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DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Notices

Temporary road closure - Wawiri Road drainage works

Stratford District Council is closing Wawiri Road from **Monday 10 February – Monday 24 February 2025** so we can safely replace a large culvert located adjacent to 130 Wawiri Road. The replacement is required for council to comply with the latest government environmental standards for freshwater.

The alternative route, via Makuri Road and Douglas Road, will be signposted while works are taking place.

We apologise for any inconvenience this will cause.

V Araba | Director - Assets

Council meeting schedule February 2025

- **Workshop:** Tuesday 11 February at 1pm
- **Public Forum:** Tuesday 11 February at 3pm. For those wishing to speak, please submit an application form to the Chief Executive by 12 noon on Tuesday 4 February. For more information, visit Stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum
- **Council Meeting:** Tuesday 11 February at 3.30pm
- **Percy Thomson Trust Extraordinary Meeting:** 18 February at 10am, Stratford District Council Committee Room
- **Percy Thomson Trust:** Thursday 20 February at 3pm, Stratford District Council Committee Room
- **Extraordinary Meeting of Council:** Tuesday 25 February at 10am
- **Farm Committee:** Tuesday 25 February at 12 noon
- **Policy & Services Committee** to hear and consider submissions to the Vehicle Crossing, Restricted Access of Roads, and Parking Control Bylaws: Tuesday 25 February at 1pm
- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 25 February at 3pm

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

Visit Stratford.govt.nz/Schedule for updates to meetings and workshop times as these may change.

S Hanne | Chief Executive

What's on the agenda?

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Your water restriction questions answered...

It can sometimes feel like water restrictions are an inevitable part of summer; like getting out the shorts and doing a great manu/bomb off the side of the pool (but obviously a lot less fun). However, it's important that when Pātea River levels are low, we're able to manage water use responsibly.

Water management can be a complicated topic, but we're here to dive in and answer some of the top questions we get asked about water restrictions.

Are water restrictions happening regularly because we have too many people using our water supply?

Water restrictions occur when river levels drop and that's influenced by natural environmental factors, like the weather. Under our resource consent, when Pātea River levels drop below a certain point, we need to reduce the amount we take for the town supply to protect the health of the river, and because of that we move to restrict people's use of water.

The number of domestic and commercial users doesn't directly influence the need to move to water restrictions (as that's based on the river levels). However, if Stratford keeps growing, we, as a community, may need to be more efficient with our water. Looking at when and how people are using water, it's clear that a lot of the additional demand is being used to maintain gardens and lawns.

Why are water restrictions needed when it rains so much in Taranaki?

We may have a higher level of rainfall than some areas of the country, but most of our rainfall happens in the cooler months and our peak demand is in summer.

Snow-melt is actually a key ingredient of our summer supply, coming in from the top of Taranaki Mounga down to the bottom of the national park. We don't have a lot of natural water storage available and when it's dry, and the snow is all gone, river levels drop.

Can you store more water, so we don't need restrictions when it's dry? Or look for another water supply?

We currently have two 4 million litre reservoirs in Stratford and smaller ones in Midhirst and Toko, but while reservoirs have a role to play, they're extremely expensive to build and operate and they won't be able to hold enough water to get us through long, dry periods.

We're under level 1 water restrictions:

No sprinklers or irrigation systems.

Handheld hoses on 'Odds & Evens' system.

If you have an odd house number, you can use your handheld hose on odd numbered days of the month and even house numbers on even days.

Save water where you can. Every drop helps! See tips at Stratford.govt.nz/SaveWater



Finding other sources of water is very costly too, and there's a lot we can all do to make our existing supply go further, before investing large amounts of ratepayer funds into building and operating new water treatment plants and pipelines.

When it comes to efficient water use, we expect Universal Water Metering to have a positive effect when it's introduced in Stratford. Since Universal Water Metering began for those using the Midhirst and Toko supplies, we've been able to do things like identify leaks, saving a significant amount of water.

What happens if river levels continue to drop?

We have 4 levels of water restrictions. As we move to higher levels, based on river-flow, we have to further reduce the supply we take from the Pātea River. That means there's less water available for us all to use.

L1 - Right now, we're on this one! Total ban on the residential use of sprinklers, irrigation systems and unattended hoses. Partial restriction on use of handheld hoses (using the odds and evens street address system).

L2 - Total ban on the residential use of sprinklers, irrigation systems, handheld hoses, and water blasters.

L3 - All customers (residential and commercial) are restricted to essential water use only.

L4 - Shutdown or scaling back of industry/operations that require a lot of water. At this level, the district would experience an economic impact.

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Summer Nights



Free Event

Trolls Back Together

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Phone 06 765 5403

Monday – Friday: 8.30am – 5pm
Saturday: 9am – 1pm
Sunday & Public Holidays: Closed

Stratford Transfer Station
Phone 06 765 8500

Monday: 12pm - 5pm
Thursday: 10am - 1pm
Friday - Sunday: 12pm - 5pm

Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre
Phone 06 765 6275

Monday – Friday: 6am – 6.30pm
Saturday: 7am – 5pm
Sunday & Public Holidays: 10am – 5pm

Glockenspiel

Performs daily at 10am, 1pm, 3pm, and 7pm

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