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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

20 April 2009

25 May 2009

### CRESTWOOD HOME OWNERS FEES

30 April 2009 (see p. 8)

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

27 May 2009 7:30pm

(see p. 8)

## NEXT ISSUE

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## Special General Meeting

### Budget Passed Unanimously

It may have been the non-contentious nature of the proposed budget, the unseasonal rain, or a combination of both which kept the attendance at this meeting down. Just 31 households were represented in person, half of those present at the meeting in 2008. Seventy-five proxies were also received, and with the total of proxies and those present exceeding the number of households required for a quorum, the meeting was able to proceed.

The planned budget increase of just over 4% was pared back to only 2.1% thanks to an unexpected rise in the contribution from the City of Gosnells for the maintenance of our public open space, that is our parks. The reasons for this increased contribution are clearly explained in the budget papers which were distributed to households prior to the meeting.

There were some questions relating to the budget before a vote on its implementation was taken. These touched on a major bore maintenance for the reticulation system in the coming year, maintenance of light poles in the park and the saving of electricity by making sure lights came on only after sunset and went off again after sunrise. Currently the change in timing is controlled manually by the gardeners. It was suggested that the installation of sensors would make this process easier and more exact. It was even suggested that the lights need not stay through the night with this only encouraging unwanted visitors. Turning the lights off just after midnight may help alleviate this problem. The expected sharp rise in the cost of electricity in the coming financial year was also mentioned with a question as to whether this was budgeted for. It was indicated that there was enough money in the budget to cover such an eventuality.

The treasurer also mentioned the budgeting for the gardeners for the coming year. Crestwood has budgeted for one full-time gardener and one part-time gardener working 15 hours a week. Taffy has received a decision from the insurance company and will be offered a payout to finish her work with Crestwood at the end of March. She has been asked to stay on until mid April to help Ryan with the reticulation.

After the budget was passed by a unanimous vote, the president opened the floor to more general matters. One resident raised the issue of neighbours and the appropriateness of parking large vehicles, such as trucks, or a combination of vehicles such as cars, utes, caravans and boats all on the same property. This was seen by some as impinging on the quality of life of one's neighbours, especially if this activity involved noise at what was expected to be a quiet time in the late evening or early morning. The Committee indicated that any complaints had to be made directly the ranger at the City of Gosnells, not to the Crestwood Committee, and these needed to be verified by specific, preferably written, information in support of the complaint.

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## A Unique Way of Life

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**WELCOME TO CRESTWOOD**

Cameron & Samantha Allen 40 Regency Drive  
 Lee & Bronwyn Miller 52 Regency Drive  
 Christopher & Megan Goodhew 8 Coronet Court  
 Raymond Swan 56 Grenadier Drive  
 Paul & Jealeyn Bainbridge 47 Grenadier Drive

**FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES**

Craig & Sharon Jennings 40 Regency Drive  
 Former rental property 52 Regency Drive  
 Philip & Linda Clifton 8 Coronet Court  
 Geoffrey & Kathleen Robinson 56 Grenadier Drive  
 Ronald & Lesley Roser 47 Grenadier Drive

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It was suggested that a diary be kept, indicating date, time and duration of any disturbance. With this information, a complaint could be followed up. While the City Council had no time to collect the particulars of any complaint, it could follow up on information collected for it.

Another matter raised was the perennial problem of residents not taking care of the area between their back fence and the parks. Three years ago the Committee was given permission to have these overgrown areas cleared by the Crestwood gardeners, with a bill for costs to be sent to the recalcitrant homeowner. In reality, these areas have been cleared by the gardeners, when time permits, with the matter ending there. Also raised was the footpath off Lachlan Road which goes nowhere (now planted and hopefully less deceiving to the unwary), and the state of the children's sand pit in the pool area.

By 8:30 there were no more comments and questions, and the meeting was called to a close with some residents staying for coffee, and others returning home.

*the Editor*

Once again the old adage that the older one gets the faster time seems to go, rings true. Here we are a quarter of the way through 2009 already and fast approaching the end of another fiscal year for Crestwood.

## From the President

This will be the last newsletter before the Annual General Meeting in May and I would like to take the opportunity to thank the members of the Committee for their contribution to the effective running of the estate over the year.

At the same time I would request that home owners residing on the estate give consideration to offering their services on the committee in the roles that become vacant in May. Specific details of those vacancies will be provided in material giving notice of the AGM.

I am aware that our Parks and Reticulation Committee person, Rob Wilson, has expressed his intention of not re-nominating again after completing two terms in that role. So please give consideration to serving on the committee and helping manage the estate.

All things considered, I believe that we have completed another successful financial year with a small surplus projected. The parks and gardens are in very good condition and fortunately, of late, we have not experienced too many breakdowns of the reticulation system.

This past year saw a significant focus on capital works in the pool area to comply with new health and safety regulations. In the upcoming year the focus will be replacement of the reticulation mainline during the winter. This, hopefully, will start in early May before the wetter months (at least these months used to be wet).

In recent times, during the day, you may have observed police officers patrolling through the estate on bicycles. Our gardeners liaise with these officers who return truants to the high school if located in or around the estate. These patrols are a deterrent to anti-social behaviour and break-ins so please make them welcome when you see them.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the AGM..

Trevor Davis

*Recent approvals by the Committee of the Crestwood Homeowners Association.*

## Aesthetics

1. [A residence on Hume Road]: Thank you for your building approval application to erect a Colorbond garden shed in your back yard. Your application includes, plans, specifications and a copy of the City of Gosnells building licence. The shed will be behind a fence of similar colour and material and will blend in, therefore, the Committee has no hesitation in approving your application. If I can be of any further assistance please contact me on ... .

2. [A residence on Cavalier Court]: Thank you for your application for building approval to construct a new patio and to replace your old timber fence with a new cream Colorbond fence. You have provided plans and a copy of the City of Gosnells building licence for the patio construction and approval has been confirmed.

We thank you for attending the committee meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 to discuss your proposal to replace the existing solid timber fence with a solid metal fence which does not comply with the Crestwood Homeowners Fencing Policy. The reasons given to erect a new solid fence are for security and privacy since your home and new patio are close to the rear boundary. The committee has reviewed your request and, considering that you currently have a solid fence and you have agreed to grow and maintain shrubs on the park side of the new fence, it has, by a majority vote, decided to make an exception in your case and approve your application.

John Rushton

## Anyone interested in writing a column?

If anyone in the Crestwood community is interested in writing a column for one or more issues of the *Crestwood News* please contact the editor. The topic should be something of interest to you, as well as the wider community. There are many possibilities. This is a community newsletter, and the more people who contribute to it, the more representative it will be.

# INCIDENT REPORT

Incidents reported on the Crestwood Estate



**31 January** – At about 1:30am people walking through the park threw lemons at a house on Regency Drive, breaking a window. The incident was reported to the police.

**4 February** – A caravan, locked and chained to an iron fence, was stolen from Princeton Court. The theft occurred some time between 10am and 4pm.

**5 February** – A particularly disturbing burglary occurred during the afternoon at a house on Grenadier Drive. A back window was broken to gain entry and many items, some of sentimental value, were stolen.

**6 February** – High school students brought down a light pole at 2:15pm in one of Crestwood parks near the Grenadier and Regency Dr underpass. Thanks to the vigilance of our gardeners, one of them was caught and brought to the year co-ordinator at Thornlie High School who took photographs of the damage and rang the police. The lad who was caught identified the others involved.

**12 February** – Between 11am and 1pm lemons were thrown at a house on Regency Drive breaking two windows. Neighbours, hearing the crash, rushed out to see 6-8 Aboriginal youths running away. If you have lemons overhanging your back fence, could you please trim them back. This is the second incident in less than two weeks where this has happened.

**10 March** – A resident on Regency drive noticed a suspicious male on the road "casing" houses. He walked down the side of the next door neighbour's house entering through a side gate at the front of the carport. The neighbour immediately contacted the police who quickly attended and searched the house and surrounds. It is possible that the male – about 17 years old, of skinny build, possibly aboriginal – was disturbed before the police arrived since they found no one.

## POLICE WATCH - Thornlie

from the *Comment News*

Break-ins Spencer Rd (commercial), Colby Way, Gaze Crt, Wiltshire Ave; motor vehicle theft Gaze Crt, Grainger Way, Wiltshire Ave (3 February)

Break-ins Colby Way, Grenadier Dr, Kellar Way, Lyrebird Way, Melba Pl, Regal Dr, Rushbrook Way, Brunswick Rd, Farrer Pl, Lester Dr; graffiti damage Geogaphe Way (17 February)

Break-ins Spencer Rd (commercial), Kentia Cl, Shillington Way, Wiltshire Ave, Ambassador Crt, Connemara Dr, Discovery Dr; motor vehicle theft Shillington Way, Tuart Crt (3 March)

Break-ins Berehaven Ave (commercial), Bluegum Rd, Wilfred Rd, Warton Rd; motor vehicle theft Bluegum Rd, Greenway Ave, Jardine Ct, Tasman Ct, Warton Rd (10 March)

Break-ins Berehaven Ave (commercial), Burslem Dr, Fulmar St, Spencer Rd, Thomlie Ave; motor vehicle theft Tarragon Pl; graffiti damage Ovens Rd, Spencer Rd (24 March)



## Kids — These tips are for you CHAT SMART

**Be careful:** Meeting people online might be fun, but remember that the people you meet online may not be who they say they are. Someone claiming to be a 12 year old girl could really be a 40 year old man.

**Check with you parents/carers first:** Ask your mum or dad or carer before you give out your name, phone number or address or any other personal details. This includes the name of your school, your photo, and any personal information about your friends and family. Never post such information in a chat room or somewhere lots of other people might see it.

**Take someone with you:** If you want to meet someone you have so far only met in a chat room, ask one of your parents or another adult to go with you. Always meet in a popular public place, preferably during the day.

**Don't stay. Don't respond:** If someone in a chat room posts offensive pictures or says something rude or scary, or if you are sent these in an email, don't respond. Save it and leave the chat room straightaway.

## Make Sure the Barbie is Shipshape

The barbecue has probably been given some good use since it was pulled out of storage, cleaned and, hopefully, checked at the start of warm weather. Here are some tips to make sure your barbecue remains safe and you stay secure.

Barbecues that use Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) should be checked regularly. LPG is a highly flammable hydrocarbon fluid that can be stored as a liquid under pressure, usually in cylinders. If leaks occur through faulty equipment, the flammable liquid could ignite and explode, causing injury.

### Simple rules

- > Make sure all connections on both the barbecue and cylinder are secure and properly tightened.
- > When filling the cylinder check that the filling valve is connected properly.
- > Do not smoke, use electrical equipment or mobile phones when refilling cylinders or connecting hoses.

### Gas Leaks

- > If possible, stop the leak by shutting the cylinder valve.
- > Ventilate the area thoroughly until the air is clear.
- > If it is not possible to stop the leak, remove the cylinder carefully to another location away from people. Keep the leak uppermost so that only vapour and not liquid escapes.
- > Keep hands and face clear of any stream of escaping liquid and, where possible, wear thermally insulated gloves.

from the *Examiner*, 24 December 2008

**Tell:** If you see upsetting language, nasty pictures or something scary, tell your parent or another adult you trust.

**Remember:** Only add friends you really know to your contact list. You can block strangers from seeing when you are online.

## WEBCAM

**Keep it quiet:** Only tell real-life friends or family that you have a webcam. Don't show it in your online ID!

**Say no!** If someone asks you to do or watch something that you find upsetting or wrong, say NO! Close the conversation straight away and tell your parent or another adult that you trust.

## SPAM

Spam is electronic 'junk mail' – unwanted messages sent to your email account or mobile phone. Spam may contain offensive material, malicious code, may try to persuade you to buy a product or service or attempt to trick you into divulging your banking details.

To reduce spam, protect your email address and mobile phone number, use filtering software and boost your internet security. Also check your ISP's website for information about managing spam. Complaints should be made online at [www.acma.gov.au/spam](http://www.acma.gov.au/spam)

from *Cybersmart: Kids Online*

Australian Communications and Media Authority



**Committee Business:**

**Parks and Reticulation:** The sprinklers have been checked in the parks. Wetta Soil has been placed where needed and fertilising has been carried out, particularly on dry patches of the lawn. A tree near Bore 3 is suffering from dry rot and needs pruning.

Discussions were held regarding Taffy's position at Crestwood. Her skills and knowledge are still required, at least until the end of summer, and beyond that Crestwood will support her in her search for alternate employment. We have yet to receive information from Taffy's solicitor regarding her worker's compensation. Taffy is to begin getting quotes for mainline work on the reticulation to be carried out in winter. A supply of updated vehicle access forms is to be provided to Taffy and Ryan.

**Aesthetics:** Follow-up letters have been sent to homeowners regarding the mess on the path side of their fences. Three application forms for work have been given out with none returned. A complaint was received regarding the state of the garden of a rental property. Contact has been made with the property manager.

**Pool:** A problem was reported with the consistency of supervision by YMCA staff at the pool. Darren has been contacted about this.

VacSwim went well, although numbers were lower than last year. Discussion was held regarding requested exceptions to pool pass rules. It was decided that no exceptions are to be allowed.

Cracked tiles have been noticed around the edge of the pool as well as sinking pavers just beyond the edge. A new clock is now in place at the pool with payment still to be made to Gordon Blake for the purchase.

**Finances:** Two homeowners still owe fees for the current year. A recommendation is to go to the Special General Meeting for a fee rise of 2%.

New phones have been installed at the pool office and the new plan started. Some teething problems are still being encountered.

**Social:** The inflatable obstacle course will return to the pool on the last weekend before children return to school (31 January). A sausage sizzle will also be held on the same day.

A private function to be held in the Crestwood Hall is to be pencilled into the calendar for 25 April.

**General Business:** A calendar is to be produced for the Crestwood Hall to be used by regular hall users. Discussions were held regarding ways of obtaining grants for specific projects. Ideas along the lines of what was done at Harmony Fields in Maddington were suggested; for example, placing workout stations along walkways. More, though, will have to go into possible projects before applying for such grants.

Problems were noted regarding outsiders causing trouble near the Crestwood Hall. Police are to be asked to patrol this area on hot nights. Trevor Davis will write something for the next newsletter about homeowners contacting police rather than committee members regarding antisocial behaviour.

**Visitor's Business:** Concern was raised about commercial vehicles parked at properties. This is an issue for the City Council.

**February 2009****Committee Business:**

**Parks and Reticulation:** The secretary will write to the principal and art staff of Thornlie Senior High School. The aim is to cooperate in replacing the current underpass murals. Regarding Underpass D, a limestone wall is not affordable at this time. Trevor Davis will follow up on this.

New bins have been installed in the parks. Multiturf have increased their charges with effect from 1 April. One family on the estate has raised the question of insurance cover for trees in the Crestwood parks.

Flow tests have been completed on Bore 2 and new starters have been placed on Bore 5.

**Aesthetics:** The committee discussed a proposal to replace a solid wooden fence with a solid Colourbond fence for a house on Cavalier Court (see Aesthetics report). The applicants attended the meeting to explain their proposal. Approval was given by a majority vote of 4 in favour to 1 opposed with one abstention.

**Pool:** Problems are still being encountered with the consistency of staff supervision. A new YMCA member has also been assigned to work at the Crestwood pool.

Discussions were held regarding the possibility of purchasing a 12 volt, battery-operated vacuum, either alone or in partnership with Aqua Jetty. It was decided that Trevor Veen should go ahead with the purchase.

Repairs still have to be made to the window, and a new coffee urn is needed as the old one has stopped working. The kettle is being used in the interim.

Keith and Trevor will investigate the problem of the movement of brick paving surrounding the pool. This may include the possibility of having a sonar inspection to locate all pipes around the pool structure.

A security issues exists with regular night visitors causing problems at the pool.

**Finances:** All outstanding homeowner's fees have now been paid.

Discussion touched on the coming rise in costs for electrical power and what Crestwood might do to reduce usage. The installation of solar panels was raised.

**Social:** Further discussion took place regarding the private function booked for the Crestwood Hall on 25 April. A suggestion was made that the toddler pool could be covered with a net during the function. This led to more discussion about safety concerns for those wishing to hire the Hall.

A new vacuum cleaner and carpet will be purchased for the Crestwood Hall. A new person is required to clean the Hall.



**H**i all. It's hard to believe that this season is drawing to a close. The ANZAC weekend will be the last chance to enjoy the pool this summer. Please make the most of it until then.

There's not much to report on the general running of the pool. You may have noticed the witch's hats near the pool edge. We have had a few of the bricks subsiding and had to do some investigation to determine the cause. In doing so we've discovered that we really need to know what's under the surface. All seems good but it would be very handy if we could get hold of copies of the original design of the pool. We've been in contact with the Gosnells City Council who, after an extensive search, have come up empty handed. If any of you, especially the longer term residents, know of anyone who may have a copy of these plans, please contact me or any member of the committee. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Over the past month we've had a couple of power outages. These affected the pool but not my home. If you were one of the unfortunate ones who lost their power could you please do me a favour. Whenever you loose power please let me know. The pool pump has had a safety switch installed that protects the motor against low and high voltage. If the power fails the system has to be reset. If, during winter, we have a failure there is no one who will be able to tell if the pump is operating correctly at night. Therefore the water may not be circulating for days. Your assistance, once again, would be greatly appreciated.

Regards, Trevor Veen

**T**his report will be my last report as I do not intend staying on the Committee next financial year. Time for fresh blood and some new ideas to come into play. We are in good shape now, having Ryan as our head gardener, and everything is looking good. While on that, I wish to thank all the committee members for their help over the past few years. I think they have made a big difference to how Crestwood has been run. A lot of things have been achieved over those years. Hopefully the rest of the committee will be staying on.

## Parks & Reticulation

Over the winter we intend getting more of the reticulation mainline replaced and Taffy has been getting quotes for this. We are looking at the area between Park 1 and Park 18 around Regency Drive. If enough money is left we are also looking at the section from Park 18 around to Park 23. This also includes connecting bores 3&5 to the new mainline. When this happens we will have to put up with some disruption and mess for a while.

While you are out walking you may have noticed that Underpass D has had the old roses removed and Ryan has replanted with some better plants. These will survive if we can stop the kids pulling them out. If you notice this happening can you please let a committee person know about it. Underpass E plants are starting to look great and the hibiscus will make a great entrance as you approach it. All this is thanks to Ryan's hard work. All up, I think the whole estate is looking very good.

On a final note I wish to take this opportunity to thank Taffy for her work around the estate and wish her all the very best for her next venture, whatever it may be. One thing not many people know is that even while she was totally unfit for work she was always available to help sort out the problems I couldn't. For that I am really grateful. Taffy has always done the right thing by us and should be thanked for it.

Ok that's it, and now is time to enjoy some time off going fishing and playing golf. What a way to ruin a good walk! I will still be around Crestwood if a hand is needed for anything.

Rob Wilson

### FEATURES

### RECIPES

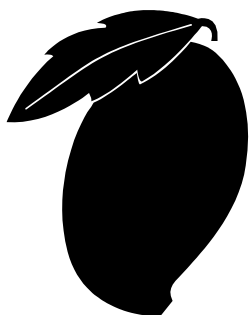
## Cucumber, Mango & Coriander Salad

Preparation time: 15 minutes

Serves 8

### Ingredients

¼ cup apple cider vinegar  
1/3 cup peanut oil  
2 tbs lime juice  
1½ tbs brown sugar  
1 tbs fish sauce (optional)  
1/3 cup mint leaves  
4 Lebanese cucumbers



3 fresh mangos

½ cup coriander leaves

### METHOD

1. Place vinegar, oil, juice, sugar, fish sauce and mint in a blender and blend until smooth.
2. Cut the cucumbers in half lengthways, then thinly slice diagonally and place in a bowl.
3. Cut off the cheeks of the mangos, then cut each in half lengthways. Place the remaining mango skin-side down on a board and run a sharp knife between the flesh and skin. Remove the skin, then thinly slice the flesh.
4. Add mango and coriander to cucumber and toss gently. Pour on the dressing just before serving.

from *Better Homes and Gardens*

# MOVING ON

MOVING ON - TAFFY RAY SAYS GOODBY

FEATURES

## The beginning

I started at Crestwood in January 2006. I had five years experience in horticulture before coming here, obtaining a TAFE Certificate III in Gardening and Landscaping as well as a Certificate III in Turf Management. Jobs I had previously were at Weeding Women, then working for Rose Porteous, and subsequently for Australian Turf Industries at Burswood with the Main Roads and Parks and Gardens sections working around the casino complex.

## Is Crestwood different?

The environment at Crestwood is very different to other places I have worked. When you are in the Crestwood parks, it is hard to believe you are really in the middle of a city, and that is something unique. Working here also put me touch with a wide variety of individuals, something which would not necessarily be the case in other horticultural jobs. On the whole, residents have been friendly and very supportive and I have met some fantastic people, many of whom I will still be in contact with after I leave.

## First impressions

When I first saw Crestwood I thought: "Wow, how beautiful, but how overgrown! This is a perfect opportunity to show my skills". I have always enjoyed a challenge, and when I started here, I knew I was in for one. When I had my interview at the Crestwood Hall, the garden had weeds that came up to my waist. I realised then that I had found my first task. I ended up filling the trailer with the weeds and cuttings from that garden alone.

## The downside

My most unpleasant experience had to be the several abusive phone calls I received from residents, always with regard to reticulation. I would make it clear that if they wanted to argue about reticulation, they should call the committee member for Parks and Reticulation, who at the time was Rob Wilson, as reticulation was a committee matter. One of the last calls was so bad that I contacted Rob and let him know what to expect, but that call was never made to him. I truly hope that Ryan doesn't have to deal with such behaviour from residents.

Aside from those phone calls, what I liked least about working here was the frustration in looking at the houses where residents refused to tend their back verges. The gardeners put a lot of hard work into making the parks and gardens of the estate look fantastic, only to have that aesthetic quality dragged down by those few properties.

## The upside

For me personally there were so many high points. Professionally this has to be problem solving, particularly with regard to reticulation wiring. Since coming to Crestwood, I have gained extensive knowledge and experience with computerised reticulation systems and in tracking wiring faults. This was a huge achievement for me, and I really appreciated the help

Taffy has always indicated that she wanted to write something for the *Crestwood News* before leaving Crestwood. What follows are mostly her words, with some meddling from the editor. I'm sure that all Crestwood will join me in wishing Taffy the best in her new endeavours, and in thanking her for her work and dedication to Crestwood during the three years she has been here. *the Editor*

given by the many contractors who came to work on the estate and took the time to explain and teach me so much.

Socially, what I liked most about working here was the community spirit. There are so many residents, whether they are on the Committee or not, who are always willing to volunteer their time. I will take many fond memories away with me.

I remember when one resident had her mother visiting from overseas. Her mum refused to hire a wheelchair which she needed if she was going to see the Crestwood parks, so I arranged a time to pick her up at the back gate and drive her around in the Ute. When I took her back home, her daughter told me to hold on a minute. She then returned with a freshly baked chocolate cake, something for me on my birthday which was that very day.

And there are also my four-legged friends, the best judges of character. These are the dogs that get walked around the Crestwood parks, stopping for a little scratch or just to be fussed over. And there are the little indulgent moments which were just for me, like taking off my boots on a hot day and jumping into the pool.

## Suggestions?

I would like to see more rewards for residents who serve on the Crestwood Homeowners Committee and more incentives for other people to join. This might encourage more people to come forward and volunteer for positions on the Committee.

## The future

Whatever the future holds, it will be different from my recent past. With my back injury, certainly the low point of my career, and my acceptance that I won't get back to my pre-injury fitness, I am focusing on moving on in a new direction.

I have enrolled for a TAFE Certificate IV, Frontline Management course. This will help me get a job on a council in a supervisory role. Subsequent to that I will be doing Smart Train Chemical Accreditation Training, Level 4, which will allow me to teach Level 3 at TAFE. I am also being considered for a position as co-ordinator/horticulturist at one of the country shires.

## Farewell

I have enjoyed my time here at Crestwood and I feel privileged to have worked in such a fantastic community and with such an outstanding Committee. I would like to say thank you to everybody — there are far too many to name, for being supportive during my time here, especially after my injury.

*Submitted by Taffy Ray*

**Wanted**

Small, cute, educated and loving sterilised male dog, resident on the Crestwood, estate wishes foster care for June. Food provided + \$200. Call 0466 553 630.

**Get Well**

The Crestwood community wishes Robyn Davies of Grenadier Drive all the best for a speedy recovery.

## **Wanted Someone to clean the Crestwood Hall**

We need someone to clean the Crestwood Hall, including the toilets, a job that will take about 1½ hours a week. A small remuneration will be paid.

If you are interested, or know of someone who may be, please contact **Marjan van Dijk** on **9459 8776**.

## **Witness Anti-Social Behaviour? Contact the Police**

If you witness anti-social behaviour on the estate, the people to contact are the police, not the Crestwood Committee members. There is little the committee members can do to rectify the behaviour you witness. The police, however, will be able to respond if it is serious, or at the very least, note the incident for their records and respond appropriately in the future.

After the increase of incidents reported on the Crestwood estate, the police have been on bicycle patrols through the parks. This is one of the benefits of having all incidents reported.

## **2009 – 2010 Crestwood Homeowners fees**

Payment of Crestwood homeowners fees for the 2009-2010 financial year are due on **30 April 2009**. If you are paying by Option A, then a total amount of \$1069.00 is due at this time. If you are paying by Option B, then the first instalment of \$396.00 is due by this date.

If you miss the payment deadline for either of these two options, then your total fees of \$1187.00 become payable under Option C, due on 31 May 2009.



You can pay your fees to our Treasurer, Roy Malone, 116 Regency Dr. If you have any queries, contact Roy at his home on 9459 4359 after 7pm.

**Free**

... a telephone hearing test provided by Telscreen. This is available from anywhere in Australia. It involves responding to a series of sounds that are played over the telephone. The test takes about five minutes to complete. The instructions are clear and simple.

At the completion of the test you will be advised whether or not you should seek further testing or treatment for your hearing. The test may be assessed by calling 1800 826 500.

## **Access to the Parks A Bond Must be Paid**

If you hire a contractor that needs access to your house via the parks, then a bond must be paid. The grounds people should be contacted and arrangements made for this to be done.

If paid by a resident, the bond is \$300.00 and if paid by a contractor the bond is \$500.00. This covers any possible damage to the Crestwood Estate.

The bond will be given back once everything has been checked and verified to still be in good condition.

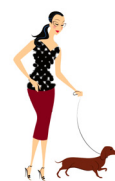


## **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of the Crestwood Homeowners Association will be held on Wednesday evening, 27 May 2009, at 7:30 in the Crestwood Hall.

You are encouraged to come along and have your say in the running of the estate. There will also be a number of Committee positions which will fall vacant and need to be filled. The Committee is always looking for volunteers to take up these positions.

## **Dogs Must be on a Lead!**



Dog owners are required to ensure that their dog is on a lead when in a public place. The only exception to this is when the dog is in a designated exercise area. This is a requirement of the City of Gosnells.





# Crestwood Hall Hire

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 are 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

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Committee meetings of the Crestwood Homeowners Association for 2009 have been set on the following dates. Check the contents page of the latest issue of the *Crestwood News* for any changes. This panel will also be updated to reflect any changes. Crestwood residents are welcome to attend all or part of these meetings held at the Crestwood Hall. Visitors' business is always attended to first, so residents may leave whenever they wish.

**23 February**  
**30 March**  
**20 April**  
**25 May**  
**29 June**  
**27 July**  
**24 August**  
**21 September**  
**26 October**  
**30 November**  
**21 December**

## CRESTWOOD PATCHWORK & QUILTING GROUP

**Meeting on a Tuesday night in  
the Crestwood Hall 6:30 pm -  
9:00 pm**



**New members welcome. Come and meet  
us or ring Jan on 9493 0045.**

## CRESTWOOD MOTHER'S GROUP / PLAYGROUP

**New members and their friends are always welcome. — We  
would love to hear from you.**

We meet on Friday mornings at the Crestwood Hall  
 10.00 am—12.00 noon  
 0 years to 6 years old / \$10.00 per term

*Runs during School terms*

**Call Ros on 9493 2597**

## Social Card Mornings

Join me for a creative morning of card making, a great way to meet people and develop friendships.

**Where:** 24 Princeton Court

**When:** Friday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30  
am during school terms

**Cost:** \$6.00 to cover materials for 2 pre-prepared projects, morning coffee or tea and biscuits.

**Contact:** Joanne Brand for further information –  
 Phone 9459 6114 / 0403 474 075 or email –  
 brand\_family@iprimus.com.au



## Belly Dance

Ladies, come and try something different. Have fun and learn how to belly dance. Our friendly group welcomes beginners or experienced dancers.

Come join us.

Monday evenings 7:30 pm in the Crestwood Hall  
 (except for the last Monday in the month)  
 Cost \$10.00 per class — includes drumming class.

Non-Crestwood residents welcome.

Phone Gillian 9459 9904 or Heather 9452 2427

## Taking your Camera on Holidays? — Here are some Tips and Precautions

# Photo Tips

1. Be prepared! Double check your gear before leaving on your trip.
2. Check that your lens is clean. Buy, yes, BUY a good quality lens cloth and dust blower. Tissues, hanky, and tee-shirts just won't do and could ruin your lens, which is the most crucial part of your camera.
3. Examine your camera, considering its size, weight and durability. Some cameras are going to be too much to look after on some trips.
4. Carry your precious camera in front of you, secured by its strap. Be aware of the risk of theft. Conceal your camera in queues, on buses, etc.
5. Do not leave your camera in your car in the heat, in hotel rooms, or in places targeted by thieves. Don't get paranoid, but be street-wise.
6. Most cameras don't like getting wet. Watch sea-spray, snow and even sweat! Some models are designed with extremes in mind. It is worth while looking for one of these if you are backpacking, bush-walking in NZ, or going to other wet and humid places.
7. Be sure to be insured, and make sure that your camera warranty is valid worldwide!
8. Buy in Australia. Shop around, and you will find good deals right here in Perth, with the local shop backup and safer insurance coverage.
9. NEVER borrow a camera for travel! You may lose a friend. If you cannot afford a compact digital these days (about \$120), stay home and save up!
10. In the case of a digital camera, buy the biggest memory card your wallet can stand. Then buy at least one more. With two or three large cards, you may not need to download your photos before the return journey!
11. Get a waterproof/dust-proof case for your camera. It will be money well spent. Also buy an international power plug set (available at most camera stores and the airport duty-free), two extra batteries, a good WIDE shoulder strap, a spare lens cap (unless it is built in) and a UV-0 filter for the digital SLR.
12. Bring your manual and warranty papers. You never know what will happen. By the way – READ YOUR MANUAL! You may discover amazing things that your camera can do! Don't try to figure out everything on your flight out.
13. Tripod? I wouldn't bother to take one. Lean on something – use a hat, a bag, anything. Take a tripod if you are absolutely determined to suffer. Take your camera as part of your hand luggage; don't pack it.
14. Look at travel brochures and magazines for style and composition, but find the unusual and shoot what grabs you. After all, they are YOUR memories.
15. Include people you meet in your pictures, but ask permission to take these photos whenever possible or practical. Be aware of local customs, manners and rules, especially when photographing women, children, government buildings, railway stations, airports, soldiers, security guards and police. ALWAYS ASK if you are tempted to photograph any armed forces. You could lose your camera, or be arrested!
16. Send on a CD or email your pictures home (full size) as soon as you have shot a full card, or sooner, and cut a spare CD to keep with you (a photo shop can usually do this, but ask that the images be uncompressed and original size). Do not delete the images from the first card until the last spare card is full.
17. Never leave your camera at home! You will need it, even when you think you will not!
18. Shoot plenty of images keeping in mind flow and continuity, even if some images may be just "fillers" for a future slideshow.
19. Try downloading Picasa 3 from Google to organise and adjust your images. It is a great, free program for PC, Linux and Mac.
20. Try getting an online printed book made from your images. Images are for sharing, so print them online, or from a local lab. Alternatively, make a slideshow with Picasa 3 and invite a few friends around, or cut CDs and distribute them to friends and family. You can always e-mail images, and Picasa 3 makes it very easy! Your new overseas friends will love to receive them and maybe share some of theirs!



**P.S. Shoot plenty of photos, but don't forget to enjoy the trip!**

*Submitted by Paul Fanali*



"If you go out in the woods today, you're sure for a big surprise ... ." That's what I found myself humming when I ventured out into Crestwood with my camera and notepad recently. I was on a mission to find out what people were doing with their back verges, when I happened to look down and saw some very strange looking objects 'growing' out of the sand. At first I thought someone had had a fight with an uncooperative contraption and decided to hurl it over their fence bit by exasperating bit, but on closer inspection, I noticed the pieces had been meticulously placed or half buried and soon I saw it was a cacophony of 'objects d'art'. I was intrigued to say the least and just as luck would have it, the owner happened to be hovering just over the fence. After the preliminary hello's and weather updates I got straight to the point.

"What inspired you to create this sculptured garden using these, these, um objects?" I thought I would let him know I was on his wavelength.

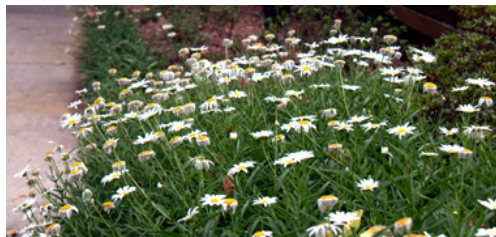
"At first I wasn't sure what to do with the bits and pieces I dismantled from an old air conditioner. It was a question of getting rid of them, or incorporating them into the landscape. I had already used discarded grills and an old Hibachi barbecue elsewhere in the garden, so going the next step to something bigger and more encompassing seemed natural."

"Do you have a maintenance plan?"

"I'll let nature do the maintenance. Hopefully the iron parts will rust and become less noticeable, and those made of materials that resist rust will end up being partially covered by the native plants placed around them."

"Have you had any comments about them?"

"Thankfully, our neighbour really likes the idea. I've also had the chance to eavesdrop on grandparents trying to work out what was going on and explain it to their grandkids. Both generations seemed stumped, but the kids at least recognised a potential playground, not that that made me feel particularly reassured."



I was inspired! It's great when you see people finding unusual ways to create interest. It certainly gets one thinking 'outside the garden bed' as it were. I thanked him for his time and interesting conversation and carried on. I didn't have to venture far. Next door boasted a fabulous show of Shasta daisies, which are pleasing to the eye and very easy to grow and propagate. When the flowers die down in autumn just plant your spade in amongst them and dig out a clump or as many

as you need, and you'll find many small plants, just perfect for re-planting. They're a perennial plant which means you can either divide them or leave them to their own devices. Either way, they're easy care and give such a gorgeous display throughout the Spring and Summer months. The azaleas planted on this particular verge also give a colourful display in the Winter months. They thrive in the semi shade and enjoy an acid soil rich in compost and rotted manure.

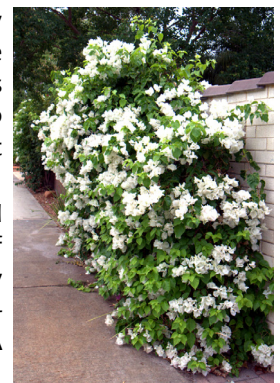


Have you tried growing mother-in-law's tongues? Here a clump has been divided and planted along a wall, followed by agapanthus, which look great. Once planted you don't have to worry about them, just keep spreading them as the years go by.

Another different and very effective idea was the sandy verge that had been raked to give a beautiful Japanese effect of calm beauty. All you need are a few trees or bushes thoughtfully placed, a few rocks, a sandy patch, a rake to occasionally push around and voila, a Japanese garden. Just make sure the weeds don't get the chance to join in.

Bougainvillea is always a head turner. Our climate and soil conditions are perfect to produce brilliant displays of colour. I loved seeing the bright sprays cascading over many walls and fences. Just hack them back after flowering minding, that you don't get stabbed too badly in the process. A great plant for the security minded.

As you can see there are some really beautifully kept verges and it's such a joy to admire them while walking through our parks.



*Submitted by Rowena de Gruchy*

## Road Rage

Well, Your Honour, I really didn't mean to get into a fight with the driver of the car I ran into the other day. I was rear-ended, which caused me to rear-end the car in front of me. The driver of that car, who as you can see is a dwarf, then approached aggressively after the accident yelling, "I AM NOT HAPPY!"

I decided that I would try to lighten things up a bit and replied, "Well, which one are you then?" That is when the fight started.

## Life After Death

A boss asked one of his new employees, "Do you believe in life after death?"

"Yes, sir," replied the employee.

"I thought you did," said the boss. "Yesterday after you left to go to your grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you!"

## Men in Heaven

### Who is the Head of the Household?

Once when all true believers were standing in line waiting to get into heaven, God appeared and said, "I want all the men to form two lines. One line will be for the men who were the true heads of their households. The other will be for the men who were dominated by their wives." God continued, "I want all the women to report to St. Peter."

The women left and the men formed two lines. The line of men who were dominated by their wives was seemingly unending. The line of men who were the true heads of their households had one man in it.

God said to the first line, "You men ought to be ashamed of yourselves. I appointed you to be the heads of your households and you were disobedient and have not fulfilled your purpose. Of all of you, there is only one man who obeyed me. Learn from him."

Then God turned to the lone man and asked, "How did you come to be in this line?" The man replied, "My wife told me to stand here."

## Big Chief Forget-Me Not

An Australian travel writer touring Canada was checking out of his hotel. As he paid his bill, he asked the manager, "By the way, what's with the Indian chief sitting in the lobby? He's been there ever since I arrived."

"Oh that's 'Big Chief Forget-Me-Not'," said the manager. "The hotel is built on an Indian reservation and part of the agreement is to allow the chief free use of the premises for the rest of his life. He's known as Big Chief Forget-Me-Not because of his phenomenal memory. He is 92 and can remember even the slightest detail of his life."

The travel writer took this in and as he was waiting for his taxi decided to put the chief's memory to the test. "Allo, mate!" said the Aussie, receiving only a slight nod in return. "What did you have for breakfast on your 21st birthday?"

"Eggs," was the chief's instant reply, without even looking up. The Aussie was indeed impressed and went off on his travel writing itinerary, right across to the east coast and back, telling others of Big Chief Forget-Me-Not's great memory.

On his return to the hotel six months later, he was surprised to see Big Chief Forget-Me-Not still sitting in the lobby, fully occupied with whittling away on a stick. Remembering that one local had informed him that 'How' was a more appropriate greeting for an Indian chief than "Allo mate", the Aussie greeted him with, "How?"

"Scrambled," replied the Chief.

## A Quick Police Response

Did you hear about the guy who called the police because he saw some people stealing things out of the shed in his back yard? The police asked him if they were in his house and he said, "No." Then the police said that all units were unavailable and he should lock his doors. They would send someone as soon as they could.

The guy hung up, waited 30 seconds, and then called back. "I just called you about the people stealing things out of my shed. Well, don't worry about it. I shot them."

In less than five minutes, police cars screeched to a halt in his driveway, sirens blaring, and caught the thieves red-handed.

"I thought you said you shot them," said the officer.

"I thought you said no one was available," the guy replied.

## How Did You Lose Your Eye?

A seaman meets a pirate in a bar, and talk turns to their adventures at sea. The seaman notes that the pirate has a peg-leg, a hook, and an eye patch. The seaman asks, "So, how did you end up with the peg-leg?"

The pirate replies, "We were in a storm at sea, and I was swept overboard into a school of sharks. Just as my men were pulling me out, a shark bit my leg off."

"Wow!" said the seaman. "What about your hook?"

"Well," replied the pirate, "we were boarding an enemy ship and were battling the other sailors with swords. One of the enemy cut my hand off."

"Incredible!" remarked the seaman. "And how did you get the eye patch?"

"A seagull dropping fell into my eye," replied the pirate.

"You lost your eye to a seagull dropping?" the sailor asked incredulously.

"Well," said the pirate, "it was my first day with the hook."

## Famous Composers

A top movie producer was discussing his new project — an action docudrama about famous composers — with several top stars: Stallone, Schwarzenegger and Van Damme. The three action stars were allowed to select which famous composer they would like to portray.

"Well," started Stallone, "I have always admired Mozart. I would like to play him."

"Chopin has always been my favourite," said Van Damme. "I'll play him."

The producer was pleased. "Sounds splendid! And who do you want to portray, Arnold?"

"I'll be Bach," he replied ...





We thought it was time for a sizzling HOT page. — Enjoy!



**Hot:**

- having a high temperature and giving off heat
- strong or burning to taste
- angry, violent or passionate

*Definition from the Macquarie School Dictionary*

## Some 'hot' sayings you may be familiar with:

hot under the collar:	angry or annoyed
not so hot:	not very good
hot air:	empty, exaggerated talk
hot on the trail:	following closely
in hot water:	in trouble
hot blooded:	passionate or excitable
hot off the press:	fresh or new
hot tip:	much favoured or approved
hot stuff:	money of goods obtained illegally
in the hot seat:	in a position of difficulty or danger



## Hot Questions Answered ...



### What makes a chilli 'hot'?

Chillies contain a substance called capsaicin (kap-say-kin). If capsaicin makes contact with fine nerve endings that are designed to respond to cuts or burns, the nerves are stimulated to send messages to the brain that register as pain.

### How do flame eaters 'eat' flames without burning themselves?

There's no trick or secret involved. Flame eating is a skill that must be carefully learned and practised under expert supervision. The correct method requires the torch to be held at a precise angle, air to be exhaled at exactly the right rate, and the final extinguishing of the flame to be done using precise mouth and tongue movements.



Please don't try this at home!!!!

If you think hot dogs are pretty common and boring, do a *Google* search or other research on them. There are some amazing stories to read about the biggest, the person who has eaten the most at one sitting, and the history of them.



## So how do you avoid heat stroke?

Hydration is the one of the main issues, so keep your fluids up if you are going to be out in the sun for a long day, especially in summer! Of course, the best way to avoid heat stroke is to only do activity outside in the morning (before 10am) or evening (after 5pm). If you do need to do outside activity in hot weather in the middle of the day then try to minimise it, keep drinking, and make sure you cool down afterwards! A good tip is to always wear a hat, light-weight clothing and sunscreen as well. Remember that heat stroke is life threatening. Prevention is much better than cure!



## — Hot Facts —

The temperature of the sun's surface is about 6000°C

The hottest chilli pepper is the 'Naga Jolokia'

The hottest temperature recorded in Australia was 53°C at Cloncurry in Queensland in 1889

The highest temperature recorded anywhere in the world is 58°C at Al Azizyah in Libya - 13 Sept 1922

The boiling points of some liquids (in °C) are:

jet fuel	163
mercury	356.9
olive oil	300
petrol	95
turpentine	160
water	100



## What is heat stroke???

Heat stroke is a severe condition that happens when your body's temperature regulating abilities are not working properly. Some of the symptoms include sweating profusely, severe headache, hot dry skin, rapid pulse, dizziness, confusion, nausea, and in the most serious cases, collapse and coma. The usual suspect if you get heat stroke is too much exposure to heat or the sun.

Ref: [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au)

Page prepared by Rebekah and James Wilson

## LINGUISTIC PUZZLE: Maori

**Indonesian Bahasa Indonesia**

Jika ada kesukaran untuk berkomunikasi dalam bahasa Inggris telponlah Pelayanan Terjemahan Tertulis dan Lisan. Jangan putus pembicaraan, telpon anda akan dijawab (Ongkosnya sama dengan ongkos telpon setempat).

**Italian****Italiano**

Se ha difficoltà ad esprimersi in inglese telefoni al Servizio Traduzioni e Interpretariato. Non riattacchi, risponderemo alla sua chiamata (al costo di una telefonata urbana).

**Turkish****Türkçe**

Eğer İngilizce iletişim kurmakta güçlük çekiyorsanız Sözlü ve Yazılı Tercüme Servisi'ni telefonla arayın. Hemen kapatmayın, telefonunuza cevap verilecektir (yalnızca yerel telefon konuşması flatı).

**Filipino****Tagalog**

Kung kayo ay nahihirapang makipag-usap sa Ingles, tawagan ang Translating and Interpreting Service. Huwag ninyong ibaba ang telepono, sasagutin ang tawag ninyo (Halaga lang ng tawag na lokal).

**Greek****Ελληνικά**

Αν δυσκολεύεστε να συνεννοείστε στα αγγλικά τηλεφωνείτε στην Υπηρεσία Μεταφραστών και Διερμηνέων. Μην κλείσετε το τηλέφωνό σας κάποιος θα σας απαντήσει (κοστίζει μόνο όσο ένα τοπικό τηλεφώνημα).

**Lao****ພາສາລາວ**

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1. i oma te tamaiti ki te toa
2. i patu te tangata i te kurii
3. i kite au i te pukapuka kei te fare
4. i haere au ki te kura
5. kei te kura te pirihiimana
6. i kite te pirihiimana i te tangata
7. ko pita te tangata
8. i oma ngaa tangata
9. kei te fare au
10. kei te fare ngaa tamaiti
11. i haere teenei tangata ki te toa
12. ko pita teenei
13. ko hemi teenei

1. The boy ran to the store.
2. The man hit the dog.
3. I saw the book at the house.
4. I went to the school.
5. The policeman [is] at the school.
6. The policeman saw the man.
7. The man [is] Peter.
8. The men ran.
9. I [am] at the house.
10. The boys [are] at the house.
11. This man went to the store.
12. This [is] Peter.
13. This [is] Jim.

**Can you discover the meaning of the words in Maori?** There are specific techniques you can use to do this. Two of the easiest are repetition and minimal difference. For repetition, you look at sentences in which just one word or phrase is repeated. For minimal difference, you look at sentences or phrases which differ in only one way. There is also word position and remainder. For word position, you look to see if a particular type of word always occurs in the same position in the sentence. (You look at the language you are trying to identify, not English!) And then there is remainder: the only word left in a phrase or sentence after the other words have been identified.

Maori has no verb "to be", shown in the English translation as *[is]* *[am]* or *[are]*. These are included in the preposition "at" or in a marker showing equivalence in sentences such as "This is ...", "The ... is ...". Maori has a marker before nouns which are direct or indirect objects. You will find this in sentences with the verbs "see" and "hit". While this is the same form as the marker showing past tense, the two are different vocabulary items. The data is presented in phonemic script and not standard orthography. **ANSWERS IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE CRESTWOOD NEWS.**

Maori is an Austronesian language currently spoken in the central, eastern and northern regions of the North Island in New Zealand, and in most urban centres as a result of Maori urbanisation. Current estimates for the number of fluent speakers range from 30,000 to 150,000, a maximum of 20% of the total Maori population. Efforts to revitalise and expand use of the Maori language have continued with some obvious successes since the 1970s.

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boy

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school

house

run

see

go

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past tense marker

direct / indirect object marker

equivalence marker

**Irish Gaelic:** the (singular) *an*, the (plural) *na*, that *san*, this *seo*, he *sé*, man *féar*, boy *garsún*, dog *gadhar*, table *mbord*, milk *bainne*, water *uisce*, is/are *tá*, was/were *bhí*, drink (infinitive) / past tense - 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular *ól*, past tense - 3<sup>rd</sup> person plural *-adar*, present tense - 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular *-aan*, tired *tuirseach*, cold *fuar*, under *fé*, noun plural "insert an *-i-* between the final vowel and consonant of the noun"

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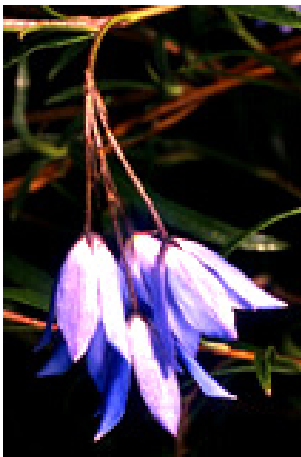
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