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Public Notices

Proposed Temporary Road Closure - Christmas Parade 2024

Stratford District Council is proposing to close the following roads on **Friday 6 December 2024, between the hours of 4.30pm and 7.30pm** for the 2024 Stratford Christmas Parade.



- Miranda Street between Regan and Fenton Streets
- Fenton Street between Portia Street and Broadway (SH3)
- Broadway (SH3) between Seyton and Page Streets

Anyone who wishes to object to the closure must provide their reason in writing by **Friday 25 October** at the office of the Stratford District Council, 63 Miranda Street, or by emailing StratfordDC@stratford.govt.nz

V Araba | Director - Assets

Meeting Schedule - October 2024

- **Workshop:** Tuesday 8 October at 1pm
- **Public Forum (by request):** Tuesday 8 October at 3pm. If you wish to speak, please submit an application form to the Chief Executive by 12 noon Tuesday 1 October. Visit Stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum for more information.
- **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 for updates to meeting times, as these may change.

S Hanne | Chief Executive

Vacancy!
Gallery Director
Percy Thomson Gallery
Lead Taranaki's best public regional art gallery
Stratford.govt.nz/Vacancies

Transfer Station opening times changing on 1 Oct

Transfer Station opening days and hours are changing to better suit community use. From 1 October:

- **Mon:** 12pm – 5pm
- **Tues, Wed:** closed
- **Thurs:** 10am – 1pm
- **Fri, Sat, Sun, public holidays:** 12pm – 5pm
- Also closed on Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Good Friday

Visit Stratford.govt.nz/TransferStation for info.

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

25 September 2024

Hay there, registrations are open for 2024 Scarecrow Trail!

Pesky birds beware, Stratford District Council (SDC) is calling for community members to register and create a scarecrow for the iconic Stratford Scarecrow Trail. Come 1 November, the district will turn into one of Taranaki's largest (and possibly only scarecrow themed) scavenger hunts, with \$2,000 worth of prizes on offer for scarecrow creators and hunters.

Registrations to create a scarecrow for the 8th annual trail close on **Wednesday 23 October 2024**. There are four categories with prizes up for grabs - Pre-school, School, Business, and Open, with an additional prize across all categories for the best use of recycled materials.



Register online

Visit Stratford.govt.nz/Scarecrow and complete the online form to register.

SDC Community and Economic Development Manager Saba Afzal says, "I don't think there's another event in New Zealand quite like the Scarecrow Trail and that's down to the creativity of our community. From massive scarecrow burgers to classic straw-filled guardians, we love seeing what people come up with every year."

MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON THE YOUTH COUNCIL

Stratford District Youth Council (SDYC) is seeking new members for 2025. If you're 12-24 years old and live, work or go to school in the Stratford district, you're eligible to be a youth councillor.

Apply online at Stratford.govt.nz/YouthCouncil before 20 October 2024.

SDYC Co-Chair Justin Salisbury says becoming part of the youth council is a great opportunity to elevate youth voices on local issues.

"Young people view the world through a different lens and it's important that our views are heard. We can share our different perspectives on matters that will impact our future," he says. "Giving feedback on important documents like annual plans and community strategies is part of the mahi we do as a youth council."

"We want to stand up for all young people in our community, so it's vital our youth council has a variety of voices on it," says Justin.

Gaining new skills, making friends, and experiencing awesome opportunities is how Co-Chair Victoria Payne describes her time on the Youth Council.



Apply online



"If you've ever wanted to be part of the Scarecrow Trail, this is your year. And if you're still on the fence, we've got great prizes on offer thanks to our awesome supporters, like Fulton Hogan, New World Stratford, and the Stratford Business Association," says Saba.

The Stratford Scarecrow Trail is open from 1 to 17 November, alongside the Taranaki Garden Festival, Fringe Garden Festival, and Taranaki Arts Trail.

"This year, Stratford's King Edward Park is part of the Taranaki Garden Festival for the first time. We love a good festival / trail mashup, so make sure you keep a special look-out for straw-filled visitors in King Edward Park," Saba says. "Let the scarecrow building commence!"



"Putting on community events has been a highlight for me. Getting to connect with other young people in the district and deliver fun activities like our On The Bus trips, Colour in the Park and more recently the Neon Rave, has been awesome," says Victoria.

"The skills we've learned along the way really sets us up for our next journey in life too. Some of our members have had amazing opportunities like being part of Youth Parliament and Model UN as well," she says. "You definitely get out what you put in."

Follow SDYC on Instagram and Facebook for more information on becoming a Youth Councillor.

Anna, Stratford District Council Community Development and Engagement Lead, is also on hand to answer questions at ACrane@stratford.govt.nz or by phoning 06 765 6099.

Why should I bother about conserving water when it's so wet outside?!

Even when it's wet out, it's still good to keep thinking about ways you can reduce your water use.

Rain or shine, our water storage capacity stays the same, with extra rain-water running off down the river. When the rain stops, our water storage levels drop, but even if it's been raining, we're still restricted as to how much water we can take from the awa / river. Reducing your water use throughout the year can be a big help.

See water saving tips at Stratford.govt.nz/SaveWater



Last week of school!

Download a copy of our October School Holiday Programme, full of FREE and cheap activities from Stratford.govt.nz/Holidays

Printed copies are available from the library, Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre, and at our Service Centre.

Bring on the fun!