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The first section of work between Mapua Wharf and Langford Drive is nearly complete and we will be leaving Aranui Road for the summer by 4 December 2019.

We will be taking advantage of the school holidays to start work on Stafford Drive near Mapua School.

Progress has been slower than anticipated due to a combination of factors, including collapsing ground, high groundwater flows, contaminated ground at the wharf, and service clashes. These had been anticipated, but some have proven to be more challenging than expected.

From April 2020 to completion in November two crews will operate in different areas to ensure we maintain our target completion date of November 2020. One crew will work on Stafford Drive and the other will work on Aranui Road.

There is a small amount of work yet to be completed at the Mapua wharf after the summer break, which we intend to complete in April 2020.

Dry Weather Taskforce met for the first time last Tuesday

The first taskforce meeting was held much earlier than in previous years taking on-board the lesson from last year that we need to be well prepared for the predicted dry season to come. Especially important in light of the fact that rainfall in most parts of the District is well below the yearly average.”

Changes to restrictions

If we face a summer water shortage, everyone connected to the reticulated public water supply across the District will experience phased restrictions. These are clearly laid out on our website.

If you have a private water supply, such as a well or a river take, you will also need to reduce water use in the event of a water shortage.

When restrictions are introduced, this will be publicised in Newsline, local newspapers, radio and signage.

The situation will also change this summer for **water consent holders**.

In the Waimea Plains area, rationing may be staged differently than in the past, so it’s really important to pay attention to what your responsibilities are.

We will write to every resource consent holder to let you know when restrictions are in effect and what reductions you need to make. However you are also encouraged to check the terms of your resource consent and keep an eye on water flows via our website to stay up to date with the situation.

Moutere-Waimea Reserves

We are reviewing the management plans for parks and reserves in the Moutere-Waimea area.

The existing Moutere-Waimea Ward Reserve Management Plan (2000) covers many (83), but that does not include all parcels of land that have been reserved for recreation, scenic or local purposes in the ward. To create management plans for those not already in the management plan we are legally bound to classify these prior.

We will be seeking feedback and help drafting the plans between 29 November 2019 and 24 February 2020.

New Council governance structure adopted

The new governance structure is designed to promote a more cohesive way of working and greater collaboration across the many and varied activities.

The traditional Engineering Services, Community Development and Environment and Planning committees will be replaced by Regulatory, Strategy and Policy and Operations committees reflecting the functions the Council performs, rather than the departments from which work originates.

It will allow councillors to focus on what's important and enable staff to work together to further improve the way we serve our communities.

Councillors will have a better overview of our strategic direction and of our functions as the regulator of various pieces of Government legislation, as well as of our day to day work serving our communities.

The new structure would promote greater collaboration between Council departments, which currently all report to separate committees.

Leading the new committees are:

- Cr Dana Wensley as chair and Cr David Ogilvie as deputy chair of the Regulatory Committee
- Cr Kit Maling as chair and Cr Chris Hill as deputy chair of the Strategy and Policy Committee
- Cr Stuart Bryant as chair and Cr Christeen Mackenzie as deputy chair of the Operations Committee

Need a special licence for a summer event? - Deadline for applications is 22 November 2019

A special licence allows for the sale of alcohol at special occasions or events. They are normally used to licence one-off events where no licence is currently held, such as a food and wine festival or a quiz night.

A special licence can also be used to extend the hours or area of a licensed premises for a special occasion or event. A special licence is a temporary licence. To apply visit tasman.govt.nz/link/special-licence for more information and application forms.

Responsible camping strategy open for feedback Consultation closes 18 November 2019

The draft Responsible Camping Strategy is intended to provide direction as we manage budget and freedom camping through regulations and by providing facilities and visitor information. We've been talking to a wide range of groups and organisations to develop the draft, including Te Tau Ihu iwi. Now we need to hear from you – this strategy will inform the way we manage freedom camping in your community.