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Romeo and Juliet playing in te reo Māori during Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

"He rohi ka karanga he ingoa ano he kakara no te reka."
"That which we call a rose, By any other name would smell as sweet."

This week, during Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, Romeo and Juliet will recite their lines in te reo Māori celebrating the traditional Shakespearean prose in one of our official languages of Aotearoa.

Whakarongo/listen daily at: 10am, 1pm, 3pm, and 7pm. Afterwards, make sure you head into the library to see their special Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori display, with heaps of pukapuka/books in te reo Māori and resources for you to pānui/read.

Do you follow us on Facebook? We'll be posting some little videos during te wiki to celebrate and practice our kupu/words, and you may even recognise a couple of the people involved...

Celebrate International Day of Older Persons!

Bingo, musical entertainment, lunch and refreshments!



Join us at our FREE celebration from 10.30am until 1pm, Monday 30 September at the War Memorial Centre.

RSVP by Wednesday 25 September for catering purposes. Call 06 765 6099 or email ACrane@Stratford.govt.nz

Public Notices

Meeting Schedule - September 2024

- Percy Thomson Trust:** Thursday 19 September at 4pm, Stratford District Council Committee Room
- Farm Committee:** Tuesday 24 September at 12 noon
- Workshop:** Tuesday 24 September at 2pm - **cancelled**
- Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 24 September at 3pm

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

Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/Schedule](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/Schedule) for updates to meeting times, as these may change.

S Hanne | Chief Executive

What's on the agenda?

Agendas go up on our website the week before the meeting at [Stratford.govt.nz/Agenda](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/Agenda)

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Community projects turning trash into treasure thanks to Stratford district Waste Levy Fund

Stratford District Council (SDC) started the Waste Levy Fund in 2023 to support new community projects to reduce, avoid, and reuse waste in the district. The \$25,000 available each year through the fund, comes from money distributed to SDC through the Government's waste disposal levy.

Results are in from the first round of projects to receive the funding, and it's clear the initiative's already having an impact on waste minimisation, with the reductions set to continue now that new community tools and infrastructure are in place.

Peter McNamara, SDC Waste & Water Education Officer, says, "It's been inspiring to see what our community can do to reduce waste when given a bit of support. It's through council and community working together that we're going to make a real difference to the amount of rubbish we're sending to landfill. Well done to everyone who has been involved in the mahi; from the organisers to the tamariki getting their hands dirty in the garden."

"We're hoping to see a flow-on effect, as others see what's possible, and it sparks even more project ideas. The 2024 Waste Levy Fund community projects are already underway, and we can't wait to see how they develop," says Peter.

Snapshot of 2023

Avon Primary School received \$8,995 in 2023 to develop a community garden and composting system. During the year, they composted over 1.5 tonnes of organic waste which was then used in their community garden. Avon Primary School estimates they'll be able to divert another 2.5 tonnes of organic waste from landfill in 2024.

Stratford Community Childcare Centre's \$7,030 grant for a worm farm, composting system, and garden, got their tamariki and school community actively involved. Over the year, food waste packaging was reduced and none of the centre's food waste found its way to landfill.

Stratford Repair Café received \$2,496 to establish a bi-monthly event for the free repair of community members' broken items. 150 items have been repaired to date, with over 40 more re-purposed. The Repair Café has moved to new premises with more storage; allowing more types of items to be repaired. They've also added a toy swap and actual caffeine-based beverages to the café.



The installation of a new composting system at Avon Primary School.

Pregnancy Help Stratford received \$3,600 to create a reuse and recycle programme for cloth or reusable nappies in the district. They reused 700kg of cloth; diverting it from going to landfill. And they recirculated reusable nappies in good repair, keeping them out of the bin and reducing the number of disposable nappies being used.

2024 Waste Levy Fund Recipients

In February 2024, SDC awarded \$16,814 of Waste Levy Funds to establish five community waste-busting projects.

- Ngaere School:** \$9540.00 for a community recycling station at the school's entrance
- Enviroschools / Toimata:** \$1,000 to deliver a Beeswax Wrap programme to local Enviroschools to reduce waste from food packaging and plastic food wraps
- Avon Kindergarten:** \$349 for a worm farm to reduce food waste and support the kindergarten's kai garden
- Whangamomona Republic Inc:** \$4425.90 for a mobile recycling station on a trailer that can be used by local residents at community events
- Pregnancy Help Stratford:** \$1500 to expand their cloth nappy recycling service to include the recycling and reusing of all textiles.

Find out more about the fund and application process at [Stratford.govt.nz/WasteLevyFund](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/WasteLevyFund)

Coming up in September!

Fri 20 Sept: Creative Community Scheme funding applications close. If you've got a creative project that needs support, make sure you apply. Find out more at [Stratford.govt.nz/CCS](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/CCS)

Mon 23 Sept: A little crow tells us that registrations for the Stratford Scarecrow Trail are opening on Monday at [Stratford.govt.nz/Scarecrow](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/Scarecrow)

Wed 25 Sept: RSVPs due for our FREE event for International Day of Older Persons on Mon 30 Sept. Call 06 765 6099 or email ACrane@Stratford.govt.nz

Friday 27 Sept: Make sure you have your ideas in for the Victoria Park Reserve Management Plan at [YourSay.Stratford.govt.nz/Victoria-Park-RMP](https://www.yoursay.stratford.govt.nz/Victoria-Park-RMP)

Fri 27 Sept: Goodbye term 3 and kia ora holidays. Make sure you download our booklet of FREE and cheap activities at [Stratford.govt.nz/Holidays](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/Holidays)

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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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