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## Transfer Station opening days and hours are changing to better suit community use

The Stratford Refuse Transfer Station will have new days and hours of operation from 1 October 2024. Currently open 7 days a week, the new opening hours will see the Transfer Station close on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, both days of low use, and shut its doors earlier on Fridays.

In return, opening hours on Monday, Saturday, and Sunday, all busy days for the Transfer Station, will be increased. The total amount of hours the Transfer Station will be open will remain the same at 23 hours a week.

John Cooper, SDC Services Asset Manager, says, "It's clear people have a bit of a clear out or tidy up on the weekends. Making sure we're open a little earlier on the busy days just makes sense. And closing on the really quiet days to compensate means we're able to better suit the community's use of the facility, while keeping within our budget."

"Closing two days a week is also the best move to look after our operators. They do a great job and it's hard to have a good break when you're a two-person team working in a place that's open 7 days a week," says John.

Under the new hours of operation, the Transfer Station will be closed on New Year's Day. John says, "New Year's Day is traditionally incredibly quiet. By closing, we can save a bit of budget and give our team the day with friends and whānau. The day after New Year's Day 2025, we'll be open. So, make sure you bring in any extra glass bottles from your celebrations and take advantage of the Transfer Station's free recycling."



### Transfer Station opening hours from 1 October 2024:

- **Monday:** 12pm – 5pm
- **Tuesday, Wednesday:** Closed
- **Thursday:** 10am – 1pm
- **Friday, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays:** 12pm – 5pm
- Closed Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Good Friday

Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/TransferStation](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/TransferStation) for information about the Transfer Station and fees and charges.

## Public Notices

### Carrington Walkway – Partial closure for maintenance

Fence repairs on Carrington Walkway between Brecon Road and Regan Street (bordering the Rest Home) will occur from Monday 9 September to Friday 27 September 2024, weather permitting. The walkway will be closed with no public access during this time.

Thank you for your patience.

V Araba | Director - Assets

### Meeting Schedule - September 2024

- **Audit and Risk Committee:** Tuesday 17 September at 2pm
- **Percy Thomson Trust:** Thursday 19 September at 4pm, Stratford District Council Committee Room
- **Farm Committee:** Tuesday 24 September at 12 noon
- **Workshop:** Tuesday 24 September at 2pm
- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 24 September 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 times, as these may change.

S Hanne | Chief Executive

## Our October School Holiday Programme is full of FREE and cheap fun!

It's coming up to the October school holidays (how did that even happen already?!) and once again, we've got a packed schedule of activities and events planned to keep kids busy creating, splashing, competing, and celebrating while school's out. And, we haven't forgotten about teens either, with Stratford District Youth Council's popular 'On the bus' event.

Head to [Stratford.govt.nz/Holidays](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/Holidays) to download your copy of the October School Holiday Booklet.

Printed copies are available from the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre, Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre, and our Service Centre on Miranda Street.

Top tip - if you need to register for an event, make sure you get in early so you don't miss out!



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## International Day of Older Persons is coming up and Stratford's set to celebrate with a free event

International Day of Older Persons is coming up on 1 October, and Stratford's starting the festivities early with a free event for the district's 65 plus community

from 10.30am until 1pm on Monday 30 September at the War Memorial Centre.

The free celebration will include BINGO with prizes, musical entertainment by the Stratford Singers, and

lunch, with a cuppa or three included.

International Day of Older Persons is a chance to celebrate the contributions of older community members and raise awareness of the issues they face.

SDC Community Development Officer Anna-Louise Crane says, "This is one of our favourite events in the calendar. It's a lot of fun and just an awesome chance to get out and meet new friends, catch up on the goss' with old ones... and then beat them all at BINGO!"

Please RSVP by Wednesday 25 September for catering purposes:

- Phone Stratford District Council on 06 765 6099 and ask to RSVP for Stratford's International Day of Older Persons event
- Or email [ACrane@Stratford.govt.nz](mailto:ACrane@Stratford.govt.nz)

Check out page 10 of our School Holiday Booklet at [Stratford.govt.nz/Holidays](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/Holidays) for a fun International Day of Older Persons event that tamariki can attend together with the special older people in their lives.

**What's on the agenda?**  
Agendas go up on our website the week before the meeting at [Stratford.govt.nz/Agenda](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/Agenda)  
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**DO YOU NEED A KICK UP THE ARTS?**  
Apply for funding from our Creative Communities Scheme before 20 Sept  
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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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