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10 years of Scarecrows in Stratford

The Stratford Scarecrow Trail is back for its tenth year, with 51 community-made scarecrows to find across the district until 30 November.

The trail runs for a full month, so Stratford A&P Show visitors on 28 and 29 November can join the hunt while they're in town.

There's $2,000 in prizes for hunters and creators, and you don't need to find every scarecrow to go in the draw. Pick up a trail map and entry form from the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre, Wai o Rua- Stratford Aquatic centre, or Council's Service Centre on Miranda Street, or download them at Stratford.govt.nz/Scarecrow.

Thanks to our prize sponsors CMK Chartered Accountants, New World Stratford, Fulton Hogan and the Stratford Business Association, and to Taranaki Electricity Trust for supporting the event.













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River swim? Check the water quality online first

Taranaki beaches, lakes, and rivers are back under the microscope this summer. Every week until the end of March, Taranaki Regional Council staff will collect water samples from popular regional swim spots, including the Pātea River at King Edward Park Scout Den, to test for faecal bacteria that might cause illnesses like gastroenteritis, respiratory infections, and skin irritations. Before you or your dog jump in the water:

✓ Visit **TRC.govt.nz/Can-I-Swim-Here.** Water quality results are updated online towards the end of each week.

✓ Look for signage around the Scout Den and other popular spots along the Pātea River. If it's not safe to swim or extra caution is advised, signage will be in place to let people know.

✓ Do a quick sense check. If the water looks discoloured or cloudy, smells off, or there's been heavy rain in the past three days, it's best to come back another time.

✓ Keep your dog safe too. Animals can be affected by poor water quality. If your dog loves a splash, check online before they jump in.



2025/26 Annual Report now available

Our 2025/26 Annual Report is now out, and it shows how we performed against our plans for the year, what we delivered across the district and where your rates were spent.

You can read it online at stratford.govt.nz/annualplan



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Phone 06 765 5403
Monday – Friday: 8.30am – 5pm
Saturday: 9am – 1pm
Sunday & Public Holidays: Closed

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

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