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Don't come down in the last shower: upgrade to Swanbourne facilities

New beach showers at Swanbourne will tap into water-saving with a modern, functional design to address issues previously experienced at the current site.

Throughout April and May, the City of Nedlands will upgrade and re-locate the showers to a new site on the concrete boardwalk area near the beach access stairs.

The new shower design will also include improved accessibility, drainage upgrades, towel holders and benches.

Existing showers will remain in use until the new showers are installed and operational.

City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said works have been scheduled outside peak periods to minimise disruption to beach-goers.

"The existing showers have had several issues including significant sand drift that causes the shower areas to be filled with beach sand which, in turn, causes drainage problems such as blockages, flooding and water waste," he said.

"The sand also causes the push-button showers to regularly jam up, meaning they are either permanently on or permanently off.

"Given WA's dry climate, it's vital we save water where we can and the shower upgrades at Swanbourne Beach will play a small part in this.

"Of all the water in the world, only three per cent is fresh and only a fraction is readily available; the rest is frozen in glaciers and polar ice caps or deep within the earth.

"To put it another way, if 100 litres represent the world's water, less than half a teaspoon is fresh water available for our use."

Mayor Hipkins said, once completed, the new showers would complement previous upgrades to the handrail network, bike racks, waste stations and landscaping in the area.

For more details, visit Your Voice Nedlands at nedlands.wa.gov.au.

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About the City of Nedlands

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from Perth and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the edge of the Indian Ocean. A population of more than 21,000 lives in the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park.

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