

North Swanbourne Beach Users Association

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... On behalf of all Free BeachUsers

Twas in the merry month of October 1989 that I finally assembled my submission to the State Government on "The Future of Public Nude Bathing in W.A.". It was a compilation of facts and figures and also a summary of attitudes from many free beach users I have talked with over the years. The submission was meant as a factual guide to any political decisions about free beaches in W.A. Therefore it covered all of the popular facets, including topics of public debate, of public nude bathing.

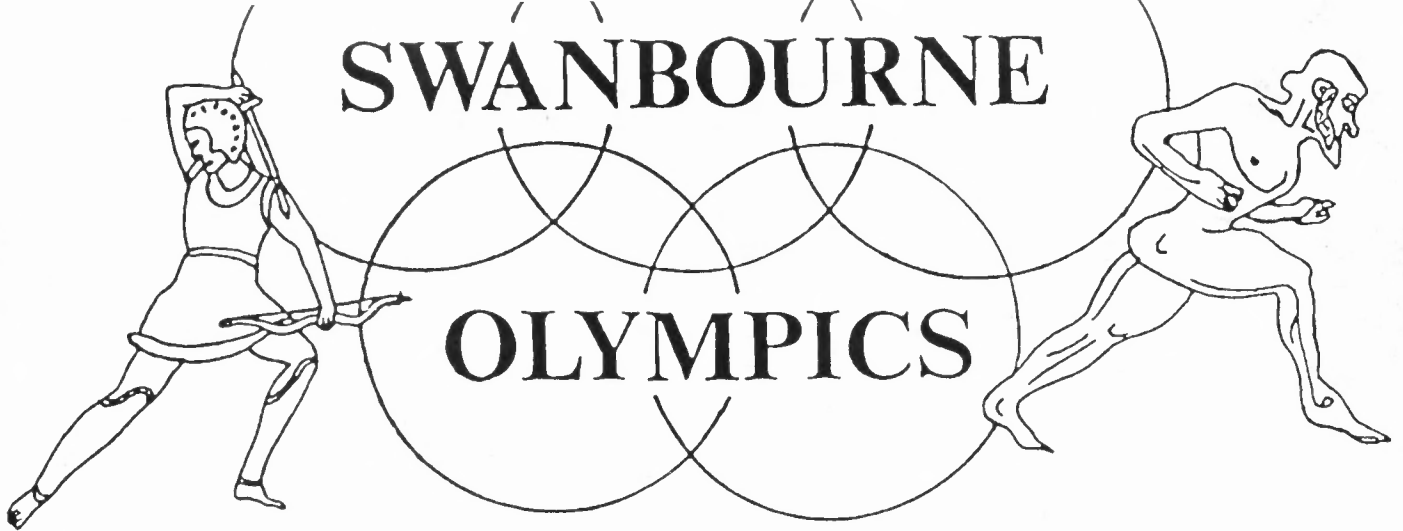
It ended with a plea to change the outdated State obscenity laws to (a) truly legalise any declared free beaches on Council land and (b) declare free beaches on State land, eg. North Swanbourne, legal. Basically, free beaches need equal status to textile beaches.

Unfortunately, but I suppose predictably, the replies from the politicians were polite but bland. Some missed the point entirely. However I shall follow up their replies with letters of clarification and/or meetings. The time is ripe !!

There is a copy of the submission in the kiosk for those interested to read.

P.S. Be a friend and use sun protection. There are no fast suntans, only fast sunburns. And they take you off the beach and possibly into hospital.





You are most welcome to join with us in the eighth Olympic Games to be held at North Swanbourne Beach. Remember, photographs (still) of the events are OK but due to popular demand, NO VIDEOS or movies and for photos other than events, ask first. It's only polite.

DAY: Sunday 18th February 1990

COMMENCES: 10.00 am

DRESS: IMMATERIAL

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

FOUR LEGGED RACE (all)
(no cheetahs)

FLOUR SACK STRUGGLE (adults) (kids)
(flour power)

SAND SCULPTURE (kids) (adults)
(lend a helping sand)

PASS THE BUCK-ET (all)
(transfer of marine conveyance firkins)

SWIM THROUGH SWANY (M) (F)
(JAWS Part IX - nudist's revenge)

SAND SKI RACE (all)
(the ski's the limit)

BEST BUM (M) (F)
(the cheekiest contest down under)

SHOTPUT (2kg of sand) (all)
(the test - toss your own)

EGGS IN SPACE (adults) (kids)
(poachers eggspelled)

TUG-O'-WAR
(the big pull over)

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NUDE BATHERS TAKE ON THE COUNCIL

The City of Stirling has recieved a handful of complaints regarding nude bathing in the North Beach area. This scenario is strikingly similar to what happened in the City of Rockingham in late 1988.

Research by the City of Rockingham, based on public opinion surveys, petitions and submissions, indicated an overwhelming majority of residents were not opposed to public nude bathing on a local beach (set aside for the purpose) and 7% of the residents (over 2500 people) would use a free beach. Rockingham now has an official free beach at Warnbro.

If the City of Stirling residents were surveyed in a similar unbiased manner, doubtless the result would be much the same. Note that 7% is a significant proportion; not everybody goes to a beach so the percentage of actual beach users is much higher and many other approved recreations have smaller numbers.

As reported in the Stirling Times, 16.1.90, a man and two women swam and sunbathed nude for about two hours on Saturday 13th Jan. at a small beach opposite Margaret St., Watermans. Although there were plenty of people around, the reporter was unable to find anyone who claimed to be offended. Indeed several individuals and familys made encouraging comments about the need for a free beach in the area.

No action was taken by the Stirling Council.

So we take action. Under the terms of the Local Government Act, all that is required to force a public meeting are 50 signatures of Stirling residents on a petition to the Council. A well attended public meeting is an excellent way of bringing the need for this popular public facility to the attention of the Stirling Council. In the interests of fair play for the people of the northern suburbs, your support is requested. For more infomation contact Rex Gate on the beach.

