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Colour in the Park

FREE ENTRY/ SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER AT EVENTBRITE.CO.NZ
1PM – 3PM, SUN 9 MARCH
KING EDWARD PARK
STRATFORD

2.5KM, 5KM & WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE ROUTES

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Safety improvement plans for Stratford Primary School and neighbourhood open for feedback

We're making improvements to the transport network around Stratford Primary School. Our aim is to make it safer for families to travel to and from school, and other key destinations in Stratford.

Community feedback on the proposed transport safety improvements is open until **4pm 21 March 2025**, with plans and information available online at YourSay.Stratford.govt.nz

SDC Director - Assets Victoria Araba says the proposed improvements aren't new to the community, with the options available incorporating feedback SDC received during the Transport Choices programme in 2023.

"Our vision for safe streets around schools hasn't changed. As part of our Connecting our Communities Strategy we've been working on improving opportunities for safer travel to school and to reduce congestion on our roads. This has included reviewing speed limits around our schools and making improvements to the road layout," says Victoria.

"We've committed budget in our annual roading programme to move forward with some important changes to the streets surrounding Stratford Primary School, but before we start the physical work, we're seeking final feedback on the options available to us."

The proposed transport network changes will take place on Regan Street, Brecon Road, and Portia Street. Work is scheduled to start in May 2025 after community feedback is considered.



Snapshot of proposed changes

- Mini round-a-bout at the Brecon Road/Regan Street intersection (3 options to consider)
- Refuge crossing for pedestrians on Regan Street between Oswald Place and Brecon Road
- Courtesy crossing for pedestrians on Portia Street between Wai o Rua – Stratford Aquatic Centre and the Hockey Turf (2 options to consider)



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Local Water Done Well – Water Reforms update



Local Water Done Well is a programme of water services reforms introduced by the Government to replace what was known as Three Waters Reform.

At an Extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 18 February 2025, elected members discussed 2 water services delivery methods to go out for public consultation in late April; an in-house water services business unit, and a regional water services council-controlled organisation with New Plymouth and South Taranaki district councils.

While both water services options will be part of the consultation, after a robust discussion, the regional joint delivery model was voted in as the preferred option with 7 in support and 4 against.

The kōrero heard around the Council chambers expressed how complex these government reforms are, noting that both options have their advantages and disadvantages, leaving some elected members sitting on the fence.

One thing that was made clear by elected members was their desire to hear what the community believes is the best option for the district when consultation opens on 30 April.

FROM PERFORMANCES TO EXHIBITIONS, MURALS TO LOCAL FESTIVALS, GET FUNDS FOR YOUR NEXT CREATIVE PROJECT!

If you're thinking about your next creative project, or it's in development and you need an extra boost to get it off the ground, apply for Stratford's Creative Communities Scheme funding!

The Creative Communities Scheme is a partnership between Stratford District Council and Creative New Zealand to help fund local arts projects that strengthen the local arts sector and enhance:

- Participation in the local arts
- The range and diversity of the arts available to our community

Projects could include creative workshops, exhibitions, performances, film creation, visual arts, and more!



Te Rangimārie Mural Project 2024, Stratford High School

Visit Stratford.govt.nz/CCS to get your kick up the arts!

Download the application guide and form, and apply before **Friday 4 April 2025!**

Public Notices

Urban kerb and channel spray round from 24 March

Stratford District Council will carry out weed spraying on all urban roads, including kerb and channel sections and footpaths from Monday 24 March 2025. Weather permitting, we anticipate this will take 10 days to complete.

Any areas that are defined as a "No Spray Zone" by the property owner will not be sprayed. Anyone who does not want their road frontage sprayed should contact Stratford District Council on 06 765 6099.

V Araba | Director - Assets

Meeting Schedule - March

- **Workshop:** Tuesday 11 March at 1pm
- **Public Forum (on request):** Tuesday 11 March at 3pm.
- **Council Meeting:** Tuesday 11 March at 3.30pm
- **Audit and Risk Committee:** Tuesday 18 March at 2pm
- **Percy Thomson Trust:** Thursday 20 March at 3pm, Stratford District Council Committee Room
- **Workshop:** Tuesday 25 March at 2pm
- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 25 March at 3pm

Meetings and workshops will be held in the Council Chambers on Miranda Street, Stratford, unless stated otherwise. Visit Stratford.govt.nz/Schedule for updates to meeting and workshop times as these may change.

S Hanne | Chief Executive

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Phone 06 765 6275

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10am – 5pm

Glockenspiel

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

5 March 2025