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JUSTICES
OF THE
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Thursdays
10am - 12.30pm

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Public Notices

Meeting Schedule - November 2024

- Workshop:** Tuesday 12 November at 2.30pm
- Public Forum (by request):** Tuesday 12 November at 3pm. If you wish to speak, please submit an application form to the Chief Executive by 12 noon Tuesday 5 November. Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum) for more information.
- Council Meeting:** Tuesday 12 November at 3.30pm
- Audit and Risk Committee:** Tuesday 19 November at 2pm
- Percy Thomson Trust Meeting:** Thursday 21 November at 3pm in the Stratford District Council Committee Room
- Workshop:** Tuesday 26 November at 1pm
- Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 26 November at 3pm

Meetings and workshops will be held in the Council Chambers on Miranda Street, unless stated otherwise.

Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/Schedule](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/Schedule) for updates to meeting and workshop times, as these may change.

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What's on the agenda?

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Water Reforms – update on new central Government programme

Local Water Done Well (LWDW), is a programme of reforms introduced by the Government in February 2024 that replaced what was known as Three Waters Reform. Since then, the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act was enacted on 2 September 2024, and a third bill is expected to arrive in late 2024 to round off the new legislative requirements.

As part of this programme, councils across the country must develop and submit Water Services Delivery Plans (WSDPs) by September 2025. This process enables councils to design the structure, delivery method and funding and financing arrangements for their water services (drinking water and wastewater only). The final WSDPs need to demonstrate how Council would achieve financial sustainability for its water services by 1 July 2028.

There are several options available for investigation and as part of this journey, we're looking at options which involve delivering these services by ourselves as well as working with New Plymouth and South Taranaki district councils to consider what joint water services delivery could look like in Taranaki.

What's happening now

At the Policy and Services meeting on 22 October, the committee recommended to proceed with investigating both joint and independent Water Services Delivery Plans.

If you wish to read the report to the Policy and Services Committee, you'll find it on page 63 of the October agenda online at [Stratford.govt.nz/Agenda](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/Agenda)



[Stratford.govt.nz/WaterReforms](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/WaterReforms)

It's important to note that no final decisions have been made on how we will deliver water services in the future and elected members will discuss in January/early February 2025 which options to take to the community for consultation.

Looking ahead

Over the next couple of months, elected members will be presented with more information on ownership/structure options, governance arrangements, timeframes and delivery costs, and transition planning and public consultation. All of this will help inform which options are the most practical for Stratford in the long term, and those will be taken to the community for consultation in early 2025.

Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/WaterReforms](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/WaterReforms) for more information.

Holding a community event? We can help you spread the word for free!

If you're organising a community event, we can help you promote it for free through our website's events section and on Stratford's outdoor Digital Noticeboard.

List your event on our website

Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/Events](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/Events) and go through to the "Submit Event" form. After you enter your details and submit your event, the information will be sent to our team, who will upload your event onto our site. It's not an automatic process, but we'll let you know when your event listing is up.

Advertising on Stratford's Digital Noticeboard

Local community groups and not-for-profit organisations are invited to advertise their own events for free on our electronic LED billboard.



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New Percy Thomson Trustees

At the recent Percy Thomson Trust AGM on 17 October, the following trustees were confirmed for the 2024/25 year: Ellen Hall - Chairperson, Bruce Ellis, Doug Robinson, Deborah Clough, Helen Cloke, Annette Dudley, and Mary Bourke.

The Trust farewells Jim Clarkson, who has resigned after 9 years of service. Jim has been instrumental in the work involved at the Percy Thomson Arboretum and his knowledge will be greatly missed. The trust also filled an existing vacancy that resulted from the resignation of Christine Craig earlier in the year.

Bruce Ellis, who did not seek re-election as Chair, is staying on as a trustee to help with the transition for the new chair, Ellen Hall, who was nominated by Bruce.

Bruce has been on the Trust for 16 years and was a long-standing Chair during that time. It goes without saying that Bruce's support over the years has been invaluable for the Percy Thomson Gallery, Arboretum and Herbarium, and his willingness to stay on for a little while longer is much appreciated.

For more information about the Percy Thomson Trust, visit [Stratford.govt.nz/PercyThomsonTrust](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/PercyThomsonTrust)

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