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TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O  
**WHAKAAHURANGI**  
**STRATFORD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Labour Day opening hours for facilities

We hope you enjoy a relaxing Labour Day on Monday 28 October. To help with your planning, here are the opening hours for council facilities on the day.

- Rubbish and recycling collection - Normal Monday collection
- Council's Service Centre - Closed
- Transfer Station - Open 12pm to 5pm
- Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre - Closed
- Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre - Open 10am to 5pm

Thanks to everyone working on the day, We appreciate your mahi!

## Parking fines & penalty fees have increased

The Government has set new nationwide fees for parking infringements and towage. The fee increases came into effect on 1 October 2024.

Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/FeesAndCharges](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/FeesAndCharges) for a list of the new fees for parking infringements and offences.

## Public Notices

### Maintenance of Notable Trees on Broadway South

Pruning and maintenance of several notable trees on Broadway South will occur on Tuesday 29 of October, weather permitting.

The road will remain open, but Traffic Management will be in place while this work is being completed. Thank you for your patience.

V Araba | Director - Assets

### Meeting Schedule - November 2024

- **Workshop:** Tuesday 12 November at 1pm
- **Public Forum (by request):** Tuesday 12 November at 3pm. If you wish to speak, please submit an application form to the Chief Executive by 12 noon Tuesday 5 November. Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum) for more information.
- **Council Meeting:** Tuesday 12 November at 3.30pm
- **Audit and Risk Committee:** Tuesday 19 November at 2pm
- **Percy Thomson Trust Meeting:** Thursday 21 November at 4pm in the Stratford District Council Committee Room
- **Workshop:** Tuesday 26 November at 1pm
- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 26 November 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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**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 - 12.00pm - 5.00pm  
Thursday - 10.00am - 1.00pm  
Friday - Sunday - 12.00pm - 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  
23 October 2024

## What's your Recycling Week challenge?

This week is Aotearoa New Zealand's annual Recycling Week. It's a time for us all to think about ways we can reduce the amount of waste coming out of our homes and workplaces and increase the goods and materials we collect and treat to be used again, and again.



### THE BASICS

Earlier this year, the rules about what can and can't be recycled through your yellow-lid recycling bin at home changed right across New Zealand.

Here's a list of what goes in your recycling bin:

- Paper and cardboard bigger than an A4 sheet of paper, including pizza boxes cleaned of scraps.
- Washed plastic bottles (with lids removed and put into your red-lid rubbish bin).
- Plastics larger than 10cm x 10cm and marked with recycling symbols 1, 2, and 5.
- Washed aluminium and steel tins and cans with the labels removed and lids inside the can.



If you've got extra recycling, take it to the Transfer Station for free!

### SOME EASY EXTRA CREDIT

#### SOFT PLASTICS

Keep a bread bag in your kitchen and stuff it with all types of soft plastics from chippie and muesli bar packets, other bread bags, and even the cleaned plastic off meat trays. Then once a month, take your bag off to your local soft plastic recycling spot. You can find these at some supermarkets or check online at [Stratford.govt.nz/Recycle](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/Recycle)

Challenge: Can you fit more than 116 pieces of soft plastic in one bag? That's our Waste Minimisation team's top score.

## Keep yourself and others safe on crossings

With the zebra pedestrian crossing near the clock tower and the courtesy crossing on north Broadway now complete, it's a good time for a reminder on how to look after your own safety, and the welfare of others, too.

### Zebra pedestrian crossings

- **Pedestrians:** Please check that all approaching drivers have seen you and have stopped before you cross the road. Cross as quickly as you're safely able to.
- **Drivers:** When coming up to the crossing, slow down and be ready to stop for any pedestrians on or stepping onto the crossing, including people waiting to use the crossing. You must wait until the person crossing is clear of you and your vehicle before you proceed.



### Courtesy crossings

- **Pedestrians:** Use these crossings with extra care because drivers don't have to stop for pedestrians at courtesy crossings.
- **Drivers:** Although not official pedestrian crossings, courtesy crossings provide a safe place for people needing to cross. Please be courteous to people using a courtesy crossing.

## Rates rebates for low-income homeowners

The Rates Rebate Scheme can provide a partial refund on rates bills for eligible low-income homeowners. Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/RatesRebates](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/RatesRebates) for more information and use the online calculator to check if you're eligible. You'll need to know the total rates you'll pay for the year from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

Please call us on 06 765 6099 or visit our Service Centre on Miranda Street if you need a hand finding out if you're eligible or with your application. You can apply anytime between now and 30 June 2025.