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crestwoodnews@iinet.net.au

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Enjoy the festivities and stay safe and well

Another year is almost gone and the festive season is upon us once again. On behalf of my wife Betty and your Committee, I wish everyone, young and not so young, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I trust that you all enjoy the festivities and remain safe and well. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Carols in the Park on Sunday, December 20th.

In this newsletter you will read a letter from a "concerned resident" regarding a tree in Park 23, south of the bushland. This tree is a Japanese Pepper tree and is known as *The Climbing Tree* to many of the children. The purpose of my comments in this report is to address the "concerned resident's" question at the end of the letter.

When the resident first raised concerns about the tree with the Committee it was in regards to antisocial behaviour in and around the tree. Subsequent to those initial concerns the resident brought to the attention of the Committee the fact that the Japanese Pepper tree can cause rashes, dermatitis and swelling if there is contact with the sap or red berries from the tree.

The majority of the health information obtained by the Committee indicates that reaction to contact with the sap or berries is mild in most cases and does not require medical attention. In fact, the health effects of this tree are no greater than many other trees and plants on the Estate. By comparison, oleanders pose a far greater health risk than the Pepper tree.

The Committee has decided to conduct a survey of residents bordering Park 23 and the bushland area to determine whether the "antisocial" behaviour was such a problem as to warrant removal of the tree. That "survey document" has been delivered to 27 homes with a request that the residents receiving them return the survey document with their opinion whether the tree should be removed or not based on the reported "anti-social" behaviour at that location. Subject to the outcome of that survey the Committee will make a final decision.

Trevor Davis, President, Crestwood Homeowners Association

VacSwim

There was a mix up at the VacSwim office and we did not receive any of the usual application forms. Unfortunately this was discovered too late for postal enrolments but, fortunately, early enough to allow people to enrol on the net.

If you missed out on both, there is a late enrolment available on Sunday, the 10th of January, from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon. VacSwim assures us that we will be running with the same amount of teachers as last year.

See continuation of the Pool Report on page 3

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Canning Vale Police Station			T: 9456 9555
Life Threatening Emergencies			T: 000
Police Non-emergency			T: 131 444
Neighbour Watch			T: 9493 3311
Crimestoppers			T: 1800 333 000
Join e-WATCH	ewatch@gosnells.wa.gov.au		

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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.

WELCOME TO CRESTWOOD

Karen Myers 5 Regency Drive
Andrew Frayne 48 Grenadier Drive

FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES

John Horsten 5 Regency Drive
Michael Watters 48 Grenadier Drive

YOUTH YAK: *Youth Yak* finished a very successful 3 year run in the last issue of the *Crestwood News*. I'm sure residents will join me in thanking Andrew, Rebekah and James Wilson for their efforts in producing a most enjoyable column for the Crestwood community.

LINGUISTIC PUZZLE: Hindi: boy *larkā*, girl *larkī*, child *baccā*, man *ādmī*, shoe *jūtā*, milk *dūdh*, walk *caltā*, come *ātā*, drink *pītā*, bring *lātī*, good (masculine) *acchā*, good (feminine) *acchī*, old *purānā*, fat *mōtā*, sad *dukhī*, warm *garm*, very *bahut*, this *yah*, in *andar*, behind *pīchē*, slowly *dhīrē*, -s, is/ present tense *hai*, past tense *thī*

Hi all. A slow start to the summer but things are starting to warm up. The pool's looking good and Kate seems to be settling in nicely. Remember, as the evenings warm up the barbeques are available should you want your dinner by the pool. Just remember, no glass please, and that includes sauce, wine and beer bottles. However, should you wish to sip on a decent red you can store it in the first aid room and decant from there into your plastic wine glasses. There is no need to book the barbeque for small gatherings but it doesn't hurt to consult with the lifeguard in case a heap of other families have the same idea.

Pool

While I'm on the subject of functions, I hope you are all aware that the hall can be booked for functions and the pool can also be used, but please be aware that hiring one does not automatically give you the right to use the other. If you hire the hall for a function and you wish to use the pool you MUST contact the lifeguard to make the appropriate arrangements. If it's a child's party, we have adult / child ratios for the hall and the pool. These must be maintained at all times. I would hate to stop a party early because the organiser has not complied with, what I believe, are very basic requirements.

You should have recently received the flyer for the Christmas functions. There was one misprint where I requested help for the cleanup on the 21st and 24th; that should have read the 20th and 24th. Once again, the Thornlie Church choir will entertain us with their instrument skills and graceful voices. I hope to see a park full of excited children and adults who have all brought along their carol voices.

My family and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and prosperous 2010. Enjoy this upcoming summer, be sun smart, and I look forward to seeing you all out and about on this wonderful estate.

Merry Christmas: Trevor Veen, Committee Member for the Aquatic Centre

Christmas again; how time flies. Not much to report this time which most will say is great. Maybe I will get the thanks out of the way first.

These include all the Committee members for their help over the past year. I have enjoyed this year much more. Thank you to Trevor and Betty for the drinks and BBQ held for the Committee. Boy I know where I want to live. What a spread. Hey the beer wasn't bad either. Thanks also to Grant and now Damyn for their efforts over the past year. Damyn is Grant's son and is helping us out as the part time gardener.

Now to business as usual. I need to ask some residents to please try and clean up out the back of their properties. I had the council ranger ring me about the state of some properties. Evidently they can give out work orders if these are seen as a fire risk which is something I didn't know. I can only ask that these properties be cleaned up.

Our reticulation system is now on 20 minute cycle for the hotter months. We have left the parks on 45 minutes rather than increasing them to an hour to save both water use and power. This will be monitored by Grant. The parks are looking quite good as they have all now been fertilised. We have had only a few breakdowns so far which were fixed the next day by Total Eden. These were mainline breaks which needed the experts. While on breaks, can all residents please keep an eye out for broken sprinklers and pipes when tests are running? We have been told of a few which will affect other properties on the same station. All we need to do is bring this to the owner's attention. Sometimes people miss their tests or their station comes on too late at night.

Enough is enough. All that is left is to wish all a Merry Christmas and great New Year.

Rob Wilson, Committee Member for Parks and Reticulation

Parks & Reticulation

Recent approvals by the Committee of the Crestwood Homeowners Association.

1. [A residence on Grenadier Drive] Thank you for your request to remove the trees causing damage to the brick fence at the back of your property. The trees are a multi-stem gum and a multi-stem jacaranda both of which have been previously cut down and regrown making them unsightly and unstable. As you report, the trees are now beginning to damage the fence at the rear of your property, the committee agrees that you should remove them. Please contact Grant Douglas on 0417 713 213 to arrange access to the park for your contractor to remove the trees.

2. [a residence on Grenadier Drive] Thank you for your site plan and letter of 5th October showing the position of your proposed patio. Your letter and plan were tabled at our last committee meeting. We have noted that the new patio is adjacent to the fence between your property and Underpass C. The full committee agreed that you should continue with your construction. I have enclosed a Building Application form for you to complete and return to me. We will also require a copy of your construction plans and the building licence from The City of Gosnells for your homeowner's file.

3. [a residence on Grenadier Drive] Thank you for your application of 24th November to erect a new fence on your rear boundary with Park 21. Your application and plans were tabled and discussed at our committee meeting 30th November, and were approved. We hope that all goes well with the installation of your new fence,.

4. [a residence on Regency Dr] Thank you for your application of 24th November to erect a new fence on your rear boundary onto the walkway between Parks 19 and 20. Your application and plans were tabled and discussed at our committee meeting 30th November, and were approved.

John Rushton, Committee Member for Aesthetics

Aesthetics

Our solicitors, HFM Legal, have advised us that their office will be closed for the holiday period from 5:00pm Friday, 18 December 2009 until 8:30am Monday, 4 January 2010.

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 a homeowner sells their property and believes the settlement will take place in the period HFM Legal's office will be closed.

Roy Malone, Honorary Treasurer

Finance

INCIDENT REPORT

Incidents reported on the Crestwood Estate

No incidents have been reported to the *Crestwood News* although the e-watch bulletin has reported break-ins on Grenadier Drive and Regency Drive and the *Comment News* reported a vehicle theft on Grenadier Dr.



Break-ins Bottlebrush Dr (2), Forest Crescent, Jacqueline Dr, Lester Dr, Loranzo St; motor vehicle theft Bottlebrush Dr, Lester Dr (10 November)

Break-ins Murdoch Rd, Spencer Rd (both commercial), Spencer Rd, Spring Rd; motor vehicle theft Grenadier Dr (17 November)

Break-ins Parkside Dr; motor vehicle theft Chivalry Way; graffiti damage Parkside Dr (24 November)

Break-ins Murdoch Rd, Burslem Dr, Elliot Pl, Martindale Ave, Rushbrook Way (1 December)

POLICE WATCH - Thornlie

from the *Comment News*

Break-ins Churchdown St, Elvington Way, Hunt St, Rushbrook Way, Sandon Road, Berehaven Ave, Storey Rd; motor vehicle theft Warton Rd (13 October)

Break-ins Spencer Rd (Commercial), Explorer Dr, Lester Dr, Merino Ct, Rushbrook Way, Tea Tree Way, Yale Rd (3); graffiti damage Burslem Dr (3 November)

MANDATORY REPORTING OF MEDICAL CONDITIONS

It is now law that drivers report any permanent or long-term medical condition that is likely to impair their ability to drive. This means that all drivers in WA, or those applying to drive who have not already done so, are required to notify the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) of any permanent or long-term medical condition that they suffer from that is likely to impair their ability to control a motor vehicle safely.

What sort of medical conditions should be reported?

You must let the DPI know as soon as you become aware of any of the following conditions or if an adverse change occurs to an existing condition. Some examples of medical conditions which can affect driving and should be reported include:

- diabetes
- epilepsy
- heart disease or stroke
- eye problems
- Parkinson's disease and other neurological disorders
- dementia and Alzheimer's disease
- depression and other mental health problems
- injuries and physical disabilities
- alcohol or drug dependency
- fainting or giddiness
- high or low blood pressure

How do I report a medical condition?

The report of a medical condition must be in writing. This can be done by either filling out the Notification of a Medical Condition form or writing a letter which includes:

- Full details of the medical condition you are reporting
- Your full name and address
- Your date of birth
- Your daytime contact numbers
- Your driver's licence number

This can be posted to: Mandatory Reporting Team, Department for Planning and Infrastructure, GPO Box R1290, Perth WA 6844

What happens next?

Once we have received your written notification we will review

the documentation and contact you to inform you of what action, if any, is required. The written notification you receive from us will inform you of what actions you may need to take which could include any of the following:

- Your driver's licence may need to be updated with an endorsement showing any relevant licence conditions; for example, detailing that you need to wear suitable visual aids whilst driving
- You may need to undertake and pass a medical assessment of your fitness to drive or undertake and pass a practical driving assessment
- No further action is required

You will be notified in writing of the results of any assessments you may need to undertake. If you fail to undergo any required assessments requested, your licence could be refused, suspended or cancelled until such time as you have completed the assessments.

Can health professionals currently report on patients who are medically unfit to drive?

Health professionals in Western Australia are currently guided by the Austroads publication *Assessing Fitness to Drive* that provides guidance on reporting issues. Health professionals are not compelled to report medically unfit driver's to the DPI. They may report a patient if they are concerned that their advice not to drive will be ignored, and the patient will continue to drive. Providing such information in good faith and in the interests of public safety affords health professionals protection from civil or administrative action.

What happens if the DPI receives information from a health professional stating that a licence holder is unfit to drive?

In the interests of public safety and the safety of all other road users, it is important that drivers who are considered to be unfit to drive, are not permitted to drive. If a person is found to be unfit to drive, the person's driver's licence may be suspended or cancelled by the DPI until such time as their medical condition improves.

For more information, go to www.dpi.wa.gov.au/medical-reporting or call 1300 852 722

Cycling At Night

Cyclists who ride bicycles at night, in the early morning or at dusk when there are low levels of light, have to stay alert and be properly alert to be seen.

High Visibility Clothing

White clothes are necessary for rider visibility at night. Best of all are garments with reflective panels. Bike shops sell jackets, shirts and lightweight vests that slip over your ordinary cycling clothing.

Reflectors

Reflectors are mandatory on all bikes. By law, there must be a

red reflector at least 38mm in diameter at the rear of the bike. Orange reflectors are fitted to both wheels and the front and back of pedals. A white reflector is mounted at the front of the bike. Remember, reflectors alone will not make the night cyclist visible.

Lights

If you ride at night, you must by law use lights — a white light at the front and a red light at the rear. For the front, look for a bright quartz halogen light. For the rear, a flashing LED type. Beware of the cheaper variety as their performance is questionable.

From: Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Committee Business:

Parks and Reticulation: A part-time gardener is required. The search for a suitable person continues. Grant has requested that a flyer be included in the next newsletter regarding the responsibility of homeowners to care for the area between their rear boundary and path.

Water pressure problems have been sorted.

Aesthetics: An application for construction of a patio on Grenadier Drive was received and approved.

An issue has become apparent between neighbours in Hume Road regarding trees. John and Rob are to negotiate with the involved parties.

Permission to remove a sheoak has been declined. A request to remove a Broadleaf Pepper Tree was also declined.

Pool: A flyer is to go out to homeowners regarding the pool opening and pre-opening busy bee. Preparation of the pools for the coming season is to commence soon.

Goreys is to be asked to check power points in the pool office and the light in the hall. Quotes are to be sought for retiling of the toddler pool in preparation for the 2010/2011 season.

The odd pool chemical account is to be checked by Roy.

Social: The Orienting Crestwood event for families was cancelled due to wet weather. Sandra will consider running the event at a future date to be advised.

General Business: A Golden Retriever has been seen wandering the parks. A problem has also been noted with a young resident creating a possible danger to park users. Trevor Davis is to draft a letter to the parents for Sandra to send on behalf of the committee.

October 2009**Committee Business:**

Parks and Reticulation: The gardener, Grant Douglas, is to attend a chemical course, 4-5 November. Discussion was held regarding the need for a part-time gardener and the possibility of Grant's son temporarily filling the position after he finishes school. The job offer will be up to 15 hours a week with the pay rate yet to be determined.

A problem occurred with Bore 1. Additionally, park stations are to be tested. A question was raised regarding what arrangements are in place following any breakdown in the reticulation system. In answer to this, the timetable provided to residents will be adhered to.

Fertiliser has been ordered. Parks will be progressively fertilised and treated with soil wetting agent. The Gosnells City council is to send someone to look at the footpaths in the park. A request has been received to lop some branches from a tree behind a residence in Lachlan Rd.

Many students have recently been seen in the Crestwood parks during school hours.

Aesthetics: Requests were received for permission to raise the height of the side boundary fence in Hume Road. and construction of a patio on a property in Grenadier Drive. Both of these requests were approved.

A question was also put to the committee regarding rendering of the exterior of a house. Permission from the Committee is not required for such work.

Pool: The pool opened for the season on Sunday 25 October and was busy on that first day. These was also a good turnout of people for the busy bee to help set up the pool for the season.

Replacement of the large shade sail is required, and the shade sail over the sand pit is also to be replaced. The pump for the heater for the toddler pool failed. Pricing is be sought for a new one.

Social: Welcome packs are to be delivered by Trevor and Claire.

General Business: A problem was noted with resident youngsters making inappropriate comments. This is a matter for individuals to raise with parents.

Visitor Business: The question of the Broadleaf Pepper tree in Park 23 was raised by the visitor to the meeting. He raised health and social issues associated with the tree and the pruning that had been done to it. He would like the tree removed. The President suggested that information about the tree be provided to nearby residents and that they be asked for their input regarding possible health issues and antisocial behaviour associated with the tree.

The Climbing Tree – Beware

The climbing tree in Park 23 is not a gum tree as depicted in the poem in the July-August issue of the *Crestwood News*. It is, in fact, a Broadleaf Pepper tree declared as noxious, W2.

There are health risks attached to this tree and they are as follows. The tree can affect human and animal health as it contains toxic resins. Contact with the sap can cause persistent swelling, rashes, welts, running sores, swollen faces, colic and haemorrhages. The pollen can also cause respiratory problems. The Committee have been made aware of this and have seen fit not to remove the tree. The question is: Why not?

A resident on Cavalier Court.



What is REmida?

REmida is a community organisation which collects and supplies reusable materials to schools, childcare centres, families, community groups, artists and other individuals for creative and educational projects. The organisation originated in Italy, in the region of Reggio Emilia (the RE of the name). Teachers in that region, wanted to provide exotic materials for their children to stimulate their curiosity and creativity.

The second part of the name, mida, is from Midas, the name of the king who was both blessed and cursed with the ability to turn whatever he touched into gold. REmida has been operating in Perth for five years.

Where do the materials come from?

The materials which are recycled and reused are collected entirely from the clean waste and discards of local industry. This can be in the form of off-cuts, packaging and various discontinued lines. Included are metals, wire, wood, plastics, paper, cardboard, fabrics, fasteners, taps, knobs, electronics, plexiglass, string and buttons. Essentially all clean, unwanted materials that were previously destined for the tip or for landfill are collected.

How does REmida work?

REmida is a non-profit organisation which relies on income from memberships, workshops, festivals and grants for its running. It was started as an initiative of the staff and parents of the Bold Park Community School and its major sponsors are the Department of Education and Training and Lotterywest. Funds that are raised from memberships or given in the form of grants pay for a small number of permanent staff as well as facilities such as power and water. The labour required to sort through materials comes from volunteers.

What do volunteers do?

Most volunteers will spend some time sorting the clean waste that was collected from local businesses. This material then becomes available for use by individual and group members. There is also a creative aspect to volunteering. Working within their own interests and skills, volunteers also use the materials they have sorted for creative purposes.

For example, Marjan, the volunteer from Crestwood, has a particular skill in sewing. She has joined something called a Guerrilla Bagging Workshop where reusable shopping bags (see photo below) are created from recycled fabric. These are then given to customers who not only receive an attractive bag for their shopping, but also receive some encouragement to change from plastic bags to reusable ones.

Another example of reuse is the 100 plus shirts that were collected from a Perth sports facility after they were no longer required for their staff. The original logo from these still-serviceable shirts was removed and a new logo for REmida sewn on. These were then made available to the staff and volunteers at REmida.

Volunteers also help with general and office tasks. This can be answering phones, giving talks and tours to visitors and contacting existing and potential suppliers of goods and material. There is also the opportunity to contribute to the monthly newsletter, put together grant applications and look for new sponsors.

What are REmida's aims?

REmida's main aim is to inspire curiosity and creativity through the reuse of discarded materials. One benefit of this is a move closer to environmental sustainability. The change which is sought is generational and slow, and to facilitate this the focus is on children to get them to rethink materials which might have once gone to waste.

Volunteers assist in the running of various workshops and events where children predominate. These workshops can be at schools, daycare and various other community centres, the REmida headquarters in West Perth, or at corporate headquarters where the children of employees are in attendance.



These workshops are usually run around a particular theme. This can be making puppets or kites, making a dragon of clay with the various textures of recycled materials pressed into it, creating a Meccano set from ties, screws and other hardware materials, or constructing a scarecrow for a veggie garden where the head might be the case from a recycled computer, and the face, limbs and body from other recycled materials available at REmida.

Text by the Editor; information from Marjan van Dijk and the REmida website

VOLUNTEERS and MEMBERS

How does one volunteer or become a member?

Anyone can be a volunteer. REmida, however, prefers individuals or groups to make an ongoing commitment to work a certain number of hours per week. This is because volunteers receive some training and learn about the philosophy, history and general workings of the group. At the present time REmida is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons.

If you do not have the time to volunteer, you can still work with the materials collected by REmida by becoming a member. A family membership is \$64.00 dollars a year. School and daycare memberships are \$240.00 and this provides for admission of up to 100 pupils. There are also other types of membership available and these are shown in detail on the REmida website.

Who do I contact?

If you are interested in volunteering or joining REmida as a member, you can contact Marjan van Dijk, a current volunteer who lives on the Crestwood Estate. Her telephone number is 9459 8776 and email is darrencolley@iprimus.com.au. In the New Year Marjan hopes to run a workshop at the Crestwood Hall.

REmida itself is located at 1 Prospect Place in West Perth. Contact details are as follows:

Post: PO Box 372, Leederville WA 6903

Email: info@remidawa.com

Telephone: 9227 5576

Website: www.remidawa.com

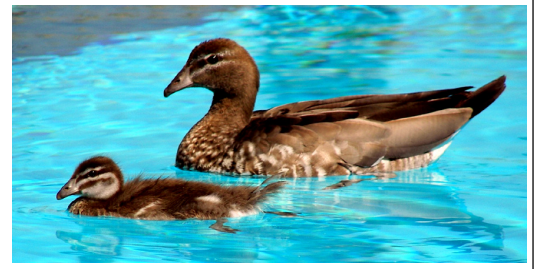
Swimming Pool Busy Bee

The mother duck wasn't budging, and her last duckling had no intention of leaving her side. This was the last of a brood of six, the others, as rumour on Coronet Court had it, were taken by crows, disappearing one by one across the days. Humans were obviously far less threatening for throughout the clean up the two ducks, joined now and then by a nervous father, busied themselves by doing laps in the 25 metre pool.

It was a good turnout to help prepare the pool for the imminent season. Numbers easily reached 25, and everyone eventually found a way to help. Lounges were hauled out of the storage alcove and spread out on the lawn for their semi-annual hose down. This was done by a woman with good intentions, if not the best of aim, and when the lounges were still glistening with beads of water, they were put into position around the pool.

As the hosing continued, attention focussed on the hanging of the shade sails. This required anywhere from four to six people, two on each of two ladders and the rest on the ground manipulating the sails into position. Placing of the sails was made easier by number and colour coded tags, but even with this there was still a lot of turning, and sometimes a little guesswork when it turned out that one or more of the tags had somehow gone missing.

The sweepers were also out in force. Alcoves needed cleaning, as well as the pool surrounds as the visiting ducks still refused to be housebroken. And then, just when everyone was beginning to wonder whether Sunday afternoons could ever be this good again, it was over. Trevor called out a big "Thank you" to all who had come to help, and with that the pool returned to its quiet self, at least until the following week when the annual season would once again begin.



The venue for this well-attended Crestwood 20s Club luncheon was the Runway Cafe at Jandakot Airport. Thirty-eight members of the 20s Club made their way upstairs to the cafe offering an uninterrupted view over the runways to catch views of an assortment of planes and helicopters taking off, landing or just hovering in various practice manoeuvres.

Crestwood 20s Club

The buffet beckoned with a selection of salads and hot food including roast beef with gravy, lamb curry and roast chicken, and helpings of rice or fries. Desert came later, specially ordered personal pavlovas topped with strawberry and kiwi fruit, and coffee and tea was waiting at the sideboard for the guests to help themselves when they were ready.

Of the 38 guests attending the luncheon, 34 still live on the Crestwood Estate. Those who have moved away and were taking the opportunity to catch up with old friends were Ross and Maureen Campbell and Roger and Gaye Lloyd. There are approximately 200 current or former residents of Crestwood who have lived on the Estate for at least 20 years and are eligible to join the Club. Seven of this number no longer live in Crestwood and the whereabouts of 13 others who were members and have moved off the Estate are unknown. There are 93 households on the Club list.

Due to the difficulty of keeping in touch with so many people, and the varying degrees of interest shown in attending the semi-annual luncheons, the coordinator, Margaret Davies, will be contacting members and those eligible to join to gauge their interest in continuing to receive information about upcoming events. Those who express no interest in receiving information about events will no longer be contacted. It is also planned to collect email address from those who have them to facilitate contact. All this will happen closer to the next scheduled luncheon in May 2010.



Carols in the Park 20 December 2009

Sunday 7:00 – 8:30

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



Santa in the Park Sausage Sizzle 20 December 2009

4:30 – 5:00 Santa will be driving through the parks.

5:00 – 6:00 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

5:45 – 7:00 Sausage Sizzle. This will be subsidised by Crestwood with sausage sizzle and drinks for \$1.00 each. We'll be needing volunteers to cook.

Christmas Eve at the Pool 24 December 2009

Thursday from 4:00

BYO BBQ meal

Inflatable obstacle course will be at the pool 4:00 - 6:30

Can You Help?

Help is needed for the following tasks:

- Buy and pack lolly bags for Santa to hand out.
- Order and pick up sausages, buns and sauces.
- Help set up and pull down on both the 20th and 24th.
- Be available on these two days to help out when needed.



Please ring Trevor Veen on 9493 3021.

2009-2010 Home Owners Fees

Under **Option B**, the 3rd instalment of \$395.00 is payable by **31st December 2009**.

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

2010-2012 Committee Positions

A number of Committee positions will become vacant at the next AGM. One of these is for the **Aquatic Centre**.

Do you enjoy a swim?

Are you a doer and want to get involved?

Are you diplomatic-ish?

Come on, give it a go!

Pool Committee position becomes vacant at the next AGM.

You can do it.

Call Trevor on 9493 3921 to find out more.

Other positions falling vacant are for **President, Treasurer and Aesthetics**. A **Social Coordinator** is also required. Give some thought to contributing to the running of the estate by making yourself available for one of these positions.

Playing Hardball

Crestwood residents are reminded that there can be no hard balls used for games played in the parks. So if you are playing cricket, use a tennis ball,

Likewise, if you are practising your golf swing, you'll have to find an alternative to a golf ball.

A Dry Christmas and New Year

Reticulation will be turned off on Christmas and New Year's Eve. This will be done so as not to dampen anyone's party or spirits.

NOTICES

PERSONAL

Wanted to Rent

An occupational therapist and artist, accompanied by a good-natured collie-kelpie dog, is looking to rent a 3-4 bedroom home in Crestwood from February 2010. She would like a 1-2 year lease. If you have such a house or know of someone who does, please contact Mikailah Lehmann on 0439 717 320.

Get Well

The Crestwood community joins in wishing Mary Gledhill of Princeton Court and Ros Howard of Coronet Court speedy and complete recoveries from their recent bouts of ill-health.

Vale

The Crestwood community was saddened by the death of Peter Cryer of Regency Drive. Our deepest condolences to his wife Heather, their children John and Carol, and grandchildren Jenna, Cherrie and Cameron

Crestwood Hall Hire

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

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

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

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

Committee meetings of the

Crestwood Homeowners Association for 2010 have been set on the following dates. Also included are dates for the Special General and Annual General meetings. Check the contents page of the latest issue of the *Crestwood News* for any changes. Crestwood residents are welcome to attend all or part of these meetings held at the Crestwood Hall. Visitors' business is always attended to first, so residents may leave whenever they wish.

21 December 2009

18 January 2010

17 February (Special General Meeting)

22 February

29 March

26 April

26 May (AGM)

31 May

28 June

26 July

30 August

20 September

25 October

29 November

20 December

CRESTWOOD PATCHWORK & QUILTING GROUP

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



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

CRESTWOOD MOTHER'S GROUP / PLAYGROUP

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

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

Runs during School terms

Call Ros on 9493 2597

Social Card Mornings

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

Where: 24 Princeton Court

When: Friday mornings, 10:00 - 11:30 am during school terms

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

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



Belly Dance

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

Come join us. Non-Crestwood residents welcome.
Cost \$10.00 per class — includes drumming class.

**Phone Gillian 9459 9904 or Heather 9452 2427
for time and location of the class.**

Humour

The Economy is so bad that ...

- ▶ I received a pre-declined credit card in the mail.
- ▶ I ordered a burger at MacDonald's and the kid behind the counter asked if I could afford fries with that.
- ▶ CEOs are now playing miniature golf.
- ▶ If a bank returns your cheque marked *insufficient funds*, you ring them to ask if they meant you or them.
- ▶ Rich parents have fired their nannies and learned their children's names.
- ▶ A truckload of Americans was caught sneaking into Mexico.

You know you're getting old when ...

- Your birth certificate is written in roman numerals
- Archaeologists dig up things you remember from your childhood.
- You remember a time you could fix the television by giving it a good thump.
- Your best-loved music is only available on 33 RPM vinyl.
- Even people you don't know call you Grandad/Grandma.
- Children ask you if you ever had a dinosaur for a pet.

Law and Order

- > A bank was held up by a criminal with a sawn-off shotgun. Luckily no one was hurt. He had sawn off the wrong end.
- > A man is about to be put into the electric chair and the prison chaplain asks him is there's anything he can do for him in his dying moments. "Yes," says the man. "Will you hold my hand?"

Ideas to Ponder

1. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
2. No matter how much you push the envelope, it is still stationery.
3. A dog gave birth to puppies at the side of the road and was cited for littering.
4. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
5. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
6. Atheism is a non-prophet organisation.
7. I wondered why the basketball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.
8. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
9. A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to asked how he was, the nurse answered, "No change yet".
10. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

Examination Questions and Answers

1. Describe the functions of the human spine: "The spinal column is a long bunch of bones. The head sits on the top and you sit on the bottom."
2. How are the main parts of the body characterised? "The body is consisted into three parts, the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and lungs and the abdominal cavity contains

The memory's the first to go

Joe arrived home from a shopping trip to the supermarket. As his wife checked through the groceries she complained that he had forgotten many of the items he was supposed to buy.

"At least I remembered to drive home in the car this time," Joe announced with an air of satisfaction.

"Car! What car? We don't own a car," shrieked his wife.

Marriage

A man boards a plane. Sitting next to him is an elegant woman wearing the largest, most stunning diamond ring he's ever seen. He asks her about it. "This is the Klopman diamond," she says. "It's beautiful, but there is a terrible curse that goes with it. "What's the curse?" asks the man. The woman replies, "Mister Klopman".

A man has a check up and the doctor finds something seriously wrong. He decides that the news is too bad to tell the man directly so he breaks it to his wife. "Your husband is seriously ill," says the doctor. "The only way you can save his life is to offer him a completely stress-free existence. You must not contradict him in any way. He must give up his job so he can concentrate on restful hobbies. He must have three home-cooked meals every day and live in an environment that is as tranquil, tidy and germ-free as possible." In the car heading home the husband asks, "So what's going to happen to me?" The wife answers, "You're going to die."

A woman puts an ad in the paper saying, "Husband wanted". The next day she gets a hundred letters all saying the same thing: "You can have mine."

ACCIDENTS

1. Harry heard that most accidents happen within two miles of home, so he moved.
2. Ireland's worst air disaster happened early this morning when a small two-seater Cessna plane crashed into a cemetery. Irish search and rescue workers have recovered 1,826 bodies so far and expect that number to climb as digging continues.
3. A young man is trying out his new sports car on a quiet outback road. There is no traffic about so he risks taking the car up to 100 kph, then 120 and finally 150. He turns a corner and sees two farmers standing in the middle of the road chatting, The man wrenches the wheel sideways, the car shoots up an embankment, flies into the air, and crashes in the middle of an adjacent field. One of the farmers turns to the other and says, "That was lucky. I reckon we got out of that field in the nick of time".

the five bowels — a, e, i, o and u."

3. Name the four seasons? "Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar."
4. How can you delay milk turning sour? "Keep it in the cow."
5. What does the word benign mean? "Benign is what you will be after you be eight."
6. Who invented fractions? "Henry the 1/8."
7. What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on? "If you're buying a house, they will insist you're well endowed."

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