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News from the Stratford District Council

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STRATFORD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Check your calendar

Make a note of these community events and important dates. Stay tuned to our website, social media or Antenna app for updates.

18 November	Stratford Youth Festival at Victoria Park
18 November	Stratford District Youth Council applications open to young people aged 12 to 24
25 & 26 November	Stratford A&P Show. Come and see us at the SDC marquee!
29 November	Rates are due
1 December	Stratford Christmas Parade, Prospero Night Market & Carols
2 December	Stratford Kids' Trout Fishing Day. Book your 15 minute slot at the library isite or call 0800 765 6708
4 December	Stratford Foodbank annual Letterbox Collection from 6pm. Listen out for the sirens
4 December - 26 January	School Holiday Programme activities available at Council facilities
22 December - 3 January	Opening hours change for Council facilities over the festive break. Check Stratford.govt.nz for details.
27 January	Summer Nights Movies
31 January	Waste Levy Fund applications close. If you have a project idea that will reduce waste, visit Stratford.govt.nz/WasteLevyFund for info
10 February	Summer Nights Concert
23 February	Americarna comes to Stratford

Public Notices

Council meetings - November 2023

- Workshop:** Tuesday 21 November at 12 noon
- Audit and Risk Committee:** Tuesday 21 November at 12 noon
- Workshop:** Tuesday 28 November at 12 noon
- Hearing:** Tuesday 28 November at 2pm to hear submissions on the proposed Beauty Therapy, Tattooing, and Skin Piercing Bylaw 2023
- Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 28 November at 3pm

Meetings and Workshops will be held in the Council Chambers on Miranda Street. Changes to meeting times will be published in the Public Notice section of Stratford.govt.nz

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Chief Executive

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

15 November 2023

Can I swim here? Water quality monitoring starts up ahead of the summer

The Pātea River is a popular cooling off spot for pets and people alike, but before you jump in, make sure you check TRC.govt.nz/Can-I-Swim-Here to find out the latest water quality results.

Taranaki Regional Council's "Can I Swim Here?" water quality monitoring programme has begun and will run through until the end of March 2024.

Testing of popular swimming and water recreational spots is carried out and published online every week. The results are easy to read, with a traffic light system showing "Suitable for swimming", "Caution advised", and "Unsuitable for swimming".

Environmental Health Manager, Rachael Otter, says along with checking the latest water quality results, it's important to do a sense check too.

"If we've had heavy or prolonged rain, give swimming a miss for three days to avoid any contaminants that have been washed into the water. And if the water looks murky, it's best to come back when it's clear."



TRC.govt.nz/Can-I-Swim-Here

"We'll put up signage if the results show the river is not safe for swimming, but always check the TRC website too, as you might miss the signage, or your dog could like jumping in where we don't have any signs up."

If you have concerns about water pollution, please make a report to the Taranaki Regional Council's pollution hotline on 0800 736 222.

Scarecrow Trail winners announced...



Congratulations to the winning and highly commended entries for the 2023 Scarecrow Trail!

Scarecrow Trail organiser Amy Kingston says it was difficult for our judges to decide this year's winners, "This is our seventh Scarecrow Trail and we're still amazed by what people create. We have some serious talent out there."

"A big well done to our winners, and to everyone who took part this year. You all have something to crow about!"

Congratulations to the best scarecrows in their field:

Pre School

- Winner:** Whaea Tilly, no. 34 (Stratford Parents Centre)
- Highly Commended:** Hungry caterpillar, no. 13
- Highly Commended:** fly fly witchy, no. 31 (Wonder Kids)

Primary

- Winner:** Old Maid, no.3
- Highly Commended:** Tutu, no. 43
- Highly Commended:** Wonderland, no. 7

Open

- Winner:** Cub, no. 54
- Highly Commended:** Stone the Crows, No. 61
- Highly Commended:** BOOey, no. 57

Business

- Winner:** Sally Scarecrow, no. 25 (Salvation Army)
- Highly Commended:** Worzel Gummige, no. 20 (TET Kings Emporium Bookshop)
- Highly Commended:** Dee Cade, no. 24 (Stratford Community House)

Best use of recycled materials

- Winner:** Bluey The Polluted Whale, no. 48
- Highly Commended:** Tāne Mahuta Warrior (Up da wahz), no. 47

Keep an eye on our Facebook page. We'll be announcing the winner of the People's Choice Award and posting pics of all the winning scarecrows! [StratfordDistrictCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/StratfordDistrictCouncil)



Catch up with SDYC at the Stratford Youth Festival

Music and entertainment, free kai, 3x3 basketball and scooter competitions, plus a dance battle! Stratford District Youth Council (SDYC) will see you at the Stratford Youth Festival in Victoria Park on Saturday 18 November from 11am - 2pm.

Established 20 years ago, SDYC is one of the longest running youth councils in Aotearoa. If you're interested in advocating for the young people in your community and organising or supporting epic youth events, come along and have a chat. SDYC will be recruiting for new youth councillors for 2024!