

# 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



**WAI O RUA  
STRATFORD  
AQUATIC CENTRE**

**The Splash Pad will be out of action on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 November for planned repairs. Sorry for the little pause in your splashy fun!**



## Taranaki's young people leading youth festival in Stratford

20 years on from the establishment of the Stratford District Youth Council (SDYC), Zeal Taranaki and SDYC are joining forces to put on the free rangatahi led Youth Festival to celebrate and encourage the talents of local young people.

The Stratford Youth Festival, on Saturday 18 November from 11am to 2pm at Stratford's Victoria Park, is a family-friendly event aimed at intermediate and high school aged rangatahi, and will bring together live entertainment, sports, creativity, and kai.

There will be plenty of opportunities for local talent to get out in front of the crowd, with music and dance performances throughout the day, 3-on-3 basketball and scooter competitions, prizes on offer, and a hip-hop dance battle. Face painting, a free BBQ, and ice creams will round off the programme.

Luke Galley, Manager at Zeal Taranaki, says the Youth Festival will give a platform for local emerging talent to showcase their skills, but there are wider opportunities for development, too.

"Putting on a youth-led festival like this is a big undertaking, and it's giving our young people the chance to gain hands-on skills right throughout the development, planning, and promotion of the event," says Luke. "Having rangatahi working alongside our professional team on the festival has been amazing," he explains. "It's going to be an awesome day."

SDYC Co-Chair Zoe Pitcher says while she won't be throwing down in the dance battle, she will be there alongside fellow youth councillors to showcase the work SDYC does in the youth community and encourage applications for Stratford's 2024 Youth Council.



**STRATFORD  
YOUTH  
FESTIVAL**

**Saturday 18th Nov 11am - 2pm**  
Victoria Park, Stratford

Live music and dance, 3v3 bball comp, scooter comp, prizes and more...

**FREE ENTRY AND FREE FOOD**

"This year we're proud to be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Stratford District Youth Council; making us one of the oldest in Aotearoa!"

"SDYC has a long history of putting on and supporting epic events for our community, and the Stratford Youth Festival will be no exception. If you are interested in our work and want to join the Youth Council to help develop next year's events, come and see us."

### Public Notices

#### Council meetings - November 2023

- Workshop:** Tuesday 14 November at 1pm
- Public Forum:** Tuesday 14 November at 3pm
- For those wishing to speak, please submit an application form to the Chief Executive by 12 noon on Tuesday 7 November 2023. For more information, visit [Stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum](https://stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum)
- Ordinary Meeting:** Tuesday 14 November at 3:30pm
- Workshop:** Tuesday 21 November at 12 noon
- Audit and Risk Committee:** Tuesday 21 November at 2pm
- Workshop:** Tuesday 28 November at 12 noon
- Hearing:** Tuesday 28 November at 2pm to hear submissions on the proposed Beauty Therapy, Tattooing, and Skin Piercing Bylaw 2023
- Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 28 November 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

#### Proposed Temporary Road Closure - Americarna

Stratford District Council is proposing to close the following roads on **Friday 23 February 2024** for Americarna 2024.

Between the hours of **7am and 3pm**:

- Broadway (SH 3) - between Seyton Street and Fenton Street
- Miranda Street - Between Seyton Street and Fenton Street

Between the hours of **9am and 3pm**:

- Regan Street - Between Juliet Street and Miranda Street

During the closure, detours for through traffic will be available. Provision will be made for access to the Z Petrol Station from Regan Street.

If you object to this proposal, please let us know in writing, and include the reasons for your objection, before **Friday 1 December 2023** at the office of the Stratford District Council in Miranda Street, or by emailing [StratfordDC@stratford.govt.nz](mailto:StratfordDC@stratford.govt.nz)

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Director Assets



## Don't be scared to follow the Trail

There are 61 amazing creations just waiting to be found in the district; all part of Stratford's famous Scarecrow Trail.

Grab a map from the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre, Wai o Rua, our Service Centre, or online at [Stratford.govt.nz/Scarecrow](https://stratford.govt.nz/Scarecrow)

Find as many scarecrows as you can and go in the draw to win prizes. Don't forget to vote for your favourite!



## Join the whānau as our new Graduate Roding Engineer!

This is your road to a great career. We're looking for a Graduate Roding Engineer to help us manage our roading infrastructure and provide a safe and efficient transport network for our community and visitors.



We've got a great staff culture and offer ongoing professional development, Te Reo Māori learning help, regular health check opportunities, support for volunteering, an active social club, and more!

Find out more at [Stratford.RecruitmentHub.co.nz](https://Stratford.RecruitmentHub.co.nz)



**REGISTRATIONS OPEN**

Registrations close Friday 24th November

Register to have a float at the Stratford Christmas Parade! Visit [StratfordBusinessAssociation.co.nz](https://StratfordBusinessAssociation.co.nz)

**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  
8 November 2023