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Public Notices

Temporary road closure - Junction Road

Council has approved the closure of Junction Road between 551 Junction Road and Tawhiwhi Road.

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

The closure has been granted in accordance with Section 342(1) (b) Schedule 10 clause 11(e) of the Local Government Act 1974.

V Araba | Chief Executive

Meeting schedule - February

- **Percy Thomson Trust:** Thursday 20 February at 3pm, Stratford District Council Committee Room
- **Extraordinary Meeting of Council:** Tuesday 25 February at 10am
- **Farm Committee:** Tuesday 25 February at 12 noon
- **Policy & Services Committee** to hear and consider submissions to the Vehicle Crossing, Restricted Access of Roads, and Parking Control Bylaws: Tuesday 25 February at 1pm
- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 25 February at 3pm

Meeting Schedule - March

- **Workshop:** Tuesday 11 March at 1pm
- **Public Forum (by request):** Tuesday 11 March at 3pm. If you wish to speak, please submit an application form to the Chief Executive by 12 noon on Tuesday 4 March. For more information, visit [Stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum)
- **Council Meeting:** Tuesday 11 March at 3:30pm
- **Audit and Risk Committee:** Tuesday 18 March at 2pm
- **Percy Thomson Trust:** Thursday 20 March at 3pm, Stratford District Council Committee Room
- **Workshop:** Tuesday 25 March at 2pm
- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 25 March 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.

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Check water quality online before you jump in

The water at your favourite outdoor swimming spot might look clean, but it's always best to double check there's no harmful bacteria present and that it's safe for swimming. Don't worry, it's easy and quick!

Visit [TRC.govt.nz/Can-I-Swim-Here](https://www.trc.govt.nz/Can-I-Swim-Here) before you or your dog takes the plunge. Taranaki Regional Council publishes water quality results weekly for all the top recreational swimming spots.



Stratford to celebrate Children's Day with free swim and colour run!

Children's Day on Sunday 2 March 2025 is approaching fast, but Stratford District Youth Council (SDYC) has the festivities covered. From 1pm - 4pm on the day, there'll be free swimming and ice-creams on offer to kids at Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre. A week later on Sunday 9 March, SDYC is holding their Colour in the Park walk/run event, and for the first time all entries will be free in celebration of Children's Day.

Youth Councillor Sapphire Brady says, "Holding these events for free gives more of our district's kids the chance to splash about with friends, run around with whānau, be loud, get messy, have fun, and eat ice-cream. We can't think of a better way to celebrate Children's Day. A big thank you to the Taranaki Electricity Trust for helping us bring these events to life."

At **Wai o Rua's free swim session** from 1pm - 4pm on Sunday 2 March, 100 free pool entries and ice-creams will go to the first 100 kids aged 16 years old and under who arrive at the aquatic centre. Kids are encouraged to come early in the session to avoid missing out.

"Don't forget, pool supervision rules will still apply and it's worth checking these out at [WaiORua.govt.nz](https://www.waiORua.govt.nz) when you're planning your kids' free visit. We'd love to see lots of family members in the pool, enjoying a good splash around with their tamariki too," says Sapphire.

Expect a riot of colour from 1pm - 3pm on Sunday 9 March as **Colour in the Park** returns to Stratford's King Edward Park. Suitable for tamariki and rangatahi aged 5 years and over, as well as young-at-heart grown-ups, the SDYC event will see colourful powder shower down on participants as they move through the course.

Registration for Colour in the Park is free for the first time in the event's history. In another first, there'll be a shorter wheelchair and mobility scooter accessible route so more people can take part. Interested runners, walkers, and rollers should register before 11pm Thursday 6 March at [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

Sapphire says, "If you can imagine a rainbow exploding all over a fun run, you'll have a good idea of what to expect. Wear white or black for the colour to really stand out. Extra credit for costumes!"

"You'll be able to fuel up at our free sausage sizzle, thanks to our friends at Zeal Taranaki, and if you need even more colour, there'll be free facepainting too."

For event updates, follow Stratford District Council or SDYC on Facebook. More information about both events is available at [Stratford.govt.nz/ChildrensDay](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/ChildrensDay)



Americarna rolls into Stratford on Friday, are you ready?

Vroom, vroom! Stratford Business Association is getting ready to host one of Aotearoa's biggest celebrations of American cars and car-culture in Whakaahurangi, Stratford on Friday 21 February - yeehaw!

Make sure you head on down to Prospero Place from 10am to 1pm for incredible cars, live music, family fun, and tasty treats. From hot rods to hot dogs, there'll be something for everyone!

Please be aware there'll be road closures on parts of SH3 Broadway, Regan Street, and Miranda Street from 7am to 3pm. Access will be available for residents and emergency services and detours will be in place. Find out more at [Stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices)

River levels are low! Conserve water!

Pātea River levels are very low and users of the Stratford, Toko, and Midhirst water supply are currently under water restrictions. Please conserve water where you can and make sure you check [Stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices) to see which water restriction level we're at, and what current restrictions mean for your water use.

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Stratford Transfer Station

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Monday: 12pm - 5pm

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Friday - Sunday: 12pm - 5pm

Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre

Phone 06 765 6275

Monday - Friday: 6am - 6.30pm

Saturday: 7am - 5pm

Sunday & Public Holidays:

10am - 5pm

Glockenspiel

Performs daily at 10am, 1pm, 3pm, and 7pm

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