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## He karere tā te Kaunihera ā Rohe o Whakaahurangi News from the Stratford District Council

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TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O  
**WHAKAAHURANGI**  
**STRATFORD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Public Notices

### Meeting schedule February 2025

- **Public Forum:** Tuesday 11 February at 3pm (on request).
- **Council Meeting:** Tuesday 11 February at 3:30pm
- **Percy Thomson Trust Extraordinary Meeting:** 18 February at 10am, Stratford District Council Committee Room
- **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

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

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

### S Hanne | Chief Executive

### Proposed Temporary Road Closure - Anzac Day 2025

Stratford District Council is proposing to close the following roads from **5.30am to 10am Friday 25 April 2025** for Anzac Day:

- Miranda Street between Fenton Street and Regan Street.
- Fenton Street from Broadway to the Malone Gates, and Portia Street from the Malone Gates to the TET Multi-Sports Centre carpark.

Detours will be signed and available for the duration of these proposed road closures.

Anyone who wishes to object to the closure must provide their reason in writing by **4.30pm Friday 28 February 2025** at the office of the Stratford District Council, 63 Miranda Street, or by emailing StratfordDC@stratford.govt.nz

### V Araba | Director - Assets

## Waitangi Day opening hours

On Thursday 6 February, we recognise the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, The Treaty of Waitangi.

- Council's **Service Centre** and the **Stratford Library & Visitor Information Centre** will be closed on the day.
- **Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre** will be open from 10am - 5pm. The **Transfer Station** will be open for their normal hours of 10am to 1pm.

Enjoy your time off with friends and whānau. To everyone working, thanks for your mahi!

### Library & Visitor Information Centre

Phone 06 765 5403

Monday – Friday: 8.30am – 5pm

Saturday: 9am – 1pm

Sunday & Public Holidays: Closed

### Stratford Transfer Station

Phone 06 765 8500

Monday: 12pm - 5pm

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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## Restricted fire season now in place. Get your permit for open-air fires

With both heat and wind featuring in Taranaki this summer, Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) has moved the region to a restricted fire season. That means Stratford district residents will need to apply for a permit to light an open-air fire and if you receive one, you must follow the conditions of the permit.

Open-air fires include bonfires, campfires, burn piles or pits, land-clearing burns, and more. Visit [CheckItsAlright.nz](https://CheckItsAlright.nz) to quickly find out if you need a fire permit and make an application online.

Finding out if you need a permit only takes a minute or two, but if you need to apply, it can take 5 - 10 working days for FENZ to process your application, so please allow yourself plenty of time.

### Can I use my charcoal BBQ, light my outdoor brazier, or lay down a hāngī?

Some types of fires don't require you to apply for a permit if you're able to follow some set conditions, like not leaving your brazier unsupervised, and ensuring



[CheckItsAlright.nz](https://CheckItsAlright.nz)

you've got a suitable way to extinguish your charcoal BBQ in easy reach, amongst others.

[CheckItsAlright.nz](https://CheckItsAlright.nz) has a handy 'Need a fire permit' tool. Enter your address and the type of fire you'd like to light. If you don't need a permit, you'll instead see a list of the conditions you need to follow in order for your fire to be considered authorised.



## He Kāhui Tupua

## Te Matatini o Te Kāhui Maunga is coming soon. Are you ready?

Taranaki is playing host to Te Matatini o Te Kāhui Maunga at the Pukekura Bowl of Brooklands from 25 February – 1 March.

More than 40,000 visitors are expected to visit the region for what's been described as the "Olympics of Kapa Haka" and we're getting ready to roll out a big Whakaahurangi Stratford welcome!

### Businesses

With Americarna, Te Matatini, and WOMAD occurring in quick succession, the whole region will be buzzing during February and March. Venture Taranaki is advising businesses to be prepared with lights on, shelves stocked, and your workforce at the ready!

Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/TeMatatini](https://Stratford.govt.nz/TeMatatini) to access business ready info from Venture Taranaki and a webinar from the local hosting team for Te Matatini with details about the festival and tips for local businesses.

### Individuals

#### Have you got your tickets yet?

Watch over 50 elite Kapa Haka teams live, in the largest display of Māori performing arts in the world!

Book your tickets at [TeMatatini.co.nz](https://TeMatatini.co.nz) and make sure you bring your friends and whānau. There are discounted tickets for our 65+ community and free tickets for tamariki aged 0 - 5 years of age.

#### Get involved

Follow [Facebook.com/TeMatatini](https://Facebook.com/TeMatatini) and look out for opportunities to volunteer.



## Check out our easy tips to save water

[Stratford.govt.nz/SaveWater](https://Stratford.govt.nz/SaveWater)



## Summer Nights

## Thanks for coming to our Summer Nights movies!