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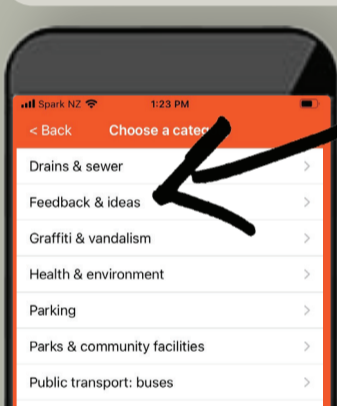
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**STRATFORD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Send us feedback or ideas via Antenno and BE IN TO WIN!

Got a bright idea or feedback to share?

Everyone that sends us a report through the **Feedback & ideas** category on **Antenno** in the month of May will go in the draw to win \$100 worth of vouchers.

Maybe you want to give thanks for a service, or you'd like to see a service improved - just share it via the app to go in the draw to win!



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## Public Notices

### Upcoming meetings

**Workshop** - Tuesday 9 May at 1.30pm

**Public Forum** - Tuesday 9 May at 3.00pm

**Ordinary Meeting** - Tuesday 9 May at 3.30pm

Meetings and Workshops will be held in the Council Chambers on Miranda Street. Workshop start times might change at short notice depending on the workshop content. Visit [Stratford.govt.nz](http://Stratford.govt.nz) for updates.

**S Hanne**  
Chief Executive

### Extension of temporary road closure - Opunake Road

Weather delays have impacted improvement works being carried out on Opunake Road at the Dunn's Stream Bridge (between Manaia and Rowan Roads). Due to this, the road closure has been extended to the below dates.

- 24 hours a day until 5 May 2023
- Day time closure between 8am and 6pm from 6 May to 2 June. Access will be available through the closure over night during these dates

Thank you for your patience and understanding, as we work to improve safety on Opunake Road.

**V Araba**  
Director - Assets

## Stratford to celebrate Youth Week with free pool party and events

Stratford District Youth Council (SDYC) is gearing up to celebrate Youth Week 2023 with exciting free and low-cost activities for tamariki and rangatahi!

Stratford's week-long celebrations will include a Craft and Pizza session, Silent Disco, and the popular SDYC Pool Party with free entry to Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre from 1 to 3pm on Saturday 20 May.

During Youth Week, SDYC will also support Pink Shirt Day on 19 May. An initiative to stop bullying by promoting kindness and inclusion.

SDYC Co-Chair Victoria Payne, says Youth Week is a great chance for young people to come together and enjoy what Stratford offers.

"I'm most excited about the free pool party. It's the first time we've hosted this event at the new Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre. And for some kids, it'll be their first time in the new pool. We'll have the inflatables out and the music pumping. It'll be awesome," says Victoria.

Youth Week runs from 15 to 21 May 2023. During this time, young people from all over the country will host events to celebrate the talent, energy, and contribution of Aotearoa's youth.

Zoe Pitcher, SDYC Co-Chair, says this year's theme of "Leaders of tomorrow? Leaders for today!" is a good reminder that rangatahi don't need to wait until they're older to have their voices heard.

"Young people have legitimate views and concerns. Part of our role in the Youth Council is to advocate for the rangatahi in our community. If anyone is interested in getting involved, or has a community issue they want to be heard on, we'll be at the Youth Week events. Come and chat," says Zoe.

# Youth Week

## 15-21 May 2023

### Events for 12 to 24 year olds:

#### Craft and Pizza - FREE

4.30 - 6pm Wednesday 17 May

Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre

#### SDYC Pink Silent Disco - \$5

7 - 9pm Friday 19 May

Stratford War Memorial Centre

Prizes for the best pink costume in support of Pink Shirt Day. Tickets \$5 through [Eventbrite.co.nz](http://Eventbrite.co.nz)

#### SDYC Pool Party - FREE (limit of 150)

1 - 3pm Saturday 20 May

Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre

More information is available at [Stratford.govt.nz](http://Stratford.govt.nz) or on the SDYC Facebook or Instagram pages.

## Help us celebrate our community champions - Citizen Award Nominations are now open



The Stratford district is full of go-getters, doers, supporters, helpers, organisers - you name it, we have people in our community that will put their hand up and do it.

We love celebrating these people and invite you to nominate your local champion for a Citizen Award or Youth Citizen Award.

Nominations are open now and close on **Friday 26 May 2023**. Successful recipients are announced in July 2023, with a celebration ceremony held early August.

The awards are an annual tradition and have been part of the fabric of our community for over 30 years. They identify local champions in our community who have shown leadership, inspiration, or dedication to a cause, contributing to the overall wellbeing of our district.

Mayor Neil Volzke says, "When you ask someone why they love the Stratford district, the answer is almost always 'the people'."

"It's no surprise that year on year we're presented with nominations identifying amazing community members who go above and beyond. It's heartening to see this coming through in youth citizen award nominations too. Our youth are leading the way and giving me confidence that these awards will continue to showcase the best aspects of our community for another 30 years plus."

"Please take the time to nominate those doing great things in our district."

Nomination forms for both the 2023 Citizen Award and Youth Citizen Award (recognising our 12-24 year old champions) are available from Council's website, [Stratford.govt.nz](http://Stratford.govt.nz), Service Centre, or the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre.

*Pictured: 2022 Stratford District Council Citizens Award recipients with Mayor Neil Volzke.*

### 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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