

Now it's Live Sex Shows

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Dogging, the sex exhibitionism craze sweeping the UK, has arrived in Swanbourne, according to a man who said he was assaulted at the beach.

And it is exhibitionist heterosexual couples, not gay men, who are to blame for complaints about Swanbourne Beach, he said.

Dogging, which has been widely reported in the UK, is named after the "walking the dog" excuse spectators are reputed to give their spouses.

The craze is linked to the internet. Couples advertise where and when they intend to have sex in public places, and this information is picked up by those who like to watch.

Some Australian sites exist, including one that promotes a location in West Perth.

The man, who said he had been a regular at Swanbourne nude beach for 35 years, said he was assaulted by a spectator when he protested about a couple performing for an audience of about nine men in the dunes.

"After an hour or so I decided to intervene for the good of the respectable women who are regularly stalked by these heterosexual psychopaths," he said.

One man swore at him, he said.

"Another rushed at me, punched me in the chest and disappeared into the dunes snarling, 'You're dead'."

The man said he saw the couple drive off in a NSW-registered vehicle.

The man said he complained to police and Nedlands council.

He thought his complaint may have been responsible for councillor John Bell protesting at the council spending money on a campaign with the WA Aids Council at Swan-bourne ("Call to close gay beat in dunes at Swannie", POST, 9/12)

"Exhibitionist couples, who live out their fantasies, attract more and more of these criminals to the beach who then commit serious criminal acts of indecency against any female they can locate," he said.

Cottesloe police sergeant Scott Halvorson said: "It is the first I have heard of that."

He said he was not aware of any complaints.

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