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Deadline for the next **Crestwood News** is **4 December 2009**. Please send reports, announcements, notices, ads, articles and photos to Malcolm as early as possible before this date: 24 Coronet Court
crestwoodnews@iinet.net.au

A Few Issues of Note

But Looking Forward to a Great Summer Season

I am pleased to advise that everything has settled down staff-wise and with reticulation maintenance. With the coming summer months everything is on track for the pool opening and commencement of the reticulation season.

Please take steps to ensure the reticulation system on your property is working properly by checking it during the Sunday tests. This is essential to ensure your own property, the neighbouring property, and other homes on the same station are receiving adequate water and pressure.

A recurring problem is dogs roaming unleashed. In recent weeks there have been a number of dogs wandering the parks that appear to have escaped from their homes. Please, if you have a dog that gets out of your yard take steps to prevent this from happening.

If you are walking your dog in the parks please ensure that it is kept on a leash as required by council regulation. Please note that the rangers regularly do patrols of the parks at various times to monitor for stray dogs and those not on leashes.

Another issue of concern has been a few instances of teenagers causing explosions, generally in the underpasses. They start a small fire using rags, old clothing or bits of paper then put an aerosol can on it. The heat causes the gas to expand and the can explodes. Our gardener, Grant, has found a number of aerosol cans around the parks and gardens. So I would ask that if you see anyone carrying aerosol cans, old clothes or paper ring the police on 13 14 44 and report it.

Should you become aware that some type of explosive device has been detonated in a home yard or park on the estate please contact the gardener and let him know. An incident was recently reported to the Committee where an explosion propelled a bottle out of a yard into the park at the rear of the home.

Parents please take the time to speak to your children and explain the dangers of mixing of chemicals or experimenting with explosives. This could result in fire, physical injury from flying debris, burns and permanent disability or disfigurement to the person or persons causing the explosion or to passersby.

I look forward to a great summer season.

Trevor Davis, President, Crestwood Homeowners Association

A Unique Way of Life

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Police Non-emergency			T: 131 444
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Crimestoppers			T: 1800 333 000
Join e-WATCH	ewatch@gosnells.wa.gov.au		

WELCOME TO CRESTWOOD

Erin Edwards 30 Grenadier Drive

FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES

Irene Carpenter 30 Grenadier Drive

ADVERTISING RATES

½ page:	1 issue \$ 40; 3 issues \$ 100
¼ page:	1 issue \$ 20; 3 issues \$ 50
⅛ page:	3 issues \$ 25

The *Crestwood News* is a 16 page newsletter published bi-monthly. It is distributed free to the 295 households on the Crestwood Estate in Thornlie. An additional 30 copies go out to owners who let their properties and do not live on the estate.

If you would like to advertise in the *Crestwood News*, phone the editor, 9459 2902, or email crestwoodnews@iinet.net.au to discuss submission of your ad. You will be invoiced for the full amount after your ad first appears in the newsletter.

**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.

To start this report off I would like to welcome Grant to the position of our full-time gardener after the previous one left us. I'm sure Grant will be good for Crestwood and do a great job.

Parks & Reticulation

One other person I wish to thank is Taffy for making herself available to come in and sort our reticulation out after the mainline replacement. As was expected, the replacement line and redesign has increased pressures in all stations. It took time to run tests on these stations. After this we had to swap a few houses from their old stations to new positions. These people have been notified of the changes and hopefully will be happy with the better pressure. Here's hoping we have a good reticulation season.

On Saturday the 26th the parks were sprayed for clover and bindii. We know this was done late in the season but with the rain we have had this winter it was hard to get it done. Thanks to MultiTurf for giving their Grand Final Day up to do the job for us.

The only other thing I wish to ask is that all residences take a look out their back fence and please clean up the strip of land between the path and back fence. This has always been a problem area for us to control. Grant is having trouble in some places when blowing down the paths after mowing. This also causes a problem for people who walk in the parks.

To finish I would like to thank everyone for their help. Now it is time for the warm days to roll on. It has been a cold wet winter, much needed for our water supplies. However, enough is enough.

Rob Wilson, Committee Member for Parks and Reticulation

Recent approvals by the Committee of the Crestwood Homeowners Association.

Aesthetics

1. [A residence on Princeton Court]:

Thank you for your letter 6th September 2009 requesting the Committee's approval to remove a tree from your property. The tree is beginning to cause damage to the wall and this will only get worse over time, The Committee agrees that the tree should be removed and approves your request.

If vehicle access is required into the park to remove the tree please contact Grant, the gardener, to make the necessary arrangements, Grant or Rob Wilson may be able to recommend a contractor to remove the tree for you.

John Rushton, Committee Member for Aesthetics

My, how things can change in a year! This time last year I wrote how I was spending up big to get the pool all in order to keep the bureaucrats happy. This year I've sat back and hardly had to lift a finger. The wintering program went well, although somewhere along the line the duck ramp I built disappeared. Maybe someone could come up with a better idea for next winter.

Pool

The pool opens on the 25th of October. Let's hope the weather starts to improve soon. On Sunday the 18th, at 2:00pm, I've organised a busy bee to set up the sails and set out the chairs etc. I hope some of you can come down and help out.

Also, this will definitely be my last term on the committee. If you are interested in pools and/or the running of the estate please consider giving this a go. Two years ago I tried to stand down sighting work and family commitments. It is now becoming imperative that I put more of my energies into work. In saying that, I will not drop the ball and run should someone be interested. I am willing to give support and help out where I can. Because of the work put in last year, the pool is now a lot less work. The YMCA also now understand how we operate and this leaves less to the committee to worry about. A new person may also want to present and develop some fresh ideas. Please call me anytime if you wish to learn more.

If I don't see you on the 18th I'm sure we'll bump into each other around our little oasis or in our wonderful parks as we all venture out of hibernation.

Trevor Veen, Committee Member for the Aquatic Centre (6436 1599 / 0424 743 593)

INCIDENT REPORT

Incidents reported on the Crestwood Estate

No incidents have been reported to the *Crestwood News*



Security Lighting

Security lighting helps prevent crime

Burglars do not like to be seen. Keep your home well lit with security lights or garden and porch lights. This is one of the simplest steps you can take to protect your home.

Which type of lighting is best for you?

There are many types of security lighting products on the market and what is right for you will depend on many factors such as your budget or size of your house.

Movement activated lights are often an ideal, cost-effective solution. Mount both the light and the sensor out of reach so intruders cannot easily damage them.

External Lighting

Use lighting around your home that is activated by movement sensors. These are designed to come on when someone walks outside your home after dark.

Secure meter box

It makes little sense to go to the trouble of installing security lighting if your meter box is insecure. Fit a locked, meter box with a viewing window. This can be accessed by you and your electricity provider.

Office of Crime Prevention

POLICE WATCH - Thornlie

from the *Comment News*

Break-ins Forest Lakes Dr (commercial), Finsbury Dr (2), Sage Rd, Yale Rd, Tremlett St. (18 August)

Break-ins Ovens Rd, Spencer Rd (both commercial), Empire Way; motor vehicle theft Martindale Ave, Ravensden St (25 August)

Break-ins Grenadier Dr (1 September)

Break-ins Spencer Rd (commercial), Corriedale Pl, Marden Rd, Tremlett St; Motor vehicle theft Marden Rd, Yale Rd (8 September)

Break-ins Forest Cres, Spencer Rd (both commercial), Banksia Circle, Kellar Way, Thornlie Ave, Shillington Way; motor vehicle theft Regal Dr, Spring Rd (15 September)

Break-ins Finsbury Dr, Mercer Pl, Forest Cres (22 September)

Break-ins Berehaven Ave, Bottlebrush Dr, Kenmare Ave, Penhurst Crt, Spencer Rd (2), Storey Rd, Gunn Crt, McNamara Dr, Sutherland Dr, Yale Rd (2); motor vehicle theft Discovery Dr, Matthew Way, Spencer Rd; Graffiti damage Ningaloo Way (29 September)

Safe Handling of Potting Mixes, Garden Soils and Composts

Potting mixes, composts and soils can be harmful to your health if you do not take some simple precautions. A group of organisms, called *Legionella*, is found in these materials and can cause serious illness. *Legionella longbeachae* is one species known to cause a type of pneumonia infection in humans. The information below will help you avoid the disease.

Symptoms of Legionella infection

Legionella infection usually develops two to ten days after exposure and some or all of the following symptoms may be experienced:

- fever / chills / a cough which may be dry or may produce sputum / aching muscles / headache / tiredness / loss of appetite / diarrhoea

It is always difficult to distinguish *Legionella* infection from other types of pneumonia by symptoms alone and other medical tests are required to diagnose the disease.

How to avoid Legionella infection

Due to the widespread use of potting mixes, soils and other garden products, there is no guaranteed way of stopping infection. However, these simple precautions should be followed when handling such materials:

- Always wear gloves
- Keep the mix damp while in use
- Avoid inhaling the mix
- Wash your hands thoroughly after use

How is Legionella organism spread

Recent studies show that the most likely cause of transmission of *Legionella longbeachae* is from hand to

mouth. It may also be possible that *Legionella* infection is contracted by breathing in fine particles of dust or water carrying the organism but this is not proven. Unlike other micro-organisms, *Legionella* infection is not contagious.

Who gets Legionella infection?

People of any age may be infected. However, the disease is opportunistic. It often affects middle aged and older persons and those whose immune system is weak. There is an increased risk of acquiring this disease if you smoke, have chronic lung disease, diabetes, HIV or if you are on certain long-term medication. *Legionella* infection is not limited to gardeners but the use of potting mixes, composts and other soils puts them at greater risk.

Can I be infected by Legionella more than once?

Tests show that your body is able to develop immunity against a second infection, but how long immunity lasts is unknown. It is, therefore, important to take care at all times.

Can the growth of Legionella organisms be prevented?

Legionella micro-organisms occur naturally and are widespread in the environment. There is no known way of preventing *Legionella* from multiplying in composted bark, sawdust, plant and vegetable materials or other finished potting mixes and garden soils.

When working in your garden remember ...

Always wear gloves
Keep the mix damp while in use
Avoid inhaling the mix
Wash your hands thoroughly after use

Environmental Health Directorate, Department of Health, WA

Committee Business:

Parks and Reticulation: Work on the reticulation mainline is now complete. Discrepancies in the diameter of the pipes has now been corrected. This may require juggling of stations to accommodate possible water pressure changes. Taffy is to be asked to work for three days to run tests with the current gardeners.

The 'lost' cross pipe has been found, remapped and connected. Bore 3 won't start on auto, and this is to be checked by an electrician. The pump for Bore 5 is now back in and ready for connection.

The asbestos mainline pipe has been checked and appears to still be in very good condition. The wiring also looks good. This has raised the question regarding the necessity of further mainline replacement work. The replacement programme is now in review. If no further money needs to be used for mainline replacement, should this then be redirected to the construction of limestone walls for the underpasses?

In reply to questions from Crestwood, the Water Corporation indicated that no increase in water allocation is available without an increase in land area. Additionally, Crestwood will be required to fit water meters at some point in the future. A notice will also be provided regarding renewal of our water licence.

The timing of lights in the park has been adjusted. Further follow-up on replacing the murals in our underpasses is to be made with Thornlie Senior High School next year.

Aesthetics: A letter is to be written to the City of Gosnells to advise of the intention to remove a tree in Princeton Court.

Follow-up is being made on two issues of complaint: a fence in disrepair and a patio exceeding the building boundary.

Pool: The Winter programme has run ok. Work is soon to begin on preparation for pool passes for the coming season.

Finances: Note was made of the retirement of Ron Halperin of HFM Legal. Aranaea Ayers will now be responsible for Crestwood matters. The contact person still remains the same: Jennifer Clemence.

Social: A family oriented event is scheduled for Sunday, 20 September, from 2pm. Volunteers will be required to help run the event.

General Business: An appendix of important dates and information is to be prepared by the Secretary as information becomes available.

A policy on staff use of computers is still to be prepared and the stocktake is still to be completed.

August 2009**Committee Business:**

Parks and Reticulation: Further issues regarding Graeme Singleton came to light prior to his dismissal. Soon after he was let go, he sent an email to the Committee which was replied to. A new contract has now been made for Grant Douglas as full-time gardener with the probation period not relevant in this instance.

Watering tests have been done for the parks with tests for the stations still to be completed. The pressure release valves have to be adjusted.

Requests have been made for the spraying of bindii and clover. After discussions on this matter, MultiTurf is to be asked to spray for Bindii.

Aesthetics: One request for information on fence replacement was made and the relevant information and form have been provided.

Pool: Pool pass request forms were distributed with the July-August issue of the *Crestwood News*.

Finances: Discussions were held regarding the honoraria to be provided for those helping with the running of the estate. For consistency, a decision was taken to make such honoraria set at a percentage of annual fees. For the editor of the *Crestwood News* this was set at 40% and for the Crestwood Hall Hire coordinator, 20%.

General Business: An explosion fuelled by aerosol cans occurred in Underpass B. The incident was reported to the police who are to visit the Thornlie Senior High School. The culprits are believed to be students from the school.

Trevor Davis expressed thanks for the flowers received.



Barbecues for Summer

Barbecued Beef Ribs

Ingredients

1.5 kg beef ribs

Marinade

2 tbs soy sauce

6 tbs olive oil

2 tbs hot mustard

1 tbs lemon juice

½ tps chilli powder

1 clove garlic, crushed



thick slices of onion
freshly ground pepper

METHOD

1. Cut ribs into serving pieces. Place in a deep bowl.
2. Combine soy sauce, oil, mustard, lemon juice, chilli powder, garlic and pepper. Pour over marinade and wedge a few slices of thick onion between pieces of beef. Marinate for 24 hours, turning from time to time.
3. Barbecue over hot coals for about 20 minutes or until done.

Serves 4-6

Orange Flavoured Pork Spareribs

Ingredients

1.5 kg pork spareribs

Marinade

¼ cup soy sauce

¼ cup orange marmalade

½ cup orange juice

½ cup white wine

2 cloves garlic

½ tps ground ginger

METHOD

1. Place ribs in a shallow dish.
2. Simmer all other ingredients in a saucepan until slightly reduced. Pour over ribs and marinate for several hours. Drain and dry ribs. Reserve marinade.
3. Barbecue spareribs for about 1½ hours or until golden brown. Turn and baste regularly with reserved marinade.
4. Serve on a bed of watercress and sliced oranges.

Serves 4

Barbecued Tuna Steaks

Ingredients

4 thick tuna steaks

Marinade

¼ cup teriyaki sauce

2 shallots, chopped

1 tbs oil

2 tps minced, fresh ginger

½ tps grated orange rind



METHOD

1. Place tuna steaks in a single layer in a shallow pan.
2. Combine teriyaki sauce, shallots, oil, ginger and orange rind. Pour over fish. Marinate 45 minutes, turning occasionally. Remove the fish, reserving the marinade.
3. Place fish on the grill about 18 cm from hot coals. Brush frequently with reserved marinade. Cook five minutes on each side or until fish flakes easily with a fork.

Serves 4

Barbecued Chicken Thighs

Ingredients

4 chicken thighs

Marinade

¾ cup teriyaki sauce

¼ cup unsweetened pineapple juice.

METHOD

1. Bone chicken thigh, leaving skins intact. Rinse and pat dry. Place in a large plastic bag.
2. Combine teriyaki sauce and pineapple juice. Pour mixture over chicken in bag, press out the air and tie up.
3. Refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight, turning the bag occasionally. Remove chicken from marinade and place on barbecue about 20 cm from moderate coals. Cook about 45 minutes or until a meat thermometer inserted into the thickest part registers 85°C. Turn frequently.

Serves 2

Butterflied Leg of Lamb

Ingredients

1½ kg leg of lamb, butterflied

Marinade

½ cup olive oil

½ cup lemon juice

2 tbs red wine vinegar



2 cloves garlic, crushed

2 tbs fresh parsley, chopped

1 tbs fresh oregano leaves (½ tsp dried)

METHOD

1. Place lamb in a large shallow dish. Stir in remaining ingredients and refrigerate for several hours or overnight.
2. Remove leg and reserve marinade. Barbecue lamb until tender. Brush with reserved marinade.

Serves 6

The Disappearing Trampoline

I had an interesting thing happen here one Saturday night in August. Sunday morning I get up and the Chinese girl who is living in the house is all upset because her kid's "jumping bed" is gone. I realised she was talking about the trampoline and sure enough when I looked out our trampoline was indeed missing. It is not a small one but middle to big in size. She was really upset thinking I should have locked the gate etc. I assured her even if the gate was locked people could come over the fence as it is only about 1.5 metres high. I was perplexed to say the least.

The Chinese girl heard noises at 12:30am and as she looked out she saw a group of boys and girls who also saw her and threw things at her. So I am thinking the trampoline is either in the park somewhere or the group of kids had a truck parked in the street and in that case it is certainly gone. I was sure it had to be somewhere. I was thinking those who took it were probably more pranksters than thieves. So I looked in the park closest to the house but it was not there.

I left for church and as I drove slowly down the street and came to the overpass I looked and there was my trampoline hanging over the brick wall of another residence. I stopped and mentioned to the resident that that must be my trampoline. The homeowner very kindly helped me get it off his wall and back to my yard. Of course my Chinese 'daughter' was relieved to see it back. Such are the pranks of a younger and bolder generation on a Saturday night!

A resident on Regency Drive

Thank You

On 17 August 2009 I worked as a volunteer collector for ADRA. I covered a big portion of Crestwood, including both sides of Grenadier Drive. I also distributed 200 ADRA pamphlets. ADRA is short for Adventist Development and Relief Agency where all the collectors help without getting paid for their time and work.

ADRA helps to take care of needy people in Australia and most countries of the world. I was able to collect \$511.25. My thanks to all the kind people who were able to give to ADRA and the needy.

Fran Rozendaal, Regency Drive

Unleased Dogs

My wife and I were walking around Coronet Court during the late afternoon on a Wednesday in early August when we were attacked from nowhere by a white and brown Spaniel. We had to try to defend ourselves with an umbrella.

Previously when walking our dog (now deceased), we were attacked twice by two different dogs within a two week period. The Council prosecuted the owner of one of them and he was fined \$1,000. This was the minimum fine and the ranger said that the maximum fine can be up to \$10,000 for a dog attack or a dog off a lead whether anyone is injured or not.

The ranger told me that the Council want to prosecute every case like this and would have preferred to have used the \$10,000 option on the previous attack, but we insisted he keep the fine to the minimum of \$1,000 on that occasion.

Something needs to be done about this situation before someone is really injured, including small kids that play in their gardens at the front and rear of their houses.

A resident on Regency Drive

Love in a Shoebox

A big thank you to all the residents who have donated full shoeboxes and also paid the freight. Your help and generosity is much appreciated for this worthy cause. (See poem on page 8.)

Chris Wynen, Regency Drive

PERSONAL

NOTICES

Congratulations

to Maria and Emile Van der Linden of Coronet Court on the birth of their granddaughter, Bronte Louisa.

Get Well

The Crestwood community wishes Harry Brophy of Coronet Court all the best for a continuing speedy recovery from his operation.

Swimming Pool Busy Bee

Keep Sunday the 18th of October free. There will be a busy bee at the swimming pool at 2:00pm 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.

Contact Trevor Veen, 9493 3021

Revisiting the Rear of our Properties

Once again residents are asked to examine the rear of their properties, the part between their back fences and the park. It is this area that tends to be ignored by the homeowner, but is very much on show to everyone playing in the parks or walking along the pathways.

Please ensure that this area is kept neat and tidy, and that there are no overhanging branches which could interfere with walkers or cyclists.

A SHOEBOX

We have gathered on this special day
And told a surprise is on its way.
We wait in the cold, the heat or the rain.
Will it come by road, air or train?
Maybe a donkey, canoe or a truck?
Any way will do, we can't believe our luck.

As I look around with eyes that stare
I know someone, somewhere really does care.

Our hearts beat faster, the waiting is done.
The cargo arrives, there's more than a ton.
A shoebox each, we do receive
From heaven above I do believe.
Such pretty paper wrapped around
What's inside will be found.

As I look at this box with eyes that stare
I know someone, somewhere really does care.

All agog and eyes open wide
We all wonder what's inside.
The top comes off, what do I see?
A whole bunch of stuff just for me.
I take a peep at all that's there,
Balls, toys, pencils and something to wear.

As I look in this box with eyes that stare
I know someone, somewhere really does care.

Much, much more if I dig deep
And all I'm told for me to keep.
With big wide eyes and a huge big grin
I wonder what else is hidden within.
As I cuddle my teddy and lay down my head
Today I don't mind if I haven't a bed.

As I hold this box with eyes that stare
I know SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE really
does CARE.

Chris Wynen
2009

Crestwood 20s Club

Our next function will be on Sunday, 8 November. Details of this outing will be distributed to members shortly. Hopefully it will be an outing, possibly using a bus or, if there are insufficient numbers or it is too costly, private cars.

Any Crestwood resident who has owned a home on the estate for at least 20 years is given membership in the Club, so if you are eligible and have not previously joined, let me know and we will be happy to include you.

Looking forward to catching up with everyone once again.

Margaret Davies; Telephone 9459 4115, Mobile 0409 919 350; email 2mardav@globaldial.com

Time to Check Your Sprinklers

With the start of the reticulation season, it is important that each homeowner check to see that there are no broken, missing or clogged sprinklers on the property. Such sprinklers will not only have an affect on your garden, but will also affect the other properties which are watered at the same time



Controlling Mosquitoes

There are almost 100 species of mosquitoes in Western Australia and many of them can be serious pests, interfering with leisure

time and outdoor activities. Mosquito bites cause discomfort and pain, particularly to babies and others with sensitive skin. Only female mosquitoes bite. They need blood to be able to develop their eggs. While taking blood, infected mosquitoes can pass on disease-causing viruses and parasites. Exposure to large numbers of mosquitoes may increase the chance of being infected with a mosquito-borne disease.

Mosquitoes breed in standing water, such as may occur in old car tyres and other water-holding containers, pot-plant drip trays, septic and water tanks, roof gutters, domestic ponds, etc. By eliminating these breeding sites you can help to permanently reduce mosquito numbers in your backyard.

During summer the life cycle from egg to flying adult mosquito takes 7 to 10 days. In colder months the life cycle may take several weeks.

You can help eliminate breeding areas in your backyard

- » Dispose of all containers which hold water.
- » Keep ornamental ponds stocked with mosquito-eating fish, e.g. goldfish. Keep the margins free of vegetation.
- » Keep swimming pools well chlorinated and filtered and free of dead leaves.
- » Fill or drain depressions in the ground that hold water.
- » Vent pipes on septic tank systems must be fitted with a mosquito proof cowl. Seal all gaps in the lid and ensure leach drains are completely covered.
- » Screen rainwater tanks and/or add paraffin oil to cover the surface. Ensure guttering does not hold water.
- » Empty pot plant drip trays once a week or fill with sand. Empty and clean animal and pet drinking water once a week.
- » Some pot plants (especially bromeliads) hold water in their leaf axils. These should be emptied of water once a week.

Residual pyrethroid sprays, e.g. deltamethrin, permethrin, can be used to further reduce nuisance mosquitoes. However, this should not replace the prevention of backyard breeding which is much more effective.

Avoid being bitten

- » In your **house**, make sure all doors and windows are screened. Doors should be self-closing and open outward.
- » When **camping**, screen your tents, use repellents containing DEET and wear protective clothing.
- » When participating in **outdoor activities**, take protec-

tive measures when mosquitoes are most prevalent.

- » Recognise and avoid **areas of mosquito activity**, such as swamps, salt marshes and billabongs.

Disease

Worldwide, mosquito-borne viruses and parasites are major causes of human and animal sickness and death. In WA, the main mosquito-borne diseases of concern are:

1. *Ross River Virus*

Infected people may develop a disease called Epidemic Polyarthritis, commonly known as Ross River virus infection. Symptoms may continue for several months or even years in unlucky individuals. In epidemic years, there may be hundreds of people affected in WA.

2. *Barmah Forest Virus*

This virus appears to be a relatively recent introduction to WA and causes a disease with very similar symptoms to Ross River virus infection.

3. *Australian Encephalitis*

This is a rare but serious disease occurring in the northern half of WA. In severe cases, brain damage or paralysis or death may result.

4. *Dog Heartworm*

This disease of dogs is caused by a parasitic worm which, in large numbers, can clog the heart and seriously affect the blood flow.

5. *Malaria and Dengue Fever*

Two other diseases, malaria and dengue fever, have previously occurred in WA and could be reintroduced given the right conditions. In the case of malaria, travellers should protect themselves from mosquitoes while overseas and take malaria tablets. The mosquito which carries dengue virus is no longer in WA and is less likely to be reintroduced with the elimination of backyard breeding areas.

What are local and state governments doing?

The Health Department of WA in collaboration with local government conducts mosquito control programs in areas where mosquitoes are suspected of carrying disease. However, in spite of these programs, Ross River virus and Barmah Forest virus will always be a threat because they occur in natural cycles between mosquitoes and animals, and it is simply not possible to eliminate all mosquitoes. Therefore, it is important for people to take personal measures to reduce the risk of contracting disease and to reduce the breeding of nuisance mosquitoes.

Further Information

For further information concerning mosquitoes and their control, please call your local government Environmental Health Office or Mosquito-borne Disease Control, Environmental Health Directorate, PO Box 8172, Perth Business Centre WA 6849; Telephone 9385 6001

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Environmental Health Directorate,
Department of Health, WA*

What You Need to Know About **BUSHFIRES**

BUSHFIRES

FEATURES

Bushfires are, unfortunately, a common occurrence throughout Australia during the hot summer months. All of us remember vividly the scenes which played out on television of the Victorian bushfires less than a year ago. While bushfires may come close to Thornlie, it is extremely unlikely that homes in Crestwood will be threatened by such an event. It is, nonetheless, informative to know how such fires may threaten homes, and what to do in case you are caught up in such a situation, if not while at home, then possibly while on holidays. The following information was taken from the FESA brochure, *Should I Stay or Should I Go*.

Bush Fires Are Dangerous

Bush fires are a natural part of the Australian environment, however, they can be extremely dangerous and can pose a threat to lives and property. To help protect you and your home against a bush fire, it is important to understand some important facts.

Fuel

During the hot bushfire season, bushland is covered with vegetation that provides fuel for fires — long, dry grass, parched native shrubs, dead leaves and twigs. Around the home, dried grasses, leaves, twigs and bark provide fuel for a fire. The fuel contributes to how hot the fire becomes (its intensity) and how fast it spreads.

Embers

While the fire front may not reach your home, it can still be damaged by burning embers carried on strong winds.



Embers landing on materials that easily burn are often the cause of small fires around the home.

Gaps and openings in roofing, walls, evaporative air conditioners, windows

and doors allow embers to enter your house and start a fire. Research has shown that ember attack is the main reason that houses ignite during a bush



fire and embers continue to be a risk for some time after the fire front has passed.

Radiant Heat

Bush fires generate extreme heat. This radiated heat can kill people,

plants and animals. It is the main cause for loss of life in a bushfire. Radiant heat may not directly ignite buildings, however, it can crack and break windows which will allow embers to enter.

Direct Flame Contact

Direct flame contact can occur when materials next to

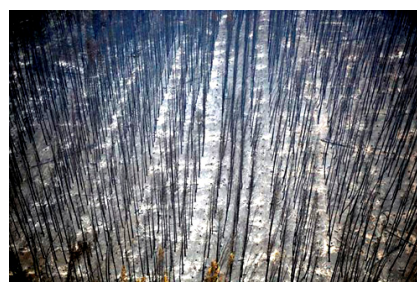
the house ignite resulting in flames touching the outside of the building. The length of time that direct fire contact lasts depends on the amount of fuel there is to burn.

Wind

Generally, strong winds accompany bushfires. As the wind increases, so does the fire's intensity. The wind pushes flames closer to unburnt fuel, making the fire travel faster. Embers and other burning materials are also carried by the wind which can have a damaging effect on homes several hundred metres from the fire front.

During a Bush Fire it is Common for the Following Events to Occur

- Before the main fire front approaches, your home will be surrounded by showers of sparks and embers. This may continue for several hours. Embers will collect in corners and will need to be extinguished.
- It is likely that there will be strong winds. As the fire gets close, burning leaves and bark will begin to land around you.
- Thick, heavy smoke will make it dark and visibility will be poor. Breathing may also be difficult. Your eyes may become sore and reddened.
- It will be very hot and you will need to wear protective clothing.
- Noise generated by the fire will be very loud and some people will find this disturbing. You will hear the burning, crackling and roaring of the fire combined with the roaring of the wind. The sounds and sirens of emergency vehicles may also be heard.
- Services such as electricity, telephone and water will most likely be interrupted.
- The fire front



spot fires.

passing your home will most likely last only 5 to 15 minutes and that is when the radiant heat will be at its highest. During this time it will be necessary to monitor the inside of your home for

Speeches

1. Harry is in the middle of a speech when someone at the back calls out, "I can't hear you!" Someone at the front calls back, "Could we swap places?"
2. I say to you, as Henry VIII said to each of his wives, "I shan't keep you long".
3. A guest speaker is trying to make himself heard over the racket of a boisterous rugby club dinner. He complains to the president sitting next to him, "It's so noisy I can't hear myself speak". "I wouldn't worry about it," replies the president. "You're not missing anything."
4. After that speech I feel refreshed and inspired. It's amazing what a short nap can do.
5. I would like to praise the committee here. In other clubs half the committee does all the work and the other half is completely hopeless, but here it is the reverse.
6. They asked me to talk about something off the top of my head, so here goes a speech about dandruff.
7. A politician has been making a speech for over an hour. A man joins his friend outside the venue. "Is he still speaking," asks the friend. "Yes," replies the man. "What's he talking about?" asks the friend. The man replies, "He didn't say."
8. Making a speech is like having a baby. Fun to conceive, but hell to deliver.
9. After such a tremendous welcome, I can hardly wait to hear what I have to say.
10. I won't say our next speaker is popular, but when he passes away I predict that hundreds, if not thousands of people will attend his funeral just to make sure he really is dead.

The Supernatural

1. A woman comes home from a psychic fair with a crystal ball she just bought. "How much was that?" her husband asks. "Seventy five dollars," the woman answers. "Seventy five!" the husband says. "They must have seen you coming."
2. All those who believe in psychokinesis raise my hand.
3. Tonight's meeting of the clairvoyants society has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.
4. The secretary says to her boss, "Excuse me sir, but the Invisible Man is waiting outside." The boss answers, "Tell him I can't see him."
5. Telepath wanted. You know where to apply.

That Light Bulb Again

1. How many actors does it take to change a light bulb? — Just one. They don't like to share the spotlight.
2. How many chiropractors does it take to change a light bulb? — Only one, but it takes 15 visits.
3. How many civil servants does it take to change a light bulb? — Forty-five. One to change the bulb and 44 to do the paperwork.
4. How many cops does it take to screw in a light bulb? — None. It turned itself in.
5. How many politicians does it take to change a light bulb? — Two. One to change it and the other to change it back again.

It's All a Question of Money

1. A worker approaches his employer and holds up his last pay packet. "This is two hundred dollars short," he says. "I know," says the employer, "but last week I overpaid you two hundred dollars and you didn't say anything." "Well," says the worker. "I don't mind an occasional mistake, but when it gets to be a habit, I feel I have to call it to your attention."
2. A study of economics usually reveals that the best time to buy anything is last year.
3. A couple are arguing over money. "Do you know," says the man, "that if it weren't for my money this house wouldn't be here?" "Yes," says his wife. "And if it weren't for your money, neither would I."
4. Bill staggers exhausted into his house. "What's wrong with you?" asks his wife. "I thought I'd save the \$2.50 bus fare by running behind the bus," says the husband. "You idiot," says the wife. "If you'd run home behind a taxi, you would have saved \$25.00."
5. A beggar walks up to a well-dressed woman out shopping. "I haven't eaten anything in four days," he says. She looks at him and says, "God, I wish I had your will power."
6. No matter how hard we try, we never have enough money. Our neighbours are always buying something we can't afford.
7. A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don't need it (*Bob Hope*).
8. My father was stupid. He worked in a bank and they caught him stealing pens (*Rodney Dangerfield*).
9. I have enough money to last me the rest of my life, unless I buy something (*Jackie Mason*).
10. I used to sell furniture for a living. Unfortunately it was my own (*Les Dawson*).

Off to the Dentist

1. I've been to the dentist many times, so I know the drill.
2. My cavity wasn't fixed by my regular dentist, but by the guy who was filling in.
3. For a visit to the orthodontist, the boy had to brace himself.
4. A dentist and a manicurist fought tooth and nail.
5. The sad dentist looked down in the mouth.

And Now to School

1. To write with a broken pencil is pointless.
2. There once was a cross-eyed teacher who couldn't control his pupils.
3. The teacher said I was average, but he was just being mean.
4. Maths teachers have lots of problems.
5. My social studies teacher says that her globe means the world to her.



LEFTYS!

You know there aren't many left-handers in our population. About five to 15% of our population is left-handed! The rest are either right-handed or ambidextrous. Apparently left-handed people are more likely (than right-handed people) to be on the extremes of the intelligence scale! So if you are left-handed you could possibly be a bit smarter than others around you. In some cultures you are only allowed to write with your right hand even if you are left-handed! Check out more info about left-handedness at: www.leftys.com.au

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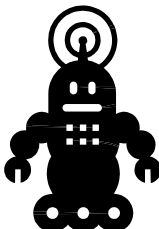


The orienteering event that was advertised for Sept 20 was cancelled due to wet weather. It should be on again some time. Keep looking out for info in the newsletters and on posters to find out when.

SURVEY!

We've been hearing lots of things about robots lately, especially how useful they can be in doing jobs that would be dangerous for people to do. We asked some of you to tell us what you'd like a robot to do for you. Here are some of the answers that we received:

- Cleaning (Ben)
- Someone to play fight with (Jordan)
- Cleaning (Emily)
- Tidying my room (Sean)
- Cleaning (Eve)



See a trend here? It seems that the kids of Crestwood don't like cleaning! We don't like cleaning either. You can buy vacuum cleaners that do the job for you when you aren't around. I wonder if dad would like to buy one for mum for Christmas?

Calculating Your Age Using Chocolate Maths!

Pick the number of times a week that you would like to eat chocolate (more than once, but less than 10)

Multiply this number by 2 (just to be bold)

Add 5

Multiply it by 50

If you have already had your birthday this year add 1759.

If you haven't, add 1758

Subtract the four digit year that you were born.

You should now have a three digit number. The first digit of this was your original number

(i.e., how many times you want to have chocolate each week).

The next two numbers are your age.

Apparently this is the only year (2009) that this calculation will ever work, so get your friends to have a play while it lasts.



Things you're unlikely to ever hear your Mum say ...

"Yeah, I used to skip school sometimes, too."

"Just leave the lights on. It makes the place seem more cheery."

"Let me smell that shirt. Yeah, it's good for another week yet."

"I don't have a tissue with me." – "Just use your sleeve."

"Go down to the pool for a while and relax. Your homework isn't really important."

"Don't worry about wearing your bike helmet. You'll be fine without it."

"Stay out as late as you'd like. I'll hold dinner until you're back."



English

If you have difficulty communicating in English ring the Translating and Interpreting Service. Don't hang up, your call will be answered (Local call cost only)

Portuguese**Português**

Se tiver dificuldade em comunicar-se em Inglês, queira telefonar ao Serviço de Traduções e Intérpretes. É favor não desligar pois há-de-se responder à sua chamada (incorre-se apenas o custo local).

Romanian**Limba Română**

Dacă nu stăpîniți limba engleză, telefonați Serviciului de Traducători și Interpreți. Nu închideți, așteptați pînă vi se răspunde (convorbirea este taxată ca o convorbire locală).

Serbian**Српски**

Ако имате потешкоћа са комуницирањем на енглеском језику телефонирајте служби за преводње и тумачење. Не спуштајте слушалицу, одговоримо на ваш позив (по цени локалног позива).

Macedonian**Македонски**

Ако имате потешкотии со зборувањето на англиски јазик тогаш телефонирајте и на Службата за преведување и толкување. Не спуштајте ја слушалката, ќе ви одговориме на позивот (по цена само на локален позив).

Hungarian**Magyar**

Ha nehezen érteti meg magát angolul, hívja fel telefonon a Fordító és Tolmács-Szolgálatot. Várjon türelemmel, amíg válaszolnak, ne tegye le a kagylót. A hívást helyi beszélgetésként díjazták.

Czech**Česky**

Jestliže máte potíže domluvit se anglicky, zavolejte Překladačskou a Tlumočnickou Službu. Nezavěšujte, váš telefonní hovor bude odpovězen. (Za cenu místního hovoru).

LINGUISTIC PUZZLE: Hindi

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Larkā caltā hai. | 1. [The] boy walks. |
| 2. Larkā acchā hai. | 2. [The] boy is good. |
| 3. Baccā ātā hai. | 3. [The] child comes. |
| 4. Jūtā purānā hai. | 4. [The] shoe is old. |
| 5. Ādmī andar ātā hai. | 5. [The] man comes in. |
| 6. Baccā pīchē ātā hai. | 6. [The] child comes behind. |
| 7. Larkā dhīrē caltā hai. | 7. [The] boy walks slowly. |
| 8. Yah ādmī mōtā hai. | 8. This man is fat. |
| 9. Larkī bahut acchī hai. | 9. [The] girl is very good. |
| 10. Dukhī baccā dūdh pītā hai. | 10. [The] sad child drinks milk. |
| 11. Larkī garm dūdh lātī hai. | 11. [The] girl brings warm milk. |
| 12. Larkī dūdh lātī thī. | 12. [The] girl brought milk. |

Can you discover the meaning of the words in Hindi? 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.

Hindi is a member of the Indo-European family of languages and as such is distantly related to English which is also a member of the same group. It is spoken across the northern part of India and has as many as 350 million speakers. There is a distinction in Hindi between long and short vowels. Long vowels are marked with a macron: *ā* is a long *a*. Tense is shown by the addition of a word to the sentence and is not shown by a change to the verb as in English. There is no word for *is* in Hindi, although there is a word in the Hindi sentence indicating that this auxiliary is in present tense.

The definite article, *the*, appears in English but does not appear in Hindi. This is shown in brackets [] in the English translation. ANSWERS IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE *CRESTWOOD NEWS*.

boy	_____
girl	_____
child	_____
man	_____
shoe	_____
milk	_____
walk	_____
come	_____
drink	_____
bring	_____
good (masculine)	_____
good (feminine)	_____
old	_____
fat	_____
sad	_____
warm	_____
very	_____
this	_____
in	_____
behind	_____
slowly	_____
-s, is/present tense	_____
past tense	_____

Tok Pisin: jungle *bus*, house *haus*, town *taun*, car *ka*, child *pikinini*, you/your *yu*, I/me/my *mi*, he *em*, 's/(your, my)/possessive *bilong*, with *wantaim*, in/to *long*, no good *nogut*, to be (am, are, was) *stap*, go *go*, come *kam*, want to *laik*, break down *bagarap*, fix *oraitim*, now/present tense *nau*, 'll, will/future tense *bai*, yesterday/past tense *asde*, particle preceding verbs and adjectives in sentences with 3rd person subjects *i*

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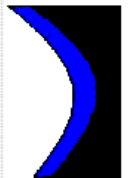
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