

# Central Link

He karere tā te Kaunihera ā Rohe o Whakaahurangi  
News from the Stratford District Council

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**STRATFORD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Historic bells to be rehomed

**The Bell Tower in the War Memorial Centre car park is being demolished in late March 2022 due to the earthquake risk it poses.**

A seismic assessment on the Bell Tower discovered that it posed a significant earthquake risk, and Council was faced with two options - strengthen or demolish.

Councillors discussed the options as part of the Long Term Plan 2021-2031, and felt the initial cost of strengthening, as well as the increased ongoing maintenance costs were too large. With public safety the main driver to assessing the future of the tower, it was decided removing the tower altogether was the best option.

While the tower structure will be dismantled and removed, the bells will be saved and stored safely until a new home is made for them.

District Mayor Neil Volzke says, "Council is aware that the decision to remove the bell tower might come as a disappointment to some, but ongoing public safety is at the forefront of this decision, and we're satisfied that the historic bells which the tower was originally constructed to house, will be better displayed elsewhere for everyone to enjoy."

"At the moment you can't see the bells as they are enclosed within the tower, so we're looking forward to being able to view them again," says Mayor Volzke.

The bells from the tower originally came from the old clock tower on the Broadway Post Office. Both the old clock tower and bells were erected as a memorial to the soldiers of Stratford who fell in the Boer War (1899-1902) and World War 1 (1914-1918). In 1987, after being disused for 20 years, the bells were installed in the Bell Tower on Miranda Street.

## Pump Track in action!

**The pump track at Victoria Park is now open for the community to enjoy.**

The asphalt pump track features rollers and berms, and its smart design means bike riders of all ages and skill levels are able to safely navigate the course. A reminder to users to please follow the track markings, look out for one another and ride within your ability.

This track rounds off development in the park which started back in November 2020 when Council received central government funding of \$2 million to construct an education cycle track and half basketball court. The pump track and family BBQ areas were welcome additions.

We're excited to have this section of the park now open for all to enjoy. It's been a long wait as we've had to navigate COVID-19 alert levels and more recently bad weather. We're looking forward to having the rest of the park's final touches (more concrete artwork and landscaping) completed soon.

When possible, we will look to hold an official 'ribbon cutting' ceremony and community open day!



## Did you know?

**Many animals recycle to help protect their environment and to get a mate.**

Hermit crabs and octopii recycle shells, tin cans and glass bottles to make their homes and while we all know the dung beetle recycles animal waste, did you know it has been estimated that in the US alone this saves farmers around \$380 million a year on disposal costs.

One of the oddest recyclers is the male bowerbird from Australia which builds its bower (nest) using recycled material - but it must be blue waste. The brighter the color the more attractive he is to a potential mate. Remember the mosaics of ancient Rome used to decorate homes?

This message has been brought to you by our Water and Waste Education Officer. Keep an eye out for more 'Did you know?' features in our Central Link and on our Facebook page.



**Covid19 Update: Taranaki is in Red. Visit [covid19.govt.nz](https://covid19.govt.nz) for more information.**

### Public Notices

#### Meeting Schedule - March 2022

##### Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 8 March at 3:30pm

##### Farm & Aerodrome Committee

Tuesday 15 March at 12noon

##### Audit & Risk Committee

Tuesday 15 March at 2:00pm

##### Policy & Services Committee

Tuesday 22 March at 3:00pm

All meetings are held in the Council Chambers, Miranda Street, Stratford. Meetings will be held by audio visual link if required due to COVID-19 public health measures.

**S Hanne**  
Chief Executive

#### The Impounding Act 1955, Section 46(2)

The following stock have been seized at Beaconsfield Road, Stratford, and impounded at Stratford District Council's Stock Pound, Victoria Road, Stratford on 19 February 2022. Description of Stock:

- 2 x pigs

Notice is given that unless claimed by the owner/s within 7 days of the date of the publication of this notice, the stock will be sold or otherwise disposed of in accordance with the Impounding Act 1955.

All enquires should be directed to Council's Animal Control team on 06 765 6099 or by email to stratforddc@stratford.govt.nz.

**B Sutherland**  
Director Environmental Services

#### Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund - Round two now open

Applications are now being sought for the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund. The Rural Travel Fund is available to rural sports clubs and rural school teams with young people aged between 5 and 19 years who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions. The Rural Travel Fund does not provide assistance for the purpose of travelling to regional or national events. Applications are available from Council's website, stratford.govt.nz, the Service Centre at 63 Miranda Street and the Library and Visitor Information Centre in Prospero Place.

**Applications must be received at council by 4.30pm Friday 18 March 2022.** Late applications will not be accepted. Applicants are encouraged to contact Rhonda Vanstone by email on rvanstone@stratford.govt.nz or phone 06 765 6099 to ensure eligibility and provide assistance with application information.

**K Whareaitu**  
Director Community Services

#### Temporary Road Closure

Council has permitted the closure of the following road on Sunday 27 March 2022 between 7:30am and 5:30pm for the purpose of the Taranaki Car Club Hill Climb Motorsport Event:

- Toko Road - between Raupuha and the end of road.

Access for residents will be available at all times.

**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  
  
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