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News from the Stratford District Council

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**STRATFORD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Donations open Friday for Mayoral Christmas Gift Appeal

From this Friday 1 December, the Christmas trees at Stratford District Council and Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre will be welcoming gift donations for the Stratford Mayoral Christmas Gift Appeal.

The Mayoral Christmas Gift Appeal is a valued tradition in Stratford, encouraging local residents to donate gifts which get delivered to deserving people in the community.

Mayor Neil Volzke says Christmas isn't always a joyous occasion for everyone. "Many of our residents are in need of a bit of extra joy at this time of year, which is what this appeal is all about. I encourage everyone who is able to support the appeal, to please help us put a smile on faces this Christmas and donate a gift."

## Honour the line at the Christmas Parade please

The Christmas Parade is on Friday 1 December! To enjoy the parade safely, please make sure you and your little ones stay behind the line while watching...



### Public Notices

#### Council meetings - December 2023

- Extraordinary meeting:** In accordance with standing order 8.3 an extraordinary meeting has been called for council to consider the Future by Local Government consensus outcome paper Tuesday 5 December 2023 at 10.30am
  - Farm & Aerodrome Committee:** Tuesday 5 December at 12 noon
  - Workshop:** Tuesday 5 December to follow the Farm and Aerodrome Committee Meeting.
  - Workshop:** Tuesday 12 December at 9am
  - Public Forum:** Tuesday 12 December at 3pm
- For those wishing to speak please submit an application form to the Chief Executive by 12 noon on Tuesday 5 December 2023. Application forms and more information can be found at [Stratford.govt.nz/PublicForums](https://stratford.govt.nz/PublicForums)

- Ordinary Meeting:** Tuesday 12 December at 3.30pm

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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#### 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

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Donations can be dropped off under the Christmas tree at Council's Service Centre on Miranda Street, or at the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre from Friday 1 December 2023 until Friday 15 December 2023.

Visit [SurveyMonkey.com/r/SDC-Gift-Appeal](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SDC-Gift-Appeal) to confidentially nominate an individual or family. Nominations close Friday 8 December 2023.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Community Development Officer, Vanessa Fischer, on 06 765 6099 or [VFischer@Stratford.govt.nz](mailto:VFischer@Stratford.govt.nz)

## Making a donation?

Items needed include:

- books for all ages
- toiletries for all ages (new, not pre-loved)
- non-perishable food (and Christmas Day treats, such as Christmas Cake, chocolate, biscuits, crackers)
- family board games
- summer fun toys (such as sports equipment, outdoor games, something for the beach)

If you're donating pre-loved items, please ensure they are in good condition. We are unable to take items that need repairing for this appeal. **Please do not donate second-hand soft toys - we cannot accept these.**

Cash donations are also welcome and will be used to purchase gifts to top up the donated presents under the Christmas tree. We welcome business sponsorship as well. Thank you for your donations.



## Get your two ticks for easy rates and be in to win a \$500 voucher!

- ✓ Paperless rates invoices
- ✓ Direct debit rate payments

Enter by 4pm Monday 18 December 2023

Go paperless with email rates invoices AND set yourself up to pay your rates by direct debit before 4pm Monday 18 December 2023, and you'll go in the draw to win \$500 worth of Stratford Business Association Vouchers. That'll get you some great Christmas presents!

If you've already got your two ticks for easy rates, congratulations - you're in the draw.

Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/TwoTicks](https://stratford.govt.nz/TwoTicks) and get yourself sorted with our simple online forms.

### Why go paperless?

Getting your rates invoice by email is a great waste-free option. It's cheaper for us too, so it's best for the wallet *and* the environment!

### Why choose direct debit for rates payments?

Setting up direct debit payments for rates is the no-worries option. The payments are automatic, so you won't get charged late fees. It's a lot easier for us on the administration end, too.



## Congratulations to our 2023 Trade Graduates!

Achieving a trade qualification requires a level of hard work and dedication that should be celebrated. That's why, Stratford District Council holds an annual Trade Graduation ceremony.

District Mayor Neil Volzke presented certificates to trade graduates in our ceremony on Thursday 23 November at the Council chambers. This year, 29 locals achieved trade qualifications. Our congratulations to all!

The Trade Graduation is a Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) initiative which provides help with training and employment opportunities, as well as support for employers. Find out more at [Stratford.govt.nz/Work](https://stratford.govt.nz/Work)

## BECOME PART OF THE STRATFORD DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL!

Be a voice for young people, support youth initiatives, and put on epic events!

Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/YouthCouncil](https://stratford.govt.nz/YouthCouncil) or scan the QR code and apply online



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