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# Growing selection of seeds for koha or swap at the library

Suc-seed in your garden, save a little money, and help grow community spirit through Stratford library's seed shelf, run by Seed Savers Taranaki.

Seed Savers Taranaki is a group that encourages people to save the seeds from herbs, vegetables, and fruit they've grown to share and swap with others.

Visit the back of the library and you'll find a wide variety of seeds collected traditionally from plants that grow well in our Taranaki environment.

- Select a seed packet for a small koha
- Or swap with seeds you've collected yourself
- Once your plant has produced its own seeds, make sure you collect them!

For more information, visit the group's page at **SustainableTaranaki.org.nz/Seedsavers-Taranaki** 

# **Public Notices**

Meeting Schedule - November 2024

- Workshop: Tuesday 19 November at 1pm
- 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** for updates to meeting and workshop times, as these may change.

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#### What's on the agenda? Agendas go up on our website

the week before the meeting at Stratford.govt.nz/Agenda Download the Antenno app for agenda info straight to your device!

Library and Visitor Information Phone 06 765 5403 Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm Saturday 9.00am – 1.00pm Sunday & Public Holidays Closed

# **PowerUp** your early-stage business or BIG idea in 2025 with Business Ready programme

Calling all start-ups, early-stage businesses, and entrepreneurs with a great idea; make 2025 the year you take things to the next level! Te Puna Umanga Venture Taranaki is taking applications for their free PowerUp Business Ready programme.

Delivered in partnership with SODA Inc., PowerUp Business Ready is a series of 8 interactive workshops with expert guest speakers, covering:

- Vision, Goals and Understanding your Customer
- Competitors and Brand Positioning
- Developing a Marketing Strategy
- Business Structures
- Financials
- Pitch fundamentals, practice and pitch night

Plus, it's a great chance for you to make connections with and learn from people who are at the same stage as you on their business journey.

#### Apply before 24 November, spaces are limited

- Scan the QR code or visit Venture.org.nz for more information and to apply online
- The workshops take place in February, March and April 2025 at the Devon Hotel, New Plymouth. Make sure you can commit to attending all workshops before you apply.
- Applications close on Sunday, 24 November 2024 and successful applicants will be notified by 6 December 2024.

# Can I swim here? Water quality testing resumes for safe summer swimming at your favourite local spots

Every week from 1 November through to the end of March, Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) checks the quality of popular recreational rivers, beaches, and lakes in Taranaki to report if the water's safe for swimming.

Before you and your animals jump in the water, visit **TRC.govt.nz/Can-I-Swim-Here** to make sure the water quality is safe. Water that's contaminated with bacteria can make you and your pets sick and that won't make for nice summer fun!

In addition to checking TRC's website, it's always good to look out for these things before plunging in:

- Has it rained heavily in the last three days? Rain water can wash contaminants into the water, so it's best not to swim for two or three days after prolonged or heavy rain.
- Is the water murky or cloudy? That can be a sign that it's not safe for swimming. Come back when the water clears.



Phone 06 765 6275

10.00am - 5.00pm

Monday – Friday 6.00am – 6.30pm

Saturday 7.00am – 5.00pm

**Sunday and Public Holidays** 

Transfer Station Phone 06 765 8500 Monday - 12.00pm - 5.00pm Thursday - 10.00am - 1.00pm Friday - Sunday - 12.00pm - 5.00pm





Download the free Antenno app for water quality alerts sent straight to you

When water quality tests show that the Patea River is unsuitable or unsafe for

swimming, we send out an Antenno alert to Stratford residents. To get these alerts sent direct to your phone or tablet, download the Antenno app. It's free for Apple and Android devices.

# SEE HOW MANY SCARECROWS YOU CAN FIND TO WIN PRIZES!

Jump on the Stratford Scarecrow Trail for the chance to win prizes, and have fun exploring Stratford district along the way.

Collect your trail map from the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre, Wai o Rua - Stratford

Aquatic Centre, Council's Service Centre, or download one online from Stratford.govt.nz/Scarecrow The trail is open until Sunday 17 November. Good luck!



Glockenspiel

Performs Daily at 10.00am, 1.00pm, 3.00pm and 7.00pm

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