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TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O
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DISTRICT COUNCIL

Community Conversations

Join us for a presentation from a local speaker followed by a cuppa and a chat.

Upcoming sessions

- 31 October, 11am** Taranaki Time Bank
- 14 November, 11am** Seed Savers
- 28 November, 12pm** GMC Chiropractor
- 12 December, 11am** Salvation Army Men's Shed

Every second Friday in the Stratford Library

Stratford.govt.nz/Events



Claim your crown and rule Stratford's Royal Christmas Parade. Register now

The Stratford Business Association has been hard at work preparing for the Stratford Christmas Parade, ringing in the festive season on Friday 28 November 2025.

This year's theme is a **Royal Christmas**, celebrating the yuletide alongside the Royal A&P Show, hosted in Stratford from 29 - 30 November.

SAVE THE DATES

Stratford Royal Christmas Parade

Friday 28 November:

- Road closures from 4.30pm - 7.30pm. See Stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices for details
- Entertainment in Prospero Place from 5pm
- The parade begins at 6.30pm
- Join in the Christmas carols after the parade



Registrations to join the parade close on 20 November. Be part of Stratford's favourite community event, and be in to win the throne (and prizes)!

Enter online at StratfordBusinessAssociation.co.nz

Royal A&P Show

Saturday 29 - Sunday 30
November, 9am - 4pm:

- The already fantastic Stratford A&P Show is set to be even bigger this year, as our district hosts the national Royal A&P Show.
- Enter the competitions at StratfordShow.co.nz - from dog trials to the best sultana cake, there's something for everyone!



Rates: dates, support, and easy admin

If you're a property owner, the next installment of rates is due on **26 November 2025**. This covers your rates from 1 October to 31 December.

Rates help to pay for everything from rubbish and recycling collection, water and stormwater services, animal control, parks and recreational facilities, our community library, and more.

Paying rates is never fun, but there are some ways you can make them less of a hassle.

Go paperless and get your rates invoice by email

Visit Stratford.govt.nz/RatesByEmail and complete the short online form to get your rates invoice sent straight to your inbox. Going paperless saves us money too, which helps to support lower rates.

Pay by direct debit

This is a great set and forget option. With a direct debit arrangement, you don't have to worry about remembering to make your payment. Your rates will automatically come out of your chosen account. To set up a direct debit authority, download the form at Stratford.govt.nz/PayingRates

Check your eligibility for a rates rebate if you're a low-income homeowner!

If you're a residential ratepayer on a low income, you may be eligible for a maximum \$805 partial rebate on your rates.

The government sets the criteria and rebate amounts. If you meet the criteria, you can apply for a rebate on your rates bill for the year from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026. You must get your application to us by 30 June 2026.

Visit Stratford.govt.nz/RatesRebates for links to eligibility information, the rates rebates calculator, and application form.

We're here if you need a hand

If you have any questions, give us a call on 06 765 6099, email Rates@Stratford.govt.nz, or come and see the team at our Service Centre.



Join the whānau!

Why work with us?

Based in Stratford, the heart of Taranaki, we've got a great staff culture and offer ongoing development, staff volunteering support, time in lieu if you're learning Te Reo Māori outside of work, an active social club, a wellbeing day every year, and more!

Apply for the following open positions at Stratford.govt.nz/Vacancies

Corporate Accountant: part time (32 hours)

Lead financial reporting, provide strategic advice, oversee transactions, mentor our finance team, and enhance financial systems.

Waste Minimisation & Education Officer

Champion waste minimisation in our community. Manage reporting, help oversee our solid waste contract, and lead new programmes and initiatives.

Governance Advisor & Executive Assistant

Provide governance support to elected members and senior leadership, minute Council meetings, and assist the Chief Executive and Mayor.

Aquatic Services Manager

Manage all aspects of facility operations at Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre, leading staff to deliver fresh, engaging programmes and offers.

Customer Service Officers at Wai o Rua: part time and casual positions

Make a splash by delivering outstanding customer service at our aquatic centre. Part time roles of either 30 hours per week or 10 hours per week are available, or apply for a casual position.



Scarecrow Trail opening FRIDAY!



What do a Guinea Pig Spy, an Omnomonster, and the mysterious Mr Wheatly have in common? They're all community-crafted characters that are popping up alongside 49 other scarecrows in the ninth annual Stratford Scarecrow Trail.

Running from **31 October to 16 November**, the trail is one of Taranaki's largest scavenger hunts. Search for scarecrows across the district, with prizes on offer for both scarecrow creators and seekers. **Grab your map in this issue of the Stratford & South** (formerly the Stratford Press) and go on a scarecrow adventure through the heart of Taranaki!

Find out more at Stratford.govt.nz/Scarecrow

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

29 October 2025