

MEDIA RELEASE

NAMBUCCA SHIRE COUNCIL

4WD VEHICLES ON BEACHES – MEDIA RELEASE NO. 1

Paul Gallagher, Assistant General Manager - Engineering Services, wishes to advise all Nambucca Valley residents and visitors that 4WD access onto beaches is only permitted at 3 locations. These are:

- 1 NAMBUCCA HEADS
Swimming Creek with access off Bemago Street
- 2 SCOTTS HEAD
Northern end of Scotts Head Beach with access of South Pacific Drive
- 3 VALLA BEACH
Northern end only with access off Cockburn Street

Mr Gallagher also advised that all private and/or amateur fishermen as well as commercial fishermen require a Beach Driving Permit to access the approved beaches in the Nambucca Valley. Permits will only be issued to vehicles holding a current certificate of registration.

Permits must be clearly displayed on the inside bottom left-hand side of the windscreen of motor vehicles and near the registration label on motor cycles.

Permit holders are reminded that a speed limit of 50 km/h applies and vehicles are required to slow to a speed of no more than 25 km/h when within 100 metres of people on beaches. Motor vehicles are prohibited from driving above the high water mark on all beaches except when crossing the beach to and from official access points and designated boat launching sites.

“Beach users have the right-of-way over motor vehicles at all times” said Mr Gallagher, *“and motor vehicles must keep a safe and reasonable distance from other users of the beach.”*

Mr Gallagher wishes to remind all residents and visitors to respect the right of all beach users to ensure a safe and enjoyable time is experienced by everyone using the beaches in the Nambucca Valley.

“If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Beach Ranger on any of our local beaches, please contact Council on 6568 2555”, said Mr Gallagher.

**MICHAEL COULTER
GENERAL MANAGER**

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