

Central Link

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News from the Stratford District Council

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WHAKAAHURANGI
STRATFORD
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Please keep broken glass out of your blue bin

All glass in your blue bin is sorted by hand into the right colours by our hard-working team. When there's broken glass, like broken bottles, in your blue bin, our staff are at risk of getting injured.

Once glass is in the truck, it's no longer being handled by our team and it's no problem if it breaks at that point.

So, what should I do with broken glass?

Please carefully and securely wrap all broken glass in newspaper or cardboard and then put it in your red lid general waste bin. Thanks for helping to keep our team safe!

Public Notices

Council meetings - October 2023

- Workshop:** Tuesday 10 October at 1.30pm
- Public Forum:** Tuesday 10 October at 3pm
For those wishing to speak, please submit an application form to the Chief Executive by 12 noon on Tuesday 3 October 2023. For more information, please visit [Stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum](https://stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum)
- Ordinary Meeting:** Tuesday 10 October at 3.30pm
- Hearing:** Tuesday 24 October at 2pm
To hear and consider submissions to the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and proposed changes to Kerbside Waste Collection Services.
- Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 24 October at 3pm

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

Changes to meeting times will be published in the Public Notice section of [Stratford.govt.nz](https://stratford.govt.nz)

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Chief Executive

Temporary road closure - Christmas Parade

Stratford District Council is proposing to close the following roads on Friday 1 December 2023, between the hours of 4.30pm and 7.30pm, for the 2023 Stratford Christmas Parade.

- Miranda St between Regan St and Fenton St
- Fenton St between Portia St and Broadway (SH3)
- Broadway (SH3) between Seyton St and Page St

Any person objecting to the proposal should lodge notice of their objection, including their reasons for objecting, in writing before **Friday 13 October 2023** at the Stratford District Council offices in Miranda Street.

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

27 September 2023

Stratford's Transport Choices team reviewing plans before October Council meeting

We're reviewing feedback on the Transport Choices School Safety Improvement Project. The aim of the project is to create a safe transport network that has room for community members of all ages to enjoy healthy and environmentally friendly ways to get to the fun and important places in their neighbourhood.

Working closely with designers, we're updating some of the proposed plans to address key areas of concern and suggestions from residents.

Victoria Araba, Director – Assets, says that while the number of people who gave feedback was low, the Transport Choices team wants to assure residents they're listening.

"Some in our community are telling us they're worried about a lack of parking and the narrowing of our streets if we moved ahead with some plans as they are. While our parking surveys have shown us that even with the changes, we should have plenty of parking available, and our streets are wide enough to safely accommodate on-road cycle lanes, we're working on updating street layouts for areas where we received the most requests for change," says Victoria.

"Many of us grew up biking around our neighbourhoods and experiencing the health benefits, freedom, and sense of adventure it brings. We'd love to provide these same opportunities for today's kids," Victoria says.

Reviewed street plans will be presented to councillors at their Ordinary meeting on 10 October and Elected Members will decide which Transport Choices street designs will move forward.

Using community feedback, we've identified 6 key areas of focus for review:

1. Hamlet Street from Pembroke Road to Regan Street
2. Regan Street pedestrian crossing at the Hamlet Street intersection
3. Portia Street from Regan Street to Fenton Street
4. Miranda Street from Page Street to Celia Street
5. Regan Street from Cordelia Street to Swansea Road
6. Swansea Road from Regan Street to Fenton Street



The main concerns from residents about these areas centre around a loss of parking spaces and the narrowing of streets to incorporate on-road cycle ways. There's also feedback about the impact the proposed Regan / Hamlet Street crossing point might have on traffic and school bus movements, access to the service lane, and that the crossing is too far away from the entrance to Stratford Primary School.

Our School Safety Improvement Project is being done with the support of Transport Choices, funded by the Climate Emergency Response Fund through Waka Kotahi, which aims to demonstrate what's possible for communities across Aotearoa New Zealand by quickly providing people with healthier, more affordable, and safer transport choices that are good for us, and for the environment.

Kathryn King, Urban Mobility Manager for Waka Kotahi, says Stratford's Transport Choices project has the potential to be truly transformational.

"It's ambitious, and by taking on board feedback and addressing people's concerns we're confident the amended designs can deliver outcomes that will work best for the community and still help shape a healthier and more active future for Stratford's tamariki," she says.

"We can have towns and cities where everyone has the freedom to easily move around without always needing to rely on cars, and Stratford's proposed walking and cycling network is a great step towards achieving that."

SPEED MANAGEMENT

Have Your Say

Have your say on our draft Speed Management Plan, which proposes changes to speed limits across the Stratford district over the next 3 years.

As a Road Controlling Authority, we must develop a 10-year Speed Management Plan with a 3-year period for implementation.

The Plan shows how we'll reduce the number of serious deaths and injuries on our roads through safe and appropriate speeds.

In the last 12 months, we've focused on reducing the speed limits outside our district schools. Changes to those areas have been approved and will be in place by the end of 2023 and we're continuing to work with Waka Kotahi on speed limits outside schools on State Highways.

Over the next three years, we want to focus on developing safe and appropriate speed limits in:

- The Stratford CBD
- Midhirst
- Whangamomona and our rural roads

We're proposing to reduce speed limits in these areas. What do you think?

- **Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSay](https://stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSay) to see our proposed changes to speed limits and to give your feedback.**
- **Submissions close Sunday 29 October**

