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TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O
WHAKAAHURANGI
STRATFORD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

SPEED MANAGEMENT

Have Your Say on our
plan by 29 October
[Stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSay](https://stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSay)

Public Notices

Council meetings - November 2023

- Workshop:** Tuesday 7 November at 10.30am
- Workshop:** Tuesday 14 November at 1.30pm
- Public Forum:** Tuesday 14 November at 3pm

For those wishing to speak, please submit an application form to the Chief Executive by 12 noon on Tuesday 7 November 2023. For more information, visit [Stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum](https://stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum)

- Ordinary Meeting:** Tuesday 14 November at 3.30pm
- Audit and Risk Committee:** Tuesday 21 November at 2pm

- 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](https://stratford.govt.nz)

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Chief Executive

Annual Report 2022/23 adopted

Our 2022/23 Annual Report was adopted by Council on Tuesday 10 October 2023.

The Annual Report examines Council's performance achieving objectives laid out in the Long Term Plan process. The report also examines Council's current financial position.

Read it online at [Stratford.govt.nz/AnnualPlansAndReports](https://stratford.govt.nz/AnnualPlansAndReports)



Cyber Smart Week

It's CERT NZ's annual Cyber Smart Week from 30 October to 5 November and the Stratford Library and Information Centre is getting on board to help you protect yourself against cyber criminals.

Kiwis lose almost \$2 million dollars a month to cyber crime, and it's becoming harder to tell what's real and what's a scam. Find out more about keeping yourself cyber safe, and test your knowledge at the library's quiz!

- Cyber Safety Quiz from 1.30 to 2.30pm, Thursday 2 November. Tea and coffee provided.**

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

25 October 2023

Funds available to give help to people in need

Did you know we've got funds available to help our older community members who require financial assistance, and our other residents too, where there's a real need for a helping hand?

Elizabeth Watson Estate Fund

Elizabeth Maree Watson, generously left funds to Stratford District Council in her will to distribute to older Stratford residents aged 65 years and over who need financial help.

Applications for support:

- Can be made at any time during the year
- Must be made in writing
- Are assessed by our District Mayor
- Need to include proof of need, including income and bank statements

The Mayor is able to decide how funds are distributed, but the support can be used for things like the purchase of clothing, and paying doctor's accounts and domestic bills.

Mayoral Relief Fund

If you live in Stratford district, you can apply to the Mayoral Relief Fund for one-off assistance where there's a demonstrated need and if organisations like Work and Income are not able to help. Grants can also be made available to community groups and organisations at the discretion of the Mayor.



Priority will be given:

- To help families in need with food, clothing, bedding or furniture
- For school camps, and uniforms
- For medical costs
- For crisis situations as deemed by the District Mayor

How to apply for these funds

Visit [Stratford.govt.nz/FundsAndGrants](https://stratford.govt.nz/FundsAndGrants) for more information, guidelines and criteria, or give us a call on 06 765 6099. Any information you give us will be kept private.

Shakespeare, dance battles, and bagpipes; Creative Community funding recipients are announced

Stratford's Creative Community Scheme (CCS) has awarded **\$11,405.75 to eleven creative projects in the latest round of arts funding.**

Stratford CCS Assessment Committee Chair, Councillor Ellen Hall, says Shakespeare's legacy is well and truly alive in Stratford. Both the Taranaki regional Sheila Winn Shakespeare competition and the Stratford Shakespeare Festival received support to get young people engaging with and interpreting the Bard's work in new ways.

"From a Youth Festival complete with dance battles, to our local Scottish Society teaching piping and drumming, if you want to see a diverse and thriving creative community, come to Stratford," says Councillor Hall.

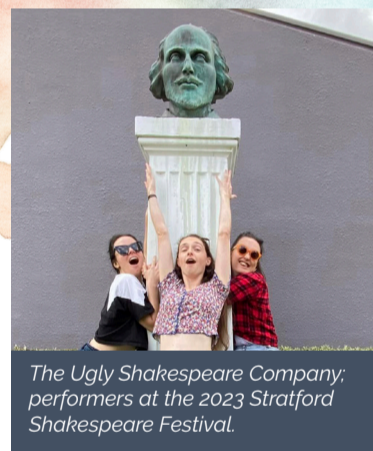
"Creative Communities funding is a real boost to our diverse artists, crafters, and performers in the Stratford district. And equally so, for all of us who appreciate and like to experience the arts," says Councillor Hall.

CCS is a partnership between Stratford District Council and Creative New Zealand.

The scheme funds arts projects that increase the range and diversity of local arts, strengthens participation, and enhances the local arts sector.

In the latest round of funding, special one-off support was also available to local festivals that were still being impacted by prior Covid-19 event restrictions.

The next round of funding opens in March 2024. For more information, visit [Stratford.govt.nz/CCS](https://stratford.govt.nz/CCS)



The Ugly Shakespeare Company; performers at the 2023 Stratford Shakespeare Festival.

CCS FUNDING RECIPIENTS

Applicant	Project	Funding
Taranaki Singer Songwriter Development Trust	Singer Songwriters Stratford	\$600
Zeal Education Trust - Taranaki	Stratford Youth Festival	\$800
Te Rangimārie – Stratford High School	Te Rangimārie mural	\$1,600
Stratford on Stage	West 'N' Wild	\$2,000
Stratford Community Childcare Centre	Pavement mural for outdoor environment	\$1,000
Stratford A & P Association	Stratford A&P Show 2023	\$320
Susan Balckwell	Shakespeare Globe University of Otago Sheila Winn Shakespeare	\$750
Stratford & Districts Scottish Society	Stratford & Districts Scottish Society Pipe Band	\$1,000
Stratford Art Society	Stratford Art Society Members Exhibition 2023/2024	\$1,832

FESTIVAL FUNDING RECIPIENTS

Taranaki Arts Trail	Taranaki Arts Trail	\$985.45
Stratford Shakespeare Trust	Stratford Shakespeare Festival 2024	\$5,818.75