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News from the Stratford District Council

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STRATFORD
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Water restrictions lifted!

Water restrictions for Stratford, Midhirst, and Toko townships have been lifted. Thank you to everyone who conserved water and did their bit to increase our water supply and the health of our awa.

Public Notices

Meeting Schedule - April 2024

- **Workshop:** Tuesday 23 April at 1pm
- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 23 April at 3pm

Unless otherwise stated, meetings and workshops will be held in the Council Chambers on Miranda Street.

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

S Hanne | Chief Executive

Proposed Temporary Road Closures – North Island Rally Series

Council is proposing to close sections of the following roads on **Sunday 7 July** between the hours of **6am and 4pm** for the 2024 North Island Rally Series.

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| • Cheal Road | • Makuri Road |
| • Wingrove Road | • Stanley Road |
| • Waihapā Road | • Douglas Road |
| • Bird Road | • Waiwiri Road |
| • Mohakau Road | • Croydon Road |

Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices](https://stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices) to view maps of the proposed road closure areas, or scan the QR code.

Access for residents will be available in-between the rally events on the day.

Anyone who wishes to object to the closure must provide their reason in writing by **4pm Friday 10 May** at the office of the Stratford District Council, 63 Miranda Street, or by emailing StratfordDC@stratford.govt.nz

V Araba | Director - Assets



Who should be able to postpone their rates, or pay less in rates? Have your say!

We've been reviewing our Rates Postponement Policy and Rates Remission Policy and we're now seeking your feedback on our updated drafts.

The **Draft Rates Postponement Policy** outlines the reasons that ratepayers can apply to have rate payments postponed. In our draft, ratepayers whose properties are affected by natural disaster are the sole group able to apply.

The **Draft Rates Remission Policy** acts as a form of financial assistance and support; reducing the amount paid in rates by particular ratepayers. Our changes include removing Covid-19 lock-down and isolation as a reason for considering a remission on rates penalties, and increasing the capital value of low value properties that receive remission of the Uniform Annual General Charge from \$10,000 to \$15,000 because of the 2023 rating valuations.



Read the draft policies now and make an online submission at Stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSay

Copies of the draft policies are also available by request at the Stratford Library and Visitor Information, or council's Service Centre on Miranda Street.

Submissions close at 4pm Sunday 12 May.

Anzac Day in Whakaahurangi Stratford

Next week, on **Thursday 25 April**, we come together to commemorate Anzac Day, but there are other opportunities to remember and celebrate, too.

Wreath Making Workshop

10am – 12pm, Tuesday 23 April, War Memorial Centre

Make a wreath to place in the Hall of Remembrance or display at home. Bookings not required.

Visit the Hall of Remembrance

Open 9am - 7pm from Monday 22 April to Sunday 28 April 2024

Pay your respects to the Stratford residents who lost their lives in the First World War and Second World War by visiting the Hall of Remembrance in the Municipal Building on Broadway.

School Holiday Programme - Anzac Biscuit baking

Wednesday 24 April, War Memorial Centre

Join our library team for a baking and making session. Tamariki and rangatahi can bake Anzac biscuits and make a container to take them home in. Bickie event bookings are essential at Eventbrite.co.nz

Anzac Day Dawn Parade and Service

6am Thursday 25 April, Cross of Sacrifice on Miranda Street

The service will start with a parade, leaving from the Malone Gates on Portia Street at 6am, followed by the commemorative Dawn Service in front of the Cross of Sacrifice on Miranda Street. Please enjoy breakfast and a cuppa with us afterwards in the Function Facility at the War Memorial Hall.

Taking part in the parade? Gather at 5.40am on Portia Street, beside the tennis courts. Contact Anna-Louise Crane, Stratford District Council, on 06 765 6099 or ACrane@Stratford.govt.nz if you have any questions.



Are you a Customer Service Superstar? Join the whānau!

Are your people skills out of this world? We're looking for 2 superstar Customer Service Officers for:

1. Council's Service Centre - 30 hours per week min (fixed term up to 12 months to cover parental leave)
2. The Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre - 4 hour per week min (Saturdays)

Visit Stratford.govt.nz/Vacancies to see the details and apply.

Why us? We've got a great staff culture and offer ongoing professional development, Te Reo Māori learning help, regular health check opportunities, an active social club, and more!



Get around 50% off your urban dog fees!

Applications are open to become a 'Select Owner' and reduce the cost of your future dog registration fees. To become a 'Select Owner' you need to live in an urban area and:

- Be already classed as a 'Good Owner'. Most dog owners in Stratford are in this category. Give us a call on 06 765 6099 if you want to check.
- Have an adequate fenced area for your pooch.
- Provide proof that your dog is neutered or a registered pedigree.

Visit Stratford.govt.nz/DogOwners to find out more and apply. Applications close on 30 April.

Find us in the Municipal Building off Broadway (entrance through the Hall of Remembrance).

Don't throw your broken or torn items away. Bring 1 or 2 in to be repaired for FREE by skilled volunteers!



Playground maintenance is underway

If you notice equipment going missing in playgrounds around Stratford, don't worry! We're removing some equipment for painting and maintenance. We'll return it all, working well and looking good.

We're doing the mahi section by section, playground by playground, so we don't inconvenience tamariki (and caregivers) too much.

Fans of the toddler playground at Victoria Park can expect this to be back and looking super-flash by the end of the month.

Stratford Repair Cafe is on! 10.30am-2pm, Sat 27 April

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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