

MORE NOOD NOOS

A word in your sunburnt ears. The Council Rangers will continue to push nudists north to the border and their patience is wearing thin. The only excuse is laziness or ignorance. For the new nudists, the border is approximately 10m south of the yellow sign (300m from the carpark), so walk the extra and don't upset any textile bathers or the Rangers. The previously good relationship between nudists and Rangers is being eroded by your lax behaviour. People before you have fought hard for the beach you enjoy. Please respect this so our children will have the choice to enjoy this wonderful beach.



NEW FREE BEACH – Mauritius Beach, Exmouth. Declared clothes optional by the Exmouth Council in Sept. 1999, it is 20.2km north of Exmouth and 1.5km past the Vlaming Head Lighthouse or if in doubt ask the Tourist Bureau (or write to PO Box 149 Exmouth or phone 8 9949 1176). The carpark is 300m along a gravel track and behind the dunes. Best between November and May with a windbreak advisable in summer. Enjoy!



Scientists have predicted this summer will experience a particularly powerful "solar maximum" (the 11 year cycle of solar activity). A timely reminder that sunscreen creams etc. are more than ever an essential beach requisite. Use it properly and we will get to see more of you!



R.I.P. It is with great sadness and fond memories we say farewell to Arthur Herring. Arthur passed away in early November in tragic circumstances when he fell from his balcony. He was a much loved crosswalk guardian for Nth. Cottesloe Primary students, retired builder and military buff. He loved Swanby beach and was a regular for over 20 years and my dependable assistant in every Olympic games, where he especially liked being a race judge or starter. He also kept a first aid box on the beach for many years. See you when the sun shines, Arthur.



Woodman Point Free Beach (unofficial) is still being used despite a "No Nude Bathing" sign, which has no apparent authority. Who actually has jurisdiction over the beach is in doubt. It starts approx. 350m south of the jetty and parking is at the end of Nyerbup Circle (just south of Fairbairn Rd), which comes off Cockburn Rd. No dogs please.

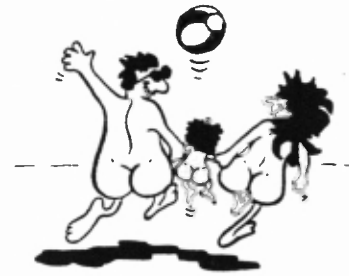


I hope everyone woke up on New Year's Day to find they were Y2K compliant! As for me I am still not sure if I am Y1K compliant.

Bruce ♥

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ALLEN PARK & ENVIRONS MANAGEMENT PLAN – AN UPDATE

In the 1997 and 1998 Newsletters I mentioned this plan and in particular the section relevant to our beach, i.e. the removal of all 75 parking bays in front of the shop to be replaced with grass and extend the top carpark by 95 bays. To quote (p48) *"The need for a reduction in the visual impact of cars and traffic in relation to the beach area is accommodated by replacing existing carparking between the kiosk and the beach with a grassed area. The area of the upper carpark will be increased to accommodate the lost bays, and provide a net increase of 20 bays."*

Then Nedlands City Council decided a Youth Recreation Area was more important than grass and the plan is to put skateboard ramps and a basketball court right in front of the shop, probably taking up at least half of the grassed area. Not, in my view, a beach activity or a pleasant accompaniment to a meal or coffee. Apparently no importance is placed on the fact that the area has for years been the most used parking spot, the upper car park is more prone to theft/vandalism and the whole concept will disadvantage the thousands of beach users (the largest group using the Allen Park Environs).

The rest of the Management Plan is nearly complete so the Swanbourne beachfront remains unresolved. The Council will soon choose a developer who will be required to consult with interested parties, including the Swanbourne Working Group, where apparently I am the lone voice representing all the beach users. It is presumed that this consultation will happen this year (at least before next summer). If anyone has any ideas, please inform me this season so it will get a hearing at the appropriate time or write to the Nedlands City Council, 71 Stirling Highway Nedlands W.A. 6009. Existing plans can be seen at the Council offices.

The way it looks at present is that the parking area in front of the shop will be lost. What will replace it is anyone's guess. One thing for sure is that we will all have to walk further to the beach and the shop. However my crystal ball is suffering from a Y2K bug and the future is unclear, but I will do what I can to gain something positive for beach users.



Swanbourne lympics

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

DAY: SUNDAY 20 February 2000

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)

SAND SCULPTURE (Kids)
(Belltowers at Swanbourne?)

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

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

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

FOUR LEGGED RACE (Adults)(Kids)
(Four legged folks accepted)

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

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

DURING THE LUNCHBREAK

BODY PAINTING (All)
(Paints and brushes supplied)



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