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DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Mānawatia a Matariki me Puanga!

Happy Māori New Year!

On Friday 28 June, we celebrate the Māori new year (which we refer to as Puanga in Taranaki) with the Matariki public holiday. To help you with your planning, here are our facility hours on the day:

- Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre: closed
- Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre: open 10am to 5pm
- Service Centre: closed
- Transfer Station: open 1pm to 5pm

Puanga

### There's lots on this week to celebrate!

Check out our Puanga events and activities at [Stratford.govt.nz/Puanga](http://Stratford.govt.nz/Puanga), including A Starry Night on Thursday in the War Memorial Centre, FREE movie screenings at the TET Kings Theatre:

- The Mountain on Friday 28 June at 2.30pm
- Coco in Te Reo Māori on 30 June at 2pm (without English subtitles)

The venue capacity at TET Kings Theatre is 200 people and tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. See you there!

## Normal entrance to Broadway toilets closed

Our contractors will be doing some work on the Glockenspiel to maintain the post and verandah area and give the lower paint work a spruce up.

Until the work is complete in mid-July, the normal entrance to the Broadway toilets will be closed, and access will be via the ramp that goes to the laneway from Broadway.

If you need accessibility-friendly bathroom facilities close by, please visit the the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre, Percy Thomson Gallery, the Centennial Rest Rooms, or the Exelooos.

We're sorry for any inconvenience!

### Public Notices

#### Meeting Schedule - July 2024

- **Workshop:** Tuesday 9 July at 1pm
- **Public Forum (by request):** Tuesday 9 July at 3pm. If you wish to speak, please submit an application form to the Chief Executive by 12 noon Tuesday 2 July. Find out more at [Stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum](http://Stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum)
- **Council Meeting:** Tuesday 9 July at 3.30pm
- **Audit and Risk Committee:** Tuesday 16 July at 2pm
- **Workshop for Councillors:** 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. Changes to meeting times will be published in the meeting schedule at [Stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices](http://Stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices)

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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

26 June 2024

## Changes made to pedestrian upgrades post community feedback

Two new pedestrian crossings will go ahead for Broadway in Stratford, with one zebra crossing located in between the roundabouts and a courtesy crossing in the vicinity of Seyton Street. The final locations of these crossings are in response to strong community feedback received on the original proposal.

On Thursday 20 June, Stratford District Council (SDC) met to discuss the pedestrian crossing project put forward to the community for feedback early June.

The meeting was well attended with over 30 members of the public present. Two deputations were made to Elected Members, both opposing the proposed options.

Over 150 people participated in the feedback process for this project. The majority of those providing comments shared their disagreement with the proposed options put forward.

In response to this, SDC elected members were presented with a range of additional options to consider alongside the original proposal in Thursday's meeting.

These additional options were a direct result of the feedback received from the community and included the ability to:

- decline the funding altogether and not proceed with the project.
- defer the project and apply for funding at a later date (with the risk that this could be declined)
- carry out traffic modelling to identify the possibility of a signalled crossing and apply for the funding later (with the risk that this could be declined)
- construct just one new crossing in between the roundabouts north of the existing one and close access at the current Glockenspiel crossing (possible within the current funding)
- construct a courtesy crossing in northern Broadway near Seyton Street (possible within the current funding).

See the initial design of the zebra crossing at [YourSay.Stratford.govt.nz](http://YourSay.Stratford.govt.nz)



Elected Members deliberated the pros and cons of the options in front of them, before voting on a motion to replace the existing crossing with one new crossing to the north of the Glockenspiel and installing a courtesy crossing on northern Broadway in an area near Seyton Street. This motion was supported in a vote from 9 out of the 10 Elected Members present.

District Mayor Neil Volzke says the outcome of the discussion has landed somewhere we feel to be more representative of the wider views of our community. "It came through loud and clear that the options on the table weren't satisfactory for a number of people, but it was also evident that people believed something needs to be done to improve pedestrian safety on State Highway 3."

"We think the combination of a new and improved pedestrian crossing in a fairly central location between the roundabouts and a courtesy crossing further north near Seyton Street will help alleviate the concerns raised on both sides of the argument, while at the same time improving safety for pedestrians," he says.

Work on the new crossings will start as early as this week.

## July school holiday programme is out now for free & cheap fun these hols!

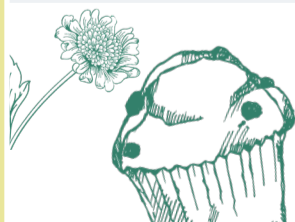
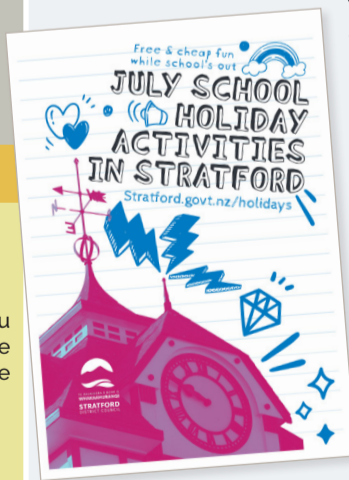
The school holidays are almost upon us, but we've got you and the kids covered with our programme of FREE and low-cost activities and events.

Featuring:

- Teddy Bear Sleepover, and lots of craft activities at the library
- Treasure Hunt and Inflatable Race Day at Wai o Rua
- A FREE screening of Despicable Me 4
- Neon Rave Party for intermediate and high school aged students
- And heaps more!

Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/Holidays](http://Stratford.govt.nz/Holidays) to download the booklet, or pick up a printed copy from Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre, Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre, or our Service Centre on Miranda Street.

Some events require registration. Get in quick so you don't miss out!



## Prospero Markets on Saturday from 10am

The next Prospero Markets, on Saturday 29 June, will start and end a little later, running now from 10am to 1pm to take advantage of the winter sun.

Make sure you come over to Prospero Place, get yourself a treat, and support our local creators, makers, sellers, and bakers.

