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TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O
WHAKAAHURANGI
STRATFORD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

— STRATFORD — CHRISTMAS PARADE

Friday 6 December 2024
Broadway, Stratford

THEME:
CHRISTMAS
MOVIES



5:00pm
Prospero
Market
6:30pm
Parade with
carols to follow

Don't cross the line at the Christmas Parade

Stay on Santa's good list!
Keep safe and remain behind the
marked line during Friday's Stratford
Christmas Parade.



Park up in Stratford this January for the FREE Summer Nights series

Kick back and relax in Stratford's picturesque parks
this January for Stratford District Council's free
Summer Nights concert and movie events.

The Summer Nights live concert in the park will be
held on Saturday 18 January 2025, from 5pm in King
Edward Park.

Taranaki talent, **Bald Eagles**, will get the party started
with their classic rock and roll bangers, followed
by New Zealand's singing sensations, **The Lady
Killers**. National treasures Tina Cross, Jackie Clarke,
and Suzanne Lynch will belt out their beautiful
harmonies in the idyllic setting of the Ted McCullough
Rhododendron Dell – get ready to go on a wild ride
through musical genres and have a good laugh too!

A week later, on Saturday 25 January, whānau can
get comfy in front of the outdoor big screen for our
Summer Nights movies in the park. Being held for
the first time in Victoria Park, next to the Stratford
Bike Park, families can enjoy **Trolls Band Together**
at 4pm and **Wonka** at 5.45pm. Two movies that
won the community's vote, fighting off some fierce
competition, on SDC's Facebook page earlier this year.

Community and Economic Development Manager
Saba Afzal says, "Stratford's Summer Nights series
has been a longstanding tradition on the local events
calendar, and we're excited to bring it back again for
the 2025 summer holidays."

"We receive funding from Taranaki Electricity Trust
and TOI Foundation to help deliver these events
free to our communities, and we're grateful for their
continued support," says Saba.



Summer Nights

"You can't get much better than enjoying a long
summer evening chilling out in our gorgeous parks
with your favourite people, free entertainment, and
some delicious kai. Bring your whānau, friends, and
visitors down to experience a real kiwi summer in the
heart of Taranaki," she says.

Food and drinks will be sold at both events, and
people are also welcome to bring their own picnics
and beverages.

Important event updates will be posted on SDC's
website [Stratford.govt.nz/Events](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/Events), as well as through
the free Antenna App and SDC's Facebook.

Where do you want to read council news?

The print media landscape is changing fast and,
sadly, we know that the future of the Stratford Press
is under review.

Mayor Neil Volzke has expressed his concern about
the possible closure, saying, "The Stratford Press
reflects the communities it's delivered in, highlighting
local achievements, and providing a platform that
shares the issues that you won't find in other news
outlets... If this proposal goes ahead, there's a real risk
our communities will become more disconnected."

Regardless of the outcome of NZME's proposal to
close this community newspaper, we're committed to
keeping you informed about what's happening in
Council and the district.

Our communications team may be small, but they're
(a little too) enthusiastic about what they do, and
always welcome people's thoughts about where and
how council communicates with the community.

If you have ideas or feedback about council
communications, please send the team an email at
Communications@Stratford.govt.nz or give them a call
on 06 765 6099. Share your ideas about places you'd
like to read council news, ways to make our news
more accessible, or topics you'd like us to cover.

Spread joy this festive season. Donate to the Mayoral Gift Appeal!

Your generous donation of gifts and treats will go
to people in our community who need some extra
cheer this Christmas.

Place your family board games, toys, non-perishable
yummy goodies, and books and toiletries for all ages
under the Christmas trees at council's Service Centre
and the Stratford Library and Visitor Information
Centre by Friday 13 December.

Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/BringJoy](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/BringJoy) for details, and thank
you for bringing smiles to faces this Christmas.



Booklet -> [stratford.govt.nz/Holidays](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/Holidays)

Public Notices

Meeting Schedule - December

- Workshop:** Tuesday 10 December at 1pm, TSB Chambers, Stratford War Memorial Centre
- Public Forum (by request):** Tuesday 10 December at 3pm, TSB Chambers, Stratford War Memorial Centre.
- Council Meeting:** Tuesday 10 December at 3.30pm, TSB Chambers, Stratford War Memorial Centre
- Meeting of the Percy Thomson Trust:** Thursday 19 December at 4pm, Stratford District Council Committee Room

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 and workshop times, as these may change.

S Hanne | Chief Executive

Join the whānau! 5 new roles posted on [Stratford.govt.nz/Vacancies](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/Vacancies)

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
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