

Central Link

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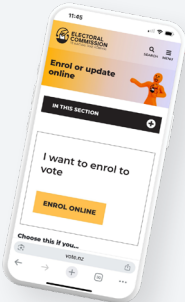
Get your voting pack by mail. Enrol or check your details by 1 August!

Get ready to vote in your local elections. You must enrol or update your details by Friday 1 August to receive your voting pack by mail.

If you enrol after 1 August, you'll need to cast a special vote.

Moved house? Make sure your address is up to date before 1 August so your pack goes to the right place.

Enrol or update your details at Vote.nz or call 0800 36 76 56



Key election dates

1 August	Candidate nominations close (noon) Enrol or update your details by this date to get your voting pack in the mail
9 - 22 September	Voting papers sent out
9 September	Voting opens
10 October	Last day to enrol to cast a special vote
11 October	Voting closes at noon
14 - 17 October	Final results announced!



Public notices

With the closure of the Taranaki Star, we'll use the Central Link and Taranaki Daily News for public notices that need to be published in a newspaper.

Please visit Stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices for all our other notices, or download the Antenno app.

Meeting Schedule - August

- Workshop:** Tuesday 12 August at 1pm
- Public Forum (by request):** Tuesday 12 August at 3pm. If you wish to speak, please submit an application form to the Chief Executive by 12 noon on Tuesday 5 August. For more information, visit Stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum
- Council Meeting:** Tuesday 12 August at 3.30pm
- Extraordinary Meeting of Council (subject to council approval):** Tuesday 26 August at 11.30am to adopt the Local Water Done Well Water Services Delivery Plan
- Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 26 August at 1pm to hear and consider the latest submissions to the Victoria Park Reserve Management Plan
- Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 26 August at 3pm

Meetings and workshops are held in the Council Chambers on Miranda Street unless stated otherwise.

Visit Stratford.govt.nz/Schedule for updates, as meeting times can change.

S Hanne | Chief Executive

\$11K FUNDING BOOST FOR STRATFORD DISTRICT CREATIVE PROJECTS

From musicals and printmaking workshops to the restoration of whāriki (woven mats), Stratford district's community is benefitting from over \$11,000 in arts funding through the Creative Communities Scheme (CCS).

Tracey Reynolds, a member of the Stratford CCS Assessment Committee says, "The beauty of the Creative Communities Scheme is that it encourages so many different types of creativity to flourish in our district."

"When you get involved in the arts, whether as a viewer or a practitioner, special things can happen. Reflection, communication, self-expression, community building, and confidence. These are just some of the gifts the arts offer."

CCS is a partnership between the Stratford District Council and Creative New Zealand.

The scheme funds projects that help more people take part in the local arts scene, support diverse cultural traditions and participation, or involve young people in creative activities.

Projects could include community performances, art workshops, cultural events, murals, films, seminars, exhibitions, and more.

Successful applicants from the latest CCS funding round include:

- Zeal** - Rangatahi music mentoring programme - \$1,300
- Print Council Aotearoa NZ** - Printmaking workshop at Percy Thomson Gallery - \$940

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- Dimphy de Vann** - Bringing printmaking workshops to rural communities - \$1,500
- Stratford High School** - Mamma Mia school musical - \$2,050
- Midhirst School** - Midhirst School end of year production - Moana Junior - \$1,500
- Taranaki Diocesan School** - Taranaki Diocesan house music competition - \$525
- Whakaahurangi Te Ropu Wahine Māori Toko I te Ora** - Wahaora whāriki (mat restoration) - \$2,250
- Stratford & District Scottish Society** - Weekly workshops and tutoring to practice piping and drumming throughout the year - \$1,000

"Congratulations to everyone involved in these projects," says Tracey. "There's even more support coming for locally based arts initiatives, with the second funding round for 2025 opening on Friday 1 August. Watch this blank canvas!"

More information about the fund and application process is available at Stratford.govt.nz/CCS

Emergency? Roads munted? Be prepared with the Antenno app

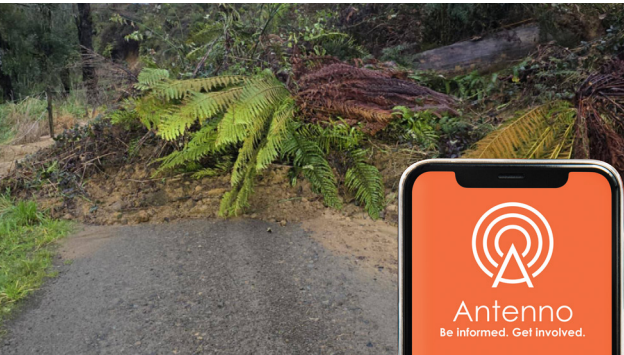
Prepare for the unexpected by downloading the free Antenno app on your smart device. With Antenno, you'll receive important alerts from council straight to your phone, (like the road updates we sent during our region's recent flooding).

Set your address to get local updates

You can add multiple addresses, like for your home, work, and even your mum's place, so you get important updates for the areas that matter most.

Top tip - tailor your notifications

You can easily opt out of topics you're not interested in. Don't have a dog? Turn off dog information. Not into meeting agendas? Turn that off too. What you get notified about is up to you.



You can send us alerts too

If you notice something council needs to fix or you've spotted a community issue, you can use the 'Report it' feature in Antenno to let us know. You can even add pictures and pin-point the exact location.

Free for Apple and Android devices

Visit your app store to download Antenno, or visit Stratford.govt.nz/Antenno to learn more.



Save on dog registration fees!

Don't forget to pay for your dog registration by 31 July to get an early-bird (or dog) discount.

Find out more at Stratford.govt.nz/DogRego

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Phone 06 765 5403

Monday – Friday: 8.30am – 5pm

Saturday: 9am – 1pm

Sunday & Public Holidays: Closed

Stratford Transfer Station

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

23 July 2025