

# Central Link

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WHAKAAHURANGI  
**STRATFORD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Celebrate Puanga in Whakaahurangi, Stratford

Stratford residents and visitors to the district are invited to come together for a community celebration for Puanga – The Māori New Year.



From 26 June to 10 July 2021, people can get involved with free activities to reflect, learn, share and celebrate Puanga.

Community Services Director Kate Whareaitu says, "Puanga is a special time of year, it's when we can reflect on the past 12 months and look forward to the next."

"Our Puanga rākau (tree) will be part of the exhibitions at the Percy Thomson Gallery for people to participate in the reflections and aspirations activity, and we'll end the celebrations with our Puanga market day," she says.

"This is the third year that we've acknowledged Puanga with our community," says Ms Whareaitu. "The aim is for it to be a regular event on our community calendar, something everyone can get involved with, and share their own stories of Puanga or learn something new."

"We also ran our Puanga flag competition during May and were extremely impressed by the entries received," said Ms Whareaitu.

"In the flag competition we asked local tamariki to show us what Puanga means to them. All the entries are on display at the Library and Visitor Information Centre in

Prospero Place and the winning flags will be turned into street flags and flown down Broadway during the celebration period," said Ms Whareaitu.

Stratford District Council thanks Whakaahurangi Marae and Toi Foundation for their support with this community event.

### What's on for Puanga?

- **26 June to 10 July:** Puanga rākau reflections and aspirations activity in Percy Thomson Gallery, Prospero Place. Write down your burdens or the names of loved ones you've lost in the past year, and hang your aspirations and goals for the year ahead on our rākau.
- **26 June to 10 July:** The Percy Thomson Gallery will be turned into a magical starlight wonderland, with local schools invited to decorate the walls with paintings of stars and the night sky.
- **26 June to 8 August:** Matariki Deep Space: A View of the Stars and Beyond, a collection of 25 'space' photographs by astronomer and Massey University professor Stephen Chadwick at Percy Thomson Gallery
- **Wednesday 30 June:** Puanga Tot Time at Stratford Library
- **Saturday 3 July:** Puanga Market Day (stalls, wānanga, facepainting for the kids and entertainment). A full timetable of activities for the market day will be posted on Council's Facebook page prior to the event, and at [stratford.govt.nz](http://stratford.govt.nz)

## There's a new adult book club in town - and it starts tomorrow!



# BOOK CLUB

ONE BOOK | ONE MONTH | ONE MEETING

**When:** Last Thursday of the month  
Thursday 24th June (first meeting)  
1.30pm-2.30pm

**Where:** Stratford Library



Contact us at the Stratford Library  
Phone: 765 5403  
Email: [library@stratford.govt.nz](mailto:library@stratford.govt.nz)



## Has your dog gone red?

All dogs in the Stratford District should have a red registration tag for the July 2021 to June 2022 registration year.

If you're registering a dog for the first time, pop into Council's Service Centre on Miranda Street and talk to the team. If you're renewing your dog registration, you can do this online at [stratford.govt.nz](http://stratford.govt.nz)

**Tell us if your details have changed.** If your beloved fur baby is no longer with you or you've had an address change please let us know as soon as possible so we can update our records.

**Pay your registration early or set up a payment plan to avoid penalties.** Dog registrations paid prior to 1 August are at a discounted rate and full fees apply from 1 August.

## Get rid of the lid!

**Remember to remove the lids on your recyclables.**

Lids smaller than 10cm aren't able to be recycled, so please remove them and place in your red lid rubbish bin.



### Public Notices

#### Notice of Temporary Road Closure - Street Sprints

Council proposes to close the following roads on Sunday 15 August 2021 between the hours of 7.30am and 5.30pm for the purpose of the Westend Hire Stratford Street Sprint 2021.

- Orlando Street from Warwick Road to Celia Street
- Romeo Street from Orlando Street to Cordelia Street
- Cordelia Street from Romeo Street to Warwick Road
- Warwick Road from Cordelia Street to Orlando Street

Detours will be available for the duration of these road closures.

Anyone who wishes to object to this proposal is asked to do so in writing before Friday 9 July 2021 at the Stratford District Council Service Centre on Miranda Street.

**V Araba**  
Director Assets

**Library and Visitor Information**  
Phone 06 765 5403  
Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm  
Saturday 9.00am – 1.00pm  
Sundays & Public Holidays Closed

**Transfer Station**  
Phone 06 765 8500  
Monday – Friday 2.00pm – 5.00pm  
Wednesday 10.00am – 1.00pm  
Saturday & Sunday 1.00pm – 5.00pm

**TSB Pool Complex**  
Phone 06 765 6275  
Weekdays 6.00am – 7.30pm  
Wednesday 6.00am – 6.30pm  
Saturdays 7.00am – 5.30 pm  
Sunday 11.00am – 5.30 pm

**Glockenspiel**  
Performs Daily at 10.00am, 1.00pm,  
3.00pm and 7.00pm

23 June 2021