



North Swanbourne Beach Users Association

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ALL CLEAR TO TAKE OFF?

By John McCourt

Coastal councils soon could be given the right to set aside beaches for nude bathing.

The Minister for Police, Mr Carr, said today he was seeking legal advice from the Crown Law Department on amendments to the Police Act

and Criminal Code which would allow nude beaches.

He had received information from police in other States that there had been no significant problems resulting from legislation to allow nude bathing in prescribed areas.

The ALP in WA had no stated policy on nude bathing till last night's State executive meeting.

The executive endorsed a recommendation from the party's civil rights and law-reform committee that legislation be passed to allow people to bathe nude.

The changes would mean a person would not commit an offence by reason only of being nude within a prescribed area and during prescribed hours.

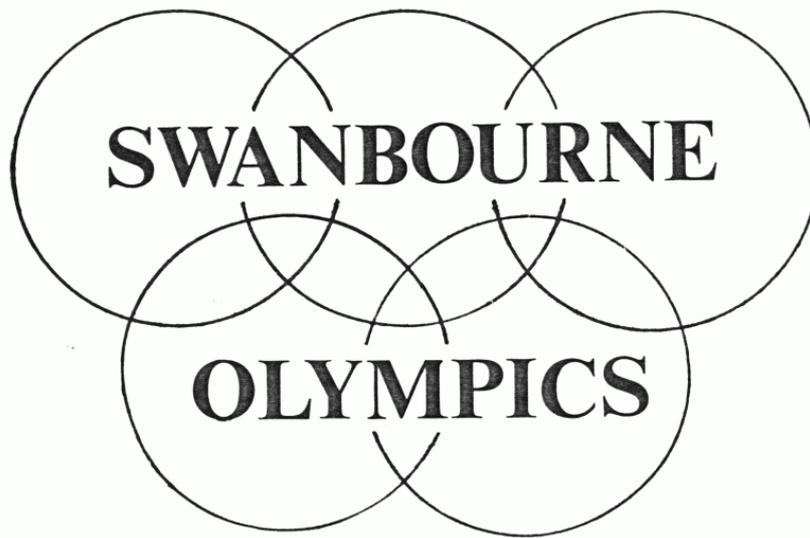
The ALP executive also felt local authorities

should be given the responsibility of changing their own by-laws to permit nude bathing in special areas.

Wanneroo and Broome councils have expressed a desire for a nude beach.

WA's only nude beach, Swanbourne, is allowed to exist because of a legal loophole. The nude beach is on Commonwealth land.

Did you see this article? At last some positive action! But we can't let it procrastinate in some bulging pidgeon hole. Therefore here is YOUR CHANCE TO DO YOUR BIT, To ensure your State political representative will vote to change the laws, you have to persuade and enthuse them. We now have a "W A. Free Beach Report 1984" which you can collect from me (Bruce) on the beach and present it to your Politicians (I have a boundaries map, politicians addresses and phone nos.). It is a brief summary of free beaches with our requirements. Sympathetic politicians have advised that the personal approach is best because it is more intimate and you can answer any questions on the spot with no backlash. The more personal approaches they get, the more uncommitted votes we lobby, the sooner we get a change in the laws. Now is your chance to actively stick up for your chosen form of recreation. There will not be any recriminations. It is an accepted form of lobbying, but insufficiently used. We need people from all areas.



PRIZES
GALORE!!!!

MEET
A NEW
FRIEND

You are invited to join in Australia's second nude Olympic games to be held at North Swanbourne Free Beach. This will be a gala(h) day, the social event of the year with fun for all - so be in it !!

DAY : SUNDAY 18th March 1984

COMMENCES : : 10:30 am

DRESS: IMMATERIAL

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Four Legged Race (all)
(four legged people accepted)
Sand Castle Constructions Co. (kids)
(tomorrows architects?)
Egg and Spoon Act (all)
(Breakfast on the run)
Shotput (2 kg of sand) (M)(F)
(better than cow pads!)
The Great Run (M)(F)
(joggers and sloggers)
Tug of War (all)
(in the shallows)

Flour Sack Struggle (M-F)(kids)
(like bouncy shopping bags)
Best Bum (M)
(the best in the west)
Nifty Knees (F)
(the two best in the west)
Swim Through Swaney (M)(F)
(drowning is cheating)
Hop Step and Jump (all)
in flippers - like ducks)
Teams Vs Teams (all)
(to be announced)

WITH A LUNCH BREAK SOMEWHERE

This is your chance to PARTICIPATE - bring your family and friends. If there is no sun on Sunday - we will move to next Sunday etc. A special thanks to all those warm folks who have donated time, effort, prizes and average-to-good Jokes_

WANNEROO

There is a referendum in Wanneroo in May, along with the Council elections, about free beach desirability. There is a good chance of a beach there, despite the result.

"TOPLESS BATHING INCREASES"

I am constantly perplexed by the "Nude is Rude" brigade and its paranoid fear of female breasts. These harmless assets are now credited with corrupting our youth and destroying the very fabric of society. Impressive capabilities for a pair of glands. Somewhere, sometime education has run amuck.

If however, as I suspect, the wowers are worried about perverts, then let's prosecute the pervs and leave the inoffensive topless bathers alone. After all they are dressed the same as their male counterparts and who declared breasts were sex objects anyway?

I can foresee topless bathing becoming the norm in the near future so the authorities had better learn tolerance and wake up. The women will do it anyway. It's logical and natural. The human body is never offensive, only minds.

ADDRESS

The North Swanbourne Beach Users Assoc. has an address P.O. Box 35, Claremont. 6010.

"POLICE RAID DUNES FOR PERVERTS"

The recent raids have worked BUT innocent folk desiring solitude were harassed and the press gave a false impression of hundreds of pervs.

I met Det. Sgt. Smart to check his attitude to Swany (seems OK) and to see that no pervs came down to bother us. PLEASE NOTE : No names were taken at Swany. Unlike textile beaches further north, we do not have a pervert problem.

For newcomers :- WELCOME !!! A wise choice. Our only rule is live and let live or do your own thing but don't interfere with others. If you have a nuisance problem (or whatever) please contact one of the regulars and we will act on any complaints. It is the safest, cleanest, popular beach in W.A. - let's keep it that way!

Finally, we hope 1984 is the year of legalisation so enjoy it. Come along to the Swanbourne Olympics on Sunday 18th March at 10:30 am and join in a great day. P.S. Maslins beach Sth. Aust. are now having an Olympics.

Bruce Grieve