

**April school
holidays
in Stratford?**

**Check out our
low-cost & free
activities!**



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WHAKAAHURANGI
STRATFORD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Stratford.govt.nz/Holidays

Important information about our school holiday programme

Make sure you register

You'll need to register for some of our activities. Do it early so you don't miss out. You can register online at [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz), at the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre, or Wai O Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre.

Is your kiddo 8 years old or under?

Children 8 years and under have to be actively supervised by a caregiver 16 years old or over for all of our activities.

At Wai O Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre, there must be at least 1 adult supervisor to 3 children under the age of 8. If a caregiver is supervising more than one child under the age of 8, all children have to be in the same pool. Full supervision rules are on page 12.

Opening hours and contact details

Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre

Prospero Place, Stratford 4332

Call: 06 765 5403

Email: library@stratford.govt.nz

Facebook: [@StratfordLibraryNZ](https://www.facebook.com/StratfordLibraryNZ)

Normal opening hours:

- Monday - Friday: 8.30am - 5pm
- Saturday: 9am - 1pm
- Sunday and Public Holidays: closed

Wai O Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre

53 Portia Street, Stratford 4332

Call: 06 765 6275

Email: waiorua@stratford.govt.nz

[WaiORua.govt.nz](https://www.waiorua.govt.nz)

Facebook: [@WaiORuaStratfordAquaticCentre](https://www.facebook.com/WaiORuaStratfordAquaticCentre)

Normal opening hours:

- Monday - Friday: 6am - 6.30pm
- Saturday: 7am - 5pm
- Sunday and Public Holidays: 10am - 5pm
- Our hours can sometimes change due to facility bookings. Give us a call to check availability.



Get out and about in Stratford

- Experience the latest exhibition at the Percy Thomson Gallery.
- Check out a movie at Stratford's historic TET Kings Theatre.
- Jump on your bikes and head to the Stratford Bike Park. While you're there, have fun on the playground and take a selfie in our Victoria Park photo frame.
- Take a stroll on the Stratford Discovery Trail.
- See what activities are available at Tutaki Youth.
- Visit the Taranaki Pioneer Village.
- Discover the Republic of Whangamomona and try your hand at the mini-putt course!
- Explore Te Popo Gardens.
- Enjoy some outdoor fun at the Hollard Gardens.
- Take a stroll on one of our many walking trails - have you tried the Cardiff Walkway or York Road Loop? Perhaps you've never been to Dawson Falls?!

Need more ideas?
[Stratford.govt.nz/Discover](https://www.stratford.govt.nz/Discover)



Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre



Wind Power

Wednesday 17 April

10am - 11am

11.15am - 12.15pm

Come along to make some things that use wind power to work.

Cost: Free

Ages: 5 - 12 years, kids under 8 need to have an adult with them

Register: At [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

Venue: Library

PoKēMoN PARTY!

- **FREE!**
- **Games**
- **Activities**
- **Got a costume? Wear it!**

PoKēMoN PARTY!

Friday 19 April

1.30pm - 3.30pm

Calling all Trainers, young and old! Get ready to embark on a Pokémon-filled extravaganza, right here in Stratford.

Cost: Free

Ages: All ages. Pokémon and Trainers under 8 need to have an adult with them.

Register: At [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

Venue: War Memorial Centre

Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre



Anzac Biscuits for bakers aged 5 - 12 years

Wednesday 24 April

10am - 11am

11.15am - 12.15pm

Make some Anzac biscuits and a container to take some home in.

Cost: Free

Ages: 5 - 12 years, kids under 8 need to have an adult with them

Register: At [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

Venue: War Memorial Centre



Anzac Biscuits for bakers aged 13 - 18 years

Wednesday 24 April

1pm - 2pm

Make some Anzac biscuits and a container to take some home in.

Cost: Free

Ages: 13 - 18 years

Register: At [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

Venue: War Memorial Centre



Pop Art

Friday 26 April

1.30pm - 2.30pm

2.45pm - 3.45pm

Create art based on the work of American pop artist Roy Lichtenstein (1923-1997), best known for his bold coloured works based on comic strips and advertisements.

Cost: Free

Ages: 5 - 12 years, kids under 8 need to have an adult with them

Register: At [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

Venue: Library

Make and display a poppy



Step 1 - Colour your poppy pieces

Colour in the two petal shapes and the poppy stamen (the middle of your flower). If you want to, you can try different shades of red for each petal shape.

If you want your poppy to be seen from all sides, colour the back of the pieces in, too.

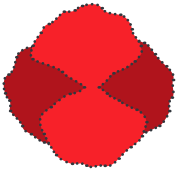
Try this - You can use the shapes as a guide to help you make fabric poppies. Cut the petal shapes out, put them on top of red fabrics or easy-to-cut recycled materials, and trace around the petal shapes. Get a grown-up to help.



Step 2 - Carefully cut out your pieces

Cut on the dotted lines. Don't worry if your cutting out is a bit wiggly, nature can be a bit wiggly, and it'll help your petals look real. Get a grown-up to help if you need to.

For the poppy stamen, cut heaps of little lines into the outer circle where the dotted lines are.



Step 3 - Arrange the petals and tape or glue

Place your petal pieces so they overlap and make a poppy shape. Tape or glue to hold the petals in place. Glue or use double sided tape to stick the middle circle on.

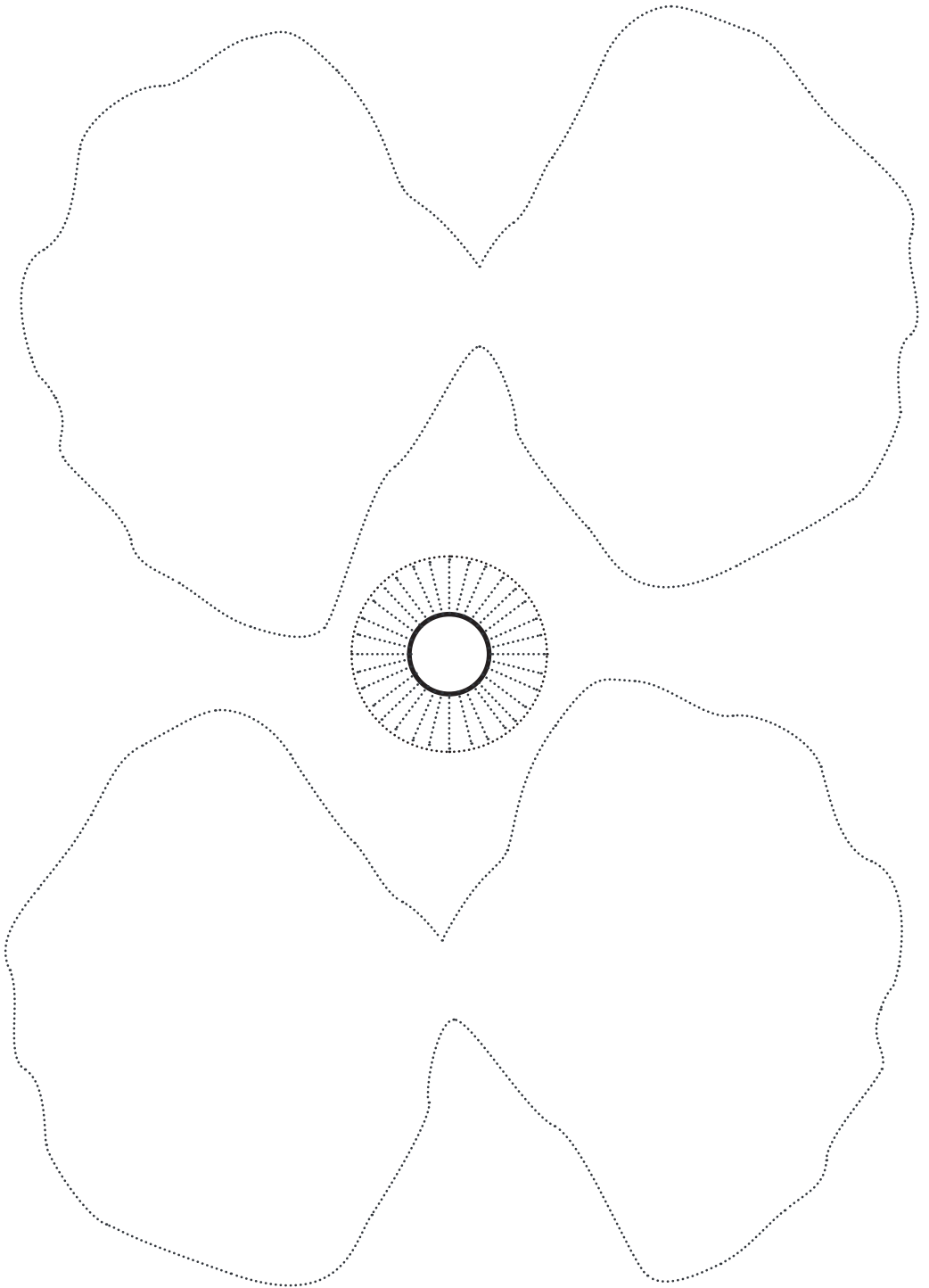
Step 4 - Final touches

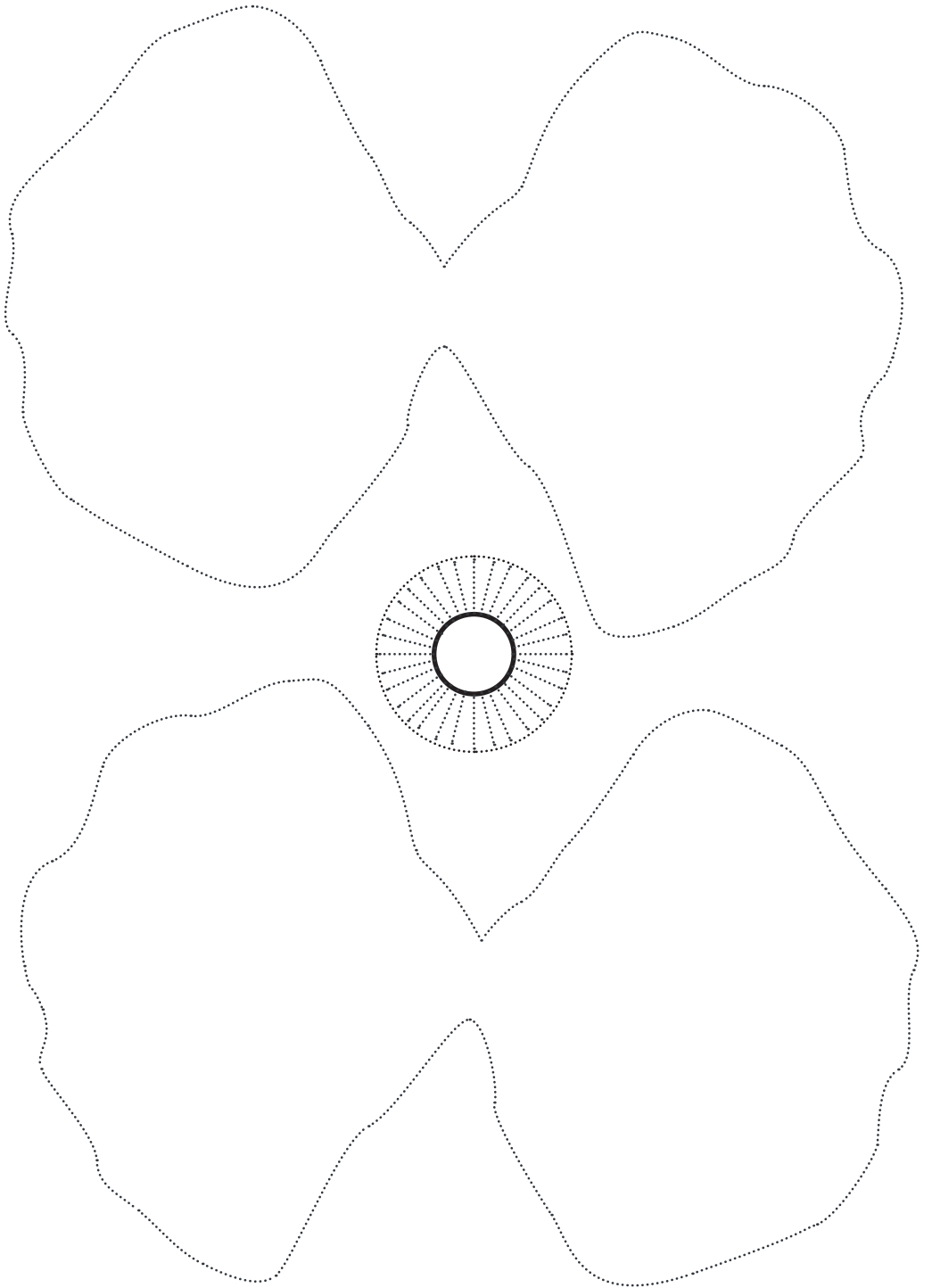
Rumple or scrunch up the petals and the cut bits of the poppy stamen. If you'd like, add some final decorations. Does it need a bit of red glitter? Some marks on the flower? Or more petals?

Step 5 - Display

There are heaps of ways you can display your poppy. Here are just a few ideas:

- Tape a safety pin on the back and make a poppy broach.
- Print off and make lots of poppies, then tape them into a circle shape to make a poppy wreath.
- Tape them onto a wooden skewer that you've painted green, and put them into a vase or pot plant.





Whānau friendly events in the community



SDYC FREE Movie: The Mountain

**Sunday 21 April
1pm - 2.30pm**

A funny, homegrown adventure, starring our very own Taranaki Maunga and Pātea Awa. We've got 130 free movie seats (and free popcorn) available. First come, first served!

Cost: Free to first 130

Ages: 18 and under

Register: Not needed

Venue: TET Kings Theatre



Wreath Making

**Tuesday 23 April
10am - 12pm**

Create a wreath to be laid in the Hall of Remembrance to commemorate Anzac Day.

Cost: Free

Ages: All ages

Register: Not needed

Venue: War Memorial Centre



Anzac Day Dawn Parade & Service

From 6am, Thursday 25 April

Commemorate Anzac Day with us at Stratford's Dawn Parade and Service.

The parade will leave the Colonel Malone Gates at 6am. Following the parade, a Dawn Service will be held in front of the Cross of Sacrifice on Miranda Street.

Join us for a light breakfast afterwards, in the Function Facility at the War Memorial Centre.

Stratford Discovery Trail

KIDS ICON HUNT

Hey kids!

Take a walk along the Stratford Discovery Trail and find the icons hidden along the trail.

The trail is marked by scroll posts that look like this ♡



Use your map and the scroll signs to guide you. When you reach each scroll sign, use your crayon/pencil to rub the icon onto the circle location provided.

« Scan to download your Icon Hunt map or pick one up from the library

Be a designer!



What's your style? Draw on the shoes, decorate, and colour to create your ultimate sneaker design...



Wai O Rua Stratford Aquatic Centre



Pool supervision rules

- 5 years and under must have a caregiver over 16 years of age in the pool within arms reach
- 6-8 years must be actively supervised by a caregiver over 16 years of age.
- There must be a minimum of 1 adult supervisor to 3 children under the age of 8.
- If a caregiver is supervising more than one child under the age of 8, then all children must be in the same pool.

Pool entry fees

	Casual	10x Concession
Adult	\$5	\$45
Child	\$4	\$36
Senior	\$4	\$36
Green Prescription	\$4	\$36
Spectator	FREE	
Adult supervising child under 8 years old in the water (from 1 July 2023)	\$2.50	
Family Pass (2 adults and 2 children over 8 years OR 1 adult and 3 children)	\$15	



We'll have a mega inflatable out at these times...

**Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during the holidays
11am - 2pm**

Love making a splash?
Visit Wai o Rua during one of our mega inflatable sessions for some extra bouncy fun!

Cost: Pool entry
Ages: All ages
Register: Not needed
Venue: Wai o Rua

Wai O Rua Stratford Aquatic Centre



3 x the inflatables for 3 x the fun!

Saturday 13, 20, and 27 April
11am - 2pm

THREE mega inflatables will be out for the ultimate in air-filled, splashy fun!

Cost: Pool entry
Ages: All ages
Register: Not needed
Venue: Wai o Rua



Snorkelling fun day

Tuesday 16 April
11am - 12pm

Bring your own snorkel

Learn how to use your snorkel safely and search for underwater surprises!

Cost: Pool entry
Ages: 8 years and older
Register: At [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)
Note: Only 10 spots available, get in quick
Venue: Wai o Rua



Water safety for babies and preschoolers

Tuesday 23 April
11am - 11.30am

A fun water safety session for little tamariki and pēpē.

Cost: Pool entry
Ages: Under 5 years
Register: At [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)
Note: Only 10 spots available, get in quick
Venue: Wai o Rua



Looking for even more awesome events?



Keep an eye out for
Facebook updates from:

- Taranaki Pioneer Village
- Tūtaki
- TET Kings Theatre
- Stratford Speedway
- Zeal Taranaki



Let's Talk Progress

**We want your feedback on our draft
Long Term Plan 2024-34!**

Think about the future you want for your
whānau in Whakaahurangi, Stratford and
have your say before 1 May.

Stratford.govt.nz/LTP



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Conservation
Te Papa Atarahai

50 things to do

- Get to know a tree
- Roll down a really big hill
- Camp outdoors
- Build a den
- Have fun with rocks
- Splash in puddles
- Fly a kite
- Spot a fish
- Have a picnic outdoors
- Go on a bush walk
- Explore on wheels
- Have fun with sticks
- Have fun with rocks
- Go on a wintry adventure
- Take a photo of nature
- Observe a lizard
- Creates some wild art
- Follow a rainbow
- Explore a new landscape
- Discover shells
- Go on a scavenger hunt
- Taste nature
- Spot sealife
- Go barefoot
- Create a nature song
- Stay overnight in a hut
- Go stargazing
- Explore a rock pool
- Help a plant to grow
- Make friends with a bug
- Go swimming in the sea
- Help an animal feel happy
- Watch a bird
- Get creative with sand
- Climb over rocks
- Jump into water
- Create a home for wildlife
- Explore a nature journal
- Cook on a campfire
- Climb a big hill
- Play outdoor hide and seek
- Watch the sunset
- Take a friend on a nature adventure
- Play in the wind and rain

For more ideas visit doc.govt.nz/50things



Before you go...

- ✓ **Download our FREE Antenno app to get the latest council updates sent straight to your device**



- ✓ **Visit Stratford.govt.nz/Events to find out what's on, or to post your own community events!**