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# Central Link

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**STRATFORD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL



## Stratford's FREE Summer Nights Concert on Saturday

Kick back and relax, or get up the front and dance? Whatever your groove, you won't want to miss this weekend's live concert in King Edward Park with our Taranaki talent, Bald Eagles, followed by national treasures, The Lady Killers, featuring Suzanne Lynch, Tina Cross, and Jackie Clarke!

### Here's what you need to know

- **When:** From 5pm, Sat 18 Jan.
- **Where:** Rhododendron Dell, King Edward Park
- **Parking:** Parking is available at Stratford Primary School (gold coin donation). The entry is via Regan Street (follow the signs). There is dedicated accessibility parking along Brecon Road on Saturday between 12pm and 8pm.
- **Food trucks:** Purchase kai from Mr Kool Icecreams, Farmers Grill (slow-cooked BBQ, sides, desserts), and Safe Delites (gluten free food, chips, sweet treats and coffee).

- **Picnics / alcohol:** You're welcome to bring a picnic and your own beverages. Alcohol is allowed, but please remember this is a family-friendly event and drink responsibly.
- **Be a tidy kiwi:** Please use the recycling and rubbish facilities available at the event.
- **Umbrellas and chairs:** Yes, you're welcome to bring these and get comfy, but please consider other people when choosing your spot and setting up. We want to make sure everyone can see and have a great time.
- **Event updates:** The forecast is looking good, but we do have an indoor wet weather venue lined up. Follow us on Facebook or download the free Antenna app for any important event updates.

Read more about the Summer Nights Concert at [Stratford.govt.nz/Events](https://stratford.govt.nz/Events)

Thanks to our sponsors TET and TOI Foundation for helping make this community event possible!



## Book your bus ticket to Republic Day on Saturday & be in to win!

The Summer Nights Concert isn't the only event on this coming Saturday. Experience a day like no other at Whangamōmona Republic Day, with possum skinning, the sheep run, whip cracking, Kid's Corner, horse and cart rides, face painting, helicopter rides, and more! It's the only destination you can get a passport stamp without leaving New Zealand.

### What you need to know

- **When:** 10am - 4pm, Saturday 18 January

- **Where:** Whangamōmona - you won't miss it once you're there!
- **Entry fee:** \$10 for 15 years plus, \$5 for 6-14 year olds, 5 years and under are free. Pay as you go in. If you're getting the bus, the price of your bus ticket includes your entry fee.
- **Take the bus & be in to win. Bookings close 12pm Thursday:** While you can drive yourself, getting the bus is the easy way to travel. Special buses will run from/to the Stratford War Memorial Carpark on the day - but you need to book your seat in advance. If you need convincing, everyone on the bus will go

in the draw to win a Summer Nights picnic for four, filled with tasty treats to enjoy at the free Summer Nights Concert later that evening. Bus seats are limited, so don't miss out! Book at [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

- **Take cash:** They say cash is king and it's no different at Republic Day. EFTPOS and ATM facilities may not be available, so it's best to take cash.

Read more about Republic Day at [Stratford.govt.nz/Events](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/Events)

## 'Odds and Evens' Water Restrictions have begun

Environment factors, like low rainfall and dry or hot weather, can cause river levels to become too low. When that happens, council's resource consent requires us to reduce the amount of water we take from the Pātea River.

With water levels dropping in the Pātea River and dry weather forecast to continue, Stratford District Council has imposed level 1 water restrictions **until further notice**. The restrictions apply to all properties using the Stratford, Toko, and Midhirst water supply.

During this time, there will be a total ban on sprinkler and irrigation systems, and unattended hoses. Handheld hoses can be used depending on the house number of the resident.

**The following hose restrictions apply:**

- Houses with even numbers can use a hand-held hose only on even numbered days; and
- Houses with odd numbers can use a hand-held hose only on odd numbered days.



Read all the details at [Stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices)

- To learn more about water restrictions and why we need them, visit [Stratford.govt.nz/WaterRestrictions](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/WaterRestrictions)
- Every little drop helps! Do your part to conserve water and help look after the health of our rivers and streams. See water saving tips at [Stratford.govt.nz/SaveWater](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/SaveWater)

## Come to a council meeting or workshop

Attending a council meeting is a great way to see how your local democracy works. If you're considering standing for the 2025 local elections, you're interested in a topic up for discussion, or you're curious to see how council works, come to a meeting or workshop. Most are held at 63 Miranda Street. If you're unsure where to go, come and chat with our friendly team at reception.

### Meeting Schedule for January 2025

- **Workshop:** Tuesday 28 January at 1pm
- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 28 January at 3pm

Meetings and workshops will be held in the Council Chambers on Miranda Street, Stratford, unless stated otherwise.



Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/Schedule](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/Schedule) for updates to meetings and workshop times as these may change.

Agendas are usually published the Thursday before the meeting at [Stratford.govt.nz/Agenda](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/Agenda)

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## Stratford Summer School Holiday Activities

**Free and low-cost holiday events!**

**Download the booklet at [Stratford.govt.nz/Holidays](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/Holidays)**