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Condition of Ellen Cove

The City of Albany apologises for the current condition of Ellen Cove following recent sand renourishment work.

As part of the development of a long-term strategy to manage erosion between Middleton Beach and Emu Point, about 10,000 cubic metres of sand was recently transported to Emu Point to renourish that end of the beach.

City Works and Services Executive Director Matthew Thomson acknowledged the beach profile at Ellen Cove was not ideal at the moment.

“We understand that the works have caused some inconvenience and we apologise, however history shows that this area will replenish itself,” he said.

“The high tides at present have made it difficult to reshape the beach with machinery, however this week the City will work towards restoring the beach profile at Ellen Cove.”

Mr Thomson said Ellen Cove had long been accreting sand which had previously caused issues with drainage.

“We removed approximate 10-12,000 cubic meters of sand from this end to renourish the beach at Emu Point, and we fully expect the sand to build back up at Ellen Cove and Middleton Beach,” he said.

This week, subject to weather and tides, City of Albany staff will tidy the beach to ensure safety and amenity to the public.

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