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All welcome as Stratford commemorates and celebrates Anzac Day 2025

Friday 25 April 2025 is Anzac Day.

District Mayor Neil Volzke says, "Anzac Day is about coming together to remember and honour our service people; past and present, overseas and at home, and many of us will have family members or friends in mind when we stand at the Dawn Service and hear the First Post."

"Whether you're marching in uniform at the parade, or you're in the crowd at your very first Dawn Service, please join us afterwards to reflect over a cuppa. Sharing stories in the Anzac spirit of camaraderie is a big part of how we commemorate and celebrate the day here in Stratford."

Hall of Remembrance

- **Open 8am - 5pm from Wednesday 23 April to Sunday 29 April 2025**

- **Open from 5.30am - 5pm on Anzac Day**

Pay your respects to the Stratford residents who lost their lives in WWI and WWII by visiting the Hall of Remembrance in the Municipal Building on Broadway. You're also welcome to lay a wreath in remembrance of those who have passed.

His Royal Highness, Edward Prince of Wales, officially opened this moving and unique roll of honour in 1920, with photographs of Stratford's WWI soldiers. His Worship the Mayor N.H. Moss, Esq. unveiled photographs of WWII soldiers on Anzac Day 1951.

Wreath Making Workshop

10am - 12pm, Tuesday 22 April, Stratford War Memorial Centre

Create a wreath to be laid in the Hall of Remembrance to commemorate Anzac Day. Everything you need to make a wreath will be provided, but you're most welcome to bring your own special flowers, foliage, or materials.

This is a free event, all ages are welcome, and registration's not required.



Anzac Day Dawn Parade and Service

Friday 25 April 2025

Join our District Mayor, councillors, and representatives from the RSA, and NZ Defence Force from 6am for Stratford's Dawn Parade and Service.

Dawn Parade starting 6am

The parade will leave the Colonel Malone Gates at 6am, moving in a procession from the Malone Gates, down Fenton Street, left onto Miranda Street, and finishing in front of the Cross of Sacrifice.

Marching in the parade? Gather at 5.40am

Thank you for marching on parade. There's no need to register your participation. Please gather at the Malone Gates at 5.40am and await instructions from the Parade Leader.

Did you know you can honour the memory of a direct relative (including a grandparent) by wearing their full-sized or miniature medals on the right side of your chest to Anzac Day commemorations or on parade? Find out more at RSA.org.nz

Dawn Service followed by kai and a cuppa: from 6.10am

Following the parade, a Dawn Service will be held in front of the Cross of Sacrifice on Miranda Street.

The service will finish at around 6.50am. Please join us for a free cuppa and light breakfast afterwards in the Function Facility at the War Memorial Centre. All are welcome!

Wreath laying during the service

During the Dawn Service, there'll be the opportunity to lay down wreaths. If your community organisation, group, or school wishes to be added to the wreath registry, please email ACrane@stratford.govt.nz

After registered wreaths are laid, members of the public will be invited to step forward and lay a wreath. Don't be nervous about doing so. Wait for your turn, lay the wreath down gently, take a step back, pause for reflection, and then return to the crowd.

Public Notices

Meeting Schedule - April

- **Public Forum (by request):** Tuesday 8 April at 3pm in Whangamōmona.
- **Council Meeting:** Tuesday 8 April at 3.30pm. This meeting is to be held in Whangamōmona.
- **Extraordinary Meeting** to approve the consultation document for Local Water Done Well reforms: Tuesday 15 April at 3pm
- **Percy Thomson Trust:** Thursday 17 April at 3pm, Stratford District Council Committee Room
- **Workshop:** Tuesday 29 April at 1pm
- **Policy & Services Committee** to hear and consider submissions on the draft Victoria Reserve Management Plan: Tuesday 29 April at 2pm.
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Meetings and workshops will be held in the Council Chambers on Miranda Street, Stratford, unless stated otherwise. Visit Stratford.govt.nz/Schedule for updates to meeting and workshop times as these may change.

S Hanne | Chief Executive



Congratulations to our newest NZ citizens!

Nau mai haere mai! At our latest New Zealand Citizenship Ceremony, District Mayor Neil Volzke presented citizenship certificates to Vanessa Belcher, Hayden Domingo, Annene Dreyer, Breda Dreyer, Cheryl Dreyer, Kristine Macalalag, Courtney Mawson, Jack Mawson, Jonathan Palmer (senior), Joyce Palmer, Jonathan Palmer (junior), Lydia Smith, Frank Tawake, Pierre Smit, Robert Smit, Patchara Prasat, and Daryl Slack. Congratulations and thank you for choosing Stratford district, the heart of Taranaki, as your home!

The Stratford Shakespeare Festival is here!

Hark! Hark! The Bard is back! The Stratford Shakespeare Festival doth grace us once more with wondrous performances, both freely given and worthily priced, brought to thee by the Stratford Shakespeare Trust.

Experience Javanese Puppet Theatre, Baldrick's Big Day Out, and beloved festival favourites, The Barden Party and Penny Ashton (pictured) returning with new acts.

Miss not these events. Visit StratfordShakespeareFestNZ.co.nz forthwith!



Prospero Place upgrades!

We're giving our town centre some love, by transforming Prospero Place into a community space that you can be proud of, with links to our natural environment, and cultural and historic identity. It's a key project in our Long Term Plan. Find out more at YourSay.Stratford.govt.nz



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Thursday: 10am – 1pm

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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