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Calling all handy people. Repair Café needs you!

Stratford's free Repair Café is looking for skilled volunteers to repair broken and torn items during their community events held every two months.

Becoming part of the Repair Café whānau is a great way to give back to the community and reduce waste going to landfill. If you're keen to give it a go, please email StratfordRepairCafe@gmail.com or contact 'Repair Cafe Stratford' on Facebook.

Transfer Station closed on Sunday 11 August

The Stratford Transfer Station will be closed during the Stratford Street Sprint event on Sunday 11 August 2024, so please plan ahead.

Public Notices

Meeting Schedule - August 2024

- The meeting of the Percy Thomson Trust held on 25 July 2024 was adjourned at 5.39pm and will continue at 4pm on Thursday 1 August in the Stratford District Council Committee Room.
- Workshop:** Tuesday 13 August at 1pm
- Public Forum (by request):** Tuesday 13 August at 3pm. If you wish to speak, please submit an application form to the Chief Executive by 12 noon Tuesday 6 August. Find out more at [Stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum](https://stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum)
- Council Meeting:** Tuesday 13 August at 3.30pm
- Workshop:** Tuesday 27 August at 1pm
- Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 27 August at 3pm
- Percy Thomson Trust Meeting:** Thursday 15 August 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](https://stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices)

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Community invited to Stratford Chunuk Bair commemorations and 5/7 RNZIR birthday

Stratford District Council (SDC) invites community members of all ages to commemorate the WWI battle of Chunuk Bair in Gallipoli at a wreath laying ceremony on Thursday 8 August 2024 from 9am until 9.30am at Stratford's Malone Memorial Gates.

After the ceremony, light refreshments will be available to all attendees in the Centennial Rest Rooms, where the birthday of the 5th/7th Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment (5/7 RNZIR) will also be recognised.

Before dawn on 8 August 1915, under the command of Stratford's Lieutenant-Colonel William George Malone, the Wellington Infantry Battalion captured Chunuk Bair, a high point of the Sari Bair range, and desperately held the position against repeated waves of attacks. By the time the Wellingtons were relieved that night, only 70 of the battalion's 760 men were still standing and Colonel Malone had been killed. Ottoman forces later recaptured the position from British reinforcements.

Erin Bishop, Acting SDC Community Services Director, says the local connection to Colonel Malone makes the commemoration even more poignant.

"On the eighth of August 1923, eight years after Colonel Malone fell at Chunuk Bair, the Malone Memorial Gates were opened to honour our district's fallen hero and his outstanding bravery and leadership. 101 years later and we still gather at the gates to remember those who, like Colonel Malone, didn't make it home," Erin says.

"The eighth of August also holds special significance to the 5th/7th Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment and we're pleased to celebrate their birthday after the commemorations. All are welcome to join us for a cuppa and scones."



A statue of Colonel Malone stands tall on Broadway South, facing Mt Taranaki.

The West Coast company of 5/7 RNZIR descends in part from the 11th (Taranaki Rifles) Regiment, which was led by Colonel Malone before WWI. An infantry company from the 11th Regiment was part of the Wellington Infantry Battalion under Malone's command at Chunuk Bair. The significance of the battle led to the adoption of 8 August as the birthday of the Taranaki based regiment. After the Taranaki regiment was amalgamated and later became part of the 5/7 RNZIR, the Battalion embraced 8 August as their birthday too.

Did you know?

- Colonel Malone created the iconic 'Lemon Squeezer' hat, adopted by the New Zealand army. The distinctive shape was made to mirror Taranaki Maunga and deflect the rain.
- The Malone Memorial Gates are the largest war memorial to an individual soldier in New Zealand.

Rates support for low-income homeowners now available to more people

The Rates Rebate Scheme can provide a partial refund on rates bills for eligible low-income homeowners.

From 1 July, new rules came into effect that widened the group of people that can apply for a rebate and increased the maximum amount people can receive.

- The maximum rebate has increased from \$750 to \$790.
- The income abatement threshold has risen from \$30,100 to \$31,510. You may still be eligible for a rebate even if you earn more than the income threshold.

It's quick and easy to check if you're eligible. Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/RatesRebates](https://stratford.govt.nz/RatesRebates) and use the online calculator. 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.

If you're successful, we'll deduct the amount of your rebate from your future rates bill. If you've already paid your rates in full, we'll contact you about your rebate.

Introducing Venture Taranaki's PowerUp Investment Month

Whether you want to explore how to attract investment or you have already started your fundraising journey, Venture Taranaki's series of small-group sessions will give invaluable guidance to help you on your investment journey. During the August PowerUp Investment Month, you can attend just one, or all three workshops:

- Unlocking Angel Investment
- Funding Sources
- Introduction to Pitch Decks

To learn more about each session and secure your space, head to: [Eventbrite.co.nz/CC/PowerUp-Investment-Month-3496029](https://eventbrite.co.nz/CC/PowerUp-Investment-Month-3496029)



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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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