



# Media release

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## Drive safe on Albany beaches this Easter



Four-wheel-drive enthusiasts are being reminded to drive safely while off-road after several complaints of allegedly unsafe speeding on Albany beaches recently.

A number of beaches in the City of Albany are accessible to 4WD vehicles, including Mutton Bird, Nanarup and Cheyne Beach, among others.

Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said City Rangers had received several reports of cars driving at allegedly dangerous speeds on Cheyne Beach recently.

Mr Wellington noted speeding was a police issue, but reminded the community common sense road rules, such as driving at safe and reasonable speeds, also applied on off-road tracks and on beaches.

“It’s not fair for families to feel like they’re in the middle of a highway during a day at the beach,” he said.

“Anyone witnessing any unsafe behaviour is encouraged to report it to police.”

Mr Wellington said south coast sand could often be unforgivingly soft, but drivers should be able to travel at safe speeds without getting bogged with a proper understanding of essential 4WD techniques such as adjusting tyre pressure.

“I would encourage anyone planning to go off-road this Easter weekend to make sure you are properly trained, understand your vehicle’s capabilities, and carry the relevant safety and recovery equipment,” he said.

“Safety and preparedness is your responsibility. Rangers will be out and about this Easter so please be safe, camp in approved camping spots and enjoy the long weekend.”

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