

Central Link

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

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TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O
WHAKAAHURANGI
STRATFORD
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Summer
Nights

Thanks for rocking with
us, Whakaahurangi!

Public Notices

Meeting schedule - March 2023

Audit and Risk Committee
Tuesday 14 March at 1 pm

Public Forum
Tuesday 14 March at 3 pm
For those wishing to speak, please submit an application form to the Chief Executive by 12 noon on Tuesday 7 March 2023.

Ordinary Meeting
Tuesday 14 March at 3:30 pm

Workshop
Tuesday 21 March at 11am

Farm and Aerodrome Committee
Tuesday 21 March at 12 noon

Workshop
Tuesday 28 March at 2pm

Policy & Services Committee
Tuesday 28 March at 3 pm

All meetings will be held in the Council Chambers on Miranda Street.

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Chief Executive

Temporary Road Closure – Hamlet Street

As part of our School Safety Project for Avon Primary School, the following street will be closed for up to four weeks from **Monday 6 March** (weather dependent) for improvement works to be undertaken on the pedestrian crossing.

- Hamlet Street– Between Romeo Street and Warwick Road

The road will be closed to all through traffic. Residents will have access to their properties at all times.

Thank you for your patience while this work is underway. Learn more about our School Safety Project online at Stratford.govt.nz

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Director Assets

Arboretum growing its appeal with new gardens and community hub

The Percy Thomson Trust has announced the construction and planting of two new native gardens and a community seating area at the Thomson Arboretum; a botanical garden of native flora adjoining Stratford's Windsor Park.

The development includes a new entrance garden to entice people into the arboretum, and an accessibility-friendly central garden space with seating to encourage people to stay and enjoy the special native plantings.

Construction will begin at the end of March 2023 and should finish late April, but some preparation has already begun.

Jim Clarkson, trustee member, says it's the first new development for the Thomson Arboretum since its establishment in 2001.

"The arboretum is a really special place. We've planted over 100 different native species, including plants that are significant to Taranaki, but right now there's no place for people to relax," says Jim.

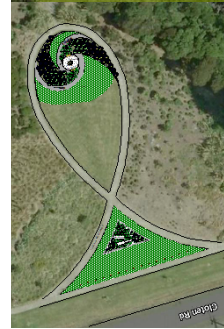
"With these developments, we're hoping to draw people into the heart of the arboretum, give them a reason to stay, and help our community become more aware of this incredible native garden right in their backyard."

Helen Cloke, trustee member, says this project is just the beginning, with more being planned for the future.

"The next stage is looking at funding for a large sculptural piece. Then a nature playground for tamariki, with tree stumps, boulders, and fun things to explore and clamber over," says Helen.



Concept images



"We want to bring in more educational aspects, so whānau, school groups, and anyone who's interested can learn more about the special native plants we have here. It's about growing interest in the arboretum and connecting it back to the community."

Percy Thomson MBE (1884 – 1962), a former Stratford Mayor, left a significant bequest to be used for an arboretum, herbarium and an art gallery in the Stratford District.

Stratford District Council established the Percy Thomson Trust in 2002 with the responsibility for the ongoing management of the Percy Thomson Gallery, the Thomson Arboretum and the Thomson Herbarium.

Did you know?

- An arboretum is a botanical garden of trees.
- Percy Thomson was the driving force behind the beech tree plantings in Broadway South.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER ON 1 MARCH!

STRATFORD COLOUR IN THE PARK

Celebrate Children's Day on 5 March! Get doused in colour as you complete a 5km run, or 2.5km run / walk. Fun, entertainment, and selfie opportunities available on the day! Tickets available from Eventbrite.co.nz



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STRATFORD DISTRICT
YOUTH COUNCIL

Got a green idea? We have \$25k available for waste reduction projects

Do you have an idea that could reduce or eliminate general waste, or reuse items that would otherwise be thrown away? Get your idea off the ground with financial support through our new \$25,000 Waste Levy Fund.

What kind of idea? To be successful, your project has to avoid, reduce, recycle, recover, or reuse waste in the Stratford district.

Who can apply? Individuals, community organisations, and not-for-profits can apply. Your project has to be located in, and benefit, the Stratford community.

I've got an idea! Ka pai! Visit Stratford.govt.nz/WasteFund to check the eligibility criteria and make your application.

Got questions? Please get in touch with us at WasteMinimisation@stratford.govt.nz or call 06 765 6099 to speak to Peter McNamara, our Waste & Water Education Officer.

Library and Visitor Information

Phone 06 765 5403

Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm

Saturday 9.00am – 1.00pm

Sunday & 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

Wai O Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre

Phone 06 765 6275

Monday – Friday 6.00am – 6.30pm

Saturday 7.00am – 5.00pm

Sunday and Public Holidays

10.00am – 5.00pm

Glockenspiel

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

1 March 2023