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Design a Puanga flag

Our annual Puanga design a flag competition for tamariki and rangatahi is now open!

Come July, the winning flags will fly down Broadway to celebrate the Māori New Year.

Entry forms are available to download at Stratford.govt.nz/Puanga or pick one up from the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre.

The competition is open to young people aged from 5 to 18 years. Entries must be in by 4.30pm on Friday 22 May.

Nominate your local Stratford champions for a Citizen and Youth Citizen Award

The Stratford district is home to go-getters, doers, supporters, helpers, organisers, leaders - you name it, we have people in Stratford that will put their hand up for it - and it's time to celebrate those people through the annual Citizen and Youth Citizen Awards.

Nominations are now open and close on Friday 29 May 2026.

Nominating local champions for these awards is a long-standing tradition for the Stratford district, going back 30 plus years. They identify people in the community who have shown leadership, inspiration, or dedication to a cause, contributing to the overall wellbeing of the Stratford district.

Mayor Neil Volzke says, "The citizens awards are about honouring and acknowledging the good people who are doing special things to make our community what it is. Collectively they help create the active, inclusive, welcoming community spirit we all strive for."

"Every year we receive quality nominations for people who are making a great contribution to our community. Most are volunteers who give up their own time to support others in the community through clubs and organisations.

Pictured: **Mayor Neil Volzke with 2025 Citizen Award recipient Donna van den Beuken.**

I am confident that our citizens awards this year will continue to showcase and award those people who make a difference."

"I encourage people to nominate those doing great things in our community".

Nomination forms for both the 2026 Citizen Award and Youth Citizen Award (recognising our 12-24 year old champions) are available to download at Stratford.govt.nz or printed copies can be picked up at Council's Service Centre, the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre and Wai o Rua – Stratford Aquatic Centre.

Successful recipients will be announced in July 2026, with a celebration ceremony held early August.

See you at the **Living Well After 55 Expo** on Friday 8 and Saturday 9 May 2026 in the Stratford War Memorial Centre. Visit **Stratford.govt.nz/LivingWell** for more.

free event

Do you recognise the soldiers in this photo?

We hold a large collection of photos of Stratford District places, people, and events, and we're seeking the help of locals to correctly identify them.

Visit Stratford.recollect.co.nz to search our collection and help us identify who, what, where and when from the archives!

If you have information about a photo you can email Library@stratford.govt.nz

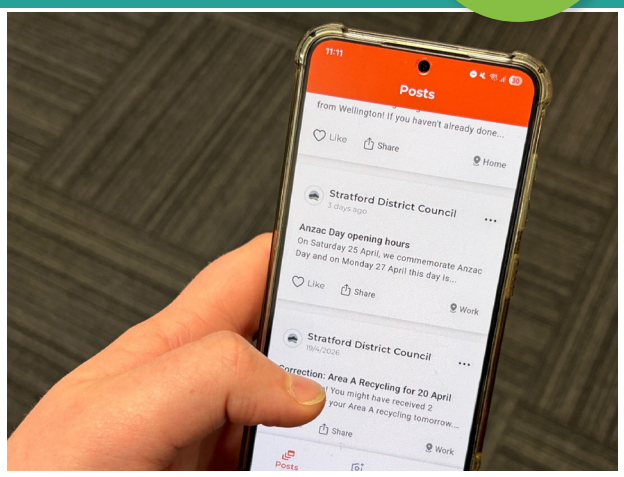
Stay in the know with Antenno

Getting timely updates from Council is easy with Antenno – a free app that helps you stay connected to the places and topics that matter most to you.

Antenno is used by councils to give residents an easy way to receive important local information straight to their phone. Antenno users are often the first to find out the latest about council services, from changes to bin collections, water supply shutdowns and roadworks, to community events and facilities - you're always in the loop.

One of Antenno's best features is that it puts you in control. Once you've downloaded the app, and added your home address, or other places of interest, you can choose the topics you care about most. When there's an update that matches your interests, you'll receive a notification.

Antenno also makes it simple to report issues when you're out and about. If you spot something that needs fixing, like a pothole, graffiti, or a fallen tree, you can send details, including a photo and location through the app.



Downloading Antenno is free and easy. Just search for Antenno in the App Store or Google Play, or visit Stratford.govt.nz/Antenno for more information and tips on getting started.

It's a simple way to stay connected, informed, and involved in life in the Stratford District.

New Plymouth and South Taranaki district councils also use Antenno, so if you have whānau or favourite places in those areas, you can receive updates for them too.

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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