

Central Link

He karere tā te Kaunihera ā Rohe o Whakaahurangi News from the Stratford District Council

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TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O
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STRATFORD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

King's Birthday public holiday hours

On Monday 2 June, we celebrate the birthday of King Charles III. To help you plan ahead, here are our facility hours for the day:

- **Rubbish and recycling collection:** as per usual
- **Stratford Library & Visitor Information Centre:** Closed
- **Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre:** 10am - 5pm
- **Transfer Station:** 12pm - 5pm
- **Council Service Centre:** Closed.
- **Phone:** 06 765 6099 for urgent enquiries

LOCAL WATER DONE WELL Consultation closes on Friday 30 May!

PROPOSED OPTION

A

A council-controlled organisation that is jointly owned by the Stratford, South Taranaki and New Plymouth district councils.

ALTERNATIVE OPTION

B

Keep the delivery of water services within Stratford District Council, modified to meet new requirements (SDC in-house business unit)

Learn more at YourSay.Stratford.govt.nz



Nominations for Citizen & Youth Citizen Awards close this week!

Stratford district's Citizens and Youth Citizens Awards are a celebration of the people who go above and beyond for their community.

Nominations close on Friday 30 May 2025. Download a nomination form at Stratford.govt.nz/CitizenAwards

Join us in June for our celebration of Puanga, the Māori New Year!

We're extending a warm invitation for people to embrace curiosity and connection when celebrating Puanga, the Māori New Year, in the heart of Taranaki.

Community and Economic Development Manager Saba Afzal says, coming together at this time of year is special. "Puanga gives us the opportunity to celebrate our achievements, remember loved ones, and look forward to the future. It's also about connecting with whānau and friends, being open minded and interested in what's possible for the future," says Saba.

"Whether you've celebrated every year with us or you've never been involved before, nau mai haere mai, we invite locals and visitors alike to come and enjoy the magic of Puanga in Whakaahurangi, Stratford."

Free events & activities!

Puanga rākau reflections and aspirations activity

3 - 23 June, Percy Thomson Gallery Foyer

Write down your burdens or the names of loved ones you've lost in the past year and these will be burned as part of our celebration event.

Hang your aspirations and goals for the year ahead on our Puanga rākau.

Workshop: Rongoa Māori with Kerry Walsh

Sunday 8 June, 2pm - 4pm, Senior Citizens Hall, Juliet Street Stratford

Limited spaces. Register at Eventbrite.co.nz

Learn about Rongoā Māori (natural remedy, Māori medicine) and the benefits of kawakawa

Participants will make their own whakawaatea (cleanser/freshener) to take home

Hiwa-i-te-Rangi - share aspirations for the year ahead, and learn how these can be celebrated at home

Movie: Moana 2 in Te Reo Māori (with English subtitles)

Monday 16 June, 5.30pm, TET King's Theatre

Movie: Whale Rider

Wednesday 18 June, 6.30pm, TET King's Theatre



Puanganui-o-te-Rangi, enjoy an evening for all ages inspired by the stars!

Thursday 19 June, 4pm - 8pm, War Memorial Centre, Stratford

A collaboration between Ngāruahine Iwi Health Services and SDC, this is a free community event for all ages and focuses on entertainment, education, and hauora; a Māori philosophy of health and wellbeing.

- Lighting displays
- Entertainment from DJ BB, Fire poi by Fire and Flow and Kapa Haka
- Weaving wānanga with Māori Womens Welfare League
- Te Reo Māori sessions, poi making and demonstrations
- Glow face painting, Ta Moke painting, and hands-on activities for tamariki
- Health and wellbeing stations
- Free sausage sizzle
- Ice-creams and Pātea Hangi
- ...and more!

Puanga Flag Competition

Check out the winning designs from the Puanga Flag Competition flying down Broadway from 12 June - 14 July. You can see all entries on display at the Library and Visitor Information Centre.

Thank you to Whakaahurangi Marae, Māori Womens Welfare League, Toi Foundation, Taranaki Electricity Trust and Ngāruahine Iwi Health Services for their continued partnership with this year's Puanga celebrations.

Visit Stratford.govt.nz/Puanga for more information.

Download Antenno for Public Notices

Public Notices (about road closures, meetings schedules, etc.) have to be published within certain time frames. Now that the Stratford Press goes to print fortnightly, our Public Notices are being published in other papers. Download Antenno to get notices direct to your device or visit Stratford.govt.nz/Public Notices

Filled in the Central Link survey? Ka pai! Thanks!

We're busily going through all of the feedback we received on the timing and publication of the Central Link and we look forward to sharing the results with you soon. The 6 winners of the \$100 vouchers will be announced in the next Central Link. Good luck!

Library & Visitor Information Centre
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

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