

# Community Development Reports


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<b>Applicant</b>	The Fig Group
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<b>Director Signature</b>	
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### Executive Summary

This report concerns the use of council facilities and infrastructure at Swanbourne Beach for events. Certain categories of events held in public places within the City are required to be approved by the City, in order to limit any potential negative impact as well as coordinate events with effected stakeholders.

### Recommendation to Committee

#### Council:

1. Approves the use of council facilities and infrastructure i.e. car park, toilets and vehicle beach access at Swanbourne Beach for the purpose of supporting the proposed conduct of the the Fig Nude Swim on Sunday 30 March 2014 between the hours of 9am and 3pm, subject to the requirement to submit the following details;
  - Risk Management Plan
  - Public Liability Insurance
  - Parking and Traffic Management Plan
  - First Aid Plan
  - Water Safety Plan
  - Security Measures
  - Notification to stakeholders i.e. Police, Residents, Businesses etc.
  - Waste Management Plan
  - Temporary Structures
  - Toilets (additional on-site)
  - Complaints procedure

2. Agrees the City must receive written confirmation of no objection of the event from the Department of Defence, Swanbourne Nedlands Surf Life Saving Club and the WA Police.
3. Agrees that the CEO is authorised to withdraw permission if any requirements are not provided.

## Strategic Plan

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## Background

The City requires event organisers to apply for approval for any event proposed to be held in a public place within the City, where the event involves any of the following:

- More than 200 people
- Open to the general public
- Wedding Ceremonies
- Road closure or temporary suspension of road traffic
- Vehicle access onto a reserve
- Erecting temporary structures such as marquees, staging or amusement equipment
- Fireworks or pyrotechnics
- Commercial filming
- Supply or sale of liquor
- Trading in public places

Smaller events not involving any of the features listed above can proceed without applying for approval.

In 2009 Administration ceased approving any events on Swanbourne Beach, as a result of an event (Full Moon Drumming) that caused significant negative traffic and noise impacts. Since then, no formal approval has been given for any event on Swanbourne Beach.

The City has now received an event application for Swanbourne Beach and, given the previous history, is putting the matter to Council for consideration.

## Key Relevant Previous Council Decisions:

N/A

## Consultation

Required by legislation:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Required by City of Nedlands policy:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Consultation with the following has been undertaken:

- The event organiser, The Fig Group
- Base Support Manager, Metropolitan Perth and Regional Sites, Defence Department
- City of Nedlands ECU (Events Control Unit), which includes representatives from Environmental Health, Community Development, Parks and Rangers.

The Defence Department has no objection to the event.

## Legislation / Policy

The City has local laws relating to activities on beaches and reserves. The local law states that “On a reserve, foreshore or beach a person shall not without a permit from the local government or authorized person – (a) take part in any organised event.”

## Budget/Financial Implications

Within current approved budget:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Requires further budget consideration:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

There are no significant budget implications.

## Risk Management

The main risk of continuing the current practice of not approving events on Swanbourne Beach is that events may go ahead in any event, without going through the City’s approval process. The result is that the City misses an opportunity to consider the event applications and impose conditions, if necessary, to limit any negative impact on the community and environment. There is anecdotal evidence that such events are already occurring.

## Discussion

The Fig Group is proposing to organize an event called The Fig Nude Swim on North Swanbourne Beach on Sunday 30 March 2014, from 9am – 3pm.

The main objectives of the event are:

- To break the Guinness Book of World Records for the highest amount of people skinny dipping at one time; and to
- Raise funds and awareness for The Butterfly Foundation, a charity aimed at promoting positive body image and counteracting eating disorders.

Currently, the City does not permit the use of council facilities and infrastructure for events on any part of Swanbourne Beach. However, it is recommended that this approach is changed to one whereby the City allows the use of council facilities and infrastructure for events at Swanbourne Beach subject to the submission of an event application and satisfying the requirements of the Events Control Unit. Because this

is a significant change of practice, a Council decision will provide clarity for event organisers.

North Swanbourne Beach directly abuts the Campbell Army Barracks and is crown land controlled by the Department of Defence. While this means that the City's local laws do not apply to the area, the City would require events to have City approval (if events on Swanbourne Beach were allowed).



## Conclusion

It is recommended that Council approves the use of Council facilities and infrastructure for this event on Swanbourne Beach subject to any conditions required by Council.

## Attachments

N/A