

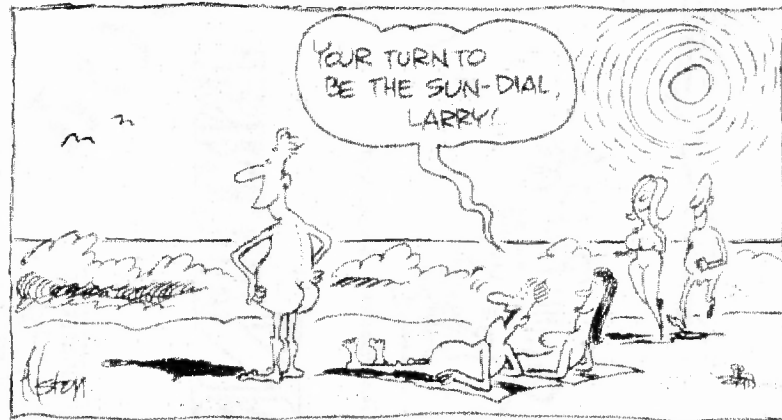
Last summer the Council had some public meetings regarding the plans for the beachfront and the comments came thick and fast. Surprisingly, some of the local residents expressed the same reservations as I did. Many ideas were put forward and absorbed. But at the final meeting, the group was told that negativity was not wanted, which I found rather strange at a public discussion. It appeared I was the only one pleading for the needs of all beach users; that is folks who use the beach for swimming, sunbathing, fishing, etc., not skateboarding, basketball or picnicking. And what is worse, my vote was counted the same as any resident's vote. It was then I had to accept that these plans were going ahead despite what anyone thought. That's life! At least the beachfront will get a fresh new look, even if we do have to walk further to enjoy it.

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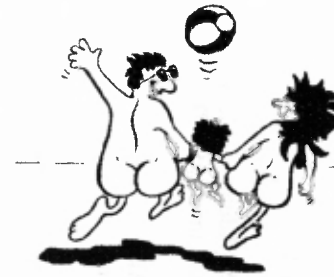
A word in your sunburnt ears. The Council Rangers will continue to push nudists north to the border and their patience is wearing thin. The only excuse is laziness or ignorance. For the new nudists, the border is approximately 10m south of the yellow sign (300m north from the carpark), so walk the extra 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.



The Nedlands City Council has recently suggested that they think it is 'not nice' that the nudists don't have any toilet facilities or water on our beach. The suggestion is positive to the tune of installing a portable toilet and large water tank on the beach. It will need further discussion of course but who knows, maybe we will finally be treated like other beach users. More later.



Bruce ♥



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THE NEW LOOK SWANBOURNE BEACHFRONT

In the previous three Newsletters I mentioned the plan to upgrade the beachfront environs, which is long overdue compared to other beaches. We are now at the stage where plans have tentatively been approved by the Council (see inset page). A recent request found that the main doubt is whether the toilet block should be as in the plan (next to the new café) or nearer the beach. Nearer the beach would be preferable but not if it badly affected the whole look of the beachfront.

In general, the lower carpark is removed (except for 14 short stay and 3 disabled bays), and is replaced by a promenade, grass terraces and a picnic/play area. The café/shower block will be removed and replaced by a youth recreation area (half court basketball and skateboard ramps). The Surf Club will remain but be redeveloped. The existing hall next to the Surf Club will be refurbished as a "low impact, kiosk style café". The upper carpark will become the main carpark (118 + 6 disabled bays) with overflow parking going up on to the grassed oval (158 bays). Access will be as now -- from Odern Crescent. Hmmmmmm!

Initially I have to say that the overall look of the new beachfront is a vast improvement -- it flows rather nicely. The major gripe I have is that those of us who come to the beach to use it as a beach, i.e. 90% plus of all users, have basic but important requirements -- parking, toilets and a café. You will notice that all of these have been moved away from the beach to be replaced by youth recreation, picnic and play areas. Whilst these are desirable, I have strongly questioned whether they should be on the prime beachfront position when they are activities which are not necessarily beach orientated. Surely the youth recreation area would be better placed at Allen Park where there is more room, a shop, other recreations and closer to the kids homes. To that question, a Councillor said "No" with no explanation.

The fact that car vandalism will probably increase doesn't seem to have been considered. The idea of putting cars on a grassed area is dubious and it seems everybody wins except the beach users. Sounds familiar, doesn't it? I personally see these plans as appeasing local ratepayers (voters) who rarely use the beach.

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Swanbourne lympics



You are most welcome to join with us in the NINETEENTH 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 18 February 2001

COMMENCES: 10am

DRESS: IMMATERIAL

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

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

TUTTI FRUTTI (Kids)(Adults)
(Melon heads come on down)

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

SAND SCULPTURE (Kids)
(Bell towers at Swanbourne?)

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

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

PILE ON THE NYLONS (Adults - 1M, 1F)
(Ladies are adept, but (most) men - - - - ?)

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

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

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

DURING THE LUNCHBREAK
BODY PAINTING (Adults)(Kids)
(Paints and brushes supplied)



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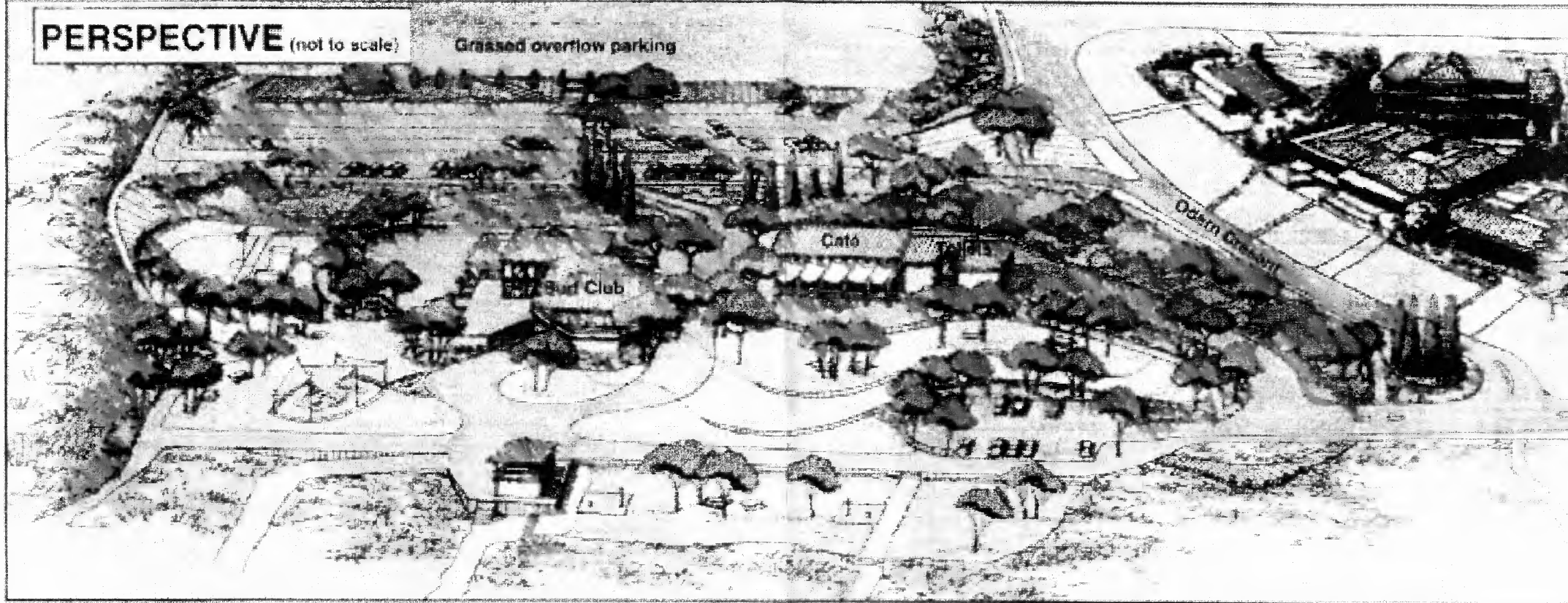
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PERSPECTIVE (not to scale)

Grassed overflow parking



IMPROVEMENT PLAN FEATURES

- New grassed areas will be formed between the dunes and promenade (at the existing showers) and dune management revegetation is proposed for the perimeter areas. Otherwise the beach and dunes will not be changed in any way, apart from a lookout in the southern corner.
- Some short stay parking will be retained in the lower area, including disabled parking bays. An overflow parking area will be provided on the grass oval during peak use times.
- Children's play equipment will be added.
- The existing hall will be refurbished as a low impact, kiosk style café.
- New public toilets will be constructed adjacent to the refurbished café.
- The Surf Club will be redeveloped, in its present location.
- Odern Crescent traffic management will remain the same as present, except for some minor improvements at the intersection of Odern Crescent and Marine Parade.
- A youth recreation facility will be provided including a basketball half-court and a transportable skateboard mini-ramp.

