

# Central Link

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News from the Stratford District Council

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



## The Bard is back!

The Stratford Shakespeare Festival is backeth for 2024 with plays and events on from Saturday 6 April; culminating in the wildly popular *Baldrick's Big Day Out* at the Stratford Racecourse on Saturday 13 April. Visit [stratford.govt.nz/Shakespeare](http://stratford.govt.nz/Shakespeare) for event info and maketh sure thee book ticketed events early to avoideth missing out.

The Stratford Shakespeare Trust brings this goodly festival to thee with support from Creative Communities NZ, Taranaki Electricity Trust, and the Taranaki Foundation.

*Pictured, The Tempestuous - Penny Ashton*

## Public Notices

### Meeting Schedule - March 2024

- **Extraordinary Meeting of Council:** Tuesday 26 March at 1pm
- **Hearing (King Edward Park Management Plan):** Tuesday 26 March at 2pm
- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 26 March at 3pm

Meetings and Workshops will be held in the Council Chambers on Miranda Street. Changes to meeting times will be published in the meeting schedule at [stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices](http://stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices)

S Hanne | Chief Executive

### Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy adopted

Stratford District Council considered submissions on the Easter Sunday Trading Policy at a hearing on Tuesday 27 February 2024. The final policy was adopted by Council on Tuesday 12 March 2024.

The Policy enables business operators that would not ordinarily be able to trade on Easter Sunday to continue to open and trade within the Stratford district.

The Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy is available at [stratford.govt.nz/Policies](http://stratford.govt.nz/Policies)

B Sutherland | Director - Environmental Health Services

### Road closure on Cardiff Road

Stratford District Council will close Cardiff Road to through traffic from **18 March to 19 April 2024** for roadworks located at the Pātea River Bridge. The closure will start from the intersection of Cardiff Road and Waingongoro Road and finish at the intersection of Pembroke Road and Monmouth Road.

Access will be provided to residents within the area of the road closure. There will be signed detour routes available for the duration of the closure for eastbound traffic on Opunake Road, westbound traffic on Monmouth Road, and eastbound traffic on Pembroke Road

We apologise for any inconvenience.

V Araba | Director - Assets

### Library and Visitor Information

Phone 06 765 5403

Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm

Saturday 9.00am – 1.00pm

Sunday & Public Holidays Closed

### Transfer Station

Phone 06 765 8500

Monday – Friday 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Wednesday 10.00am – 1.00pm

Saturday & Sunday 1.00pm – 5.00pm

### Wai O Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre

Phone 06 765 6275

Monday – Friday 6.00am – 6.30pm

Saturday 7.00am – 5.00pm

Sunday and Public Holidays

10.00am – 5.00pm

### Glockenspiel

Performs Daily at 10.00am, 1.00pm, 3.00pm and 7.00pm

20 March 2024

## Stratford 'winning at' recycling with less than 3% contamination

Stratford residents have been winning at recycling lately, says Peter McNamara, Stratford District Council (SDC) Waste and Water Education Officer.

The town has achieved an incredibly low average recycling contamination rate of 2.45% in their latest three-monthly independent audit at the region's Materials Recovery Facility.

"Recycling contamination includes the stuff people think is recyclable but actually isn't, as well as the sneaky bits of rubbish that find their way into mixed recycling bins," says Peter.

"During our last reporting year, on average, 19% of what was in residents' recycling bins was classed as contamination, so being under 3% consistently is an amazing achievement."

"It's early days, but congratulations Stratford – we're acing it so far."

SDC's target for kerbside recycling contamination is 12% or less, with a Taranaki regional target of 15% or less.



Peter puts the improvements in Stratford's performance, partly down to the council's focus on waste minimisation education, but is adamant that it's the community putting in the effort that's the key factor.

"We do our own regular audit of people's recycling bins. Last year, we sent out 249 education packs to households that needed a bit of a hand to get their recycling contamination down. After re-checking their bins, only 9 still had issues."

"I think we've got a community that generally cares about sustainability. Once they know how to properly recycle, they put in the work, and do a great job."

The independent audit covers the three months from December 2023 to the end of February 2024. The results are based on the weight of what's been collected and reviewed.

## Easter Hunt!

## The Stratford Hunt is ON! Be in to WIN!

Calling all kids and teenagers...

1. Grab an Easter Hunt entry form at the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre or Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre.
2. Find the hidden clues within Prospero Place and Broadway
3. Return your form to the library or pool by 4pm Friday 5 April
4. Go in the draw to WIN 1 of 3 \$100 Easter hampers!

## 'Odds and evens' water restrictions still on

Water restrictions are still on for properties using the Stratford, Toko, and Midhirst water supply.

A total ban on the use of sprinklers, irrigation systems, and unattended hoses is currently in place and the following hand-held 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.

If everyone makes small changes to their water consumption, it can add up to a big difference.

Read water saving tips at [stratford.govt.nz/SaveWater](http://stratford.govt.nz/SaveWater)



## DO YOU NEED A KICK UP THE ARTS?

Apply for funding from our Creative Communities Scheme before 7 April

[STRATFORD.GOV.T.NZ/CCS](http://stratford.govt.nz/CCS)

[creative.nz](http://creative.nz)

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