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(to be confirmed)

22 December 2008

26 January 2009

23 February 2009

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Deadline for the next **Crestwood News** is **30 January 2009**. Please send reports, announcements, notices, ads, articles and photos to Malcolm as early as possible before this date: 24 Coronet Court
crestwoodnews@inet.net.au

President's Report

The reticulation season has started again, and the weather certainly has us all guessing with November being one of the coolest for many years.

With the reticulation season commencing, so do problems with the reticulation from time to time. We have experienced two main-line blowouts so far this year.

Should you become aware of a reticulation problem in a park or with the supply to your home please report it to the gardener Monday to Friday 7.00am to 3.00pm. Outside of those hours and weekends it should be reported to the Parks & Reticulation Committee person or President.

Under no circumstances when reporting a problem with the reticulation is there any justification for yelling at or being abusive to the gardener or committee person.

Rest assured that once a problem is reported every effort is made to locate and repair the broken pipe as soon as practical. It is in the best interests of the committee members to ensure the repairs are carried out because they are without water as well as every one else.

The gardeners have asked that residents report park lights that are not working. We seem to have had a vandalism problem recently and they found 5 lights broken in various parks, but no-one had reported these to them. So, please, if you see a light out ring them Monday to Friday between 7.00am and 3.00pm.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to wish everyone, young and older, all the very best for Christmas and New Year. I trust that it is a safe and happy one for all.

We look forward to seeing families from the estate enjoying the upcoming Christmas celebrations, Father Christmas and Carols in the Park.

Trevor Davis, President

"A Unique Way of Life"

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State Graffiti Hotline		T: 1800 442 255
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Police Emergency		T: 000
Police Non-emergency		T: 131 444
Home Security Audit		T: 9493 3311
Crimestoppers		T: 1800 333 000

Recent approvals by the Committee of the Crestwood Homeowners Association.

1. [A residence on Grenadier Drive]: I am pleased to inform you that your proposed flyscreen enclosure for the patio has been approved by the Crestwood Committee. We all hope that your project goes smoothly. If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me on

2. [A residence on Regency Drive]: Thank you for your application to replace the rear fence between your property and the park. The proposed design of the new fence complies with all the requirements of the Crestwood fence policy and, as you are building the new fence on the same line as the old one, it should be on the boundary. The specification for your brickwork and foundation will produce a very solid construction. We all hope your project goes smoothly.

3. [A residence on Hume Road]: Thank you for your building application and correspondence of 21st November 2008. Your application was tabled at the Crestwood Committee on Monday evening, 24th November, and was approved. We will require a copy of your building licence for the Crestwood files when you receive the document. We hope your project goes smoothly. If I can be of any further assistance please contact me on

John Rushton, Committee Member for Aesthetics

Aesthetics

To start this report off I must thank Taffy and Ryan for the work they have both put into making our estate look so good. Both gardens and parks are great. All we need now is some residents to cleanup outside their back fences. This has always been a problem to resolve. Now that the warm weather is approaching more could be done.

During the summer months we will be looking at plants that can be planted between groups of trees where the lawn doesn't grow, and hopefully get some colour into those areas. Also underpass D will be looked at for replanting and disposing of the roses that have never done very well in that area. Removal of the roses is expected to be carried out with some priority and is scheduled to be completed by the time the current newsletter is distributed to residents.

So far we have had two shut downs of the reticulation system, but luckily we have also had some rain to keep things going. One fault was fixed by an outside contractor as we had to cut a path to gain access to the pipe work. The other was fixed by Ryan and Taffy. On that note, we are now keeping records of when the system is shut down and why. This also includes where and when. And when it rains, we also keep track of how much has fallen. This is all good information for us to have so we can answer any queries from residents.

During the last weeks we have had a lot of graffiti around the estate which has cost the Gosnells Council quite a lot of money as they come and remove it. Our underpasses have been pressure cleaned so frequently that this is starting to destroy the paintings in them. At the last meeting it was decided to approach the council to see if these could be redone. Hopefully we will get a positive response.

And the last thing, I hope you all have a safe and happy Xmas and New Year.

Rob Wilson

Hi all. Firstly I must apologise for my flippant first line from my last report. The comment was very much tongue in cheek. Please rest assured that I, as the committee member responsible, and the committee as a whole, were very mindful of the amounts of money that were being spent. I sought advice from a number of sources, including the YMCA, the City of Gosnells, major pool equipment supply organizations and other parties, whilst obtaining quotes to ensure I used the best available providers to supply and install the major capital equipment. As I stated in that report, this was primarily forced upon us by the Department of Health to ensure the pool remained open. I will admit that there were times when we could have got away with spending less, but the little extra we spend now will save us money in the future. For example, the existing light poles were starting to rust due to the grass and brick paving being built up around the base plate. These may have lasted for many more years but I thought it best to replace these with new hinged poles. The cost for adapting the old poles and fitting the new lights would have come in not much cheaper than the new poles. These poles mean we no longer need to hire cherry pickers when a globe needs replacing. So please accept my apology and understand that I have sought to obtain the best for Crestwood.

Pool

A lot has happened over the last two months. The pool has opened to one of the coldest starts to summer I can remember. The pump room is now complete, the new lights have been installed and many other jobs are coming to an end. It's been a big winter for the Crestwood pool but, hopefully, one that will see us safe for many years to come.

There is big news for all those toddler pool users: we've finally managed to get someone down to look at our heating system. I have been assured that the replacement of a faulty sensor should see the pool being warmed to a user friendly temperature. Please remember that it is solar heated so don't expect there to be an improvement until the sun comes out on a more regular basis. If you find that the temperature is still not satisfactory, please call me.

All bike / scooter riders please take note. Last year we moved the bike rack from outside the pool to up against the shed wall. I was reluctant to do so because I was concerned about children riding within the pool grounds. Due to the instances of bike theft I relented and agreed to the move. However, my initial concerns are being realised. In the short time since the pool has opened this year, I've had to request a number of children dismount their bike. Please ensure bikes are pushed into the pool area from the path outside the main pool gates. I thank you for your co-operation.

Hopefully we will all catch up over Christmas at one of the number of events. If not, I will take this opportunity to wish one and all a very merry Christmas and, let's hope, a healthy, happy and prosperous 2009.

Merry Xmas from the Veens.



INCIDENT REPORT

Incidents reported on the Crestwood Estate

11 October – A car was broken into on Regency Drive and a tan overnight bag was stolen. The garage window was also graffitied. These incidents have been reported to the police.

5 November – Two cars were broken into at one property on Regency Drive just before dawn. Access was made by climbing over the back fence, avoiding a locked security gate. Judging from the footprints, the offenders were probably young.

The day before this incident occurred, someone was seen walking in the park, peering into people's backyards.

POLICE WATCH - Thornlie

from the *Comment News*

Break-ins Forest Cres, Murdoch Rd (both commercial), Connemara Dr, Exmouth Pl, Forest Cres, Ovens Rd, Thornlie Ave, Wiltshire Ave; motor vehicle theft Forest Cres, Imperial Crt, Sloan Crt (7 October)

Break-ins Forest Lakes Dr, (commercial 3), Murdoch Rd (commercial 3), Charlton Pl, Jana Rd, Marlow Way, Hampton Rd; motor vehicle theft Spencer Rd (14 October)

Break-ins Cassidy Rd (commercial), Grenadier Dr, O'Dell St, Regency Dr, Tea Tree Way; motor vehicle theft Tea Tree Way (21 October)

Break-ins Spencer Rd (commercial), Berehaven Ave, Partridge Way; motor vehicle theft Spencer Rd, Timbercrest Rd (28 October)

Break-ins Culross Ave, Spencer Rd, Wilfred (all commercial); Hume Rd, Kenmare Ave; motor vehicle theft Hampton Ct; graffiti damage Odell St, Ovens Rd, Spencer Rd (4 November)

Break-ins Culross Ave (commercial 2), Wilfred Rd (18 November)

Break-ins Lakesend Rd, Rushbrook Way, Taradee Cir, Lester Dr, Osprey Way; motor vehicle theft Lester Dr, Taradee Cir; graffiti damage Tritonia Rise (25 November)

Is Your Dog Registered?

The West Australian Dog Act requires that all dogs over the age of three months be registered. Rangers will be conducting on-the-spot registration checks in your area. The owner or person responsible for an unregistered dog may be issued an on the spot fine of \$100.00. The maximum penalty for keeping an unregistered dog is \$500.00.

Did you know?

- To register a dog a person must be 18 years or over.
- A person registering a dog must provide effective means for confining the dog within the premises where it is ordinarily kept.
- The registration period runs from 1 November of the current year to 31 October the next year.
- All dogs may be registered for one and three year terms only.
- All dogs over the age of three months are required to be registered.
- Current pension cards must be shown to claim the concession rate.
- Council must be immediately informed in writing of any changes of ownership, address or the death of a registered dog.
- Proof of sterilisation must be provided at the time of registration to claim any concession.
- Working dogs mused for the tending and droving of livestock qualify for a concession.
- Retired working dogs and property guard dogs do not qualify for a concession.
- Dogs must wear a current registration tag at all times when in a public place.

Dogs may be registered at:

City of Gosnells
Council administration Office
2120 Albany Highway, Gosnells
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

How to Protect Your Home While You're on Holidays

In all the excitement and rush to organise your holiday, it's very easy to forget things — and we're not talking about toothbrushes! Many burglaries occur when home owners are away on holidays. A house left empty for some time is a target for potential intruders. By taking some precautions and giving your home a "lived in" look before you go on holidays, you can substantially reduce the risk of burglary. Here is a simple checklist for you to refer to.

Home Security Checklist

Have you ...

- Locked all the windows — preferably with key operated locks
- Locked all external doors?
- Advised your chosen keyholder of your absence and contact details?
- Locked all tools away?
- Cancelled deliveries such as newspapers?
- Had mail held, redirected or arranged collection?
- Disconnected power supply to electric garage doors?
- Locked valuables in a safe or bank safety deposit box?
- Turned down the ringing volume on the telephone?
- Arranged for someone to cut the lawn?
- Arranged for the care of pets?
- Arranged for the payment of bills for utilities such as electricity and gas?
- Engraved your valuables with your driver's licence number?
- Advised monitoring centre of next contact person/keyholder if your house has a monitored alarm.

Road Rage

Tips to avoid road rage and aggression on the roads.

- ▶ Gestures — obscene or offensive gestures irritate other drivers. Be aware that any gesture may be misinterpreted by another driver.
- ▶ Eye contact — if a motorist tries to pick a fight, do not make eye contact. Get out of the way without acknowledging the other motorist. If the driver follows you, do not go home. Go to a police station or location where you can get help and there will be witnesses.
- ▶ Aggressive tailgating — riding the bumper of the vehicle in front of you is annoying and unsafe.
- ▶ Aggressive horn use — leaning on the horn to express anger is aggravating.
- ▶ Aggressive headlight use — flashing headlights to denote irritation is rude and unsafe.

Use common courtesy.

- ▶ Lane blocking — don't block the passing lane on multiple lane highways. Allow vehicles to pass you.
- ▶ Tailgating — maintain a safe distance between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you.
- ▶ Indicator use — don't change lanes without using your indicator and make sure you can change lanes without cutting another driver off.

from the *Comment News*, 7 October 2008

Committee Business:

Parks and Reticulation: The fencing at Underpass D is looking dangerous. Fixing that and the related question of stabilising the bank were discussed. Ryan will be involved in any decision made on this matter. Associated with this was the broader question of fences shared between Crestwood and individual homeowners. This issue is to be addressed in an upcoming President's Report for the *Crestwood News*.

A nursery trade card was received, and this will be passed on to Ryan and Taffy.

Aesthetics: A request for tree removal on Coronet Court was approved, as was the building of an extension for a residence on Grenadier Drive.

Pool: The agreement between Crestwood and the YMCA has been provided for filing. Work related to compliance with the pool audit of last season is progressing according to schedule. [Details of this can be found in the September-October issue of the *Crestwood News*.]

Finances: A credit card is to be arranged for use by Ryan. The question of salary packaging for Ryan was introduced and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Term deposits held by the Association are to be moved to different financial institutions. Information regarding the fee structure for refinancing is included in the current issue of the *Crestwood News* [see page 6].

General Business: The contact list for Crestwood and the Community found on page 2 of the *Crestwood News* needs updating. [The September-October issue of the *Crestwood News* reflects these changes.]

Thanks to Trevor Veen for his work in updating and revising the welcome packs distributed to new Crestwood residents. Revision of these continues with the secretary, Sandra Wilson, sorting through documents which will be brought to the next meeting of the Committee. Claire will distribute these packs.

Rod has been contacted regarding progress in the development of a Crestwood webpage. A response has yet to be received.

Visitor's Business: Some park lights have been reported still on at 8 am. The President is to check on this. It was reported that motor bikes have been seen ridden through the park. Dogs have also been seen off their leads. There has also been an increase in the incidence of graffiti [see the September-October issue of the *Crestwood News*].

OCTOBER 2008

Committee Business:

Parks and Reticulation: The park bins are in poor repair. A letter is to be sent to the City of Gosnells requesting replacement. Lighting in the parks needs further adjustment.

Reticulation timing needs adjusting for daylight savings time. A letter notifying home owners of changed times will be prepared by Trevor Davis.

An email was received regarding Underpass D. The president is to speak to the homeowner concerned.

Taffy is close to completing OHS work as requested. Her TAFE job / trial is coming up soon.

Aesthetics: The secretary is to write a letter to the City of Gosnells regarding the trees in Princeton Court.

Pool: Opening day went well. The new pool lights are expected to be installed in about two weeks. Regarding other matters of infrastructure, a new system is in place for vacuum waste, work on the backwash tank is ready to begin, and a number of small plumbing jobs are yet to be completed.

An aqua-aerobics class will be run on Sunday afternoons.

Finances: Ryan's pay is to be increased as from the first pay period in November. One tank of fuel is to be provided for Taffy's car.

Some properties are in the process of being sold. An article regarding the cost of loan refinancing is in the current *Crestwood News* [see page 6].

The term deposit with the Bank of Queensland is about to mature. An application for a new term deposit has been sent to the Members Equity Bank.

Social: George Putland is organising a choir for carols in the park on December 21st. Santa and the sausage sizzle will also be held on the same day. The inflatable obstacle course and, possibly, the bouncy castle will be at the pool on December 24th.

General Business: Rod is attempting to move things along again with development of the Crestwood website. Work continues on the updating of the welcome packs.

An email was received regarding commercial vehicles parked on a homeowner's premises. Discussion was held regarding council regulations and the City of Gosnells complaints process, Crestwood by-laws and the Deed of Covenant. The President will write to the homeowner concerned.

Lisa Harbron will organise for the Girl Guides to do a sausage sizzle at the pool every other Friday with funds raised going toward their jamboree. Teen volunteers will be issued with something from Crestwood so their work can be regarded as community service.



Our solicitors, HFM Legal, have advised us that their office will be closed for the holiday period from 5:00pm Thursday, 18 December 2008 until 8:30am Monday, 5 January 2009.

Finance

If any homeowners are refinancing their property and believe it will be taking place mid to late December, can you please contact me, Roy Malone, on 9275 1222 during normal working hours or after hours on 9459 4364 to discuss the matter to ensure the settlement is not delayed. I should also be contacted if homeowners sell their property and believe the settlement will take place in the period HFM Legal's office will be closed.

Costs of Refinancing Your Property

Concern has been raised by some homeowners of the costs associated with refinancing their property. None of these costs directly involve Crestwood charging or recovering costs from the homeowners involved.

When Crestwood was set up back in the early 1970s, it was structured so that the Association would always register a mortgage over all properties in the estate, now a total of 295 properties. The main purpose of such a mortgage is to secure the Deed of Covenant (Restrictive Covenant) which all homeowners are required to execute in favour of the Association when they purchase a home in Crestwood. From Crestwood's point of view, this is a non-negotiable matter.

A problem arises when the new financier wants to lodge a first mortgage over the property. This means Crestwood must lodge a second mortgage after the financiers. The only way this can happen is for Crestwood's existing mortgage to be discharged. This requires the homeowner to execute a new mortgage in favour of Crestwood for us to lodge as a second mortgage. In effect, when a home is refinanced, the homeowner is in the position of becoming both the vendor and purchaser regarding settlement. Whilst this is an additional cost to the homeowner, it is important that the integrity of the Crestwood structure be maintained.

Roy Malone, Honorary Treasurer

Stained Glass Window Christmas Cake

Ingredients

250g dates
250g glace pineapple
125g glace apricots
125g green cherries
125g red cherries
250g Brazil nuts
2 eggs
½ cup brown sugar
1 tps vanilla
1 tbs rum
90g butter
¼ cup plain flour
¼ cup self-raising flour
pinch salt
1 - 2 tbs brandy



METHOD

1. Chop dates, pineapple and apricots into fairly large pieces, leaving remaining fruit and nuts whole. Mix together well.
2. Beat eggs until light and fluffy. Add sugar, vanilla, rum and softened butter. Continue beating until well blended.
3. Sift flours with salt. Add to creamed mixture with fruit and nuts. Mix well.
4. Spoon into greased and lined 22.5cm x 12.5cm loaf tin.
5. Bake in a slow oven (150°) approximately 1½ hours or until cake is firm to the touch and a skewer, when inserted in the centre, comes out clean. The cake may have a surface layer of melted butter. On cooling this will settle and moisten the cake.
6. Remove from oven and, while still hot, pour brandy over. Cool in tin standing on a wire rack.

This cake keeps well. To store, remove from tin when cold, wrap cake in aluminium foil. Store in a cool place.

*from the **Pantryman***

Climbing Kilimanjaro

CLIMBING KILIMANJARO

FEATURES

I am a personal trainer at Fitness First, Cannington. About 18 months ago my client, Preet, asked if I would train her in preparation for a climb up the worlds highest free standing mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro (5895m), in Tanzania, Africa, and if would I join her on the climb! I accepted both requests without hesitation. So began a dedicated 8-week training program including weight training, RPM classes, 5 days a week walking, including 3-4 hour walks at the weekend, usually up in the hills of Kalamunda, or Jacobs Ladder and the Kakoda Trail in Kings Park.

We funded the trip ourselves and are raising money for Breast Cancer Research. (The website for donating is still open: www.breastcancer.org.au — go to the Events and Supporter Events tab and you can donate there.) Our blog site can be found on: www.climbkili.bigblog.com.au.

So, training completed, flights booked, currency exchanged, visas paid for, walking gear purchased and inoculations jabbed, before we knew it we began our 30-hour trip from Perth to Tanzania. Following is a summary of the 7 days climb as organised by our amazing guide, Henry Stedman. (You can visit his website on www.climbmountkilimanjaro.com.)

Day 1: Around 14:00 we started trekking from the Rongai Start Point at 1996m and ascended to First Cave Campsite (aka Simba Camp) at 2626m, a trek of 6.7km. When we arrived at the campsite, our 30 porters had already erected our tents and dinner was being cooked.

Day 2: We walked from Simba Camp to the lunch stop at Second Cave (3482m), a distance of 5.8km. Lunch was provided here and then we departed from the main Rongai Route to trek a further 6.0km to Kikelewa Camp (3679m) where we camped overnight. I started to experience altitude sickness. I thought I might have got higher up the mountain before it hit me. Anyway, a dose of Diamox gave overnight relief and I continued to take it for the duration of the trek.

Day 3: We travelled the short distance of 3.7km and gained 624 metres in altitude from Kikelewa to Mawenzi Tarn at 4303m. The porters set up camp close to the water feature, nestled between two spurs on the western side of Mawenzi. Although the skies were blue and the sun shining, it was cold. I was already wearing one layer of thermals.

Day 4: Walking through the clouds and a misty, damp fog warranted us wearing full waterproofs today. Only when we trekked above the clouds were we once again surrounded by the amazing landscape of Kilimanjaro.

We surmounted Mawenzi's north-west ridge and moved around Mawenzi's western flanks. Here some of the rarest, clearest and most dramatic views of both peaks were enjoyed. We covered 3.6km and then descended .5km to the campsite. In doing this we were afforded the greatest 'climb-high sleep-low' differential. This ensured that the body had sufficient time to be able to make the necessary adaptive changes ready for our summit to Uruhu.

Day 5: On this morning we followed a section of the Marangu Route to approach Kibo Huts. A further 7.1 km took us to Barafu Huts (4681m) along the smoothest and most gradual approach by which it is possible to reach Barafu.

Day 6: Our long slow assault to the summit began from Barafu Huts at 11:30pm with 5 guides and 2 porters. The dynamics of our group were very different this evening; nobody talked. Previously we had been talking and encouraging one another. All of our focus and energy was being reserved for this final push to the summit. Despite a biting cold wind, I was very snug and warm in my thermals and 2 hours passed quickly. We walked single file. Every few steps the guides stopped us to check if we were all ok and insisted on us drinking water.

After 5 ½ hours walking, at 5:00am in the morning my legs turned to 'jelly' but somehow I managed to keep going and at 6:00am, when the sun started to rise, the warmth that it radiated was most welcome on my back. Minutes later, our whole group were all smiles as we had made it to Stella Point. Here we rested for about 15 minutes and the guides and porters produced hot sweet black tea. Then we hauled up our weary bodies and started the final ascent to Uhuru, the summit. By now it was daylight and the skies were bright blue and the sun warm. The sight of the glacier as we ascended was amazing and almost distracted me from the steepness of the climb. An hour later, hugs, kisses, tears and lots of photos were shared amongst our group as one by one we all made it to Uhuru. All too soon we had to turn round and start our descent. This was extremely challenging for me, as it was a very steep downward climb into scree. I had a spectacular tumble and, although uninjured, by the time I arrived at our lunch stop 3 hours later I had grit and dust everywhere! After a rest and lunch, we set off to Horombo for our evening stopover. We arrived at Horombo, 19.5 km later and 17 hours since we set off.

Day 7: Today, we descended a distance of 19.7km from Horombo to Marangu Gate. The final part of the trek was through rainforest. What a contrast this green, damp and fertile landscape was from the barren, dusty landscape of the other side of Kilimanjaro. By early afternoon we arrived where we had started out 7 days before, smellier, dirtier, exhausted and feeling very proud having conquering Mount Kilimanjaro.

I enjoyed the experience so much that am planning to do it all again in 2010, this time with my husband, Gary.

Submitted by Jane Andrews of Regency Drive



Jane at the Top

Get Well

The Crestwood community joins in wishing the following residents a speedy recovery from their surgeries.

June Catalano of Coronet Court
Cathy Masterson of Regency Drive

For Sale

Bird / Parrot cage — round, 180cm by 90cm high with peaked, covered top area for sleeping. Excellent condition. \$50.00 or best offer. Call 9459 3235.

Found

A ladies gold watch near the playground in early November. Contact Saskia 0409 649 358.

Santa in the Park Sausage Sizzle 21 December 2008

5:00 – 5:30 Santa will be driving through the parks.

5:30 – 6:30 Santa arrives at the main park in front of the pool to hand out gifts. **Santa has been asked to keep the value of the gifts below \$20.00**

6:30 – 7:30 Sausage Sizzle. This will be subsidised by Crestwood with sausage sizzle and drinks for \$1.00 each. **We'll be needing volunteers to cook.**

Carols in the Park 21 December 2008

Sunday 7:30 – 9:00

The Thornlie Church of Christ choir will entertain us. Meet at the main park in front of the pool.

Christmas Eve at the Pool 24 December 2008

5:00 – 7:30 Inflatable obstacle course.

BYO BBQ meal.

New Year's Eve at the Pool 31 December 2008

A quiet evening by the pool for those who've had their fill. Late close if the night is warm and the numbers are high.

Help!

Please contact me if you can help on any of the above Christmas functions. I'll need people to: buy and pack lolly bags for Santa to hand out; order, buy and pickup sausages, buns and sauces; help set up and pull down on both the 21st and the 24th, or to just generally help out on these two days.
Please ring Trevor Veen on 9493 3021.

2008-2009 Home Owners Fees

Under **Option B**, the 3rd instalment of \$388.00 is payable by **31st December 2008**. 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.

Aqua Aerobics Every Sunday

See pool notice board for start date and time

Friday Evening Sausage Sizzle Every Fortnight at 5:30

See pool notice board for start date.

This event is run by our local Crestwood Girl Guides. The money raised will help fund their trip to Melbourne in 2010 to join in the 100 year celebration of Girl Guides in Australia.

Are You Feeding Magpies?

If you put out mince for magpies, remember to dust the meat with calcium powder. Magpies are not meat eaters, and a preponderance of red meat leaches their bones of calcium.

This becomes a real problem when magpies feed their young only on the mince put out for them. There have been a number of instances where young magpies have been brought into shelters so devoid of calcium that their beaks are soft and flexible. Calcium powder is available at most pet supply shops.

Crestwood Hall Hire

SOCIAL

NOTICES

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

Daytime (to 5pm) — \$11.00/hour to a maximum of \$55.00

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

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A \$300 bond applies to all bookings. To book or obtain further information call Marjan: 9459 8776

CRESTWOOD PATCHWORK & QUILTING GROUP

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

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



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

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Call Ros on 9493 2597

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

Where: 24 Princeton Court

When: Thursday and Friday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 am

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

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



Belly Dance

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

Come join us.

Monday evenings 7:30 pm in the Crestwood Hall
(except for the last Monday in the month)

Cost \$10.00 per class — includes drumming class.

Non-Crestwood residents welcome.

Phone Gillian 9459 9904 or Heather 9452 2427

Walking in our Crestwood parkland is always a treat but lately it's been even more so. Have you noticed? The paths are clear and neat, overhanging trees are clipped and the whole place has taken on a real 'cared for' feel. A round of applause to Taffy and our new gardener Ryan Epps. Great work!

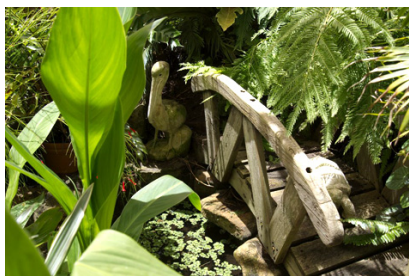
For this edition I had the pleasure of being shown Daphne and John's beautiful garden. I have often slowed right down while passing this enchanting garden, and without seeming too rude, have taken in as much as possible while striding past. I always hoped to be able to see more so I was thrilled when Daphne agreed to share their garden with the Crestwood News.

On approaching the house from the road, I was struck with how well planned the garden looked. A stunning threadleaf Cyprus tree was complimented by the lush plantings of ferns and aspidistras that were planted under its canopy. Even the pansies still looked very happy.

Daphne must have an excellent eye for artistic detail as there were many surprises of sculptures and bird baths tucked away to add interest. Her garden design looked professional. I loved how they had built the levels up with rocks so that it all flowed up the natural aspect of the block. Roses were flourishing, especially with their spring feed of sheep manure. At least 25 bags are used each year to spread all over, and even the pot plants don't miss out.

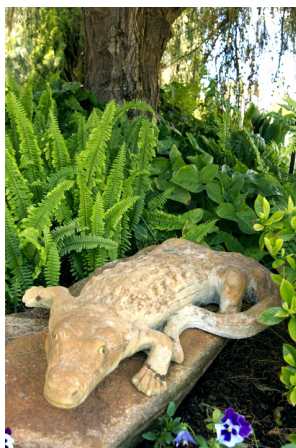


I noticed that the front lawn was in fact dichondra which is a low growing, creeping perennial that spreads by underground runners. It doesn't need mowing, unless grass grows up into it, and it gives a lush but neat look. The shape of the beds and the path leading to the back garden flowed well and encouraged you to walk through and explore, which is what paths should do.



On the way I noticed a birdbath that now housed a selection of succulents. It looked like it had been made just for them. It's always inspiring to see what people use for planters. This was perfect use of an old cracked bird bath.

In the back it was like stepping into paradise. The trickling sound of the little waterfall in amongst the jungle of ferns was most welcoming. The ferns obviously loved living underneath the shaded dome. Daphne explained that when they first moved there, conifers reigned supreme along the fence line as they did in many gardens in those days. They were soon replaced. Now, plants were growing in the soil as well as in pots, which is good, because they can be moved around to change the look of the garden. I could well see why they both spend much of their time relaxing outside. They definitely had created a little patch of heaven.



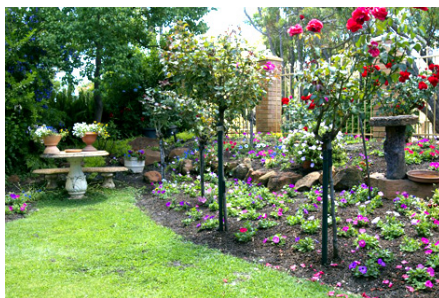
backdrop of the eucalyptus in the park behind. In the winter months petunias are planted.

Daphne and John moved from the country where water was sparse over 17 years ago, so since moving to Crestwood they have been able to create a luxuriant garden. When asked what she

especially liked about living in Crestwood, Daphne said it was the relaxed lifestyle. I asked Daphne if she had any tips to give other gardeners and the main advice she gave was to relax and don't stress out about it, and that, "it all falls into place eventually". I really liked that advice!

As far as the cost, gardening doesn't have to be expensive; a lot of plants in this gorgeous garden came from cuttings and self-seeding plants such as salvias. Also it pays to shop around when buying seedlings.

Even the small bed on the outside of the wall and fence had been planted to please the passer-by. Thank you Daphne and John, your garden is an inspiration! If anyone would like to share their garden with the Crestwood News, please phone Rowena de Gruchy on 9459 7736.



Submitted by **Rowena de Gruchy**

The Tablecloth

A Christmas Story

The pastor and his wife, newly assigned to their first ministry to reopen a church in Brooklyn, arrived in early October, excited about their opportunities. Their church, when they saw it, was very run-down and needed much work. They set a goal to have everything done in time to have their first service on Christmas Eve.

They worked hard, repairing pews, plastering walls and painting. On December 18 they were ahead of schedule and just about finished. On December 19, a driving rainstorm hit the area and lasted for two days.

On the December 21 the pastor went over to the church. His heart sank when he saw that the roof had leaked causing a large area of plaster about 6 metres by 3 metres, beginning about head-high, to fall off the front wall of the sanctuary just behind the pulpit. The pastor cleaned up the mess on the floor and, not knowing what else to do but postpone the Christmas Eve service, headed home. On the way he noticed that a local business was having a flea market type of sale for charity, so he stopped in.

One of the items was a beautiful, handmade, ivory-coloured, crocheted table cloth with exquisite work, fine colours and a cross embroidered right in the centre. It was just the right size to cover up the hole in the front wall. He bought it and headed back to the church.

By this time it had started to snow. An older woman running from the opposite direction was trying to catch the bus, but she missed it. The pastor invited her to wait in the warm church for the next bus 45 minutes later.

She sat in a pew and paid no attention to the pastor while he got a ladder and equipment to put up the tablecloth as a wall tapestry. The pastor could hardly believe how beautiful it looked, and it covered up the entire problem area.

Then he noticed the woman walking down the centre aisle. Her face was like a sheet. "Pastor," she asked, "where did you get that tablecloth?" The pastor explained. The woman asked him to check the lower right corner to see if the initials, EBG, were crocheted into it there. They were. These were the initials of the woman and she had made this table cloth 35 years before, in Austria.

The woman could hardly believe it as the pastor told how he had just bought the tablecloth. The woman explained that before the war she and her husband were well-to-do people in Austria. When the Nazis came, she was forced to leave. Her husband was going to follow her the next week. She was captured, sent to prison, and never saw her husband or her home again.

The pastor wanted to give her the tablecloth, but she made the pastor keep it for the church. The pastor insisted on driving her home. That was the least he could do. She lived on the far side of Staten Island and was only in Brooklyn for the day for a housecleaning job.

What a wonderful service they had on Christmas Eve. The church was almost full. This music and the spirit were great. At the end of the service, the pastor and his wife greeted everyone at the door and many said that they would return. One older man, whom the pastor recognised from the neighbourhood, continued to sit in one of the pews and stare. The pastor wondered why he wasn't leaving. The man asked him where he got the tablecloth on the front wall because it was identical to the one that his wife had made years ago, before the war, when they lived in Austria. He wondered how there could be two tablecloths that looked so much alike.

He told the pastor how the Nazis came, how he forced his wife to flee for her safety. He was supposed to follow her, but he was arrested and put in a prison. He never saw his wife or his home again and 35 had passed.

The pastor asked him if he would allow him to take him for a little ride. They drove to Staten Island, to the same house where the pastor had taken the woman three days earlier. He helped the man climb the three flights of stairs to the woman's apartment, knocked on the door and he saw the greatest Christmas reunion he could ever imagine.

A true story told by Pastor Rob Reid

A Tale of Two Patients

Two patients limp into two different medical clinics with the same complaint. Both have trouble walking and appear to require a hip replacement. The first patient is examined within the hour, is x-rayed the same day and has a time booked for surgery the following week.

The second has to make an appointment to come back in three weeks to see the family doctor, then waits eight weeks to see a specialist, then gets an x-ray which isn't reviewed for another week, and finally has his surgery scheduled for a month from then. Why the different treatment for the two patients? Answer: the first is a golden retriever; the second is a senior citizen. Next time, take me to a vet!

Fractured Zen

1. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and a flat tyre.
2. The darkest hours come just before the dawn, so if you're going to steal your neighbour's newspaper, that is the time to do it.
3. Don't aspire to be irreplaceable. If you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.
4. Never forget that you are unique, just like everyone else.
5. If you think nobody cares if you are dead or alive, try missing a few mortgage payments.
6. If at first you don't succeed, avoid skydiving.
7. If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.
8. Good judgement comes from experience; experience comes from bad judgement.
9. A good way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it in your pocket.
10. Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

Passed on to the *Crestwood News* by Taffy Ray

Married Life - A Kid's View

- **How do you decide who to marry?** — You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dips coming — Alan, age 10.
- No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with — Kirsten, age 10.
- **What is the right age to get married?** — Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person forever by then — Camille, age 10
- **How can a stranger tell if two people are married?** — You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids — Derrick, age 8

Quotes on Married Life

1. The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once — *Ogden Nash*
 2. My wife and I were happy for 20 years; then we met — *Henny Youngman*
 3. Two secrets to keep your marriage brimming: Whenever you're wrong, admit it; whenever you're right, shut up — *Patrick Murray*
 4. After marriage, a husband and wife become two sides of a coin: they just can't face each other, but still they stay together — *Sacha Guitry*
 5. Some people ask the secret of our long marriage. We take time to go to a restaurant twice a week - a little candlelight, dinner, soft music and dancing. She goes on Tuesdays and I go on Fridays — *Anonymous*
- Passed on to the *Crestwood News* by Taffy Ray

Excerpts from Hospital Patients Charts

1. Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.
2. The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.
3. The patient has been depressed since she has begun seeing me in 2003.
4. The patient refused an autopsy.
5. The patient has no previous history of suicides.
6. Patient has left white blood cells at another hospital.
7. Patient's medical history has been remarkably insignificant with only a 20 kilo weight gain in the past three days.
8. Between you and me, we ought to be able to get this lady pregnant.
9. The patient is numb from the toes down.
10. While she was in ER, she was examined, x-rated and sent home.
11. The skin was moist and dry.
12. Occasional, constant, infrequent headaches.
13. Patient was alert and unresponsive.
14. She stated she had been constipated for most of her life, until she got a divorce.
15. The patient was to have a bowel resection, however, he took a job as a stockbroker instead.
16. The pelvic exam will be done later on the floor.
17. Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities.
18. On the second day the knee was better, and on the third day it disappeared.
19. Discharge status: alive, but without my permission.
20. Patient was seen this morning by the registrar who felt we should sit on the abdomen, and I agree.

Small Town Law

A small town prosecuting attorney called his first witness to the stand in a trial — a grandmotherly, elderly woman. He approached her and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know me?"

She responded, "Why, yes, I do know you Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a young boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a rising big shot when you haven't the brains to realise you never will amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you."

The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do he pointed across the room and asked, "Mrs. Williams, do you know the defence attorney?"

She again replied, "Why, yes I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. I used to babysit him for his parents. And he, too, has been a real disappointment to me. He's lazy, bigoted and he has a drinking problem. The man can't build a normal relationship with anyone and his law practice is one of the shoddiest in the entire state. Yes, I know him."

At this point, the judge rapped the courtroom to silence and called both counsellors to the bench. In a very quiet voice, he said with menace, "If either of you asks her if she knows me, you'll be jailed for contempt!"



A survey of British teachers has revealed that students are relying more and more on tech-related excuses to explain their failure to hand in homework. Traditional excuses like "the dog ate it" have given way to gems like "the computer crashed", "the internet was down", "a printer failed to work" and "work was deleted by accident". Apparently, students believe they can slide one by older, less tech savvy teachers this way — and the teachers admit that they are more likely to fall prey to this tactic. However, as the following list of the top four worst excuses will illustrate, some students shoot themselves in the foot by taking things waaay too far.



The top four worst tech-related excuses according to the survey were:

- My dad's computer was hacked by the Russians and they stole my homework.



- A burglar stole my printed-out homework along with the computer.



- The PC exploded when our dog went to the toilet on it. (Still blaming the dog!)

- I accidentally tipped a bottle of cider over the computer and it broke.

Remember — keep it simple because simple is believable

Riddling Riddles !!!

How can you make seven even?

A man and a dog were going down the street. The man rode, yet walked.

What was the dog's name?

How do you spell "we" with two letters without using the letters

W and E?

Where is the ocean at its deepest?

What is as big as an elephant, but weighs nothing at all?

<http://www.bestfamilyadvice.com/riddles.html>

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Take away the letter S.
Yet, U and I.
On the bottom.
The shadow of an elephant.

Christmas Mail Facts



Number of Christmas cards and letters sent by Australian children to Santa last year: 120,000.

Approximate number of Christmas cards to be posted within Australia this year: over 100 million.

The first commercially produced Australian Christmas card was made in 1881 by John Sands.

Pool Activities

Are you bored of playing Marco Polo every time you're at the pool with friends? Have a go at these ideas across the deep area.

1. One person who is chosen to be 'it' (the catcher) moves to the other side of the pool facing away from the group. All the remaining players in the pool choose a colour. The catcher continues to face away from the pool and asks, "Do you have your colours?" and if players say they do, the catcher then starts calling out various colours.

When a player's colour is called they have to try and swim across the pool toward the catcher quietly without being heard. The catcher, if they hear a player moving, can then turn around and try and tag them before they reach the safety of the other side of the pool. You can use different categories like cars, flowers, etc.

2. One person is chosen to be the leader and goes to the opposite side of the pool to the other players. The leader then chooses a category (e.g. cars, colours, food, ice cream, drinks, etc) and tells the other players, who have to choose their answer/s to that category. The leader can either get out the pool or put their head under water in order not to hear what answers the other players are choosing.

When the players have chosen their answer the leader has to try and guess the other players' choices. If they get it right the player (or players, if several have the same answer) have to race to the opposite side of the pool while the leader races to the players side of the pool. If the leader wins, they remain the leader, but if they lose, the person who won the race becomes a new leader. All players must be touching the side of the pool before racing.

Remember to always respect the rights of others to use the pool without interference, and always obey the general pool rules and any instructions given by the pool manager.



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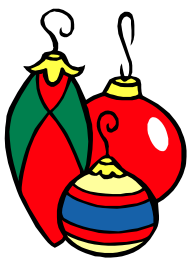
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RECYCLING CHRISTMAS CARDS



After Christmas, or any occasion, what do you do with all the beautiful greeting cards you receive? Do you pack them away? Do you throw them away? Forget those ideas and recycle those used greeting cards! Here are some ideas to get you started. Can you think of others?

Postcards: When it comes to recycling greeting cards, one of the simplest things to do is to cut the front picture off the old greeting card and use it as a postcard. Draw a line down the blank back, write a message on the left-hand side, and address it on the right.

Bookmarks: Cut a strip from posterboard or thin cardboard, about 20cm x 5cm. Cut out the picture on the front of a greeting card. Glue the picture at the top of the strip. Allow the glue to dry. To make your bookmark more durable, cover it with clear contact paper or laminate it.

Gift Tags: Cut out the picture or scene on the front of a greeting card. Pinking shears or other fancy edged scissors work wonderfully! Punch a hole in the top, left-hand edge of the picture or scene. String a 10-12cm piece of ribbon through the hole and tie it into a loop. On the back of the picture or scene, write "TO" and "FROM". Make sure you leave enough room to write the giver and recipient's names.

Christmas Tree Ornaments: Cut 2 circles from the pictures of 2 greeting cards. The circles should be the same size. Trace around the bottom of a glass or other small, round object to help you cut your circles. Five centimetres is a good size.

Cut a circle out of felt or craft foam about 1-2cm wider than the greeting card circles. Cut a piece of ribbon about 6 inches long. Fold the ribbon over and glue the ends to the top side of the felt or craft foam circle to make the hanger for your ornament. Glue the greeting card circles to each side of your felt or craft foam circle. Let the glue dry.

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