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STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

One or two councils for Taranaki? Last week to tell us what you think

Big changes are coming to local government, and this is your chance to help shape what the future looks like for the Stratford district.

Do you want Stratford to be part of one single Council (unitary authority) for all of Taranaki, or would you prefer we join with South Taranaki and form two Councils (unitary authorities) for Taranaki?

Opportunities to share your views:

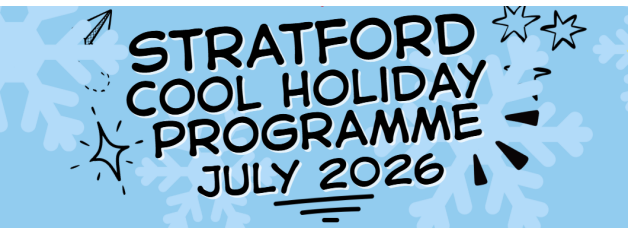
Community Survey - open until 12 July

This is your opportunity to get involved and have a say on what is most important to you. The survey should take less than 5 minutes. Scan the QR code below or visit YourSay.Stratford.govt.nz

Public Forum - 14 July

In addition to our community survey, Elected Members are holding a special public forum for the Simplfying Local Government reform.

If you wish to speak at this public forum, please email **agenda@stratford.govt.nz** to be considered. Visit Stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum for more information.



The school holidays are here! Pick up an activity programme from the Stratford Library, Council's Service Centre or Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre. Or jump online for all our event details, visit Stratford.govt.nz/Holidays

What's coming up at the Stratford Library?

- Teddy Bear Sleepover, Tuesday 14 July, 3pm-5pm
- Teen Quiz, Wednesday 15 July, 2pm-4pm
- Snow Globes, Thursday 16 July, 10am or 11am

Splash Bash at Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre is on TODAY from 11am - 2pm, and again every Friday, Saturday, Monday and Wednesday during the school holidays.

Matariki public holiday

This Friday 10 July is a public holiday. To help you plan ahead, here are our facility hours for the day:

- **Stratford Library & Visitor Information Centre and Council's Service Centre:** Closed
- **Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre:** 10am - 5pm
- **Transfer Station:** 12pm - 5pm
- **Phone:** 06 765 6099 for urgent enquiries.

Creative communities funding open now

From traditional Māori finger weaving (Tāniko) to school productions, Stratford district's community has benefitted from over $10,000 in arts funding so far this year.

This is made possible through the Creative Communities Scheme (CCS) and the latest funding round is now open and closes 14 August 2026.

CCS is a partnership between the Stratford District Council and Creative New Zealand. The scheme funds projects that help more people take part in the local arts scene, support diverse cultural traditions and participation, or involve young people in creative activities.

Projects could include community performances, art workshops, cultural events, murals, films, seminars, exhibitions, and more.

Successful applicants from the latest CCS funding round include:

Aviv Liron	Tamariki Tales: Storytelling shows at Stratford ECE Expansion	$2460
South and Central Home Educators	Art Workshops	$825
Creative Fibre Taranaki	2026 Fibreworks Exhibition	$2300
Pembroke School	School Production	$351.75
Stratford Art Society	Autumn/Spring Exhibition	$1597
Whakaahurangi Wāhine Māori Toko i Te Ora	Tāniko	$2700

More information about the fund and application process is available at Stratford.govt.nz/CCS

Join us on Thursday 9 July, 4pm - 7pm for Puanganui-o-te-Rangi

Puanga signals a time to gather, remember those who have passed, celebrate what's been achieved, and set intentions for the year ahead. Join us as we come together as a community at Puanganui-o-te-Rangi, a celebration delivered in partnership with Ngāruahine Iwi Health Services.

The event will feature kapa haka, fire poi, glow face painting, raranga (weaving), interactive activities for tamariki, and health and wellbeing spaces designed to support hauora.

Puanganui-o-te-rangi is about creating a warm, welcoming space where everyone feels they belong.

Whether you've celebrated every year with us or you've never been involved before, nau mai, haere mai, we invite everyone to come and enjoy the magic of Puanga.

Visit Stratford.govt.nz/Puanga for details.

Attendees will enjoy an evening inspired by the stars, including:

- Lighting displays
- Entertainment from Fire poi by Fire and Flow and Kapa Haka
- Weaving wānanga with Māori Women's Welfare League
- Glow face painting
- Hands-on activities for tamariki
- Health and wellbeing stations
- Free sausage sizzle, and much more.

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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