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Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund is now open

Apply to the Rural Travel Fund and get your junior sports teams to local competitions.

The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund helps to fund travel to local sporting competitions for rural teams of tamariki and rangatahi aged between 5 and 18 years.

Find out more and apply at Stratford.govt.nz/RTF

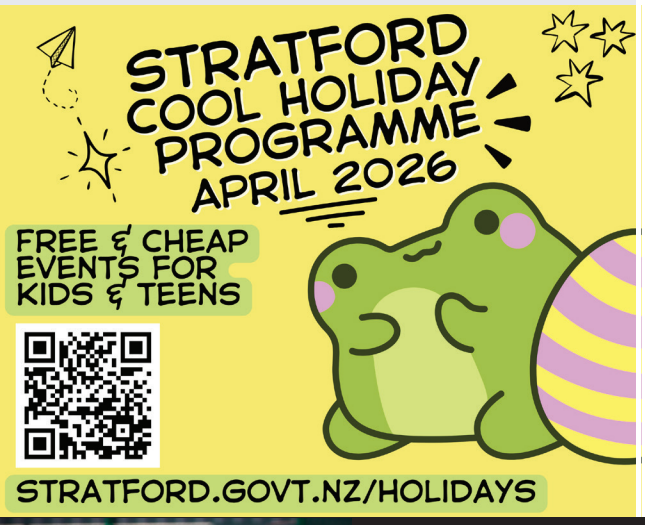
Applications close on 24 April for winter sports.

The Easter Hunt is on and we've got prizes!

Calling all tamariki and rangatahi aged 17 and under! Find the clues hidden within Prospero Place and Broadway to go in the draw to win one of three $100 Easter Hampers!

Pick your entry form up from the Stratford Library, Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre, or download one from Stratford.govt.nz/Easter

The hunt closes at 12pm Wednesday 22 April. Get your entry form back to the library before then.



All welcome as Stratford honours Anzac Day 2026

Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou.

We will remember them.

Saturday 25 April 2026 is Anzac Day.

District Mayor Neil Volzke says, "The Anzac Day Dawn Parade brings our community together to honour those who have served, both in times of conflict and in peace."

"It doesn't matter what your background is, whether your forebears served for New Zealand or you are new to our shores. All are welcome, and we warmly invite you to stay for a light breakfast afterwards. A cuppa and a few shared stories are part of what makes Anzac Day in Stratford so special."

"This year, we are also marking the 100-year anniversary of Stratford's Victoria Park Memorial Gates, unveiled on Anzac Day 1926, and built to commemorate our local soldiers who lost their lives in the First World War. Join us at the Victoria Park Memorial Gates at 9.30am for a short remembrance service and wreath laying ceremony."

Anzac Day Dawn Parade and Service

Join our District Mayor, councillors, and representatives from the RSA, and NZ Defence Force on Saturday 25 April for Stratford's Dawn Parade and Service

Dawn Parade starting 6am

The parade will leave the Colonel Malone Gates at 6am, moving in a procession from the Malone Gates, down Fenton Street, left onto Miranda Street, and finishing in front of the Cross of Sacrifice.

Marching in the parade? Please gather at 5.40am

Thank you for marching. There's no need to register your participation. Please gather at the Malone Gates at 5.40am and await instructions from the Parade Leader.

Dawn Service followed by kai and a cuppa: from 6.10am

Following the parade, a Dawn Service will be held in front of the Cross of Sacrifice on Miranda Street.

The service will finish at around 6.50am. Please join us for a free cuppa and some light breakfast afterwards in the Function Facility at the War Memorial Centre. All are welcome!

Wreath laying during the service

During the service, there'll be the opportunity to lay down wreaths. If your organisation, group, or school wishes to be added to the official wreath registry, please email ACrane@stratford.govt.nz

After registered wreaths are laid, members of the public will be invited to step forward and lay a wreath. If you'd like to do so, wait for your turn, lay the wreath down gently, take a step back, pause for reflection, and then return to the crowd.

100-year anniversary of Stratford's Victoria Park Memorial Gates

9.30am, Anzac Day, Saturday 25 April

This year is the centenary of the Memorial Gates on Fenton Street and all are welcome to mark the occasion at a short service and wreath laying ceremony at the Victoria Gates to recognise this 100-year milestone.

Wreath Making Workshop

10am - 12pm, Tuesday 21 April, Stratford War Memorial Centre

Create a wreath to be laid in the Hall of Remembrance to commemorate Anzac Day. Everything you need to make a wreath will be provided, but you're most welcome to bring your own special flowers, foliage, or materials.

This is a free event, all ages are welcome, and registration's not required.

Hall of Remembrance

Open 8am - 5pm from Tuesday 21 April to Sunday 10 May 2026, and from 5.30am - 5pm on Anzac Day

Pay your respects to the Stratford residents who lost their lives in WWI and WWII by visiting the Hall of Remembrance in the Municipal Building on Broadway. You're also welcome to lay a wreath in remembrance of those who have passed.

Leap at the chance to become a Select Dog Owner and save heaps on dog registration fees. Apply by 30 April 2026.
Find out more at Stratford.govt.nz/DogOwners or call 06 765 6099.

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