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TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O
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DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Notices

Meeting Schedule - May

- Audit and Risk Committee:** Tuesday 13 May at 11am
- Workshop:** Tuesday 13 May at 1pm
- Public Forum** (by request): Tuesday 13 May at 3pm. If you wish to speak, please submit an application form to the Chief Executive by 12 noon on Tuesday 6 May. For more information, visit Stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum
- Council Meeting:** Tuesday 13 May at 3.30pm
- Percy Thomson Trust:** Thursday 15 May at 3pm, Stratford District Council Committee Room
- Farm Committee:** Tuesday 27 May at 12 noon
- Workshop:** Tuesday 27 May at 1pm
- Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 27 May 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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STRATFORD YOUTH WEEK 2025: CRAFTERNOON, ON THE BUS, AND POP-UP CINEMA EVENTS – FREE OR \$5!

Stratford district's rangatahi aged 12 to 18 are in for some next-level fun, with 3 free and low-cost events planned for this year's Youth Week; a national celebration of Aotearoa's young people from 19 May to 25 May 2025.

Stratford District Youth Council (SDYC) Co-Chair Tatjana Hanne says, "The national theme for Youth Week 2025 is Whai Wāhitanga – Take our Place. It's all about encouraging young people to stand up and speak up. We should be proud of ourselves as we are now, while also not being afraid to help create the future we want to see."

"As Youth Councillors, we help support a lot of events, but Youth Week is a highlight of the year. We've got an epic mix of events, with something for everyone; crafters, 90s movie enthusiasts, and laser tag legends included!"

On Tuesday 20 May, rangatahi can jump **On the Bus to Bowlarama** with SDYC from 4.30pm – 9.30pm for laser tag, bowling, and pizza. The cost is \$5 per person, thanks to support from the Taranaki Electricity Trust. Seats on the bus are limited, with bookings available through Eventbrite.co.nz



Thursday 22 May, the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre is holding a free drop-in **Crafternoon** from 3.30pm – 4.45pm. The library team will have plenty of creative materials, activities, and snacks on offer, but if people can't stay, takeaway craft packs will be available to take home.

The SDYC free **Pop-up Cinema** opens on Sunday 25 May in the Function Facility of the Stratford War Memorial Centre. The nostalgic animated film, Bee Movie, screens at 5.30pm and 90s cult-classic, Clueless, from 7.30pm. Movie goers can expect professional sound quality, a massive screen, and free pizza and drinks.

"Bring your own bean bags, cushions, and beach chairs for a comfy viewing experience," says Tatjana. "Coming to the Pop-up Cinema is free, but make sure you register at Eventbrite.co.nz so we can order enough pizza."



Visit Stratford.govt.nz/YouthWeek for more information and don't forget to follow the SDYC Instagram and Facebook pages for event updates.

Do you have a waste-busting idea?



Apply for financial support from our Waste Levy Fund by 25 May to get it up and running!

Stratford.govt.nz/WasteLevyFund



What does Puanga mean to you? Street flag competition now open to tamariki and rangatahi!



Our much-loved Design a Flag competition is now open as part of the 2025 Puanga celebrations in Whakaahurangi.

If you're 5 to 18 years of age, design a street flag that reflects what Puanga means to you. The winning designs will fly down Stratford's main street during our Puanga celebrations in June.

Every entry will be displayed at the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre, and after the winning flags have flown, we'll present each of the winners with one of their own printed flags!

Entries close on Thursday 22 May 2025.

Get your entry form at the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre, Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre, our Service Centre on Miranda Street, or online from Stratford.govt.nz/Puanga

Save the date! On Thursday 19 June, we'll be celebrating Puanga with a luminous evening event. Watch this space for details.

Pictured, two winning entries from 2024 - left by Ruby-Rose (at age 6), right by Lily (at age 12).



Who will join our Citizen and Youth Citizen Award recipients? Make your nomination!

Stratford district's Citizens and Youth Citizens Awards are a celebration of the people who go above and beyond; sharing their skills and expertise and showing up for their communities time and time again. Like Gloria Corkill, pictured, who has been supporting community organisations in Stratford for almost half her life and last year was presented with a Citizens Award.

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



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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