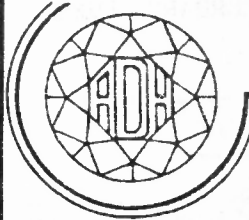




North Swanbourne Beach Users Association

1981 - Year of the Ostrich Syndrome?

On Thursday, 29th January some members of Parliament met with Nedlands City councillors to discuss possible police action at North Swanbourne beach - as mentioned in our last newsletter. Briefly the result was as predicted - retain the status-quo for the time being. It was an annual meeting to discuss the problems relevant to the Nedlands City area. Two topics were talked about; Servetus Street and our dear 'Swany' beach.



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Thirty members and interested parties turned up for the A.G.M. on the 9th at the Swanbourne Surf Lifesaving Clubrooms.

Perhaps the most encouraging aspect of the meeting was the promise of support from other Nudist clubs in the Perth area, particularly Apollo and Sunseekers Clubs.

Both the Forum Club and the Australian Nudist Federation expressed an interest in publishing some of the material in a tape made of the A.B.C. Libby Stone morning programme on Nudity, held in late August, 1980.

There was a general discussion on the future of Swanbourne Beach in view of the Nedlands City Council motions against the continued use of North Swanbourne Beach for nude bathing activities.

The following officers were elected for the Committee Executive for 1981:-

President: Bruce Grieve
Vice President: Dick Whiteside
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Year of the Ostrich Syndrome ctd...

Those present were Mr. Hassell, Minister for Police and representing his electorate of Cottesloe; Mrs. Craig, Minister for local government and Lands; Mr. Williams, upper house member for the area and Mr. Mensaros, representing Sir Charles Court for the Nedlands electorate. Eight councillors were present with Cr. P. Kyle as chairperson.

The bad news is that the Govt. won't move to legalise North Swanbourne as a free beach; neither will they contribute money-wise for facilities. The Govt. feels a cash contribution would set a precedent for claims from other textile or free beaches.

The good news is that we "probably" will not be hassled on the beach by police and a working committee may be set up between Council and Govt. to continue discussions about free beaches. We hope to be included in this committee.

A suggestion was made that if we want a special beach for nudists, we should pay for the privilege. Firstly, all we want is a public free beach - open to all, textile or nude. All nudist clubs support us. Secondly, if we had to pay we should expect to own the beach. As owners we would soon have financial backers reaping the profits which the Council has so far failed to capitalise on.

It has also been put to me that because of the Council's anti-free beach policy, they should cease collecting our rubbish. No decision yet, but how is that for a good definition of "pettiness"! Ours is still the cleanest public beach in Perth and we do it. Also some legal questions remain unsolved regarding possible future ownership of our beach by the Council.

What we need now is a public statement from the Minister of Police that he will not prosecute for indecent exposure on North Swanbourne beach (or any future free beaches) and so formalise what is accepted by a majority of the public (ref. Gallup poll August 1980).

.....Bruce

WAKE UP WANNEROO!

This is 1981, not 1891.

If the Sunday Independent newspapers headlines (Feb 1st) are to be believed, there is a council intent on showing its personal morality down its ratepayers throats. They dislike the "pervert invasion" and so proceed to apprehend harmless nudists (easy pickings) and leave the idiots to roam the sand hills in safety. We at Swanbourne sympathise with other nudists at Wanneroo. Stacks of beach - enough for all to enjoy, but for a few uneducated "pervs". If it wasn't for them and the domineering moralists, peaceful tolerance would return. That is what is needed here - tolerance on both sides for each others way of living.

The nudists should also wake up. Get organised, get off your lovely brown derrieres and chase these sandhill crawlers off the beach. Funny isn't it - at Swany we have thousands of nudists but rarely any pervs. Perhaps if the Wanneroo Council looked after the interests of a lot of its ratepayers and opened a free beach, they would take care of the undesirables themselves, as we do at Swanbourne.

.....Bruce.

HASSLES

One of the outstanding features of North Swanbourne is the open and friendly atmosphere on the beach. All beachgoers are of course keen to see that the reputation of the place should be maintained. The N.S.B.U.A. therefore encourages everyone - especially newcomers - to let committee members know (near the volleyball court) if in the unlikely event they are hassled in any way at all on the beach, and the problem will be dealt with immediately.

If you take your bible literally consider this:-

If it wasn't for some snake-in-the-grass trying to convert everyone to his own morality, we would all be living at peace with God and each other - naked - as was the original plan!

DOGS ON THE BEACH

Can you imagine the following scene? A guy comes hot off the volleyball court after a long game. He wants to flop down in the shade of his beach umbrella. He has to chase a young dog away first. This poor dog is not provided with any shade by his owner. In disgust the dog walks away, comes across a pile of clothing and a motor helmet and lifts his leg. This has happened to one of us.

What did the lady owner who observed it all do - NOTHING. It is not the dog who is to blame, but the owner. Now from Rockingham to Wanneroo there are nearly 20km of official dog beaches, but there is only one Swanbourne and we are still fighting deperately to try and get it legalised. In the early days when the beach was relatively unknown and quiet, the odd dog didn't matter. Now however, we have the most crowded beach of all Perth and dogs do not belong there. Have you had your towel pissed or crapped on? We have, and we can assure you it is pretty shitty. Would you like it if someone pissed on the sand next to you? It doesn' make any difference whether it is a dog, child or an adult person who does it - it is unhealthy.

We try to keep our beach clean. Please help us do that and leave your dog at home or take him/her to a special dog beach. If you want a special nude dog beach, write to your M.P. Good luck to you, but leave our Swanbourne Beach to naked people.

THANKS ..to committee members and Apollo and Sunseekers Clubs for their valuable assistance and support with this newsletter and our campaign.

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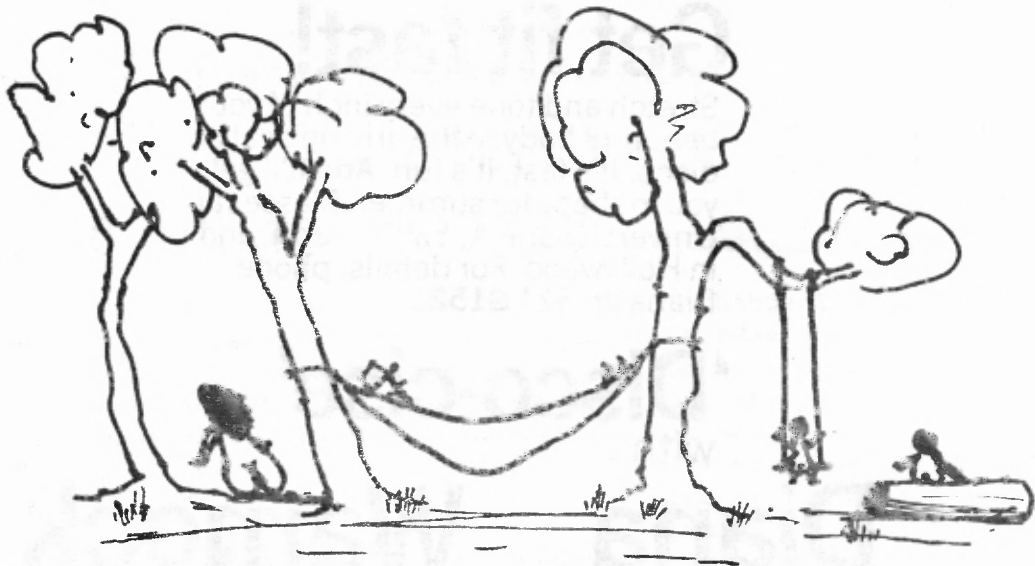
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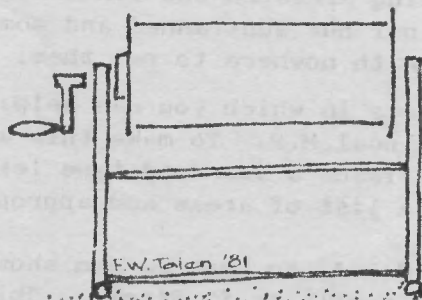
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