

A MARINA FOR SWANBOURNE?

It appears that a proposal to locate a new marina at Swanbourne Beach is being taken seriously, at least by some (i.e backbencher Bob Kucera and Planning Minister Alannah MacTiernan). It is difficult to understand why the Minister has proposed Swanbourne, as the draft Perth Recreational Boating Facilities Study clearly identifies it as being unsuitable. Nedlands Councillor John Bell, with support from the Boating Industry Association, appears to be leading the push on Council for the marina and associated development on 13Ha of Council property adjoining the SAS land. Councillor Bell is reported to be very concerned about the Gay "beat" in the dunes behind the beach, and sees this proposal as a solution. This can hardly be seen as a rational response.

In October 2007 Kevin Rudd announced a proposal to release "surplus" military land around Australia for development of "medium density housing." Alannah MacTiernan seems to believe that the land occupied by the SAS Barracks behind North Swanbourne Beach would be a perfect place for such development to assist those looking for low cost housing. Unfortunately, the Minister seems to have ignored the fact that land in this area would be too expensive for first time buyers to afford. In addition, the presence of the Military has in large part, protected the environment of the dunes and coastal land, such that this area is now one of the very few remaining natural areas on Perth's coastline. Although it seems likely that the Military will fight this proposal, we need to be vigilant and monitor what DPI proposes. **Write to the Minister to object and get involved in action to protect this area.**



MORE NOOD NOOS

Warnbro Free Beach Saved! The Shire of Rockingham has resolved by a 5 to 4 vote, to retain the clothing optional status of the Port Kennedy Free Beach (otherwise known as Warnbro Beach). The total submissions received were as follows:

Free Beach being retained	259
Free Beach being closed	145
Free Beach being relocated	20
Total	424

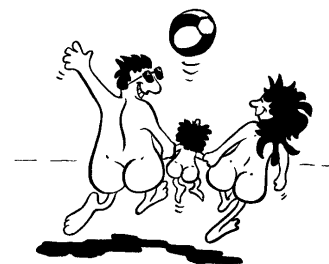
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STATUS OF SWANBOURNE BEACHFRONT

The proposal to develop a café/restaurant to seat up to 160, south of the Surf Club at Swanbourne Beach was approved by Nedlands Council in December, and is now being considered by DPI. As part of the plan the existing shower & toilet blocks have been closed, and a temporary toilet facility has been located near the Surf Club. There are now no showers at the beach other than a couple on the side of the Life Savers' Tower, which are in full public view.

Council has been concerned with the use of the existing facilities as a meeting place for what it describes as "undesirables." The proposed new building will include toilets and change rooms accessible only from within the café, which Council hopes will address this issue. However the current plan only allows for a single shower in each change room, a major reduction from the 6 previously provided, which is substantially less than other popular beaches.

In addition, it is estimated that up to 116 car-parking bays will be required for the restaurant, out of a total of 213 bays currently provided. However the Council does not propose to provide ANY additional parking space. This defies logic as the car park is full to overflowing on summer weekends as it is. Council must include additional car parking bays, possibly only at weekends, by providing access through the existing chain gate on to Swanbourne Reserve.

NEW SIGN

In January, 2008 Nedlands Council erected a sign, roughly 40m south of the boundary of Lot 357, stating that the area north of the sign may be used for clothing optional bathing (note: Lot 357 is Crown land administered by the State Government). This official recognition of North Swanbourne's special status is welcomed and it is hoped that Council will see fit to place further signs at the beach access, both to direct nude bathers to the free beach, and to let others know that they may encounter nudity on this beach.

Keep up-to-date with changes that can affect your enjoyment of our beach. Check out www.fbwa.iinet.net.au.

Swanbourne Olympics



You are most welcome to join with us in the TWENTY THIRD 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 24 February 2008

COMMENCES: 10.00am

DRESS: IMMATERIAL

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS



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)
(Bell towers 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 - - - -)

THREE LEGGED RACE (Adults)(Kids)
(Three-legged folks accepted)

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

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



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