

# Central Link

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News from the Stratford District Council

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TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O  
**WHAKAAHURANGI**  
**STRATFORD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Public Notices

### Upcoming Council Meetings - July 2023

**Workshop**  
Tuesday 11 July 1.30pm

**Public Forum - if requested**  
Tuesday 11 July 3pm

**Ordinary Meeting**  
Tuesday 11 July 3.30pm

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](http://Stratford.govt.nz)

**S Hanne**  
Chief Executive

## Plastic Free July starts with new single-use plastic ban

It's Plastic Free July and all-around Aotearoa people will be reducing or eliminating their plastic waste to support our environment, climate, and waterways. Whether or not you're taking part, big changes have come into effect for us all with the start of the Government's ban on single-use plastic on 1 July.

### What single-use plastics are now banned?

#### Single-use plastic drinking straws

Single-use plastic drinking straws will only be available to disabled people and those with health conditions, or if the straw is an integral part of the packaging, like with juice boxes.

*Alternatives: reusable straws are available in a lot of different materials. Find a good one and stick it in your bag for use out and about.*

#### Single-use plastic tableware and cutlery

You won't be able to use plastic tableware and cutlery if it's designed to be used once, or only a limited number of times, before being thrown away.

*Alternatives: paper, cardboard, and bamboo items are great to use. Consider bringing your own cutlery or containers for takeaway food if the retailer allows it - like bringing your own container for your sushi fix!*

#### Plastic produce labels

From now on, the labels on your fruit and veg will need to be made of a material that is home compostable.

#### Single-use plastic produce bags

Those plastic bags from supermarkets that you stick your fruit and veg in? They're out.

*Alternatives: paper bags, reusable bags of different materials, or simply go without a bag. Under the Weights and Measures Act, it's illegal for retailers to charge for the weight of food packaging and they'll need to take this into account when weighing your produce.*

For more information, visit [Environment.govt.nz](http://Environment.govt.nz)

**FIND FREE AND LOW COST SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES:**  
[STRATFORD.GOVT.NZ/HOLIDAYS](http://STRATFORD.GOVT.NZ/HOLIDAYS)

## School zone speed changes approved

**Our Interim Speed Management Plan, which focuses on speed limits across our school zones, was endorsed by the Policy and Services Committee last week.**

In 2022, we asked for our school communities and people at properties within school zones to share their thoughts around speed limits outside their schools. Using their feedback, we finalised the proposed changes to these speed zones and consulted on these with the wider community.

Thank you to everyone who has been part of this process over the last 12 months. Once the Interim Speed Management Plan is certified by Waka Kotahi, the new speed limits will be rolled out. We aim to have this completed by the end of the calendar year.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is managing any changes to the speed outside schools that sit on state highways (Huiakama School, Taranaki Diocesan School, Marco School, Ngaere School, and Toko School).

Over the next year, we'll be developing the draft Speed Management Plan for the rest of our district, so keep an eye out for more opportunities to have a say on the safety of our roads.

### Changes to school zone speeds:

- Midhirst School – 30km/h
- Stratford Primary School – 30km/h
- Stratford High School – 30km/h
- St Joseph's Primary School – 30km/h
- St Mary's Diocesan School (Pembroke Road frontage only) – 30km/h
- Pembroke School – 60km/h
- Makahu School – 30km/h
- Marco School – 60km/h (Marco Road frontage only)
- Ngaere School – 60km/h (Cheal Road frontage only)

## What's on for Puanga!

You can get involved with the below until 17 July.

Puanga rākau reflections and aspirations activity in the Stratford Library and Visitor Information Centre. Write your burdens or the names of loved ones you've lost in the past year and these will be burnt as part of our celebrations. Hang your aspirations and goals for the year ahead on our rākau.

Check out our winning designs from the Puanga Flag Competition flying down Broadway.

**13 July 5pm to 8pm**

**A Starry Night** – a spectacular celebration in Prospero Place, including the Library and Visitor Information Centre and Percy Thomson Gallery. Visitors will enjoy:

- Kai, kōrero and kanikani (dance)!
- Lighting displays and glow face painting
- The Promise of Puanga story reading and sand art
- Weaving wānanga with Māori Womens Welfare League, performance by The Dance Project, and fire poi displays by Fire and Flow
- Toi o Taranaki ki te Tonga exhibition at Percy Thomson Gallery: Kāhui Māreikura



*Ka pai and congratulations to our street flag competition winners, Joe Werder from Toko School, Shianne Pratt from Kaponga Primary, Karen Jones from Taranaki Diocesan School, and Harley Hau from Mākāhu School.*

*See all the entries on display at the library.*

## What are those orange sticks at the intersections?

**You might have noticed some orange sticks pop up across Stratford at our intersections.**

These orange flexi guides are being trialled across the a number of intersections in Stratford (see list of streets to the right). They're used to better define the intersection for motorists, helping them to stay in their lane when turning in and out of intersections.

The flexi guides are a cost effective initiative to encourage safer driving behaviour at our intersections before any permanent safety features may get implemented.



- Elizabeth Grove / Celia Street
- Cordelia Street / Regan Street
- Portia Street / Regan Street
- Hamlet Street / Pembroke Road
- Miranda Street / Fenton Street
- Pembroke Road / Miranda Street
- Portia Street / Pembroke Street

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

5 July 2023