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Entrance Point beach closed after jellyfish stings

The beach at Entrance Point in Broome will be closed for 24 hours following two confirmed irukandji jellyfish stings.

One victim was stung while launching a boat and the second victim was stung while swimming. Both were treated at Broome Regional Hospital.

The beach will remain closed for 24 hours, with warning signs in place for a further 72 hours.

Shire of Broome Manager Health, Emergency and Ranger Services, Ty Matson, said this reinforced the need for taking precautions when entering the water for any reason.

“People should always be cautious when swimming, fishing in the water or launching boats and take precautions including wearing stinger suits and carrying vinegar,” Mr Matson said.

“Stings are most commonly recorded between November and May, but have been recorded in all months of the year.”

More information on stingers and protection is available at the Shire of Broome website at www.broome.wa.gov.au/Facilities-Recreation/Beaches/Tropical-Marine-Jellyfish

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