

Shire beach inspector warns of stinger danger in the bay

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BROOME has recorded a slower than normal start to the stinger season this year with four confirmed irukandji stings in waters around town since December.

The most recent sting occurred just over three weeks ago with a boater on Roebuck Bay stung while out on the water near Demco.

Broome Shire beach inspector Tim Trew said swimmers and boaters in waters in the bay were at more of a risk at this time of year compared with Cable Beach.

“Each year we record far fewer incidents of irukandji stings at Cable Beach than other beaches within the Broome townsite,” he said.

Mr Trew said more stings were traditionally recorded at Cable Beach later in the season, which runs from November to April.

Lycra stinger suits, wetsuits and long-sleeve rash vests are an effective prevention against irukandji stings. However, stings can still occur on feet, hands and faces though these are significantly less likely.

Mr Trew said pregnant women, the elderly and people with high blood pressure should be particularly careful.

If stung, vinegar should be applied to affected areas to neutralise stings.



Tim Trew has issued a warning for swimmers and boaters to be careful of irukandji in the waters around town.

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