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16 to 24 years old and not in work, education, or training? We got ya!

Our MTFJ Workforce Programme can pay for things like industry training, support with driver licences, and the equipment or clothes you'll need when you start work. Not sure what you want to do? We can help you work it out. And when you're ready, we can connect you with great local employers.

Take the first step

- Call 06 765 6099
- Email Workforce@Stratford.govt.nz
- Visit Stratford.govt.nz/Work



"The MTFJ programme really helped me out - buying tools for me to start and progress in my job... I am enjoying my fulltime job and learning a heap of new things and can't wait for the future."

- Rhyan

Got a creative project in mind? The Creative Communities fund is open now!

From community choir, film, exhibitions, and crafts, to cultural performances and more; if you're planning a creative project, we encourage you to put in an application for Creative Communities Scheme (CCS) funding!

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

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



DO YOU NEED A
KICK UP THE ARTS?

Apply for funding from our Creative Communities Scheme before 20 Sept

[STRATFORD.GOV.TZ/CCS](https://Stratford.govt.nz/CCS)

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Find out more

- Visit 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 **Friday 20 September 2024**

Public Notices

Meeting Schedule - August & September 2024

- **Percy Thomson Trust:** Thursday 22 August at 4pm, Stratford District Council Committee Room
- **Workshop:** Tuesday 3 September at 10am
- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 27 August at 3pm
- **Workshop:** Tuesday 10 September at 1pm
- **Public Forum (by request):** Tuesday 10 September at 3pm. If you wish to speak, please submit an application form to the Chief Executive by 12 noon Tuesday 3 September. Visit Stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum for more information.
- **Council Meeting:** Tuesday 10 September at 3:30pm
- **Percy Thomson Trust:** Thursday 19 September at 4pm, Stratford District Council Committee Room
- **Audit and Risk Committee:** Tuesday 17 September at 2pm
- **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 will they talk about in the next meeting?

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

Download the **Antenno** app for agenda info straight to your device!



Stratford district's Māori Ward to be retained ahead of 2025 binding poll

Last week, in front of a full public gallery, elected members voted unanimously to retain our district's Māori Ward and undertake a binding poll alongside the 2025 local government elections to determine the future of the seat from 2028 onwards.

The Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act was passed in late July by the coalition Government. Under the Act, council needed to decide on two possible options before 6 September 2024:

1. Retain our Māori Ward and undertake a binding poll alongside the 2025 elections
2. Disestablish the Māori Ward and either roll back to the previous representation model or undertake a shortened representation review in September 2024.

Next year, you'll have your chance to vote on whether we should have a Māori Ward from the 2028 local elections.

What are Māori wards?

Māori wards provide a way for Māori to have representation at council. People enrolled on the Māori electoral roll vote for candidates standing for Māori wards, while voters enrolled on the general electoral roll will vote for general ward, such as urban and rural, candidates.



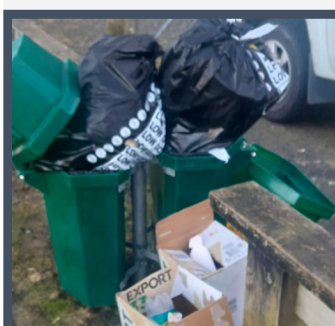
Here's a handy guide to knowing which bin is your home's bin...



Is the rubbish bin in a public place, like in a sports ground, park, or playground? It's not your rubbish bin. It's a public bin and you shouldn't dump all your household junk in it. That's illegal dumping and you could get a \$400 fine. Handy hint, the side of the road's not your bin either.



Is the bin in your driveway, at your house, or on your property? It's probably yours.



Got extra rubbish to get rid of? Dispose of a 50 ltr bag of general refuse at the Transfer Station for \$5, or bring a car boot's worth of rubbish in for \$24. Find out more at Stratford.govt.nz/TransferStation

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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

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