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STRATFORD SCARECROW TRAIL 2025

31 OCT – 16 NOV



Join in Stratford's
2025 Scarecrow Trail.
Registrations close 4pm
Wednesday 8th October.
Get your skates on and
don't miss being a part
of Stratford's awesome
community event.

**LET THE
SCARECROW
BUILDING COMMENCE!**

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For more information and to register visit
stratford.govt.nz/scarecrow

**This seat is waiting
for someone with
COOL IDEAS and
GOOD SNACK EATING SKILLS!**



YOUTH COUNCIL SEEKS MEMBERS FOR 2026!



If you're 12-24 years old and live, work or go to school in the Stratford district, apply to become part of the Stratford District Youth Council (SDYC).

SDYC is all about amplifying youth voices. Their work has even taken them to Parliament, where they've presented at Select Committee to make sure young people are heard where it counts.

Members make new friends, can experience once in a lifetime opportunities, learn life skills, and have loads of fun hosting popular youth events.

Applications close on 19 October 2025 at
Stratford.govt.nz/YouthCouncil

Save the date y'all, our FREE Summer Nights concert is going country!

Stratford's much-loved Summer Nights concert is back for 2026, and we're turning up the twang!

Dust of your dancin' boots and join us on **Saturday 31 January 2026** for an unforgettable evening of live country music in Stratford's King Edward Park.

This year's lineup features two incredible acts:

Jake Whittaker

An emerging force in the Australian country music scene, Jake blends classic country roots with a fresh, contemporary sound.

Fresh from his Top 6 finish on Australian Idol and with strong family roots in Eltham, he's set to wow Stratford with his soulful lyrics and captivating performance.

His latest release "In My Blood" is a heartland anthem packed with grit and high-energy charm. The upbeat track is labelled a love letter to the moments that shape us, and we think there's no better place to listen to it live than right here in the heart of Taranaki.

Rowdy's Rose

The award-winning husband and wife duo from the Waikato are making a big sound in the country music scene around the world.

They recently won International Band Single of the Year at the 2025 International Singer Songwriter Association Awards in Atlanta, USA, and their hit single "No Greater Love" has earned them three

Summer Nights



nominations at the prestigious Josie Awards in Nashville this November.

Their songs have been loved on the airwaves across Australia, Canada, USA and the UK, and now we get to hear them live in concert in our own back yard.

Whether you're a country music fan or just love a good night out with whānau and friends, our 2026 Summer Nights concert in the park promises to be a toe-tappin' celebration you won't want to miss.

Mark Saturday 31 January in your calendar now and stay tuned for more details.



ScaleUp your business with a grant of up to \$5,000

ScaleUp Grants from Te Puna Umanga Venture Taranaki can offer up to \$5,000 to help accelerate your business growth.

This contestable fund supports for-profit small-to-medium enterprises in Taranaki with ambitious growth plans, and a clear plan of how to get there.

Whether you're exploring new markets, developing products, conducting market research, or innovating, ScaleUp Grants are designed to help you accelerate business growth in a stronger, better, or faster way.

Find full eligibility criteria, funding details, and webinar tips for completing your application at Venture.org.nz

Applications close 15 October 2025.



Council's final meeting before the new term

With September behind us and voting well underway for the local elections, we're getting ready to farewell some of our current elected members and welcome a new term of Council.

The final meeting of the current Council will take place on **Tuesday 7 October at 3.30pm** in the Council Chambers at 63 Miranda Street.

You can find Council meeting agendas and minutes on our website at Stratford.govt.nz/Meetings

The first meeting of the new Council will be scheduled by the Chief Executive once the Electoral Officer declares the official results.

Voting for the local elections closes at 12 noon on Saturday 11 October. Preliminary results will be published as soon as possible after voting closes, with the final results to be officially announced from 16 - 22 October.

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Phone 06 765 8500

Monday: 12pm – 5pm
Thursday: 10am – 1pm
Friday – Sunday: 12pm – 5pm

Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre
Phone 06 765 6275

Monday – Friday: 6am – 6.30pm
Saturday: 7am – 5pm
Sunday & Public Holidays:
10am – 5pm

Glockenspiel

Performs daily at 10am, 1pm, 3pm, and 7pm

1 October 2025