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DISTRICT COUNCIL

*"Taking one financial burden away from families and allowing the focus to be solely on the benefit of sports, was a huge plus."  
- Fund recipient*

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

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 travel and play in regular competitions.

### How to apply

- For eligibility criteria and an application form, visit [Stratford.govt.nz/RTF](https://stratford.govt.nz/RTF)
- Applications close on Friday 25 October for summer sports

## I'mmm boored...

If you have kids with you these school holidays, don't forget to check our School Holiday Programme for cheap and FREE events and activities.

Pick up a booklet from the library, pool, our Service Centre, or download it from [Stratford.govt.nz/Holidays](https://stratford.govt.nz/Holidays)



## Public Notices

### Meeting Schedule - October 2024

- Workshop:** Tuesday 8 October at 1pm
- Public Forum (by request):** Tuesday 8 October at 3pm.
- Council Meeting:** Tuesday 8 October at 3.30pm
- Meeting of the Percy Thomson Trust & AGM:** Thursday 17 October at 3.30pm, Stratford District Council Committee Room
- Workshop:** Tuesday 22 October at 1pm
- Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 22 October at 3pm

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

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

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### What's on the agenda?

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### 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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## Percy Thomson Trust – Expressions of interest for Trustee positions

Do you have governance experience and are passionate about arts and culture? If so, a Percy Thomson Trust trustee position may be your perfect opportunity.

Based in Stratford, the Percy Thomson Trust was developed through a bequest by a former district mayor and is responsible for the ongoing operation of the Percy Thomson Gallery, the Thomson Arboretum and the Thomson Herbarium.

The Trustees are responsible for developing and delivering the Trust's strategic goals, overseeing the management of assets and resources, and for ensuring prudent financial management to ensure long-term sustainability.

If you believe you have the skills to make a difference and a real contribution to the Percy Thomson Trust and art and culture in our district, your interest in the position is welcomed.

Meetings are held monthly, and successful applicants will be appointed for a three-year term. While applicants are not required to live in Stratford, the ability to build and maintain relationships within the Stratford community should be demonstrated.



All expressions of interest will be provided to elected members, with Trustees appointed by Council in accordance with the Trust Deed. The successful applicants will be made public.

For more information go to [Stratford.govt.nz](https://stratford.govt.nz)

Expressions of interest should be addressed to:

Chief Executive

Stratford District Council

PO Box 320, Stratford 4352

Apply online via email to: [CReynolds@Stratford.govt.nz](mailto:CReynolds@Stratford.govt.nz)

Applications close **5pm, Sunday 6 October 2024**.

## New waste contractor for Taranaki, but only small changes for Stratford district residents

On 1 October, Waste Management NZ started their new 10-year contract to look after solid waste management and kerbside collections for Stratford, South Taranaki, and New Plymouth district councils.

Stratford district residents may not notice many changes, apart from the new fleet of more fuel-efficient collection trucks. Kerbside collections will run as usual and to the same schedule, and there won't be changes to our bins or what we recycle.

There is, however, a new pod recycling system at the Transfer Station instead of the usual skip bins for recyclables. Glass, cardboard, and recyclable plastics now go into openings in the pod. The friendly staff at the Transfer Station haven't changed, so shout out if you have any questions about the new system, and thanks for taking advantage of the free recycling at the Transfer Station. We appreciate the good work you're doing to reduce landfill waste!

Opening hours at the Transfer Station also changed this week. It'll now be closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, days of low use, and hours have been adjusted across the rest of the week, with earlier opening hours on the busy days of Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. The total number of hours it's open for is unchanged. Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/TransferStation](https://stratford.govt.nz/TransferStation) for the new timetable.

Got any questions about kerbside collections? Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/KerbsideCollections](https://stratford.govt.nz/KerbsideCollections), give us a call on 06 765 6099, or make a report on the Antenno app.



## Don't be scared! Register for the Scarecrow Trail...



Pesky birds beware, we're calling for Stratford district community members, families, schools, and businesses to create a scarecrow for the iconic Stratford Scarecrow Trail. And there's \$2,000 worth of prizes on offer for scarecrow creators and hunters!

Register online at [Stratford.govt.nz/Scarecrow](https://stratford.govt.nz/Scarecrow) before Wednesday 23 October.

This year's trail will be open from 1 - 17 November.

## Vacancies closing soon!

The application period for two exciting roles is closing this week on Friday 4 October:

- Gallery Director at the Percy Thomson Gallery.** Lead the vibrant Percy Thomson Gallery, drive dynamic exhibitions, and inspire the community with your passion for art.
- Community Development Officer.** Join Stratford District Council as a Community Development Officer! Drive town center growth, lead exciting events like the Christmas Parade and AmeriCARna, and support local economic development.

See more and apply at [Stratford.govt.nz/Vacancies](https://stratford.govt.nz/Vacancies)