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News from the Stratford District Council

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TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O
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STRATFORD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Water Saving Tip

The average time spent in the shower is 8 minutes. If every Stratford district resident reduced their shower time to 5 minutes, the region would save nearly 2 MILLION litres of water per week!

See more tips!

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

Public Notices

Meeting schedule - February 2024

- **Workshop:** Tuesday 13 February at 10am
- **Public Forum (by request):** Tuesday 13 February at 3pm
- **Council Meeting:** Tuesday 13 February at 3.30pm
- **Hearing (Easter Sunday Trading and Speed Management Plan):** Tuesday 27 February at 1pm
- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 27 February at 3pm

Meetings and Workshops will be held in the Council Chambers on Miranda Street.

- **Meeting of the Percy Thomson Trust:** Thursday 15 February at 4pm, Stratford District Council Committee Room

Changes to meeting times will be published in the meeting schedule at [Stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices](https://stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices)

S Hanne | Chief Executive

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Victoria Park pond to be drained, dried, and silt, rubbish, and sediment removed before being re-filled

Victoria Park's pond has an important job to do. It acts as a trap for sediment flowing in with stormwater, helping to filter the incoming water before it joins the Patea River. Years of silt and sediment have been slowly building up since the pond was last excavated and it's now time for the pond's regular clean-out to extend its life.

From 12 February, Stratford District Council will drain the pond, allow the bed to dry to reduce the chance of silt and sediment going downstream, and then excavate the pond to remove the sludge before the pond is refilled. The whole project will take around two months, depending on the weather.

Will we be able to use the walking tracks around the pond?

The pond will be fenced off while the work is taking place. You'll still be able to use walking tracks around the pond, but we may need to restrict access through the southern side of the track during the excavation stage to make room for machinery to operate safely. Please respect the fence boundary and take note of any signage in the area.

What will happen to the silt and sediment?

Once any rubbish has been removed, the silt and sediment will be spread onto land as a permitted activity. We've had samples of the silt analysed, and it's safe for this use. The field will later be re-planted.



What will you do with the fish?

Fish and eels living in the pond can freely move out of the outlet while the pond is being drained. As eels enjoy a muddy environment, we'll use nets to catch any remaining eels before safely transporting them downstream. Invasive fish species will be eradicated, which was a decision made in discussions with Ngāti Ruanui.

How will you stop sludge going downstream?

We'll slowly drain and dry the pond over a period of weeks to stop adverse effects downstream. While the excavation is taking place, inflowing water will be diverted to bypass the pond. Silt and sediment filtering will also be in place at the pond outlet and gate valve.

If you have any questions about this project, please email StratfordDC@Stratford.govt.nz or give us a call on 06 765 6099.



Digital Drop-in sessions starting soon at the library

1pm - 2.30pm, every Tuesday starting from Tuesday 13 February

Come to our new Digital Drop-in sessions at the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre if you need a bit of friendly support to explore and use your digital device or online sites, tools, and services.

The team can help with:

- Smart devices (phones, tablets, and laptops)
- Social media
- Online shopping
- Emails
- myMSD and RealMe
- Internet banking
- Games, and more!

Use the library's devices or bring your own.



Free
Event

Summer Nights

FREE CONCERT IN KING EDWARD PARK
THIS WEEKEND, SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY!

5pm - Mitch and his Guitar | 6.15pm - The Mara

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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

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