

FREE BEACH ETIQUETTE

The Naturist/Nudist community is a fantastic caring group of people from a diverse range of back grounds who are aware of the fragile balance and scrutiny their clothing-free family lifestyle attracts. This common sense approach to 'free beach etiquette' has been developed to ensure the growth and safety of our free beaches, and to facilitate a balanced acceptance of our clothing-free family lifestyle within mainstream society.

Stay out of dunes and re-vegetation areas

Obey regulations - National Park, life-saving, fire, fishing and parking

Don't wander from established nude areas - this may risk the area's closure

No overt sexual activity - be nude not lewd - this just undermines our objectives

Don't litter - carry out more than you brought in

Respect the property of others - "if your bum is bare cover the chair"

No unauthorized photography of others, especially children

Respect the privacy of others - allow others to have space - don't stare

Come prepared & be sun smart - bring water, food, towels, sunscreens etc

Speak up for standards - carry copies of Free Beach Etiquette - report criminal activity to police.



BEACH SIGN

No doubt most beach users are aware that in early 2009 the City of Nedlands placed a sign on the beach to delineate the area for nude bathing. Just to get the City to acknowledge our existence and put in place arrangements necessary for the eventual adoption of North Swanbourne as a legal free beach was a major step forward for us. To then have the sign vandalized i.e. removed, was very disappointing. We will try to get the City to put a replacement sign on the existing poles.

Please note that only the area north of where the sign was (275m north of beach access) is a clothing-optional beach. You can be fined for being nude south of the sign. Moving too close to other "textile" beach users near the Life Saving tower just invites complaints, annoys Council Rangers, and makes it less likely that Nedlands will work constructively with NSBUA and FBA to improve facilities. Please walk a few extra metres, don't be lazy!

Q: What did the elephant say to the naked man?

A: How do you drink water with that?

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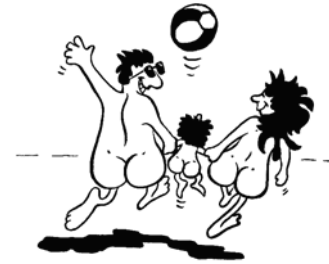
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THE NAKED FIG AT SWANBOURNE BEACH

As you will have seen on your way down to the beach, the Swanny Reef Café is now closed and we have lost our quad bike beach refreshments as well. It is unclear whether the new café/restaurant owners will consider re-instating this service. The new 160-seat facility has been completed to lock-up stage and is expected to be operating in December 2009. The restaurant is to be named the Naked Fig Café and not surprisingly, the choice of name seems appropriate to us. It will be run by sisters Greer and Lorna Marns, who also own the Wild Fig Café located on West Coast Drive at Watermans Bay (Marmion). The original Fig describes itself as a colourful, ambient & ethical young business which has offered patrons "amazing" food, great coffee & unbeatable service since December 2000.

IN THIS ISSUE...

Aside from the restaurant, this issue of your Newsletter includes updates on car parking, and the long-running saga of the vanishing shower block. If you don't enjoy driving home without a shower, we strongly urge you to write to the Nedlands City Council to complain about the lack of appropriate facilities. This would help us with our current campaign to improve facilities at Swanbourne Beach. Please don't leave it all up to just a few to do all the work!

We also take a look at the proposal for the Fremantle Port Authority to dredge toxic sediments from the harbor and dispose of them, largely offshore. There is expected to be a large, possibly contaminated sediment plume that is predicted to impact on our beach.

And don't forget the **SWANBOURNE OLYMPICS** on **SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY, 2010!**

Keep up-to-date with changes that can affect your enjoyment of our beach.

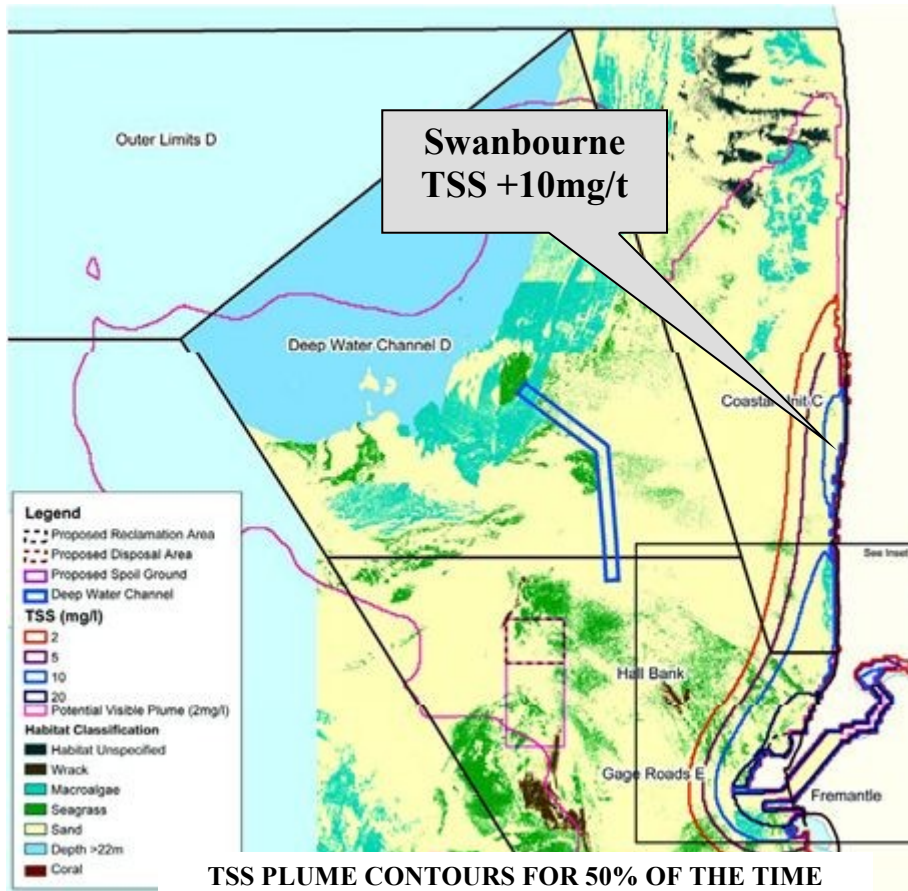
Check out "What's New" at
www.fbwa.iinet.net.au.

Are you a dedicated free beacher?
Would you miss being able to swim and enjoy the beach nude? Then you should support those who support you. Join FBA at www.freebeach.com.au.

FREMANTLE PORT DREDGING TO IMPACT SWANBOURNE BEACH

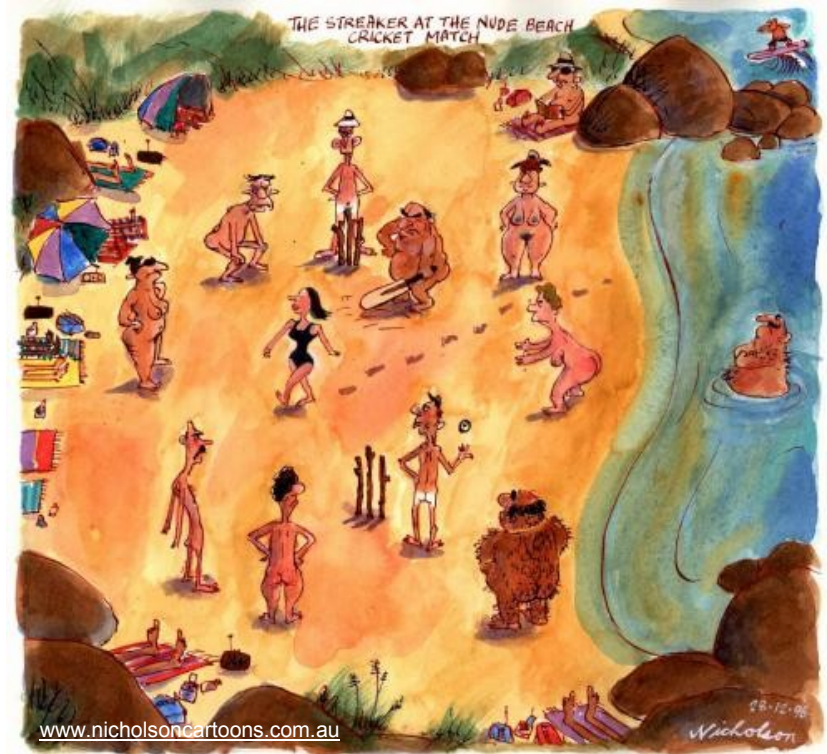
A dredging program is expected to start in January 2010 as part of \$250 million plans to deepen and expand the port. There are concerns from coastal environmental groups and some local Councils (including Cottesloe) that the dredging will result in northern beaches becoming polluted and that it may also affect the Rottne Channel Swim in February. A report by the Environmental Protection Authority in June confirms that the project will produce a visible plume along the coast, affecting beachgoers for 6 months.

The Port Authority (FPA) are extending a 1 km long seawall north from Rous Head to contain the dredging waste from the harbour in a contained pond, which will then decant water to the sea. A plume is expected to travel north. Computer modelling by FPA suggested that the dredging will have "minimal impact" on metropolitan beaches with "short-lived visible plumes" extending up to about 2km north of the Rous Head reclamation area (see plume contour plan below). The material to be dredged was tested and found to be "uncontaminated" - i.e. within safety guidelines, and is predicted to comprise clean sand and limestone.



SWANBOURNE DUNES TREE PLANTING

Children from Swanbourne Primary School joined with the City of Nedlands to plant out many trees and shrubs on the dunes of Swanbourne Beach on Friday 31 July. The area is just south of the section used for nude bathing but is a great initiative that we think could be emulated, perhaps next year, to improve the environment behind our beach.



"The Streaker at the Nude Beach Cricket Match"

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I think that the new restaurant will add a more up-market feel to the area, but regret the passing of the Swanny Reef Café, Jon's cappuccinos, and the quad bike beach delivery service. The new beach access will be an improvement, but I suspect that the additional parking spaces will just make up for the extra vehicles from restaurant patrons. The dredging will impact the water quality at Swanbourne but obviously not to the extent of beaches further south. We will probably miss out on the heavy metals but modeling suggests that the water will still contain fine sediment with an as yet undefined contaminant level. All this, and I haven't even started telling you about how sea level rise due to Global Warming is likely to impact on our beach! Something for our next issue perhaps. Enjoy your beach this summer!

SWANBOURNE MASTERPLAN PUBLIC MEETING REPORT

The City of Nedlands held a public meeting on 7 November to discuss the Draft Report and invited public comment. A FBA representative attended the meeting and once again presented beach users' needs to the City Officers present. In summary, the issues and proposed developments are:

Car Parking: The grassed area of the Oval behind the present overflow car park will be available for parking once the new cafe has opened. The parking situation will be monitored by the City and the gate unlocked as required. If you cannot park anywhere near the beach we suggest that you ring the Nedlands City Rangers.

Once funding has been obtained the new parking area will be formalised and landscaped, but it will not be sealed. Whilst the number of car parking spaces has not been defined, the City has at least acknowledged the problem and is proposing a possible solution.

Beach Access: The existing beach access at the northern end of the beach front will be closed as it acts as a wind tunnel for sand to blow on to the recreation area. In its place the City proposes a board walk over the dunes that will give beach users access some 30m further north up the beach (i.e. closer to the free beach section). Although a raised board walk behind the dunes with direct access to the free beach would be preferable (easier for families & seniors) and would discourage inappropriate use of the dunes on Lot 2, the proposed new beach access is an improvement, but will have to wait for funding so don't hold your breath!

Changing Rooms & Toilets: No changes to the original design of the new cafe have been made, and no allowance for additional showers that can be used nude has been made. The City has therefore reduced the changing room area, and the number of enclosed showers, by over 70%. It would seem that the desire to make the area unattractive to "undesirables", has outweighed the responsibility of the City to provide appropriate facilities for beach users. Although NSBUA and FBA representatives have proposed alternative design concepts that would achieve both objectives, it would seem that the City is unwilling to consider such concepts. For the time being then, there will only be a single shower stall in each of the ladies and gents change room/toilets at the cafe.

You can download a copy of the report from the Council website at City Of Nedlands - Draft Masterplan (note that the document is a rather hefty 35Mb in size) or it can be viewed at the Council Offices, Nedlands Library and Mt Claremont Library.



FREMANTLE PORT DREDGING (cont/d)

Apparently recent media reports of possible northern beaches contamination (including Swanbourne) was based on plume modelling with no monitoring, i.e. a worst case scenario - which FPA says will not be the case. The FPA assured a recent public meeting that if the monitoring showed unacceptable levels of plume sediment, the project will be shut down until rectified. The monitoring results will be made publicly available on their website.

However, other groups point out that the surface sediments sampled from the Entrance Channel initially showed Tributyltin (TBT) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) well above National Oceans Disposal Guidelines for Dredged Material (NODGDM) screening levels. Surface sediments sampled from the Inner Harbour showed TBT, Mercury, pesticides, organochlorides and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) well above NODGDM screening levels. The computer modeling also showed that for 50% of the time Swanbourne can expect a total suspended sediment (TSS) load in the water of over 10mg/t as a result of dredging activities.

Several groups, including the Swanbourne Coastal Alliance have written to the federal minister explaining the grounds why the Port Application is inadequate. The major objections are that the Application:

1. has not complied with the public consultation requirements as per the *2009 National Assessment Guidelines for Dredging*,
2. may have omitted to include the dumping of toxic contaminated dredged material into the ocean from the Rous Head reclamation site, in its sea dumping permit application
3. may not have considered alternative options to dumping toxic contaminated dredged material into the ocean as it should have done under the *Guidelines*, and
4. that the permit application and associated toxic contamination impacts on EPBC-listed marine species should trigger a new referral under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, as the dredging operations are likely to have significant impacts on at least two marine listed species under the EPBC Act; the Australian sea lion (*Neophoca cinerea*) and the Indian Ocean bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops aduncus*), and possibly other species such as whales and migratory birds all listed under the Act.

If you want to know more about the possible impact of the dredging on the Perth coastline and fauna you can check out:

http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/WA_Coastal_Coalition/
<http://sites.google.com/site/fpaoceandumping/information>

One hot day a man steps out of the shower and says to his wife, "Honey, it is just too hot to put on clothes today, what would the neighbors think if I mowed the lawn like this today?"
She replied, "That I married you for your money..."

Swanbourne Olympics

You are most welcome to join with us in the **TWENTY FIFTH 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.

Note: If you choose to join us in our day of fun and frivolity, you must accept any and all risks and consequences associated with that choice. The organizers don't accept any consequences of your choice.

DAY: SUNDAY 21 February 2010

COMMENCES: 10.00am

DRESS: IMMATERIAL

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

(subject to change)



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

GIRLS & BOYS AROUND THE BUOY (F)(M)
(Swim through Swany)

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

SAND SCULPTURE (Kids)
(Theme—Big ships at Swanbourne?)

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

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

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

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

FOUR LEGGED RACE (Adults)(Kids)
(No three-legged folks accepted)

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

DURING THE LUNCHBREAK

BODY PAINTING (Adults)(Kids)
(Paints and brushes supplied)

JUST FOR FUN...

I took my dad to the mall the other day to buy some new shoes (he is 84). We decided to grab a bite at the food court.

I noticed he was watching a teenager sitting next to him. The teenager had spiked hair in all different colours: green, red, orange, and blue.

My dad kept staring at him.

The teenager would look and find him staring every time.

When the teenager had enough, he sarcastically asked: 'What's the matter old man, never done anything wild in your life?'

Knowing my Dad, I quickly swallowed my food so that I would not choke on his response, knowing he would have a good one. And in classic style he did not bat an eye in his response:

'Got drunk once and had sex with a peacock. I was just wondering if you were my son.'

Thanks to Peta (Shane) and Hermann from Sunseekers for this one.



A man walks in his room after work and is surprised to find his wife lying naked on the bed. After careful examination he spies a pair of bare feet sticking out from underneath the curtains. He rips open the blinds to find a naked man standing there. 'Who the hell are you?' he yells.

The naked guy replies 'I'm the moth inspector'

'Oh, yeah? What are you doing naked?'

He looks down and exclaims 'Oh my God! I'm too late!'