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What should Victoria Park's future look like?

We're reviewing our Victoria Park Reserve Management Plan (RMP) and throughout the month of September we want to hear from park users and the wider community on what the future of Victoria Park should look like.

Parks and Reserves Officer, Melanie McBain says, "The Victoria Park RMP is an important document that helps guide us in making both day-to-day as well as long term decisions on how the reserve is used, managed or developed."

"Think of it like our park vision for the next 10 years," she says. "Community input into the review of the RMP is essential. Our parks and reserves exist for the enjoyment of our community and visitors to the district. So it's vital that we hear from as many people as possible to inform the maintenance, preservation and development of this space."

Victoria Park is one of Stratford's premier recreation reserves, and a lot has changed since the current RMP was adopted in 2018. The most notable changes include the construction of a new skate bowl, and the opening of the Stratford Bike Park, including pump track, basketball court, BBQ pavillion, and public toilets.

We're in the first phase of consultation for reviewing the RMP. This engagement period is open until 27 September and asks people to think about the future of the park and provide suggestions or feedback on the following principles: Recreation; Natural Resources; Social and Cultural Values; and Facilities and Furniture.

People can head online to YourSay.Stratford.govt.nz to have a say. All suggestions big and small are welcome to help inform the reviewed RMP.

ARE YOU DRAWN TO CREATIVITY? JOIN OUR ARTS FUNDING COMMITTEE!

We're looking for people to help assess applications for our Creative Communities Scheme fund. This is a fantastic opportunity for those who want to help support and grow our local arts community, meet fellow arts practitioners, and gain experience on a committee.

OUR COMMITTEE NEEDS PEOPLE...

- Who know what's happening in the arts locally
- Who have experience in one or more forms of art
- From a range of communities
- With specific cultural knowledge relevant to the arts
- Of all ages. We'd particularly like to encourage young people to apply

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

You'll help assess applications for funding from artistic individuals and community groups, and attend assessment committee meetings between two and four times a year.

IF YOU NEED SUPPORT FOR A LOCAL ARTS OR CREATIVE CULTURAL PROJECT, THE CCS FUND IS OPEN NOW FOR APPLICATIONS! GET YOUR KICK UP THE ARTS AT [STRATFORD.GOVT.NZ/CCS](https://Stratford.govt.nz/CCS)

HAVE YOUR SAY!



"Got a suggestion to improve facilities in the park? Seen something cool at another playground that you think we should have at Victoria Park? Love everything about Victoria Park, but have an idea to make something even better? We want to hear from you!" says Melanie.

Using the feedback, we'll build an updated draft RMP that will be shared with the community for formal consultation later this year.

There are a few ways to contribute to the Victoria Park RMP:

- Add your ideas and suggestions to the online Ideas Board or complete a short survey at YourSay.Stratford.govt.nz
- Email Feedback@stratford.govt.nz
- Hard copy surveys are available to fill out at SDC facilities.

Feedback closes 27 September 2024.



ABOUT THE CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME

Each year, Creative New Zealand provides CCS funding to local and district councils throughout New Zealand to distribute in their area. The scheme supports over 1,800 projects every year.

For more information about the Creative Communities Scheme, visit Stratford.govt.nz/CCS

SIGNING UP

If you'd like to join the committee, please send your expressions of interest to Carissa by emailing CReynolds@Stratford.govt.nz before Monday 30 September 2024. If you've got any questions, please email Carissa or call 06 765 6099.

Public Notices

Urgent Road Closure - Mohakau Road

Due to a slip, we've had to close Mohakau Road to through traffic until further notice.

The closure is between Quarry Road and Mangaoapa Road. Please use alternative routes available.

We anticipate this will be closed for a number of weeks while we assess the damage and reconstruct the road for safe use. We'll give updates at Stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices

We're sorry for the inconvenience and ask that you drive safely.

If you have any questions, please phone us on 06 765 6099.

V Araba | Director - Assets



Road Closure - Flint Road East

Council is closing a section of Flint Road East from State Highway 3 (SH3) to the A&P showground from Monday 9 September to carry out reconstruction works. It's estimated the work will take 8 weeks, weather dependent.

There will be no access into or out of Flint Road at the SH3 intersection during the closure. Traffic will follow a detour route via the racecourse road using Pembroke Road, Ariel Street and Regan Street. This diversion route will be signposted and the racecourse road will be controlled by traffic management.

Please drive safely. We appreciate your understanding whilst this improvement work is underway. If you have a question please contact us on 06 765 6099.



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Scan the QR code to see a map of the detour.

Meeting Schedule - September 2024

- **Workshop:** Tuesday 10 September at 1pm
- **Public Forum (by request):** Tuesday 10 September at 3pm
- **Council Meeting:** Tuesday 10 September at 3.30pm
- **Audit and Risk Committee:** Tuesday 17 September at 2pm
- **Percy Thomson Trust:** Thursday 19 September at 4pm, Stratford District Council Committee Room
- **Farm Committee:** Tuesday 24 September at 12 noon
- **Workshop:** Tuesday 24 September at 2pm
- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 24 September 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

What's on the agenda?

Agendas go up on our website the week before the meeting at Stratford.govt.nz/Agenda

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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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