

OLYMPICS NOT ON

After 22 years at the helm I need a rest so there are no Swanbourne Olympics this year, with no plans for the future. Unless a responsible enthusiast and a bunch of willing helpers are out there somewhere. Thanks again to the committee, all the helpers and sponsors over the years. They were great times! Other beaches around Australia who took up our idea are still going (I think). They are:-

Maslins beach, approx. 45 kms south of Adelaide, South Australia
Alexandria Bay, near Noosa, Queensland
Samurai beach, northern NSW



Another word in your sunburnt ears. The Council Rangers and I are tired of telling some beach users about where the free beach actually is. Over the page is a plan of the local beach environs. Now let's clarify the situation. Nude (exposure of genitals) bathing and dogs are NOT PERMITTED on land controlled by the Nedlands City Council – that area shaded on the plan. The area (Lot 357 – our beach) north of the border is not under Council Bylaws but is subject to State Government law (via the police), since it is State land. The border is 300m north of the walk-down path.

In the past the Rangers have been very tolerant of the crowds and allowed us to use a little of their land. But some beach users have been setting up too close to the area used by textile bathers and this has caused offence, enough to get the Rangers to respond and shift everyone up closer to the border. Years ago all the beach users went north of the border of their own volition and the numbers were much greater then. The only reasons for not moving at least close to the border are:-

Ignorance – fair enough for new people, hence the map over the page.

Disabilities and old age – I know it is tough but that is the situation.

Laziness or bloody mindedness – no excuse! Your behaviour is inflammatory.

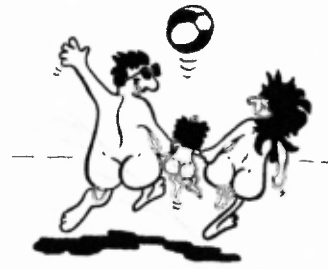
Continued use of the beach too close to the textile area with the resulting complaints and action by Rangers is cancelling any good rapport we have with the Council. This is the best free beach in Australia – I know, I've seen the rest. Lets all try to retain our beach for the future.



Speaking of the future. It is obvious to most that there are a few misguided beach users and a few outright bloody idiots who are, by their behavior, steadily removing all the single women and some couples from the beach. All beaches suffer this but let's concentrate on our beach. You do not have to put up with antisocial behavior – it is unacceptable. Either contact a regular, or phone the police (Cottesloe 9384 7666 or Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000). But do get witnesses.

For the new folk, consider this – being by yourself in or near the main group is safer than being way off by yourself.

Bruce ♥



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CHANGES TO SWANBOURNE BEACHFRONT

So what do you reckon so far? Pretty huh? (I wouldn't go so far as to say wicked!). As explained in last year's newsletter, there are 3 stages:-

Stage 1. Demolish Surf Club Hall

Remove lower car park →extensive landscaping

Re-contour and landscape grassed bank

Create small short term car park and turnaround on former lower car park

Improvements and landscaping to upper car park

Modify Odern Crescent but retain existing kiosk and change rooms/toilets

Stage 2. Develop Café and new toilets/change rooms on former Surf Club Hall site

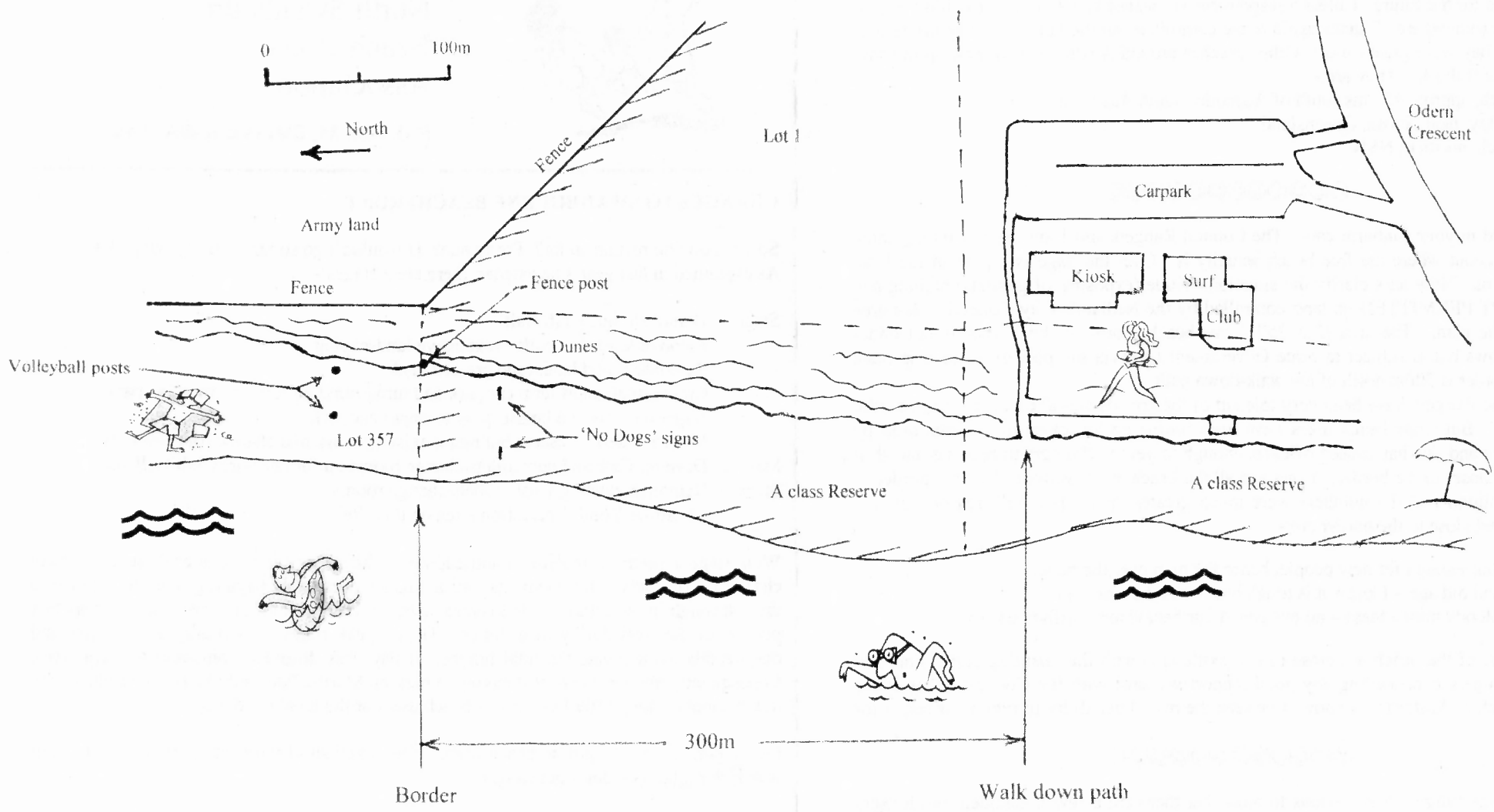
Stage 3. Demolish existing kiosk, toilets/change rooms

Construct Youth Recreation Area on this site

Well Stage 1 seems complete. Landscaping to the upper car park doesn't seem to have changed. The only 'improvements' are a slight reduction of bays (eg. the inclusion of a drive-through in the middle of the centre bays, which is a pointless waste) and access to a portion of the oval during peak times. To us 'peak times' is virtually all summer and despite this extra space, the total number of bays has dropped, compared to stage zero. Consequently many cars are still having to park on Marine Pde. and Odern Crescent, which doesn't make happy little Jan's out of beach users or the local residents.

Please note all you long term beach users. The 'small short term' car park down the front is only for 2 hours – don't get caught!

While the grassed area in front of the shop looks great, I note that it is rarely used. After all people come to the beach to use the beach. But the thought that has come to several people is why remove the shop to another location (Stages 2 & 3). A new and improved version with the existing grass/seating/BBQ's out front seems ideal. A temporary shop/toilet block for one season while the new one was built would be acceptable. And the skate board ramps and basket ball court could go on the south side of the surf club. The club is the only group of beach users interested in these activities and the shop is more in tune with the ambience of the grass/seating/BBQ area.



Council Bylaws do not apply on Lot 357 (our beach). Lot 357 extends north to approximately the first army tower on top of the dunes. If a red flag is flying on the tower and on the beach, you can't pass (the firing range is being used). Otherwise you can walk along the beach for approx. another 2½ kms to the end of the army land. Enjoy!

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