



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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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
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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. re 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. J1 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 shoving 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 toroam 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 other's 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,

That 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 desperately 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't 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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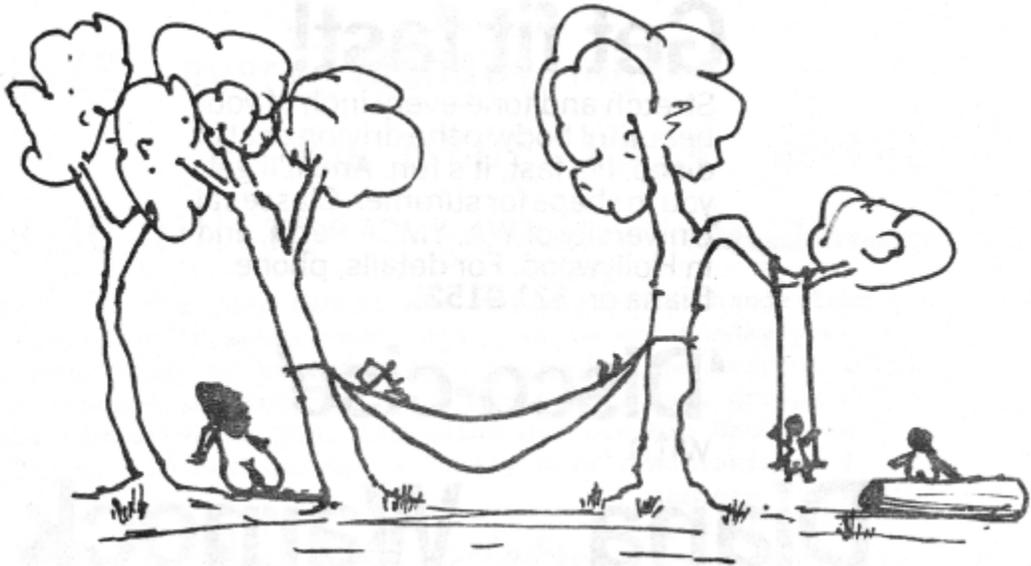
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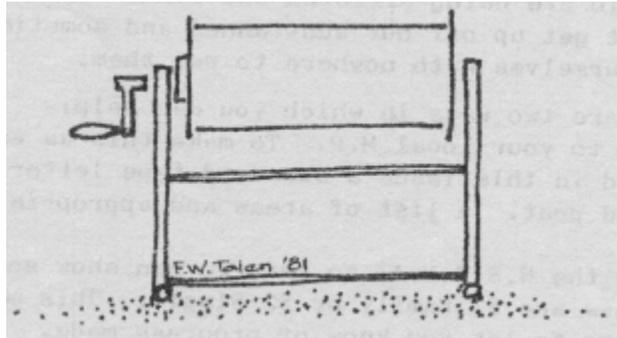
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WE CAN ALL SUPPORT THE SURF CLUB'S ACTIVITIES.

As a user of the North Swanbourne Free Beach you will undoubtedly be aware of the opposition to nude bathing. This opposition was clearly evident in the Sunday Independent dated 1/2/81.

Two years ago an Association was formed by a few people who were interested in trying to get nude bathing legalised. Unfortunately, of the many thousands who use the beach very few have bothered to join or offer any assistance. We know that it is most enjoyable just to come to the beach to swim and to lay in the sun, but if we do not join together and fight this opposition we could find ourselves without a beach. For those people who say it can never happen I would like to point out what is happening at Hillarys. People are being arrested and fined for nude bathing, and if we do not get up off our sun-tanned and sometimes red behinds, we could find ourselves with nowhere to put them.

There are two ways in which you can help:-
Firstly - Write to your local M.P. To make this as easy as possible we have included in this issue a standard type letter which you only have to sign and post. A list of areas and appropriate M.P.s are also included.
Secondly - Join the N.S.B.U.A. so that we can show some solidarity. The fees for this are \$3 Family or \$2 Single. This money is used to print newsletters to let you know of progress made. Fees are now due for the 1981 season.

If you have any thoughts about the beach, please contact the N.S.B.U.A. committee members. (Listed in A.G.M. report)
However, if you do nothing else, please sign the letter included in this issue and post to your M.P. As the old saying goes "UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE COULD LOSE OUR BEACH".Dick.

I/We wish to apply for membership to the North Swanbourne Beach Users Association P.O. Box 450, Subiaco 6008.

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1st February, 1981.

The Hon.

Dear Minister,

RE: NUDE BATHING IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The increasing popularity of nude bathing as a recreational activity in this State has been firmly established over the past several years.

I ask you, on my behalf, to actively campaign for

- (i) an amendment to the existing State Police Act obscenity laws that will legalise nude bathing;
- (ii) the creation of additional nude or free beaches along the W.A. coastline, both inside and outside the Perth city area;

and (iii) the acquisition and re-zoning of land adjacent North Swanbourne beach so that adequate parking/amenities can be provided as soon as possible.

I believe that the above three point plan will not only remove the current dilemma over North Swanbourne Beach, but also enhance this State's reputation as a liberal-minded and progressive place to be.

Yours sincerely,