

## WANNEROO FREE BEACH - AGAIN?

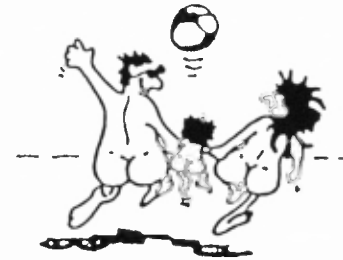
Over a decade ago we lobbied Wanneroo City Council for a free beach and finally in 1984 a referendum was held with 50.3% in favour. Despite this the councillors refused with no plausible reason given. What is the point of spending ratepayers money on a referendum if you are not going to act on the result? At that time the council selected a preferred beach between Mindarie Keys and Burns Beach at the western end of a green belt, ie. no houses behind the beach. This site is still viable.

Now there is a new push for a northern free beach but the present Council, while appearing neutral, has dredged up an amazing list of reasons why a free beach would not be possible. Our arguments are that the need still exists, the previous referendum merely has to be acted upon and any legal impediments have already been solved at Warnbro and Swanbourne.

The Council cannot use moral grounds in a planning decision and they requested help from the Dept. of Planning and Urban Development and Attorney General. Both stated it had nothing to do with them. The Council fears that if they establish a free beach, State laws will still apply and they may have to pay any resulting fines when hordes of police descend. Fantasy land. They seem blind to the precedent set by Warnbro beach, proclaimed in 1989. No police action has ensued and the Crown Law Dept. has accepted that a nudity prosecution would not succeed on an established free beach because of the absence of intent to offend.

The Council also raises the spectre of "significant costs involved". These costs are not immediately necessary and would not be such an issue if it was a textile beach or other recreation. They have suggested a new preferred site at Yanchep/Two Rocks which is too far, even for Wanneroo residents. No other form of recreation has suffered such banishment!

John Curd (305 1642) is coordinating this demand for human rights, so ring him for more information. He could do with the support!



## North Swanbourne Beach Users Association

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### OUR OLYMPICS

This year is our thirteenth Swanbourne Olympics but some folks have yet to see it and for others who are new this season, here is what we are about. On the 4th of April 1983 we started the first free beach Olympics in Australia. The lovely Natalie suggested a day of fun for the family and 13 years later we still love it and other beaches (Maslins and Alexandria) have their days. We learnt a lot. Some events were not viable such as the Wheelbarrow Race (think about it) and some were forgettable like Musical Carrots and Best Dressed Guy!

The aims have remained - the events must be fun, use little equipment and easy so all can enter. We like to try new events and sponsors are welcome. Some events require teams so step forward and join a team. Everyone can throw an egg or carry water in their hands or just stand there (Best Bum). Try body painting and organise the kids to build their best sand castle. Join the Tug 'O War or jump around in a flour sack.

Those who enjoy it most are those who participate so on Sunday 19th February have a go, for the fun of it. Bring a friend! You won't forget the day and you may win a medal.

HAT RACE



# Swanbourne Olympics



You are most welcome to join with us in the THIRTEENTH 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 19th FEBRUARY 1995

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)

THE GREAT BIATHLON (M)(F)  
(Serious heavy duty stuff)

SAND SCULPTURE (KIDS)  
(Architect's glee club)

SANDGROPER SLITHER (all)  
(Let's meet under the sheets)

BODY PAINTING (all)  
(Sponsored by Appollo Nudist Club)

BEST BUM (M)(F)(over 50's)  
(All entrants must have one)

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

PASS THE BUCKET (all)  
(There's a hole in the -----)

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

HOT ROD RACE (all)  
(Teams of 4 - 2M, 2F, 1 rod)

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

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