

# 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 - August 2023

**Presentation to Council**  
Tuesday 22 August at 1pm

**Policy & Services Committee**  
Tuesday 22 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](https://stratford.govt.nz)

**S Hanne**  
Chief Executive



## Congratulations to our 2023 Citizens Awards recipients!

On Tuesday 1 August, we celebrated our local champions. District Mayor Neil Volzke presented Citizens Awards to our 2023 recipients in an event at Council.

Congratulations and thank you to our inspirational recipients; Matthew Jones (Youth Citizen Award), Patsy Caskey (Citizen Award), Barrie Smith (Outstanding Citizen Award), Allen Topless (Citizen Award), Eileen Judd (Citizen Award), and Luciana Haami (Youth Citizen Award) who could not attend the event.

We were honoured to formally recognise the incredible contribution you have made to our district, and to celebrate your achievements with your friends and family.



**Do you have an idea for King Edward Park?**  
We're reviewing our King Edward Park Reserve Management Plan and want to hear from you!

Have your say before Friday 11 August at [Stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSay](https://stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSay)

## Ka pai! Avon Primary School's community garden project takes root

On 3 August, Avon Primary School students started stage one of their community garden project with the installation of a new composting system.

The work involved selecting the site for the three-box composting system and starting the first batch of compost which will be ready for planting out on Labour Weekend. The resulting fruit and vegetables will be given out to the community for free.

Avon Primary School was successful in receiving support from the district's Waste Levy Fund to create the garden and composting system. They received further help from Richard Wallis from CarbonCycle, who volunteered his time and products to help the kids set-up.

Peter McNamara, SDC Waste and Water Education Officer, has been volunteering at Avon Primary School, teaching the kids about reducing and reusing waste, thanks to an initiative giving council staff one paid hour a week to volunteer in the local community.

Peter says the school's project is a great way for tamariki to learn about diverting organic food waste and green waste from landfill through community composting collectives.

"You might not think composting and community go hand in hand, but there's something special about taking food waste and, through your own mahi, turning it into kai for your kura and neighbourhood. It's an amazing learning opportunity for kids."



Supporting Avon Primary School on compost installation day was Graceyn Cotter, Regional Waste Minimisation Officer, Richard Wallis from CarbonCycle, and Peter McNamara, SDC Waste and Water Education Officer

- *Composting tip - putting your compost in the centre of your orchard improves the yield and growth of fruit trees*
- *Do you have a project idea that could avoid, reduce, recycle, recover, or reuse waste in Stratford district? Our Waste Levy Fund will re-open later this year. Find out more at [Stratford.govt.nz/WasteLevyFund](https://stratford.govt.nz/WasteLevyFund)*

## Wai o Rua initiatives making a splash!

The team at Wai o Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre has been busy coming up with great ways to keep you fit, happy, safe, and entertained with activities for all ages!

Last week, the pool celebrated **International Lifeguard Appreciation Day**, a chance to acknowledge the mahi the team put in to make sure you're safe in and out of the water. Our lifeguards are trained in safety, first aid, and rescue techniques, and they have to stay alert to everything that's happening around them. Our team gave a public demonstration to show-off their training, and all our lifeguards received a little gift of choccies. Thanks lifeguards - you're awesome!

The pool's new **Group Fitness Programme** is out now! There are classes in and out of the water, from Wai Play for little pēpē and tamariki, to 65+ Aqua Aerobics. Our programme also includes Quiet Hour if you're after a low-stimulation environment. Visit [WaiORua.govt.nz](https://WaiORua.govt.nz) for the full schedule.

**Inflatable Fun** is now on from 11am - 4pm every Saturday. Keep an eye on the Wai o Rua Facebook page for their extra-special-double-mega-inflatable sessions!



Our new **Learn to Swim** lessons are going swimmingly and we'll be opening registrations for term 4 in mid-August. The programme caters for a wide range of different ages and levels, right from baby classes up. Check out [WaiORua.govt.nz/LearnToSwim](https://WaiORua.govt.nz/LearnToSwim) for more information.

Need new togs? Get **20% off swimsuits** until 11 August!



## Meet the candidates for the Whanganui electorate

7pm start, Friday 18 August 2023, Stratford War Memorial Centre

Event hosted by: Stratford District Youth Council, Stratford Positive Ageing Group, Stratford Press, NZME.

### 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

9 August 2023