

## **Beach Safety Update 2026**

The Beach season is upon us and as always, safety is priority number one. To help us accomplish that goal the Beach Patrol would like the public to be aware of how they manage tents and umbrellas on the Beach. It is critical that guards always have an unimpeded view of the water and all shoreline activity. With this in mind, be aware of the following:

- Tents need to be placed at least 20ft from the high tide mark. If there is an issue understanding where that is, feel free to ask a Guard for guidance. If a tent is too close to the water the Guard will ask for it to be moved. If the parties are not available, the Guard may take down the tent to assure the safety of all.
- Umbrellas can become dangerous projectiles if not adequately secured. When leaving your umbrella please close it since winds can be variable during the day.
- Beach vehicles also need clear access to the stands and the water. Beach patrol may ask for access corridors to be kept clear, especially on busy weekends.
- Digging in the sand is one of childhood pleasures, however after the big dig please fill up the hole. It can be dangerous for walkers.

Everyone is reminded that there is plenty of space on our beaches. St Peter's and Brainard/Stites are popular especially for families, but there are other uncrowded and guarded beaches such as Surf and Pearl. It is easy to get away from the hubbub of tents and umbrellas on these as well as unguarded beach areas of Whilldin and Coral.

**Safety is priority #1.** Please heed the Guards and practice good beach etiquette. Do not swim in unguarded waters and when in doubt, don't go out!

Wishing everyone a safe and awesome summer!