

# Central Link

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News from the Stratford District Council

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**STRATFORD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Public Notices

### Meeting Schedule - May 2024

- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 14 May at 10am (Long Term Plan public submissions)
- **Workshop:** Tuesday 14 May at 1pm
- **Public Forum (by request):** Tuesday 14 May at 3pm. Please visit [Stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum](http://Stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum) for information and the request form.
- **Council Meeting:** Tuesday 14 May at 3.30pm
- **Audit and Risk Committee:** Tuesday 21 May at 12 noon
- **Workshop:** Tuesday 28 May at 1pm
- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 28 May at 3pm

Unless otherwise stated, 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](http://Stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices)

S Hanne | Chief Executive

### Addition to proposed temporary road closures - North Island Rally Series

On 17 April, Stratford District Council (SDC) published a Public Notice proposing the temporary closure of Cheal, Wingrove, Waihapa, Bird, Mohakau, Makuri, Stanley, Douglas, Waiwiri, and Croydon Roads on Sunday 7 July between the hours of 6am and 4pm for the 2024 North Island Rally Series. Objections to this proposal close on Friday 10 May.

At the request of the event organisers, SDC is now proposing an additional temporary road closure be put in place on:

- Miranda Street from Fenton Street to the Fire Station on Sunday 7 July between the hours of 6am and 4pm.

Anyone who wishes to object to the additional closure on Miranda Street must provide their reason in writing by 4pm Friday 24 May at the office of the Stratford District Council, 63 Miranda Street, or by emailing [StratfordDC@stratford.govt.nz](mailto:StratfordDC@stratford.govt.nz)

V Araba | Director Assets

## Two notable trees are being removed due to fungal infection

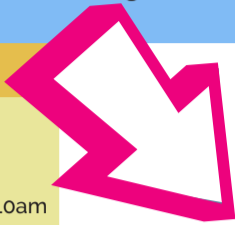
After an arborist inspection, two notable trees on Hamlet Street have been confirmed as being infected with Ganoderma Brackets otherwise known as white rot.

Unfortunately, because the infection is known to weaken trees through damaging the internal structure, the arborist recommended the two trees be removed. This will take place between Monday 13 and Friday 17 of May.

We'll replace the trees like-for-like, and we hope the new additions will one day grow up to be notable too.



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## Mystery, creativity, rubber duckies, and skating? It's all part of Stratford's Youth Week vibe!

Stratford District Youth Council (SDYC) has been checking the rubber duckies for water tightness and getting the crime scene tape ready, as youth councillors help to organise three big Youth Week events for teenagers and young adults aged from 12 to 24 years old.

SDYC Co-chair Justin Salisbury says, "The theme of this year's national Youth Week is 'We may not have it all together, but together we have it all'. I think lots of young people can relate to that first bit, and probably lots of adults too," he laughs.

"I think the important part, is encouraging young people to come together. Just chill out, talk to each other, and work things out together when we need to. Because that's part of how we can look after our mental health, and where we get our strength and energy from. It's our superpower. So, we really wanted Youth Week events that got everyone up and having fun together."



**Murder Mystery Night**, for 12 to 18 year olds, is first up during Youth Week from 4.30pm to 6pm on Thursday 23 May at the Stratford Library and Visitor

Information Centre. This free evening promises an intriguing mix of youth-friendly crime, spot prizes, detective work, and snacks.

**Badge Battle**, part of Murder Mystery Night, will have participants harnessing their creativity to interpret Youth Week's theme visually in badge form. Justin says, "The library team has been polishing their badge maker. Having the best badge will result in a \$50 Prezzy Card, but everyone gets to take their badge away and wear it with pride and a sense of accomplishment."



Detectives and badge creators need to register for the event at [Eventbrite.co.nz](http://Eventbrite.co.nz)

Badge Battle entry forms are available from the library or online at [Stratford.govt.nz/YouthWeek](http://Stratford.govt.nz/YouthWeek), and designs should be completed before the event.

## Know someone who goes above and beyond for their community?

Our district is full of go-getters, doers, supporters, helpers, organisers - you name it, we have people in our community that will put their hand up and do it. We love celebrating these people and invite you to nominate your local champion for a Citizen Award or Youth Citizen Award for those aged 12 - 24 years!

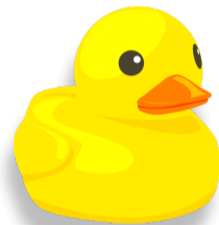
Nominations close on Friday 31 May and forms are available at Council's Service Centre, Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre, Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre, or [Stratford.govt.nz/CitizenAwards](http://Stratford.govt.nz/CitizenAwards)

From 21 May, you'll be able to receive the Central Link straight to your email inbox, in addition to perusing it in the Stratford Press. And everyone who signs up during May will go in the draw to win 1 of 5 \$100 Stratford Business Association vouchers! Subscribe by registering at [Stratford.govt.nz/EmailMe](http://Stratford.govt.nz/EmailMe)



SDYC On the Bus is heading to New Plymouth for pizza and inline skating at the local Roller Sports

Club's international-sized indoor skating stadium. The bus leaves at 5.15pm on Friday 24 May from the Stratford War Memorial carpark and returns at 9.30pm. This event costs \$5 per person with bookings through [Eventbrite.co.nz](http://Eventbrite.co.nz). Skate hire is included in the cost. Permission forms for caregivers will be emailed out for under-18s.



**Pool Party Showdown**, at Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre, will finish off Youth Week on Sunday 26 May from 1pm to 4pm. The free event will feature a sausage sizzle, water volleyball, and the highly anticipated rubber duckie and inflatable relay. This fun team challenge

will see teams push their duckie through a course only using the power of the waves they create, as well as completing a mega-inflatable obstacle course. Prizes are up for grabs for the winning teams, and everyone will have the chance to enjoy a free swim.

Team registration for the Pool Party Showdown is from 12pm to 12.50pm at Wai o Rua on the day. Teams are made up of five people, and they should have a good team name ready before registration. Smaller groups and people floating solo will be put into teams by event organisers during registration. Teams can enter one or both events.

"Make a team with your friends, or even better, your frenemies. If you're by yourself or you don't have a full team, come to registration and we'll put a squad together for you," says Justin.

Information about Stratford's Youth Week events is available at [Stratford.govt.nz/YouthWeek](http://Stratford.govt.nz/YouthWeek)



### 2023 Winner Spotlight!

In 2013, we presented Barrie with a Citizen Award for his extensive work in the community, and last year (10 years later) we acknowledged Barrie's continued service to Stratford with an Outstanding Citizen Award.

It's not Barrie's only accolade, with a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit being awarded in 2003 for his commitment to community services!

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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