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crestwoodnews@iinet.net.au

Employment of New Gardener Terminated Financial Irregularities Cited

A week ago I was wondering what I was going to write in my report for this month's newsletter as everything seemed to be going along well.

The gardeners were continuing to maintain the parks and gardens since they took over and everything was looking good.

The reticulation and bore maintenance was on track and we did not experience any of the troubles with replacement of the reticulation wiring we had two years ago. In fact we have been very pleased with the Total Eden staff that carried out the work this year.

However, as the saying goes, "Life wasn't meant easy", and when I thought our gardener issues had been solved, I became aware of some concerns in relation to the handling of monies by our full-time gardener last week.

After making inquiries with some homeowners last weekend, a tree lopping firm this week, and examining financial documents with our Treasurer, Roy Malone, the Committee concluded that we had no alternative but to terminate the employment of Graeme, the full time gardener. This was done Friday afternoon, July 31st.

After Graeme's termination, the Committee took a decision to offer the part-time gardener, Grant, the full-time position. I then approached Grant about taking this on and he agreed to do so. He will take this up on his return from leave in two weeks time.

I will be carrying the mobile phone usually carried by Graeme until Grant returns from leave.

Trevor Davis, President, Crestwood Homeowners Association

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Life Threatening Emergencies			T: 000
Police Non-emergency			T: 131 444
Neighbour Watch			T: 9493 3311
Crimestoppers			T: 1800 333 000
Join e-WATCH	ewatch@gosnells.wa.gov.au		

WELCOME TO CRESTWOOD

Neil Bastian & Claire Williams 3 Cavalier Court
 Daniel Hewitt & Amanda Farmer 21 Regency Drive
 Xavier & Coral-Ann Bot 20 Lachlan Road
 Brian Cherry & Susan Oldfield 54 Regency Drive

FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES

Pauline Kilroy 3 Cavalier Court
 Kylie Black 21 Regency Drive
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 Brian & Sandra Eyre 54 Regency Drive

Well, here I am again due to the lack of interest for this position on the Committee. Looks like you have to put up with me for another two years.

Parks & Reticulation

Here is an update on progress with our mainline and bore maintenance. The upgrade of the mainline has been completed with a small bit of trouble locating some pipe. The cross pipe from the Cavalier Court main to Regency Drive was hard to locate as it was actually not in the position marked on our map. It was located at a later date so all is well. The map has been changed for future reference. When we went to join the new main onto Bore 3 it was also discovered we had a 100 mm pipe from the bore head which changed to an 80mm then back to a 150mm pipe. This has all now been run out at 150mm pipe through to both underpasses. We have also changed the direction of some and made provision for future connections. This did cost extra but was worth doing now. The orifice plate in Bore 3 was also found to be faulty and was also replaced.

Bore 5 has been serviced and should be up and running for tests to be done in August. It was found when this pump was stripped that it had been drawing fine sand through it. The bore has since been treated with chemicals and redeveloped. The head pipe work was found to be in a very bad way when examined by Statewide Pumps. It was decided to replace this with stainless steel, the same as Bore 2. This will give us fewer problems this summer.

The parks around where the mainline was replaced will take a while to get back to their previous condition. With a bit of warm weather this shouldn't take too long. Some parks may need some more levelling, but only time will tell. Our gardeners will keep an eye on that one.

Just a request for all residents to try and keep tree removal to the warmer months as truck access into the parks has caused quite a few wheel ruts. These ruts all need filling with sand which can be time consuming. We understand that sometimes tree removal can't be avoided. June, July and August are the months to try and miss. This still leaves nine months to carry out any of these projects.

Lastly, please remember that we will be testing our reticulation system mid August for a few days. This is needed to check pressures now that the new pipe work has been installed. Total Eden think we will get more pressure through the new setup, although, hopefully not too much. If we do it may be necessary to swap some houses to different stations. To end off I'd like to ask all residents to check there sprinklers and repair them as needed.

Rob Wilson, Committee Member for Parks and Reticulation

Recent approvals by the Committee of the Crestwood Homeowners Association.

Aesthetics

1. [A residence on Regency Drive]: Thank you for your inquiry with regard to the removal of a large gum tree in your rear garden. It is clear that the tree is causing damage to your wall and paving. It is also starting to lift the concrete path in the park and you also inform us that the roots are causing problems with your drains. This tree will, as it continues to grow, certainly cause more damage. The committee agrees that the only solution is to remove it.

When you have selected a contractor to remove the tree please organise with the gardeners for access to the park. Rob Wilson, the committee member for Parks and Reticulation, may be able to advise and recommend a contractor used by Crestwood. If I can be of any further assistance please contact me on ...

2. [A residence on Coronet Court]: Thank you for your completed application form and details of the fencing materials to be used. Your fence specifications comply with the Crestwood Fencing Policy, so the Committee has no hesitation in approving your application. We note that you will be carrying out the project yourselves and hope that all goes smoothly for you.

3. [A residence on Regency Drive]: Thank you for your inquiry regarding the installation of solar panels on the roof of your home. I have sent emails to all the committee members for their comments and they all agree with me that the installation of this new technology should be up to the individual homeowner. We have no input on the installation of solar hot water systems and the new solar panels are aesthetically similar. In the future the new solar panels will become more popular and common place. We hope your installation goes well and you are able to make savings on your energy costs.

4. [A residence on Grenadier Drive]: Thank you for your letter and application to erect a fence between the side of your home and the path to underpass C. The fence is to be a open pool loop top type fence in black, on an existing two brick high wall, the overall height of the fence and wall being 1.4 meters with a length of 11.5 meters. The fence construction specified conforms to Crestwood fencing policy and we have no hesitation in approving your application.

John Rushton, Committee Member for Aesthetics

Hi all. The ducks have settled in nicely, however there do not appear to be any ducklings as yet. Things have run smoothly and compared to last year this winter has been a doddle with next to nothing for me to do, but that is soon to end as the pool will be opened in less than three months. Please keep the 18th of October free. I intend to run a busy bee on that day to set up the sails and bring out the deck chairs.

Pool

You will find attached to the newsletter the pool pass application forms with the proposed timetable and pool rules. Please read all of these carefully and deposit the forms as directed.

To new residents, my other role is to welcome you onto our wonderful estate, but I've been a bit slack over the last month or so. Please don't treat me too harshly over this. I will catch up with you all soon. I do apologise for my tardiness.

Back to the pool: Roll on summer.

Cheers - Trevor Veen, Committee Member for the Aquatic Centre

INCIDENT REPORT

Incidents reported on the Crestwood Estate

No incidents have been reported to the *Crestwood News*



POLICE WATCH - Thornlie

from the *Comment News*

Break-ins Forest Lakes Dr (commercial 2), Greenway Ave, Southdown Pl, Summer Pl; motor vehicle theft Greenway Ave; graffiti damage Ovens Rd, Yale Rd (2 June)

Break-ins Spencer Rd (commercial), Expedition Dr, Fagence Way, Hughenden Dr (2), Kelton Way; motor vehicle theft Greenway Ave; graffiti damage Gunn Ct, Mulga P, O'Dell St, Ovens Rd, Warton Rd (9 June)

Break-ins Spencer Rd (2), Clancy Way, Malone Crt, Sandon Rd, Sanderling Dr (16 June)

Break-ins Bottlebrush Dr, Camberley St, Nutbush Crt, Penhurst Ct, Shillington Way; graffiti damage Mulga Pl, Ovens Rd, Sage Rd (2) (30 June)

Break-ins Chivalry Way, Cypress Cr., motor vehicle theft Cypress Ct (7 July)

Break-ins Spence Rd (commercial), Glyndebourne Ave, Hughenden Dr, Menzies Pl, Cranwell St; motor theft Spring Rd, graffiti damage Ovens Rd (14 July)

Break-ins Berehaven Ave, Burslem Dr, Parkside Dr, Spencer Rd (all commercial), Glyndebourne Ave, Warton Rd, Berehaven Ave; motor vehicle theft Hume Rd (21 July)

Wet Weather Driving

We can expect to see some significant increases in road crashes due to a combination of wet roads, poor driving conditions and drivers still in summer mode. To prepare yourself for wet and greasy roads all drivers should be doing the following.

1. Have a good look at your vehicle, particularly tyres, steering, lights and brakes.
2. Test your wipers and hazard lights. Have key emergency phone numbers to hand.
3. Drive to conditions. Increase your following distance and slow your speed.
4. If you have young drivers, take time to go over old lessons again.

Security Tips for Car Users

A lot of car crime results from criminals seeing opportunities and taking them. You can easily outsmart the car criminal by following the simple advice below.

Theft of your Property

Items such as shopping bags, sports bags, a briefcase or an old coat on the back seat are temptations for someone to smash and grab. They steal first and think about value later. But you could be left paying for the damage.

If you leave any of the following items visible in your car you are increasing the risk of your vehicle being targeted by an offender:

- Cash
- CDs
- Cheque books
- Credit and debit cards
- GPS navigators
- Handbags
- House keys
- Laptop computers
- Mobile phones
- Mp3 players
- Private mail with your address on it
- Store cards
- Sunglasses
- Vehicle registration

Theft of your Car

It only takes a few seconds for a thief to jump into your car and drive away. When you leave your car, re-

HOLIDAY SECURITY

To avoid break-ins when your house is empty, try not to advertise the fact that you are away on holidays. Take the following steps to ensure your home is protected:

- Let your neighbours know how long you will be away.
- Don't leave house keys concealed inside or outside. Leave them with a trusted neighbour or friend.
- Notify your local Police Station of the dates that you will be away and contact details of a key holder.
- Lock all doors and windows securely.
- Arrange for Australia Post to hold your mail, redirect your mail, or arrange for neighbours to collect your mail.
- Cancel newspaper deliveries.
- Consider installing automatic timing devices for lights, radios and televisions.
- Turn down ringing volume on your telephone.
- Arrange for someone to cut your lawn and water the garden.
- Make sure all vehicles left at home are properly secured.
- Lock up garden tools and ladders and other items which may be used to enter your home.
- Engrave all your valuables with your Driver's Licence number. Engravers can be borrowed from Gosnells District Neighbourhood Watch.

Remember, a good neighbour or trusted friend can be as effective as a Police Patrol in protecting your home while you are away.

move the ignition key and lock the doors, even when filling up with petrol or popping into a shop.

Other safety tips for your car are:

- Keep your car keys in a safe place out of sight and away from windows and doors where they could easily be seen or taken.
- Consider purchasing a car alarm. Check with your insurance company as this could reduce your premium.
- If you have a garage, use it.
- If you do not have a garage, try to park in a well-lit, open space.
- Ensure windows are shut, including the sunroof.

Quick Quiz

1. Do you keep cash or coin in your car?
2. Do you leave your mobile phone in the car?
3. Do you leave property in your car which is visible to persons outside your vehicle?
4. Do you leave your vehicle unlocked?
5. Do you leave your detachable stereo system in your vehicle?
6. Do you ever leave your keys in your car?

Answers

If you answered **yes** to one or more of these questions, you have increased the risk of your vehicle being targeted by an offender.

For more crime prevention tips, visit www.crimeprevention.wa.gov.au

MAY 2009

Committee Business:

Parks and Reticulation: Three trees in one of the parks are to be removed. Follow-up is still needed regarding the trees in Princeton Court. Contact was made with the art teacher at Thornlie Senior High School regarding replacement of the underpass murals.

New gates are to be installed to replace the broken ones. A pool-type fence is to be erected in Hume Road to prevent access by school students.

With regard to reticulation, this is to be turned off for work on the mainline. Bore 5 is due for maintenance, and this should bring bore maintenance in line with one undergoing maintenance each year.

Photos and an introduction to the new gardeners are to go into the *Crestwood News*.

Aesthetics: Discussions were held regarding screening a ute and trailer on Grenadier Drive.

Pool: Correspondence was received from VacSwim with a request to conduct classes for the 2009-2010 season. A reply was sent listing eligible addresses.

The plumbago around the pool is dying and is to be replaced with different plants. With the closing of the pool, the ducks have now taken up residence.

Finances: Accounting procedures for the transfer of assets are required for new staff. Honoraria are to be paid to committee members.

Social: A volunteer is still required to fill the position of Social Coordinator. Discussions were held regarding cleaning of the Crestwood Hall after use.

General Business: The security system needs to be looked at and adjustments made to get a better picture on the monitor. A sensor light is needed for the problem alcove.

Medicals are to be arranged for new staff, and a new mobile phone and computer access policy developed.

Discussions were held on the restrictive covenant for homeowners and the process to be followed regarding possible changes.

JUNE 2009

Committee Business:

Parks and Reticulation: New parts for bore 3 and some other additional requirements have led to an increase in cost for replacement of the main reticulation line. The work done by Total Eden on the mainline has been most satisfactory.

An application has been made with a local nursery for a traders card. Correspondence has been sent to the Water and Rivers Commission regarding our bore licence.

Aesthetics: Certain issues have been raised, including a complaint about a fence in disrepair in Regency Drive. John is to visit the properties in question. Roof maintenance is also being carried out on another property in Regency Drive with proposed building of patios. The latter will require a building application.

Pool: The winter programme is proceeding smoothly.

Finances: An appendix is to be added to the minutes every month to keep track of pertinent issues. Trevor Davis is to be added to the list of signatories on the Westpac account. A stocktake is required regarding the transfer of assets.

Social: The hall cleaning is now being done by Saskia Mathews. A family-oriented event is to be planned for the Spring.

General Business: A new policy regarding phone use for new staff has been completed. The policy regarding computer access and use is still being developed. Medicals for the new staff have been completed.

A request is to be made for people to prune fruit trees where fruit is accessible from the parks so that is can't be picked up and used by vandals. This announcement is to be put into the *Crestwood News*.

Visitors Business: A number of requests were made by the visitor to the June meeting. The first of these was for the spraying of the park lawns for clover, something which is unlikely to happen as preference is for the spraying for bindii. A second was for action to be taken on the footpaths in the areas surrounding Crestwood. The recommendation here is for individual ratepayers to approach the City of Gosnells on their own. A third request was for the gardeners to slow down when driving vehicles through the parks.

Other items mentioned were for a bird survey and the question if one has been done recently. Regarding advertising signs on properties, these were all right when located on the property itself, but were not allowed in the parks. Thanks was also offered for the work done on repairing light poles.



Interview with Crestwood's Gardener

Grant is a native West Australian and was born and grew up in Fremantle. His partner's name is Carol and they have a daughter, Emily, who is 11 years old. Grant also has three adult sons and a stepson. He had a hobby farm and business in Toodyay for 10 years while his children were growing up. He currently lives in Canning Vale.

Grant has had a number of positions before coming to Crestwood. He was employed by the Melville City Council maintaining parks and gardens, and also worked at the Pinnaroo Cemetery in Wanneroo. He has also had employment with various landscaping companies doing soft and hard landscaping. It was at this stage that he decided to go into business for himself and set up Malibu Garden Services which he still manages. This and his work at Crestwood give him more than a full day's work, so much so that he wonders what happened to the downturn everyone is talking about.

In answer to the question of his first impressions of Crestwood, Grant's answer was that it was much like a country town where it takes time to get to meet people and be accepted into the community. I also asked about his priorities when it came to his work at Crestwood. To this Grant said that he had several small projects in mind, but that he would still need time to read the structures and get a feeling for the various sections of Crestwood. He said that different areas had different needs and as such needed different types of attention.



Grant Douglas

Responding to how he has found things since his arrival, Grant mentioned that so far it has been good. He added that there have been some niggles, but these were not of great concern and he was sure they would soon be sorted.

Text by the Editor

Chickpea & Spinach Curry

Preparation time: 20 minutes plus soaking

Cooking time: about 1 hour

Serves 4

Ingredients

200 g dried chickpeas
2 tbs sunflower oil
2 onions, thinly sliced
2 tbs ground coriander
2 tbs ground cumin
1 tps chilli powder
½ tps turmeric
1 tbs medium curry powder
400 g canned, chopped tomatoes
1 tps soft brown sugar
100 ml water
2 tbs chopped mint leaves
100 g baby leaf spinach
salt



natural yoghurt, lightly whisked to garnish (optional)

METHOD

1. Soak the chickpeas in cold water overnight. Drain, rinse and place in a saucepan. Cover with water and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 45 minutes or until just tender. Drain and set aside.
2. Heat the oil in the saucepan, add the onions and cook over a low heat for 15 minutes until lightly golden. Add the coriander, cumin, chilli powder, turmeric and curry powder and stir-fry for 1-2 minutes.
3. Add the tomatoes, sugar and the measured water and bring to the boil. Cover, reduce the heat and simmer gently for 15 minutes.
4. Add the chickpeas, season well and cook gently for 8-10 minutes. Stir in the chopped mint.
5. To serve, divide the spinach leaves among 4 shallow bowls and top with the chickpea mixture. Drizzle over some yoghurt, if desired, and serve immediately with steamed rice or bread.

from 200 Curries, Sunil Vijayakar

Wedding at the Crestwood Hall



On April 25th the Crestwood Hall was the venue for the wedding reception of Cheryl Dudgeon and Wayne Dunkley of Coronet Court. The Hall had been handsomely transformed in honour of the occasion. Cheryl gives us some background to the ceremony and includes one of the relationship stories she would like to share with others.



My wedding was a Buddhist wedding and Ajahn Brahm from the Serpentine Monastery came and gave us a traditional Buddhist celebration with the tying of the string to bind us together and blessed us with holy water. He talked about relationships and commitment and told three wonderful stories that rang true to most of the people who came to share this wonderful day with Wayne and me.

I will share one of the stories with you from his book *Opening the Door of your Heart* (Ajahn Brahm, 2008) titled "The chicken and the duck". This was a favourite story of my teacher, Ajahn Chah of northeast Thailand.

A newly married couple went for a walk together in a wood one fine summer's evening after dinner. They were having such a wonderful time being together until they heard a sound in the distance: *quack, quack!* "Listen," said the wife, "that must be a chicken". "No, no, that was a duck," said the husband. "No, I'm sure that was a chicken", she said. "Impossible. Chickens go 'Cock-a-doodle-doo'; ducks go 'Quack, Quack!' That's a duck darling", he said, with the first signs of irritation. Quack, quack!, it went again. "See", it's a duck", he said. "No dear, that's a chicken; I'm positive", she asserted, digging in her heels. "Listen, wife! That ... is ... a ... duck. DUCK! Got it?" he said angrily. "But it's a chicken", she protested. "It's a blooming duck, you, you ...". And it went *quack, quack!* again before he said something he oughtn't. The wife was almost in tears. "But it's a chicken." The husband saw the tears welling up in his wife's eyes



and, at last, remembered why he had married her. His face softened and he said gently, "Sorry, darling", I think you must be right. That is a chicken." "Thank you, darling", she said and she squeezed his hand. *Quack, quack,* came the sound through the woods as they continued their walk together in love.

The point of the story that the husband finally awakened to was: Who cares whether it is a chicken



or a duck? What was much more important was their harmony together, that they could enjoy their walk on such a fine summer's evening. How many divorces cite 'chicken' or 'duck' stuff. When we understand this story, we will remember our priorities. Marriage is more important than being right about whether it is a chicken or a duck. Anyway, how many times have we been absolutely, certainly and positively convinced we are right, only to find out afterward we were wrong? Who knows? That could have been a genetically modified chicken made to sound like a duck!

Submitted by Cheryl Dunkley of Coronet Court

Wanted

Someone to deliver the Crestwood News



Someone is still needed to deliver the *Crestwood News* to 65 houses on Regency Drive. The delivery takes no more than 45 minutes and is required once every two months. If you are looking to make a contribution to the running of the Crestwood Estate and to helping your fellow residents, this is your opportunity.

Those interested are asked to contact the Crestwood editor on 9459 2902 / crestwoodnews@iinet.net.au.

Forbidden Fruit

It is not only overhanging branches that can be dangerous

There have been a number of incidents where the fruit on trees overhanging the back fences of Crestwood residences have been picked and used as missiles. These have either been thrown back at the house with the tree, or thrown at adjacent houses. There has been at least one incident of a window being broken.

Residents with such trees, particularly those with large, heavy fruit such as lemons, are asked to either trim the trees back to the fence line or remove the overhanging fruit. This will, hopefully, avoid any problems in the future.



Swimming Pool Busy Bee

Keep Sunday the 18th of October free. There will be a busy bee at the swimming pool to set up the shade sails and bring out the deck chairs. The more people that make themselves available, the easier and quicker the work will be.

Pool Passes

Delivered with this newsletter you should have also received pool pass application forms along with the proposed timetable and the pool rules. Please read these carefully and return them as indicated.

Can You Help Fill in the Missing Faces?

Thornlie Primary School is 50 years old next year. Staff are looking for class photos of the years that are missing or lost. — There are quite a few.



If you have ANY photos of your children or grandchildren, please Contact Chris Wynen on 9459 8381. All photos will be scanned and returned ASAP.

2009 – 2010 Crestwood Homeowners fees

Under Option B, the 2nd instalment of \$395.00 is payable by 30th September 2009. The final payment is due on 31st December.

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.



Orienting Crestwood Style

This is a family-friendly event for 0-100 year olds. Come along on **Sunday, September 20th**, starting from 2pm at the Crestwood Hall.



Check for further details on the Hall notice board during the month of September.

Helpers are required. Please contact Sandra on 9452 1830. If you are a teenager, your assistance could contribute to your WACE community service.

In a Rut?

Try Avoiding Tree Removal During June, July and August

Residents are requested to try and keep tree removal to the warmer months as truck access into the parks has caused quite a few wheel ruts. These ruts all need filling with sand which can be time consuming. We understand that sometimes tree removal can't be avoided, but June, July and August are the months to try and miss. This still leaves nine months to carry out any of these projects.



THE CLIMBING TREE

Behind my home in Crestwood
There grows an old gum tree
I know this tree has magic
That no passing eye can see.

For often when I'm gardening
Or sweeping out the back
I hear some little voices
Up high having a yak.

They talk and chat and giggle
Just like some little birds
I love the sound their twitter makes
Though I can't hear the words.

The chatter is quite subtle
They rarely speak too loud
There's something strange that happens
With their heads up in the clouds.

Then I recall my childhood
And days I spent in trees
Hiding from my parents
And watching birds and bees.

Every child should have one
I'm glad it's close to me
Yes every child should know the joy
Of their own climbing tree.

Submitted by Robyn Davies of Grenadier Drive

Pruning Your Roses

Roses need to be pruned each winter. The object of pruning is to produce vigorous flower-bearing new growth. Pruning is also done to remove older unproductive and diseased wood and to help maintain rose bushes in desirable shapes.

In Perth, winter rose pruning is best done any time from late June through until mid August. You will need good quality, sharp secateurs, a pair of long handled secateurs or loppers and thick garden gloves. You may also want to make use of a pruning saw.

Hybrid tea roses, floribunda, miniature, shrub and rambling roses can simply be cut back to one-half their original height. Then tidy them up by removing any diseased older wood, crossing branches or branches growing into the centre of the bush. When you cut off branches, you always cut above an outward facing node. The cut should be on a slant away from the node so that water will drain away from it and not towards it. At pruning time, it is a good idea to strip the remaining foliage off roses and remove leaf litter from around the bushes. Immediately after pruning, give roses a winter spray with lime sulphur. This will help to control mites, aphids and fungal spores which can live on the canes over winter.

Standard roses are just a rose gown on a tall stem. Prune exactly the same as a normal bush rose. Just remember to prune only above the graft/crown. If you prune below it you will destroy your standard.

Weeping roses are best pruned by removing overcrowded branches and pruning back to about one third of their original length.

When pruning climbing roses, tip prune the main framework branches to contain their spread, and cut the secondary branches back by about one third to half their length. It is usually necessary to thin the secondary branches so that they are well spaced along the framework. If growing climbers on a fence or wall, finish off by tying branches out into a fan shape.

From Dawson's Garden World



GIFT IDEAS

Think about what makes a child's eyes light up on Christmas morning and pick at least one item from each 'something' to fill your shoe box.

- ♥ **Something to love** – teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.
- ♥ **Something to play with** – tennis ball, trucks & cars, finger puppet, jigsaw, yo-yo, building blocks, mouthorgan, skipping rope, marbles, sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, etc.
- ♥ **Something to write / draw with or on** – colouring pencils, crayons, pens, pencils, chalk, sharpener, eraser, pencil case, colouring book, notepad, stickers, puzzle book, activity book, etc.
- ♥ **Something for personal hygiene** – toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, hairclips, scrunchies, soap (in a sealed bag), face washer, etc.
- ♥ **Something to wear** – T-shirt, shorts, underwear, cap, beanie, sandals, thongs, etc.

DO NOT INCLUDE

- ✗ Second hand, damaged, used goods or clothing
- ✗ Chocolate, soft candy, Minties, marshmallows
- ✗ Medicines or vitamins of any kind
- ✗ Play money, playing cards, dominoes, plasticine / Play-dough
- ✗ Seeds, shells
- ✗ Liquids of any kind (including shampoo, shower gels, deodorant)
- ✗ Breakable items (glass, china, porcelain dolls, mirrors)
- ✗ Sharp items (i.e. knives, pointed scissors, razors)
- ✗ War related items
- ✗ Anything of a political, racial or religious nature

Operation Christmas Child is one of the initiatives of the charitable organisation called Samaritan's Purse. In addition to education, health, community and sanitation projects, the organisation asks for donations in the form of shoeboxes filled with gifts which are distributed at Christmas time. Only those gifts which can fit into one shoebox are asked for, not any more.

Last year, due to the joint efforts of thousands of individuals, 303,921 shoeboxes were collected for the Asia Pacific region from Australia and New Zealand. These were sent to countries like Thailand (66,413 shoeboxes), Cambodia (66,246), Vietnam (111,400), Papua New Guinea (19,413) and Fiji (34,553).

For every shoebox that is provided, there is an additional cost of \$8.00 needed to cover warehousing, transport and critical training programs for national teams in the countries that receive and then distribute the shoeboxes.

There are a number of ways you can help. You can prepare a shoebox yourself. Suggestions for gifts to include, and some to definitely avoid, can be found in the panel to the left. You can contribute gifts to someone who will collect them and include your contribution with others in a shoebox. Anyone who can knit, (beanies, for example) or sew simple garments may be interested in donating such garments for the shoebox. You can also help by contributing the \$8.00 required to ship the shoeboxes to their recipients.

If you will be preparing a shoebox yourself, these should be given to a collection centre by the end of September. If you will be donating items for a shoebox, these should be submitted earlier. All shoeboxes have to be checked and then sent to a distribution centre where they are checked again to make sure only allowed items have been included. In Crestwood completed shoeboxes or items for inclusion can be delivered to Chris Wynen. Please ring her on 9459 8381 to set up a convenient time to meet.

Some of the organisations which are involved with this programme in Australia are churches, schools, Guides, Lions Club, senior citizens groups and retirement villages.

Chris Wynen has been working with *Operation Christmas Child* for five years. She first got interested when she heard about it from volunteers who were previously involved and thought it was a wonderful idea. She started a project at Thornlie Primary School and has since involved other schools.

Chris is more than happy to collect shoeboxes or items from Crestwood residents, or donations of \$8.00 to cover the shipping costs. She will do the initial checking and, as she has done in the past, will add items if the shoeboxes are not complete. Asked if Crestwood residents have contributed before, she said that individual items have been given, and donations, but not full shoeboxes. She suggests that if anyone is interested, they can start looking for small items when they appear on sale in the shops. This can be done throughout the year.

When I asked if she had ever heard from someone who had received a shoebox from her, she said that a direct response was not something one could reasonably expect. The church or other sponsoring agency presents each donor with a Thank You certificate. Donors also have access to a DVD which records the distribution of the gifts so they can see the look on the children's faces when the shoebox is presented. She knows of an incident when one of the children, when presented with a shoebox, removed one item and then was getting ready to pass the shoebox on to the next child when he was told that everything in the box was for him. He was both surprised and delighted with this unexpected gift.

Text by the Editor



Samaritan's Purse

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Meeting needs...
Changing lives

LITTLE JOHNNY

Little Johnny's at it again!

1. A new teacher was trying to apply things she had learned in her psychology course. She started her class by saying, "Anyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up". After a few seconds, Little Johnny stood up. The teacher asked him, "Do you think you're stupid?" Little Johnny answered, "No ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself".

2. Little Johnny watched fascinated as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face. "Why do you do that, mummy?" he asked. "To make myself beautiful," said his mother. She then began removing the cream with a tissue. "What's the matter", Little Johnny asked. "Giving up already?"

3. Little Johnny's class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked on a bulletin board of the ten most wanted criminals. One of the children pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person. "Yes", said the policeman. "The detectives want to capture him very badly." Little Johnny asked, "Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture?"

Passed on to the Crestwood News by Taffy Ray

Ever wonder ...

1. Why you never see the headline, "Psychic Wins Lottery"?
2. Why is it that doctors call what they do 'practice'?
3. Why lemon juice is made with artificial flavour while dish washing detergent has real lemons?
4. Why the man who invests all your money is called a broker?
5. Why the time of day with the slowest traffic is called the 'rush hour'?
6. Why they sterilise the needle for lethal injections?
7. Why sheep don't shrink when it rains?
8. Why they call an airport a 'terminal' if flying is so safe?
9. Why the sun lightens our hair but darkens our skin?
10. Why there isn't mouse-flavoured cat food?

CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS

1. She sang 'I will not pass this way again' giving much pleasure to the congregation.
2. Sermon this evening: 'Jesus walks on water'. Sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus'.
3. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of the things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.
4. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
5. A bean supper will be held in the church hall on Tuesday evening. Music will follow.
6. Please place your donation in the envelope along with the diseased person you want remembered.
7. This evening at 7pm there will be a hymn singing in the park. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
8. Low self esteem support group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door

TIPS ON IMPROVING YOUR WRITING STYLE

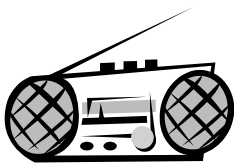
1. Never use a big word when a diminutive would suffice. Eschew obfuscation.
2. Avoid those run-on sentences that just go on, and on, and on, and never stop, but just keep rambling, worse than the Energizer Bunny that babbles incessantly. and you really wish the person would just stop writing.
3. Never go off on tangents, which are lines that intersect a curve at only one point and were discovered by Euclid, who lived in the sixth century, which was an era dominated by the Goths, who lived in what we now know as Poland ...
4. Excessive use of exclamation points can be disastrous!!!!
5. Never use that totally cool, radically groovy out-of-date slang.
6. Avoid tumbling off the cliff of triteness into the black abyss of overused metaphors.
7. The passive voice is to be avoided.
8. Resist hyperbole; not one writer in a million can use it correctly.
9. Analogies in writing are like feathers on a snake. Shed any idea of using them.
10. Last but not least, avoid clichés like the plague. They're old hat.

Actual Quotes from the Courtroom

- Q. What was the first thing your husband said to you when he awoke that morning?
A. He said, "Where am I Cathy?"
- Q. And why did that upset you?
A. My name is Susan.
- Q. How old is your son, the one living with you?
A. Thirty-eight or 39, I can't remember which.
- Q. And how long has he lived with you?
A. Forty-five years.
- Q. Did you blow your horn or anything?
A. After the accident?
- Q. Before the accident.
A. Sure. I played for ten years. I even went to school for it.
- Q. And is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent your attorney?
A. No, this is how I dress when I go to work.
- Q. Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people?
A. All of my autopsies have been performed on dead people.
- Q. Do you recall the time you examined the body?
A. The autopsy started at 8:30 am.
- Q. And Mr. Dennington was dead at the time?
A. No, he was sitting at the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy.
- Q. Before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?
A. No.
- Q. Did you check for blood pressure?
A. No.
- Q. Did you check for breathing?
A. No.
- Q. So then it is possible that the patient was alive when you performed the autopsy?
A. No.
- Q. How can you be so sure, doctor?
A. Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.
- Q. But could the patient have been alive nevertheless?
A. It is possible that he could have been alive and practising law somewhere.
- Q. How was your first marriage terminated?
A. By death.
- Q. And by whose death was it terminated?
A. By death.
- Q. You say the stairs went down to the basement?
A. Yes.
- Q. And did they also go up?



Do you end up helping your parents or grandparents set things up with their computers, televisions or mobile phones? You might have heard that digital radio is now available in Perth. In the event that you are asked to help sort things out with a new digital radio receiver (or simply answer questions about what the fuss is all about) you might like to do some research to be knowledgeable about this subject. A good place to start is the *How Stuff Works* site:



<http://electronics.howstuffworks.com/hd-radio.htm>

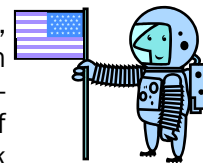
Some facts about radio

There are about 37 million radio sets in Australia.

Half of all radio listening happens at home and 20% happens in cars.

People spend more time listening to radio now than they did in early 1956 before TV was introduced in Australia.

As well as being the International Year of Astronomy, those who are interested in 'spacey' things are celebrating the 40th anniversary of the landing on the moon. Ask



your grandparents (or parents if they are old enough) where they were and what they were doing on July 20, 1969. Our parents remember watching the moon landing on TV at school. You can see footage of this event at www.youtube.com/watch?v=RMINS7MmT4

Good movies and docos that we've enjoyed watching about this kind of stuff are:

The Dish

October Sky (the book is really brilliant)

The Right Stuff

Apollo 13

The Space Race

Come along to the
Orienteering Crestwood Style
on Sunday September 20

see other notices for more details



Outdoor games to try

We seem to have gone a bit retro with this page, so we thought we'd add a bit about some 'timeless' neighbourhood games that would be great to try in and around the parks with a bunch of friends.



Shadowing — (a tracking and pursuit game)

You may have participated in this type of activity if you've been involved with Scouts. You need at least 6 people to play. One player is designated as "it" and gets a two-minute head start, followed by two "shadowers". After two more minutes of pursuit, one of the shadowers goes back to the remaining member of the group and starts them in the right direction. The second shadower continues to pursue the player who is "it", dropping pebbles, kernels of corn or something similar as clues to guide the group toward "it". "It" wins the game if not found within a predetermined period of time. You can add in variations such as allowing "it" to chase down and capture any shadowers that are seen or allowing ambushes to be set.

Walk by fiction — (using your imagination)

You'll need a notebook, pen and friend. Sit in an inconspicuous place in a park at a time when there are plenty of other people about. Carefully watch all the people and animals that you see. Pay particular attention to things that are peculiar to each individual such as the type of clothes they are wearing that might suggest something about their personality. Let your imagination run wild and make up stories around each person or animal. For more fun, try to get a story that has them meeting each other and interacting together. Please respect others and refrain from making fun of anyone you use as inspiration for a great story.



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LINGUISTIC PUZZLE: Tok Pisin

Persian

فارسی

اگر گفت و شنود بزبان انگلیسی برایتان مشکل است به سرویس ترجمه شفاهی وکتبی تلفن کنید. تلفن را قطع نکنید، حتماً جواب داده خواهد شد (هزینه این تلفن فقط برابر هزینه تلفن محلیست).

Korean

한국어

영어로 의사소통하는데 어려움이 있으시면 '번역 및 통역 봉사소'로 전화하십시오. 전화를 끊지 마시고 당신의 전화를 받을때까지 기다리십시오. (시내전화요금)

Khmer

ខ្មែរ

បើអ្នកមានការលំបាកក្នុងការនិយាយទាក់ទងគ្នា ជាភាសាអង់គ្លេស ចូរទូរស័ព្ទទៅមន្ទីរបកប្រែភាសា ។ សូមកុំដាក់ទូរស័ព្ទចុះ គេនឹងឆ្លើយតបទៅទូរស័ព្ទអ្នកមិនខាន (តម្លៃទូរស័ព្ទធម្មតាក្នុងតំបន់ទេ) ។

Thai

ไทย

ถ้าท่านมีความยากลำบากในการติดต่อเป็นภาษาอังกฤษ กรุณาโทรศัพท์หน่วยบริการ การแปลและล่ามอย่ารีบวางสาย ท่านจะได้รับคำแนะนำ (เสียค่าโทรศัพท์ตามอัตราที่ใช้ในท้องถิ่นเท่านั้น)

1. nau yu go
2. yu kam wantaim mi
3. bai mi go wantaim yu
4. mi stap long bus
5. yu stap long haus
6. mi go long taun asde
7. nau mi stap long haus bilong yu
8. yu laik go wantaim mi long bus
9. bai yu kam long bus
10. nau yu stap wantaim mi long taun
11. bai mi kam wantaim yu long taun
12. Ka bilong yu i nogut
13. Ka bilong mi i bagarap asde long bus
14. Asde mi go long haus bilong pikinini bilong mi.
15. Em i stap long haus.
16. Em i laik oraitim ka bilong mi.

1. You go now.
2. You come with me.
3. I'll go with you.
4. I am in [the] jungle.
5. You are in [the] house.
6. I went to town yesterday.
7. I am in your house now.
8. [Do] you want to go with me to [the] jungle?
9. You will come to the jungle.
10. You are with me in town.
11. I'll come to town with you.
12. Your car is no good.
13. My car broke down yesterday in [the] jungle.
14. Yesterday I went to my child's house.
15. He was in the house.
16. He wants to fix my car.

Can you discover the meaning of the words in Tok Pisin? 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.

Tok Pisin (Talk Pidgin) is the pidgin language used in Papua New Guinea. The vocabulary is overwhelmingly English, although there are words adopted from German and the local indigenous languages as well. The grammar is not English grammar. Tenses (past, present, future) are shown by specific words, as is possession. There is also a particle which appears before verbs and adjectives when the subject of the sentence is a third person pronoun or a noun — 'he' and 'car' in the data here.

There are a number of words which appear in English which do not appear in Tok Pisin. These are shown in brackets [] in the English translation. ANSWERS IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE CRESTWOOD NEWS.

jungle

house

town

car

child

you/your

I/me/my

he

's/(your, my)/possessive

with

in/to

no good

to be (am, are, was)

go

come

want to

break down

fix

now/present tense

'll, will/future tense

yesterday/past tense

particle preceding verbs and adjectives in sentences with 3rd person subjects

Malay: man *lelaki*, woman *perempuan*, mother *emak*, father *bapa*, shop *kedai*, afternoon *petang*, I/my *saya*, she *dia*, what *apa*, expensive *mahal*, good *sedap*, this *ini*, that *itu*, there *sana*, at/in *di*, want *mahu*, to drink *minum*, eat/eating *makan*, cooking *masak*, sitting *duduk*, noun suffix *-in*, noun prefix (the one who does something) *pe-*

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The Don Russell Performing Arts Centre is a professional theatre located next to the Forest Lakes Shopping Centre on Murdoch Road in Thornlie. A number of professional shows are presented throughout their season.

The Centre will be closed for renovations during September, but prior to closing it will host *Masina Miller*, the body and soul songstress, on Wednesday morning, 19 August at 11 am, and the *Doug de Vries and Diana Clark Trio* on Friday evening, 28 August at 8 pm.

For more information and booking you can go to the Gosnells website, www.gosnells.wa.gov.au, you can call, 9493 4577 between 9am and 5pm, or you can visit the box office between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

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