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ZEAL NEON RAVE

U18 blacklight party

Fri 19th July 7-10pm
Stratford War Memorial Hall

FREE ENTRY

[Stratford.govt.nz/NeonRave](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/NeonRave)

Drug, smoke, & vape free event for under 18s



Long Term Plan 2024-34 adopted!

Last week, Stratford District Council (SDC) adopted its Long Term Plan 2024-34 and supporting documents, and set the rates for the 2024/25 year following a robust audit review

The final average rates increase for 2024/25 is 15.37% with an average rate increase of 4.3% for the remaining 9 years of the LTP.

The adoption of the LTP follows 12 months of conversations with the community, elected member workshops, line by line budget reviewing, a month of consultation, hearing and deliberations and more recently the final audit.

District Mayor Neil Volzke says, "We've been up front about the rise in rates and reason behind it throughout this process, and like other councils across New Zealand, we've discussed what we'd have to lose to keep rates lower."

"In the feedback process it was clear that our community doesn't want to see Stratford go backwards. So we've done our best to land in a position that means we can maintain service levels while focusing on the betterment of our district for future generations."



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Key projects in years 1 to 3:

- Demolition of the old TSB Pool Complex (2024/25)
- Upgrades to Prospero Place (2024-2026)
- Earthquake strengthening of TET Multi-Sports Stadium (2026/2027)
- Replacement of the old raw water delivery line to the Stratford water treatment plant (2024-2026)

The full LTP document will be online in the next couple of weeks. Approved LTP capital projects will be shared on [YourSay.Stratford.govt.nz](https://www.yoursay.stratford.govt.nz) so you can follow along with progress updates.

Make sure you register on [YourSay.Stratford](https://www.yoursay.stratford.govt.nz) to stay in the loop and be part of community engagement opportunities!



Stratford's Got Talent! \$8.9k awarded to diverse arts projects, from local youth talent show to fibre crafts

Five local creative projects have received financial support to get off the ground, after \$8,968 was awarded during the latest round of Stratford district's Creative Communities Scheme (CCS) funding.

Councillor Ellen Hall, Stratford CCS Assessment Committee Chair, says the funding can have a real snowball effect on the local arts community.

"Creativity sparks creativity. Local exhibitions and opportunities to create and perform are so important. They grow interest in our local arts scene, draw people into it, and soon they're part of the scene too - they're one of us," laughs Hall.

"It's great to be able to offer support to our young people as well. In this round, we've awarded funds to offer homeschooled youth the chance to take part in group art classes, and for aspiring young performers to get up onstage."

CCS is a partnership between the Stratford District Council and Creative New Zealand. The scheme funds arts projects that increase the range and diversity of local arts, strengthens participation, and enhances the local arts sector. The next round for the Stratford district will be open from 19 August 2024.

More information about the fund and application process is available at [Stratford.govt.nz/CCS](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/CCS)



My Little Corner of the World by Chris Macdonald. The Aotearoa Quilters Taranaki exhibition 'Threads of Time' received CCS funding in 2023.

Stratford district's successful applicants from the latest funding round are:

Applicant	Project	Funding Amount
Zeal Taranaki	Stratford's Got Talent! Youth-led talent show	\$2,318
South & Central Taranaki Home Education, Inc	Group art classes for homeschooled youth	\$1,600
Pembroke School	Bi-annual production	\$2,200
Creative Fibre Taranaki	Fibreworks 2024 - an exhibition of hand created fibre items	\$1,800
Stratford Camera Club	Annual Taranaki Inter-club photography exhibition	\$1,050

Centennial Rest Room toilets closed to public

We've had to close the Centennial Rest Room toilets to the public until further notice, while we fix an ongoing issue that's caused frequent plumbing blockages.

The toilets will now only be available to people who are using the meeting rooms until we've fully resolved the issue.

For alternative and accessibility-friendly bathroom facilities close by, visit the library, Percy Thomson Gallery, the Exelooos, TET Stadium, or the toilets at the Glockenspiel.

Pay your dog registration fees by 31 July 2024 and get a great discount!
Find out more at [Stratford.govt.nz/DogRego](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/DogRego) | See the fees for 2024-25 at [Stratford.govt.nz/DogFees](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/DogFees)

Public Notices

Meeting Schedule - July 2024

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

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

- **CANCELLED: Percy Thomson Trust:** Thursday 18 July at 4pm, Council Committee Room

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

S Hanne | Chief Executive

Temporary Road Closure - Stratford Street Sprint 2024

Stratford District Council will close the following roads on **Sunday 11 August 2024** between the hours of 7.30am and 5.30pm for the Westend Hire Stratford Street Sprint 2024:

- Romeo Street from Orlando Street to Cordelia Street
- Cordelia Street from Romeo Street to Warwick Road
- Warwick Road from Cordelia Street to Orlando Street
- Orlando Street from Warwick Road to Celia Street

Detours will be available for the duration of these road closures.

The Stratford Transfer Station will also be closed on the day.

V Araba | Director Assets

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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