

Lifeguard Season Ends

With the Shire's professional beach lifeguard season ending on November 1, Beach Inspector Tim Trew urged beach goers to use common sense when swimming and appropriately protect themselves from stingers.

"With a higher incidence of Irukandji jellyfish stings recorded during the wet season, it's important to keep an eye on the Cable Beach noticeboards which has updated information on beach conditions and stings" said Mr Trew.

"You can further reduce your chances of being stung by covering up as much of your body as possible when swimming, by wearing things such as stinger suits or long sleeve rash shirts. This also has the added benefit protecting you from the sun".

"In the absence of lifeguards, stinger relief stands, are located at Cable Beach, Entrance Point and Town Beach. The stations contain vinegar for immediate treatment following a marine sting, as well as first aid information and Irukandji jellyfish information," he said.

Lifeguards will begin patrols again in April 2010, in the meantime the Shire Beach Inspector will continue to do regular patrols on Cable Beach throughout the wet season.

Click here for further information on Irukandji (Link to <http://www.broome.wa.gov.au/comm/jelly.htm> on website)

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