Committee Still One Member Short
Volunteer for the Position of Parks and Reticulation Still Required

This winter season is progressing well for the estate with the mild wind conditions and unusual rain periods. The recent cool, damp nights are helping maintain our gardens and the parks.

We are still in need of someone to volunteer for the committee position of Parks and Reticulation. It is an important position on the committee, particularly with the summer season approaching.

The fact that the committee is one member short has already had an adverse impact on the committee. The July meeting had to be deferred three days because two members of the committee were unavailable and there would not have been a quorum. If you think you might be able to fill the vacant position, please contact me to discuss the role.

When the papers were distributed for the AGM, I included a notice about the “Pepper Tree” having had a liquid of some kind poured over part of it.

Since then, the West Australian Chemistry Centre have examined the samples collected and determined that the liquid was organic and determined to be oil, most likely engine oil. That information and the report have been provided to the police and included in the complaint regarding the matter.

While the committee was pleased the liquid was not a poison and, therefore, potentially harmful to the children who climb the tree, it then meant that the person or persons responsible for putting the oil on the tree did so in the knowledge that it would make the limbs slippery. Fortunately, only one child was injured, experiencing minor abrasions to his chest.

If anyone has any information as to who was responsible for pouring the oil on the tree, please contact the Canning Vale Police and provide that information to them.

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T: 9357 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  
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WELCOME TO CRESTWOOD  

Stephen Gauder 13 Cavalier Court  
Bruce & Michelle Armstrong 9 Coronet Court  

FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES  

Omar Hayek 13 Cavalier Court  
Gregory & Wendy Clifford 9 Coronet Court
Recent correspondence from the Committee of the Crestwood Homeowners Association.

1. [A residence on Princeton Court] Thank you for your application to erect a new fence to replace the old one blown over in the storm, and for attending the committee meeting to explain the type of fencing panel you intend to use. We hope that your building project goes well, and thank you for investing in improving your property.

2. [A residence on Grenadier Drive] Thank you for your application to erect a domed patio on the front elevation of your home. I am sure this will be a feature and protect the entrance from the weather. I am pleased to inform you that your application has been approved. We hope your project all goes smoothly.

3. [A residence on Regency Drive] Thank you for finalising the application for the construction of your metal roofed Carport. The application has already been submitted to the Crestwood Committee and has been approved. We all hope that the construction of your project goes well.

John Rushton, Committee Member for Aesthetics

Our maintenance program of running the reticulation system on Sunday mornings for tests is working well. Early in the testing program we experienced an electrical problem with one of the bore pumps and that has now been repaired.

The major capital works program for this year is the installation of a two-tiered limestone retaining wall at Underpass D. The Committee accepted the quote from Landscape Developments Pty Ltd and they are expected to commence the work shortly after August 16.

For those who use Underpass D on a regular basis we would ask for your patience during the construction period because the footpath will need to be closed to pedestrians during the day while work is carried out.

Trevor Davis, President, Crestwood Homeowners Association

Hi all, Barry Palmer here. I have taken over the pool from Trevor Veen. First, just a thank you to Trevor for all the hard work he has done over the last, I think, four years. The job coming into the pool has greatly been simplified due to the hard work he has done, so again, thanks.

I have now been living in Crestwood for just under three years. I live at 16 Grenadier Drive with my wife Sharon, son Spencer, six years old, daughter Bridget, four years old, and our dog Wodger (a small Jack Russel) and, yes, it does say “DOG” on his tag as I know a lot of you have read his tag.

When we bought the house it was a bit of a wreck, inside and out, so for the last three and a half years we have been repairing, redoing and fixing the place up. I have just started working at the Thornlie Polytechnic or, as everybody knows it, the TAFE. I am lecturing in Plant Mechanics. I’ve had some health problems of late so I’ve made the change to a physically easier job.

So now to the pool. We are sending out pool pass application at the moment with the pool rules, so if you can fill them out and get them back to me that would be great. I am in the process of getting VacSwim forms and will also be sending them out. If you do not receive them by the end of this month I will have copies of each that I will leave in a box next to my front door at 16 Grenadier drive. It would be great to have pool pass applications back ASAP.

The pool will be attended by Belgravia Leisure. Thanks again to Trevor for organising this. Hopefully this will solve most, if not all, the problems we have had in the recent past. If anyone has any issues please call me on my mobile, 0427 958 395, leave a message. I will call back as soon as I can.

The toddlers pool will be repaired over the off season. We will be having it retiled with a dolphin motif. Hopefully this will be to tastes of our younger swimmers. I plan to be opening the pool on the last week of October, the 23rd. I’ll be having a busy bee on Sunday, October 10th, so please note down that date as all the help that we can get is great and greatly appreciated.

If there are any questions or problems please call me on 0427 958 395. Thanks.

Barry Palmer, Committee Member for the Aquatic Centre
INCIDENT REPORT
Incidents reported on the Crestwood Estate

A motorcycle was stolen from a locked garage on Grenadier Drive in the early hours of 21 July (see reward notice on page 8). eWatch reported a vehicle theft on Coronet Court at the end of July and the Comment News reported a burglary and vehicle theft on Grenadier Drive during the same period.

POLICE WATCH - Thornlie
from the Comment News
Break-ins Charlton Pl, Jardine Ct (8 June)
Break-ins Wilfred Rd (2), Pembury Rd, Pimelia Gr; motor vehicle theft Greenway Ave, Parkside Dr, Pimelia Gr (2), Wilfred Rd (15 June)
Break-ins Forest Cres, Nutbush Ct, Sugarwood Dr, Osprey Way; motor vehicle theft Explorer Dr; graffiti damage Forest Cres (22 June)
Break-ins Martindale Ave, Finsbury Dr, Grenadier Dr, Rushbrook Way; motor vehicle theft Cook St, Greenway Ave, Liata Ct (29 June)
Break-ins Forest Cres, Spring Rd, Wilfred Rd, Selby St (13 July)
Break-ins Thornlie Ave, Greenway Ave, Malone Ct, Miner Ct, Hume Rd, Pembury Rd; motor vehicle theft Hume Rd (20 July)
Break-ins Grenadier Dr, Forest Lakes Dr; motor vehicle theft Grenadier Dr, Majestic Crt (3 August)

Party Safe

For Parents Hosting a Party
Making decisions about teenage parties can be difficult for parents. Parties are a part of life and growing up, but no one wants a party that goes wrong because of drinking or gate-crashers. Yet young people often want to have alcohol available. Parents are often faced with these questions:

... What do I do when my teenager wants to have a party?
... Should I supervise the party?
... Should I allow alcohol to be available?
... What are my obligations and responsibilities to other parents?

A teenager's request to host a party can be unexpected and a parent can say yes without thinking through all of the issues. Before responding:

... Give yourself time to think.
... Clarify the level of involvement your teenager wants from you.
... Decide on the (bottom-line) conditions you would agree to.
... Discuss your concerns and proposal with your teenager.

Alcohol
The most effective way to prevent problems arising from alcohol use at teenage parties is to not have alcohol available at all. However, this is not always realistic. The following tips are for hosts who decide that alcohol will be allowed at their party. These tips apply to both adult and teenage parties.

Food
While it does not prevent intoxication, food in the stomach slows down the rate at which alcohol is absorbed. Eating also slows the pace at which you drink and fills you up so you are less likely to drink. Making sure food is readily available to guests is therefore a good strategy for preventing and reducing the potential for excessive drinking. Some ideas to consider are:

... Avoid salty foods such as chips or crackers, or choose low salt alternatives (salt makes people thirstier so they drink more).
... Ensure that you will have enough food for all the guests.
... Serve food throughout the party as this helps break-up continual drinking.
... Ensure food is available and easily accessible all the time.

Drinks
You will have greater control over how much alcohol your guests drink if you supply all the drinks (as opposed to a BYO party), however, this may not always be possible. The following tips can help you to prevent the excessive consumption of alcohol at a party.

... Have a wide range and sufficient supply of non-alcoholic drinks: water, soft drinks, fruit juices, coffee, tea, etc.
... Make a wide range of low alcoholic drinks available.
... Do not let people go around serving alcoholic drinks or topping up glasses. This makes it hard for people to keep track of how much alcohol is being consumed.
... Provide small glasses for alcoholic drinks.
... Pre-measure mixed drinks to ensure a limited alcohol content.

Party Layout
The layout of a party can influence guests’ behaviour and can support other strategies for reducing excessive drinking. Some options to consider when planning the party layout are:

... Place the bar or alcohol away from any areas where people will congregate and as far as possible from the entrance.
... Keep the bar or alcohol serving areas small so people will not congregate around it.
... Place tables of food and snacks within easy reach of these areas.

Activities
Party activities are a good way of getting guests to focus on things other than drinking. If people become bored, have nothing to do or no one to talk to, they may drink more.

Toward the End of the Party
A number of strategies can be used to end the party on time and reduce the chances of an extended period of drinking. It is a good idea an hour before the end of the party to:

... Stop serving alcohol. Don’t allow people to leave with drinks.
... Serve some sweet desert-style snacks, a platter of cheese and fruit or other post meal food.
... Start serving coffee and tea. Remember that nothing other than time will sober up your guests.

Transport
Ways to prevent drink-driving should always be considered when planning parties. Aim to get your guests home safely. Encourage guests to:

... Be picked up by parents if they are teenagers.
... Come by taxi or use public transport (give them the details).
... Come with someone who has agreed to be the designated driver and, therefore, will not be drinking alcohol.

Have the phone number of a local taxi service handy.

Taken from: A Guide to Party Safe by the WA Police Service, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Government of Western Australia
May 2010

Committee Business:

- **Parks and Reticulation:** Trevor Davis will take responsibility of liaising with the gardener, Grant, until a replacement for Rob Wilson is found for this position. Grant is to continue to be notified of building and fence work being undertaken by homeowners.

  The bores have been turned off to comply with the Winter sprinkler ban. Tests will still go ahead as usual on Sundays.

  Underpass plans are ready to go to the City Council. Ken has indicated he is willing to supervise the building.

  Further discussions are required regarding the cost of leaving the park lights on all night. It may be necessary to canvass homeowners to gauge their feelings about turning off the lights during the hours of darkness. A discussion was also held regarding the current entry barriers to the park being insufficient to prevent motor bike entry.

  Testing is continuing regarding the substance poured on the Pepper tree.

- **Pool:** Pricing from Belgravia for the Winter jobs needed to be carried out has still to be received. They have shown a keenness to tackle some of the problems. Dan will take on the role of manager or overseer. The handover from the YMCA is still to be scheduled. The City of Gosnells has been informed of the change in management.

- **Aesthetics:** Letters have been written approving the construction of patios. John is to have a look at a tree at the back of Coronet Court. Note has also been made of a possible car wrecking underway in Regency Drive.

- **Finances:** Roy is to start preparing boxes of archival material for off-site storage. Metal shelving is to be purchased for this purpose.

- **Social:** A social coordinator is still required.

General Business:

- John Rushton was voted in as Vice President. Sandra is to take on the roles of preparing welcome packs for new homeowners.

  A phone call was received about a group of teenagers hanging out in the park and stealing from outside fridges. Homeowners are advised to call the police if witnessing any anti-social behaviour or evidence of drinking alcohol or substance abuse in the parks. A tree which was set on fire was quickly put out by homeowners. Grant is to be advised to keep a look out for problems.

June 2010

Committee Business:

- **Parks and Reticulation:** The question of not turning off the reticulation on Christmas and New Year’s Eve will be addressed closer to the start of next watering season.

  Submissions for work on Underpass D have been placed with the City of Gosnells. A quote from the builder is expected soon. The ute shed door has been serviced.

  A questionnaire regarding the length of time the park lights should be left on is being prepared by Sandra. This will go out to residents to gauge their opinion.

- **Pool:** Belgravia Leisure is to take over management of the pool on 1 July. Neil Gannon of the YMCA has met with Dan and Jason of Belgravia regarding the handover.

  The question of whether tenants should be asked for pay for their use of the pool was raised as a continuing matter for discussion.

- **Aesthetics:** John is to visit and discuss issues and alternatives to the fence issue on Grenadier Drive. Also on Grenadier Drive, approval for the building of a veranda has been made.

  On Regency Drive, the proposed front patio is awaiting a builder’s licence and the question of the caravan cover on Hume Road is being dealt with by the City Council.

- **Finance:** Letters have been sent out to homeowners regarding the non-payment of fees.

  The change of trustee and signatory from Trevor Veen to Trevor Davis has been made. This change is to be conveyed to the Crestwood solicitors.

- **General Business:** Frank Keays had provided a history of past issues raised regarding speeding on local streets. He has also suggested making a fresh approach to the City of Gosnells about the current issues. The President is to draft a letter about this matter.

  Requests for improvement to playground equipment is expected from residents with children.

  How to obtain exercise equipment to be located in the parks was discussed. Ideas for this are to be sought via a announcement in the next newsletter.
Amanda Young was an Environmental Science student at Murdoch University in 1997, the year of her death. While active in a wide variety of sports, one of her favourites was rowing, a sport she was introduced to while a student at Penrhos College. During an inter-varsity rowing carnival at Penrith in New South Wales she contracted meningococcal septicaemia, and five days after returning to Perth she succumbed to the disease, dying at only 18 years of age.

At the time of her death, meningococcal disease was relatively rare and little studied. To raise awareness both within the general community and the medical profession, Amanda's parents, Lorraine and Barry Young, established the Amanda Young Foundation in Perth. This non-profit community-based organisation not only strives to reduce deaths from this disease, but also to support its survivors. Additionally, it undertakes fund raising activities for medical research and holds a young leaders summit, an annual camp for Year 11 students to foster the development of leadership skills. Perhaps most well-known to the general public is Amanda's Garden Fete, an annual event taking place in October.

Amanda’s Memorial Garden is located in Southern River at the junction of Matison and Margaret Streets. It is a quiet, contemplative spot with shaded walkways, ornamental ponds and a plethora of plants and flowers, in particular a wide variety of roses. This year the Garden Fete will be held on the 28th, 30th and 31st of October from 10 am to 4 pm. Visits to the garden at other times of the year are by appointment. The garden is also a favourite venue for weddings and can be booked for this during the months of October to April.

Catherine Smart of Regency Drive is a Crestwood resident who volunteers at Amanda’s Garden along with three other volunteers. They work on Tuesdays for about five and a half hours, from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm, and this includes a short break for lunch. Volunteers are needed from Easter to the end of October and the four regular volunteers work in the plant nursery preparing plants for sale at the annual garden fete in October. They carry out whatever tasks are needed, and this includes potting, weeding, pruning and fertilising. The day is organised according to the tasks that have been set, with those most urgent being given priority, for example separating out succulents, potting up plants or repotting established plants into larger pots.

The plants for the annual sale are donated and can come from anywhere. People who change the look of their garden may donate the plants they no longer want. Commercial nurseries may also donate their unsold and unwanted stock. Catherine and the other volunteers were once kept busy potting up 500 orchids which came from a hydroponics nursery that no longer required them. While there are only four volunteers working in the nursery and garden on a regular basis, there are up to 50 volunteers needed to help out during the days of the garden fete.

Support for the foundation can also be shown in other ways as well, such as through making a donation either in cash or kind. In fact, that is how Catherine first came to be involved with the foundation. She created a quilt which she then offered to the foundation as part of its fundraising activities. This was to be the first of three quilts which she has donated. When she was there Catherine asked if there was any other way she could help out and the answer came back that she could always volunteer in the garden.

Catherine, however, had previously known of the foundation, having attended their fetes several years previously. She became interested in the foundation and its work after losing her best friend to meningococcal disease. It is now three years since she has volunteered there.

For anyone interested in volunteering, the main qualification is enthusiasm. Any training is done on site. There are a number of events which the foundation runs and all of them need volunteers to help. For those interested, you can call Lorraine or Barry Young on 9398 7275. More information can be found on their website:


Text by the Editor; information from Catherine Smart and the Amanda Young Foundation website.
Most Crestwood residents, no doubt, would have heard of Paul Ritter, but my guess is that few indeed know that without this talented man and planner Crestwood would not exist as it does today. In fact, Paul Ritter persuaded developer Mr Ron Sloan to construct Crestwood. Mr Ritter died recently, his death due to a long battle with lung disease. He also suffered dementia according to his family.

Obviously Paul Ritter was way ahead of his time, something proved beyond doubt not only in the planning of Crestwood, but also in having to face strong opposition to the concept. Probably the greatest opposition he and the developer faced came from Gosnells Council (now the City of Gosnells) and the State Electricity Commission (now Western Power). Gosnells Council had rigid ideas about development and anything outside the norm seemed anathema to it. Western Power at first refused point blank to allow underground power lines.

Paul Ritter was never afraid to venture outside what was considered normal and that makes it easy to understand why some people thought him eccentric. Crestwood was far different from a normal type of development, especially in the late 1960s.

Mr Sloan says that Mr Ritter’s book, Planning for Man and Motor, drew him to a lecture in the mid 1960s at which Paul Ritter’s "extreme enthusiasm sold him on the sociological benefits of Radburn, a suburb developed in 1929". Radburn is in New Jersey, USA, close to New York City. Ron Sloan and Paul Ritter had numerous discussions about Radburn. Subsequently Mr Sloan travelled the world inspecting various developments that would "allow us to not only copy achievements to that date but make a contribution that brought new standards".

Mr Sloan says, "Radburn certainly was an eye-opener and was an exceptional advance on the period", but he also says that he felt that "we could achieve an even greater potential for 1960s families". By the mid 1960s Radburn had existed for almost forty years.

Ron Sloan says that after his return from Radburn, "we produced a demanding brief [the Crestwood concept] that initially tested Paul’s staff to distraction, but finally the mathematics all fit and produced what is the living proof today".

Paul Ritter was the first City of Perth planner. He also involved himself in various protest movements and is said to have played a prominent part in stopping a planned highway along Riverside Drive.

In one death notice in The West Australian a tribute was paid to Paul Ritter in designing Crestwood and another unusual development in the City Beach area.

At a Crestwood function held in The White House, now a church, around 1980 I met and talked to Paul Ritter. At that stage I had no idea of his involvement in planning Crestwood but he explained to me the Crestwood concept and what he had done to bring it to fruition. He impressed me greatly. One of Paul Ritter’s daughters lived on the Estate but unfortunately I have forgotten her name. Perhaps she still resides here.

"Crestwood today exists primarily because of Paul Ritter", Ron Sloan says, "and if he has any means of knowing what is going on down here today, I am sure it would warm his heart to know that children of the original residents are returning to this beautiful suburb and buying houses". Mr Sloan concludes, "Paul Ritter, rest in peace".

Written by Pat Antonio of Regency Drive; Information supplied by Mr Ron Sloan via Mr Gordon Blake
2010 – 2011
Crestwood Homeowners fees

Under Option B, the 2nd instalment of $400.00 is payable by 30th September 2010. The final payment of $399.00 is due on 31st December.

You can pay your fees to our Treasurer, Roy Malone, 116 Regency Dr. If you have any queries, contact Roy at his home on 9459 4364 after 7pm.

Crestwood Hall
Heritage Listing Nomination

The Crestwood Hall has been nominated for inclusion in the 2010 City of Gosnells heritage inventory list. This is a list of houses, commercial buildings, churches, trees and parks which have cultural heritage significance in the City of Gosnells.

Comments are sought on the inclusion of the Crestwood Hall until 19 August.

Reward
for recovery of stolen motorcycle

YAMAHA model TT500
1977 Plate No. 1EP738

Motorcycle was stolen from a padlocked garage at 66 Grenadier Drive on 21 July between the hours of 12:30 am and 5:00 am.

If you have information which can help recover this vehicle, contact Muz on 0406 786 405 or (08) 9493 4683.

Neighbourhood Watch Crime Prevention Kits Available

A number of Neighbourhood Watch Crime Prevention Kits are available to Crestwood residents. If you would like one, please ring Frank on 9459 2894.

Your Thoughts and Input are Requested Exercise Equipment in Parks

The possibility of having outdoor exercise equipment placed permanently in some of our parks has been discussed at recent CHOA committee meetings. To get an idea of the type of equipment under consideration, please go to www.forparkaust.com.au and follow the link to ‘outdoor gym equipment’. You could also visit park areas where this type of equipment has been installed at Harmony Fields in Maddington and Piara Waters in Forrestdale.

Do you believe this type of equipment is likely to be appreciated and used by Crestwood residents?

Crestwood currently has no funds available to put toward the purchase and installation of such equipment. If there is significant interest, it is hoped that a sub-committee of interested home owners could be formed to tackle the sourcing of funds and management of the project. The CHOA committee has some ideas for possible grants funding.

Please forward all thoughts and expressions of interest to the committee via the secretary, Sandra, or come along to the next committee meeting on Monday, 30 August.

Sandra Wilson  Telephone 9493 6622  sandrawilson@iinet.net.au

Construction at Underpass D
Some Disruption to Road Traffic

Park Paths to be Closed

Work to erect a limestone retaining wall is expected to be carried out at Underpass D (under Grenadier Drive) in the near future.

Some disruption to traffic is expected on Grenadier Drive to allow for truck access. The paths leading to and from the underpass will be closed during the day for the duration of the building work.

Park Lights Survey

Have your say on how long our park lights should be kept on and what time they should be turned off. Complete the survey form you received with this newsletter and return it by 30 August.

The Crestwood community offers its sincerest condolences to the relatives of long-time Crestwood residents Pat Kelly and Gerry Doyle, neighbours on Hume Road, who both recently died.

Residents of Crestwood all join in wishing Pat Antonio of Regency Drive a speedy recovery from his recent operation.
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.

Crestwood Hall Hire

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

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

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

Commercial (for-profit events or those charging an entry fee) — $25.00 per hour to a maximum of $100.00 – 8am - 5pm

A $300 bond applies to all bookings 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.

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

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Michael Lee was one of the earliest residents on the Crestwood Estate. He arrived just established in 1971 and was resident until 1984. During that time he served as treasurer for 4 years, 1976 to 1980. He then turned the position over to Joe Wong who held it for 2 years. The position then passed to Roy Malone who has held it since 1983. Michael became auditor of the Estate in 1978, 32 years ago, and has remained in that capacity until now.

In the recent honours list announced on the Queen’s birthday, Michael was honoured with the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his work with various community organisations - the Rotary Club and the aged care provider, Meath Care, Tennis West and Tennis Australia. His association with tennis started when he joined the Claremont Tennis Club in 1984 primarily because he had children who played tennis. This was done to support them and to support tennis as a sport. This initial involvement became more dedicated as Michael became treasurer, a position he held for three years before going on to serve three years as president. During this period he became a delegate to Tennis West, formerly known as the West Australian Lawn Tennis Association (WALTA). He took over the position of treasurer of that organisation in 1991 and became vice-president in 1999, a position which he still holds. For ten of those years, from 1998 to 2008, Michael was also a council member for Tennis Australia.

As a result of his involvement with Tennis Australia he was at the US Open at Flushing Meadows in New York City when Lleyton Hewett won the event in 2001. This was a fateful time. He flew out of New York’s La Guardia Airport bound for Mexico City on September 10 just before the tragic events of the following day, leaving his family in Perth to ponder whether he and his wife, Wendy, were safe. In 2005 he also represented Tennis Australia at Wimbledon.

Michael’s involvement with the Rotary Club began in 1973 when he joined the Thornlie Club. He stayed with the Thornlie Club even after moving from Crestwood to Mt. Claremont in 1984, but eventually joined the Claremont-Cottesloe Club which was closer to his new place of residence. As an accountant, Michael says others see him as a natural to serve as treasurer and this was again the case with the Rotary Club. He became District Treasurer for the Western Suburbs Rotary (District 9450) and held that position from 1998 to 2006. He has been honoured at various times by Rotary, being presented with the Paul Harris Fellowship and subsequently with the Paul Harris Sapphire Pin.

His involvement with aged care came about through his membership in Rotary. The CEO of Meath Care, a non-profit organisation associated with the Anglican church which runs retirement villas and hostels in Trigg, Kingsley and Como, was also a member of Rotary. The CEO indicated the organisation was in need of a treasurer and discussed this with Michael. Michael accepted the position in 1999 and subsequently became chairman in 2007.

I’m sure the residents of Crestwood will join in congratulating Michael on receiving the Medal of the Order of Australia and thanking him as well for serving Crestwood for all these years as auditor.

The Australian System of Honours

The Australian system of honours and awards was established in 1975. Prior to that time Australians were recognised under the British honours system, also known as Imperial awards. On 5 October 1992 the federal and state governments announced Australians were to be recognised exclusively through the Australian system and no further recommendations for British honours would be made.

There are 53 awards in the Australian honours system and the best known is the Order of Australia. Appointments to this order confer the highest recognition for outstanding achievement and service.

There are two divisions in the Order, a Civil or General Division and a Military Division. The General Division has four levels. Companion of the Order (AC) is awarded for eminent achievement and merit of the highest degree in service to Australia or humanity at large. This is Australia’s greatest civic honour. Officer of the Order (AO) is awarded for distinguished service of a high degree to Australia or humanity at large. Member of the Order (AM) is awarded for service in a particular locality or field of activity or to a particular group and Medal of the Order (OAM) is awarded for service worthy of particular recognition.

Nominations to the General Division come directly from the community. Every nomination is then considered by the Council for the Order of Australia. The Council makes recommendations direct to the Governor-General. Awards in the General Division of the Order are made by the Governor General.

The Council considers whether a nominee in the Order of Australia has: demonstrated achievement at a high level, made a contribution over and above what might be reasonably expected through paid employment, or whose voluntary contribution to the community stands out or to a particular group and is awarded for service in a particular locality or field of activity. The Council meets twice a year. There are 19 members including representatives of every state and territory, public office holders (ex-officio) and community representatives.

Apointments in the Order of Australia are publicly announced on Australia Day (26 January) and The Queen’s Birthday public holiday (June).

Australian honours are unique in that they were designed for the community to make nominations. Anyone can nominate an Australian citizen for an honour.

Taken from: http://www.itsanhonour.gov.au/honours/awards/medals/order_of_australia.cfm#history
The Underlying Meaning of Definitions

**Boss:** Someone who is early when you are late, and late when you are early.

**Classics:** Books which people praise but do not read.

**Committee:** People who can do nothing individually who sit together to decide that nothing can be done together.

**Compromise:** The art of dividing a cake in such a way that everyone believes they got the biggest piece.

**Conference:** The confusion of one person multiplied by the number of people present.

**Conference Room:** A place where everyone talks, no one listens, and everyone disagrees when it's over.

**Criminal:** A guy no different from the rest of us, except that he got caught.

**Experience:** The name people give to their mistakes.

**Father:** A banker provided by nature.

**Lecture:** The art of transferring information from the notes of the lecturer to the notes of the students without passing through the minds of either.

**Life Insurance:** A contract that keeps you poor all your life so you can die rich.

**Marriage:** A contract in which a man loses his bachelor's degree and a woman gains her masters.

**Nurse:** A person who wakes you up to give you sleeping pills.

**Office:** A place where you can relax after your strenuous home life.

**Politician:** A person who shakes your hand before an election, and your confidence after.

Did You Hear?

1. Did you hear about the woman who couldn't find a singing partner? — She ended up buying a duet-your-self kit.
2. Did you hear about the man who stole a truckload of prunes? — He's been on the run for the last month.
3. Did you hear about the pigeon who wanted to buy a famous London landmark? — He put a deposit on Big Ben.
4. Did you hear about the stupid shoplifter? — He was found squashed under a shop.
5. Did you hear about the very intelligent monster? — He was called Frank Einstein.
6. Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon? — Great food but no atmosphere.
7. Did you hear about the man who was tap dancing? — He broke his ankle when he fell into the sink.
8. Did you hear about the musical ghost? — He wrote haunting melodies.
9. Did you hear about the florist who had two children? — One is a budding genius and the other one is a blooming idiot.
10. Did you hear about the karate champion who joined the army? — The first time he saluted, he nearly killed himself.
11. Did you hear about the man who drowned in a bowl of muesli? — A strong currant pulled him under.
12. Did you hear about the rich Arab who bought a herd of cows? — He became a milk sheikh.

Dangling Modifiers

2. I gave olives to my friend that I stabbed with my fork.
3. We could see the corn growing through our car window.
4. I found a huge boulder taking a shortcut through the woods.
5. We saw several magpies looking out our front window.
6. I glimpsed a rat sorting the recyclable materials.
7. After eating all their food, we put the cats outside.
8. We saw the trapeze artist swinging dangerously through our binoculars.
9. We saw several monkeys on holiday in Bali.
10. I found my missing cricket bat cleaning my room.
11. My cousin went on and on, describing the details of her wedding in the lift.

The Job Interview

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources manager asked the young engineer fresh out of university, "And what starting salary were you looking for?"

The engineer said, "In the neighbourhood of $125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package."

The HR manager said, "Well, what would you say to a package of 5 weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, the company matching your retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a new car leased every 2 years, let's say an Audi sport?"

The engineer sat up straight and said, "Wow!!! Are you kidding?" And the HR manager replied, "Yeah, but you started it."

Doctors and Patients

1. A man walks into the doctor's surgery and says, "Doctor, doctor, I think I'm a moth". The doctor replies, 'Well I think you need a psychiatrist not a doctor. Why did you come to me?' "Well," the man replies, "I was walking past your surgery and your light was on."
2. The doctor says to the patient, "Do you want the good news or the bad news first?" The patient replies, "The good news, please, doctor." "The good news is that you have only twenty-four hours to live." The patient says, "If that's the good news, what's the bad news?" "I should have told you yesterday," replies the doctor.
3. I went to the doctor and it was quite serious. At first he gave me just six months to live. But when I said I couldn't pay his bill he gave me another 6 months.
4. "Doctor, doctor, I think I must be invisible. Everyone ignores me." "Next, please."
Cooking American-style Pancakes

To begin, lightly butter, oil or spray your griddle, if needed, and heat over medium heat. If you are using an electric griddle, preheat it to 180°C.

Pancake batter should be spooned, ladled or poured slowly and steadily from a height of 5 to 8 cm onto the griddle. To get a nice round pancake, hold the spoon, ladle or jug steady so that the batter falls into the same spot. Depending on the consistency of the batter, it will either spread into a round by itself or need a little nudge with the back of a ladle, spoon or metal spatula.

Most pancakes are "bubblers". When the top of the pancake is speckled with bubbles, some bubbles have popped and the underside of the pancake is golden brown (lift an edge with your spatula and check the underside to make sure) slide your spatula under the pancake and turn it, taking care not to let it fold over on itself.

Cook the pancake until the second side is browned — it won't get as brown as the first side — which will take only about half as long as the first side did. It is best to turn pancakes just once.

Basic American Pancakes

Makes about twelve 12cm pancakes

Preparation Prepare and preheat your griddle (see above)

Ingredients
210 g plain flour
3 tbs sugar
1½ tps baking powder
½ tps salt
375 ml milk
45 g unsalted butter, melted
2 eggs
½ tps vanilla extract (optional)

Method
1. Wisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt in a large bowl.
2. Wisk together in another bowl the wet ingredients: the milk, melted butter, eggs and vanilla.
3. Pour the wet ingredients over the dry ingredients and gently whisk them together, mixing just until combined.
4. If you wish, fold in one of the following:
   - 80 g plump raisins or sultanas
   - 60 g fresh or frozen blueberries or raspberries
   - 60 g finely chopped nuts, toasted
   - 100 g thinly sliced bananas
   - 20 g shredded sweetened dried coconut
   - 25 g plain or milk chocolate
5. Spoon 80 ml batter onto the griddle for each pancake, nudging the batter into rounds. Cook until the top of each pancake is speckled with bubbles and some bubbles have popped open, then turn and cook until the underside is lightly browned.
6. Serve immediately or keep warm in a cool oven while you finish cooking the rest. Serve with pure maple syrup or honey.

From the Joy of Cooking

Basic Waffles

Makes about twelve 15cm waffles

Preparation Prepare and preheat your waffle iron. A properly seasoned waffle iron, with or without a non-stick coating, doesn't need to be greased every time you use it since most waffle batters contain enough butter to keep the waffles from sticking.

Ingredients
245 g plain flour
1 tbs sugar
1 tbs baking powder
½ tps salt
375 ml milk
60-225 g unsalted butter, melted (Use 60 g of butter for a reduced-fat waffle, 115 g for a classic light and fluffy waffle, or 225 g for the crunchiest most delicious waffle imaginable.)
3 eggs, well beaten

Method
1. Wisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt in a large bowl.
2. Wisk together in another bowl the wet ingredients: the milk, melted butter and eggs.
3. Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients and pour in the wet ingredients. Gently whisk them together with a few swift strokes. (The batter should have a pebbled look.)
4. If you wish, fold in one of the following:
   - 80 g plump raisins, sultanas or other very finely diced soft, dried fruit
   - 60 g fresh or frozen blueberries or raspberries
   - 50 g finely chopped nuts, toasted
   - ½ thinly sliced banana
   - 20 g shredded sweetened dried coconut
   - 25 g plain or milk chocolate
5. Spoon 125 ml batter (or the amount recommended by your waffle iron's manufacturer) onto the hot iron. Spread the batter to within 6mm of the edge of the grids using the back of a metal spatula, wooden spoon or ladle. Close the lid and bake until the waffle is golden brown. Do not open the lid to peek at the waffle as long as there is steam coming from the iron as this will pull the waffle apart as it is cooking.
6. Serve immediately or keep warm on a rack in 95°C oven while you finish cooking the rest. Serve with pure maple syrup or jam.

From the Joy of Cooking
How did you first get interested in woodworking?

Although this is about my hobby, my guess is that the general sheering drought came about for a reason to fit many people. This is a memory I have of how it all started.

One day, after apparently misbehaving, my parents said that I would not be given the gift of a wooden yacht which I had been promised.

I remember coming back from some kind of kid’s event one Saturday afternoon, sad that there would no toy yacht waiting for me when I arrived home. That morning, just to check, I had snooped inside the shed and there wasn’t a hint of a piece of wood that could possibly ever translate into a yacht.

Upon arriving home, I said sorry for whatever I had done. I have no idea what it could have been. With apologies accepted, Dad curled a dusty finger in my direction and beckoned me to sit my toy yacht. Mum had even cut and sewn a calico sail to fit the dowelled mast. This small miracle began to float on even, take near my home and continued for years after that.

Woodwork was strongly associated with love and kindness in my mind. As with most woodworkers, my roots in the craft started at my father's side. My dad was a carpenter here in Perth. Much of my spare time at weekends was spent standing inside dad’s shed at the very back of our property, watching in amazement as he transformed lumps of timber into things that, some of which, I still own to this day.

More recently, after Robyn and I had one of those new style ‘tree changes’, I had enough spare time to invest in a hobby which was forced into the background for years. Suddenly, we had no more boarding kennels and no more video store to own, and the pathway opened up.

What techniques do you use?

My main intention in woodworking is to make things that give pleasure to family and friends and my real reward is seeing good things put to good practical use. I have learned techniques from other woodworkers who are more skilful than me and, consequently, have used any and every technique that is made possible with the tools I have to hand. Here are a few “shed rules” governing techniques:

1. Have fun making projects.
2. Be creative and let the timber determine what it will do for you.
3. Let the tools do the jobs for which they were made. Make sure there are 10 fingers left after each shed session.

What kind of wood do you work with?

This is one of those “horses for courses” things, I have a few favourites among the timbers available to WA woodworkers, and most of my projects are doable with them. One thing I really enjoy and try to incorporate into most projects – is to feature at least a couple of contrasting timbers, making for a good visual impact as well as playing a small trick on the eye.

For sheer strength, jarrah is second to none: it’s colour, hardness, durability and honesty are without parallel. Jarrah is also readily worked by machine and hand tools, making it number one for most of us. However, jarrah is costly. To overcome that, I have machinery that can take a rough sawn board and convert it into a DAR piece: dressed all round. Here’s a dollar comparison:

A rough sawn strip of jarrah measuring 1800mm long, 90mm wide and 20mm thick will set you back approx $3.75. That same board in DAR shape costs around $22 at lumber yards.

Pine is an incredibly beautiful and versatile material to use too. I love the cathedral grains it sometimes exposes, as well as its forgiving nature through complex crafting processes. Very cheap too!

When I can afford it, my real favourite is that glorious red/orange WA timber called Sheoak. It is as rare as it is beautiful. It works like a dream, too.

What are some of the difficulties of woodworking?

To be honest, the difficulties I have are all of my own making. If I don’t plan a project well enough, or if I get impatient about moving through it from step to step, I may possibly run into some roadblocks. Woodworking is all about taking your time and enjoying the process as much as the product. The other thing – which all of us feel no matter what we are doing – is time. It’s stating the obvious isn’t it?

How long does it take you to complete different types of projects?

It is possible to make a neat little pencil holder for a desk or office from a colourful combination of pine and jarrah in about an hour, and the result is a small useful object of great beauty with a nicely shaped routed edge that pleases the eye at every glance.

My daughter’s bookcase, featuring a tongue-and-grooved back panel and three shelves took me about 6 hours, in bits and pieces. My son’s Shaker-style student desk with the long tapered legs, secret shelf, biscuit-jointed top and rounded-over edges took about 8 hours over a week.

One of my specially patterned end-grain cutting boards should take only a half a day, except that there are two separate rounds of cuts, glue-ups, re-sawing and second glue-ups that are followed by loads of sanding and oiling with special food-safe finishes. So they take two part time days. But they are fun! And then there’s the full scale butchers block I made a couple of weeks ago for some friends. It’s one of those old fashioned kitchen / patio pieces that seems to be experiencing a re-birth. Standing 900mm tall, 525mm deep and 925mm long, with a really eye-catching work surface, it took another week to complete.

At the moment, I am doing a really interesting set of folding slatted room dividers which can make interior spatial variations inside an L-shaped room. They feature a trick that allows each of the four sets of slats to be “angled” differently to one another, enabling a variable screening effect to take place.

I made my elder son a treasure chest for a significant birthday. Inside the chest, I made a series of smaller and smaller boxes to fit into the cavernous space, finally producing a tiny one that was patterned on a 15th century joinery idea that peasants used to use to hide small metal coins from marauding tax gatherers of the day. Briefly, the peasants were taxed on anything metallic (usually coins), so they hid their spare cash inside non-magnetic wooden boxes that actually fooled the crude magnetic rods used by those unwelcome officials of the feudal lords to exact their taxes! The project took two part-time weeks.

I’ve done several fascinatingly long, not-too-wide patterned wooden table runners for outdoor patio tables which take about two part-time days. Cheeseboards, magnetic and non-magnetic can be completed in about two hours. These items are incredibly useful too, and, by carefully arranging my materials and processes, I can do a few at once.

And on it goes. I like to make all kinds of things that seem to be useful, needed, wanted and practical. If I see a drawing or picture and a few dimensions, I’m under way.

Submitted by Don Henley of Henley Road; If you are interested in seeing or ordering some of Don’s products, contact Don (0417 940 736) or Robyn (0415 284 997) or email henley1@inet.net.au
Eco Walks and Talks

2010

The Friends of Ellis Brook Valley, Friends of Mary Carroll Park and Friends of Brixton Street Wetlands, in association with the City of Gosnells, are again presenting a series of walks. Entry is by gold coin donation which goes to support the work of the Friends groups.

A few things to keep in mind:
- Bring wet weather gear
- Wear comfortable, sturdy footwear
- Bring a hat and sunscreen for day walks
- Bring a torch and insect repellent for night walks
- Binoculars supplied

Bookings Essential – 9397 3000

MARY CARROLL PARK

Hop into Frogs
Hear the frogs call, discover the different species and check out their local habitat with Amy Krupa. Help in the search for tadpoles and macro invertebrates. Finish with a warm cup of soup.
Saturday 28 August 9am - 11am

Breakfast with Friends
Enjoy breakfast in the park followed by a walk on the wild side. See waterbirds building nests and learn about the rehabilitation of bush sites.
Sunday 26 September 7:30am - 9:30am

Stroll with Nature
Take a stroll around the lake and discover a special eco system with naturalist extraordinaire, Eric McCrum. Enjoy a light lunch and discuss the findings.
Sunday 31 October 10am - noon

BRIXTON STREET WETLANDS

Native Tree Workshop
Learn about growing and caring for trees that are native to Perth at an information session with Robert Powell and local Landcare staff. Light supper provided.
Monday 18 October 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Venue: Kenwick Community Centre, corner Kenwick Road and Brixton Street

Flora Walk
Enjoy a guided walk through the wetlands and discover the amazing and unique plant life on offer in this landscape. After the walk join the group for an insect display, morning tea and Folk World music by Caryn.
Saturday 6 November 9am - 11am

NIGHT STALKS

Ellis Brook Valley
Bring your torch and spotlights for a guided nocturnal ramble to discover the local nocturnal animals.
Friday 8 October 7pm - 9:30pm
Parking at Honeyeater Hollow, Rushton Rd, Ellis Brook

Mary Carroll Park
Join local naturalist Marc Lane for sights and sounds of a wetland at night. Be surprised by the jewels of the night and keep an eye out for bats, spiders, turtles, frogs and more.
Friday 26 November 7pm - 9:30pm
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Don Russell Performing Arts Centre

The Don Russell Performing Arts Centre is a professional theatre located next to the Forest Lakes Shopping Centre on Murdoch Road in Thornlie. A number of professional shows are presented throughout their season.

As part of the Morning Melodies program, the Centre will present the Alpine Music Makers on 18 August and the Pinstripe Circus - To the Rescue on 22 September. Morning tea is served at 10:15 am and performances start at 11:00 am.

The Centre will also host Shakespeare's Comedy of Errors on Saturday, 28 August at 8:00 pm, Mandinka Sound on Saturday, 4 September at 8:00 pm and Bach to Brazil - Nick Parnell on Wednesday, 22 September at 8:00 pm.

For more information and booking you can go to the Gosnells website, www.gosnells.wa.gov.au, you can call, 9493 4577 between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, or you can visit the box office between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday.