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TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O
WHAKAAHURANGI
STRATFORD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Notices

Upcoming Council Meetings - August 2023

Workshop

Tuesday 8 August at 1:30pm

Public Forum

Tuesday 8 August at 3pm

For those wishing to speak, please submit an application form to the Chief Executive by 12 noon on Tuesday 1 August 2023.

Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 8 August at 3:30pm

Workshop

Tuesday 22 August at 2pm

Policy & Services Committee

Tuesday 2 August at 3pm

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

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Chief Executive



PLASTIC FREE JULY

Small steps = big difference!

In 2022, over 140 million people worldwide took part in Plastic Free July. This year, the theme for the month is "Small steps make a big difference." This recognises that a global movement of people, each doing something small to reduce plastic pollution, can have a major impact.

Did you know? Plastic Free July participants typically reduce their waste and recycling by 18kg each year. In Stratford, that's like reducing your waste by three red lid general waste bins!

What little steps can you make this month to reduce plastic pollution?



Stratford Transport Choices project puts focus on safe and active school travel

Stratford District Council's Transport Choices project is aiming to give kids and families safe, healthy, and environmentally friendly ways to travel to and from school, and to key destinations in the community.

Our School Safety Improvement Project, part of Waka Kotahi's Transport Choices programme, will be delivered in two phases, with physical works starting in summer 2023/24.

Phase one, which will go out for public consultation in August 2023, will include the development of safe walking and cycling paths between Avon School, Stratford Primary School, and St Joseph's School, including connections from the schools to Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre, TET Multisports Stadium, and State Highway 3.

We will look at the streets surrounding Stratford Primary School first. This stage of the proposed work will focus on Brecon Road, and Portia, Hamlet, Miranda, and Regan Streets. School communities, impacted residents and businesses, and members of the public will be encouraged to share their views on the draft plans during the consultation period.

Victoria Araba, SDC Director - Assets, says having a good conversation with the community before the plans are finalised will be important to getting the right outcome for the district.

"This is a big project for Stratford, and we know people will have questions and concerns they'll want to talk through. We'll be holding a public hui to chat with people about our plans. We want to get the best results for our community," says Victoria.

Phase two of the School Safety Improvement Project will provide safe and accessible crossing points on State Highway 3, and safe walking and cycling connections between key residential areas to Stratford High School and destinations like the Stratford Bike Park and Whakaahurangi Marae.



An example of a two-way directional cycle way, with a wide footpath and parking bays.

The total value of both phases of the project is \$7.8M. Transport Choices funding will cover 80% of the project, with a 20% co-funding contribution from SDC.

Victoria says that while the improvements are focussed on creating safer cycling and walking networks for Stratford's primary school communities, the advantages won't stop there.

"We know, through our research, that some parents and caregivers see road safety and a lack of safe crossing points as a barrier to encouraging their kids to walk or bike to school. And we know that these can be an obstacle to others in our community considering walking or biking over taking the car too," says Victoria.

"This work will help to support a low-emissions future for our country, and create active, safe, convenient, and more accessible routes which can be used by all members of our community - young, older, and in-between."

For more information about Stratford's Transport Choices project and to sign-up for updates, visit Stratford.govt.nz/TransportChoices



EARLY DISCOUNT DOG REGISTRATIONS END AFTER 31 JULY!

For more information, visit Stratford.govt.nz/DogRego

Creative projects in Stratford get 9k boost

Stratford's Creative Communities Scheme (CCS) has awarded \$9,184 to eight creative projects in their latest round of arts funding.

Councillor Ellen Hall, Stratford CCS Assessment Committee Chair, says Stratford District has a strong, diverse, and creative community which was reflected in the proposals that came through.

"We're funding school productions, a hip-hop dance programme, and exhibitions and workshops in a range of different disciplines," says Councillor Hall.

Young people are big winners in this round, with over half of the funds awarded going towards creative projects for tamariki and rangatahi.

"It's really important to encourage our young people to take part in the arts," says Councillor Hall. "School productions and workshops are a great way to bring kids together to explore their creativity, give them new experiences, and grow their confidence."

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. The next round for the Stratford district will be open from Monday 31 July 2023.

Recently, three new Stratford CCS Committee members were confirmed; Tracey Reynolds, who is an active member of the local theatre scene with experience leading youth productions, Helene Fourier, a creative working in a wide variety of mediums, and Sally Flintoff, a keen crafter with strong links in the local community.

The committee also welcomed Councillor Tongaawhikau and Councillor Hall, who was appointed the new Committee Chair.

Stratford District's successful applicants from the latest funding round are:

Zeal Education Trust - Taranaki: Hip Hop dance School Holiday programme - \$1,094

Stratford High School: School Production - Madhouse Production - \$935

Yellow Eye Dunedin: Primary School workshop and show with award winning duo ARO - \$1,360

Toko School: School Production - The Wizard of OZ - \$1,746

Aotearoa Quilters Taranaki: Exhibition - Threads of Time - \$1,420

Justin Morgan: Art Exhibition - ABOARD; what's in the suitcase? - \$1,832

Stratford Floral Art Group: Floral Art Workshops - \$450

Taranaki Embroiderers Biennial Exhibition: Exhibition - The Majesty of the Needle - \$977

Visit Stratford.govt.nz/CCS for more information about the Creative Communities Scheme.

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

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