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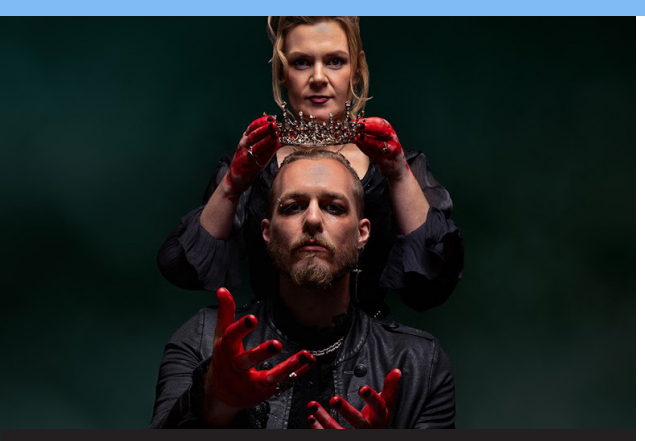

By the pricking of our thumbs, the Shakespeare Festival this way comes!

Aotearoa's premiere celebration of The Bard returns for 2026 with the Stratford Shakespeare Festival, running from 19–31 March.

Fresh from dazzling audiences at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, The Barden Party are back to amuse and delight with ***Heracles: A New Musical*** and ***Cocktales***.

More music, murder, and mayhem features at the historic Pioneer Village, which is also the venue for the must-see, Scottish-punk-infused ***Macbeth***.

King Lear and the Stratford Shakespeare Trust's very own production, ***The Book of Will,*** round out the festival.

With plenty of free and low-cost performances, and a fresh modern spin on The Bard's work, there's no excuse to stay at home.

Find out more and get your tickets at StratfordShakespeareFestNZ.co.nz

Reminder: Library will be closed on 23 & 24 March

The Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre is getting a much-needed fresh coat of interior paint.

To complete the mahi, the facility, including the AA Service Desk, will close on Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 March. To reduce the impact on our book-loving community, we're starting the painting work on Sunday 22 March while the library is closed.

Thanks for your patience!

Looking for your next job?

Are you our next Senior Building Control Officer, GIS whizz, 3 Waters Project Engineer, or Roading Manager? Find out at Stratford.govt.nz/Vacancies

Reduce your dog registration fees. Apply to become a 'Select' owner

Attention all urban dog owners who are currently listed as 'Good' or 'General Owners'. If you qualify to become a 'Select Owner', now is the time to apply so you'll pay less for your future dog registration fees!

To become a Select Owner, you need to tick these boxes:

- ✓ Live in an urban zoned dog area.
- ✓ Be already classed as a 'Good Owner' or able to meet the 'Good Owner' requirements. You're likely to be in this category if you've not been convicted for dog offences, or if within the last two years you've not had a dog impounded on more than one occasion, and not received a written warning or infringement notice. If you're not sure what your classification is, you can call us on 06 765 6099.
- ✓ Have an adequately fenced area on your property.
- ✓ All dogs are neutered or any un-neutered dogs are pedigrees registered with NZ Dogs.
- ✓ You've submitted your completed application form no later than **30 April 2026**. Late applications will not be accepted, even if you're just a little bit late.

Visit Stratford.govt.nz/DogOwners and download the Select Dog Ownership application form, or pick one up from council's Service Centre on Miranda Street.

Our holiday programme has launched!

The April school holidays are coming up and Stratford Library & Visitor Information Centre, Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre, and Stratford District Youth Council are ready with free and cheap events for tamariki and rangatahi aged from 5 - 18!

Grab your printed calendar of events from the library, pool, or our Service Centre.

If you just can't wait, see all the events now at Stratford.govt.nz/Holidays

Event spotlight: Hydro Hype 2!

Fri 10 Apr 2026, 6pm - 8:30pm

Free event | Age range: 12-18 years
Register at Eventbrite!

They're bringing it back! Hydro Hype was such a hit last time that Youth Council decided to run it again. Join them for a free pool party where you decide how you want to spend your time:

- Want to relax, snack on pizza, and catch up with mates? Go for it.
- Ready for noodle battles, bombs, and full-on fun? Absolutely.
- Something in between? Perfect.

We'll bring the food and drinks. Zeal will be on deck with the vibes and great music. Just make sure you register (scan the blue QR code) and then turn up! ---------->

In Stratford district and not connected to council's water network?

We're asking households, schools, farms, and organisations that are not connected to our water network to complete a short anonymous survey so we can plan for the district's future water needs.

If this is you, please complete our survey online **before 29 March**, and thanks for your help!

- Visit Stratford.govt.nz/WaterSurvey
- Or scan the QR code

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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