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Community announcement Repairs underway at White's Beach

January's heavy rains have caused a 'washout' of one of the access paths into White's Beach and The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee is working to repair the area.

Current work includes machinery being used to move clay into the eroded area to restore the damaged pathway, and fences will be reinstated at a later date to protect fragile adjoining dunes.

These actions are necessary to ensure that 'first flush' stormwater, which is full of nutrients and pollutants, is not running straight out to sea through White's Cut.

The work will result in a low rise in the profile of the beach access path, ensuring stormwater is diverted through the purpose built chain of ponds in The Sands, which are designed to trap and filter out these 'nasties'.

The beach is still accessible, and a nearby pathway has been kept open, allowing people to safely walk to and from the beach, and safety barriers have been set up to demarcate a safe pathway for beach visitors, while also providing access for the earthmoving machine.

Unfortunately some individuals have entered the work site and placed themselves in very dangerous situations, forcing the machine operator to stand down.

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee urges anyone walking through the area to observe safety signs and barriers, keep clear of machinery, stay out of the work site and keep dogs under control to ensure everyone's safety.

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