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TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O
WHAKAAHURANGI
STRATFORD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Notices

Meeting schedule - January 2023

Policy & Services Committee
Tuesday 24 January 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 public health measures.

S Hanne
Chief Executive

Temporary partial road closure Republic Day, Whangamomona

There will be a temporary partial closure of the following roads on **Saturday 21 January 2023** between **7am and 5pm** for Whangamomona Republic Day 2023:

- Ohura Road (SH43) from the Whangamomona Hall to the Bridge to Anywhere (Whangamomona River).
- Whangamomona Road from Ohura Road (SH43) south for a distance of 100m.

As there are no alternative routes or detours available, vehicles approaching the closure will be escorted through the event area.

Victoria Araba
Director Assets

Upcoming school holiday events



SCAN ME

Decorate Christmas cookies



Wednesday 21 December
10am - 11.30am

Decorate (and eat) some yummy Christmas cookies.

Cost: Free **Venue:** Library **Register:** Not needed
Age: kids under 8 years old need supervision

Make a 2023 calendar



Thursday 22 December
1.30pm - 3pm

Make an arty 2023 calendar. Perfect for Christmas gifts!

Cost: Free **Venue:** Library **Register:** Not needed
Age: kids under 8 years old need supervision

Inflatable fun!



11.30am - 2.30pm, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 19 December to 28 January

Join us for fun times with the inflatables.

Cost: Pool entry fees **Age:** pool supervision rules apply **Venue:** Wai O Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre

Boat safety



Thursday 22 December
10.30am - 12pm

Improve water confidence for summer activities.

Cost: Pool entry fees **Age:** 5 years old and over
Register at [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

Find out more at [Stratford.govt.nz/SchoolHolidays](https://stratford.govt.nz/SchoolHolidays)

Library and Visitor Information

Phone 06 765 5403

Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm
Saturday 9.00am – 1.00pm
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

Glockenspiel

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

21 December 2022

Best wishes for the festive season from Mayor Volzke

Kia ora, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

As we hurtle into the festive season, with all the excitement and challenges it entails, I like to take some time out to reflect on the year that's been.

It's easy to forget that we celebrated Christmas last year under Covid-19 restrictions. I was proud of our community during the pandemic, and it's heartening to see us all reconnect now that restrictions have lifted. Community events, like the Christmas Parade, Summer Nights and Republic Day, have always been a highlight of the year and it's exciting to see them come back.

Christmas isn't always a happy time for everyone. This year, we've had an unprecedented number of families put forward to be recipients of our Mayoral Christmas Gift Appeal. I sincerely thank everyone who generously donated Christmas gifts and kai. Once again, you've shown that we're a community that cares and looks out for one another.



This summer, I encourage you all to take some time out to relax and enjoy quality time with friends and whānau. If you've got guests, show off what our district has to offer. We've got a lot to be proud of.

On behalf of Stratford District Council staff and councillors, I wish you a safe and happy holiday and a prosperous New Year.



Annual Report adopted by Council

Last week our 2021/22 Annual Report was adopted. The full report and a summary report are available to view on our website [Stratford.govt.nz](https://stratford.govt.nz)

The Annual Report compares Council's performance against the objectives, performance measures and budgets set in the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan for the year. It also gives details of the Council's overall financial performance for the year together with its financial position as at 30 June 2022 along with other financial data and information.

A lot happened in the 2021/22 financial year, including:

- Completion of the new children's bike park and half basketball court
- Near-completion of the new swimming pool, on budget and on time
- Significant progress on the second water trunk main between the Stratford water treatment plant and Stratford township
- Sealing work progressing on the historically unsealed stretch of State Highway 43 along with a suite of other safety improvements.

The 2021/22 financial year was the first year of Council's 2021-2031 Long Term Plan. This year saw the largest ever delivery of capital projects in the history of Stratford District Council.

Despite the various challenges along the way, we managed to deliver 86% of the overall work programme, with the remainder rolled over into the following year for completion.

We finished the year with a net surplus of \$7,777,000. Revenue was slightly below budget due to a reduction of fees and charges and MBIE funding being lower than what was budgeted. Expenditure shows slightly over budget due to increased depreciation, increased operational costs and higher interest rates.

The council-owned farm exceeded its production target and produced 154,000kg of milk solids. Combined with a higher than expected pay out, this created an operating profit of \$291,000, of which \$51,000 went towards subsidising general rates, and the remainder repaying farm debt and investing in new farm infrastructure.

Responses from our annual customer survey showed residents consider Stratford to be an attractive place to live (77% agreed), a safe place (77% agreed), and offering a healthy lifestyle (81% agreed). Residents were particularly impressed with the level of service in the Library (97% satisfied), Visitor Information Centre (96% satisfied) and our parks and walkways (92% satisfied). A higher number of non-financial performance measures than in previous years were not met. This was largely due to the impact of COVID-19 on activities as well as an exceptionally high numbers of building and resource consent applications.



Stratford's Christmas Treasure Hunt

Search for the **12 Christmas icons** hidden in the Ted McCullough Rhododendron Dell in King Edward Park to go in the draw to win!
Entry forms are available from the library.

