



CRESTWOOD

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

1970 - 1995

A WAY OF LIFE



Acknowledgements

The Crestwood Silver Jubilee Committee was formed to organise two events to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Crestwood Estate. The committee comprised David Flavell, chairman; Barbara Blake, secretary; Roger Lloyd, treasurer, Maureen Campbell, Michael Conroy, David Lewis, Gaye Lloyd, Joan Pentony and Dennis Pentony. Sunday, March 12th, 1995 was celebration day with a 'Picnic in the Park' theme. The pool park was the venue to celebrate this important milestone with some 400 adults and children in attendance on a warm autumn day.

The second celebration, a Christmas in July Dinner Dance at the "White House" on Saturday, June 24, 1995, enabled residents past and present the opportunity to relive memories of happy times in Crestwood and enjoy a superb meal and dancing to a four-piece band.

Presentation of our book "CRESTWOOD" - Celebrating 25 Years, records significant milestones of 1970-1995. A huge vote of thanks to Roger Hurba who compiled the History from meeting minutes, photographs, original advertising material and pioneer residents notes. Special thanks also to Pat Antonio who assisted with photographs and records. We trust you will treasure your copy of "CRESTWOOD", a unique way of life.

Bill Walter, president Crestwood Home Owners Association (Inc).

Happy 25th Anniversary

Dear member of the Crestwood community.

Crestwood has indeed matured as a beautiful suburb. Driving through the streets, free of power lines, and strolling through the parkland pathways is a unique experience; the design providing qualities needed to meet today's pressures and stress.

However, its success has always come from the people - people who sense the values and benefits through using them with understanding.

There are things we will always remember....

The many we met as a business transaction, but were able to live for years amongst as valued friends.

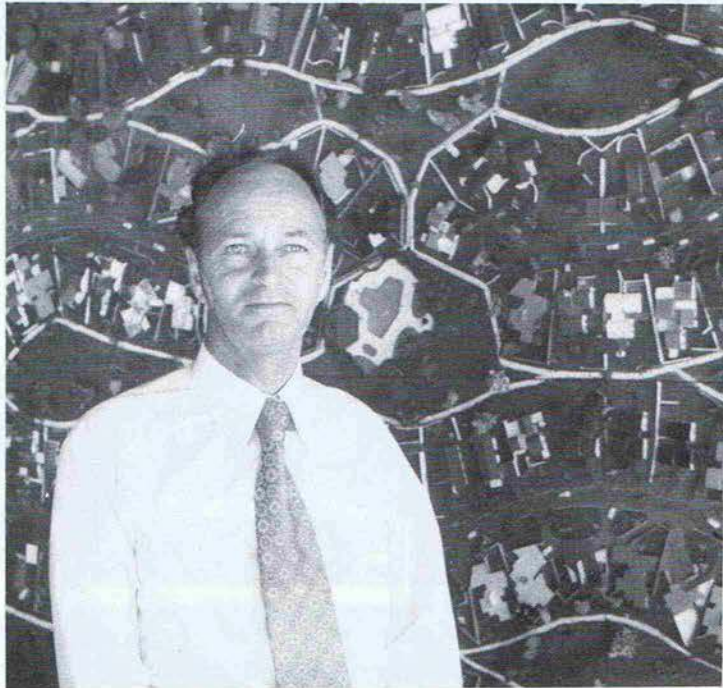
The quietness.

The excitement and sheer joy of Father Christmas' visits.

Seeing a toddler safely hand-in-hand with someone else's grandad, wandering the parks with no evidence of a generation gap.

Listening for the sprinklers.

The serious combat of the "Prince Regents" and the "Grenadier Guards" cricket Tests, involving every age, and with pliable rules that created friendship and fun that



continued around the barbecue.

The underpasses and safe cycleways.

Parents hand-in-hand leisurely walking and talking the day to a close.

The stolen sprinklers and the "pool imps".

The Home Owners committee, ever changing, but always the guiding hand of a few stalwarts, maintaining continuity and standards year after year.

Dear old Jack Rickard,

the gardener who helped us put it all together, tipping his hat to the ladies, with the respect of a by-gone era.

Our joy - it exists.

Our sadness - the other planned villages aren't there today.

Our wish - that Crestwood will bring much happiness and success to all who have, are, and will in the future enjoy a lifestyle needed for this day and age.

RON and BETH SLOAN.



Aerial view in 1968



Aerial view in 1970

An idea becomes a reality

Eight hundred acres of land, a desire to do something special, many thousands of kilometres of travelling and Crestwood was born.

But the grand vision of developer Ron Sloan almost came undone because of an indifferent council and a big slump in land prices as a result of a recession and drought.

Sloan Homes became the owner of the land Crestwood now sits on in August, 1960. It was transferred to Crestwood Estates soon after.

After many years of developing land in Perth, Adelaide and Melbourne, as well as all the eastern side of Spencer Road, Mr Sloan wanted to get away from the orthodox, standard development.

He had attended a talk given by architect Paul Ritter whose topic was the Radburn idea of separating man and his motor vehicle in urban planning.

Inspired by this talk, Mr Sloan arranged a meeting with Mr Ritter to seek

Crestwood Estate is home to 295 families. It is run by a committee made up of six residents. It meets once a month on Monday nights. Each committee member serves for two years and is elected.

further details about Radburn.

Converted to the concept, Mr Sloan and his architect-planner Hugh Reynolds set out in 1968 on a world trip visiting 77 countries.

"Hugh and I went through every country in the world where we felt there was anything that could possibly give us an idea that would portray the quality of urban living," he said.

Visiting a different city every day, they would hire a car at the airport

and drive all day on the freeway.

"Late in the afternoon or evening we'd be drifting back to our hotel where we would have a meal, make sure our flights were okay and then the next day do it again," Mr Sloan said.

"We got to the stage where I remember we were in Houston and we were driving back to our hotel in Dallas and it was the town we were in the day before.

"The mind just really got traffic disoriented.

"It was a very valuable trip for us because it enabled us to cut a swathe across the world urban scene at one point in time.

"We finished up in Scandinavia at a lovely major subdivision in Finland.

"The way we operated was that when we got into a city we would call into the city planner and say, 'Is there anything in your city you're proud of, even if it's just a little cul de sac, or a major project or whatever' ".

In exchange, they promised to liaise and swap any relevant data they collected.

"No one will now do what we did then because we had to put in too much time and cost.

It's just too hard," he said.

While in the United States, the pair visited Radburn, the community development 24km from New York which fired their imagination.

It was built in 1928,

based on a concept that provided peace, safety and security.

"Radburn was the ideal planners everywhere talked of because it separated man and motor," Mr Sloan said.

"The motor car was starting to intrude on our way of life, and in a dangerous way."

However, almost as soon as the first inhabitant had moved into the Radburn estate, the Great Depression hit

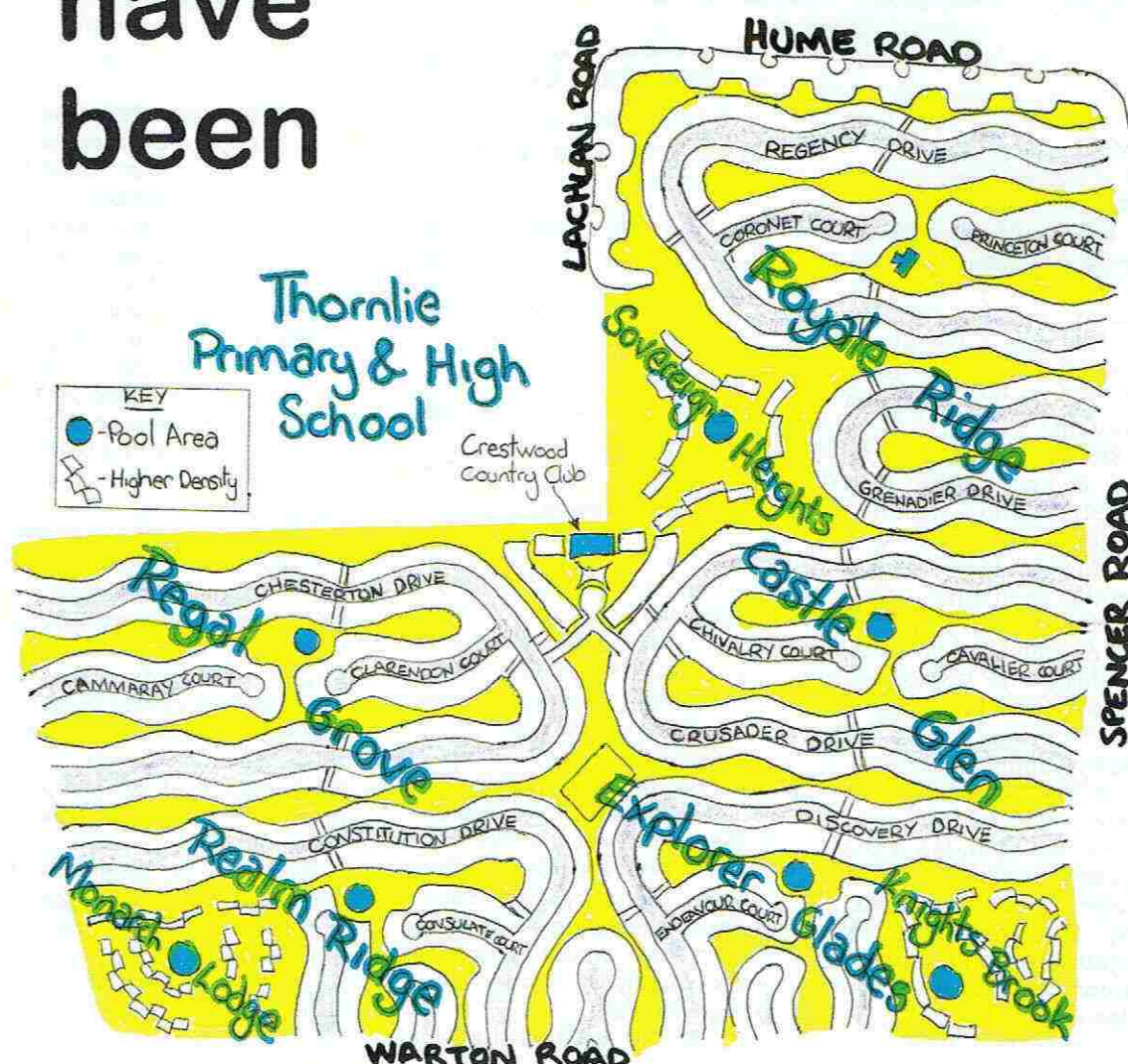
America.

Eventually, in 1933 the corporation running Radburn was forced into bankruptcy and had to sell the greater part of the under-developed land.

In 1941, another more comprehensive project based on the Radburn idea was begun on the outskirts of Los Angeles and from there the concept was taken up in Britain.

It was in Britain that Mr

How it should have been



Ritter, a student at the University of Nottingham became interested in the Radburn idea and in 1954 prepared a doctorate, combining sociology, planning and architecture to examine the Radburn housing layout.

In the mid 60's Mr Ritter with his wife and six children emigrated to Perth.

When Mr Sloan and Mr Reynolds returned to Perth, Mr Reynolds began working to try to get out a plan with Mr Sloan's demanding brief.

The brief had the hypothesis;

- Crestwood must achieve as equally efficient and economical a use of land as other suburbs with 3.3 lots to the acre but with 18 per cent (8 percent additional) open space.

- Every house had to face the parks and the roads within the estate had to have a symmetry that naturally restricted speeding.

- Recreation areas had to be within viewing and calling distance for parents to ensure the safety of children. The playing areas had to be large enough to let Dad and the boys kick a football in.

- Houses had to be designed to be different but compatible with surrounding homes to ensure a minimum standard and maintain values in the area.

- A mini-shire had to be formed to run the estate, involving residents, to generate community awareness.

Mr Sloan said the combination of factors were very demanding and Mr Reynolds was unable to fulfil them.

"You had to have a road system that does not allow through traffic," he said.

"You had to have pathways that pass

The Radburn concept



Pittsburgh's Radburn. It was in this park that the idea to attempt to provide at Crestwood a personal park for every 18 families was born. The result is a major breakthrough in planning and livability not yet achieved elsewhere in the world today.



Leisurely living abounds around this swimming pool as people splash in obvious contentment amidst the dreamy sunlit waters of these pools for all ages.



And these delightful under passes, providing interesting pathways under the roadways actually eliminate the possibility of level crossing accidents, providing obvious peace of mind for everyone.

through parklands and underpasses to schools and to a central swimming pool. You had to have the right size blocks and it's got to be economically viable.

"Everything had to be on the basis that if it worked for us, it would work just as well for everybody else."

Then Mr Sloan turned to the man who had inspired him in the first place and put the same set of criteria to Mr Ritter.

"He came to me many times and said: 'It can't be done and I said Paul it can and it will'."

Finally, one of Mr Ritter's architectural associates, Graham Kiereth, cracked the puzzle, meeting all the criteria.

But the hurdles of council and underground power proved the greatest obstacles.

"To build Crestwood with timber poles and powerlines through it would have been hideous and we started working with the SEC, which would not have a bar of it," Mr Sloan said.

"And for 10 months they held us up.

"It was a critical 10 months.

Market

"If we had come on-stream 10 months earlier we would have sold Crestwood in one day for whatever price we wanted to put on it.

"That is what the market was like. Ten months later it was dead.

"For about four years there was almost no market at all.

"We as developers were paying about 18 percent interest during the 10 months delay, and as a result we went on paying it for years, largely working for the bank.

"What the SEC wanted us to do. . . they wanted us to put gravel tracks through the parks so that



TAKING ON BUREAUCRACY....

The battle for Spencer Road traffic lights was a long struggle for one Crestwoodian. But the win was worth it at the end for Mr Eric White. Here are some excerpts on the long running saga, which began with a Crestwood meeting in January 1977, as reported at the time in the Crestwood News.

October 1978: I would like to thank everybody who assisted me in obtaining signatures on a petition to Parliament, to obtain pedestrian controlled traffic lights on Spencer Road, opposite the shopping centre. I shall be delivering the petition to Mr R. Pearce, MLA for Gosnells, at the end of September. We obtained in excess of 160 signatures.

December 1978: The response to the Spencer Road crossing has been a deafening silence, 1721 petitions have been completely ignored. Have any Crestwood residents any suggestions for the next step?

January 1979: A suggestion has been received that a human procession should walk across Spencer Road where the petitioners require a pedestrian crossing, during peak hour traffic. TV and newspapers could be invited to witness the traffic hold up should sufficient support be obtained. (The newsletter also published a letter of rejection from Mr E.C. Rushton who was Transport Minister at the time, saying that if any lights would be installed they would be at Thornlie Avenue.).

March 1979: So far 30 volunteers have expressed willingness to protest on Spencer Road - with two in opposition.

May 1979: This is the month suggested for our Spencer Road rally but on the advice of Bob Pearce, our MLA, there will be no confrontation with the law.

they could put their poles up there.

"They said that we wouldn't have the poles on the streets and the streets would look nice."

Twenty-five years later and the State Government is now moving to bury Perth's power lines. It announced on October 21, 1994 that half of the city's power lines would be underground by the year 2010.

Mr Sloan then launched a national competition for architects to

design homes for the estate.

"But that did not fulfil our wishes; they came up with ideas, but they were not the sort we wanted in Crestwood," he said. "We then invited local builders, asking them to bear in mind the covenants associated with the development."

Finally, it was opened on February 4, 1970 by the then Premier of Western Australia, Sir David Brand.

But because of the recession, not one block

was sold in the first six months of 1970.

Mr Ritter and Mr Sloan had envisaged that the first section, Royale Ridge, off Spencer, Hume and Lachlan roads, would be the first of five stages in the grand plan.

But sales barely moved and it was not until 1972 that there was an acceptance of the subdivision.

Mr Sloan had little return on his estimated outlay of \$3.5 million. Even when sales increased, the increases scarcely kept pace with inflation.

In fact, at the first annual general meeting, which was held in the boardroom of Merry and Merry Chartwell in Ord Street, West Perth on July 1, 1970 it was agreed to defer monthly general meetings and not to meet until next July because no houses were commenced on the estate.

At that meeting Mr Sloan was appointed secretary of the Royale Ridge of Crestwood Homeowners Association. Mr F. V. B. Hillman was elected president and Mr W. H. Duirs elected to the committee

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November 1974: Trees and shrubs are being uprooted and carted away, particularly from the parks nearest to Spencer Road. If you see any suspicious activity please ring the police.

October 1975: The gardeners are still encountering problems with children's playtime leftovers on the grassed areas. This costs time. Time is money. Your money.

November 1976: We know someone who took his wife out for an early morning picnic. He made up a couple of thermos jugs and his dear lady wife prepared a few other oddments and away they went to Kings Park. Boy! Was somebody in hot water. Literally. There was no tea in either flask - just hot water.

June 1977: A meeting called to discuss the supposed lack of communication between the residents and the committee attracted 6, yes six non committee residents. Now, really what is everybody whingeing about! I find it incredibly difficult to believe that people can be so apathetic.

and vice-president.

The meeting opened at 9.30am and was over by 11am.

Although about 50 blocks had been sold by the time of the second annual general meeting on July 31, 1971, it too, was over within an hour. There was no annual balance sheet because the Homeowners Association still had no properties to manage.

The third annual general meeting was different.

It began at 7.15pm on August 31, 1972 in the Blue Room of the Thornlie Hotel.

Mr Sloan introduced the president, who gave the large gathering a resume of the two previous AGMs, explaining there was no annual balance sheet because the association had only

PIONEER NOTES

- * Robert and Valerie Murray, 52 Hume Road: Built their home in 1971. They chose Crestwood because their son could play in safety in the park without crossing roads. "We remember best the pride residents took in their residences and their enthusiasm to make Crestwood a success."
- * Ron and Terri Elton-Bott, 27 Regency Drive: Bought their block in 1970 and built their home in 1971. "The parks, pool and connecting paths to other parks made a safe environment for our children to grow up in." They best remember the early days of waking up in the morning to the sound of kookaburras and magpies and the enjoyment of swimming at nighttime. They like Father Christmas in his sleigh, carol singing and walks in the park.
- * Frank and Sylvia Keays, 41 Regency Drive, bought their block for \$6500 on June 30, 1971. "We moved into our home on February 2, 1972 and we were the third family to take up residence in Crestwood. There was then one house at 43 Regency Drive and another in Coronet Court. By the end of 1972 a considerable number of families had moved into Crestwood." Sylvia served on Crestwood committee in 1973-74 and was the first woman to do so. "In the early days," the Keays say, "a stroll around the parks could take one and a half hours. We would stop for chats and an occasional drink with other residents whom we regarded as friends."
- * Ross and Maureen Campbell, 14 Princeton Court: They bought their block in May 1972 and moved in during April 1973. "Our best memories of the early Crestwood days are the interpark cricket matches which were for adults only, but played with soft balls." They chose Crestwood because of its safe and easy access to schools, the reticulation and because of the "large, maintenance free swimming pool".
- * Sylvia and Kevin Mitchell, 25 Regency Drive: Bought their block in 1971, building in 1972. Sylvia is Ron Sloan's sister. "We best recall the quietness and the estate being relatively free from vandalism in our early days here."

started operations on July 1.

The meeting elected Mr Sloan as president, Mr P. Hilditch as secretary. Committee members were Mr D. Cooper, Mr B. Bridson, Mr H. Devereux, Mr J. Hosking, Mr E. Kirwan, Mr K. Patterson, Mr B. Richardson, Mr J. Scott and Mr B. Teede.

A motion was also passed to call a further general meeting to examine and approve the pool and park by-laws.

Milestone

Mr Sloan told the historic meeting that a real milestone had been reached and that in spite of quite "extraordinary difficulties", the Crestwood project had won through to provide families with a suburb that greatly added to the quality of life they would enjoy.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

The Crestwood Home-owners Association had taken its first major step.

It held its first monthly committee meeting in September where it was resolved to open bank accounts at the Bank of NSW (as it was then) and the Town and Country building society.

A letter from Gosnells Shire clerk was read to the meeting raising the possibility of the shire paying a sum of money to the association because it was not called on to do any public work on the estate.

Messrs Richardson, Sloan, Bridson and Hilditch were appointed to a sub committee to prepare a case for a refund of a percentage of shire rates to be used as a sinking fund for maintenance and replacement of capital equipment.

A pool sub committee was also formed consisting of Messrs Sloan, Scott and Kirwan. Messrs Hosking, Hilditch, De-

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1972: R. Sloan (President), P. Hilditch (Secretary), B. Bridson, H. Devereux, J. Hosking, E. Kirwan, K. Paterson, B. Richardson, M. Scott, B. Teede.

73/74: B. Bridson (President), H. Devereux, E. Kirwan, Mrs S. Chandler, Mrs S. Keays, K. Williamson, R. K. Sloan.

74/75: B. Bridson (President), R. Hampson (Secretary), Mrs J. Stainton (minute secretary), D. Cooper, N. Little, G. Purdy, Mrs A. Teede, J. Hosking, H. Devereux, K. Paterson, J. Kirwan.

75/76: H. Devereux (President), Mrs J. Stainton (Secretary), Mrs C. Cragg, M. Kwek, J. Clarke, A. Eley.

76/77: H. Devereux (President), J. Spencer (Vice-president), Mrs J. Harris (Secretary), Mrs J. Dowding (minute secretary), A. W. Ferguson, M. Lee, R. Lloyd, Mrs J. Payne, R. Trautman.

77/78: B. Alderdice (President), J. Spencer (Vice-president), Mrs T. Redman (Secretary), A. W. Ferguson, M. Lee, R. Lloyd, Mrs J. Payne, R. Trautman.

78/79: B. Alderdice (President), J. Spencer (Vice-president), Mrs T. Redman (Secretary), M. Lee (Treasurer), Mrs H. Colvin, G. Faed, B. Beveridge, B. Taylor, G. Mould, B. C. Walter, M. Hughes.

vereux and Patterson became the parks and garden committee.

The next meeting on October 10, elected Mr Bridson as vice-president.

The November 14 meeting reported that Crestwood pool had opened on November 8 and raised the perpetual problem of children from the nearby Thornlie High School.

The president was asked to talk to the headmaster.

The first pool attendant was Mrs Hay who took the 6am-2pm shift. Mrs Howard took the second shift. Swimming lessons kicked off and visitors were required to pay an entry fee of 20 cents.

The November meeting also agreed to arrange an annual Christmas event for children.

It was suggested a tractor-trailer be used to

transport Father Christmas throughout the estate. It would be held on Sunday, December 17 and parents would be asked to leave small gifts for their little ones.

The idea grew and reindeers were fixed to each side of the lawn mowing tractor and sleigh sides fixed to the trailer with multi-coloured balloons and streamers trailing.

A bell ringer went ahead to warn the children Father Christmas was approaching.

The expectant atmosphere in each park was electric and the cries of "He's coming, he's coming" greeted Santa's "Yo Ho Ho."

A special general meeting at the pool centre attended by 37 residents passed the parks and pool by-laws.

Crestwood rates were set at \$75.

Complaints

The president reported back to the December committee meeting that the headmaster had agreed to talk to the students about Crestwood's complaints in the New Year.

Mr Sloan resigned as president of the association at the January meeting and Mr Bridson succeeded him.

The July 1973 meeting was informed that the Town of Gosnells had budgeted for \$5000 to the Association towards maintenance of a portion of the parks. A notice was sent to all residents seeking nominations for positions on the committee and informing them that the AGM would again be held at the Thornlie Hotel on August 8.

One hundred and forty nine residents turned up for the annual general meeting where the first annual balance sheets were presented.

It agreed that the 280 home sites making up the

A typical Father Christmas visit.



estate should pay rates of \$75.

The committee listed its achievements for the past 12 months as,

- Established budget procedures,
- Detailed staff duties and provided adequate insurance cover,
- Established the Chronicle to provide Crestwood news under the editorship of Mick Scott,
- Petitioned Gosnells council and provided a Father Christmas special.

Residents were told also that the kindergarten concept, originally proposed by Mr Sloan for the estate, had been ruled as doubtful by the council.

The next major development was the introduction of the three year rating system.

It was first mooted at a committee meeting on April 16, 1974 at which it

was also proposed to lift rates to \$115 annually.

It was put to the AGM, which was again held at Thornlie Hotel on August 14, that shire rates had risen by just over 100 per cent and the increased proposed by the committee represented a rise of 53 per cent. The association listed its assets at \$250,000.

Rating system

Residents were also told that direct entrances would be made from Regency and Grenadier drives on to Spencer Road, removing the angled entrances.

The meeting agreed to the three year system of rating and to the new level of rates.

The 1975 AGM was again held at the Thornlie Hotel on August 13 at which Chronicle editor Mick Scott announced he was stepping down be-

cause of work pressures.

Committee meetings continued each month and members were told at the August meeting that 100 more blocks had to be sold before the first village was complete.

Minutes of the June 16, 1976 meeting show that Perth had been hit by a bout of dry weather and tree planting, which had been dormant in the parks for some months, had recommenced. In fact, 34 were planted by July 21, 1976.

The Town of Gosnells had also continued to lift its contribution each year for the public open space within the estate.

On June 22, the town clerk notified the association that it would contribute \$6875 towards maintenance of the parks.

But the letter also pointed out that the council could not guarantee it would continue

its contribution, which would be reviewed each year.

To engender a stronger Crestwood bond, Mr Sloan decided that year to initiate a survey of interest in which each resident was asked by circular to list their interests.

By September 1976 there were some 480 replies and the results entered into a register.

The 1976 AGM was held at the Thornlie Hotel on July 28.

But not every one was happy with the triennial fee system which had been agreed to in 1974.

A special general meeting was called on July 27, 1977 at Thornlie Hotel to vote on amending the constitution and return to paying fees on an annual basis. It was submitted that this would reduce the coming 77-78 fees from an anticipated \$185 to \$160.

But the move was lost with just 69 in favour. One hundred and seventeen residents voted against the change.

The special meeting was held as a prelude to the AGM which began immediately after the move was lost.

Developer Ron Sloan addressed the meeting, mentioning the apathy by residents to committee vacancies.

He said assets of the association had grown to \$1 million.

Mr Sloan said he had just returned from a world trip and had seen nothing to beat Crestwood.

The incoming committee was asked to look at the question of reticulating each home every second night in the coming summer months on the basis on conserving water.

But this move was opposed by many residents and the committee finally decided on a compromise. Homes would be watered every second

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May 1978: On Sunday, April 2, the inaugural Crestwood swimming carnival was held in really ideal conditions. The afternoon proved a great success, due to the fine spirit of participation shown by Crestwoodians, particularly the younger members of our community.

March 1979: The "Test" cricket series between the Grenadier Guards and the Prince Regents is delicately poised at one match per side. The third decisive "Test" will be fought in park 21 on Sunday, 8th April.

January 1980: Crestwood is 10 years old this year. Some of you will be residents of 10 years standing - many of us are more recent arrivals. I have been living here only two years, but my association with Crestwood is much longer. I was working as an assistant with my father Paul Ritter when he designed the layout and I helped to construct a model of Royale Ridge to display to interested buyers. It therefore amazes me that the planner responsible for the concept has not been commissioned locally to design many more residential submissions and that every property in Crestwood is not snapped up the moment it comes on the market. Erica Walker

night for 20 minutes in October, November and December, increasing to 15 minutes every night for the rest of the summer, depending on temperatures.

The system of pool badges was introduced that summer and came into effect on February 1, 1978.

But tragedy also struck that year when a visitor drowned in the pool despite the efforts of the pool supervisor to resuscitate him.

To further streamline the running of the estate, the association decided at its September 1978 monthly meeting to form sub committees on architecture; finance; parks, gardens and equipment; pool and reticulation.

The committee was responding to a survey of residents who had aired three areas of concern. The first was park lighting. Fifty five per cent thought it was adequate but 45 per cent saw it as too dull.

Residents had also complained about pool staff, saying they thought not enough attention was

brought to bear on pool safety.

When questioned about pathways through the estate, residents thought that too many trees and shrubs overhung paths, creating a big nuisance for walkers and cyclists.

The 1978 AGM was held at the Thornlie Hotel on August 9.

Acclaim

Because of its unique development, Crestwood continued to receive much attention from national and international visitors.

It gained its first recognition in 1973 when it won the Urban Development award, with a special mention to Mr Sloan.

Two years later, the Federal Minister for Urban Planning, Mr Tom Uren, visited Crestwood, leading to the concept being used in two developments in Canberra.

The trend continued in 1976 when delegates from the Australian Developers Conference, which was meeting in Perth, toured Crestwood on March 11.

And again in 1976 when Crestwood was visited by a number of people, including Professor H. Clarke of the University of Sydney and an overseas study group from Colorado, USA.

The July 1979 meeting was faced with the problems of an out of date reticulation system which was badly susceptible to breakdowns.

Two options were put to the meeting.

Electronics

Modifying the system at a cost of \$6700 or converting the existing hydraulic system with the latest electronics available for an estimated \$67,000.

The meeting decided to put the second option out to tender.

The 1979 AGM was again held at Thornlie Hotel on August 9 where residents were informed of the problems of the present reticulation system and moves to overcome it.

The August 16 committee meeting was told that the lowest tender for the latest in electronic system was \$47,000, which was accepted.

The new reticulation system was completed on October 18 in time for the coming summer months.

There were, as expected, some teething difficulties, including buttons coming off the control system and pumps that broke down.

But all these were minor irritations compared with the bombshell that was to come the next year.

The first inkling came for most residents in the February-March newsletter which said:

"Your committee is at present investigating all aspects involved in the rounding off of the Crestwood estate.

Discussions are being conducted with the de-

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1979-1980: W. C. Walter (President), B. Beveridge (Vice-president), Mrs. T. Redman (Secretary), M. Lee (Treasurer), R. Redman, W. Harwood, I. Archibald, G. Farr, Mrs. H. Colvin.

80/81: W. C. Walter (President), G. Mould, (Vice-president) Mrs. T. Redman (Secretary), J. Wong (Treasurer), Mrs. H. Colvin, I. Archibald, Mrs. F. White, W. Layer.

81/82: W. C. Walter (President) G. Mould (Vice-president), Mrs. T. Redman (Secretary), J. Wong (Treasurer), H. Muller, R. Redman, R. Fieldgate, R. Campbell, B. Beveridge, B. Tonkin.

82/83: B. Tonkin (President), Mrs. T. Redman (Secretary), R. Malone (Treasurer), Mrs. H. Munsel (minute secretary), A. Payne, D. McNeilly, R. Wayner, R. Fieldgate, R. Campbell, H. Muller, R. Redman, Mrs. V. Fieldgate.

83/84: G. Mould (President), D. McNeilly (Vice-president), Mrs. T. Redman (Secretary), R. Malone (Treasurer), Mrs. J. Wilson, D. Kilpatrick, R. Coghlan, R. Redman, Mrs. H. Munsel.

84/85: G. Mould (President), D. Kilpatrick (Vice-president), Mrs. T. Redman (Secretary), R. Malone (Treasurer), R. Coghlan, Mrs. J. Wilson, R. Redman.

veloper and the City of Gosnells and when we are in possession of all the details, a special meeting of homeowners will be called."

The April-May newsletter crossed the t's and dotted the i's.

"We have now received confirmation from Ron Sloan that the second stage of the estate will not be proceeding as originally planned.

"It appears that after 15 months of talks with the City of Gosnells, during which time numerous objections and obstructions were raised by the council, with the result that no agreement could

be reached, it was decided not to proceed.

At the last City of Gosnells council meeting in April, the council unanimously voted against the development in its present form.

"As Ron was not prepared to compromise to the detriment of the Crestwood concept, he is now forced to proceed to develop the land as a standard subdivision.

"The remaining blocks on the south of Grenadier Drive will be included in the subdivision. New plans for the subdivision are now being drawn up.

"I am sure that everyone is disappointed that the second stage of this unique and beautiful estate will not become a reality.

"However, in fairness to Ron and family, we should applaud what they have accomplished and understand that any business cannot continually absorb high costs and long delays.

"Perhaps, the question we should all ask ourselves is why would the City of Gosnells be so negative about our type of development. We are not favoured by their rating system."

Mr Sloan was asked to address the 1980 AGM which was held at the Thornlie Hotel on August 13.

Emotional

An emotional Mr Sloan explained to the meeting that he had had a very disappointing time.

It had taken a long time to sell the initial blocks, which had cost him dearly.

There was no alternative but to sell the rest of the land as a normal subdivision.

Mr Sloan's loss was also reported in the Sunday Times on May 25.

The report said that after a 15-month verbal battle with the council,

Mr Sloan had decided to call it quits.

It said that the council had voted to refuse development of the other villages with more financial support as had been requested by Mr Sloan.

The article went on:

"Mr Sloan claimed that numerous objections and obstructions had been put forward by the council with the result no agreement could be reached.

Mr Sloan was not prepared to compromise to the detriment of the estate and decided to develop the remainder of the area in conventional style.

The city planner, Mr Kelvin Oliver, said the whole thing had been a long-winded procedure. He said the council contributed to the upkeep of the first established section, but it was not prepared to make a full contribution to keep the second section up to the standard required by Mr Sloan.

Had the same arrangement agreed to on the first cell been continued, council would have approved.

It was not prepared to go beyond what it did to maintain any other area in the city."

Mr Sloan recalls that Crestwood Estate had offered to offset council's costs by putting in all the bores in the proposed extension of Crestwood.

"It would have been money in the bank for them," Mr Sloan said.

He said the council would make more money by doing it, than by not doing it.

"But it was finally tossed out on a councilor saying: 'What if we have an earthquake and the bores all run dry.

"That threw a fear into the council that night and so they voted against it."

The dream that had seen Ron Sloan pursue

to all ends of the earth was over.

But life in Crestwood went from strength to strength.

The 1980 AGM also approved a new three year annual rate of \$235.

The meeting was told that high inflation was to blame for the big rise.

Tennis war

There was some talk also in May that the 15 blocks in Grenadier Drive south of the underpass should be set aside for villas and a tennis court.

But this was scuttled because of the perceived noise level which could have come from the courts.

As a result Crestwood Estates offered to build the tennis court on additional land in the Castle Glen stage of the development and six flexipave minimum maintenance tennis courts and a club house costing over a quarter of a million dol-

lars were completed and opened on February 21, 1987.

Mr Sloan then set about completing the estate.

In March 1981 the committee was told that Mr Sloan had proposed building a fence between the existing Crestwood homes and parkland.

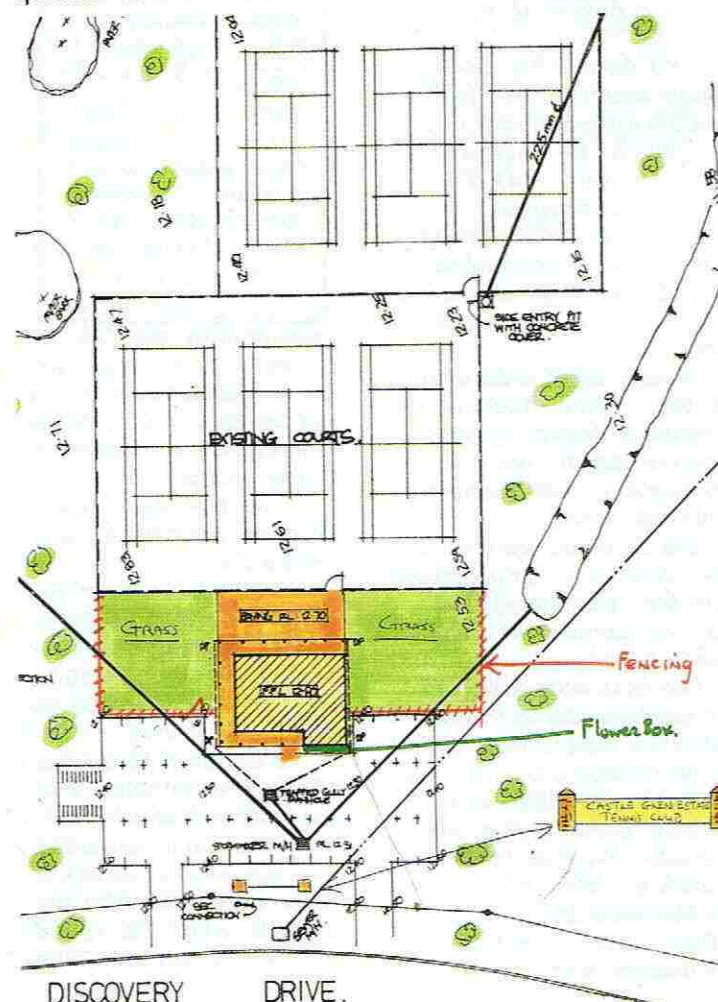
On July 9, the committee received legal advice that covenants could not be enforced on the new 15 lots by amending the two existing plans for the development.

The law did not permit any deletions or additions to existing plans.

The advice was that the Association would have to discharge all existing covenants and impose new covenants on all - including the 15 new lots.

But the committee decided that this was impractical and too expensive.

The 1981 AGM, held at



PIONEER NOTES

- * Margaret and Trefor Davies, 6 Lachlan Road: Bought their block for \$6,100 and built in 1971. "In the early days of Crestwood, committee elections were often necessary as many people volunteered. There was a great community spirit in those days and park weeding was followed by get togethers over barbecues with neighbours. Annual meetings had annual dinners and every one knew everyone else."
- * George and Lyn Anderson: Bought their block at 10 Regency Drive in 1973. "Crestwood offered a unique concept when other developers were offering barren, sandy blocks. There was plenty of interaction at the swimming pool and interpark activities" Their grandchildren are now beginning to enjoy Crestwood.
- * Charles and Vera Kessler, 12 Hume Road: Chose their block in September 1972 and began building in May 1973. "We were attracted to the unique concept and the feeling of space with not a fibro fence in sight. In those days Crestwood had plans to develop to Warton Road and include a retirement village." They remember the pride and love of the estate which residents held in those days and their determination to keep Crestwood a show piece.
- * Gaye and Roger Lloyd, 12 Princeton Court: Bought their block in May 1972 and built in December that year. Came to Crestwood because of the unique lifestyle, reticulation, the swimming pool and because the parks offered safety for children. "A strong community spirit existed then and we enjoyed the Test matches when the Prince Regents took on the Grenadier Guards. There were park barbecues, Melbourne Cup progressive dinners and a genuine desire to maintain the estate's high standards."
- * Barbara and Cam Chester, 4 Lachlan Road: Bought their block in 1972 and built in 1973. "When we first came to Crestwood, there were rabbits and kangaroos in our front yard every morning. Only about 20 cars drove past every day. There were orchids in the block next door. We remember the birds in the park and the friendliness of the few families around and the kids could play safely in the park."

the White House on August 8 was told that the Association was looking at other options to finalise Crestwood.

Residents were also told to expect an increase of \$3000 in Gosnells council's contribution to public open space.

In December, a special meeting on finalising plans was held at the pool hall.

The meeting was told that there was legal acceptance for incorporating the additional blocks. This was done by a deed of variation of the lease.

The area behind the homes would be left as natural bushland.

Finally, the committee at its October 26, 1982 monthly meeting was advised that Crestwood Estate had received Town Planning approval for the new subdivision and was now being surveyed.

The issue of cars speeding around Regency Drive raised its head in October 1981 when the committee decided to look at the possibility of speed humps.

At the December meeting, the committee

also decided not to go ahead with a proposed pergola over the toddlers swimming pool, arguing that the cost, around \$1900 was too

expensive.

Umbrellas would continue instead.

The 1982 AGM was held at the Pool Hall on August 25. Residents

CRESTWOOD NEWS ITEMS

February/March 81: Test were carried out by the Health Department on the quality of water in the Crestwood pool. Not only was there no trace of any amoeba, but the Health Department said that the pool was one of, if not the cleanest in Perth. Congratulations to pool committee Heather Colvin and Bill Layer.

May 1983: Last month the Wilkinson Homestead in Gosnells was the venue for a scintillating evening of traditional entertainment which was hugely enjoyed by 80 Crestwood people and their guests. The theme of the evening was "The 30s" and most of those attending entered into the spirit and wore costumes from that era. Among the attractions was a game of two up which, I suspect, was slightly illegal but fortunately we were not raided. The event was the brainchild of Robyn Wright, who along with Vicki Prince and Margaret Rule, put in an immense amount of work. - Jim Merriman.

February 89: 30 ladies attended a luncheon at the Pool Hall where they completed a questionnaire as to two points they felt needed to be improved or instigated in Crestwood. In priority order they were: Increase in social activities; upgrading or tidying underpasses and tunnels; residents to be asked to improve their lots and to care for the immediate area outside the rear of their property; trim overhanging branches; remove dead stumps; upgrade garden areas of estate; offer school child minding; play equipment in park, fan in pool hall and heating of swimming pool.

Sept 90: Please be warned there is a Peeping Tom in the area and he has been sighted peering into bedroom windows.

were told that Gosnells Council's public open space contribution would be \$12,000.

But the important news for residents was that as a result of negotiations by Ian Archibald, the Valuer-General had agreed to zero-rate two freehold parks which the Association owned.

This meant the association was no longer liable for water rates, council rates or land tax on those parks.

The problem of late paying residents was also raised at the meeting and it was suggested that a loading be placed on their account.

Launch

At the monthly meeting on July 1983, after getting many complaints from residents, the committee decided to launch the Hume Road beautification program.

The issue of Crestwood rates was again discussed at a special meeting on August 23, 1983 at the Thornlie Hotel.

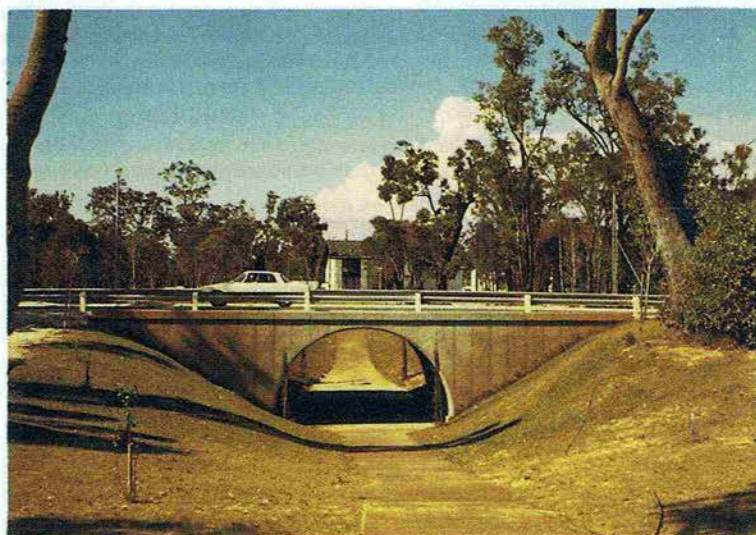
At that meeting residents approved by 165 votes to 11 to amend the financial year so it would begin on July 1.

Residents could pay the rates off in three instalments.

To overcome the problem of late paying residents, a discount of \$30 would be offered if the full account, which was set that year at \$325, was paid within 30 days.

At the AGM immediately after the special meeting, residents approved a change to the constitution and rules to change the composition of the committee from a president and eight general committee members, to a president, eight general committee members and a secretary.

Then. . . .



... Today



The meeting also approved the final development of the 15 new blocks in Cavalier Court, with a unanimous 125 vote for the completion of Crestwood.

In May, 1984 the Association wrote to Stephen Sloan about maintaining the new parkland behind the newest development.

It submitted that Crestwood Estates was responsible for mowing, fertilising and upgrading the turf from July 1, 1984 and Crestwood Estates was to pay the association \$4875 in mini shire rates until the lots were sold.

Crestwood Estates replied that homeowners would be responsible for the watering from July 1 1984.

The structure of the committee was again amended at the next AGM on August 22, 1984, which was held at the Gosnells Golf Club.

Reduce

Residents agreed to a committee recommendation to reduce it to four, and at the same time approving six weeks between monthly committee meetings. The committee wanted the change because it was getting harder to find residents willing to help out with committee work.

A sub committee was also formed to look at the problem of vandals. This was virtually the birth of Crestwatch.

But one of the most divisive issues to affect Crestwood occurred in 1985 when a special general meeting was called on October 7 to discuss a motion for a half-court tennis complex.

This was first foreshadowed at the AGM held at Thornlie Hotel two months earlier on August 21.

The October Pool Hall meeting was told that the tennis court would cost in the vicinity of \$9000.

Most residents living beside the proposed area, next to the swimming pool, were vehemently opposed.

The battle raged over the next few months and escalated to the point where legal action was sought in favour of the proposal and legal opinion obtained opposing the idea.

Finally, after many months of bitter debate, the committee at a special meeting at the Pool Hall on December 16, decided to abandon the idea of a half-court complex because of the division within the estate.

At the special general meeting in October, residents also carried a motion to allow the home owner to retain a duplicate certificate of title where the Association was the sole mortgagee. The problem of limiting the speed of cars travelling around the estate's road was again aired at a meeting in February 1986 attended by 14 visitors, most of them Regency Drive residents. It discussed implementing some sort of speed limiters on the curve on Regency Drive.

One proposal involved a cul de sac at the top of Coronet Court, another suggested that speed signs be put up advising drivers to reduce their speed. The third suggestion involved narrowing the overpass. It was agreed that the third option, restricting traffic to one-way over the overpass would be given a trial period.

June that year also saw drilling commence on a new bore for the new homes in Cavalier Court. The 1986 AGM was held at the Thornlie Hotel on August 20 where residents voted to remove the title "Royale Ridge" from the constitution.

WILDFLOWER WALKS

Unimaginable as it may seem now, Crestwood once adjoined a big bush area which in spring was covered with wildflowers. This area is now known as Castle Glen. From the rear of Thornlie High School in line with Grenadier Drive, the area to Warton Road was a sea of wildflowers when in bloom. To take advantage of this unique sight, a few Crestwood residents organised bush walks so that residents could see these wonderful flowers in the spring.

I remember Joe Wong organising one of these walks but he was assisted by others. One of these was Crestwood pioneer and stalwart, Helen Hosking. A big crowd would follow Joe around the bush area and listen to him telling the names of a huge number of plants. And the air was heavy with the scent of flowers.

This area was swampy and many running streams had to be crossed. Every now and again an elderly lady would find crossing these streams too much, so not a few had to be carried across by able bodied men! And because of the swampy conditions, residents had to tramp through mud at times. But no-one minded as the rewards of seeing the wildflowers were great indeed.

Joe and Helen were Crestwood pioneers. Joe was treasurer for a few years. Unfortunately, Helen was killed in an accident some years ago. Patrick Antonio

After a trial period of almost a year, the March 1987 committee meeting heard that the speed limiter on Regency Drive had been successful.

Traffic had been slowed with a big reduction of incidents involving speeding cars previously experienced by Regency Drive residents.

But Coronet Court residents had found themselves disadvan-

tagged by the one-way restriction.

They wanted a two-way restriction and also speed humps.

At the August 12, 1987 AGM at the Thornlie Hotel, a member of the committee at the time, Mr E. Pryce volunteered to collate the names of people interested in Crestwatch to help prevent vandalism.

The meeting also adopted a motion permitting the committee to investigate the cost of a random security service.

The vandalism and harassment of residents mostly by Thornlie High School students came to a head at the February 29, 1988 committee meeting.

It was suggested that a meeting of residents be held in March and the committee would try to get a member of the police force to attend.

About 80 residents came along to the Crestwatch meeting at the Pool Hall on March 14. It was suggested that they engrave their personal property and 13 names were added to the growing Crestwatch list.

Crestwatch was called into operation on Saturday, April 9 at 3.30am when vandals were reported in the pool park.

Crestwatch

It was a fairly busy period for Crestwatch, culminating on June 4, at 1.30pm when residents nabbed vandals who destroyed a tree. Police were called, the offenders were arrested and subsequently fined.

The 1988 AGM was held at Thornlie Hotel on August 24 where residents carried a motion waiving the Crestwood rates of the Treasurer Roy Malone in recognition of his services to the Association.

A week later, the monthly committee meeting was told that

tours of the estate were carried out regularly by the committee to make sure there were no clotheslines visible or overhanging branches.

On the day before Christmas Eve, bore 4 failed.

The January committee meeting was told that a large hole was found in the casing and it was irreparable. A new bore was proposed at a cost of \$22,000 to \$27,000.

A special general meeting at the Pool Hall on March 22, 1989 amended the constitution to start the financial year on April 1.

The 1989 AGM was held on May 24 where the committee proposed to dedicate the pool and hall area after the developer, and would be known as the Ron Sloan Centre.

Treasurer Roy Malone reported that the parks would be mown in future by a contractor to lift the burden on various committee members. President Jim Shaw reported that a replacement for bore 4 had cost the association \$25,000. The darts evenings had proved very successful and the ladies lunches had been well attended, including a lecture by St John's Ambulance on

first aid.

A special general meeting was held on July 5, 1989 at the Thornlie Hotel to set Crestwood rates for the next three years at \$597.

The November 20 committee meeting was told that the dedication to Mr and Mrs Sloan would be set for 3.30pm on November 11 before the Mucky Duck bush dance.

Vandalism was not just a problem in the parks.

It was also causing a headache for the committee in the pool area.

At the February 12, 1990 meeting, the committee met the parents of boys involved in vandalism of the pool. A solicitor was there as well.

The parents were told the damage to the pool amounted to \$2000.

Bushland

The 1990 AGM was held at Thornlie Hotel on May 23 where Mr Shaw reported that steps had been taken to restore the bushland area behind the Cavalier Drive homes.

He also said that after many approaches to Gosnells City Council, it had agreed to repair the footpaths in Crestwood.

Barbecues held during the year were successful as were the so-

cial events, including the Halloween party, the bush dance, carols by candlelight and the children's disco.

Mr Shaw also reported that a computer had been bought for accounts.

At the July 23, 1990 committee meeting, members were told that a letter had been sent to Gosnells council about the Spencer Road-Grenadier Drive median island.

The September 11 meeting was told that the council had agreed to install a small island, but warned the association that there was a five year plan to remove the service road.

The 1991 AGM was held on May 22 and residents were told a new bore was on the way in park 3; that Gwen Shaw was leaving the committee and the job of secretary after six years and that the beer, wine and cheese night, the New Year's Eve function and quiz night were successful and that it had been a trouble-free year in the parks.

Earlier that year in January, the committee had been told that the cost of establishing a new bore in park 3, not including a pump, would

PIONEER NOTES

- * Sue and Peter Burgmann, 67 Regency Drive: Built their home in 1974. "We were attracted to the Crestwood concept and we're not deterred by covenants. In the early days less security was needed and there was a tremendous community feeling."
- * Cal and Edelgard Dagnall, 12 Regency Drive: Built their house in 1974. "Crestwood is an ideal place for young children and they do not have to play in the driveway or on the roads. We enjoyed morning teas with neighbours in the early days and our place was always open house at Christmas. There was a successful babysitting club in those days which many Crestwood parents used." They still enjoy the parks, the pool and the friendly neighbours.
- * Margaret Griffiths, 25 Grenadier Drive: Built house in 1977. "My husband had just retired and we were attracted by the concept. It is a lovely, peaceful area with beautiful gardens and my neighbours are wonderful."
- * Terrence and David Mellor, 65 Regency Drive: Moved to the estate in 1974. They remember the cubby houses on the uncleared blocks in Regency Drive in the early days. "But one of our best memories is pulling gilgies and mussels out of the creek behind Thornlie High School. The massive bush which is now Castle Glen and Forest Lakes made a huge adventure ground."
- * Mick and Lorraine Lendich, 43 Grenadier Drive: There were few houses in Grenadier Drive when they built their house in 1976. "At the rear of our residence, the park was just a clearing, bordered by bushland where kangaroos were occasionally seen." Graeme and Carol Ferris, 22 Grenadier Drive: Built their home and moved in in 1980. "The park concept provided a safe place for children. We liked the trees in the parks and the paths provided a safe place for walking. We particularly liked the pool as we did not have to provide any maintenance ourselves."

be \$18,400.

On March 25, approval was given for 2 holes to be sunk. That committee meeting also decided to get tough on residents who were lagging behind in their rates repayment. Pool passes would be issued only to home owners who had paid their rates.

The April 15 monthly meeting heard that pilot holes for the new bore had not yielded enough water and the contractor had suggested two alternative sites.

The bore exercise had cost \$6000 to date.

In July 1991, the committee met representatives from South Thornlie High School over vandalism, loitering in the parks and graffiti.

The school suggested residents should photograph offenders, which would give the school a better chance of identifying the culprit. It said that most loiterers were not school students, but either friends or former students. The committee handed the school's representatives a map of Crestwood so it could act more quickly in the event of complaints.

Vandalism

In September, the Crestwood newsletter published a letter from the deputy principal of the high school, Mr L. Bussell, which read:

"Where vandalism and loitering or actual breaking and entering is occurring, residents must contact the Gosnells police station and we will cooperate fully where it is a fact our student is involved, or where absentee lists confirm that this is a possibility.

"Our results in dealing with intruders and offenders has been good and reveal that most serious offences are committed by those outside our area. Police have

CRESTWOOD NEWS ITEMS

Oct 91: Congratulations to Crestwood residents on making the estate so attractive. At this time of the year gardens and parks are at their peak, although it is a credit to Crestwood residents that at any time of the year, our estate is far superior to most suburbs.

Jan 92: Due to the introduction of daylight saving, our candles were of little impact until the end of the Carols by Candlelight. However, with the introduction of a few new ideas, this was of little consequence. Our organisers for 1991 were two of the estates youth being Nichole Beveridge and Ashley Sinnot. A new aspect was given to the carols with the introduction of Rap dancing and the lighting of candles from one central candle.

Sept 92: Nice to meet a new resident to Crestwood. Joe joining in as well as meeting Jose and Maureen and many other residents, all who worked very hard leaving the bushland looking a lot better.

March 93: Constable Peter Gratwick from Maddington Community police branch gave a very interesting talk on March 3 on ways to prevent crime in our area. It was disappointing to note that only 15 people attended the talk.

November 93: Whilst on the subject of early mornings, the time of equal opportunity is with us. Last month we mentioned "persons exercising in an endeavour to attain an Elle silhouette - some males have complained and said," Hey, what about an 'Army silhouette - well, there you go!!!!

March 94: Crestwood's premiere pool event, The Carnival, for 1994 is now history. It was most gratifying to be part of the organisation and to see the looks of happiness and pleasure on the kids faces as they involved themselves wholeheartedly in the various event. A vote of thanks to the adults who participated in the special events. The kids obviously spent a lot of time practising their swimming skills in order that they did well in their chosen events.

July/August 94: Do you know where your children are and what they are doing. It may not even be Crestwood children but several incidents of children throwing fruit at properties on Crestwood have been reported. Fruit being thrown at houses can cause property damage or seriously injure a person. Another incident reported this month was that of an anonymous letter to a resident of Crestwood. This matter is now in the hands of police.

It was decided and agreed at the last committee meeting that we could, for a small fee, include some advertising space in our news-sheet.

Sept 94: The painters are here. The rafters, eaves, gutters and windows of Crestwood Hall are being painted. The pool office and shed will also be painted. Ceiling fans are being installed in the hall and this project should be completed before the pool season begins. I have heard some good reports about the new heating in the hall which hopefully will enable the hall to be used more during the cold months.

Oct 94: I would like to ask residents to tidy their back yards, most are but there are still quite a few that need attention. Now it's spring, most gardens are full of beautiful flowers in full bloom. It's a wonderful time of the year and mostly everyone is preparing the gardens for Christmas and the summer ahead. If any residents need motivation, they can take a walk to the pool complex and see what a difference a coat of paint, roof cleaning and garden beds re-done make a difference.

been very effective and cooperative, but we go to great lengths to provide them with evidence to enable them to get results and not to simply call and complain.

"... We asked for co-operation in obtaining photographs or videos to positively identify individuals involved in objectionable activities. Regrettably, no material has been produced to date."

A month earlier, the committee at its monthly meeting had discussed the possibility of closing all the estate's parks and converting them from public open space to private land.

Chairman Jim Shaw told the meeting he felt that if the estate could be closed off without trading off council's responsibilities, it would be more beneficial to residents.

It would involve a change of zoning. The meeting heard that park 15 - between Princeton Court and Regency Drive on Spencer Road - had already been closed to prevent access to the pool with great benefits. The meeting decided to write to all homeowners, putting forward all the pros and cons.

The issue of repairing the footpaths within the estate appeared to get out of hand in January 1992.

Footpaths

It was reported in the local newspaper that Gosnells Council was to remove all the footpaths within the estate. When the council's telephones ran hot with complaints from residents, it replied that it believed all residents had agreed to the idea.

But it seemed to be resolved in April when a meeting was arranged with the council to inspect footpaths in Crestwood.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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89/90: J. Shaw (President), R. Malone (Vice-president, Treasurer), Mrs G. Shaw (Secretary), Mrs L. Wadham, G. Bell, M. Conroy.

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93/94: M. Davies (President), R. Malone (Vice-president, Treasurer), R. Mitchell (Secretary), V. Jeffrey, J. Barsden, M. Willison.

94/95: W. C. Walter (President), R. Malone (Vice-president, Treasurer), R. Mitchell (Secretary), V. Jeffrey, J. Barsden, Mrs D. Willison.

A list was prepared, noting what footpaths needed attention and parks supervisor Glenn Pederson estimated that between \$8000-\$9000 should be spent immediately bringing them up to standard. The committee believed a five year plan should be negotiated.

In the May newsletter, residents were told that the association, in exchange for Gosnells Council agreeing to maintain all the paths within the estate, would remove and restrict the number of trees damaging the paths.

At the special general meeting in March, residents accepted the

committee's recommendation that Crestwood rates be set at \$615, with a discount of \$52 if they were paid within 30 days.

The May 26 AGM, held at the Thornlie Hotel, was preceded by a special meeting to establish a new quorum requirement, but because of poor attendance, a quorum (30 per cent) was not achieved and a vote was abandoned.

However, it did decide to hold a meeting on June 21 to discuss the bushland area behind the new homes.

Voted

The first tentative step towards retaining the bushland area was taken back in March 1983 when residents voted to preserve the bulk of the area in its natural state and to provide a 6 metre strip of lawn, reticulated along the portion of lot 309 adjoining the footpath at the rear of the Grenadier Drive properties.

One of the residents who argued for its preservation was Joan Payne, who organised a flora survey of the area by Robert Powell, the well known WA naturalist. This survey showed there were about 60 species of flora.

But it was not till April 1990 that the proposal for the retention of the bushland went full steam ahead when residents met in the Pool Hall to resolve procedural matters.

Resident Harry Postma, who volunteered to coordinate the restoration, immediately arranged a busy bee for April 22 to clean the area of paper, bags, remove rubbish and dead trees and back fill any major excavations.

The Crestwood bushland restoration got its impetus from the City of Gosnells management

plan for the Hume Road Flora.

That was launched in 1989 with a 10-year target to restore the reserve as close as possible to its natural state.

In July, the Crestwood Bushland Restoration Group was formed to preserve the area. In October, the group let residents know in the newsletter that a list existed of the native plants in the bushland.

The group reported that a few species might not have survived, but there were still over 50, including at least five species of orchards.

A grant of \$3000 from the Gordon Reid Foundation enabled the bush to be defined with kerbing and for the installation of signs.

Weeds

A small group of residents meets once a week for an hour to pull weeds and clean the area, preserving it in its natural state.

The November committee meeting, on the casting vote of the chairman, accepted in principle a kiosk in the pool office after having discussed the matter at an earlier meeting.

At the January 1993 meeting, committee members were told that Gosnells Council had refused permission to close off access ways to the Crestwood estate in Regal Drive.

But it did agree in principle with the closure of one entrance.

Fencing

Moves to update the association's fencing policy were launched at the April committee meeting. That meeting was also told that a questionnaire regarding social functions within Crestwood had been delivered to all homes and replies were awaited.

SOMETHING SPECIAL

Crestwood 25 years on, has it really been 25 years, sometimes it seems like only yesterday and others maybe half a lifetime ago.

To market the sub-division, or should I say concept, Ron Sloan appointed three estate agents to sell the blocks to the public; not just another sub-division, all sales people involved were required to attend film shows, lectures showing what Ron had seen in his travels around the world. He took great pains to explain to us what he wanted to do here and why. We were all commission salesmen and our motivation was obvious, but gradually Ron enthused us with his concept of a new "way of life".

Eventually, the site works, roads, pool complex was completed, very attractive sign, burgundy and gold, down to the lot numbers, explanations of underpasses, footpaths, parks and massive brochure in matching burgundy and gold was supplied to us. Then came the grand opening at the pool when the salespeople dressed in burgundy jackets and badges, a wonderful day as I remember it with the dignitaries, hospitality, speeches and great expectations. In the weeks and months that followed, in spite of extensive advertising, enthusiasm and interest, little or no sales. Unfortunately after many delays in preparing the estate for sale, real estate had entered the doldrums. Many of the ideas and rules of Crestwood were quite revolutionary for the time, also Thornlie was considered to be an outer suburb, a long way from our St Georges Terrace office.

Ron built several show homes, some of which were of unusual design, however, regrettably it was many months before the first trickle of sales increased. Suffice to say that my wife and I were not the only salesmen's families who bought into Crestwood as we were certainly convinced of the merits of this new revolutionary sub-division. Once houses started to be built at an increasing rate around the estate, the enthusiasm and interest increased. The help given by Ron to all people building on the estate was far and above one would expect from any developer, his enthusiasm and energy was contagious and the feeling about the people coming to Crestwood's way of life was something special and after 25 years my wife and I still feel this to be the case. I don't think many people realise the disappointment and heartache experienced by the Sloan family that the other villages of Crestwood did not eventuate. What we have is still unique and the plaque that we have by the pool area expressing appreciation to Ron and Beth is but a small tribute to what may not have been a commercial success, but in my opinion is certainly an outstanding example of a better way of subdividing land, creating the "Way of Life" the quality of which 25 years later is still here for us to enjoy today.

Rick and Nan Pinnock

The swimming pool kiosk over the summer had realised benefits of \$850 but quotes, which had been obtained for new pool fencing had ranged from \$25,000 to \$42,000.

The May meeting heard that the "desert" area on Spencer Road, near Regency Drive, had been reticulated and plants had been purchased.

Gosnells Council had also commenced repairs to damaged sections in

park 21, which was behind properties in Grenadier Drive.

The committee also decided to put the issue of the new pool fence to the coming AGM.

In April, after getting no response from residents, the committee published details of its new fencing policy in the Crestwood newsletter. It stipulated that all fences adjoining parks be constructed of a combination of brick or stone pillars and open metal or alter-

natively, an open metal fence. The maximum height was fixed at 1.8m and no fence was to protrude beyond the boundary of any property.

A copy of the new policy was included with notices informing residents of the AGM.

The incoming committee decided it was time that they were advised personally on various legal matters.

So at the June meeting the committee was addressed by Tony Basile from Pullinger, Sanderson and Workman.

On the issue of the committee's power to uphold and enforce its aesthetics policy, Mr Basile told the meeting that the only recourse it had with residents who did not comply with standards was through the first mortgage which the association held over all the homes in the estate.

He advised the committee to stick to the mortgage system, pointing out that to change it would take considerable time and money.

In July, the committee accepted the \$24,687 quote for pool fencing and authorised the go-ahead, specifying that construction be completed by the end of September.

It also advised residents in a newsletter that month that an engraving tool was available to residents who wanted to protect their property against theft.

In August, the committee heard that the Regal Drive fencing had been recently erected and opened at the Cavalier Drive end in compliance with Gosnells council's request.

Each year, and in fact at each committee meeting, the Homeowners Association reviews its expenditure to try to run a trim and as lean as possible budget.

PIONEER NOTES

- * Lyn and Peter Waugh, 75 Regency Drive: Moved into Crestwood in May 1979. "We chose Crestwood because it is close to schools and children did not have to cross the road to go there. The parks offer a safe place to play and the swimming pool is supervised." They best remember the early days because children were all the same age and Crestwood had a very social atmosphere. Walking through the parks and listening to the birds is now one of the things they like best.
- * Dennis and Joan Pentony, 64 Grenadier Drive: Bought their block in 1978 and built in 1982. "We have a sense of being in a country town far removed from suburbia when we look from the rear of our home." They remember best playing cricket with their two boys in the park. "But we also remember enjoying the cricket matches between the Grenadier Guards and the Prince Regents." These days it's a pleasure for them to arrive home and enjoy "all the beautiful gardens, trees and lawns unspoilt by overhead powerlines and to walk through our very own parkland."



Even before the new committee was elected in May, the then incumbent committee endorsed the establishment of a Crestwood review sub-committee to look into all avenues of cost cutting, yet achieving optimum results.

Several months before, at the January committee meeting, the possibility of changing the pool status from public to private was discussed. This would have greatly reduced costs in running the pool. But it was generally thought, and as later proved, the Gosnells City Council would be loath to change the rating.

In June, the committee was advised that Ray Boley would not be re-

newing his association with Crestwood and the committee received a proposal from Chris Welsh to operate the pool with two or three people on a contract basis for the 94-95 season for \$31,800.

After meeting and answering questions from committee members at the August meeting, his proposal, in which his company C.P. Holdings would manage the pool - including the supply of all chemicals - was accepted.

Another breakthrough was achieved in June when the committee decided to permit some advertising - on a controlled basis - in the Crestwood newsletter.

It was submitted that this would offset the cost of printing the newsletter.

In August, the committee decided to investigate the better management of the Association's funds.

It was argued that although in the short term there would be no appreciable impact on homeowners fees, they could come down if the excess money held by the association was invested wisely and provided a better return than the bank interest rates.

That meeting was also told the Federal Government had agreed to contribute an Australian flag, which would be positioned inside the swimming pool.

The committee decided to approach Gosnells council to see if it would agree to a grant towards a flag pole.

The meeting also discussed plans to paint the underpasses to discourage graffiti, with the possibility of a council

grant, and perhaps using students from Thornlie High School as artists.

With the coming pool season, it was agreed to replace the unserviceable sand filter with a new fibreglass filter.

It would also be necessary, because of safety reasons, to replace the chlorine gas chlorinator with a new model, complete with all remote vacuum/safety features.

But despite its uniqueness, Crestwood is hard to find.

It does not have an immense fence, nor a massive entrance.

To overcome this, the committee decided at its September meeting to put out feelers to residents seeking their views.

The committee also decided to invite a new member to its ranks to be responsible for special projects.

It is apt to conclude this review of the past 25 years with the words of resident, Valerie Murray.

"Well, Crestwood has come a long way over the past 25 plus years. Crestwood has come from the early days when McMahon Construction moved their earthmoving plant into the virgin bush to start excavating the underpasses and profiling the roads to their present condition.

Ron Sloan made regular site tours to ensure that there was no unnecessary felling of trees - a very worthwhile policy which was rigidly policed.

After the earthworks the house builders arrived.

The first Crestwood gardener was known as "old Jack".

He planted the parks with grass.

By this time the original inhabitants - snakes and lizards - had moved out and the first homeowners had moved in.

Over the years, people have come and people have gone, but each one has left a mark.



Ron and Beth Sloan at the commemoration celebration at Crestwood on March 12, 1995



Gosnells Mayor Olwen Searle and Crestwoodian Pat Antonio.

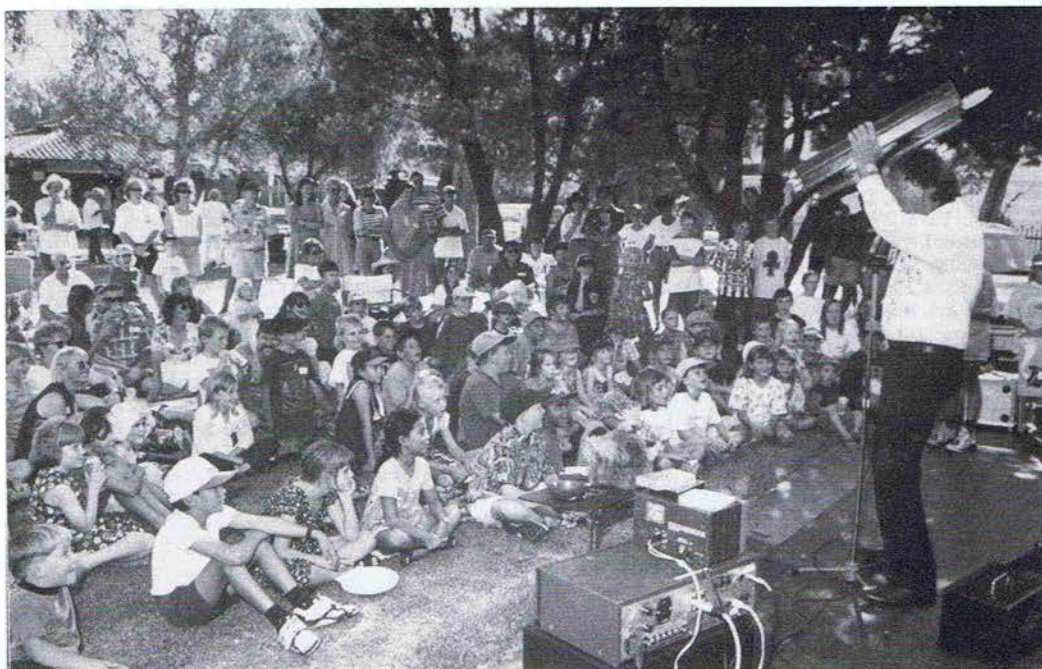
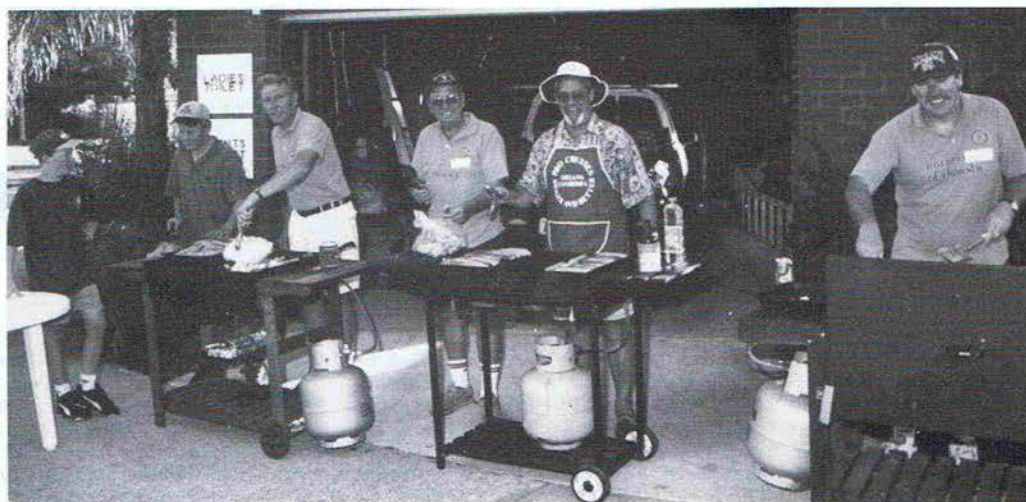


INVITED

GUESTS: Front row, from right to left, Beth Sloan; Councillor Mark Davies; Gosnells Mayor Olwen Searle; Councillor Pat Morris; Thelma Redman past Crestwood secretary and Bob Redman, past Crestwood president. Second row: Gary Mould, past president; Paul Ritter architect; Jim Shaw, past president, and Gwen Shaw, past secretary.

ROTARY SIZZLE

Rotary club members cooking the sausage sizzle, from right to left: Lou Pritchard, John Ness in the apron; Arthur Watts and Nigel Waine.



**NOW YOU SEE IT,
NOW YOU DON'T:**
Magician

"Abracadabra" entertains the children and adults in the pool park with some dazzling sleight of hand and tricks.



Crestwood president B ill Walter addresses t he guests and residents.



Dancing to the "Mucky Duck Bush Band".

1995 CRESTWOOD ROLL CALL

E.A.J. & P. Abbott; GR & LG Anderson; PRS & VE Antonio; ML & CA Atley; A Babbe; BL & EJ Back; CJ Balcombe; AK & KJ Barnett; AR & KE Barnett; JL & FA Barsden; AL & AM Beaugard; MA Bell; GT & AE Bell; HW & KA Benger; TJ & PA Betts; BA & PE Beveridge; B & RL Biernat; GP & BE Blake; J S & DE Bojanjac; E & SK Brand; CR & EG Bridge; A & RM Brindley; JE & NG Broomfield; AG & WD Brophy; JA & KG Brown-Neaves; GC & W Buckland; JR & GE Buddle; PJ & SM Burgmann; TC & VL Butler; MJ & DC Byrne; DJ Calcott; S & E Calder; RJ & ME Campbell; SV & JS Carter; N & J Catalano; BR & B Cawley; DH Chandler; P & EL Charalambous; DC & BS Chester; PG & KM Christian; A Cirillo; RT & JA Clarke; SJ & DL Clarke; PV Claxton & AL Madden; BV & JV Clifton; ND & MF Clifton; PJ & LA Clifton; JM & BB Cohoe; OF Collins; TM Conroy; M Conroy; JS & ML Conroy; GW & B Cooper; DL & JE Craddock; J & JH Crawford; PE & HE Cryer; SR Cunes; LG & WJ Curtis; CR & EB Dagnall; D R & PW Daley; K & A Dalton; AT & ME Davies; M & JA Davies; AE & HM Davies; TJ & BJ Davis; BS & RP de Lange; D & T de Vries; DP & Z L Deen; RA & MP Dell; JR & LJ Della; GA & LR Doyle; PC & BR Ducie; DL Dungey; JF & NM Edgcombe; KC & BE Edwards; RR & T Elton-Bott; AA & FL Elverd; KM & NJ Errington; GW & SE Ewart; AA & JM Eyles; BW & SD Eyre; GD & JC Ferris; J T & RB Fisher; DJ & A Flavell; SM Ford; VG & SM Frawley; TA & AM Freeman; BL & VM Frisina; EJ & KL Garrod-Raynor; J & TR Geijsman; IL & CE Gerke; PT F & JA Geutjes; CJ & SJ Gibbons; CJ & TT Gillier; W & ME Gledhill; MS Grandia; RA & OR Granville; GF & V Griffiths; MJ Griffiths; N & PK Haggarty; M & AB Hall; PG & MM Hall; RA Hanger; DR & JR Hart; AL & EE Hassett; G & J Hardingham; RJ & CA Hatch; MJ & DJ Hawkins; JM & BJ Hearn; AM & BA Heddle; HE & JE Hellyar; LR & M Hitch; DA Hodgkinson; SJ & M Hoey; RL Holdman; RA Holland; AJ & AS Hopper; TG & RJ Hosking; KG & JJ House; JA & D Humphreys; DR & LE Hunter; R & HC Hurba; GJ & HA Hum; F Iacovazzo; F & M Iacovazzo; MC & LM Irwin; LS & CJ Jackson; HD & JE Jarvis; BR & VA Jeffery; D & B Jenkins; LG & V Johns; PF & KM Jones; DA & ND Jones; FA & SA Keays; TP & P Kelly; P Kelly; CF & VF Kessler; KQ Khoo; MJ & RA Knee; J Kraler; GJ & MI Kuhn; V & CP Lambertini; DR Lapins; GA & GJ Ledingham; AW & JH Lee; MN & LMLendich; DB & PA Lewis; M Littlewood & RB Carter; RC & G Lloyd; RJ Lloyd; TP & CM Lock; FC & ME Locke; HM & T Lok; BL & BW Ludley; DA & A B MacColl; R & MA Malone; J S & PE Marston; MA Martin; AE & CE Masterton; MG & AJ Matheson; KA & AJ May; R & J S McCutcheon; GJ & DJ McKenna; AJ & LB McGowan; TE & J McGreal; C McNamara; DB & AL McNeilly; LC Meakins; GD & VM Mellor; JM & JS Merriman; R & W Millen; MW & RS Mintz; JW & MA Mitchell; RG & L Mitchell; KD & SL Mitchell; D Moore; RA Munn; DG Murdoch; J & EC Murphy; RM & V Murray; JF & JM Ness; DJ Newell; PR Newton; GN & L Nolan; KG & GJ O'Hara; TK & KS Overton; AA & JE Palatinus; CG & GE Palfrey; P & I Panizza; RG & T Patchett; T & LI Payne; DN & JO Pentony; LA & DJ Perkins; RW & AM Pincock; MS & M Platt; LW & WE Pritchard; H & P Probert; G & A Rechichi; GR & TM Redman; DM Reilly; CE & IM Restall; D Rhucroft; J & N Richardson; AM & LI Richardson; IM Richardson; Z & F Rind; GI & KE Robinson; K & AI Rogers; TC & KG Rolfe; KG & C Rolfe; F Rozendaal; J & JK Rushton; RJ & DA Ruthenberg; RW & J Sawyer; AN Scanlin; R & KJ Scott; TH & JM Scriven; CB & MH Sentance; MG Shanley; PG & HM Sheavyn; JA & SJ Siemaszko; RG & P Simmons; AO Smart; DA & CA Smart; PA & JM Sofoulis; RS & WD Solly; CW & EB Steed; MR & J Stewart; AH & JJ Stommels; BA Storrar; KE & I Street; DG, DM & H Stronach; RJ & RL Suiter; FF & CA Swaan; GL & JE Tapley; BA & DR Tedge; R & F Tierney; DJ & EM Tobin; CK & RM Tong; B & EG Tonkin; TJ & J Tozer; JD Tyler; B & L Valom; E & M Van Der Linden; AV & JE Van Dongen; O & RE Vestby; EC & KL von Dietze; TR & EA Wadham; J & M Wagner; NE & CM Waine; WC & JM Walter; CM & SE Waters; RA Watt; A & A Watts; LM Waugh; G & MP Webster; EG & SA Webster; GG White; WJ & A M Whitely; KA & JN Williamson; MS & DM Willison; RJ Wilson and FR Proctor; DJ Winter; A & SI Woschnak; GM Wright; RF Wright; JH & V Wubbels; P & CM Wynen; MS & MC Young.