



North Swanbourne Beach Users Association

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in most other jurisdictions. In England it has been held to be a synonym for "peris", suggesting that only males can be convicted of the offence. In Western Australia, however, the offence has not been limited in this way. The proposed redraft of the offence makes it clear that both males and females may be convicted of the offence.

6.25 As with the existing provision, nudity in itself is not obscene. Nor is wilful exposure of the genitals. It is the circumstances in which the exposure takes place and before whom that may render the exposure obscene. The Commission acknowledges that, given the anatomical differences between the genitals of males and females, it is an offence which is rarely likely to be committed by a female.

6.26 The proposed redraft also removes the distinction between a public place and a place of public resort, a distinction which is obscure.

I have submitted my thoughts and suggestions to the Commission. Some obvious points were:

a) How can the Government justify proclaiming a legal free beach (Warnbro) and then make a law prohibiting nudity in public? This could be resolved by adding "except in designated areas" in the proposed redrafted law.

b) Since nudity of wilful exposure is not obscene, the new law seems toothless. What possible "circumstances" remain, and shouldn't they be listed as a guide for us and the police?

c) Nudists must be protected. Our free beaches need equal legal status to other beaches.

d) The "gender neutral terms" (6.23) are not consolidated by the comments in 6.25, which seem to discriminate against men.

But then February 6th may see it back to the bottom of the pile.

OUR SUN - LOVE IT, RESPECT IT

Adequate Sunlight:

- 1) improves metabolism of calcium, magnesium and protein.
- 2) reduces colds and infections, especially those who live/work under artificial light.
- 3) kills bacteria, skin fungi and prevents rickets.
- 4) normalises biorhythms, blood sugar and T cell ratio.
- 5) increases testosterone production, lowers cholesterol.
- 6) inhibits winter depression/fatigue.
- 7) makes life possible on Swanbourne Free Beach.

Excessive Sunlight:

- 1) increases skin/eye damage (especially sunburn).
- 2) may increase chance of developing skin cancers.
- 3) releases free oxidising radicals into the body - not good.
- 4) affects children's skin more than adults.

 "People seeking a normal amount of sun protection can be reassured that an ordinary SPF 15+ sun filter cream is adequate when combined with sensible avoidance of excessive sun and reapplication of the cream after bouts of sweating or after swimming."

Dr. P. Randell, spokesman, Australasian College of Dermatologists.

100 YEARS OF NECK-TO-KNEE

There may be a light at the end of the tunnel, but don't hold your breath. Last year the Attorney General asked the Law Reform Commission of W.A. to produce a Report on Police Act Offences. The plan was to update the Police Act - last reviewed 100 years ago (the phrase "better late than never" comes to mind). The two sections relevant to nudists are sections 104 and 66(11).

Section 104 prohibits bathing, except in proper bathing costume (???) near a public place between 6.00 a.m. and 8.00 p.m. The Commission recommends this section be abolished - hooray!

Section 66(11), however, is recommended for redrafting. The following is the Commission's notes and suggestions:

WILFUL AND OBSCENE EXPOSURE OF THE PERSON: SECTION 66(11).

6.21 Section 66(11) provides that:

"Any person wilfully and obscenely exposing his person in any street or public place, or in the view thereof, or in any place of public resort" commits an offence.

6.22 The offence is committed if the exposure:

- a) takes place in a street or public place, or in view thereof, or in any place of public resort; and
- b) is wilful and obscene.

6.23 The Commission recommends that the offence be redrafted in the following gender neutral terms:

A person who wilfully and obscenely exposes his or her genitals to any other person in or within view of a public place commits an offence.

Penalty: \$1,00 or imprisonment of 12 months.

6.24 The existing section refers to the wilful and obscene exposure by the defendant of "his person". This is an euphemism of long standing, also found in equivalent provisions

Swanbourne Olympics



You are most welcome to join with us in the ELEVENTH OLYMPIC GAMES to be held at North Swanbourne Beach. Remember, still photographs of the events are OK but due to popular demand, NO VIDEOS OR MOVIES and for photos of people other than in events, ASK FIRST. It's only polite.

DAY: SUNDAY 7th FEBRUARY 1993

COMMENCES: 10 am

DRESS: IMMATERIAL

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

FOUR LEGGED RACE (all)
(Four legged folks accepted)

FILL 'ER UP MATE (all)
(No containers - 6 per team)

SAND SCULPTURE (kids) (adults)
(Architect's glee club)

THE GREAT TYRATHLON (M) (F)
(A tyresome event)

FLOUR SACK STRUGGLE (adults) (kids)
(How are you in the sack?)

PASS THE BUCK-ET (all)
(There's a hole in the ...)

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

TUG O' WAR (all)
(The big pull over)

BEST BUM (M) (F)
(All entrants must have one)

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