāti Maru, local schools, community members and whānau in attendance.

Chief Executive Sven Hanne opened the meeting, with Mayor Neil Volzke sworn in first. The Mayor then invited each councillor to make and sign their own declarations.

Council confirmed the appointment of Councillor Min McKay as Deputy Mayor.

The following Council committees were established and chairpersons appointed:

- Farm and Aerodrome Committee – Chair: Councillor Grant Boyde
- Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Committee – Chair: Councillor Amanda Harris
- Policy and Services Committee – Chair: Deputy Mayor Min McKay
- Audit and Risk Committee – Chaired by an independent advisor, Phil Jones.



Front row - Ellen Hall, Min McKay, Neil Volzke, Sven Hanne (Chief Executive), Annette Dudley. Middle row - Victoria Araba (Assets), Grant Boyde, Amanda Harris, Mathew Watt, Clive Tongaawhikau. Back row - Jono Erwood, Vaughan Jones, John Sandford, Steve Beck, Kate Whareaitu (Community Services)

Keep an eye out for opportunities to meet your councillors in the coming months.



Volunteers beautify Midhirst Old Cemetery

It's Cemeteries and Crematoria Week 2022; a chance for us to celebrate the spaces in our community where we remember our loved ones and reflect on those who lived in our region long ago.

Keen gardener, Clare O'Connell, has started a group of volunteers that plant flowers and greenery around Midhirst Old Cemetery. Clare wants to create a beautiful environment for people to remember their friends and whānau, and says the act of gardening itself can be very therapeutic.

"I thought when people are visiting their loved ones, they might want to do a bit of gardening as well. It's such a peaceful activity," says Clare.

Wharehuia and Midhirst Gardening Circle have joined in with the gardening of empty plots. While the plants are small now, it's only a matter of time until the Midhirst Old Cemetery is awash in spring and summer colour.

Do you want to volunteer your time, or donate seeds and plants? Contact Melanie McBain, Parks and Reserves Officer, at MMcBain@stratford.govt.nz



The hunt is on!

Taranaki residents will once again hunt high and low through the streets of Stratford district for fantastic creatures and straw-filled guardians, with the Stratford Scarecrow Trail now open for 2022.

The Stratford Scarecrow Trail, which runs until 13 November, is a much-loved annual scavenger hunt. Friends and whānau are encouraged to hit the trail together to find as many of the district's scarecrows as they can. Prizes are up for grabs for those who play.

Kate Whareaitu, Director Community Services, says the Scarecrow Trail is a fun, free activity.

"There are 86 scarecrows to find this year and these aren't your regular scarecrows. The community has gone all-out and the creativity that's on display is outstanding," says Ms Whareaitu.

Scarecrow hunters can pick up a trail map and entry form from Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre, Council's Service Centre or online at Stratford.govt.nz/scarecrow. Entry forms must be returned by Wednesday 16 November 2022.

"A big thank you to our scarecrow creators, trail hunters, and sponsors. This is our sixth year running the event, and the continued community support makes it a stand out on the calendar," says Ms Whareaitu.

"Let the Scarecrow Trail begin!"

Got a green tag on your recycling bin?

Ka pai!



Did you know we inspect recycling bins at random to make sure that general waste isn't making its way into our recycling system?

From next week, we'll be putting tags on the bins that we've inspected. If you've got a green tag on your bin, you're doing great. Awesome mahi and thanks for recycling!

Library and Visitor Information

Phone 06 765 5403

Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm

Saturday 9.00am – 12.00pm

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

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