

# Central Link

He karere tā te Kaunihera ā Rohe o Whakaahurangi  
News from the Stratford District Council

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TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O  
**WHAKAAHURANGI**  
**STRATFORD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL



## Our big audit of bins is underway

Our waste minimisation team is doing an audit of residential bins. This work will help us identify which bins we need to repair or replace, how many bins are out there, and if they're the right type. It's also important for future work, like our plans to add a unique code to bins so we can return them if lost.

When checking your bins, our team will wear their signature high-fashion, high-visibility gear, with visible ID, and all mahi will be done during working hours.

There are over 8,500 bins to look at and the audit will take months' of work in sun, wind, and rain, so don't feel shy about saying kia ora. It'll make their day.

Feedback on our Draft King Edward Park Reserve Management Plan & Draft Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy closes at 4pm Friday 16 February!  
Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSay](https://stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSay)

### Public Notices

#### Meeting schedule - February 2024

- Hearing (Easter Sunday Trading):** Tuesday 27 February at 2pm
- Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 27 February at 3pm

Meetings and Workshops will be held in the Council Chambers on Miranda Street.

- Meeting of the Percy Thomson Trust:** Thursday 15 February at 4pm, Stratford District Council Committee Room

Changes to meeting times will be published in the meeting schedule at [Stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices](https://stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices)

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## Apply to the Rural Travel Fund and get your junior sports teams to local competitions

The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund helps to fund travel to local sporting competitions for rural teams of tamariki and rangitahi aged between 5 and 18 years.

It's not available for individual players, but it can be a real help to schools and sporting clubs who want to give their junior teams the opportunity to play in regular competitions away from their home court or turf.

#### How to apply

- For eligibility criteria and an application form, visit [Stratford.govt.nz/RuralTravelFund](https://stratford.govt.nz/RuralTravelFund)
- Applications close on Friday 15 March.
- The fund will reopen in September for summer sports.



## Stratford Youth Festival bringing the vibes to Children's Day 2024

Zeal Taranaki and Stratford District Youth Council (SDYC) are joining forces to put on the Stratford Youth Festival on Children's Day, from 11am to 2pm on Sunday 3 March 2024, at Victoria Park.

The festival is bringing together live entertainment, sports, food, and creativity in the one picturesque park venue.

"From music and dance performances, 3-on-3 basketball and scooter competitions, a hip-hop dance battle, prizes, and free kai and ice creams; we're planning a real celebration for rangatahi," says Luke Galley, Manager at Zeal Taranaki.

"You can get in front of the crowd and perform, or have your face painted and chill in the sun with a free ice cream. The festival will have lots to interest intermediate and high school students, but there'll be something for everyone. It'll be a day the whole whānau can enjoy."

SDYC Co-Chair Victoria Payne says she'll be there on the day with fellow Youth Councillors.

"The Youth Council has been putting on and supporting epic events for kids and young people since we were first established over 20 years ago, and we'll be celebrating our 20s in style at the festival," says Victoria.



"If you've got something we can help with, that'll benefit tamariki or rangatahi in the district, or ideas for events or youth initiatives, come and visit us in the SDYC tent!" Children's Day is a national celebration of tamariki being held in Aotearoa on Sunday 3 March 2024. On the day, there'll be fun activities for kids planned across the motu.

For more information about the Stratford Youth Festival, follow Zeal Taranaki or SDYC on Facebook or Instagram.

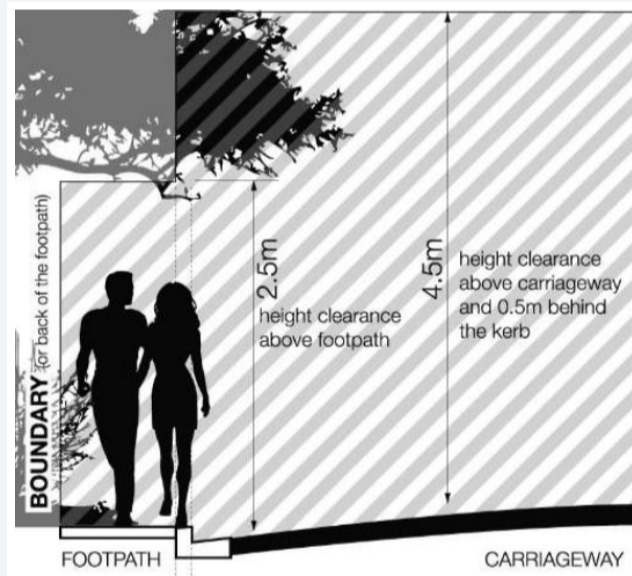
## Plants or branches overhanging your boundary? Time to trim!

The summer weather's been great for the garden, but new growth can be an issue when vegetation overhangs the footpath or road. This can make it hard for little kids on scooters, parents with prams, people with accessibility needs or sight impairments, and your local postie to get around your street safely.

Please check our rules for overhanging vegetation and trim back any problem plants. If you notice trees or vegetation are affecting your safe use of footpaths or roads, please contact us on 06 765 6099, email [StratfordDC@stratford.govt.nz](mailto:StratfordDC@stratford.govt.nz), or make a report using our free Antenna App.

#### What are the rules?

- If the footpath is next to a private property boundary, all vegetation should be trimmed back to the boundary (including hedges) so the entire footpath width is clear of vegetation.
- A clear space of 2.5 metres above the footpath, berm or walkway is required.
- A clear space of 4.5 metres above the road to allow truck or bus clearance is required.
- Where there is only a grass berm, clearance of overhanging vegetation is required to allow safe access for users.



## Summer Nights

## FREE MOVIES THIS WEEKEND!

Sunday 18 February  
King Edward Park

4pm - Shrek  
5.45pm - Mamma Mia

Free Event

Library and Visitor Information  
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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