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

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New skate bowl complete! But the work's not done yet...

Get your skates on and grab your board. Work on the new skate bowlat the Stratford Skate Park is complete, but please be patient as our redevelopment of the park continues.

Our full plan for the park includes the new bowl, steps and handrail, with a concrete path linking the bowl with the rest of the skate park. We're also looking at resurfacing the existing concrete areas of the park, which will be proposed to Elected Members as a project in our draft Long Term Plan.

Public Notices

Council meetings - January 2024

- Workshop: Tuesday 23 January at 12.30pm
- Policy and Services Committee: Tuesday 23 January 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**

S Hanne | Chief Executive

Review of the Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and piercing bylaw 2023

The Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Piercing Bylaw 2023 has been reviewed by the Council and adopted with minor changes.

The bylaw and code of practice address the levels of risk associated with beauty therapy, skin piercing and tattooing activities, and provides clear standards for how operators will minimise and maintain associated risks. The bylaw establishes standards to promote and protect public health.

As a result of submissions made to the Policy and Services Committee on Tuesday 28 November, amendments to the draft bylaw and code of practice were approved. New provisions include:

- Section 7, clause e) in the bylaw which states, "the requirement to meet a minimum standard may be waived if the council is satisfied that an alternative method will achieve a similar standard."
- Section 10, Restrictions which has been added to the bylaw to describe restricted services.

Visit **Stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices** and read our full public notice for more information. The Beauty Therapy, Tattooing and Piercing Bylaw 2023 and Code of Practice are available online at **Stratford.govt.nz**

B Sutherland | Director Environmental Services

Save the dates. Stratford's Summer Nights events announced for 2024!

Shake out your picnic blankets, dates have been locked down and the main acts announced for Stratford's free 2024 Summer Nights concert and movie events in picturesque King Edward Park.

Stratford District Council's Summer Nights movies in the park will be held on Saturday 27 January 2024 with Shrek at 4pm and then Mamma Mia at 5.45pm.

Summer Nights organiser Amy Kingston says Shrek and Mamma Mia won the community's vote on SDC's Facebook page. "We asked people to vote for their favourite movies from our list. Competition between the movies was absolutely fierce, and we were glued to our screens wishing we had popcorn, but Shrek and Mamma Mia were the clear crowd favourites."

On Saturday 10 February, the Summer Nights live concert in the park will get started at 5pm with Taranaki based acoustic talent Mitch and his Guitar to get people in the groove.

The concert will continue with Taranaki Alt-Rock band The Mara. Amy says, "Bring your crew and expect to get on your feet! The Mara's kiwi summer vibe and highenergy performance will have you dancing the night away."



Food and drinks will be sold at both events, and people are also welcome to bring their own kai and beverages.

"Bring your whānau, friends, and visitors. There's no better way to enjoy the long summer evenings than to chill out in our gorgeous park with your favourite people, free entertainment, and a yummy picnic," says Amv.

It's the last week to donate to Stratford's Mayoral Christmas Gift Appeal



The Mayoral Christmas Gift Appeal is a special tradition in Stratford. It's a chance for us all to spread a bit of extra holiday cheer to our neighbours that need it most.

Please drop your donations off under the Christmas tree at our Service Centre on Miranda Street or the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre before they close on **Friday 15 December**.

We'll add your donations to Christmas gift packs, which will be delivered by District Mayor Neil Volzke ahead of the big day. (Yes, he'll wear a Santa hat.) The lucky recipients have been confidentially nominated by community members and organisations and confirmed by our team.

Making a donation? Items needed include:

- books for all ages
- new toiletries for all ages
- non-perishable food and Christmas Day treats
- family board games
- summer fun toys like sports equipment, outdoor games, or something for the beach

Thank you for your generosity!

\$500 voucher - you in?

If you're a ratepayer in Stratford district, make sure you've got your two ticks for easy rates by 4pm Monday 18 December and you'll go in our draw to win a \$500 Stratford Business Association voucher! What are the two ticks? Go paperless with email rates invoices \checkmark AND set yourself up to pay your rates by direct debit \checkmark

Visit Stratford.govt.nz/TwoTicks for details!





BECOME PART OF THE STRATFORD DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL!

SDYC is recruiting for 2024 Youth Councillors! Help rangatahi be heard on the issues that affect them, support and lead youth initiatives and events, and have awesome experiences while you do it!

- If you're aged between 12 and 24 years, scan the QR code and apply before 31 January 2024
- Visit Stratford.govt.nz/YouthCouncil to find out more

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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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