



North Swanbourne Beach Users Association

I. BACKGROUND

As a result of widespread concern over the future of North Swanbourne Beach as a nude bathing area a public meeting was called on Dec 4th 1979 and the NSBUA formed. Since that date the NSBUA has directed its attention towards

- (i) increasing public awareness of the fact that North Swanbourne beach users represent a large and orderly group determined to gain community acceptance;
 - (ii) initiating a working relationship with the Nedlands City Council to examine possible solutions to the Swanbourne parking and amenities problems;
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(iii)organising a formal petition to change the existing State Police Act obscenity law to legalise nude bathing in restricted areas(specified by local authorities) along the WA coast.

At the last meeting of the NSBUA on March 11th 1980 it was unanimously agreed to continue and intensify work in all the above areas until the future of the nudist beach is assured. The following positions were filled for 1980:-

President - Bruce Grieve Vice-President -Dick Whiteside

Secretary-Mike Kile Treasurer - Sue Pomerantseff

II.THE PRESENT SITUATION

The single most important blow of recent weeks has been an apparent hardening of the Government's attitude,despite the increasing popularity of the beach.Once again the onus is on us to ensure the continuing existence of this unique site.

Despite this frustrating turn of events,the Nedlands City Council has taken two further initiatives to provide parking space.It will

(i)approach the Commonwealth Govt in an effort to secure the use of the Alfred Road extension to the nudist beach;

(ii)approach the Public Works Dept with a request to use a nearby reserve for beach user parking.

In the event of failure of these initiatives the NSBUA will be forced to act independently.The introduction of a bus shuttle service from a nearby car park at weekends in the peak summer period is to be raised with the MTT.Other money raising activities will also be investigated.

The NSBUA sees no reason why it should be viewed differently to other recreational groups within the Community,such as golf or bowling or surf clubs.The Association would therefore like to see a positive response from the appropriate Government bodies,especially in view of the changing community attitude towards nude bathing.

III.YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED!

The impetus for this Newsletter is that there are several thousand people out there who see the nudist beach as a special place and wish to see it continue as such.We hope it will:-

- (i)improve the flow of news between the NSBUA and you,the beach users;
- (ii)give you the opportunity to express your opinions,jokes, philosophies,etc,about the North Swanbourne Beach:
- (iii)encourage you to give us your financial support through joining the Association.

Membership fees will be \$2-00 per person and \$3-00 per family,and can be paid to any Committee member on the beach or sent direct to our postal address - PO Box 450,Subiaco, WA,6008.The money will be primarily used for printing and publicity costs.

IV.OTHER NEWS

The Petition - To date we have over four thousand signatures and plan to submit it to the Government in the near future.If you have any outstanding forms please get them in pronto.

The Swanbourne Surf Life Saving Club- The Club is currently having problems with its membership numbers. The NSBUA feels that we have an obligation to patrol the nudist beach.Anyone interested in this important work should get in contact with the SSLC President,Ross Bosworth(Home phone no:383 1045/Club Address -PO Box 131 Claremont,WA,6010.)Alternatively,contact Rex Gate or Simon Hutton on the beach.

The Newsletter :Any contributions should be sent direct to the Association's postal address.Adds will also be welcome.The frequency of the newsletter will depend on news and money.....

....mainly money!

If you would like to assist us in any way ,then please come forward and let us know who you are.Remember that we represent YOU and our survival depends on your support!

Mike Kile
Secretary
North Swanbourne Beach Users
Association

The cover design was created by Paul Drok.Thanks Paul!
