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DISTRICT COUNCIL

King's Birthday Public holiday hours

It's King's Birthday on Monday 3 June. Here are our council facility hours to help you plan your day.

- Waste and recycling collection - normal Monday kerbside collection
- Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre - closed
- Council's Service Centre - closed
- Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre - open 10am to 5pm



Get your award nomination in by Friday 31 May!

It's your last chance to nominate a member of the Stratford district community for a Citizens or Youth

Citizens Award. Nominations close at 4.30pm on Friday 31 May.

Visit Stratford.govt.nz/CitizenAwards to find out more and download a nomination form. While you're there, read about our amazing 2023 Award Recipients, including Luciana Haami and Matthew Jones who received Youth Citizen Awards last year for their inspiring academic and sporting achievements, and mahi within the community.

Printed nomination forms are available at Council's Service Centre, the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre, and Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre.



Puanga celebration aims to inspire connection, reflection, and aspiration in Whakaahurangi



In celebration of Puanga, the Māori New Year, Stratford District Council (SDC) and Ngāruahine Iwi Health Services are pleased to announce *A Starry Night* will return to Whakaahurangi, Stratford on Thursday 27 June at the Stratford War Memorial Centre, from 4pm to 8pm.

Ngāruahine Iwi Health Services and SDC have joined forces to deliver this year's Puanga event. With a focus on entertainment, education, and hauora; a Māori philosophy of health and wellbeing, it'll be a celebration for all ages.

SDC Community Development Advisor, Amy Kingston, says *A Starry Night* has been a popular addition to the local events calendar in recent years, fostering a sense of connection, reflection, and aspiration within our community. "This year will be even better as we work alongside Ngāruahine Iwi Health Services to weave together everything that makes this time of year so special while putting the health and wellbeing of our community centre stage."

This year's celebration is heading to the War Memorial Centre, Stratford, with indoor and outdoor lighting displays, fire poi entertainment, waiata, kanikani (dance), kōrero, kai, raranga (weaving), face painting, hands-on activities, and space to connect over a cuppa.

"We're excited to host our community indoors this year for a comfortable, warm and immersive experience - the starry night glow room is sure to be a crowd favourite!" says Amy.

"Coming together at this time of year is special. Puanga gives us the opportunity to celebrate our achievements, remember loved ones, and look forward to the future. It's about connecting with whānau and friends, having a kōrero, and preparing for the year ahead."

"Whether you've celebrated every year with us or you've never been involved before, nau mai haere mai, we invite everyone to come and enjoy the magic of Puanga."

A Starry Night won't be the only activity locals can get involved with during Puanga. Stratford's Puanga rākau (tree) continues to be a focal point during celebrations, with community members encouraged to write down their goals and aspirations for the new year and place them on the tree which will be housed in the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre throughout the week. More events are to be announced in early June.

To stay up to date with Puanga celebrations in Whakaahurangi, visit Stratford.govt.nz/Puanga

SDC is thankful to Whakaahurangi Marae, Māori Womens Welfare League, Toi Foundation, Taranaki Electricity Trust and Ngāruahine Iwi Health Services for their support with this year's Puanga celebrations.



Public Notices

Meeting Schedule

May 2024

- **Workshop:** Tuesday 28 May at 1pm
- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 28 May at 3pm

June 2024

- **Workshop:** Tuesday 11 June at 1pm
- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 11 June at 2pm. To hear and consider submissions on the draft Rates Remission and Rates Postponement Policies
- **Public Forum (by request):** Tuesday 11 June at 3pm. If you wish to speak, please submit an application form to the Chief Executive by 12 noon Tuesday 4 June. Find out more at Stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum
- **Council Meeting:** Tuesday 11 June at 3.30pm
- **Farm & Aerodrome Committee:** Tuesday 18 June at 12 noon
- **Workshop:** Tuesday 25 June at 1pm
- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 25 June at 3pm
- **Meeting of the Percy Thomson Trust:** Thursday 20 June at 4pm, Stratford District Council Committee Room

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

S Hanne | Chief Executive

Hey!
Hoomans!
Time to
get me
some new
bling!



It's dog registration time, with discounted fees if you pay by 31 July!

Dog registrations are due before 1 July 2024 and from that date on, all dogs will need to wear their new blue registration tags for 2024/25. Make sure you pay for your renewal by 31 July to receive a discount on your registration fees! We'll be sending out renewal invoices to dog owners soon, so keep an eye on your letterbox.

Why register your dog? Registering makes it easier to link your four-legged friend back to you if you're ever separated and helps to pay for local dog related services, resolving dog complaints, providing care and shelter to impounded dogs, and even items like doggie-poop bags.

Impawtant info

- Your dog must be registered before it reaches 3 months of age.
- Renewal payments can be made online at Stratford.govt.nz/OnlinePayments or visit our Service Centre on Miranda Street.
- To register new dogs or change the owner of a pooch, you'll need to come into our Service Centre in person to pay for the registration and sign the declaration papers.
- If you've moved into Stratford district and your dog is registered with another council, please visit our Service Centre with the registration tag from your old address, and your microchip and neutering certificates if you have them. Make sure your previous council knows you've moved too.
- If your dog has passed away, we're so sorry - our condolences. Please give us a call as soon as you can on 06 765 6099. You may be eligible for a partial refund of your registration fees. Refunds begin from the month you apply.
- Changed address? Please get in touch so we can update your records, or fill in our online change of address form at Stratford.govt.nz/DogRego

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

29 May 2024