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## The Scarecrow Trail is open. Bring on the hunt!

Stratford district's newest residents have been propped up, plumped with straw, and final flourishes applied to grins, scowls, and smiles, as Stratford's famous Scarecrow Trail opens for the 2024 hunt.

The Scarecrow Trail, running from 1 to 17 November, is one of Taranaki's largest scavenger hunts. There are over 50 community-crafted scarecrows to discover in Stratford district, with \$2,000 worth of prizes on offer for both scarecrow creators and hunters.

Saba Afzal, Stratford District Council (SDC) Community and Economic Development Manager, says the Scarecrow Trail is a must-do activity for anyone looking for a fun, whānau-friendly adventure.

"From a scarecrow version of Girl with the Pearl Earring to Scaler Swift, and Spooky Spider to Iron Maiden, our community is incredibly creative. They've been redefining what scarecrows are since the trail began 8 years ago, so expect the unexpected!"

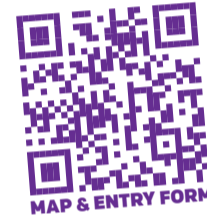
The Stratford Scarecrow Trail is open from 1 to 17 November, alongside the Taranaki Garden Festival, Fringe Garden Festival, Sustainable Backyards, and Arts Trail. For the first time, Stratford's King Edward Park is part of the Taranaki Garden Festival.

"If you've come to Taranaki for the array of festivals and events, make sure you visit us here in Stratford district," says Saba. "We've got incredible gardens, parks, and playgrounds to explore, weird and wonderful scarecrows to hunt, one of the best regional art galleries in Aotearoa, and great shops and eateries to discover. We'll roll out the welcome mat for you."

Scarecrow seekers can pick up a trail map from the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre, Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre, council's Service Centre, or online at [Stratford.govt.nz/Scarecrow](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/Scarecrow)



Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre team member Ella Coulton goes live on stage with scarecrow Scaler Swift.



MAP & ENTRY FORM

People don't need to find all 54 scarecrows to enter the draw to win prizes, and scarecrow-hunters are encouraged to grab a map and see where the trail takes them.

The Scarecrows themselves undergo their own judging, with prizes available across four categories, as well as for the best overall use of recycled materials and the coveted People's Choice award.

"The Stratford Scarecrow Trail wouldn't be the same without our awesome scarecrow creators, and our supporters Fulton Hogan, New World Stratford, and the Stratford Business Association. Thank you for making the trail the amazing, quirky icon it is, says Saba.

"We declare the hunt is open!"

## Free live jazz in the park

Sunday 10 November, 1pm

Pack a picnic and enjoy the French café-style jazz of La Mer in King Edward Park's picturesque Rhododendron Dell, Stratford. Ce sera magnifique! Bring your chairs and blankets and enjoy!

Find out more: [GardenFestNZ.co.nz](https://www.gardenfestnz.co.nz)



La Mer Jazz in the Garden



## Be part of Stratford's favourite Christmas event

Make sure you're in the spotlight this Christmas. The Stratford Business Association has opened registration for Christmas Parade floats and the theme is Christmas Movies!

This year's Christmas Parade is on Friday 6 December 2024. Don't be the one that stays **Home Alone**. Register to make a float for the parade before Sunday 1 December or **Elf!**

There'll be prizes up for grabs for the best floats, which we're sure you'll **Love Actually**, so make sure your float isn't **The Nightmare Before Christmas** or your dream of prizes may **Die Hard**.

After the parade, **A Christmas Carol** session will follow. For more information and to register, visit [Stratford.govt.nz/ChristmasParade](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/ChristmasParade)



— STRATFORD —  
**CHRISTMAS PARADE**

THEME: CHRISTMAS MOVIES

**Registrations Open Now!**

Registrations close  
Sunday 1 December 2024

## Public Notices

### Proposed temporary road closures - Americarna 2025

Stratford District Council is proposing to close the following roads on **Friday 21 February 2025** for Americarna 2025.

Between the hours of 7am and 3pm:

- Broadway (SH 3) - between Seyton Street and Fenton Street
- Miranda Street - between Seyton Street and Fenton Street

Between the hours of 9am and 3pm:

- Regan Street - between Juliet Street and Miranda Street

During the proposed closure, there will be detours for through traffic, and access to Z Petrol Station will be available via Regan Street.

Anyone who wishes to object to the closure must provide their reason in writing by **Friday 29 November 2024** at the office of the Stratford District Council, 63 Miranda Street, or by emailing [StratfordDC@stratford.govt.nz](mailto:StratfordDC@stratford.govt.nz)

V Araba | Director - Assets

### Meeting Schedule - November 2024

- **Workshop:** Tuesday 12 November at 1pm
- **Public Forum (by request):** Tuesday 12 November at 3pm. If no requests are received and approved, the Public Forum will be cancelled.
- **Council Meeting:** Tuesday 12 November at 3.30pm
- **Workshop:** Tuesday 19 November at 1pm
- **Audit and Risk Committee:** Tuesday 19 November at 2pm
- **Percy Thomson Trust Meeting:** Thursday 21 November at 3pm in the Stratford District Council Committee Room
- **Workshop:** Tuesday 26 November at 1pm
- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 26 November at 3pm

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

### 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

6 November 2024