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Explore Te Ara o Maru this long weekend

It's Taranaki Anniversary on Monday 11 March and if you're keen to get out into the great outdoors, Te Ara o Maru, a walkway off the Forgotten World Highway, might just be your new favourite destination.

Te Ara o Maru means pathway of Maru, a name given to the walkway by Ngāti Maru.

This scenic looping track, which allows horse trekking and dogs, may take you uphill, but you'll be richly rewarded with panoramic views of the natural surroundings of Whangamomona.

The lake within the centre of the walkway offers a very picturesque view, but if you want, you can go even higher to an incredible lookout at the summit. From the lake, the walkway loops back downward to the area where you started.

Difficulty: Medium

Estimated journey time: 2 hours

Dog friendly: Yes, but please use a lead

Getting there: Te Ara o Maru is accessed off State Highway 43 (Forgotten World Highway) via Mangare Road.

Taranaki Anniversary Day hours for facilities

Here are our public holiday hours for Monday 11 March:

- Kerbside waste collection: as normal
- Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre: closed
- Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre: open from 10am to 5pm
- Council's Service Centre - closed
- Transfer Station: normal hours from 2pm to 5pm

Public Notices

Meeting Schedule - March 2024

- **Workshop:** Tuesday 12 March at 2pm
- **Public Forum (by request):** Tuesday 12 March at 3pm
- **Council Meeting:** Tuesday 12 March at 3.30pm
- **Farm & Aerodrome Committee:** Tuesday 19 March at 12 noon
- **Audit and Risk Committee:** Tuesday 19 March at 2pm
- **Hearing (King Edward Park Management Plan and Speed Management Plan):** Tuesday 26 March at 2pm
- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 26 March at 3pm

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)

S Hanne | Chief Executive

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
6 March 2024

The Creative Community Scheme fund is open! Need support for your local arts project?

The Creative Communities Scheme is a partnership between Stratford District Council and Creative New Zealand. Through the scheme, individuals, groups, and organisations can receive funding for local arts projects.

The fund opens twice a year and the first funding round for 2024 is now open!

If you've got a creative project that supports one of the following goals, make sure you get your application in before the funding round closes on **Sunday 7 April**.

To be eligible, projects have to support at least one of the following:

- **Access and participation:** Create opportunities for local communities to engage with, and participate in local arts activities
- **Diversity:** Support the diverse artistic cultural traditions of local communities
- **Young people:** Enable young people (under 18 years) to engage with, and participate in the arts

Funding can be used for:

- Materials for arts activities or programmes
- Venue or equipment hire
- Personnel and administrative costs for short-term projects
- Promotion and publicity of arts activities



Stratford On Stage received CCS funding for their popular production of West 'n' Wild in 2023

Interested in applying?

- Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/CCS](https://stratford.govt.nz/CCS) and take a look at the **Application Guide** for a full list of criteria and what you should consider when making your application.
- Applications close on **Sunday 7 April 2024**



Are you part of our 65+ community? Come to our FREE Positive Ageing March Forum

- **10.30am to 1pm, Thursday 21 March 2024**
- **Function Facility, War Memorial Centre, Stratford**
- **A light lunch will be provided**
- **RSVP by Monday 18 March**

Join us for the FREE Stratford Positive Ageing March Forum. Hear interesting guests speak about topics that matter to the 65-plus community, meet new people, reconnect with old friends over a cuppa, and join us for a delicious, light lunch.

This forum, we're focussing on local health services, tips for dealing with stressful times, and Stratford district's draft Long Term Plan.

Guest Speakers



District Mayor Neil Volzke will give you an update on the district's draft Long Term Plan, highlight some parts that could be of special interest, and talk about how you can have your say through the council's consultation process.

Please RSVP with your name and contact details for catering purposes by **Monday 18 March** to Anna-Louise Crane, Stratford District Council Community Engagement & Development Lead, by calling 06 765 6099 or emailing ACrane@Stratford.govt.nz.

Closing Friday 15 March...

- Make sure you have your say on our Draft Communications & Engagement Strategy and Significance & Engagement Policy. Read and fill in the online form at [Stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSay](https://stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSay)

Liz Fry, Lead Coach at the Taranaki Retreat, recognises that life can sometimes feel difficult and stressful. Liz is looking forward to sharing some tips and ideas that can help us get through the times when it feels like there's a lot going on in our own personal world, and the wider world, too.



Dr Nick Loveridge-Easther will speak about recent innovations at Avon Medical Centre designed to enhance the range and accessibility

of their community health services. The centre's focus on giving people timely and appropriate care within a week's notice, and the recent introduction of an Acute and Walk-In service, is a great example of their patient-centric model of care in action.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

- The Sport NZ Rural Travel fund (round one) closes to applications on Friday 15 March. The fund subsidises travel for young people to attend local sporting competitions. Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/RTF](https://stratford.govt.nz/RTF) for more info and to apply.