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Deadline for the next Crestwood News is 28 March 2008. Please send reports, announcements, notices, ads, articles and photos to Malcolm as early as possible before this date: 24 Coronet Court crestwoodnews@iinet.net.au

President's Report

Happy 2008 to one and all from the Committee and myself. I trust that all residents/owners have celebrated and survived an enjoyable festive season.

Thanks to Sue Galpin for her co-ordination of the "Carols in the Park" event that unfortunately could not be held in the park because of the inclement weather. The involvement of the Thornlie Church of Christ for this event proved invaluable, with them providing the use of the church building for the carols night (see page 6).

It was a very enjoyable night and I believe the partnership established with the Church for the carols night will continue into 2008 when the carols will hopefully be held in our park. The choir singing along with ourselves in the park should be spectacular in such a setting. Unfortunately, due to work commitments I was unable to be present for the "Santa in the Park" visit on Christmas Eve. However, I understand that all those who did attend had an enjoyable afternoon and evening. Once again thanks to Sue and her helpers for organising the event (see page 7).

A subject that I need to bring to everyone's attention is the reticulation infrastructure — mainline pipes and valve wiring.

The original reticulation mainlines, from the bores to our homes, were made of asbestos and had an expected service life of 30 plus years. That timeframe has been reached and, as you would know, in recent years we have had breakdowns and about a third of the lines have been replaced.

Unfortunately, each of those breakdowns occurred shortly before the reticulation season was due to start and the urgency of the repairs prevented us from developing an organised plan of replacement during the winter months.

Last year we incurred a significant expense replacing the wiring for each valve station to our homes, coupled with problems encountered connecting all those wires to the controller. This was related to replacing the mainline in Park 13. On the recommendation of a reticulation contractor we are considering replacing the remainder of the main line with a modern system requiring two wires for the whole system, rather than two wires to every valve station as we have at present.

Managing this project and the financing of it will be a major issue for the Committee this year so as not to adversely impact on our fees. The costs will be significant for this, but to continue replacing like for like when there is a line failure is more expensive in the long run.

Trevor Davis, President

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Are you a Volunteer?

The Crestwood News would like to do a series of articles on people in the Crestwood Community who do voluntary work. You may volunteer in a hospital or nursing home, in a primary or secondary school; you may work on an individual basis with the young, aged or disabled, or deliver food for Meals on Wheels or similar organisation; you may help in an animal shelter, or work with native or exotic plants in Kings Park, Araluen or similar areas; or you may work with an NGO or a charitable organisation, etc. Please contact the editor to arrange for a stress-free interview for one of the coming issues in the Crestwood News.

Contact the editor if you have something you would like to contribute to the Crestwood News.

This can be notification of births, deaths, special birthdays and graduations; tips on garden design and general gardening, including composting, plant selection and watering; favourite recipes; hobbies or crafts you would like to share; safety and security issues; information about individuals or groups of interest to others on the estate; financial matters such as news of house and land values, and other items of mutual interest.

Extra copies of the *Crestwood News* are available if you would like to show a copy to a potential advertiser.

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pool, parks & reticulation

The committee has some good news. For a long time now it has been said that Crestwood is too big for one groundsperson but too small for two. Also in recent months, Taffy has expressed the need to work reduced hours when she returns to full capacity. This left the door open to see if we could get a second part-time groundsperson. In the current times of near full employment this looked as though it was going to be a mission impossible. However lady luck has shone on us and we're please to announce we've employed Jim Lane to work from 7:00am to lunch time.

Taffy will start at 9:00am and work through to 3:00pm. This way we have two staff working together over a three hour period which should make life much easier for Taffy and the Parks Committee person during sprinkler replacements and many other two-person tasks. Jim has experience in reticulation design and has worked on parks throughout Gosnells for many years. I think underpass E, which is in need of much loving care, will be his pet project. Please introduce yourselves to him, but remember he has work to do and that there is another friendly Crestwoodian just around the corner who'd also like a chat.

The residents of Crestwood also owe Glenda McRae a very big thank you for stepping up the way she did and then stepping back so gracefully. When Taffy had her accident Glenda was on one day a week and not intending to do much more. Since then she has been doing as Taffy asked every morning five days a week. Without her help the estate would be a very sorry sight indeed. Glenda, thank you very much.

ow to the pool. As far as I'm concerned, all appears to be going well. (I haven't had any complaints, so it must be.) VacSwim is over for another year. The numbers were too high this time which meant we had to turn some people away and send them to Thornlie pool. Therefore, next year we have no choice but to restrict enrolments to full time residents of Crestwood only. This means we can't allow residents' grandchildren. This is not one of my easiest announcements but we have to look after current Crestwood residents first. There has been a recent influx of young families that has pushed the numbers up. Because of these numbers, the general opening time had to be pushed back to 1:00pm. This was unforseen and I hope it hasn't caused too much inconvenience. There will be further information as the new enrolments are requested later this year.

Well that's my lot. I hope to see you around the pool or at some of the Crestwood functions.

Cheers for now, Trev.

We Can't Turn Your Water Off

We have had requests from residents to turn off their reticulation for them when they hold parties. This is something we cannot do.

Most houses should have their own isolation valve. If your isolation valve doesn't work, you need to get it fixed as this is the only way to turn your water off.

However, if your turn your valve off, please tell Taffy (0417 989 326) as this may cause a serious problem due to high pressure in the mainline.

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWS

Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting of the Crestwood Home Owners
Association will be held at the Crestwood Hall on

Wednesday, 27th February 2008 at 7:30 pm.

Home owners should have received information about this meeting as well as budget papers in their letterbox.

This is an important meeting as it sets the budget for the coming year, and residents should make every effort to attend.

Dogs Must be on a Lead

Section 31: Control of dogs in public places

(1) A dog shall not be in a public place unless it is - (a) held by a person who is capable of controlling the dog; or (b) securely tethered for a temporary purpose, ...

Crestwood residents are reminded that dogs **must** be on a lead when being walked in our parks. The only time they can be released from their lead or leash is when being walked in a designated exercise park.

PERSONAL

NOTICES



Accommodation within the Crestwood Estate for a mature woman. What is needed is a room in a house with one other person, or a furnished granny flat. Accommodation is required from March.

Contact Glenda McRae on 9452 3940.

REPORTS

SAFETY & SECURITY

INCIDENT REPORT

Incidents reported on the Crestwood Estate

2 December - Damage to the Crestwood Hall: The door frames and the glass panels in the door and an adjoining

window were scratched with a sharp object. The matter has been reported to the police.



from the Comment News

Break-ins in Bernice Way, Forest Lakes Dr (commercial), Larkspur Pl, Lyrebird Way, Regency Dr, Yale Rd; graffiti damage in Ovens Rd (2) (4 December)

Break-ins in Berehaven Ave, Burslem Dr, Discovery Dr, Penhurst Crt, Spencer Rd (commercial - 2); graffiti damage in Spencer Rd (11 December)

Break-ins in Berehaven Ave, Hume Rd, Pioneer Dr, Sovereign Dr (18 December)

Break-ins in Forest Lakes Dr, Martindale Ave, Ovens Rd (commercial), Anderson Way, Berehaven Ave, Connemara Dr, Jacqueline Dr, Kelton Way, Lakesend Rd, Nyandi Crt, Thornlie Ave, Adams Rd; Graffiti damage Spencer Rd (26 December)

Break-ins in Spencer Rd (2), Thornlie Ave, Tonbridge Way, Warton Rd (commercial), Greenway Ave (2), Explorer Dr, Jacqueline Dr; vehicle theft in Grenadier Dr (2 January)

Break-ins in Debenham St, Kellar Way, Kenmore Ave, Ningaloo Way, Osprey Way, Sanderling Dr, Thornlie Ave, Wilfred Rd (commercial), Yale Rd; motor vehicle theft in Sanderling Dr (8 January)

Break-ins in Barrul PI, Bluebell Crt, Kellar Way, Leone St, Pegasus St (15 January)

Break-ins in Wilfred Rd (commercial), Spencer Rd, Schaffers PI; motor vehicle theft Spencer Rd, Yale Rd (22 January)

Break-ins in Burslem Dr (commercial), Forrest Lakes Dr (commercial), Hickory Dr, Spencer Rd (29 January)

New Legislation Allows Public to DOB IN A HOON

Legislation before state parliament will give members of the public the right to dob in hoons and gather evidence for prosecutions. Senior constable, Greg Pope, said police can use video footage or photographic proof as evidence in court.

"Remember, the only way a hoon may be convicted if police don't witness the incident is for a witness to attend court," he said. "If witnesses were not willing to attend court, in some cases their information could help to establish a pattern of behaviour that could lead to later apprehension and conviction."

The senior constable said residents should call police on 13 14 44 to report dangerous, reckless or antisocial driving behaviour. "Residents can also report hoon behaviour at their local police station. If members of the public hear a car being driven in a reckless manner and are able to see the incident, they should get the registration number of the vehicle," he said. "The time, date and place of the offence must be noted."

"A description of the driver and or any passengers could help establish who was driving at the time. It is important to describe the manner of driving, especially any repeated or continuous spinning of wheels."

"Note if smoke and noise is emitted as a result of the wheels spinning, any new tyre marks left on the road surface by that action, and any attempt to repeat the actions at the same place or nearby."

From the Examiner, 3 January 2008

Going Away? Some Precautions

Now is a good time to consider your safety and the security of your home, especially if you are going away. By taking some simple precautions and giving your home a 'lived-in look' before you go on holidays, or whenever you are away for extended periods, you can substantially reduce the risk of burglary. Here are some ideas to get you started.

- ... Ensure that all doors and windows are securely locked.
- ... Let your neighbours know you will be away and ask them to watch out for any strange activity around your home.
- ... Consider installing automatic timing devices for lights and other appliances.
- ... Don't leave house keys concealed inside or outside the house — leave them with a trusted friend or neighbour.
- ... Turn down the ringing volume on your telephone.
- ... Keep doors, windows and pathways well lit at night — movement activated sensor lights are highly recommended.
- ... Lock garden sheds, garages and side gates.
- ... Lock your meter box with an approved lock.

The Neighbourhood Watch website has more information to help you, including other steps to increase home security, holiday security, going away information for your neighbour, burglary prevention, security lighting and power supply: www.nhw.wa.gov.au

From the Officer in Charge, Gosnells Police Station

Home Safety Audit

The **Home Safety Audit** is part of the City of Gosnells' Safe City

Initiative. When you receive a home safety audit you receive:

- Home Safety Information: Valuable tips on home safety, security and personal safety.
- A Free Home Safety Assessment: The WA Police and the Fire and Emergency Services (FESA) will visit you in your home and make recommendations on ways to improve your home safety. A staff member from the City of Gosnells Seniors and Disability Services Branch will also attend.
- A Free Smoke Alarm: Subject to funding, a free smoke alarm will be installed on the recommendation of the professionals. Please remember, it is your responsibility to put in place any other recommendations made during the Home Safety Audit.

Contact the City of Gosnells: Telephone - 9391 3222; email - council@gosnells.wa.gov.au

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NOVEMBER 2007

Committee Business:

Parks and Reticulation: Whipper-snipping of the parks is to be organised by MultiTurf.



At a meeting with Total Eden, it was recommended that the current reticulation system be replaced with a two-wire system next year. Costing and feasibility options are to be checked further.

Some people have requested longer watering times (an addition of 10 minutes).

Aesthetics: Letters regarding individual properties were sent out to residents. These included specific requests for the erection of a pergola and the removal of trees.

A car has been left abandoned on Regency Drive. John is to call the City of Gosnells for advice on what to do with this.

Pool: A letter regarding clarification of pool passes was sent to the YMCA. The YMCA have also increased their hourly and management costs.

A suggestion was put forward that a formal plan be established regarding future capital works to ensure that the pool complies with current health requirements.

Secretary: Information was provided about available phone options. The secretary will now organise the purchase of a second mobile phone once we have a second gardener employed. Telstra's 101 messages is to be cancelled on the shed/pool phone and a new 2.4 megahertz walk-around phone is to be purchased for the pool.

Finances: There was some discussion on the non-payment of fees, as well as the working out of a budget to allow for future capital expenses. Roy also thanked the committee for the surprise honour he received at the Crestwood 20s luncheon.

Social: Updated phone contacts are required for the Crestwood welcome packs.

Visitor's Business: Rod Campbell showed the committee the website that he has prepared for Crestwood. He will now go ahead with getting the site live and liaise with Roy regarding payment. The expected address is www.crestwood.org.au. Email addresses will be available with site hosting.

General Business: A list of preferred suppliers is to be drawn up. It was also emphasised that each year forward planning needs have to be documented for access by the new, incoming committee.

There was discussion regarding a possible parking problem on Princeton Court if the VacSwim classes and the Social Card Mornings at the Brand's house are held at the same time. A letter is to be sent to the Brands regarding this potential problem.

DECEMBER

Committee Business:

Parks and Reticulation: Discussion continued regarding future watering possibilities with no decision being reached. The change to two-line reticulation would give us a clever and very expensive system.

A new trailer with better tipping facility has been ordered. The old trailer is to be offered for sale to residents before advertising it generally.

House numbers are to be marked at the rear of properties, on the footpaths in the parks.

A phone response was received for the position of assistant gardener and a job description has been prepared. The new gardener will have the title of Gardener - Groundsperson. The current position held by Taffy will be called Head Gardener - Groundsperson.

Aesthetics: Various problems were noted. John is to try to visit the residents involved ASAP.

Pool: One of the sails was damaged by high winds. Trevor will try to get it fixed. The water heater for the toddler pool still needs attention

The box holding the pool passes has been moved from the side to the front window of the office. This is to keep people from pinching the passes, and then trying access the pool as residents. There are still requests coming in for more pool passes. On the whole, everything is running smoothly. An enrolment list for VacSwim was provided.

The YMCA has overcharged us due to an accounting error. Trevor is to deal with this. The pool safety audit is likely to happen after Christmas.

Secretary: Discussions were held about updating the pool/office phones and faxes, and having email available.

Finances: The budget is to be revised again for this year, and new preliminary budget is to drafted for the coming year.

Social: Feedback from the Carols night was that it was good under the circumstances. The Committee wants to thank Sue and Claire and the other helpers for their diligent work in bringing this event about. An update was also given on the preparations for the Christmas Eve Party.

Visitors Business: Mike Upton asked if there was any response from the Gosnells City Council regarding the suggestion for a roundabout at the intersection of Spencer Road and Grenadier Drive. No response has so far been received.

General Business: The invitation to carry out a pest inspection at the Crestwood Hall was accepted. The inspection is to go ahead with the inspector to report back to the secretary.

The crescent moon must have been in almost the same position it was in the night before, low in the Western sky and just two or

three hours from setting. This was something the carol goers had to take on faith, for the clouds and rain that had framed the day persisted into the evening causing a change of venue for this most anticipated event. The signs posted at the entries to Crestwood, and tacked onto the trees around the park by the Crestwood Hall, all

pointed to the Thornlie Church of Christ as the new venue for the

Christmas carols.

The white-slatted ceiling and the dark brick walls of the church were not quite a substitute for a setting sun, emerging stars and light breezes that a clearer day would have brought to the park around the swimming pool, but it was a comfortable respite from the wetter and cooler than expected evening. The church welcome was warm and served as some compensation for any disappointment felt by Crestwood residents as they

made their way inside.

The sausage sizzle

was held under shelter at the car park behind the church and began an hour before the carols were scheduled to start. Profits from the sale of sausages and cool drinks, plus an additional contribution from Crestwood, totalling \$250.00, were given as a donation to the Church as a sign of appreciation and to say thank you for hosting the evening's event.

By 7 pm, the church had filled almost to capacity with





120 people seated in a broad semicircle with many more children comfortably clustered on the floor in front of the stage. About two-thirds of the audience was from the Crestwood community. The 14 person choir from the Thornlie Church of Christ took its position on stage, and members of the sixman band - four guitars, piano and percussion situated themselves along the wall at the frontright, promising upbeat renditions of traditional Christmas carols. The choirmaster, John, bright and cheerful, welcomed us all, engaging both chil-

dren and adults alike as he led us very competently through the evening's programme.

We each had a song book for the evening, given out as we entered, but just as those of us with compromised

or aging eyes wondered how we were going read in the newly dimmed light, the words to the first carol flashed on the screen behind the stage, all efficiently managed by the computer operator located at the back of the hall. Two carols opened the evening, Angels We Have Heard on High and The First Noel. The pace was then changed with a number of dances by the Veils of Ishtar, Crestwood's own bellydancing



group. This was a colour-



ful display, well enjoyed by the audience. The Twelve Days of Crestwood was the next item on the agenda, certainly giving the leader, Claire Veen, a workout as she moved from one singer to the next carrying the microphone. The song requires a sprightly pace as the singers progressively countdown from 12 to one. I didn't hear anyone whispering about a possible nomination for the next Logies, but it was fun and the audience enjoyed it.

Carol singing returned for the rest of evening with O Come All Ye Faithful, Mary's Boy Child and many others, plus some popular, favourites such as Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Jingle Bells in which the children around the stage got to participate. The pastor of the church closed the evening with a Christmas message, and the evening came to an end at 8:45.

Text by the Editor; Photos from Trevor Veen

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The ringing of Santa's bell could be heard in Crestwood's parks early on Christmas Eve long before the gentleman 1932 Chevrolet hotrod, rumble seat fully



opened and occupied by two of Santa's attractive, young helpers. He made the rounds of the parks starting shortly after 4pm, ending up at the swimming pool at 5pm where his shade tent was waiting, piled with the presents that had been sent on earlier from the North Pole. The children sat patiently on the fringes of the shaded area waiting for Santa to call their names and present them with their gift. By 5:30, all the waiting children had their presents, and Santa made his exit, ringing his bell and waving goodbye, no doubt keen to trade in his red winter suit to something a little more fitting for the 33

in a bright yellow, 1932 Chevrolet hotrod, rumble seat fully

The pool area was in festive mode, crowded with people: those milling about, those sitting in groups clustered under umbrellas or

extended shade sails, or out in the still-hot sun, and those bobbing up and down in

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the pool itself, parents holding children or just watching them paddling about. The swimming area of the pool was somewhat restricted this evening by a very large floating obstacle course which extended from one edge of the pool two-thirds across its 25 metre length. The level starting area where chil-

Thank You to All Who Helped

Where to begin with this very long list of helpers. Poor Rob Wilson only came over to the pool on Christmas Eve morning to fix a valve and ended up spending most of the day there, very patiently banging in poles, moving equipment around and never getting to do his own Christmas chores.

Trevor Veen was another man with a lot of patience and valuable advice. In addition to helping Claire, Rob, me and Glenda McRae (who did our last minute shopping), he made sure the pool area was in tiptop condition. My upmost thanks these wonderful people.

The YMCA deserves a thank you for their support and for supplying our blow-up obstacle course. Thanks too to Marjan van Dijk who realised that Santa might need a new suit when he popped into Crestwood, so she toiled for many hours to make it. It will now be there for Santa to slip into every year.

Thanks to Terri Miller for her valuable advice on catering and Ryan Miller for his help with the flyers, and to Sandra Wilson and her family for their help with the lollybags.

Thanks to Chris Wynen and her lovely neighbour for supplying the Bain-marie dishes on such short notice, and to all the other helpers on the night: Gary and Jane Andrews, Lisa Harbron and her family from England, Heather Kibble, Marjan van Dijk and Sandra Wilson and family who all helped with serving the food and cleaning up afterward.

A thank you too to Santa's helpers, Jessica Veen and Shannon Harbron, and to Jess for all his help on this big day. And of course there was Santa himself who deserves a big thank you for being there on such a hot day, and to Graeme Bell for bringing Santa and his helpers in his vintage hotrod.

Finally, my biggest thanks goes to Claire Veen who has been my partner in crime throughout all the preparations for Christmas Eve and the Christmas carols. Even when we were flying by the seat of our pants, Claire made sure they never fell down!

Sue Galpin





adventure that took them across bumps and horizontal barriers, abound bulges and through holes, until they reached the final climb, aided by attached rope rungs, for the ultimate slide back into the water. And then, if they were still up to a repeat challenge, it was back to the end of the queue to wait their turn to have another go.

Located at the back and to the right of the toddler pool,



just inside this fenced-off area, was Twisted Balloons. If, with just a passing glance, you missed the two balloon twisters busy at work, all you had to do was follow the line of waiting children to know that something interesting was going on. The balloons were distributed one per child, and they had a choice of 25 different figures and sizes. They could choose balloons blown into the shape of a domestic cat or dog, a bear, dolphin or snake, a kangaroo or koala, a martial-influenced ray-gun or sword, a get-away motorcycle, a long-gone T-Rex or 14 others all in mixed and matching colours.

The carnival buzz and excitement of people having a very good time was only slightly muffled by entering the Crestwood Hall where Trevor and Clair Veen and Sue Galpin were busy heating the turkey and cooking the chicken burgers for the waiting residents. This was a very well-supported Crestwood function, with a conservatively estimated 200 people in attendance. The menu was turkey rolls with cranberry sauce or chicken burgers with gravy, both served with salad. Of the 200 rolls at the beginning of the night, just eight remained by the end. Dinner was served by volunteers (see box) from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. The evening ended at 8:00 pm with very happy and contented revellers retuning home to continue the Christmas Eve merriment.

Text by the Editor; Photos from Trevor Veen



If you have any enquires please don't hesitate to call Tracy McCann, 9459 6046, devotts@iinet.net.au

ON AGAIN AT THE CRESTWOOD HALL

CRESTWOOD CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Book Worms — For those who love a good read, take home a book to enjoy for as long as you like.

After School Activities — For those who just like to have fun.

GAMES ACTIVITIES CRAFT TABLE BOOKS STORY TIME

> **BOOK WORMS & AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES** All Ages — Every Friday 4:00 - 5:30 PM Starting Friday 8th February 2008











Yoga Groove is a unique blend of dance and yoga integrated into a one hour class. The dance combines various styles such as belly dance, African, Latin and hip-hop. The yoga includes traditional yoga postures for strength, flexibility and postural corrections, and exercises for core stability, breathing and relaxation. It is a funfilled, dynamic class that will leave you feeling energised and balanced.

Classes meet at the Crestwood Hall on Wednesday during school terms, beginning at 7:30 pm and lasting for one hour. Cost will depend upon the numbers.

Contact Di Morris on 94528353 or 0410668264.



Easter Activitie*s*

If there is someone in the Cre/twood community who

would like to organize any activities for Easter, such as an Easter egg hunt, please contact Sue Galpin 9459 6859 or Claire Veen 9493 3021



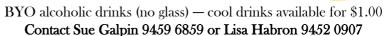
FEATURES

RECIPES

Pizza, Pasta & Salad Night

Saturday evening, 16 February, 6:30 pm till late, at the Crestwood Hall

Adults \$10.00 — Children \$6.00



Maximum catering for the night is **60 people**. Fill in the flyer you received last week and return to 110 Regency Drive. Someone will arrange to pick up the money before the night.

Any help with shopping, cooking and cleaning will be much appreciated.

Honeyed Chicken Wings

Serving size: 20 chicken wings

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tbs peanut oil
- 1/3 cup light soy sauce
- 2 tbs honey
- 2 tbs dry sherry or rice wine
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 2 tbs Hoi Sin sauce
- ½ tps finely grated ginger root
- 20 chicken wings



METHOD

- 1. Make the marinade by combining the oil, soy sauce, honey, sherry or rice wine, garlic, Hoi Sin sauce and grated ginger root in a small sauce pan. Bring to the simmer and turn
- 2. Arrange chicken wings in a baking dish. Pour over marinade and allow to marinate for at least 2 hours.
- 3. Bake wings in a medium oven, 180°, for 25 minutes, turning once, until done. The wings are also delicious barbecued over a slow fire.

From The Australian Heritage Cookbook

The Crestwood Hall is available for use by residents. It is ideal for large or small functions: birthday parties, morning teas, playgroups, meetings. It can be hired on a one-off or regular basis. Charges are as follows.

> Daytime (to 5pm) — \$11.00/hour to a maximum of \$55.00 Night-time (to midnight) — \$22.00/hour to a maximum of \$110.00.

Up to 50 people allowed in the Hall. Full use of the kitchen is included for both day and night functions.

Commercial (for-profit events or those charging an entry fee) — \$25.00 per hour to a maximum of \$100.00 - 8am - 5pm A \$300 bond applies to all bookings. To book or obtain further information call Marjan: 9459 8776

CRESTWOOD LADIES' COFFEE MORNINGS



At the Crestwood Hall 10am-midday Every second Tuesday of the month

ALL WELCOME

Bring a friend and make some new friends too

Schedule for 2008

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> Taken, with adjustments, form one of the 1st Crestwood brochures, ca 1969

technique of suburban development, that is, a technique dedicated to the separation of people and automobiles. It is designed for safety, where children on their way to school, or on a visit to a friend's home, need never cross a road. Behind each house is a park for children to play in,

another feature to keep them off the streets and away from cars.



Underpass

The Crestwood concept is

⊥ based on the Radburn

As mentioned in the excerpt from an early Crestwood brochure (see box), the architect and planners travelled widely to observe this concept in practice. In the US, they visited developments based on this technique in the states of New Jersey and Pennsylvania as well as a number of sites in California. Some of the communities, such as the one in Radburn, New Jersey, were created as long ago as 1928.

There were a number of innovations applied to the development of Crestwood that

were consid-

ered quite revolutionary in 1970. In addition to landscaped parks for

every 18 houses, Crestwood was the first development to include underground power,

and by so doing, overhead wires and power poles were eliminated. The developers absorbed what was then a cost of approximately \$500 per lot to provide this benefit. Deep sewer reticulation was also provided at a cost to the developer of about \$800 per lot, and this at a time when developments with septic tanks were still common. And what did it cost to buy a lot in Crestwood in 1970? Lots ranged from \$6250 to \$6950.



The First Houses

Crestwood was a grand concept that was stillborn. What we see today is just one-eighth of the planned development. The Royale Ridge of Crestwood is the only section in existence. When the rest of the project did not proceed, this name was changed to just Crestwood. There were four other sections planned similar to the Royale Ridge. These were Castle Glen, Explorer Glades,

Realm Ridge and Regal Grove. Additionally there were three higher density developments: Sovereign Heights in the area between the top of Grenadier Drive and the high school, Knights Brook at the corner of Spencer Road and Warton Road, and Monarch Lodge near the corner of Warton Road and Forest Lakes Drive. Each of these areas would have had its own swimming pool. At the centre of the estate, located behind the high school and in the area of what is now



Knightsbridge Way, was to be the country club. Here was to be a large meeting and activities building, an Olympic-sized swimming pool and areas for tennis and bowls.

When the developer, Ron Sloan, after many years of patient negotiations, failed to reach agreement with the City of Gosnells on the treatment of open space in the development, the seven remaining sections of Crestwood were developed as an ordinary suburban community under the name of Castle Glen. This was ultimately a difficult and heartbreaking decision.

[The pictures accompanying this article, taken in 1971, were downloaded from the photo archive of the WA State Library. See the accompanying article on page 11; also see Youth Yak, page 13].

Mary Gledhill's son, John, found this advertisement in old papers that he discovered during renovations to his home in Bayswater. In those days heavy promotion of the Estate in most media took place, and it appears that some difficulty was experienced in selling blocks. Mary and Walter Gledhill live in Princeton Court. - Pat Antonio



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CRESTWOOD PICTURES ONLINE

Until fairly recently I have been involved in the Historical Records Rescue Consortium (HRRC) project of the State Library of Western Australia. The aims of the project were for specialist staff to collate and microfilm 700,000 pages of Western Australian newspapers, select and digitise 75,000 deteriorating photographic negatives, link 20,000 of these digitised images to the State Library's catalogue, and preserve 150 titles of unique Western Australian film footage within the State Library's J.S. Battye Library of West Australian History. There is currently a display about this project on the ground floor of the State Library.

As a Librarian/Archivist I was involved in viewing, assessing, collating and documenting the Library's pictorial collection of negatives before selecting which of the photographic negatives were to be digitised and linked to the catalogue. By chance I came across a collection of negatives relating to the Crestwood Estate taken in May 1975. Some were early advertising photographs, others were general views of the streets taken from a cherry picker showing the estate in it's full glory with trees, space and the obvious lack of overhead wires. Some were featured in the publication "Crestwood: celebrating 25 years, 1970-1995".

Part of my job included identifying the images of collections and describing the condition of the negatives. The State Library has a lot of very old negatives, with some deteriorating due to Vinegar Syndrome, a degenerative process that affects some forms of older negatives, so-named because the distinctive smell given off. Through digitising these images the State Library is preserving them for the future and making wider and easier access to anyone with a need. While sorting through the Crestwood Collection, I found there were images of my house, 21 Regency Drive, prior to an extension or two being added. Looking at these images, our front garden has had more than the one backyard blitz, because where we now have an expanse of lawn, the photographs show that there were two large flowerbeds and a lot of landscaping has been removed.

Some examples of images of interest to Crestwood residents within the collection include aerial photographs of Crestwood Estate and Thornlie area taken by Aerial Surveys Australia during 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. There are some early advertising photographs of the estate promoting a new way of living showing the parks, tunnels and pool taken by the professional firm, Stevenson, Kinder & Scott and there are photographs of Thornlie High School and the opening of Thornlie Square shopping centre and shops.

The Pictorial Collection aims to build a representative collection of images which collectively show a visual history of Western Australia. It currently holds images dealing with a wide range of subjects with an emphasis on the everyday life of Western Australians. Images include agriculture, mining, depictions of social life, architecture, townscapes, landscapes and portraits, with images dating from 1880s through to the present day. Most were given as donations from businesses, individuals and organisations for the archive collection, which we are always looking to add to. As a result of the HRRC project a large number of these can be viewed online via the State Library's catalogue and website: http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au.

Andrew Black

LOCAL HISTORY

FEATURES

WHAT'S IN A NAME

CANNING VALE

At one time, Canning Vale was known as the Jandakot Agricultural Area. When the locality was incorporated into the Gosnells municipality, the name Canning Vale was adopted.

This name is believed to derive from a property called Canning Vale Farm, the holding of William Nicholson.

While early Canning Vale was primarily a region devoted to agriculture, the land there was not particularly fertile. This meant that many of the landholdings were relatively large compared with those in most other Gosnells localities.

The sizable holdings and sparse population meant that, when the agricultural properties gave way to other forms of land use, major commercial ventures could establish themselves on the large sites. This activity took place around the end of the 1970s and saw among other things, the advent of the new Swan Brewery complex, a massive cold storage facility, and the Canning Vale Markets.

HUNTINGDALE

Huntingdale is a suburb that was established in a few short years during the building boom of the early 1970s.

Many of the earlier roads in this locality were initially named by the developers. The name "Huntingdale" itself was one chosen by the developers and this, like many of the street names, was probably chosen for its appealing connections.

Huntingdale, predominantly a residential area, has schooling and retail facilities.

The late 1990s saw many remaining acreages being developed for highly sought after residential real estate projects. For a time this suburban growth was rapid enough to outstrip a supporting infrastructure, an imbalance that is now being addressed with the establishment of new schools, kindergartens and retail stores.

City of Gosnells Homepage, Heritage, History of Suburb Names

Things My Mother Taught Me

My mother taught me ...

1. ... to appreciate a job well done.

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

2. ... religion.

"You better pray that this will come out of the carpet."

3. ... about time travel.

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week."

4. ... logic.

"Because I said so, that's why."

5. ... more logic.

"If you fall out of the swing and break your neck, you're not going to the shops with me."

6. ... foresight.

"Make sure you wear clean underwear in case you're in an accident."

7. ... irony.

"Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about."

8. ... about the science of osmosis.

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

9. ... about contortionism.

"Will you look at the dirt on the back of your neck!"

10. ... about stamina.

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

11. ... about weather.

"This room of yours looks like a tornado went through it."

12. ... hypocrisy.

"If I've told you once, I've told your a million times. Don't exaggerate!"

13. ... the circle of life.

"I brought you into this world and I can take you out."

14. ... about behaviour modification.

"Stop acting like your father!"

15. ... about envy.

"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

16. ... about anticipation.

"Just wait until we get home."

17. ... about receiving.

"You are going to get it when you get home!"

18. ... medical science.

"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they're going to get stuck that way."

19. ... ESP.

"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold ?"

20. ... humour.

"When your lawnmower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

21. ... how to become an adult.

"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

22. ... genetics.

"You're just like your father."

23. ... about my roots.

"Shut the door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

24. ... wisdom.

"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

25. ... about justice.

"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you."

Passed on to the Crestwood News by Taffy Ray

What's that Noise?

A redneck from mountains of Kentucky in the US goes into a hardware store and asks for a chainsaw that will cut down 6 trees in an hour. The salesman recommends a top-of-the-line model, and the redneck, suitably impressed, buys it.

The next day he brings it back and says, "This chainsaw is defective. It would only cut down one tree and it took all day!"

The salesman takes the chainsaw and starts it up to see what might be wrong. The redneck looks up and asks. "What's that noise?"

A Sign of Devotion

A man and his friend are playing golf one day at their local golf course. One of the guys is about to chip onto the green when he sees a long funeral procession on the road next to the golf course. He stops in mid-swing, takes off his golf cap, closes his eyes and bows his head in prayer. His friend says, "Wow, that's the most thoughtful and touching thing I have ever seen. You are truly a kind man". "Yeah," says the man, "well, we were married for 35 years."

Comments at a Funeral

Three friends die in a car accident and go to an orientation in heaven. They are all asked, "When you are in your casket and friends and family are mourning you, what would you like to hear them say about you?" The first guy says, "I would like to hear them say that I was a great doctor and a great family man." The second guy says, "I would like to hear that I was a wonderful husband and a school teacher who made a huge difference in our children of tomorrow." The last guy replies, "I would like to hear them say, 'Look, he's moving!"

Blind Man in Texas

A blind man decided to visit Texas. When he got on the plane, he felt the seats and said, "Wow, these seats are big!" The person next to him answered, "Everything is big in Texas." When he finally arrived in Texas, he decided to visit a bar. Upon arriving at the bar, he ordered a beer and got a large mug placed between his hands. He exclaimed, "Wow, these mugs are big!" The bartender replied, "Everything is big in Texas. After a couple of beers, the blind man asked the bartender where the toilet was located. The bartender replied, "Second door to the right." The blind man headed for toilet, but somehow missed the second door. Instead he entered the third door which led to the swimming pool and he fell into the pool by accident. Scared to death he started shouting, "Don't flush, don't flush!"



Youth Yak

We hope you have all enjoyed the opportunity to do some different things durschool holidays. We certainly have! James has been challenging himself to ride

ing the recent or surf (ie.

standing up on the mats at the pool). He can now stay on for over 3 minutes without falling off. Congratulations to those of you who achieved great things during your VacSwim classes. We've really enjoyed having the different blow up things to challenge us at the pool, too. Thanks Mr Veen and the YMCA staff for organizing this for us.

We did a 'Google' search for *Crestwood* and found some photos from 1973. If you are patient enough to enter the long web address for them you can view them at the sites below. Please remember that these photos are copyrighted. That's why we haven't reproduced and printed them for you. See if you, your parents or your grandparents can work out where each one was taken (also see pages 11 & 12).

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Money Matters

The "Kids and Money" study conducted amongst parents of children aged between five and 12 years in 2005, shows that all children spend some of their money on games, toys and lollies, but girls are more likely than boys to spend on books, magazines and clothing. What follows are the **key findings**.

Pocket Money

- 50.2 % of children aged 5 and 12 years receive pocket money
- 21% of children who receive pocket money save all of their allowance
- 57% of children who receive pocket money save some of their allowance
- 22% of children who receive pocket money spend all of their allowance
- 49.8% of children aged 5 and 12 years do not receive pocket money.

Spending habits - how do children spend their money?

Purchases	All children	Spenders	Savers
Toys / games	65%	64%	65%
Lollies / Confectionary	49%	65%	43%
Books / magazines	48%	50%	48%
CDs/Videos/DVDs	35%	22%	40%
Fast Food	25%	39%	19%
Mobile Phones	8%	9%	7%







The Puzzle of the Missing Dollar

Three men had lunch in a busy restaurant. When it came time to pay their bill, each of the men gave to the waiter a ten dollar note. The waiter, therefore, received \$30 altogether.

When the waiter added up the bill, he found that it only came to \$25. Knowing that \$5 would not divide amongst the men evenly, the waiter decided to give each of the men \$1 change and put the remaining \$2 in his pocket.

Now it appears that each of the men have paid \$9 for their meal, and the waiter has \$2; a total of \$29.

Where is the missing dollar?

Mum says that she remembers putting 20c in the metre box each weekday morning for the bread delivery man to collect to pay for a loaf of bread. A *Mr Whippy* ice-cream used to cost 5c. If that happened at least 35 years ago, imagine what we'll be paying for these things in another 35 years.

James & Rebekah Wilson



JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2008

For those of us who spend time at the pool, their presence is part of our summer experience at Crestwood. Their yellow shirts emblazoned with the red YMCA YMCA AUSTRALIA logo stand out against the blue of the pool. They were with us for our Christmas



Eve celebrations, and between them they are with us seven days a week. We know them only as Darren and Jen, but there is certainly more to know. I conducted brief interviews with each of them to learn more about their background and what they think about working at Crestwood.

arren Matthew Armstrong is 28 years old and was born in Cambridge, England. He has been in WA for just under 1½. years. His work experience in the leisure industry is quite substantial and stretches over a 10 year period.

He has worked as the Assistant Manager of a leisure centre at one of the Marriott International Hotels in the UK, and as Duty Manager in at least one other centre. His training includes completion of a Level 3 Management certificate with a focus on health and safety supervision. This is a national vocational qualification similar to our TAFE qualifications. His future plans are to join the St John Ambulance service as a paramedic.

Darren joined the YMCA in March of last year. As someone interested in the leisure industry, the YMCA was an attractive option as it is a worldwide organisation with many leisure centres. His training, as required by the job, is possession of Senior First Aid Certificate and a Bronze Medallion qualification.

When asked to compare his experience at the



Crestwood pool with his experience elsewhere, Darren mentioned the relaxed atmosphere found here. He also said that it was also possible to build a relationship with residents. As far as his best experience. that Christmas Eve (see page 7) when a crowd of people all enjoyed themselves. The worst

experience was an incident of vandalism when he arrived to find foreign objects thrown in the pool and glass throw onto the pool surrounds.

When asked of any concerns as a pool lifeguard, he mentioned that children need to be taught to be more aware and respectful of others in the pool. He would also remind parents to always be vigilant when their kids are in the pool as there are limits to what a pool attendant can observe, especially when attending to various aspects of pool maintenance.

Tennifer Louise Young is 18 years old and comes originally from Scotland. She has been in WA for 3½ years. Part of her work experience involved hospital physiotherapy. She worked mainly with older people who had taken bad falls or who had suffered strokes, having them do particular exercises. She also worked alongside occupational therapists, going to people's houses to see what improvements could be done to make their everyday lives easier.

Jen has an interesting history of study. She began a major in forensic biology and toxicology combined with a criminology minor. These studies for the moment are on hold. For the future, she hopes to study medicine with an emphasis on surgery.

Jen joined the YMCA in September 2006. She considers the YMCA a good work environment with friendly staff members. As a pool lifeguard, she has a Senior First Aid Certificate and a Bronze Medallion qualification. Some of the things a pool lifeguard must be able to do, in addition to supervising clients, is to respond to water emergencies using a variety of rescue techniques, and provide first aid as required.

As far as a comparison of the Crestwood pool to other pools where she has worked, Jen mentioned that Crestwood was guieter and the atmosphere was more relaxed. She also felt that parents were more "water aware". Her best experience was the Christmas Eve party. Even though she was kept busy for the duration of the evening, it was gratifying to see so many people enjoying themselves.

When it comes to advice she would offer after observing swimmers at our pool for close to three months, she would remind children to know the depth of the water they are in and to be aware of how far they have swum from the edge of the pool. Children have to remember that when they swim out to the centre of the pool, they have the have the energy and ability to swim back.

Jen is happy with the infrastructure of the Crest-

wood pool. If there is one suggestion she would like to make, it is to provide grips on the handrails to create a nonslip surface.



Text by the **E**ditor; Photos from Trevor Veen

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