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News from the Stratford District Council

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WHAKAAHURANGI  
**STRATFORD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Draft Annual Plan update

Last week Council heard and considered submissions received on the draft Annual Plan 2022-23.

Council's annual plan outlines what we'll spend on projects and day-to-day services over the next financial year and how they'll be paid for. View the draft plan online at [stratford.govt.nz](http://stratford.govt.nz)

Council received 23 submissions with 5 submitters choosing to present theirs in person at the hearing held on Tuesday 17 May 2022.

Topics raised within the submissions ranged from maintenance of the Kopuatama Cemetery to the Stratford Croquet Club's goal for growth, but the subject with the most interest was the proposed targeted roading rate differential for forestry land owners.

Read more about the submissions on our website under 'News'.

The proposed overall rates increase for 2022/23 looks to remain at 6.41% after the hearing. It's slightly higher than the 6.21% originally proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-31, a relatively small difference that hides a lot of the cost pressures Council is facing.

Mayor Volzke says, "Since our LTP was adopted last year, we've had to react to the same external factors as the rest of the country. COVID-19, inflation and supply chain issues are key influencers here."

"Elected members and Council staff have worked hard to find ways to continue delivering services as promised in the LTP without passing on these cost burdens," he says.

"We're extremely mindful of the impacts of cost increases on our communities and that the current rate of inflation is impacting affordability."

The final Annual Plan 2022-23 is set for adoption at the full Council meeting on 14 June 2022. The new rates will take effect from 1 July 2022.

## Citizen Awards close soon

Nominations for our 2022 citizen and youth citizen awards close this Friday!

Make sure you've put forward your local champion before it's too late. Nomination forms are available from our website, [stratford.govt.nz](http://stratford.govt.nz), Service Centre, or the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre.

Let's celebrate our community heroes!

**Pictured:** Our most recent Youth Citizen recipient, Leah Turner-Giblin, who was awarded in 2020.

Do you know who our next Youth Citizen award winner could be? Nominate them today!



## Have a question about the local election?

Local Elections 2022 will be held on Saturday 8 October 2022, and you'll find all the information you need to know on our website.

From standing to voting - we've got you sorted! Visit [stratford.govt.nz](http://stratford.govt.nz)



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

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

## Public Notices

### Expressions of Interest - TET Multi-Sport Stadium Management Committee

The TET Multi Sport Stadium on Portia Street is owned by Stratford District Council and leased to the Stratford Community Sports Society Incorporated, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to providing sporting facilities for the Stratford community. The Society's management committee comprises of three representatives of the resident sports clubs, two members appointed by Stratford District Council and two members representing the Stratford Community.

Expressions of interest are invited from members of the Stratford community interested in serving on the committee in a voluntary capacity, ideally with one or more of the following attributes:

- Business experience including financial planning, marketing and/or communications
- Background in sports administration
- Background in or knowledge of building maintenance requirements

This is a voluntary position, and the successful appointee can expect to spend no more than 2 hours per month for the role. As a voluntary member of the committee you'll benefit from meeting new people, learning new skills (both social and career advancement), strengthening your relationship to the community and being part of a fun and fulfilling environment.

For further information or to express your interest, please contact the committee chairperson, Bruce Cleland, on 765 7877 or [b.b.cleland@xtra.co.nz](mailto:b.b.cleland@xtra.co.nz)

Expressions of interest close on Friday 24 June 2022

V Araba  
Director Assets

## Last week to enter our Puanga flag competition



Entries for our Design a Flag Competition close this Friday!

Don't forget to get your entry in before 4.30pm, 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](http://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 can be emailed to [akingston@stratford.govt.nz](mailto:akingston@stratford.govt.nz) or dropped off to the Library and Visitor Information Centre.

## 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 the below QR code with your mobile phone to go directly to the survey or visit: [surveymonkey.com/r/zerowastesurvey](https://surveymonkey.com/r/zerowastesurvey)

The survey closes on 29 May, so this week is your last chance to have a say and be in to win.



## COVID waste in the red bin

- ✓ RAT tests.
- ✓ Masks.
- ✓ Used tissues.
- ✓ Pill packets.



## Got Antenno yet?



Download Antenno now to report community issues and receive Council alerts.



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 – 5.30pm  
Sundays & Public Holidays Closed

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

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