

# BEACH LIFE

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Sun, sand, beautiful gleaming oceans stretching off to the horizon. You are soon going to hate it with the passion of a thousand suns. Australia has 10,366 beaches and you are going to spend a day on a new one, all day, every day for the next ten years, at the end of which you'll have visited less than a third of them. Still it could be worse. You could have to visit all of them.

Every morning shortly after you get up a taxi will pull up for you to get in. A 15 minute drive later it will drop you off at a new beach. You can choose which beach to go to as long as it's in Australia or leave it up to the driver's choice. Regardless of the distance from your original beach the drive will always be 15 minutes and your possessions will be waiting for you when you get there. You are free to swim into the ocean and can travel one or two city blocks inland to visit beach side shops and attractions. Attempting to travel any further inland will find you somehow arriving back at that day's beach..

To help you settle into your upcoming lifestyle here is 1,000 Beach Points to purchase some things to help you out.

## **AGE AND GENDER**

You will be the same age and gender you were in your last jump, though if you wish you can pay 50 Beach Points to change both of these however you wish.

## **ORIGIN**

So now comes the important question: who will you be as you tour the many beaches? Related perks are 50% off and their 50 BP perk is free.

### ***BEACH BUM***

The less polite might call you a homeless drifter but you know they're the crazy ones.



Spending all your time working long hours for low pay so you can take an occasional vacation to a tropical paradise and enjoy the beaches. The beaches you live on every day. Sure food might be a little hard to come by and the police could try to run you off every so often but there's always another beach. In the meantime, you've learned how to make do with limited resources, camp out

where no one will find you, and turn a pointy stick into dinner. In the meantime, you spend your days hanging out enjoying the scenic views while they're slaving away in an office dreaming of the next time they can be where you are now.

## ***TOURIST***

Oh yes, this is the life, out of the office and hitting the surf, whether swimming or



surfing. Of course, if you don't know how to surf you'll have plenty of time to learn and while you're doing that? Well, there are plenty of attractive girls in bikinis and boys in swim trunks to admire or convince to play a game of beach volleyball. For the next ten years, you can put away all those concerns about where you're going and if you're turning into someone the old you would be terrified of, now if only that beach bum weren't ruining your view.

## ***LIFEGUARD***

Then again maybe you dislike the idea of spending ten years with nothing to do and



unable to leave the invisible boundary surrounding the beach you're on. Well, now you can spend that time working as one of the lifeguards keeping the other beachgoers safe and sound from the many hazards of the beach life. Rips, sharks, choking on their picnic lunch nothing will escape your eagle eye and who knows perhaps you will be able to pick up a few other skills to help make you a better protector of those tourists.

## **PERKS**

### **BEACH BUM**

#### ***BLESSED BY THE SUN (-50 BP)***

The sun loves you and seems to follow you around. Every day is a perfect beach day with clear skies, just enough of a breeze to feel a little cooler, and a warm sun shining down on you. You never have a rainy day, much less a storm to ruin your sunny beaches.

### ***SUN PROOF (-100 BP)***

You live your life in the open exposed to the harsh UV rays of Australian beaches and it's baked a strange form of protection into your skin. No matter how much time you spend out in the sun your skin will only tan and never burn and you are completely immune to the negative effects of sunlight including wrinkles and skin cancer. This doesn't offer protection against specific racial weaknesses to sunlight such as certain species of vampire burning in the sun or creatures with sensitive vision to daylight.

### ***IMMUNIZATIONS (-200 BP)***

You can't exactly pop into a hospital for every sniffle when living rough but then again you don't need to. Not only are you highly resistant to common illnesses, but more importantly, you're resistant to the venoms and toxins possessed by the marine animals you'll be sharing the water with. You could even survive multiple stings by a box jellyfish or blue-ring octopus. You might regret it given the pain but you would survive.

### ***SURVIVAL SKILLS (-400 BP)***

It can be hard to survive when people want money in exchange for goods and services rather than being able to just chop some wood like it used to be. You've now all the knowledge and skills you would need to take care of yourself on beaches. This includes fishing, campfire making - including starting one with just some branches off a handy tree, knowing what marine animals could be dangerous, which plants have medicinal or food uses, and how to hide your campsite from those who might want to run you off when you just want a nice nap. In addition, you know when the public restrooms are open and which ones are safe and sanitary to use.

## **TOURIST**

### ***CAREFREE (-50 BP)***

Why do people holiday on the beaches anyway? To get away from their everyday worries and concerns. You now possess the unique ability to when you want to just put any concerns and worries out of your mind and focus on just enjoying yourself. No intrusive thoughts, no worrying about what you'll do tomorrow you can now live in the moment and enjoy it to the fullest. You can turn this off and on at will so when you're done with your holiday you are no longer in holiday mindset.

### ***PRIME SPOT (-100 BP)***

A lot of popular beaches have lots of people wanting to enjoy them and it can be hard to find a place where you can set up. At least for other people but not you. From now on whenever you go somewhere without assigned places you will always be able to find that perfect spot. An unoccupied spot on the beach right between the flags and just the right distance from the water, a seat on the bus, seats with a good

view of the big game. No matter how long the odds are, there is always the perfect place for you to set up seemingly overlooked by everyone else.

### ***PRIVATE SECURITY (-200 BP)***

Of course, finding that perfect spot doesn't do you much good if all your items get stolen while you're trying to relax and swim. With this perk, that's no longer a concern as any items you place on a beach either to mark your spot or so you don't need to carry it will never be stolen or moved so someone can take your place. It doesn't matter if this is a picnic basket and beach towel or your car keys, a four thousand-dollar beach chair, and your phone they will be as safe and secure as if they were in a private vault. This perk also applies to anything you might leave in other locations like something on a restaurant table to keep it while you buy dinner or camping equipment in a forest.

### ***DIAMOND PACKAGE (-400 BP)***

While a holiday is enjoyable eventually you start to run out of things to do, at least those who have to rely on their own resources do. You, however, have signed up for the luxurious diamond package. This means discreet dedicated staff will take care of your every need to the best of their capability. Supplied food and drink, a five-star private cabin right on the beach that no one seems inclined to complain about, a state-of-the-art RV in the parking lot or a beachside hotel depending on your tastes. Most importantly of all. They will find things to do on every beach you visit. Maybe this will be some unique local attraction, a down day to just relax, a beach party, water skiing, beach volleyball and more. The years will pass more quickly with them making sure you always have something to enjoy. Even better, once every three months you'll be able to leave the beach and enjoy some attractions in a nearby town - shopping, movies, not being able to see the water. Who knows what they'll do for you?

### ***LIFEGUARD***

#### ***FOCUS (-50 BP)***

Long hours, lots of people, it's so easy to be distracted and zoned out when someone needs your help. This is no longer a problem for you however as when you need to you are able to be one hundred percent focused. Even on hour four when nothing is happening your eyes will be snapping around the beach watching for anyone who might be in need of help. Even better, you can apply this focus to any other task you need to do whether it's standing in front of a door as a guard all night when nothing is going to happen, honest. You will be the most alert and focused guard there ever was..

### ***IT'S OVER THERE! (-100 BP)***

Sometimes the difference between life or death can be a matter of minutes. Get that defibrillator there quickly or notice the kid being pulled out to sea in a rip. You have a

sixth sense that will draw your attention to things that you need to respond to. Whether it's someone drowning outside the flags or a ninja assassin trying to sneak in you will feel a pull drawing your attention to where it's needed most. Even if you were reading a book your head would snap almost of its own accord to look at the source of trouble. You can toggle this ability on, off or to only respond to specific types of concern.

### ***UNAPPETIZING (-200 BP)***

Sharks, Crocodiles there's plenty of dangerous wildlife in Australia that likes to have a nibble on those who get close enough. You on the other hand just don't seem like a good meal to them. Any form of wildlife will now tend to ignore you unless they are absolutely starving or you do something stupid like stick your head in their mouth while pinching and poking them. This isn't just limited to Australian marine life either, even the most aggressive Hippo will let you pass it by without trouble from now on. All the better to reach the person they're actually trying to eat.

### ***YOUR LIFE IS IN MY HANDS BUT ONLY GODS ARE BETTER (-400 BP)***

All those people depending on you to keep them safe from their own stupidity? You are now the best first responder they could ever have. You are a fully trained paramedic not just skilled in first aid, have the ability to use your own bare hands as a safe defibrillator on someone regardless of their age or physical health and are able to instantly diagnose any medical problem they may be suffering from e.g. heat stroke or not breathing with a simple glance and will know the best means of treatment to give them.

Furthermore, not all beach stations are created equal, some have dune buggies to drive, boats or jet skis to reach people out in the water and even helicopters as part of a shark watch. You now are licenced and skilled in controlling any vehicle that can be used by a lifeguard station. This licensing will also be valid and fully paid up in any future worlds you may visit.

## **ITEMS**

Of course a beach day is not complete without some props to make it better so let's give you some to help you out. Each origin's items are discounted by 50% with their 50 BP items being free.

### ***UNDISCOUNTED***

#### ***BEACH (-600 BP)***

After ten years exploring a new beach every day you'll either be sick of them or have formed your own idea of the perfect beach. This purchase gives you that, your very own fully customizable beach 6 km in length with 700 meters of ocean to swim in that becomes a warehouse attachment. Whatever you desire as long as it is beach

themed can be used to craft your own private dream beach. Examples include such things as Yellow sand, white sand, pebbles, cliffs, rock pools, sapphire water, crystal clear water, private cabins, firepits. A beach that every ten years, or every jump can be changed in case you find something new you want.

## ***BEACH BUM***

### ***PERFECT POINTY STICK (-50 BP)***

This stick is the perfect length, sharpness and weight for spear fishing and catching some dinner to roast over a fire under the stars. Plus it can also be adapted to other uses like a walking stick or poking sand with something you're not sure of in it.

### ***TOILETRIES (-100 BP)***

Sure you can make do a lot of the time. Showering in the public restrooms, catching your dinner, sleeping in the bushes but sometimes technology does offer some things that are hard to get around. This sturdy bag contains all the basic items you need to take care of yourself. Shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, razor and toothbrush, toothpaste and a roll of toilet paper that replaces anything you use overnight.

### ***THE LAST OUTFIT YOU'LL EVER WEAR (-200 BP)***

Shorts and a Hawaiian T-shirt, swim trunks, hat? This is a fully customizable outfit for yourself that remains in perfect condition repairing any damage or stains that may be gotten on it. Leaving you free to wear it day after day without worrying about washing it or having it wear out.

### ***CAMPING GEAR (-400 BP)***

Just because you know how to curl up under some bushes doesn't mean you can't enjoy a more comfortable existence. You're not some homeless drifter you just like the beach life and you prepared yourself for it. This camping kit packs up in a convenient bag for carrying and comes with all the items you would need to make a cozy little home away from home. It includes a beach blanket, one person tent, a range of high quality medical first aid supplies, essential items such as tweezers, scissors, tape, pins, bandages, wound pad, bandages, cotton buds etc. Perfect for taking care of any medical emergency, a versatile axe, folding shovel, compass and flint can help you build a temporary shelter and effectively solve your survival problems. Any consumables used replenish themselves weekly.

## ***TOURIST***

### ***PICNIC BASKET (-50 BP)***

This wicker basket has all the supplies you would want for a day at the beach. Thermos with your choice of drink, sandwiches, snacks and more. This picnic basket refills every morning with your choice in food and drink.

### ***FUNDS (-100 BP)***

Of course sometimes you want to just buy something while you're on holiday and this wallet now has you covered. It contains a few hundred dollars in various denominations of legal tender wherever you happen to be. Any spent money is replaced while you sleep. This money must actually be spent or stolen for it to replenish. If it still belongs to you e.g. \$5 change for a \$15 meal you gave a friend \$20 dollars to buy then the \$15 will replenish and you'll need to get your change, and meal off your friend.

### ***FULL SET OF BEACH EQUIPMENT (-200 BP)***

These are all the items you might want for your day at the beach: a big fluffy towel, beach blanket, small shelter, balls and other games to play, a chair to sit on and anything else you might desire to make your day at the beach complete.

### ***MOBILE HOME (-400 BP)***

When you're out and about there isn't always a handy hotel or resort to stay out. This option means that you no longer have to worry about finding a place to stay as you take it with you. You can choose either a luxury RV or a private houseboat to live in that retains any upgrades you make to it. In addition to which it will never run out of fuel, have its batteries go flat or need to have its sanitation tanks emptied or hooked up to outside connections, though it can be with no issues should you wish to blend in. For the purposes of this jump it will be waiting for you at each new beach you go to set up and ready for you to occupy it.

### ***LIFEGUARD***

#### ***SAFE FLAGS (-50 BP)***

These yellow and red flags will mark out the safe part of the beach for someone to swim. Interestingly this knowledge will be understood and respected by anyone encountering them even if they lack the ability to see or are from somewhere with no context for this kind of action. You may find yourself needing to explain why animals are respecting the safe swim zone.

#### ***PERSONAL EQUIPMENT (-100 BP)***

This is a full selection of your own personal lifeguard equipment including whistles, megaphone, Binoculars, Radio and everything else you'll need to quickly respond to an emergency on the beach..

#### ***BEACH PATROL (-200 BP)***

This is a fully fueled and sturdy vehicle to help you fulfill your duties as a lifeguard. Perhaps it's a dune buggy, a boat or even a helicopter. It's ready to go when you need it. Of course if you want you could purchase all the options but only the first one is discounted.

### ***LUXURY STATION (-400 BP)***

Not every beach has even a chair for your vigilant eyes to rest upon so we are providing this option. The Byatko Enterprises Lifeguard Station that will follow you from beach to beach and post jump can be made into a warehouse attachment or brought with you into your new world. Just be aware when you import it into a jump it will be on a convenient beach but it'll no longer be mobile if you decide to visit a different one. The BELS contains a walkway, windowed interior allowing 360 degree views and the central column continues into a changing complex with toilet, shower and hand washing station while outside of the column provides cooking and drinking facilities, non-alcoholic obviously and a comfortable spot to sit while keeping watch. Hanging near the door is a fully stocked first aid kit and defibrillator. Just remember you're here to keep watch, not relax. It also contains refills for any personal equipment you might use.

## **DRAWBACKS**

### ***SUPPLEMENT (+0 BP)***

Perhaps you don't want to spend ten years hanging out on beaches. If so, this option allows this jump to be used as a supplement for another jump. If you use this jump as a supplement, the restriction that you have to stay near the beach/must travel to a new one every day does not apply.

### ***CROWDED (+50 BP)***

I don't know why you expected anything else. These sunny beaches are a tourist trap and the tourists are indeed trapped. Every beach you visit will be crowded with people there to enjoy the surf and sand making it almost impossible for you to find anywhere to set up yourself much less enjoy a swim.

### ***BUGS (+100 BP)***

While ants will be the most common visitor to your beach day's you can't help but attract all sorts of stinging and biting insects to make it a lot less pleasant on the beach.

### ***STONY (+50 BP)***

When most people hear about beaches they think of sand either the more normal yellowish colour or the white sand of certain tropical beaches. Unfortunately on even the sandiest beach you'll manage to stand on rocks and stones that always seem to have a pointy bit sticking right into your feet.

### ***SUNBURN (+50 BP)***

You will now burn as quickly as the most pale skinned redhead to ever venture onto a beach. Even if your skin is pitch black somehow the sun will find a way and once the sunburns peel and stop hurting you will burn again and again. Slip on a t-shirt,

slap on a hat, slop on the most powerful sunscreen you can find and then go indoors because it won't be enough. You'll just have to get used to sore, sunburn skin for the next ten years.

### ***TRASH (+50 BP)***

While the more popular beaches are taken care of you'll be visiting ones off the beaten track who may not see regular visitors much less maintenance. They'll show it too. Every beach you visit seems strewn with trash. Discarded food wrappers, tossed away bottles, even cigarette butts or used needles.

### ***LONG TERMER (+100 BP, can be taken twice but can't be taken with "GOTTA SEE THEM ALL")***

Ten years isn't long enough to see all the beaches in Australia so this drawback will extend the time you are visiting beaches by ten years each time it's taken.

### ***RED TIDES (+100 BP)***

How do you even run into this stuff? Each new beach you visit has a 10% chance of a red tide, a harmful algal bloom that will make you sick if you swim in it, restricting you to the beach for this day.

### ***XXX THE NEXT (+100 BP)***

A drawback of beaches is that they will often have bad weather and for you the weather is more often bad than not. On any given day you will have a 70% chance of it being overcast and rainy.

### ***SNAP, SNAP, STING, STING (+200 BP)***

Stay away from the water, 50% of the beaches you visit will have dangerous marine life e.g. crocodiles, sharks or box jellyfish that will attack you with no care for their own health and safety. Not resting until they kill you or you get more than 50 meters/162 feet away from them and even they will be watching you carefully. As death will likely result from many Australian animals you will be aware any time you are within 60 meters/200 feet of a marine life under this drawback. Just be aware that this ONLY applies to marine life spawned from this drawback not other hazards or marine life that is naturally in the area. Unattended Australian beaches can be dangerous.

### ***GOTTA SEE THEM ALL (+200 BP, CAN'T BE TAKEN WITH "LONG TERMER")***

Well you committed and you are now here for the long term. You must now spend one day at every single beach in Australia, a task that will take you nearly thirty years. I hope you have some protection against boredom as even the most avid beach bum is likely to find things paling by the halfway point.

# **SCENARIO**

## ***BEACH OLYMPICS***

Congratulations, you have been selected to participate in the Byatko Beach Olympics. Three days of catered events competing against opponents to win the grand prize of your very own private beach. If you choose to participate however be aware the rules prohibit outside advantages so you will be reduced to your body mod and all outside items will be locked out to ensure all competitors play on the same level and don't destroy the beach. There are separate divisions for male and female as well as different ages so don't worry, children won't be competing against grown adults. The schedule of events is as follows . . .

### Day 1 - Opening Ceremony and Teams Events

If you don't have a pre-made team you can team up with other individuals for these events.

Events: Beach Volleyball, Relay Race, Tug of War, Human Wheelbarrow.

### Day 2 - Individual Events

With the field narrowed down now it's time for our competitors to stand out alone.

Hula, Gymnastics Display, Skip Rope, Wrestling, Walk the plank

### Day 3 - Final Showdown and closing ceremonies.

The top sixteen competitors will now compete in a triathlon for first place. They will swim the course provided, Ride a bike along the bike path and finally run for the finishing line and great prizes.

The triathlon distances will be different for the different age and gender categories for example 7-10 years old will do a 50 meter swim, followed by a 2 km bike ride and finally a 100m run while adults will be doing a 750 meter swim, a 20 km bike and a 5 km run. You will receive points from our impartial judges based on your performance in the day 1 and 2 events with the sixteen competitors with the highest points scores entering the triathlon on the third day for the category. Now for what you're really interested in . . .

## **REWARDS**

1st Place: A yellow T-shirt reading "Byatko Enterprises Beach Olympics Winner", a gold medal and the 600 BP private beach item for free.

2nd Place: A white T-shirt reading "Byatko Enterprises Beach Olympics Second Place", a silver medal and the top level item for your origin free. If you have multiple origins choose one of the potential items.

3rd Place: A brown T-shirt reading "Byatko Enterprises Beach Olympics Third Place", a Bronze medal and the bottom level item for an origin you don't have free.

Anyone who makes it into the final triathlon will receive a red T-shirt reading "Byatko Enterprises Beach Olympics Participant". Everyone regardless of placement will receive many happy memories.

# **COMPANIONS**

It's going to be a long ten years especially if you are trying to do it alone, so take along a friend or several to help give you something to do on the beach.

## ***CREATE/IMPORT***

Companions – OCs can be new creations or Imported from your existing Companions. Any new companions if you can convince them are free to join you on the chain as is anyone not a companion you meet in the jump and can be imported into future jumps as a companion.

## ***FRIENDS (50 BP EACH, 300 BP for 8)***

Schoolmates, neighbors, co-workers. It's up to you how you meet these folks, but they can become fixtures in your life, closer than family if you like. You can select their appearance, personality, and exact relationship with you. They gain 500 BP to spend on Perks and Items, while being able to take any drawbacks that affect them personally - up to 300 BP worth of drawbacks for a total of 800 BP to spend.



## ***PET (1st one free, 50 BP for each additional pet)***

Then again maybe you want to get away from the hustle and bustle from other people but don't want to be alone. Whether this is your best friend, or just another companion, you can select any mundane species of pet, and design their appearance and personality to suit your preferences. Just remember not all housepets would enjoy a life on the beach



## ***SQUAD (100 BP Each)***

Of course friends and pets can be a distraction from those important duties of yours so why not grab some fellow lifeguards to help you protect those people swimming without a care in the world towards a RIP. They gain 500 BP to spend on Perks and Items, while being able to take any drawbacks that affect them personally - up to 300 BP worth of drawbacks for a total of 800 BP to

spend. In addition to which they gain the Personal Equipment lifeguard item for free and are fully trained in first aid.

# **THE CHOICE**

Well you've reached the end of your time in this world and I hope you enjoyed your extended beach day but now it's time to make a choice about what comes next.

- 1) May the beaches go on forever. You've visited less than a third of Australia's beaches, or maybe all of them but there are countless other beaches in America, Aisa, Europe and you're staying here to try and see them all.
- 2) I hate sand: As expected after ten years of unrelenting sun, sand and beachside activities you never want to see a beach ever again and are moving on to the next jump. Maybe in a few decades you'll visit a beach again.
- 3) Go home: After a ten year vacation your thoughts have turned to home, not that warehouse you've been living out of but your true home, the one you left oh so long ago and now you're ready to return there.

## **NOTES**

### **VERSION CHANGES**

#### Version 1.1

- 1) Edited a number of things such as travelling, requirement to stay near the beach and similar to make them clearer
- 2) Edited "Sun Proof" to clarify its only against long term sun exposure not specific racial vulnerabilities.
- 3) Corrected "Private Security's price.
- 4) Replaced Twister with Wrestling on day 2 of the beach Olympics.

#### Version 1.2

- 1) Added information on when the camping gear and funds items replenish.

#### Version 1.3

- 1) Expanded the effect of beach flags to make them more worth CP.
- 2) Reworded beach funds perk to try and make the intent clearer.