

Stratford Community Newz & Viewz

Bridging the Gap - Wellbeing Expo!

Save the date! On Thursday 27 May 2010 a wellbeing expo dubbed "Bridging the Gap" is being held at the War Memorial Centre in Stratford.

A FREE event for all ages, the expo will have loads of informative, interactive displays and workshops along with demonstrations, sausage sizzles, and even a bouncy castle for the kids, there is everything you need and more for a happy, healthy lifestyle!

Representatives from Police, NZ Army and NZ Navy will be attending as well as our very own local talent!

The Community Services team says, "the aim of this expo is to be a fun day out for families and the community, and to provide an opportunity for exhibitors to showcase their own services, products, techniques and talents that contribute to a positive lifestyle"

There will be great prizes up for grabs and the first 200 through the door get a FREE wellbeing goodie bag to take home!

People are encouraged to bring the whole family along for a day of fun activities, healthy lifestyle options and a chance to try new things!

"Bridging the Gap encourages all ages to come together, to try out new things, and learn from each other what wellbeing means to them"

If any community organisation is interested in being part of this Expo you need to get in contact with Mary or Kate at Stratford District Council TODAY! Phone 06 765 6099 for more information.

A great opportunity to find new members for a community group or organisation, promote your own expertise on wellbeing and just meet other people interested in wellbeing! Don't miss out as spaces are limited and filling up fast!

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Did you know that you can
view the Community Newz
& Viewz online at,
www.stratford.govt.nz



A Note from PJ ...

Our community is buzzing with lots of projects being undertaken by our service organisations. I was pleased to be invited to address the Masonic Almoners Group and the Midhirst Rural Women (lovely afternoon tea!) and look forward to meeting with the Ladies Probus Group again shortly. The Stratford Lions are busy with a number of community projects, as are the local Rotary Club. Our community certainly is full of "Good Sorts".



GO! "The Lions Den", a youth initiative led by Constable Simon Howard of the Youth Trust (located at Page St next to Doctor Radich). The Community Safe Trust are meeting regularly and talking about projects such as the Community Patrols, Security Camera Monitoring. Good on the People's Activity Centre - I hear they are expanding their services to the community.

Citizen Awards, including Youth Awards are open shortly - look around you - who stands out in your community? - grab a nomination form and start the opportunity for them to be acknowledged as an outstanding citizen of Stratford District.

The Community Services Team enjoyed "lunch and free time" at Avon School recently - what a cool group of youngsters they are - and extremely well mannered. Hi Kids :)

Look out for "Bridging The Gap - Community Well Being Expo" - 27 May. See you there.

Volunteers are always welcome - contact Kate at Council if you have some spare time to help out.

AND if you think we can help, then we probably can. Give us a call.



Are you part of a group or organisation in our community that others should know about?

Do you need that extra bit of recognition in the community?

Then we want your stories...

We would like to profile community groups in our Community Newz and Viewz!

We want to know more about your community group. What does your group do within our community? How often do you meet and where do you meet? Are you looking for new members? Or maybe you have some events coming up this year that the community might be interested in?

Then by all means **LET US KNOW!**

We love to know what's going on in our community and who is doing what!

If you wish to nominate your group or another community group, then please email us at ggibson@stratford.govt.nz or phone 06 765 6099 and ask for Gemma.

Stratford Community Newz & Viewz is published quarterly, the next one will come out in August so if you want to be apart of that let me know prior to 16 July.

FREE ENTRY!!

BRIDGING THE GAP EXPO

cake DECORATING
Sport Taranaki Have a Go!!!
Story Teller!
Harold the Giraffe!
FREE Sausage Sizzle!
NZ ARMY
WITT
NZ POLICE
area 201 by youth. for youth
Face Painting
ZUMBA!
NZ Navy
BOUNCY CASTLE!
Floral Art!

STRATFORD, THURSDAY 27 MAY 2010

...and so much more!

FOR ALL AGES!

War Memorial Centre, 10am - 4pm.

Spot prizes to be won and **FREE** Goodie Bags for the first 200 people through the door!

Stratford District Youth Council is now open for new applications....

Are you aged 11-24?

Interested in learning new skills

Meeting new people

Representing the views of your peers

Being involved in organising youth events and having a say about what happens in your community?

If you said YES then why not become a Stratford District Youth Councillor?!

Applications are now open and close

Monday 31st of May.

Pick up an application form today from the Stratford District Council and Public Library or Information Centre on Prospero Place. For more information contact the council on 06 765 6099.



YOUTH CITIZEN AWARDS 2010

"RECOGNISING OUR YOUNG LOCAL CHAMPIONS"

Nominations are now open for Youth Citizen Awards! Who do you know that fits the below Criteria?

"Young people aged between 11 and 24 years, who reside in the Stratford District and have personal leadership, inspiration, sacrifice or devotion to a cause, made a significant and positive contribution to the well-being of the district and its citizens."

Nomination forms are available from the Stratford District Council Offices, Public Library and Information Centre or you can download a form from www.stratford.govt.nz. For further information please contact Kate on 06 765 6099.

Nominations close 4.30pm on Friday 4 June.

Stratford Citizen Awards

Family Fun Day

facepainting • bouncy castle • train • bubble machine • balloon sculpturing •
Play Gym • Tot Time stories • activities • sausage sizzle

Date:
Thursday 13 May 2010

Time:
10-2.30pm

Where:
War Memorial Hall
Stratford


For:
Under-five year
olds and their
parents/caregivers



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Library update!



The New Zealand Post Awards Festival is on and the library will be celebrating this from Monday 10th May to Wednesday 19th May. Illustrator Katz Cowley is holding a workshop on Monday 10 May for a group of lucky school children, the Tot time session on Wednesday will feature one of the nominated books and an Amazing Race, designed around the nominated books will be on every day Monday 10 - Friday 14 May. We also have two competitions running, one illustrating and one writing. All schools should have entry forms. For more information on these events drop by the library or contact us on 765 5403.

In other news...we have wireless hot spot at the library now...and we have hundreds of cool books ready to be read!!! Parents don't forget to bring the little ones to Tot-Time on Wednesday's at 11.15am. We will be getting some new Audio Books soon so keep a look out at the Bridging the Gap Expo for more info!

We also have a new Children's Librarian - Sally! Remember to say hi next time your in the library!




Stratford Citizen Awards

RECOGNISING OUR LOCAL CHAMPIONS!

The Stratford District Council again wishes to recognise citizens who have made, or who are making, an outstanding contribution to the general well-being of the Stratford district. Those selected, from nominations either by organisations or individuals (**not immediate family members**), will be presented with an award certificate.

The criteria for nomination is:

People, who reside in the Stratford district and have by personal leadership, inspiration, and devotion to a cause, made a significant contribution to the well-being of the district and its citizens. (Any person who has received recognition from Her Majesty the Queen will not qualify for this Citizens Award).

Nomination forms for the 2010 Citizens Awards are available from the Council Office, Public Library and Information Centre and close with the Community Development Officer, Stratford District Council, PO Box 320, Stratford at 4.30 pm on Friday 4 June 2010.



HEY SPORT CLUBS!!

Sport and Recreation Club Expo's 2010

PUSH PLAY...
By using this FREE opportunity to attract new people to YOUR sport or recreational activity

- ▶ Host a promotional display
- ▶ Run demonstrations
- ▶ Hold "Have a Go" sessions

Do whatever you want to do, but do something!

PUSH PLAY...
By profiling your sport or recreational activity at one of these Sport and Recreation Club Expo's

- ▶ Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake ▶ 2 May ▶ 10-2pm
- ▶ TSB Hub, Hawera ▶ 9 May ▶ 10-4pm
- ▶ War Memorial Hall, Stratford ▶ 16 May ▶ 12-4pm
- ▶ Waitara High School ▶ 23 May ▶ 10-2pm

PUSH PLAY...
By allowing Sport Taranaki to get the people there, so all you need to do is turn up and recruit more members!

PUSH PLAY...
By registering your interest.
Do so by Friday 23 April and be in the draw to win one of two \$50 Rebel Sport vouchers!

PUSH PLAY...
By contacting:
Guy Honnor ▶ Sports Advisor ▶ Sport Taranaki
06 759 0930 x 735
guy@sporttaranaki.org.nz

PUSH PLAY

Community Organisation Grants Scheme

The Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS) is a community-driven government-funded scheme providing essential support to non-profit, voluntary and community organisations. Visit www.dia.govt.nz and click on the Community Grants Scheme link. There is an online application form that can be filled out.

For any help with this please contact us at the Council on 765 6099.

WANTED!

Secretary/Treasurer position for St John.

Every month for one evening at 7.30 to take minutes and pay accounts. You will be working with regional St John officers.

For more information about this position please contact Judy Shaw on (06) 765 6246.

TE WERA VALLEY LODGE Rest and Recreation

Ideal for school, recreational and social groups, family reunions, weddings and conferences.

For more information on Te Wera Valley Lodge phone (06) 762 3859

WEAR THE SOCKS OF A LEADER on Friday 2 July!



Red Socks Day on Friday, 2 July is the perfect way for New Zealanders to honour the original wearer of red socks – our legendary yachtsman Sir Peter Blake.

All around the country, Kiwis can celebrate Sir Peter's life and put a nostalgic foot forward by wearing the socks of a leader. The Sir Peter Blake Trust is selling official red socks and lapel pins to keep Sir Peter's legacy of fostering leadership alive.

Red Socks Day marks the end of Leadership Week (25 June to 2 July), in which schools, businesses and organisations will explore why leadership is so important, celebrate emerging leaders, and focus on how future leaders will reach their full potential.

There is already in excess of 5,500 participants signed up for more than 20 regional Red Socks Day events nationwide. Fifteen years ago, a pair of lucky red socks became an unlikely yet much-loved symbol of support for New Zealand's historic triumph in the 1995 America's Cup. Red socks became a feel-good fashion phenomenon and united the country.

See the Trust's website www.sirpeterblaketrust.org for Red Socks Day event listings in your region



Would you like to get fit?
Meet more people and make new friends?
Why not join Stratford's very own Runner & Walkers Club!

Club days started in March and go all the way through to October.
They are held each Saturday at 1.00pm and its never to late to join.
We meet at the Club rooms at Stratford Race Course and cater for all levels of fitness, ages and styles.

We encourage anyone to come along!

If you are interested or for more information about our club please contact Albie on 765 6027 or
Des and Pat on 765 8549.

Our first
Community Group
Profile!!

Have YOU got an event coming up?

If you do we would love to know about it!

The Community Service Team encourages Stratford to be host to more local and regional events and we love to see people get involved with these. That's why we include a coming events page in this newsletter, on our website www.stratford.govt.nz and on our Kiosk located at the Stratford Information Centre.

We can also help in preparations for your event including bids to hold national conferences, funding options and resource advise/networks.

Make sure YOUR event is recognized by contacting Gemma at the Stratford District Council on (06) 765 6099 **OR** fill in the form attached at the back of this newsletter and either drop it into the council offices on Miranda Street, Stratford or mail it to:

Promotions Officer
Stratford District Council
PO Box 320
Stratford 4352

