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DATES TO REMEMBER

Crestwood Homeowners Fees

30 April 2012 (see p.6)

Swimming Pool Busy Bee

Sunday, 6 May at 2:00pm (see p. 3)

Crestwood 20s Club

Sunday, 20 May, 12:30pm (see p. 6)

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 23 May at 7:30pm

Crestwood Hall (see p. 6)

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Deadline for the next **Crestwood News** is **1 June 2012**. 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

Special General Meeting Budget Passed with One Dissenting Vote

At 7:30, with the meeting scheduled to begin, the president announced that we were still waiting on three more homeowners needed to make a quorum. At 7:40, after a few phone calls to compliant residents, we had the quorum with 41 homeowners in attendance and 48 having sent in proxies. This was the minimum number required for the meeting to be run under the rules of the constitution.

After our treasurer, Roy Malone, put the budget motion to the floor, discussion was opened. As in past years, one homeowner questioned whether an effective increase of just \$22.00 over the previous year's rates was enough to fund the major works needed to rejuvenate an aging estate. The increase was just 2% over the previous year, compared with an inflation rate of 3% and a budgeted increase in total spending of 2.4%. The treasurer explained that all foreseeable costs had been budgeted for.

One homeowner asked about the difference between the budget categories of Park Lighting and Light and Power. The first category, it was explained, related to the maintenance of the lights and poles in the park and the second to the expense of power costs across the whole estate. Related to this, and with the aim of saving money, it was mentioned that the park lighting came on an hour earlier than needed. A request was put to have the time adjusted so that the lights came on only as it became dark.

The discussion on lighting continued with the question again raised about the need for lighting in the parks after midnight. There were various views on this, from discouraging criminal behaviour, to making the parks an inviting thoroughfare after dark and thereby encouraging the passage of people who may or may not be up to no good. The president pointed out that a survey was run two years ago asking peoples' opinions on the matter of night lighting, but the response was so dismal that the situation was left unchanged.

With the question of security raised, the need for security cameras on the estate again became a topic of discussion. In terms of cost, when the time comes, the expense will be met out of the capital works budget. When such security is installed is still an open question. When the topic was last researched two years ago, wireless technology was not yet feasible, and requested quotes for a standard wireless system produced almost no results. It seemed as if no one was interested. The president indicated that he now had new contacts and would look into the matter once more. Any installed security would be concentrated at the centre of the estate, that is around the pool, office, storage areas and the Crestwood Hall.

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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

The Annual General Meeting and committee meetings of the Crestwood Homeowners Association for 2012 have been set on the following dates. 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. Committee meetings generally begin at 7:30pm.

30 January 2012
27 February
26 March
30 April
23 May - Annual
 General Meeting
28 May

25 June
30 July
27 August
24 September
29 October
26 November
17 December

WELCOME TO CRESTWOOD

Gary & Susan Marsh 13 Coronet Court
 Michael Holden & Kasay Scinocco 123 Regency Dr
 Yong Kim & Yong Song 76 Regency Drive

FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES

AM (Nan) Pinnock 13 Coronet Court
 Mark Warman 123 Regency Drive
 David & Louise McCann 76 Regency Drive

Recent correspondence from the Committee of the Crestwood Homeowners Association.

1. [A residence on Regency Drive] Thank you for your building application and letter of 13th December 2011. Since you have included all of the required documentation with your application, the committee is happy to approve the application. We hope all goes well with the construction of your extra bedroom.

2. [A residence on Coronet Court] Thank you for your application to erect a fence at the rear of your property. The open pool type fence and gate complies with Crestwood specifications. Your application was approved by the Committee at last Monday's meeting.

John Rushton, Committee Member for Aesthetics

Aesthetics

The end of the pool season is rapidly approaching, and as I write this there is a definite nip in the air. Correspondingly there has been a marked decline in the number of pool users. Please be aware that with the cooler weather there will be days when the pool closes early or does not open (temperature below 22 degrees).

Pool

Swimming Pool Busy Bee Sunday, 6 May 2012 at 2:00pm

Come and help close up the pool for the season. An hour of your time is all that is needed.

In general this season has gone well. Attendances have been comparable with other years, and there were no major problems or disruptions. The new tiling has held up well, and there have been no major issues with the filter or pumps.

As usual there will be a "busy bee" on the first Sunday after the pool closes to clean up and pack everything away. This year that will be on May 6 at 2:00 pm. If you can spare an hour, it will help greatly to speed up the task.

Looking forward to next season, I will look into getting some new floatable mats for the pool. The current ones have been gradually worn down or broken up and are near the end of their serviceability. We also plan on replacing the lane rope for the lap lane with a more professional design, one that doesn't sink when the slightest weight is

applied to it. Jason from Belgravia is already planning maintenance on at least one major valve on the filter during the off season. I would also welcome input and suggestions with regards to our opening times and length of season for next year.

Finally I would like to thank our current gardener, Grant, who is leaving us, for all his assistance throughout the year.

Darren Colley, Committee Member for the Aquatic Centre

Another "Crestwood year" nears an end with the Annual General Meeting due next month. Once again we have had another successful year from a committee perspective and a very interesting one with some unusual weather:

From the President

hottest and wettest summer for a number of years. However, with another year of below average rain we need to hope for some improvement in that regard this winter. Continuing low rainfall is likely to become a serious concern for the estate and our bores.

Please give consideration to attending the AGM and being involved in the election of people to fill vacancies either by nominating or voting as the case may be. I will not be present for the AGM as Betty and I will be holidaying interstate.

Some of you may now be aware our gardener, Grant, has resigned to take up a similar position with a local government authority. I would like to thank Grant for his service and work for the past few years and wish him well with his new employment.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank those people who have assisted the committee with various activities and projects during the year. It has been of significant benefit to the committee by spreading the workload for the benefit of the estate. I have chosen not to mention people by name in fear I may forget someone. The committee would like to establish a small group or sub-committee interested in organising social activities during the coming Crestwood year. If anyone is interested, please contact our secretary, Sandra Wilson, so we can gauge the interest and organise a meeting of interested people.

The committee has decided to upgrade the CCTV security system for the hall and pool complex and the work is expected to be completed by June.

I need to remind homeowners that if anyone has an issue with staff employed by the committee that those concerns are to be raised with the Parks and Reticulation Committee person or another member of the committee. **It is totally unacceptable for homeowners to approach estate employees and criticise, abuse or harass them. Such behaviour could leave the homeowner open to legal action being taken against them by the employee.**

Finally, I trust that everyone has had a happy and safe Easter and enjoyed the chocolate fix they chose for themselves and their family.

Trevor Davis, President, Crestwood Homeowners Association

Farewell and Thank You

Grant will be leaving soon after Easter to take up a new job opportunity. We have greatly appreciated his willingness to take on a wide range of tasks, including many that have been quite unrelated to gardening. He has done a great job of ensuring that we've had few disruptions to the watering schedule and has gone out of his way to assist homeowners with access issues for tradesmen working on their properties. We will miss his friendly presence around the parks and wish him all the best in his new position.

Sandra Wilson, Crestwood Secretary

The reticulation has been working well during summer albeit shortening the

duration of watering for the parks has caused some dry areas. The park times were increased late March to try and alleviate this, however, within a few days the bores were not keeping up with the extra demand and began tripping out. There were a couple of ruptures to the mainline in early March and these were repaired without any disruption to watering schedules. A new fertilizer spreader was sourced and purchased in March. The All Saints College students have done a great job of painting Underpass A with a new mural.

Finally I would like to say farewell to the residents of Crestwood as I have decided to pursue an employment opportunity elsewhere. I know the new gardener will have the same warm welcome that I received when I began at Crestwood.

Grant Douglas, Crestwood Estate Gardener

Parks & Reticulation

INCIDENT REPORT

Incidents reported on the Crestwood Estate

No incidents have been reported to the Crestwood News



POLICE WATCH - Thornlie from eWatch

14 January - 20 February: On 14 January a house on Tawny Way had a rear window smashed and the offenders gained entry into the premises. The offenders stole a yellow off-road Suzuki motor-bike which is yet to be recovered. On 19 January a kitchen window was forced and entry gained into a house on Melvin Avenue.

21 February - 9 March: There were no burglary offences in Thornlie to report. There were, however, several stealing offences from vehicles. Please make sure you lock your vehicles or keep your valuables out of sight (or not in your vehicle at all!).

10 March - 16 March: Thornlie had four burglary-related offences,

namely in Pembury Rd, Explorer Dr, Camborne Way and Explorer Dr. There were also nine stealing offences.

The Canning Vale Police Station will be soon in possession of an ultra violet marking pen for use by residents to mark their valuable property items. This is a less invasive method for marking property than the traditional engraving that has previously been available. This new method will allow you to easily and invisibly mark your items. Should they unfortunately be stolen and later recovered it will allow police to identify you as the rightful owner by using an ultraviolet light which is kept at the police station. We would recommend that you mark your valuable property with your Motor Drivers Licence number (MDL) or, in the case that you do not have a MDL number, a mobile phone number or other identifiable feature. Further information regarding this service will be made available in the near future.

17 March - 23 March: Thornlie has had three burglary related offences since the last e-Watch, namely in Wilfred Rd, Constantine Crt and Tullamore Ave. Unfortunately, Thornlie has also had eight stealing related offences.

Child Restraint Laws

You must follow new laws (in force since October 2010) when choosing and using child restraints and booster seats. Always check the history of older and second hand restraints. These must be no older than 10 years old and have never been involved in a crash

Children under 6 months:

Must not travel in the front seat of a car that has a back row of seats and must use a child restraint that is:

- rearward-facing / properly fitted to the vehicle / adjusted to fit the child's body correctly.

Keep your baby in a rearward-facing child restraint until they reach the maximum limits (9 or 12 kg) and can sit by themselves unaided.

Children aged 6 months to under 4 years:

Must not travel in the front seat of a car that has a back row of seats and must use **either** an approved rearward-facing child restraint **or** a forward-facing child restraint with an inbuilt harness. These must be:

- properly fitted to the vehicle / adjusted to the child's body correctly.

Children aged 4 years to under 7 years:

Must not travel in the front seat of a car that has a back row of seats unless the back row is occupied by children who are also under 7 years. These children must use **either** a forward-facing child restraint with an inbuilt harness **or** a booster seat with a properly fastened and adjusted seat belt or child harness.

- Keep children in a booster seat until they reach the maximum weight of 26 kg.

If your child is over 7 years old and still fits the booster seat (up to 26kg), keep using it.

Safe City, City of Gosnells, 9391 6022

Available to Seniors Free Home Safety Audit

Seniors of the City of Gosnells are invited to take part in a **free** Home Safety Audit program. This program will commence in April and continues through until October.

During the home safety audit you will receive a comprehensive safety inspection of the internal and external areas of the home. The audit takes approximately 20 minutes to conduct, after which you may receive various safety recommendations. It is important to note that these are safety recommendations only and any changes that need to be made remain the responsibility and at the cost of the homeowner.

Audits are conducted subject to the availability of the audit team which is comprised of local Fire and Emergency Officers and WA Police Officers.

Please note: To be eligible to take part in this innovative program you need be a resident of the City of Gosnells and be a Seniors Card holder. Contact the Senior Services Officer by telephone on 9398 7327 or by email on: AMC@gosnells.wa.gov.au to register your interest or for further details.

Please pass this information on to your friends and neighbours within the City of Gosnells.

Safe City, City of Gosnells, 9391 6022.

Avoid Freeloading Mozzies

With recent rains and warm conditions, residents are reminded that our backyards can provide ideal breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

In the summer the life cycle from egg to flying adult mosquito takes 7-10 days, but there are many things we can do to discourage mosquito breeding. Backyard mosquitoes generally breed in stagnant or standing water so essentially anything around the house that holds water that is not moving or treated is a potential risk.

If you require further advice or wish to discuss mosquitoes with the City of Gosnells, please phone the City Health Service on 9397 3000.

What to do to discourage mosquito breeding

- Dispose of all outdoor containers which hold water.
- Keep swimming pools well chlorinated, filtered and free of dead leaves.
- Empty pot plant drip trays once a week or fill with sand.
- Empty and clean animal and pet drinking water once a week.
- Clean gutters out so they do not hold water.
- Screen rainwater tanks with insect-proof mesh.
- Ensure vent pipes on septic tank systems are fitted with a mosquito proof cowl.
- Seal all gaps in septic tank lids and ensure leach drains are covered.

From the *Comment News*

January 2012**Committee Business:**

Parks and Reticulation: The reticulation system has experienced a run of small problems. The computer problem relating to the recording of reticulation pressures has now been fixed thanks to Rod Munn.

A request will be made to homeowners to clear the path area behind their properties. A notice to this effect is to go into the newsletter.

A pay increase is due to Delvin in February assuming continuation of satisfactory work.

Pool: Darren was involved in the VacSwim classes, teaching about the use of the defibrillator.

The toddler pool was briefly closed due to a problem with the ph levels. A youngster was banned from the pool for poor behaviour. The exclusion period had now expired and so the person will now be allowed back.

The late opening on January 1 was due to an access problem.

Aesthetics: An approach has been made to John regarding large and, possibly, dangerous trees. John is to visit the owners of the properties involved.

Carport work has been noted on Spencer Road. John is to check for council approval.

Finance: Three homeowners still have rates outstanding.

Visitors' Business: Two visitors attended the meeting. One visitor expressed concern about the appearance of the gardens and grass in the parks. A suggestion was made that doggy bag dispensers be placed at each park entrance. It was also noted that some park bins need replacing.

The second visitor also had concerns about the parks, suggesting that plants in particular gardens needed pruning. A question was also raised about who was taking responsibility for the bushland. The visitor indicated that he would see if there were community groups which could help us. The same visitor also indicated he believed there were improvements that could be made to the Crestwood webpage.

General Business: Roy attended the funeral of John Della, a past, long-time resident on the estate.

February 2012**Committee Business:**

Parks and Reticulation: Fertiliser and a wetting agent have been spread through the parks using the new machine. Graffiti has been removed from affected areas and the wall near the Crestwood Hall has been repaired.

The City of Gosnells' staff have been working around the estate.

Grant is to be asked to ensure that all gates are kept closed. A motorbike has been seen riding though the parks. Residents are asked to note the rego number so that it can be reported the City of Gosnells.

Further consideration of the areas between back fences and the parks is to be made after the Council green waste cleanup.

Delvin is to be approached about his future work aspirations.

Pool: A party booking for the pool area was incorrectly made for a time the pool was not open. Thanks to Darren for accommodating the family involved. Belgravia staff are asked to direct all such inquiries to Darren who is the only one who can approve such bookings.

A request was made regarding use of the pool for early morning swimming next season. The possibility of such use is to be investigated. Requirements for the VacSwim classes are also to be checked.

The Laguna valve needs replacing. This has been temporarily fixed but a new one will be needed for the coming season. A quote will be obtained for new lane ropes and the paint work at the top edge of the pool may also need work.

Aesthetics: John has visited the two properties where a problem has arisen over a large and possibly dangerous tree and has made recommendations for dealing with the tree on the relevant property.

Carport work has been noted to a property on Spencer Road. John has made a visit and requested relevant paperwork.

The small fence issue on Hume Road is not the responsibility of Crestwood.

Financial: Letters have gone out to various homeowners regarding overdue fees. Roy will be asked to approach HFM Legal regarding advice about this matter.

A check is to be made on the current value of the Crestwood mortgage.

General Business: A quote for an air conditioner to be installed in the Crestwood Hall has been received with the issue to be put on the agenda for the next AGM in May. Sandra is also to check on the terms of the existing committee members to see which might be coming to an end. This is also to be presented at the AGM.

The question of a security system for the estate was investigated further to an item raised at the Special General Meeting. A new company was contacted, but did not show up for the scheduled appointment.

Visitors' Business: One visitor was present who raised questions about the upkeep of the estate, in particular the gardens and how they were being kept by the current gardener.



Annual General Meeting

**23 May 2012 — 7:30 pm
at the Crestwood Hall**

The Annual General Meeting of the Crestwood Homeowners Association will be held on Wednesday evening, 23 May 2012, at 7:30 at the Crestwood Hall.

You are encouraged to come along and have your say in the running of the estate. The Committee is still looking for someone to take up the position of Social Coordinator.

Luncheon

Crestwood 20s Club

**Sunday, 20 May at 12:30
at the Crestwood Hall — Cost \$25.00**

The Crestwood 20s Club is open to all Crestwood residents who have owned property on the estate for at least 20 years. If you are eligible and have not attended before please contact me to be included: Margaret Davies 2mardav@globalrdial.com / 0409 919 350.

As some of you may have noticed our lovely Crestwood home is up for sale as we are hoping to move to something much smaller. Consequently I will be looking for someone to take over the organising of events so that we can continue to keep in touch with long standing Crestwood friends on a regular basis. Looking back there are some wonderful memories. The idea was started by Bill Walter and since I took over in 1999 we have had 13 Autumn lunches together in the Crestwood hall, where numbers have ranged from 35 to only 25 in recent years. Most times we have self catered due to the cost,

In the Spring we have usually had a trip somewhere, twice to the Swan Valley Festival. On one occasion, you will remember, we planned to reach Houghton's before the rush only to be marooned between Guildford and The Valley when the bus broke down! But strawberries in liqueur with cream at a post lunch stop made up for the delay. We also enjoyed lunch at the Packing Shed in Bickley Valley and drove past all the fruit trees in blossom. One time we had a mystery car rally. Luckily everyone ended up eventually at the lunch stop.

Notification by eMail

The response to my June 2011 notice was very poor. This may have been due to a lack of interest or concern over privacy. However, I believe the use of email communication is ideal for keeping residents current with key matters that may affect them or the Crestwood estate.

All email address details would be under the control of the Committee and would not be provided to any commercial organisation or individual. The frequency of messages will depend on the urgency or seriousness of the information the Committee feels homeowners should be made aware of. All addresses on emails would be blind, so recipients will not be able read the addresses of the other recipients.

If you share my idea that we should assist our Committee by

Congratulations

Ron and Sofia Campbell of Regency Drive welcome a lovely new daughter, Cecilia, to the family, a sister to Ben, Maria and Nicolas.

2012 – 2013 Crestwood Homeowners fees

Payment of Crestwood homeowners fees for the 2012-2013 financial year are due on **30 April 2012**. If you are paying by Option A, then a total amount of \$1120.00 is due at this time. If you are paying by Option B, then the first instalment of \$415.00 is due by this date.

If you miss the payment deadline for either of these two options, then your total fees of \$1245.00 become payable under Option C, due on 31 May 2012.

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.

also available online Crestwood News

For residents who would like to read the *Crestwood News* in colour or have access to issues which go back almost five years, visit the Crestwood website: crestwood.org.au.

The site also gives you access to a substantial amount of information about your estate.

- History / Guidelines and forms / Maps / Contacts.
- Pool and Reticulation schedules / Committee meetings.
- Information for new owners / Social events.

Lunch at the Araluen Country Club was up market but lasted until afternoon tea time; rather slow service! Another mystery tour included Millbrook winery in Jarrahdale for coffee or wine tasting followed by lunch at Cafe on the Dam, Serpentine, with a stop at Waterway Gallery near Byford for desserts and coffee. Unfortunately this has closed and the crafts moved elsewhere.

A memorable day was when we celebrated Roy Malone's 25 years as treasurer with a lunch at Woodbridge House and were joined by Ron Sloan, the developer and original resident of Crestwood. Runway Cafe at Jandakot was a recent excursion, an interesting place close to home. There are many more places waiting for us to visit. We just need someone to keep the 20s Club going when we move away. It's not difficult so have a try!

having this form of communication, please send your email details to me **before May 31**: Bill Walter corpcredit@bigpond.com. You can also ring me on 0408 926 706. Those homeowners who have already supplied details do not need to resend this information.

Bill Walter, 23 Grenadier Drive

Rear of Property Check

Homeowners are again reminded that the area between your rear fence and the path is your responsibility. For the safety and benefit of all park users, please take the time to regularly check this area and clear it of anything causing an obstruction. It would also be appreciated if this area was cleared of weeds and debris to improve the appearance of these areas.

Thank you to all who have been diligent in regularly attending to our requests regarding this matter.

Vale

The Crestwood community joins in offering our sincerest condolences to Margaret and Trevor Davies on the passing of Margaret's mother.

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



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FITNESS

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 Saskia on 0409 649 358

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.

More noticeable in Crestwood gardens than in previous years, are the Red-Tailed and Carnaby's cockatoos, identifiable by their white tails. Here is some background to these and Baudin's cockatoo that are now endangered and under the threat of extinction.



Red-Tailed black cockatoo

The Forest Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo was named *Calyptorhynchus banksii naso* by John Gould in 1837. It is listed on the State's Threatened Fauna List, and listed as vulnerable by the Commonwealth as the population has declined in distribution and number. Unique to the southwest of WA, they only number between 10,000 and 12,000 individuals.

Male and female Forest Red-Tailed Black Cockatoos are quite distinct. The male is glossy black with a bright red panel in the tail, whilst the female has orange-yellow barring on the breast and tail feathers. They mate for life and are not prolific breeders, laying one egg only every two to three years.

Wildfires in the Perth hills over the last ten years have devastated breeding and grazing habitat for the birds, forcing them from the hills onto the coastal plain. They breed in tree hollows, which take a very long time to develop. No breeding had previously been known from the metropolitan area, but many artificial nesting boxes have been set up in trees by community volunteers and organisations, and monitored in an effort to assist the birds. In 2011, one young chick was found to have successfully hatched from a nesting box. Professor Ron Johnstone from Murdoch University said this was the first hatching in suburban Perth in his 15 years of research, as well as the first time the birds had bred in an artificial nest.

Submitted by: Wayne van Lieven, Environmental Coordinator, City of Gosnells

Baudin's black cockatoo

Baudin's black cockatoos (*Calyptorhynchus baudinii*) are found in the Southwest Australia Ecoregion and nowhere else in the world. The total population is estimated at around 12,000 and is listed in the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) Red List as Endangered.

Baudin's cockatoos have already disappeared from over 25% of their former range, mainly due to land clearing for agriculture. Habitat loss still continues – for urban development, forestry and mining operations, however, the single greatest and most urgent threat facing this species is illegal shooting by orchardists.

Southwest Western Australia is a productive apple and pear growing region, supplying fruit to domestic and international markets. As their natural food sources have decreased, Baudin's cockatoos have learned to feed on apples and pears, and can cause significant damage to crops.

Exclusion netting is the most effective way to protect crops from bird damage, but installing netting is too expensive to be viable for many orchardists. Frightening the birds away using loud noise from gas guns or motorcycles is time-consuming and laborious, and with residential land encroaching on horticultural regions, use of noise-making devices is becoming more restricted.

The WA Department of Environment and Conservation estimates that around 200 Baudin's cockatoos are shot each year, but the actual figure may be much higher. Population modelling shows that for even the most conservative estimates of bird deaths through shooting, Baudin's cockatoos may be extinct within our lifetime.

WWF (World Wildlife Fund): <http://www.wwf.org.au/>



Carnaby's black cockatoo

The endangered Carnaby's black cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus latirostris*) is one of just two species of white-tailed black cockatoo on Earth. The other is the Baudin's black cockatoo, and they are both found only in the Southwest Australia Ecoregion.

During the nesting season (roughly July–February) Carnaby's cockatoos nest in hollow trees in the remaining fragments of salmon gum and wandoo woodlands in the predominately cleared Wheatbelt region of WA.

When the chicks are ready to leave the nest, they fly off with their parents to higher rainfall coastal regions for the duration of the non-breeding season (January–August). Here they gather in large flocks, sometimes numbering several hundred birds, which can give the misleading impression that the Carnaby's cockatoo is a common species. However, today we no longer see the flocks of several thousand birds that were said to "blacken the sky" as they flew overhead.

The Carnaby's cockatoo feeds on the seeds of banksias, grevilleas, hakeas and eucalypts. It has also learned to feed on introduced species, such as wild radish, canola, nut crops and pines, which can bring them into conflict with farmers. During the non-nesting season, the birds can be seen in banksia woodlands, coastal heath, pine plantations and in remnant bushland parks and gardens in Perth – but for how much longer?

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Crestwood Playgroup

PLAYGROUP / UNDERPASS

FEATURES

Playgroups provide valuable early learning opportunities

A report published recently by *Save the Children Australia* to coincide with National Playgroup Week outlines the many benefits for both parents and children who attend community-based play groups. Playgroups help expose children aged zero to five to new experiences that develop their sensory, social, communication and cognitive skills through play based activities. Such groups offer early positive contact with children of a similar age which helps prepare children for later social success and school readiness. Children learn about sharing and getting along with others and become familiar with group routines. For parents, local groups can be an invaluable source of community information and support from other parents. They can also play a vital role in reducing isolation and parental stress and anxiety.

Here at Crestwood our playgroup offers families a unique opportunity to build strong neighbourhood friendships that are likely to last beyond the preschool years. If you have a youngster in your family, please come and visit us on Friday mornings at the Crestwood Hall between 10am and noon (see p. 7).

Submitted by Sandra Wilson



Friendships extend beyond the playgroup

Even year ten students from All Saints College have recently prepared a new mural on the inside of Underpass A. Their involvement is the result of the Helping Hands Program run through the school each year to allow students the opportunity to be involved in community service.

After pressure cleaning was completed by Grant, the students set to work painting the background on day one. Painting the top area with the use of paint brushes attached to broom sticks proved somewhat challenging. The brightly coloured beach huts were then added on the following days and outlined to produce a vibrant new art work.

Thank you to the school staff involved in organising the project and all the students who worked happily together to complete the transformation for us

Submitted by Sandra Wilson

Underpass A



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Special General Meeting

The last question raised before the budget motion was put to a vote was about the estate gardens. It had to do with whether Crestwood needed to employ the services of a landscaper to advise on the placement of plants and other matters on an estate in need of some renewal. The discussion which followed concluded that these were tasks the Crestwood gardener could be asked to undertake. All that was needed was some specific directives.

The budget was passed at 8:10 with just one dissenting vote. Following this was 15 minutes of discussion.

Among the topics was reticulation of the parks and the reason for a reduction of watering time, and the underpasses and planning for their revegetation. It was mentioned that landscapers needed to know the types of plants we intended to use so they would be aware of their water needs. Some native plants reacted adversely to being overwatered.

A question was raised whether Crestwood had a fire hazard plan in case there was a bushfire. The answer was that there was no plan, but that the parklands protected us somewhat from any potential risk. It was mentioned that on the one occasion that the bushland was set on fire, there was no risk to homes.

On the question of whether it was better for the barbecues at the pool to be run on mains gas, the answer was that the portable nature of the current barbecues offered us more flexibility. They were frequently moved around the pool area depending on where residents choose to congregate.

The final topic was on security. It was asked if there had been any recent incidents on the estate. It turned out that there was a particularly serious burglary on Hume Road which endangered the homeowner. The president pointed out that if anyone saw a carload of people or people in the parks acting suspiciously, to ring 13 14 44 and report it to the police. Even if they did not respond immediately, the incident would be recorded.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8:25.

Angels - Explained by Children

1. I only know the names of two angels, Hark and Harold (Gregory, age 5).
2. Everybody's got it wrong. Angels don't wear halos anymore. I forget why, but scientists are working on it (Olive, age 9).
3. It's not easy to become an angel. First you die, and then you go to heaven. And then there's the flight training to go through. And then you got to agree to wear those angel clothes (Matthew, age 9)
4. My guardian angel helps with my maths, but he's not much good for science (Henry, age 8).
5. Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from holy cows (Jack, age 6).
6. Angels have a lot to do and they keep very busy. When you lose a tooth, an angel comes through the window and leaves money under your pillow. And when it gets cold they go north for the winter (Sara, age 6).
7. Angels live in cloud houses made by God and his son who is a very good carpenter (Jared, age 8).
8. Some of the angels are in charge of healing sick animals and pets, and if they don't make the animal better, they help the child get over it (Vicki, age 8).
9. What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them (Sarah, age 7).

Bagpiper at a Funeral

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at the paupers' cemetery far out of town.

As I was not familiar with the area, I got lost. I finally arrived an hour late and saw that the funeral attendants had apparently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch.

I felt bad and apologised to the men for being late. I went to the grave and looked down. The vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do so I started to play. The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man.

As I played 'Amazing Grace' the workers began to weep. They wept, and I wept. We all wept together. When I was finished I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, 'I've never seen anything like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for 20 years'.

Questions to Ponder

Q: How can you drop a raw egg on a concrete floor without cracking it?

A: Anyway you want. Concrete floors are hard to crack.

Q: How can a man go eight days without sleeping?

A: No problem. He sleeps at night.

Q: What looks like half an apple?

A: The other half.

Technical Support for Computers

For Those Who Phone in for Help

Support: What kind of computer do you have?

Customer: A white one.

Support: Click on the 'my computer' icon to the left of the screen.

Customer: Your left or my left?

Support: What's on your monitor at the moment?

Customer: A teddy bear my boyfriend bought me at Target.

Customer: My keyboard is not working anymore?

Support: Is it plugged into the computer?

Customer: I don't know. I can't get behind the computer.

Support: Pick up the keyboard and walk ten paces back. If the keyboard comes with you that means it's not plugged in.

Customer: I can't get on the internet.

Support: Are you sure you have the right password?

Customer: Yes. I'm sure. I saw my colleague do it.

Support: Can you tell me what the password was?

Customer: Five dots.

Support: How may I help you?

Customer: I'm writing my first email.

Support: What seems to be the problem?

Customer: I can type the 'a' but I don't know how to get the little circle around it.

Customer: I can't seem to get my printer working.

Support: Are you running it under Windows?

Customer: No my desk is next to the door. But that is a good point. The man sitting in the cubicle next to me is under a window and his computer is working fine.

Support: OK, press the control and escape key at the same time. That brings up the task list in the centre of the screen. Now type the letter 'P' to bring up the program manager.

Customer: I don't have a 'P'.

Support: On your keyboard. 'P' on your keyboard.

Customer: I'm not going to do that!

How the Fight Began

A husband and wife were shopping when the husband picks up a carton of beer and puts it in the cart.

"What do you think you are doing?", asks the wife. "It's on sale, only \$20.00 for the carton," the husband answers. "Put it back. We can't afford it," says the wife.

A few aisles further along, the wife picks up a jar of face cream for \$40.00.

"What do you think you are doing?" asks the husband.

"It's my face cream. It makes me look beautiful," answers the wife. "So does a carton of beer, and that's half the price!"

And that's how the fight began.

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COMMUNITY SPIRIT

INBOX

COMMUNITY SPIRIT, ALIVE AND WELL IN CRESTWOOD

In December last year, two dear friends of mine were dealt a cruel blow. Les and Vi from Grenadier Drive found themselves in dire straits. Les had a stroke and was taken to Armadale Hospital. One week later, Vi fell and broke her hip and was admitted to Fremantle Hospital.

The first priority was their little ageing dog, Teddy. He was taken in by a good friend, Sue, who promised to look after him for as long as necessary. After three months he is now back home. Family, neighbours and friends rallied for hospital visits, mail collection and watering pot plants. All these tasks were done without hesitation.

When Les and Vi finally came home after three weeks, health services were put in place to support them. In addition, Crestwood family and friends still helped out; visiting, washing, shopping and driving to appointments were no trouble for these people. You know who you are.

Both Les and Vi are now on the road to recovery and would like to thank everyone who has helped (and are still helping) get them through their tough times. With all this help and support Les and Vi have found their recovery a little easier.

Submitted by Chris Wynen of Regency Drive

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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 *Older Women's Network Theatre Group* performing hits from the Rodgers and Hammerstein's Broadway musicals, Wednesday, 18 April; *Bohemian Cafe - Trio Alegre* from Freo present a variety of Eastern European and Latino influenced tunes, Wednesday, 23 May; and *Historic Documentaries*, a compilation of short films looking at the Western Australia of yesteryear, Wednesday, 20 June. Morning tea is served at 10:15 am and performances start at 11:00 am.

The Centre will also host *Swan River Saga* presented by Agelink Theatre, Sunday, 29 April at 2 pm.; *Australian Songbook* performed by the Beggars, Saturday, 26 May at 8:00pm and *Sartory String Quartet*, Friday, 22 June at 8:00pm.

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.