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# Central Link

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WHAKAAHURANGI  
**STRATFORD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL



## FREE Summer Nights Movies in Victoria Park

Pack the popcorn and picnic blanket and grab your friends and whānau for our Summer Nights movies in the park this Saturday 25 January! Join us for Trolls Band Together followed by Wonka. These Hollywood favourites fought off fierce competition, winning the district's popular vote on our Facebook page.

### What you need to know

**When:** Saturday 25 January - Trolls Band Together starts at 4pm, Wonka at 5.45pm

**Where:** For the first time, we're holding our Summer Nights Movies on the grassed area in Victoria Park, next to the Stratford Bike Park. See the event details and map at [Stratford.govt.nz/Events](https://stratford.govt.nz/Events)

**Wet weather updates :** In the event of wet weather, we may have to postpone. Download the free Antenna app, visit [our Facebook page](#), or [check our event listing](#) for important event info (like any wet weather updates or postponement details).

**Parking:** Parking is available on the streets surrounding

Victoria Park, including Regan Street, Cordelia Street and Orlando Street.

**Kai:** Snacks and movies go together like, well... snacks and movies! You're welcome to bring a picnic and treats from home, or purchase from our on-site food trucks; Safe Delights (gluten free, meals, chips, desserts, and coffee), Mr Kool (soft serve ice-creams), Fruzo Taranaki (slushies), and Sarah's Baked Bliss (hot donuts and cupcakes).

**Things to bring:** You can take sun umbrellas and outdoor chairs, but when choosing and setting up your spot, please be considerate of the people behind and around you, so everyone can see and enjoy.

**Dogs:** While some of Victoria Park is a dog walking zone, if you're settling in to watch the movies, please leave your four-legged friend at home. There'll be loud sounds, lots of people (some who may be frightened of dogs), curious kids, and picnic food just lying around! These can be a bit much for even the goodest dog to handle for a whole movie.

**Be a tidy kiwi:** Please use the rubbish and recycling centre at the event, or take any rubbish home with you.

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

## Enrol. Vote. Be heard.

Rēhita. Pōti.  
Whakaputaina ō whakaaro.



## Are you enrolled to vote?

In October, you'll be able to have your say in the 2025 Local Elections, but only if you're enrolled to vote:

- If you're not sure if you're enrolled or your details have changed, check or update your details online at [Vote.nz](https://Vote.nz) or call 0800 36 76 56.

- If you are not able to enrol online, there are other ways to enrol or to update your details. Go to [other ways to enrol](#) for more information.

### Ratepayer Elector or Non-Resident Ratepayer

If you own a rateable property in the Stratford district but live in another one, you may be eligible to register and vote as a Ratepayer Elector or Non-Resident Ratepayer, if both of these apply:

- You are on the district valuation roll and pay rates in the council district
- The address where you are registered as a Parliamentary elector is outside that council district.

See more information and the Enrolment form for Ratepayer Electors at [Stratford.govt.nz/EnrolToVote](http://Stratford.govt.nz/EnrolToVote)

## Check the water's safe before you swim

Every week during summer, you're able to quickly access online water-quality test results for Taranaki's top swimming spots at [TRC.govt.nz/Can-I-Swim-Here](http://TRC.govt.nz/Can-I-Swim-Here). Make sure you always check it's safe before you or your dog jumps in.



## Proposed Road Closure – Junction Road

Stratford District Council is proposing to close a section of Junction Road between 551 Junction Road and Tawhiwhi Road.

The proposed closure will be on Saturday 15 March 2025 between 7am and 6pm for a gravel hill climb event being run by the South Taranaki Car Club.

Anyone who wishes to object to the closure must provide their reason in writing by 4.30pm Friday 7 February 2025 at the office of the Stratford District Council, 63 Miranda Street, or by emailing [StratfordDC@stratford.govt.nz](mailto:StratfordDC@stratford.govt.nz)

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## Coming up

- This week is the last of our School Holiday Programme. Check out our booklet for low-cost and free activities at [Stratford.govt.nz/Holidays](http://Stratford.govt.nz/Holidays), and all the best for your 2025 school year.
- Support local at Prospero Markets on Saturday 25 January from 10am to 1pm, Prospero Place, for crafts, clothing, kai, décor, and more!

## 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](http://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](http://Stratford.govt.nz/Agenda)

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