

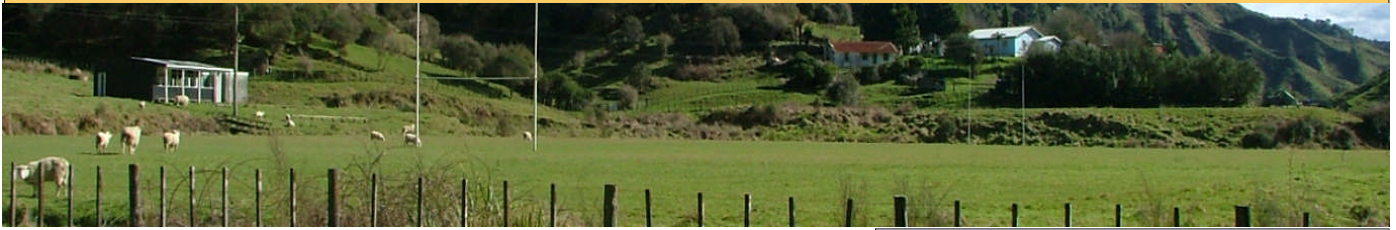
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What's Coming Up?

- Monday 1 September - Friday 24 October
Capture the Heart of Taranaki - Photo Competition. You can win your very own Panasonic digital camera & accessories. Contact Raewyn at the Stratford District Council or phone 06 765 6099 to enter. Entry costs \$10.00.
 - Saturday 6 September - Friday 26 September
Greats and Grands Poetry Competition. Write a poem - Why is your grand-parent or great grand-parent important in your life? Hand your entry in at Stratford Info Centre and register for FREE morning tea with your Grandparent(s) to be held at Stratford District Council on Wed 1 October at 10.00am. Winners will be announced at this event. Entries must be received by Friday 19 Sept. Further information available by phoning Raewyn Gordon 06 765 6099.
 - Wednesday & Thursday 1st & 2nd October
'Stay Well Diabetes Course' 9.30am - 3.00pm both days. St John's Rooms, 136 Regan St, Stratford. Six sessions, bring your own lunch - tea & coffee provided. For further information and to register contact Stratford Health Centre 06 765 7189.
 - Friday 12 September - Thursday 2 October
Form and Fibre Exhibition. A joint exhibition of pottery and embroidery at the Percy Thomson Gallery from Friday 12th September to Thursday 2nd October.
 - Saturday 13 September - Thursday 2 October
Recollection - Multi Media decoupage at Percy Thomson Gallery, Stratford.
 - Saturday 8 November
General Election
 - Wednesday, 29 October To Sunday, 9 November
'Allo,'Allo Live Stage Performance. Stratford on Stage presents 'Allo, Allo at Stratford's TET King's Theatre. For more information phone the production manager on 7658474.
 - 31 October - 9 November
TET Stratford Garden Design Expo to be held in Prospero Place, between Miranda Street and Broadway, Stratford. Check out landscape designers mini gardens. Contact Peter 06 765 7180.
 - Saturday, 24 January
Whangamomona Republic Day. Join the biannual Whangamomona Republic Day festivities. Contact Tania, phone 06 762 5819.
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STRATFORD COMMUNITY NEWZ & VIEWZ



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The Stratford Positive Ageing Group want to recognise and value the older members of the community with the

Greats and Grands poetry competition

to celebrate International Day of the Older Person
1 October 2008

win!!!

Cool prizes for you and your grandparent! Two prizes to be won in each division!

how to enter

Write a poem: Why is your grandparent or great-grandparent important in your life?



There are two age divisions - Primary age and under, and Secondary age and older. At least one participant per entry must reside in the Stratford District. Hand your entry in at the Stratford Information Centre and register for FREE morning tea with your Grandparent (s) to be held at the Stratford District Council on Wednesday 1 October at 10.00 am. Winners will be announced at this event. Entries must be received by Friday 26 September 2008. The judges decision is final. For further information, phone Raewyn Gordon on (06) 765 6099.

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STRATFORD IDENTITY PROJECT GOES ELECTRONIC

The ongoing Stratford Identity Project has two electronic aspects nearing completion.

The Stratford Information Centre is the proud owner of a new electronic information kiosk, which is mounted on the window nearest the bus stop.

This kiosk will be available 24 hours a day, which means that even when the Information Centre is shut, residents and tourists will be able to find important information.

The kiosk is expected to be operational before Christmas, depending on several technical issues.

Also, the Stratford District Council are redeveloping their website, www.stratford.govt.nz. The site is almost ready to go live, and will offer a more a user-friendly experience.



Women of Spirit Awards

'Celebrating the achievements & contributions of women in Taranaki'

Nominations are being sought for women in Taranaki who have shown outstanding community spirit and have made a significant and positive difference to our region.

If you know a Taranaki woman who deserves to be acknowledged for her achievement or contribution we would love to hear from you.

Nomination forms can be obtained from Puke Ariki, your local library, downloaded from www.newplymouthnz.com or phone Claire 06 758 8861 or Andy 06 758 5644.

Nominations close 4pm, 26 September 2008

Soroptimist International New Plymouth in association with



NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT COUNCIL
www.newplymouthnz.com

A Note from PJ ...

For a wee while now a group of locals have been considering the possibility of establishing a COMMUNITY HOUSE right here in Stratford, to house social services groups. Around 22 October there will be a feature on the project concept in the Stratford Press so that everybody in the community can have a look at the DRAFT proposal and have the opportunity to become involved. Your feedback is welcome. If you wish to have some discussions please contact me.



Otherwise its business as usual in our busy community – dare I say it: Christmas is looming! Take care :)

Pauline James
Community Advisor

'P' PRESENTATION

Central Taranaki Rural Women N.Z are hosting Mr Gordon Rongonui at 1pm on Friday 31 September. Gordon is the Maori Liaison Officer for the Police Force in Palmerston North, and will be speaking about 'Methamphetamine' or as we commonly know it 'P'.

When this man speaks you can just about hear a pin drop, his presentation is so powerful. Stratford is very lucky to get this man, as he speaks to many groups around the country.

Gordon's presentation could last close to 2 hours but it is worth every listening minute.

If you have any queries nearer the time contact Margaret Vickers on 06 7628845 or Joyce Orr on 06 7628851.

KEYSTONE TARANAKI 2008 CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

Session Title	Cost and Facilitator	Date and Location
Developing Policies and Procedures Not sure where to start with policies and procedures? Learn which policies and procedures you require and learn the skills to efficiently and effectively develop them. Examples and templates provided.	Greg Kirk Taranaki District Health Board HR Department \$15 per person	12.30pm-1.30pm Hospital Education Centre, New Plymouth Wednesday 24 September
Workplace Wellbeing This workshop is aimed at managers of community-based organisations, trustees of boards, committees and societies. The focus of the workshop is on developing and maintaining effective and positive employment relationships.	Conor Twyford and Judy Dell from the Workplace Wellbeing programme \$15 per person	9.30am – 4.00pm Community Development Centre, Top Town Building, New Plymouth Thursday 23 October Or Theatre Lounge, Community Building, Hawera Friday 24 October
Effective Operation of Organisations Planning is the key to success. These sessions provide an easy to use model that will support organisations to plan what they do and become more effective at it.	Trevor Johnston, CEO Riverlands \$20 per person	6.00pm – 7.30pm TSB Chambers, War Memorial Hall, Stratford Tuesday 4 November

Bookings and enquiries: Please contact the Bishop's Action Foundation on 06 759 1178 or ceo@bishopsactionfoundation.org.nz



STRATFORD DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL HEADS TO CHRISTCHURCH

The Stratford District Youth Council is preparing to head to Christchurch in October for the Youth In Local Government Conference.

The Conference is a biennial event providing an opportunity for those working in local government who are interested in developing stronger links with young people to meet together and discuss issues related to involving young people with their local communities.

The previous Conference was held in New Plymouth; the Stratford District Youth Council attended and enjoyed themselves.

Chairman Ngawai Matthews says "only some of us could attend this year because it is in Christchurch, but we're looking forward to learning a lot and enjoying ourselves again."



SPARC 2008 RURAL TRAVEL FUND



Applications are now being sought for the SPARC Rural Travel Fund.

The Rural Travel Fund is available to rural sports clubs and rural school teams with young people aged between 5-19 years who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions.

The Rural Travel Fund does not provide assistance for the purpose of travelling to **regional** or **national** events.

Application Forms are available from the Stratford District Council Office, Information Centre and Public Library, Miranda Street and close on Friday 3 October 2008 at 4.30 pm. Further information / assistance is available from Raewyn Gordon.

Applicants are encouraged to contact Raewyn to ensure eligibility and provide assistance with application information.

RED CROSS COLLECTION DAY

Red Rose Day is Friday 24 October from 9.30am to 1pm

Stratford Red Cross will once again undertake sales on Broadway. A gold coin donation for each rose.

Early orders of special sized bunches - including a special message if required - can be placed with Joy Neild by calling 765 5927 before 17 October.

Why not give a bunch to someone special in your life? A birthday, an anniversary!



eDAY AIMS TO CLEAN UP STRATFORD'S eWASTE

Stratford's residents can dispose of their old PCs, computer peripherals and mobile phones at eDay on Saturday 4 October.

eDay, a free computer recycling event being held in 32 centres throughout New Zealand, is expected to divert 1,000 tonnes of potentially toxic waste from landfills.

The drive-through event enables residents in Stratford to recycle their old computer equipment and mobile phones in an environmentally-friendly way, and raises awareness about the environmental and health dangers of dumping electronic waste (e-waste) in landfills.

eDay will be held at the Stratford Transfer Station on Saturday 4th October from 9am – 3pm.

eDay 2008 is a drive-through event and is open to cars only. Businesses and schools are advised to visit www.eday.org.nz for alternate disposal options and more information about e-waste.

CAPTURE THE HEART OF TARANAKI

The Stratford Business Association wants you to capture the heart of Taranaki. For a \$10 entry fee, competitors will get a disposable camera to snap images of the Stratford District.

There are 200 cameras available, with the winning entry used to make 2009 calendars and postcards.

Disposable cameras were chosen to level the playing field. When the cameras are returned the SBA will develop the films to decide the winners. That means the winning photo will not be touched-up or doctored.

Winners will be announced after the Christmas Parade in December and the calendars will be available for sale. The top three prizes are digital cameras and accessories.