



INCORPORATED IN 1970

CRESTWOOD NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE CRESTWOOD HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION

ISSUE NO. 52

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2011

IN THIS ISSUE

FRONT PAGE	
<i>From the President</i>	1
CRESTWOOD CONTACTS	2
REPORTS	
<i>Aesthetics</i>	3
<i>Parks & Reticulation</i>	3
<i>Pool</i>	3
<i>Safety & Security</i>	4
<i>From the Minutes</i>	5
INBOX	
<i>Letters</i>	6
NEWS	
<i>Updates & Announcements</i>	6
EVENTS	
<i>Fund Raiser</i>	6
<i>Carols & Santa Claus</i>	8
<i>Christmas Eve at the Pool</i>	12
NOTICES	
<i>Personal</i>	6
<i>Social</i>	7
TRADES & SERVICES	
<i>Crestwood Residents</i>	11
<i>Community</i>	12

DATES TO REMEMBER

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
16 February 2011 (see page 6)

NEXT ISSUE

Deadline for the next **Crestwood News** is **8 April 2011**. Please send reports, announcements, notices, ads, articles and photos to Malcolm as early as possible before this date: 24 Coronet Court
crestwoodnews@iinet.net.au

Continuing Dry Winters May Present Us with a Problem in the Coming Years

I trust that everyone enjoyed the festive season and those that have school-aged children managed to survive that too.

The weather has been generally warm to hot for most of the last two months and that has created problems for our gardens. Unfortunately these problems have occurred when most businesses were closed for the holidays. We have had difficulty getting our reticulation specialists on site to identify and fix the bores that kept dropping out. I am happy to report that the necessary repairs have now been made and the system is working well.

What has become apparent to those working on our reticulation system is that the water table has dropped several metres in the past 4 years. Clearly, if our dry winters continue, this may present us with a major problem in the near future

On another matter, there have been several reports of young people riding trail bikes and motorised bicycles through the parks. If anyone knows who these people are or where they come from please contact me with that information. This will allow me to organise some action against them, either by the City of Gosnells or the police.

The **Special General Meeting** is to be held on Wednesday, February 16, at the Crestwood Hall. Please make every effort to attend or fill out a proxy form and deliver it to one of the nominated addresses no later than February 15.

As in the past, the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the budget and fees for the 2011/12 financial year.

Trevor Davis, President, Crestwood Homeowners Association

A Unique Way of Life

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(T = Telephone - F = Fax)

President	Trevor Davis	21 Princeton Ct/ trevor.davis@bigpond.com.au	T: 9459 3961/0458 707228.
Vice President	John Rushton	20 Coronet Ct / jonjanr@optusnet.com.au	T: 9493 6096/F: 9493 6596
Secretary	Sandra Wilson	105 Regency Dr/sandrawilson@inet.net.au	T: 9493 6622/F: 9452 2857
Treasurer	Roy Malone	116 Regency Dr / rmalone@mford.com.au	T: 9459 4364/F: 9459 4364
Aquatic Centre	Vacant		
Parks & Reticulation [also the contact person for tree removal]	Mike Bernoulli	26 Hume Rd / mike@bernoulli.fi	0402423172
Aesthetics [also the contact person for building approvals and fencing]	John Rushton	20 Coronet Ct / jonjanr@optusnet.com.au	T: 9493 6096/F: 9493 6596

CRESTWOOD CONTACTS

Crestwood Web Page		crestwood.org.au	
Crestwood Email		crestwood@safe-mail.net	
Community Centre Hire	Marjan van Dijk	darrencolley@iprimus.com.au	T: 9459 8776
Social Club Coordinator	Vacant		
Crestwood News	Malcolm Mintz	24 Coronet Ct/crestwoodnews@iinet.net.au	T: 9459 2902/F: 9459 0119
Twenties Club	Margaret Davies	19 Regency Dr	T: 9459 4115
Playgroup	Ros Norman		T: 9493 2597
Webmaster	Rod Campbell	webmaster@crestwood.org.au	
Wildlife Carers	Evelyn or Louise	9459 1627 (Louise)	T: 9459 0612 (Evelyn)
Groundsperson	Grant Douglas	Hours: 9am - 3pm / Mobile: 0417 713 213 Email contact: crestwoodpark@bigpond.com	T: 9459 5782/F: 9452 3224
Pool	Office		T: 9459 5782/F: 9452 3224

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

City of Gosnells	www.gosnells.wa.gov.au	Office Hours	T: 9397 3000
Ranger	(After hours calls will be diverted to a pager service)	All Hours	T: 9397 3000
Graffiti Removal		All Hours	T: 9391 3222
Goodbye Graffiti Hotline			T: 1800 442 255
Thornlie High School			T: 9376 2100
Canning Vale Police Station			T: 9456 9555
Life Threatening Emergencies			T: 000
Police Non-emergency			T: 131 444
Neighbourhood Watch			T: 9493 3311
Crimestoppers			T: 1800 333 000
Join e-WATCH	ewatch@gosnells.wa.gov.au		

Crestwood Committee Meetings

Committee meetings of the Crestwood Homeowners Association for 2011 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.

24 January 2011
16 February *Special General Meeting*
28 February
28 March
18 April
23 May
25 May (AGM)

27 June
25 July
29 August
26 September
24 October
28 November
19 December

WELCOME TO CRESTWOOD

WG & JV Morris 93 Regency Drive
 PT & KK Hailwood 70 Regency Drive
 V Nazarov & O Nazarova 6 Lachlan Road

FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES

L & V Frisina 93 Regency Drive
 D & B Frisina 70 Regency Drive
 CL Sainsbury & WJ Nunan 6 Lachlan Road

Recent correspondence from the Committee of the Crestwood Homeowners Association.

Aesthetics

1. [A residence on Regency Drive] Thank you for your completed building application for the new patio construction.

We now have all the plans and the building licence required for the Crestwood files and your application has been approved. We hope that your building program goes well and that the new patio gives you a comfortable outdoor living space.

2. [A residence on Grenadier Drive] Thank you for your completed building application for the new carport construction.

We now have all the plans and the building licence required for the Crestwood files and your application has been approved. We hope that your building program goes well and the new carport is an asset to your home.

John Rushton, Committee Member for Aesthetics

We had a mainline rupture before Christmas and that created some problems with the reticulation for a few days. Subsequently we had bores dropping out intermittently causing pressure drops with some houses and parks either missing out on watering or having very low pressures.

Parks & Reticulation

The difficulty getting contractors over the holiday period prolonged the problem. Northlake Electrical have since been out to check on bore 3. They found a faulty contact and two burnt cables were replaced. Unfortunately, this was not the only problem. Statewide Pumps have also been out to check the bores and it was discovered that the water table at Crestwood had dropped significantly. This has caused quite a few cut-outs after just a few hours of watering. Temporary measures have been taken to somewhat restrict the amount drawn from bore 3 and that has succeeded in preventing the bore from dropping out. It looks like the reticulation is now working satisfactorily — fingers crossed!

Christmas night and into the morning of Boxing Day we had quite high winds which felled several trees and caused others to drop lots of branches. Cleaning up that mess took a good week and over 10 trips to tip.

Lawn mowing at Crestwood will now be on Tuesdays. This will help avoid the Monday public holidays and give more time to clean if there is a weekend of heavy winds.

Mike Bernoulli, Committee member for Parks and Reticulation

I am pleased to say that our new pool managers seem to be doing a good job with a number of users complimenting the lifeguards at various times.

Pool

Another two weeks of VacSwim has been successfully completed with a good number of children finishing their classes. In the future, however, parents should not rely on late enrolments when enrolling their children in classes. This year there was room to accommodate the additional children but it could present problems in other years. If lower numbers are initially registered, this could result in a lower number of instructors being provided. This will clearly restrict the number of children who can be accommodated in the classes.

Belgravia provide a monthly report to the Committee on pool usage and I have to say I am very happy with the numbers.

We are still without a committee person to look after the pool. Please give consideration to offering your services to take on that role, or nominating for the position at the AGM.

Trevor Davis, President, Crestwood Homeowners Association

INCIDENT REPORT

Incidents reported on the Crestwood Estate

The Comment News reported two burglaries on Regency Drive.



POLICE WATCH - Thornlie

from the Comment News

Break-ins Nicholson Rd, Ailsworth Ct, Greenway Ave, Imperial Ct, Jurien Way, Marden Rd, Pembury Rd, Regency Dr, Yale Rd; motor vehicle theft Yale Rd (14 December)

Break-ins Boronia Ct, Melvin Ave, Mereworth Rd, Sanderling Dr, Kurrajong Dr; motor vehicle theft Glenbrook Rd, Nyandi Ct, Spring Rd (21 December)

Break-ins Burslem Dr, Forest Lakes Dr (2), Alysford Way, Ilford Pl, Lester Dr, Nyandi Ct, Towncentre Dr, Wilfred Rd, Yale Rd, Hunt Street; motor vehicle theft Leonard St (28 December)

Break-ins Murdoch Rd, Conquest Ct, Pegus St, Spring Rd (2), Towncentre Dr, Burslem Dr; motor vehicle theft Ningaloo Way (11 January)

Break-ins Burslem Dr, Colby Way, Crosford St, Grainger Way, Lester Dr, Parkside Dr, Thornlie Ave, Autumn Cres, Selby St; motor vehicle theft Bottlebrush Dr, Grainger Way, Redfern Close, Selby St (18 January)

Break-ins Murdoch Rd, Exmouth Pl (2), Forest Cres, Jurien Way, Regency Dr, Sutherland Dr, Towncentre Dr, Wicklow St, Griffith Way; graffiti damage Spencer Rd (25 January)

Break-ins Malone Ct, Hume Rd; Graffiti damage Spencer Rd (1 February)

Credit Cards

Watch Them, Check Them and Know Where They Go

Incident 1:

A friend went to the local gym and placed his belongings in a locker. After a workout and a shower, he returned to find his locker door open, and said to himself, "Funny, I thought I locked it". He then dressed and quickly checked his wallet. All seemed to be in order and all his bank and credit cards were in place.



A few weeks later the statement for his credit card arrived and was a huge \$14,000. He called the credit card company and excitedly explained that he did not make these transactions. A customer representative confirmed that there had been no mistake and asked if his credit card had been stolen.

"No," he replied, but when he checked his wallet again and pulled out the credit card, he discovered that a switch had been made. A similar, but expired, card had been substituted in its place. A thief broke into his locker at the gym and made the switch.

The credit card company concluded that since no card had been reported missing, he would have to pay what the company was owed. In total, this cost him \$9,000.

Why was no call ever made to verify the amount swiped when the credit card was used? Small amounts rarely trigger a 'warning bell' with some credit card companies. Unfortunately, small amounts do eventually add up to a very large sum.

Incident 2:

A man at the restaurant paid for his meal with a credit card. When the bill came, he signed it and the waitress folded the credit card in the receipt and passed it back to him.

Usually he would just take the receipt and place the credit card in his pocket without looking. This time he did look and discovered that it was the expired credit card of another person.

He called the waitress back who looked perplexed. She took the credit card and hurried back to the counter under the watchful gaze of the man. All the waitress did while walking to the counter was waive the expired credit card. This was a signal to the cashier at the counter to retrieve the real card of the customer. The waitress took the card without saying a word and

returned it to the customer with her apologies.

It is important to make sure that the credit cards in your wallet are yours. Check the name on the card every time you sign for something and/or your credit card is taken away even for a short time. Many people just take back a credit card without looking at it, assuming it is theirs.

Incident 3:

A customer went into a pizza restaurant to pick up an order he had just phoned in. He paid with a Visa card which was also linked to another bank account.

The young man behind the counter took the card, swiped it and laid it on the counter as he waited for approval. While he waited he picked up his mobile phone and started dialling.

The customer noticed the phone since it was the same model he had. Nothing at first seemed out of the ordinary, but then he heard a click, the sound the phone makes when it is taking a picture. The young man then gave the credit card back, but kept the phone in his hand as if he were still pressing buttons.

The customer wondered what in the world he could be taking a picture of, oblivious to what was really going on. Then it dawned on him. The only thing around he could possibly be taking a picture of was his credit card. The customer was now paying close attention to what was going on.

The young man placed his phone on the counter, leaving it open. A few seconds later there was a chiming sound, indicating that the picture had been saved. The customer was now standing there in full knowledge that his credit card had just been photographed. and the only reason he knew that was because he had the same type of phone as the young man.

The customer cancelled the credit card as he was walking out the restaurant and all turned out well.

Be Wary:

Whenever you are using your credit cards, take precautions and don't be careless. Notice who is standing near you and what they are doing when you use your card. Additionally, be aware of mobile phones for many of them now have a camera in the them .

November 2010

Committee Business:

Parks and Reticulation: Grant is to be notified about the appearance of new graffiti noticed around the parks.

The reticulation system has been working well. The Department of Water has provided a new groundwater licence.

A number of issues regarding trees have been brought to the attention of the Committee: a large flame tree which has created a mess with the dropping of lots of leaves; a gum which has been dropping limbs and leaves and a problem tree on a tree verge. The Gosnells City Council is to be asked to supply expert opinion regarding the tree dropping limbs and will also be contacted regarding the tree on the verge.

The City Council's opinion will also be sought about the stability of a leaning wall at the rear of Cavalier Court.

A request was made by a homeowner regarding mowing by the Crestwood contractor of large verge areas on Hume Road. MultiTurf is to be asked to quote on mowing, but not edging, this particular area.

Pool: Belgravia didn't receive information about opening hours and this is what led to complaints from residents about earlier than expected closing times. This problem has now been solved. The pool attendants had not been shown how to backwash the pool. Thanks to Trevor Veen for showing how this was done. There have also been some small glitches regarding invoices and payments. These have now been sorted.

The filter may require maintenance next year. A query was also raised regarding the amount of chemical being used. Confirmation is to be provided of past use.

Tiling in the toddler pool has been fixed. The opening of this pool is still waiting for completion of water testing by a Council health inspector. Belgravia will also see to the fixing of the tiles which are falling off from the edge of the main pool.

Junior pool passes will be provided when children turn 10 years old and not before that birthday. Thanks to Daphne for providing these and birthday cards. The age requirements for adult supervision of children has been queried. Sandra is to get relevant information from the insurers.

A query was made regarding use of a pool cover to the toddlers pool to allow playgroup children to use the outdoor area during the pool season. The current pool cover does not provide adequate protection. Also raised were questions about supervision. The recommendation taken at the present time is to not allow use of this area by the playgroup.

Aesthetics: No new approvals have been made, although a few homeowners have approached John about upcoming work.

Finance: The Committee has been asked to think through what needs to be considered for next year's budget. Belgravia has also been asked to consider possible expenditure required for the pool for next year. Other expenses will probably involve weed spraying and work on the bores.

Damyn's employer benefits not previously covered are to start from 1 October.

Social: Santa and Carols in the Park are scheduled for 19 December with printing of the carols sheets to be done by Crestwood. Sandra is to purchase the necessary items for the sausage sizzle.

Belgravia will supply an inflatable for the pool on Christmas Eve.

General Business: The City of Gosnells has provided survey results regarding the speed and volume of vehicles on Crestwood roads. The results of this are to be printed in the Crestwood News.

The problem of school students trespassing through a fenced property was also raised. The recommendation is for modification to the existing fence and the planting of bougainvilleas.

December 2010

Committee Business:

Parks and Reticulation: Lids of valve boxes have been forced open and removed by vandals. Grant has replaced and renumbered them.

Grant suggests replacing the current single wire fencing to bushland area with a ring lock to help prevent people getting into it. Discussion was held regarding the cost and the need for more posts to accommodate the ring lock. Quotes are to be obtained and work scheduled for the winter months if deemed reasonable.

The quote for mowing the Hume Road verge has not yet been received.

Some of the reports regarding trees raised at the previous meeting have been received and will be acted on as required.

Pool: The toddler pool is now open. We are still awaiting quotes for either repair or replacement of the heating system. The age for adult supervision of children is to be considered 18 years, This is equivalent to Leisure World requirements and our adult pool pass requirements.

Aesthetics: The building licence has been received regarding work on a Grenadier Drive property.

Social: Santa and Carols in the Park went off successfully and a big thank you to Sandra for coordinating activities. Thanks as well to all those involved in helping. Thank you cards will be prepared and sent to the major contributors. A letter of thanks and a donation will be directed to the Thornlie Church of Christ group.

Left over sausages and cool drinks will be made available for sale at the pool event on Christmas Eve. Faye Wells will organise this. Belgravia Leisure will choose a suitable inflatable for use in the pool.

General Business: Committee meeting dates have been chosen for 2011 and will be sent for publication in the next edition of the Crestwood News.



Special General Meeting

**16 February 2011
at the Crestwood Hall
at 7:30 pm**

This is the annual meeting where the budget for the coming financial year is set. A quorum of 30% of households is required (89 member households either present or by proxy). Try your best to be there as your attendance is important.

My husband and I are awakened every morning by a dog that barks, starting sometime between 5am. and 6am. This same dog treats us to a similar chorus at night, often carrying on into the early morning. There are other dogs as well that yap, bark and howl, making a substantial racket.

There are many dogs in Crestwood now and it is no longer the quiet, peaceful place it used to be. On page 3 of our copy of *Welcome to Crestwood - A Unique Way of Life* it clearly states, " Pets are welcome, but are expected to be kept under control and not be a nuisance or inconvenience to other residents. As a dog owner you are responsible under the 1976 Dog Act for the behaviour of your pet. Others may not share the same enthusiasm for your friendly dog or cat".

Could we please appeal to dog owners to consider their neighbours and not allow their dogs to annoy other people.

Name and address supplied

Found

A scooter was found by the lamppost in Park 7. That is the park between Regency Drive and Hume Rd just as you come out of the Regency Drive underpass. If this is your scooter, please ring 9493 2597 and be prepared to identify it.

INBOX

LETTERS

The Bark is Often Worse than the Bite

There is a big problem with constantly barking and howling dogs on the Crestwood Estate. My

EVENTS

FUND RAISER

\$150 Raised at the Crestwood Pool for Flood Victims

We set up optimistic and hopeful in the heat and humidity, casting glances at the dark clouds which threatened not far away. It wasn't long before we had our first cupcakes disappear, but after I explained to the kids that they weren't allowed to eat all the cupcakes, we waited for our first *real* customer. And they did come.

Our lovely pool attendant not only helped set up the tables, but also quaffed a few cups of punch, while children and adults came with money - or ran home to bully their parents into giving them money - and bought cupcakes, punch and cans of soft drink left over from the Christmas carols. One angel of a Crestwood resident - we forgot to ask your name, for which we apologise - turned up with her son and five lovely apple pies which she donated for sale at \$5 a pie, all of which sold. (The son didn't sell, so we gave him back).

Oh, did I mention the rain? The fundraiser was supposed to last for two hours, and in optimistic - or stupid, take your pick - defiance of the weather bureau, we set up even though the radio was warning that some angry girl named Bianca was hovering off the coast. While she remained far offshore, we were treated to what were said to be unrelated storms that caused just as much havoc. First it drizzled, then stopped. Then it sprinkled, then stopped. And then it bucketed down.

The funny thing is that we actually sold more things after it started raining than before. Perhaps the real-life demonstration of why some people in Queensland and Victoria (and the north-west, and Tasmania, and South Australia, the list goes on) need some help prompted people to dig deep. Either that or they'd just been swimming and didn't care about the rain.

Everyone chipped in to pack everything up and brace for the storm, and *still* people came and bought things. So here goes a great big thank you to some wonderful Crestwood residents who have proven that not even a thunder storms can keep you from lending a helping hand.

Submitted by Stuart Gibbon

The idea for the fundraiser came from our children, Sean (10), Eve (8) and Liam (5). My wife, Christina, and I simply did the work and paid for everything. Eve's friend, Sarah, showed up on the day to help.

Stuart Gibbon



Crestwood Hall Hire

NOTICES

SOCIAL

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 made by homeowners and \$500 to those bookings made by tenants. A minimum cleaning charge of \$150 will be taken from the bond if the hall is not cleaned to a satisfactory standard.

Hall hire does not include access to the pool area. For children's parties there is a minimum adult supervision requirement.
To book or obtain further information call Marjan: 9459 8776



PARTY YOURSELF INTO SHAPE

The Latin-inspired, easy-to follow, calorie-burning, dance fitness-party is now at Crestwood.

CRESTWOOD HALL
Wednesdays 6:30 pm

For more information phone
Lisa 0450 957 025

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.

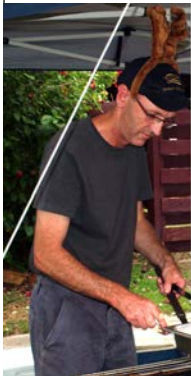
Contact: Joanne Brand for further information —
Phone 9459 6114 / 0403 474 075 or email —
brand_family@iprimus.com.au

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.**





The yellow hotrod we have all come to know over the Christmas period was again in evidence with Graham Bell driving Santa and his elves, Isabel and Kate Colley, Bianca Morton and an additional four-legged passenger called Cauli dressed in a Christmas cap for the occasion.

When the hotrod finally came to a halt after touring through the Crestwood parks, that was the signal for children to leave their family groups and gather under the marquee waiting to see what Santa had brought them. They sat patiently, with just a little anticipation, for their names to be called before they headed off back to their families to show their newly collected gifts.

There was another attraction for children, and that was the craft table set up by Baden Pitts and his helpers from the Thornlie Church of Christ. They arrived early and by 9:00 am were already setting up for the crafts and the choir. Children at the craft table didn't have to make a choice, they could opt for fancy balloon hats, and then come back again to have their faces made up as butterflies, or tigers, or a variety of other designs.

For the hungry, the smell of the sausage sizzle was beginning to drift through the air and what was a queue of six or seven people quickly grew to twenty or more as residents came to realise it was just about time to eat. As in past years, sausages and a can of drink at \$1.00 each was a very good buy, keeping those doing the cooking and serving busy until long after the carol singing began.

A Big Thank You to All Who Helped

An evening such as Santa and Carols in the Park does not take place without a lot of time spent on its organisation. This year it was Sandra Wilson who took time away from her personal life to make sure Crestwood residents had a very enjoyable evening. Her dedication went to the point of foregoing a family gathering to be with us on the evening.

There were many people who helped, some of whom set up and packed things away and then disappeared without anyone getting to thank them. We thank you now.

Of those involved in specific tasks, thank you to George Putland for coordinating with the Thornlie Church of Christ, to Trevor Davis who was not only Santa, but also set the sausages sizzling and then stayed to help clean up, and Trevor Veen for loan of the eskies and shade tents and for setting them up. And thanks to Michelle Armstrong for putting together the lolly bags

Thanks also to Darren Colley, Bruce Armstrong and Rod Campbell who also took their turns cooking. Thanks goes as well to Betty Davis for cutting the rolls, Ros Gilbert for cutting the onions, Marjan van Dijk and Bianca Morton for selling the sausages and soft drinks, Faye Wells for sorting the left-over food and Sofia Campbell for also being available to help with various tasks as they arose.

The carol singing started at 7:00pm led by Mandy Pitts with Shirley-Ann Hemmings, who has led the Carols at Crestwood in the past, as one of the lead singers. There were 13 singers in all, three men and 10 women, accompanied by a very effective band comprising two conga drums, a drum set, two acoustic and two electric guitars, one flute and a keyboard. About 200 residents had arranged themselves in a vague semi-circle in front of the choir to enjoy the set of long-established carols set to traditional and not so traditional rhythms. This was a smaller crowd than last year, due, not doubt to the weather which not only threatened showers but actually produced them toward the end of the evening.

When it came to the time-honoured Twelve Days of Crestwood a very pleasant sound flowed from the direction of the assembled children. For those of us who remember past performances, pleasant was not often the word used to describe them, but this year Sandra Wilson had arranged for the choir to do the singing and the children to hold up signs representing each of the 12 days. It was a very effective solution.

The evening was not by any means static with residents just sitting around and listening. There was a lot of milling about and catching up with neighbours. Children were very much in evidence and their movement when walking, running, bicycling and rolling along on scooters formed the ribbons that held the group together. And there were also numerous points of brightness with battery-run candles, illuminated necklaces and balls of multi-coloured light.

Toward the end of the evening Senior Pastor, Rob Furlong, gathered the children in front of him and told them a Christmas parable. Toward the end of the story the threatened showers did materialise and the evening came to a rather damp end but not before the singing of the final carols.

Text by the Editor

All About Mums

Answers Given by 2nd Year School Children about their Mothers

- 1. Why did God make mothers?**
 - She's the only one who knows where the Sellotape is.
 - Mostly to clean the house.
 - To help us out of there when we're getting born.
- 2. How did God make mothers?**
 - He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
 - Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
 - God made mum just the like he made me. He just used bigger parts.
- 3. Why did God give you your mother and not some other mum?**
 - We're related.
 - God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's mums like me.
- 4. What kind of little girl was your mum?**
 - My mum has always been my mum and none of that other stuff.
 - I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
 - They say she used to be nice.
- 5. What did mum need to know about dad before she married him?**
 - His last name.
 - She had to know his background, like, is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?
 - Does he make at least 8,000 a year? Did he say no to drugs and yes to chores?
- 6. Why did your mum marry your dad?**
 - My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world, and my mum eats a lot.
 - She got too old to do anything else with him.
 - My grandma says that mum didn't have her thinking cap on.
- 7. Who's the boss at your house?**
 - Mum doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such an idiot.
 - Mum. You can tell by room inspection. She sees stuff under the bed.
 - I guess mum is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.
- 8. What's the difference between mums and dads?**
 - Mums know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
 - Dads are taller and stronger, but mums have all the real power because that's who you have to ask if you want to sleep over at your friends.
 - Mums have magic. They make you feel better without medicine.
- 9. If you could change one thing about your mum, what would it be?**
 - She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
 - I'd make my mum smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
 - I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes at the back of her head.

Humour

Paraprosdokian Utterances

A **paraprosdokian** utterance is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to re-frame or re-interpret the first part.

1. I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way, so I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.
2. I want to die peacefully in my sleep like my grandfather, not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.
3. The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it's still on the list.
4. Light travels faster than sound. That is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
5. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
6. We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
7. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.
8. A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk I have a work station.
9. Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity they can train people to stand at the edge of a pool and throw them fish.
10. I didn't say it was your fault; I said I was blaming you.
11. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
12. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
13. The voices in my head may not be real, but they have some good ideas.
14. Hospitality is making your guests feel like they're at home even if you wish they were.
15. I used to be indecisive; now I'm not sure.

Notions of Life — And Puns

1. Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine.
2. A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
3. Dijon vu is the same mustard you had before.
4. Practice safe eating; always use condiments.
5. A shotgun wedding is a case of wife or death.
6. A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.
7. A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
8. Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
9. What's the definition of a will? – It's a dead giveaway.
10. Every calendar's days are numbered.
11. Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
12. Acupuncture is a jab well done.

Joys of Growing Old

1. Things that you buy now won't wear out.
2. Your investment in health insurance is finally paying off.
3. Your secrets are safe with friends because they can't remember them anyway.
4. In a hostage situation you're likely to be released first.
5. There's nothing left to learn the hard way.

HEALTH & BEAUTY

Avon
 Le Reve — Aromatherapy & Perfume
 Make-up Artist
 Miessence Organic Products
 Natural Health Products
 Nutrimedics
 Remedial Massage
 Waxing, Nails, Facials

GIFTS, CRAFTS, FLOWERS & JEWELLERY

Dressmaking
 Jewellery Repairs — Handmade
 Pergamano Parchment Craft
 Scrapbooking — *Creative Memories*
 Woodcraft — *Treasures from Trees*

BOOKS, PRINTING & PHOTOGRAPHY

Indonesian & Malay Text books
 Photographers — Weddings, portraits, restorations
 Printing

HOUSE & GARDEN

Cabinet Maker — *Ansil Cabinets*
 Carpet Cleaning - *Chem-Dry Fresh*
 Pool Service & Repairs — *Pools Ain't Pools*
 All Garden Services
 Sheep Manure - Large bags, free delivery

TEACHING AND TRAINING

Guitar Lessons - Beginner
 'L' Driver Training
 PT 4 ME Personal Trainer
 Tutoring: Primary & Secondary — Experienced teacher

FOOD AND CATERING

Fruit & Vegetable Delivery Service
 Organic Fruit & Vegetable Delivery — *Perth Organics*

OTHER PRODUCTS & SERVICES

Entertainment — DJ/Karaoke
 Real Estate
 Spray Painting
 Warehousing — Car & General Storage

CONTACT

Enita	9452 8967 / 0402 310 775
Kym Murray	9452 1120 / 0409 683 536
Kirsty	9459 8483 / 0424 349 388
Lisa	0439 097 584
Chris Wynen	9459 8381
Maureen (Rikki)	9493 7569
Sherilee	9452 1104
Melissa	9459 5979 / 0417 978 687
Daphne	9459 6014
Mike Jarvis	9459 0348
Carol	9459 4728
Enita	9452 8967 / 0402 310 775
Robyn or Don	0415 284 997/0417 940 736
Malcolm	9459 2902
Rowena and Paul	6161 3976 / 0428 955 588
Malcolm MacLeod	9358 4944
Tony	9459 5356 / 9459 9447
Keith or Kim	1800 099 095/0409 292 047
Andrew	9493 6191 / 0413 170 217
George	94593448 / 0406111721
John	9459 4318 / 0435 935 275
Haydon Brand	9459 6114
Mike Upson	9493 0005
Roger Knight	9452 7648
Robyn Annen	9493 7434 / 041 797 2661
Lisa / Heather	9452 0907 / 9452 2427
Lisa	0439 097 584
Colin	0417 487 707
Peter Wynen	9459 7788 / 0419 939 067
Matthew	0431 530 995
Tony	9459 5356 / 9459 9447

Call or email the editor to add or remove details: 9459 2902 / crestwoodnews@inet.net.au

ADVERTISING RATES

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

The *Crestwood News* is a 12 or 16 page newsletter published bi-monthly. It is distributed free to the 295 households on the Crestwood Estate in Thornlie. An additional 30 copies go out to owners who let their properties and do not live on the estate.

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

ljhooker.com

BUYING OR SELLING IN CRESTWOOD?

Living & Working in Crestwood

**Free Appraisal — Advice
PETER WYNEN**

a/h: 9459 8381

mob: 0419 939 067

e-mail: peter.for.homes@bigpond.com

L.J. HOOKER

Thornlie — 9459 7788

EVENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE POOL



Christmas Eve at the pool has become something of a tradition at Crestwood. In previous years it was the YMCA that supplied two different and daunting floating obstacle courses and an unusual zippered ball. This year it was the turn of Belgravia Leisure and they produced a long, water slide for the children to enjoy.

The activities began at 4:00pm with residents gradually arriving for the evening and children starting to line up for their run up to the slide. For those who came without a picnic supper, there were sausages and cans of drink available for the bargain price of 50 cents each. Thanks to Faye Wells for organising the evening.