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Glockenspiel may attract tourists to Stratford

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STRATFORD's clock tower could be getting a glockenspiel.

And despite the awful sounding name it is actually a good thing -- glockenspiel is German for playing clock.

The suggestion, from Mayor David Walter, is to have fibreglass models of Romeo and Juliet which would emerge from the tower at balcony level, meet, and perhaps have Romeo offer a flower.

A suitable tune would accompany the display.

"I think it will be a significant tourist attraction and my understanding is it would be the only one in the country," Mr Walter said.

According to the report, from promotions manager Stuart Perry, glockenspiels attract tourists throughout the world who will stay in a town to see a display.

The figures would make an appearance once or twice a day.

The glockenspiel was approved in principle by the Stratford policy and services committee at a meeting last night.

Funding for the project, estimated at \$30,000 is to be sought from the TSB Community Trust, Taranaki Electricity Trust and the Lotteries Board Heritage Fund.

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