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TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O
WHAKAAHURANGI
STRATFORD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Notices

Council meetings - November 2023

• **Workshop:** Tuesday 7 November at 10.30am

• **Workshop:** Tuesday 14 November at 1pm

• **Public Forum:** Tuesday 14 November at 3pm

For those wishing to speak, please submit an application form to the Chief Executive by 12 noon on Tuesday 7 November 2023. For more information, visit [Stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum](https://stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum)

• **Ordinary Meeting:** Tuesday 14 November at 3.30pm

• **Workshop:** Tuesday 21 November at 12 noon

• **Audit and Risk Committee:** Tuesday 21 November at 2pm

• **Workshop:** Tuesday 28 November at 12 noon

• **Hearing:** Tuesday 28 November at 2pm to hear submissions on the proposed Beauty Therapy, Tattooing, and Skin Piercing Bylaw 2023

• **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 28 November at 3pm

Meetings and Workshops will be held in the Council Chambers on Miranda Street. Changes to meeting times will be published in the Public Notice section of [Stratford.govt.nz](https://stratford.govt.nz)

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Chief Executive



A big thank you to everyone who came to our first sustainable expo!

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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

1 November 2023

Recently completed your trade certificate?

It's that time of year again, when Stratford District Council celebrates local people who have recently completed their chosen training.

The annual Trade Graduation celebrations are part of the Mayors Task Force for Jobs initiative and are a chance to recognise members within the community who have finished trade certificates.

Mayor Neil Volzke says, "This is a highlight on the events calendar. We're proud to celebrate the hard work and effort that goes into completing higher education or trade skills. Local people succeeding in their chosen field is a positive for the whole district and it's important to take the time to acknowledge them."

If you have recently completed a trade and have not yet heard from Council, please get in contact with Samantha Vega on SVega@Stratford.govt.nz or on 06 765 6099 by **Friday 3 November** to be included in the celebrations.



2022 trade graduates

The Trade Graduation Ceremony will be held on 23 November 2023 in the Council Chambers.

Stratford's Waste Levy Fund open for projects that reduce waste

Calling all individuals, community organisations, and not-for-profits with waste-busting ideas! Apply for help from our Waste Levy Fund and get your project off the ground.

The \$25,000 annual Waste Levy Fund was set up to support new initiatives that can measurably avoid, reduce, recycle, recover, or reuse waste in the Stratford district.

Victoria Araba, SDC Director – Assets, says the fund is one way the council can empower the local community to tackle waste head-on.



Avon School received funding for the development of a garden and composting system for community use.

"Stratford's Waste Levy Fund is a win-win. Being able to give a financial boost to projects in our community that can reduce waste to landfill is great for our local economy and environment," says Victoria.

Successful projects from the 2022/23 round of funding include the development of composting systems at local schools and a community garden, reusable nappy education and recycling, and the establishment of a regular free repair café.

Victoria says, "Be bold. If you've got an idea or educational programme to reduce waste but you need some financial support to make it a reality, please apply. You don't need to do it by yourself, either. There may be opportunities for you to collaborate and partner with other organisations and put in a joint application."

The Waste Levy Fund was created using money allocated to council through the Government's national waste disposal levy. The national levy raises funds for waste minimisation in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Stratford District's Waste Levy Fund opens for applications on Wednesday 1 November and closes on 31 January 2024.

Information about the fund, eligibility criteria, and how to apply, can be found at [Stratford.govt.nz/WasteLevyFund](https://stratford.govt.nz/WasteLevyFund)

Start your hunt! 2023 Scarecrow Trail opens

Head to the streets of Stratford district for one of Taranaki's largest scavenger hunts; where eagle-eyed seekers can find unique community made scarecrows to win a share of \$2,000 worth of prizes.

Trail organiser Amy Kingston says there are 60 scarecrows to find this year, and you don't need to find them all to enter.

"With a fairy warrior, Māori legends, Bridezilla, and even a scarecrow Pukeko in a Ponga tree, there are lots of fun and creative scarecrows out there to search for," says Amy.



"A big thank you to all our scarecrow creators. We're loving what we see out there!"

The 2023 Scarecrow trail runs until 12 November, alongside the Taranaki Garden Festival, Fringe Garden Festival, Sustainable Backyards, and Taranaki Arts Trail.

"If you're visiting Taranaki, hop on the trail and spend some time in Stratford exploring our wonderful gardens, parks, and eateries," recommends Amy.

Pick up an entry form and trail map from the Stratford Library & Visitor Information Centre, Wai o Rua, council's Service Centre, or online at [Stratford.govt.nz/Scarecrow](https://stratford.govt.nz/Scarecrow)

Prizes are on offer for both scarecrow hunters and creators, thanks to support from Stratford New World, Fulton Hogan, and the Stratford Business Association. Make sure you vote for your favourite scarecrow to win the "people's choice" award.