



North Swanbourne Beach Users Association

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AMERICA'S CUP DRIBBLETH OVER A BIT

The winter of 85 has been reasonably productive for our beach. In May, the Nedlands City Council invited submissions from beach user groups concerning its plans for upgrading Swanbourne beach. Subsequently they received a joint proposal from the Surf Club, shop proprietors, Naturalists Club (environmental interests) and of course the free beach folk, i.e. myself and Arthur. The Council was impressed and accepted our plans as their own. The plan caters for all, i.e. Surf Club, shop, nudists and textilers with concern for the environment, residents and costs. I believe it is a bloody great plan. Funding was to come from the Community Employment Programme (\$66,000), America's Cup Committee (\$177,000) and City of Nedlands (\$5,000)

Then in August the local residents had their two bobs worth. At an electors meeting, they rejected anything connected with nudists, particularly the new car park. The Council however continued with the plan but to appease local residents, the toilet block was omitted (see item 11 on the plan). The residents were more than slightly miffed.

On advice from the Dept. of Conservation and Environment, The Council is constructing an experimental dune on the textile beach to stop sand blowing over the car park. It is cheaper and more efficient than raising

the limestone retaining wall (see item 2). The Surf Club will get a new ramp (designed to prevent sand build up) and more parking (items 1 and 3). The shop gets a revamped frontage (item 4) with paving, grassed areas for tables and chairs and a low limestone wall to protect the grass from too much sand and feet. The shop proprietors will also build a pergola for shade. Paths will be consolidated with crushed limestone (items 6 and 7). The untidy slope behind the shop and Club will be shored up with a 2.0m wall and replanting on the reduced slope (item 9).

The most important is item 5, the new car park with over 200 bays, behind and 2.5m below, the oval. It can't be seen from the houses, does not intrude on the dunes and will solve most of the parking problems in nearby streets. It is closer to the free beach so grumbling textilers may yet get a spot at their beach. So the nudists, residents and textilers all benefit. We didn't get toilets and showers but I will be continuing to fight for them. A popular beach without facilities would not be tolerated elsewhere. My belief has always been that we are taxpaying citizens, the same as other beach users and therefore deserve equal consideration in facilities and in the distribution of public recreational funds. In fact we do far more for our beach than textile users do elsewhere. Others use a beach but contribute nothing.

Also on the drawing board is a '31.5 million "Fairway Buoy Yacht Club" (without yachts) to be built above the Surf Club boathouse. Catering for rich tourists, it will have a large viewing lounge, bar, pool, and spa and private 'boxes' for viewing the Cup trials at 1140,000 each! Get your order in now, folks. After the Cup the Surf Club will inherit the lot including, presumably, the liquor licence. The residents were again, not amused. The new Club will mostly use a limosine taxi service for members but some beach parking may be used as well as a helipad on the oval. So the Cup has supplied incentive and funds. I feel quite sure the "Club" and the beach development will all go ahead. The America's Cup funding is now reduced to 3100,000 max.

Bruce Grieve

PHOTOGRAPHS

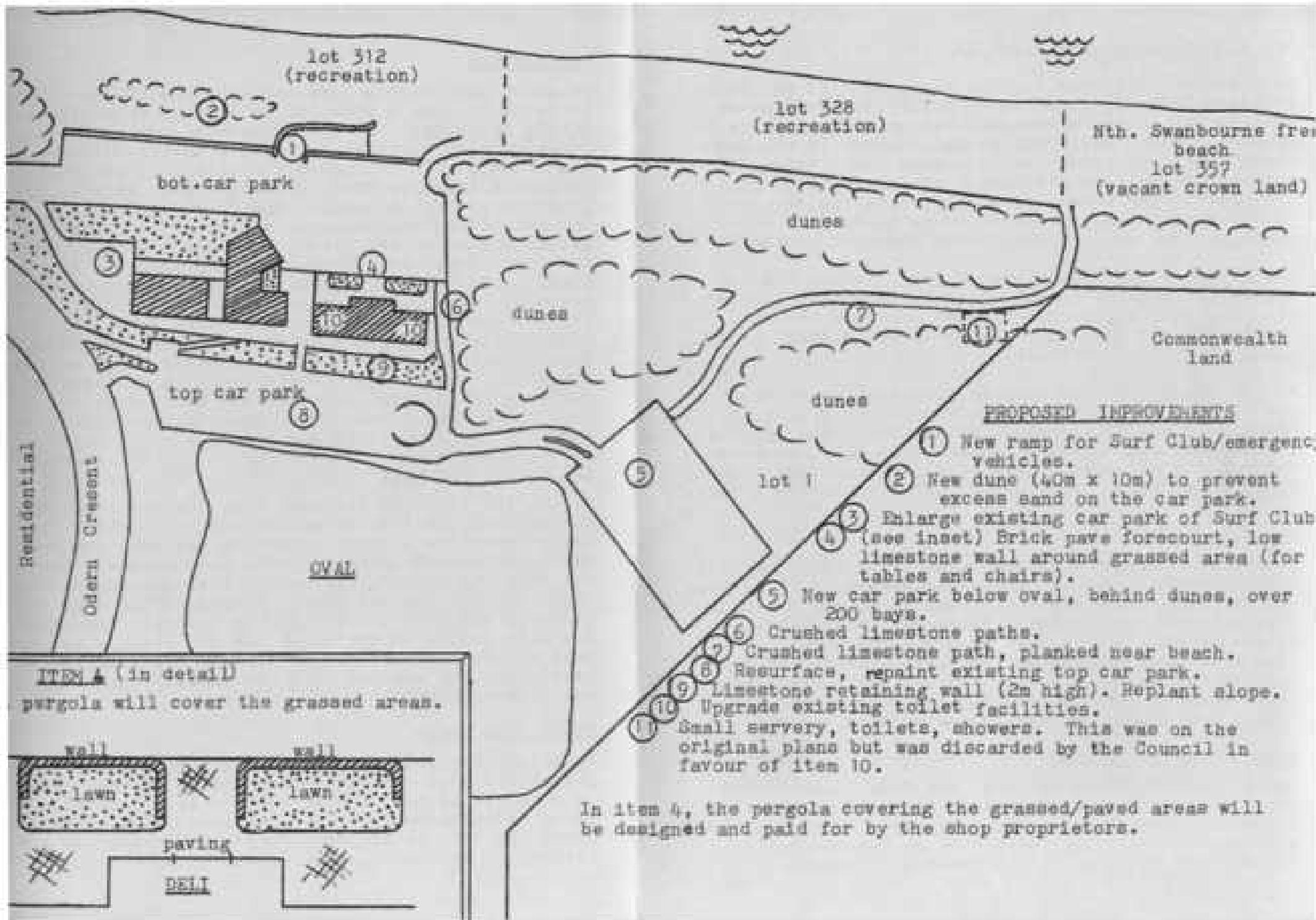
We don't like regulations and red tape, right? But when you want to take a photo at Nth. Swanbourne free beach, PLEASE ASK FIRST. It's only common decency to respect other people's lifestyles. If you decide to do a session then that's OK. But protect yourself by requesting or supplying a proper MODEL RELEASE FORM. This is standard practice in the industry. The form releases the use of the negatives/transparencies to the photographer in return for an agreed price, e.g. money, free photos or for love, whatever. Each situation varies. The form should also indicate whether you as a model approve the pictures for publication and with whom. Have fun but if your not sure, use a model release form. Don't get caught like two girls earlier this year who suddenly found their innocent faces (plus other bits) on post-cards all around town. Photography is my trade so I can show you a model release form and answer any queries. Many photos are taken during the Olympics so we expect a bit of decorum, trust and respect.

THE CAR PARK BUNGLE

During the year the Nedlands City Council repainted the parking bays in the top and bottom car parks. The bottom park was a good job but up the top, the round-about was marked as motor cycle bays so there was 103 car bays and 114 m/cycle bays. Everyone knows m/cycles never use the top car park. However after some fines, towaways and rude letters to the Council, the roundabout has been converted again. There are still some m/cycle bays at the southern end of the top car park so don't park your four wheeler in a two wheeler bay or you'll get nicked, mate!

THOSE DOGS AGAIN

Unfortunately Swanbourne beach gets very congested in summer and dogs generate complaints. By then it really is a people beach. The Ranger has said that if a dog is on Nedlands beach areas, e.g. lots 312 and 328 (see plan), he will be fining rather than warning owners in future. A dog beach exists south of North St.



THE FAMOUS SWANBOURNE OLYMPICS

This summer, the date for the Olympics will be Sunday February 16th and starting at 10:00 am. Programmes will be out in early February but we need sponsors for prizes. Surely everybody knows somebody in the commercial world so please start asking now. Prizes for events need only be smallish - an incentive to participate is the idea. In keeping with the policy of previous years, some events may be changed to add variety. How about a water bomb throwing contest?

The Olympics for the following year (during the Cup trials) will be on Sunday, January 11th to tie in with the interstate nudists over here for the ANF convention and the Cup. Any later would start to clash with the Cup finals.

We can always do with help in organization beforehand and on the day. Also if anyone could help with the barbecue/disco after the Olympics, could they please contact Doc at the shop. Catering is all important and depends on numbers so please purchase your tickets early this time. Last year it was a fantastic success.

THE CLUB SCENE

Sunseekers Nudist Club are celebrating International Nudist Day for 1986 (southern hemisphere) with an open day on Sunday February 9th. Come along and try club life with the pool, sauna, barbecue, volleyball, petanque, etc. all in lush bush surroundings. They will also be hosting the Australian Nudist Federation Convention (29-12-86 to 8-1-87). Many interstate nudists will be here for the convention, Cup trials, our beach and our famous Olympic games.

VEHICLES ON THE BEACH

Apart from the kiosk vehicle, Nedlands Council will not permit any vehicles on its beach for commercial purposes. Vehicles for other purposes must also have permission. Oh well, there goes my idea to sell bathers and UV lamps on the beach this season.

THE NEDLANDS/SWANBOURNE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

The Surf Club is still looking for members so if anyone, young or old, feels they would like to help fellow swimmers and enjoy the beach life at the same time, please contact any of the Club members - they're nice people to know.

THE BEACH OLYMPICS ARE SPREADING

The lovely Natalie suggested our first Swanbourne Beach Olympics and after **writing it up** in the nudist magazine Australian Sun and Health, Maslins free beach in South Australia got into the act and regularly holds their own each summer with equal success. Now I hear through the grape vine that beaches in Victoria and Queensland are to follow our lead. Good stuff! I hope it catches on all around the country. It helps unite a free beach.

FREMANTLE ?

Did you know that a stretch of beach between Port and Leighton beaches 'behind the tanks' has been used as a free beach for approximately 20 years. It's existence needs support. Rex and Kathy are fighting for it. What about you?

ARE YOU A NEW NUDE ?

New to our beach? Congratulations. Enjoy!!! We are very friendly and our only rule is live and let live. Try a game of volleyball - its for everyone. Come along on February 16th and experience the Olympic games.

When you plunge in for a refreshing dip, watch out for the reef. Its not jagged but it is hard. We do have a basic first aid kit - contact Arthur.

In case you meet someone who has the wrong idea of what the beach is all about and becomes bothersome, please contact one of the regulars and we shall deal with any problems. We try to look after each other while respecting individual lifestyles.

Now continue with what we are all here for - relaxation.

Ahhhhh

THAT AMERICA'S CUP (again)

Even though we are on the closest mainland beach to the Cup course, views from the beach will be limited because the course is approx. 12 km offshore and undoubtedly surrounded by a wall of pleasure craft. The dunes aren't high enough either and any shore viewers with magnifying devices will find it better on the second or third dune systems. Which means we will probably not be inundated with serious Cup groupies. (I hope). With luck, by then the dunes will be adequately protected from people.

It has been suggested we may be moved so as not to offend tourists with dollars. I don't believe this will happen but we may have a few tourists with cameras. I suppose we shall just have to cope as best as possible. I have already received a letter from N.S.W. and one from California asking about the Cup, accommodation and our beach. I expect some more will arrive. It is logical to assume that some of the Cup visitors will be nudists.

THE SWANBOURNE DUNES

Some of the local residents are still in fear of the "hordes of perverts" surrounding them and that we are to blame for attracting them. It's like blaming a woman's beauty for rape. One resident stated he often counts the perverts driving past his veranda in North St. However there is no denying we occasionally spot some idiot roving around. One idea is to fence off the dunes, like those already done by Nedlands City Council (and a good job too). This would allow the dunes to be reclaimed (they are very fragile) and prevent any dune traffic. But a few people use the dunes as refuge from the winds. Hence the quandary. Should we push for more dune fencing? I would appreciate your thoughts on this matter (or any other aspect of the beach).

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Don't forget to slap on a hat and slop on some sun tan cream. Then you won't get burnt and we will see more - of each other.

Love, Bruce