



North Swanbourne Beach Users Association

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IN A WORD – TOPS!

Last year I traveled around Australia and took the opportunity to visit as many free beaches as possible. I used the BARE FACTS magazine as my guide and took photos along the way. Some of the trip was in winter so I could only assess the physical nature of southern beaches, i.e. without people. As a general summary, Australia is a HUGE country and the beaches and people are great. I would highly recommend the journey.

So how does Swanbourne rate? Despite being a regular for 25 years and just a tad biased, I think we are very lucky. Nowhere did I find such a combination of popularity, easy access, facilities, close proximity, volleyball, long stretches of white sand and on-site delivery of food and drink. Other advantages include long walks, watching the sunset (rare over east) and the Swanbourne Olympics. Our one drawback is the sea breeze, which occasionally is too strong.

We are truly lucky so it is worth fighting for. If, like me, you believe in our free beach then do something about it next time an individual or authority tries to degrade our way of life.



ANF NATIONAL NUDIST WEEK

The Australian Nudist Federation will celebrate National Nudist Week from Sat. 7 Feb. to Sun 15 Feb. Sunseekers Club will hold their open weekend on Sat.7 and Sun.8 of February. See the shop noticeboard for details.



THE GREAT NUDE BUNGEE JUMP

Happening soon! \$55 each (provided there are 10 people min.). There are several starters already. Contact Bob Unwin on 9390 7008 as soon as possible



SWANBOURNE OLYMPICS 1999

Next summer, Sunseekers Club will host the ANF Convention here in Perth. There will be many delegates/visitors from interstate and so to show them what fun in the sun is all about, the Olympics will be held on Sunday 10 January 1999, following the Convention.



Bruce ☺

IS THE ARMY VACATING SWANBOURNE?

In December the POST NEWSPAPER reported a rumour that the Army may move east because some military brass think their anti-terrorist role should be located near Australia's main population centres. The rumour was strong enough for a WA developer to offer \$104 million for the land. However the Federal Defence Minister claimed no knowledge and it doesn't appear on any list of army site disposals. So the current status is "God only knows but don't hold your breath".

But how could it affect us? The theory goes like this. The land is the last stretch of beachfront land and if sold for housing would be extremely valuable. Although any houses would be not be able to see our beach the real estate brigade might fear reduced dollars due to our presence and use their political influence to relocate us to the Great Australian Bight. A credible scenario, even though experience at Warnbro has shown a free beach has no impact on housing sales. It is hard to imagine our detractors missing such an opportunity.

A continued army presence seems crucial to our future (as well as discouraging terrorists). If the rumours ever get serious we will have a fight to keep our beach. But take heart. Historically most rumours about our beach have remained just that – rumours.



LOCAL COUNCIL MERGER?

Yet another planning concept. Nedlands City Council, who administer the adjoining textile beach, has produced a discussion paper concerning a possible merger of five western suburbs, namely Nedlands, Claremont, Cottesloe, Mosman Park and Peppermint Grove. The logic is that one large Council can perform better than five smaller ones. If (and it's a big if) this one proceeds it means we will have to reassess our position with a new Council. It could be interesting but I don't see any major problems.

Swanbourne lympics

You are most welcome to join with us in the SIXTEENTH OLYMPIC GAMES to be held at North Swanbourne Free 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 15 February 1998

COMMENCES: 10am

DRESS: IMMATERIAL

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

EGGS IN SPACE (Adults)(Kids)
(Poachers eggspelled)

WATERMELON CHOMP (All)
((Melon heads come on down)

THE GREAT AQUATIC PERAMBULATION (F)(M)
(Swim through Swany)

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

SAND SCULPTURE (Kids)
(Architects glee club)

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

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

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

FLOUR SACK STRUGGLE (Adults)(Kids)
(How good are you in the sack?)

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

BODY PAINTING (All)
(During lunchbreak - paints and brushes supplied)



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