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**STRATFORD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Public Notices

### Meeting schedule - January 2024

- **Workshop:** Tuesday 23 January at 9am
- **Policy and Services Committee:** Tuesday 23 January at 3pm

Stratford District Council meetings and workshops will be held in the Council Chambers on Miranda Street.

- **Extraordinary Meeting of the Percy Thomson Trust:** Thursday 25 January 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)

S Hanne | Chief Executive

### Proposed road closure - Mangaotuku Road

Council proposes to close a section of Mangaotuku Road between SH43 and 306 Mangaotuku Road, (Baldock's Corner).

The proposed closure will be **Saturday 23 March 2024** between the hours of 7.30am to 5.30pm for the purpose of a hill climb event being run by the South Taranaki Car Club.

Anyone who wishes to object to the closure must provide their reason in writing by **Wednesday 31 January 2024** at the office of the Stratford District Council, at 63 Miranda Street or by emailing [StratfordDC@stratford.govt.nz](mailto:StratfordDC@stratford.govt.nz)

Victoria Araba | Director Assets

### STRATFORD HAVE YOUR SAY: Have Your Say: Easter Sunday Trading Policy

The Stratford District Easter Sunday Trading Policy has been reviewed and the Council now invites community feedback on the draft Policy.

The objective of the Policy is to enable business operators that would not ordinarily be able to trade on Easter Sunday, to open and trade, within the Stratford district.

The current policy allows Easter Sunday Shop Trading throughout the Stratford district.

Other than some minor amendments to wording to reflect the review of the policy, the Council is not proposing any changes to the policy that allows business to choose whether they open on Easter Sunday.

#### How to have your say

Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSay](https://stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSay) for further information and to complete an online submission form. The draft policy and paper forms are also available from Council's Service Centre, the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre, and Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre.

Submissions close **4pm Friday 16 February 2024**.

B Sutherland | Director Environmental Services



## Summer holidays in Stratford?

Check out our low-cost and FREE activities at [Stratford.govt.nz/Holidays](https://stratford.govt.nz/Holidays)

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  
17 January 2024

## HAVE YOUR SAY - Draft King Edward Park Reserve Management Plan

Our King Edward Park Reserve Management Plan has been reviewed, and we're seeking your thoughts on the updated draft Plan.

View the draft Plan and provide your feedback online at [Stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSayKEP](https://stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSayKEP) or visit council's Service Centre, the Library and Visitor Information Centre, or Wai o Rua – Stratford Aquatic Centre.

The plan is a community document which aims to provide you with certainty about the function, values, and management of our beautiful King Edward Park reserve. We want people to enjoy the park now and into the future. So, it's important that you share your views on the draft Plan now.

Specifically, we're seeking your views on the:

- proposed function and management of the different spaces within the King Edward Park reserve under 4 Categories of Walkways; Facilities; Playgrounds; and Sportsfields; and
- projects identified to support the delivery of the proposed changes.

A big thank you to everyone who provided input as part of this review in 2023. Using the feedback received, council staff and Elected Members have identified what can be realistically included within financial constraints and identified priorities for future projects. Please take this opportunity to make a final submission on the reviewed plan.

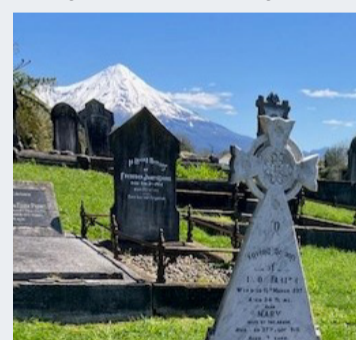


Submissions can be completed by:

- Online form at [Stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSayKEP](https://stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSayKEP)
  - Posting to Stratford District Council, PO Box 320, Stratford 4352
  - Delivering to Council's office at 63 Miranda Street, Stratford
  - Emailing [Submissions@stratford.govt.nz](mailto:Submissions@stratford.govt.nz)
- Submissions close **Friday 16 February 2024**.

## Midhirst Old Cemetery closing to visitors during path upgrades

Stratford District Council will be upgrading the pathways at Midhirst Old Cemetery to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility at our district's oldest cemetery, opened in 1880.



Physical works will start on 22 January 2024 and run through to mid-March, depending on the weather. Because of the nature of the work, the cemetery will be closed to all visitors while the improvements are taking place. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience during this time.

Enhancements to Midhirst Old Cemetery will include the installation of a lime chip entranceway, new concrete paths, improved drainage, and a new bench seat off the main path.

*With burials recorded as early as 1882, visiting our district's cemeteries is a journey through Taranaki's history.*

*If you have an interest in local genealogy, you can also search 100 years of cemetery records online at [Stratford.govt.nz/CemeteryRecords](https://stratford.govt.nz/CemeteryRecords)*

## Red-light for Stratford's Transport Choices project

Stratford District Council's (SDC) Transport Choices project to create safe, climate friendly, and alternative travel options for local schools and community members will not be moving ahead.

In October 2023, NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi paused making commitments for the Transport Choices programme until they received clear direction of the new government's transport investment priorities.

In December, the Minister of Transport advised councils that no further funding for the Transport Choices programme will be approved. This includes projects, like Stratford's, which were put on hold in October.

SDC Director of Assets, Victoria Araba, says, "While it's disappointing the project will not go ahead, it's important that we continue efforts to enhance road safety around the town's schools and to build a connected transport network that will encourage an increased uptake in active modes of transport for our community, now and into the future."

"We'll be taking the Transport Choices designs to help develop 3-year, 10-year, and 30-year plans to upgrade our transport network as part of our Connecting Our Communities Strategy for Stratford. The funding may have been withdrawn, but our vision for a connected community remains."