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crestwoodnews@iinet.net.au

Annual General Meeting

New Member for Aquatic Centre Chosen Member for Parks and Reticulation Still Needed

The AGM this year did not have an auspicious beginning. Shortly after the scheduled 7:30 start, the president announced that the meeting was still nine residents short of a quorum. According to the constitution, the president had the authority to cancel the meeting and call another for the following week in which a quorum of 30 households present would not be required. There was, however, some pressing business that had to be attended to, and this was the election of new committee members. The result was a number of phone calls and visits to neighbours to try to get the additional residents. By 8:00 a quorum was reached and the meeting was called to order with 32 members present and 29 proxies received.

Business arising from last year's meeting was dealt with first. An item was minuted last year asking for contributions and input to the *Crestwood News*. While some response was received, this was small and input is still being sought. As for a footpath on Regency Drive, the Council is still looking into the possibility of building this. The state of the park light poles was also raised last year. This year the president was able to report that Grant, the current gardener, and Graeme, the former, had concreted the bottoms of the poles to prevent further rust, thereby solving the problem.

On the question of finance, one of the new homeowners asked for clarification on what the sinking fund was. This was basically to provide a pool of capital when funds were required to maintain the estate. With such funds expenditure could be made without recourse to borrowing or the imposition of special levies.

The election of officers was the next item on the agenda. The auditor, Michael Lee, was nominated again, this time for his 32nd year, and was elected. As for the treasurer, Roy Malone was again the only nomination received and was elected again for his 29th year. There was one condition to Roy's acceptance which came from the floor during the items for general business. The Malone household had become the repository of 28 years of financial files, and it was agreed that another storage location would be found to free up needed space in the home.

There was one nomination from the floor for the Aquatic Centre position, Barry Palmer, and he was duly elected. There was, however, no nomination for the position of Parks and Reticulation, and none as well for that of Social Coordinator. It was emphasised that a full committee was needed to run the estate, and someone would have to be found for these vacant positions. Thanks was given to Rob Wilson, the outgoing Parks and Reticulation member, and Trevor Veen, the outgoing member for the Aquatic Centre, for their long and dedicated service to the Crestwood community.

General business opened with a question about reticulation. Currently

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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		

Increase in Landgate Fees from 1 July 2010**Finance**

Our solicitors, HFM Legal, have advised us that the landgate fees for both registration and discharge of mortgages will increase by \$25.00 to \$135.00 as from 1 July 2010. HFM Legal's own fees and costs will not increase at all. The total costs for homeowners will now be:

Registration of Mortgage (new homeowners) — \$608.00

Discharge of Mortgage (homeowners selling) — \$316.50

Roy Malone, Honorary Treasurer

WELCOME TO CRESTWOOD

Stephen Gauder 13 Cavalier Court

FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES

Omar Hayek 13 Cavalier Court

Recent correspondence from the Committee of the Crestwood Homeowners Association.

Aesthetics

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.

This is to confirm that the Committee approved your application and we hope you are able to erect the new fence quickly to be able to secure your property.

2. [A resident on Regency Drive] Thank you for your application to erect a new patio, I am sure your plans and proposal will be approved as soon as we receive a copy of your building licence.

Thank you for your subsequent letter with a copy of your building licence attached. I can now confirm approval of your building application. We hope that your project goes well and you and your family enjoy the new outdoor living area.

If I can be of any further assistance contact me on 9493 6096 or 0419 961 713.

3. [A resident on Regency Drive] Thank you for your completed building application form for the construction of a patio at your home.

You have included in your application detailed plans and specifications, the site plan, a copy of the building licence and your contractor's details, everything required for the approval of your application. We hope that your building project goes well, and thank you for investing in improving your property.

John Rushton, Committee Member for Aesthetics

Until we get a nomination for this vacant committee position I will be endeavouring to cover the duties associated with the position.

Parks & Reticulation

After discussion with the gardener, Grant, it has been decided that "heavy trucks" will only be allowed in the parks until Friday June 11th. After that date no heavy trucks will be allowed in until after the winter when most of the rain has finished. The reason for this is that the ground gets very soft and heavy trucks cause considerable damage moving around the estate. Something we experienced in a few locations last year.

Obviously, the decision will be reviewed on a case by case basis for urgent matters such as from storm damage, etc.

Trevor Davis, President, Crestwood Homeowners Association

As you all know the Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday May 26th. Unfortunately, the start was delayed because we did not have enough attendees for a quorum. To those that responded to phone calls, thank you. It was, however, disappointing from the committee's point of view that we could not get enough home owners to attend an AGM without calls being made.

From the President

More importantly, what should concern everybody is the fact that we did not receive any nominations for the committee position of Parks & Reticulation. This creates a problem for the committee to be able to effectively manage the estate on behalf of all homeowners. The committee is comprised of six members who share the workload and to ensure that we have an adequate number present at monthly meetings to have a quorum to conduct the business of the Estate.

The reticulation is the one thing that every homeowner gets during the watering season so it is important that we have a committee person to monitor and liaise with the gardener. This ensures the parks, gardens and reticulation are all kept in good order and there is someone able to report to the committee on issues and expenditure. So, please give consideration to your availability for this position and contact me to discuss any issues or questions you may have.

It has come to my attention that we are once again experiencing some problems with teenagers in the parks during schools hours. Without question some are students from Thornlie High and our gardener has been in touch with the high school. He will be contacting the police when their behaviour creates a disturbance during the day.

I want to remind home owners that if they become aware of any groups creating a disturbance in the parks at anytime of the day or night they should ring the police on **13 14 44** and report it for police to attend. It is important that this is done for two reasons. Firstly, police will respond and deal with the problem as promptly as they can at the time. Secondly, it provides intelligence on where the trouble spots are that need patrol attention. The Canning Vale police have a map of the Estate and a master key to enter it at night if they need to.

I am aware that some homes, particularly in Cavalier Court and Grenadier Drive, have been "visited" (trespassed on) by some of these teenagers during the day and they have stolen drinks (alcohol and soft) and cigarettes. I would recommend that you secure your fridge or hide other items kept at the back of your home to prevent continuation of these "visits". Again, if you believe anyone is acting suspiciously, call the police on 13 14 44, report the behaviour and provide a description of the people causing the disturbance.

I would like to thank Barry Palmer for nominating for the vacant Pool and Hall (Aquatic Centre) Committee position and welcome him to the committee. I look forward to working with him for the benefit of the estate and all homeowners.

Trevor Davis, President, Crestwood Homeowners Association

INCIDENT REPORT

Incidents reported on the Crestwood Estate

No incidents have been reported to the *Crestwood News*.



POLICE WATCH - Thornlie

from the *Comment News*

Break-ins Explorer Dr, Parkside Dr, Hickory Dr (2), Mercer Pl, Pimelia Dr, Tipuana Pl; motor vehicle theft Hickory Dr (13 April)

Break-ins Ovens Rd, Clowes Ct, Connemara Dr, Tem Ct (20 April)

Break-ins Kellar Way, Sundew Pl, Wisteria Pl; motor vehicle theft Sundew Pl; graffiti damage Ovens Rd (27 April)

Break-ins Tonbridge Way, Explorer Dr, Probert Rd, Warton Rd, Grainger Way; graffiti damage Burslem Dr, Ovens Rd (11 May)

Break-ins Glyndebourne Ave (2), Hargrave Dr, Majestic Ct, Orberry Pl, Pegus St; motor vehicle theft Spencer Rd (18 May)

Thinking of Selling or Renting Your House? This Information is Important

SMOKE ALARMS AND RESIDUAL CURRENCY DEVICES

Mains Powered Smoke Alarms - New Homes

Since 1997 it has been law, under the Building Code of Australia, to install mains powered smoke alarms in new properties and any existing properties that have undergone significant renovations. Qualified electricians should be aware of these requirements or you can contact the Department of Commerce for more information:

Telephone: (08) 9422 5200

Email: energysafety@commerce.wa.gov.au

Website: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/>

Mains Powered Smoke Alarms - Existing Properties

From 1 October 2009 mains powered smoke alarms must be fitted in all existing residential buildings prior to sale and when a new tenancy agreement is signed for rental properties. If there are no tenancy changes in rental properties, then mains powered smoke alarms must be fitted by 1 October 2011. These requirements are mandatory under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960 section 248 and the Local Government Act 1995 section 9.60, and the Building Amendments Regulations 2009.

While mains powered smoke alarms are the preferred alternative, smoke alarms with a non removable 10 year battery are permitted in dwellings where the construction of the building does not permit a space to conceal the wiring and there is no other suitable alternative location or where mains power supply is not available.

Residual Currency Devices (RCDs)

In recent years 23 people including six children have been electrocuted in homes in Western Australia. All of these deaths could have been prevented if RCDs had been fitted to the power point (socket outlet) and lighting circuits.

To help reduce deaths from electrocution, the Western Australian Government implemented new RCD regulations in August 2009.

The new legislation will apply to people selling their homes and landlords. Every home sold or leased will need to be fitted with a minimum of two RCDs, which must protect all power point and lighting circuits.

Where a new tenant takes up residency, landlords will need to install the devices before the lease agreement is signed. However, for homes with a continuing tenancy, landlords have until 8 August 2011 to fit the RCDs.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is an RCD and how does it work?

An RCD is a safety device that monitors electrical current flowing within a circuit from the switchboard. It works on the principle that the electricity current flowing in must be equal to the current flowing out of the circuit.

If the RCD detects an imbalance in the electrical current, indicating a leakage to earth, e. g. current flows through someone's body to earth, the RCD immediately cuts the electricity supply to prevent electrocution.

RCDs are extremely sensitive, disconnecting within 10 to 50 milliseconds of detecting 30 milliamps or more of leakage current.

Why two RCDs?

The household circuits need to be divided evenly between two RCDs to ensure some light and power remains if one operates. Two RCDs also reduce the possibility of tripping due to some appliances which have low levels of earth leakage.

Is an RCD the same as a circuit breaker?

No. Many homes already have circuit breakers installed. However, circuit breakers only protect against overloading and short circuits. They do not prevent electrocution.

Where are the RCDs fitted?

RCDs are required to be fitted at the origin of the power point and lighting final sub-circuits which will be at the main switchboard or distribution board for the residence.

What if the property I own, or want to buy, only has one RCD? Is that enough?

No. A second RCD must be installed and the power point and lighting circuits divided between the two RCDs. If you own the property, contact an licensed electrical contractor to arrange for a second RCD to be installed. If you are the purchaser you need to include the installation of a second RCD as a condition in the Offer and Acceptance Form.

If RCDs are fitted, how can I check if they are operating correctly?

All RCDs are manufactured with a test button. Home-owners and tenants should press the test button every three months.

Pushing the test button simulates an earth leakage fault and indicates whether or not the device is operating correctly. Electrical clocks and timing devices may have to be reset after the test button has been pushed and the RCD turned back on.

From the WA Department of Commerce Website



Committee Business:

Parks and Reticulation: Several requests have been made for removal of trees. On Grenadier Drive, a request to remove a lemon scented gum [in the park] was not approved as the tree was deemed healthy and not a threat. Also on Grenadier Drive, permission to remove bottlebrushes close to the path was approved. Approval was also given to remove a tree on Lachlan Rd and on Regency Drive a tree was pruned back to healthy branches. Two trees were lost in the storm.

Pricing for the new Multi-Turf contract, starting from 1 April, was approved for the period 2010-2011.

A letter is to be written to the Department of Water asking for exemption from the Winter sprinkler ban so Crestwood can run tests of its reticulation during these months.

The area around Underpass D is to be surveyed.

Pool: Tenders to manage the pool for the new season have been received from the YMCA, PSR Pool Management Systems and Belgravia Leisure. Trevor is to seek further information from the YMCA and Belgravia Leisure before a final selection is made.

The pool is to close on Anzac Day and a busy bee is to be organised the following weekend to put the sails and equipment away.

Aesthetics: Approval was given for construction of a patio for a home on Princeton Court. Regarding a request to construct a side boundary fence and retaining wall for a residence on Grenadier Drive, John is to draft a letter asking for further information.

One of the houses adjoining Underpass D is to be contacted and asked for a response to information found in a survey of the area before engineering drawings are commissioned for a retaining wall.

Discussions are continuing with the owner of a Regency Drive residence regarding clean up of the area in front of the house.

Finances: Two homeowners still owe fees for 2009/2010. Finalisation of the figures for the end of the financial year are under way. Crestwood bank accounts are to remain as they currently are.

Overtime for extra hours were paid to the gardeners following the clean up after the recent storm.

Social: A social coordinator is still required. This is to be added to the AGM agenda. There was some discussion on the reintroduction of Super Golf and the installation of exercise equipment in the parks.

General Business:

The Crestwood website is now live: www.crestwood.org.au. Feedback can be given to Rod Campbell, the webmaster: srcampbell4@bigpond.com. Sandra has been booked in for a grants seminar in June.

April 2010

Committee Business:

Parks and Reticulation: Bore 3 requires extensive repairs. The galvanised pipes surrounding it are to be checked.

A tree near Underpass E has been removed. Discussions were held regarding drawings for the limestone wall at Underpass D. Further space is required at the side of the path to allow for vehicle access. An engineer is to be consulted.

Pool: The pool tender has been awarded to Belgravia Leisure. Letters are to go to all those who tendered advising them of this decision. Belgravia is to be approached about organising the refurbishment of the toddler pool before the start of the next swimming season.

A flyer is to go out to all residents advising them of the busy bee on 2 May to close up the swimming pool for the season

Aesthetics: The residents concerned attended the meeting to discuss replacement of a fence damaged in a recent storm. The request was for a Colourbond fence with a lattice top. This was approved even though the fence is more solid than the current policy permits. This was done considering the size of the panels available and the overall height of the fence which is lower than the standard permissible.

Finance: Discussion was held regarding the \$20,000 surplus available from the last financial year. It was resolved to recommend to the upcoming AGM that this surplus be divided with \$10,000 deemed a special appropriation to the sinking fund and the balance transferred to the association funds.

A problem with the lifeguard hours charged to the estate is to be sorted before finalising the end of financial year figures.

Social: The Twenties Club luncheon has been arranged for 2 May. A Social Coordinator is required. This will be added to the AGM agenda.

General Business: The City of Gosnells has been advertising a change to the commercial vehicle parking policy. It appears that there is no change regarding residential properties.



The day was much like summer, so it seemed somewhat incongruous that it was time to close up the swimming pool and not get it ready for an extended season. But close it up is what the 15 or so volunteers had come to do. For many it was a job they had done previously, but for others it was their

first time to pull down the shade sails or stack away the chairs and lounges.

As in the past, it at first seemed impossible to place all those lounges in the storage space allotted, and then add the chairs, Styro-foam floats and shade sails while still allowing access to the chemicals needed to keep the pool alive over the winter. But after one or two failed attempts, everything was successfully stored away, and as long as there was no low-magnitude earthquake, or a chorus of synchronised sneezes, there they would stay until next October when the call would go out to once again remove them and set them up.

Storing the lounges was a task for the less adventurous volunteers. For those who lived life on the edge, and were already regretting the closing of Adventure World for the season, there was the removal of the shade sails. This was a task performed without ropes, harness and safety net, and for those who dared scale the heights of the dreaded blue ladder, it was even more thrilling. Perched on the uppermost rung, something discouraged by even most basic of primers, volunteers skilfully undid the clamps and tie ropes, carefully preserving the tags that would identify their position when they were rehung in the new season. All sails were eventually removed without incident or serious injury, and those involved then turned their efforts to a final check of the surroundings.

By 3:30 most of the activity around the pool had ceased with those who helped returning home to make personal use of what remained of the afternoon.

Text by the Editor

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the reticulation system is turned off on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve with residents missing out on watering for one of these evenings, but not both. Turning off the reticulation at individual households was not a solution as the pressure build-up would be too great across the lines serving the other residences at the same time. The question was whether it was necessary to turn the water off on these particular evenings. This will be discussed further by the committee and a flyer will be sent around to canvass the opinion of residents.

The attention of the meeting then turned to traffic on Regency Drive. Concern was raised that cars were travelling far too quickly on the street, many far in excess of the 50 kph speed limit. While it was acknowledged that there was one traffic restriction on the street in the vicinity of Coronet Court, a question was asked if there could not be more traffic calming devices installed. The President suggested two courses of action.

The first was to contact the Gosnells City Council. Decisions on the installation of speed bumps or traffic restrictions were up to them. The greater the number of concerned residents who wrote to the Council, the stronger the case for action would be.

The second course of action was to ring the police to report individual incidents of speeding. It was important to give times and the registration number of the vehicle. Police will act on this information.

There were other suggestions from the floor which might possibly convince drivers to slow down. One of these was to replicate what had been observed in other communities, in particular placing stickers on the side of wheelie bins. These could carry sayings such as: *Slow Down* or *Consider Our Kids*. The President indicated that he would follow-up on the various possibilities mentioned.

Also on the topic of vehicles, the motorcycle or 'pocket rocket' that has been noticed in the parks came in for mention. A number of residents have seen or heard this vehicle dashing through the parks. If the rider or the bike can be identified, then it would be possible to do something about it. While the walkway entries to the parks have barriers in place to prevent vehicle access, these have to be wide enough for a pram to pass through, making it quite easy for a motorcycle to do the same.

The question of closing off the parks to outsiders, and thereby creating a gated community, was discussed some time ago. Not only would this create an unsustainable burden for homeowners, as the parklands would become assessable for council rates, it was not acceptable as well to the City of Gosnells.

Still on the subject of parks, a question was asked about whether the park lighting was the responsibility of Crestwood or the City of Gosnells. The answer given by the President was that everything in the parks was the responsibility of Crestwood except for the footpaths, and that was due to liability issues. As mentioned in the previous issue of the *Crestwood News*, the City Council gives Crestwood \$59,000.00 as their contribution to the upkeep of the parks.

Next to be raised as part of the general discussion was the state of some of the properties on the estate. Two properties on Regency Drive came in for particular mention. One of these had a front lawn which was removed in preparation

for landscaping. The landscaping, however, while it might have been attempted, was never carried out and the front garden remains barren. John Rushton, the committee member for aesthetics has spoken to the homeowner on more than one occasion, but with little success in having the problem rectified.

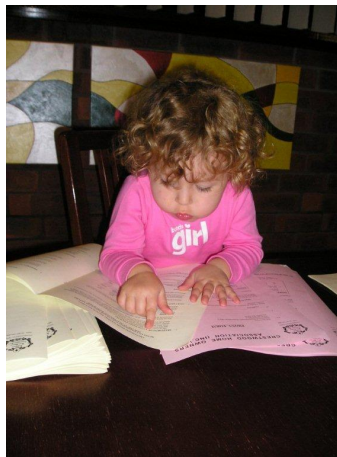
Also on Regency Drive, another property came in for mention due to the mattress placed on the verge near the wheelie bins. Again, the resident was spoken to, but no positive result was achieved. The member for aesthetics, mentioned that there was no covenant in the Crestwood constitution regarding the appearance of properties and there was nothing he could do if residents refused to keep their properties tidy.

There were a number of other topics which were mentioned from the floor to round out the meeting. One resident mentioned that certain of the street corners were dark, both due to the lack of lighting as well as the light being blocked by mature trees. This was a question that had to be referred to the City Council.

Solar panels on roofs, something that has also come up previously, came in for mention again. This was not an aesthetics issue and those wanting to install solar panels did not have to refer their plans to the committee for approval. This was something up to the individual household.

The subject of the pool was the last one raised at the meeting. Access to the pool is granted to homeowners and those who rent properties on the estate. The question raised dealt with the renters, some of whom come in large numbers from a single residence holding legitimate passes. Many appear to respect the pool facilities less than residents. How might it be possible to limit the number of passes granted to renters where this would be more than those granted to the homeowner? The committee indicated it would examine the constitution in an attempt to come up with a solution.

One resident asked if it was possible to keep the pool open all year, heated by solar power. The committee responded that even keeping to pool open through April was problematic, with an average of only 10 residents a day using it as the weather turned cooler. It was doubtful that solar panels would produce enough of the power required to heat the pool through the Winter. And with the that the meeting was called to a close at 9:00 pm.



Esther Wilson checking the Treasurer's financial report,

Text by the Editor



... and helping to package the AGM documents

Love in a Shoebox

It's time to start thinking again about what you might like to place in your Christmas shoebox.

Now is the time to pick up bargains that make the small items you might wish to donate even cheaper. Contact Chris Wynen, 9459 8381, for more information.

Ring Police on 13 14 44

If you witness suspicious behaviour on the estate, or groups causing a disturbance in the parks, day or night, ring the police. They will attend as soon as they are able. Your report will also give them information on potential trouble spots in the community.

NOTICES

PERSONAL

Get Well

The Crestwood community wishes Jan Rushton of Coronet Court and Colin Waters of Princeton Court a continuing recovery from their recent illnesses.

Congratulations

to Dave and Tracy McCann on the birth of their daughter Brianna, a little sister for Shannon, Amy and Natalie.

FEATURES

POEM

Old Faithful

The year was nineteen sixty four
A gift I was from new Mum and Dad in-law.
Came in a box with a fancy bow
Cookbook included, ready to go.

You were a new bride with a husband to feed
I'll come in handy, yes indeed!
An old wood stove was your only past
But an electric pan could cook very fast.

It seemed every day you'd beckon me to cook
Mixing, stirring, turning after reading the book
No fancy meals in those days of old
But meat and vegies good as gold.

Year in year out we worked as a team
Sometimes at a simmer, or letting off steam.
I was easy to use and quick to clean
My bright silver lid kept its sheen.

I saw the babies arrive and grow
Fed them both with friends in tow.
Parties, birthdays, I've seen them all
We filled them with food and had a ball

Grandchildren are now the mouths to fill
But I'm not ready for over the hill.
Slowing down, yes that's true
Overtaken by the Weber and barbecue.

I'm not so shiny but all intact
A reliable Sunbeam that's a fact.
Forty six years without a care
Won't miss your Golden one; I'll be there.

Chris Wynen, 2010

Slow Down Speed Limit is 50 kph

Crestwood residents and their visitors are reminded that the speed limit on local roads is 50 kph. Common sense is also required when negotiating bends and moving around cars parked along the roadside.

Residents have noticed enough cars speeding along streets such as Regency Drive to be concerned. Remember, this is your community. Slow down and keep yourself and your fellow residents safe.

Heavy Trucks Restricted Access to Parks

From 11 June and for the duration of the Winter, entry to the parks by heavy trucks will not be allowed. The reason for this is that the ground gets very soft at this time of year and considerable damage is incurred when heavy trucks move about the estate.

This restriction will remain in place until the heavy rains have finished.

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

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

21 December 2009

18 January 2010

17 February (Special General Meeting)

22 February

29 March

19 April

26 May (AGM)

31 May

28 June

26 July

30 August

20 September

25 October

29 November

20 December

CRESTWOOD PATCHWORK & QUILTING GROUP

Meeting on a Tuesday night in
the Crestwood Hall

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

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



CRESTWOOD MOTHER'S GROUP / PLAYGROUP

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

We meet on Friday mornings at the Crestwood Hall

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Ladies, come and try something different. Have
fun and learn how to belly dance. Our friendly
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for time and location of the class.

CRESTWOOD WEBPAGE

The idea for a Crestwood webpage was first raised in 2007 and the concept was discussed at that early date by a few interested residents. There were some basic questions that needed to be answered. To begin with it had to be decided who the website was for. Was it to be a site primarily devoted to advertising the estate by providing information and backup to real estate agents, or was it to be a site developed primarily for residents? It was decided that the website should be primarily for residents, although the information listed would also be available to businesses and the general public as well.

A lot of the early work of getting the project underway was undertaken by someone who was never resident on the estate, but the friend of someone who was. This was Michael McAllister. As a person who had experience in designing webpages, he looked at various layout possibilities, deciding eventually on having a fixed menu on the left, and drop-down menus from boxes along the top. These menus give access to various page links containing information about the estate. When Michael was no longer able to help due to other commitments, interested residents continued to meet and further refine the website, resulting in what can now be seen by visiting: <http://www.crestwood.org.au>.

The language, or communication standard, of the web is abbreviated HTTP which stands for Hypertext Transfer Protocol. To convert the text and photos for a website, Rod Campbell, who took over lead in developing the site, used the software called Dreamweaver which he purchased. Currently there a number of programs which can be downloaded free from the internet which will do the same job. An alternative to relying on a program to convert your files to the internet standard is to insert the required codes yourself, a long and time-consuming process.

To make a webpage available on the internet, there has to be a domain name and a host. The domain name is the address of your website and the host is the internet server where your data is stored. In the case of Crestwood, the domain name is *crestwood.org.au*, with *.org* standing for *organisation* and *.au* standing for *Australia*. This name costs the estate \$38.00 and registration remains valid for a period of two years after which it will have to be renewed. The Crestwood webpage is hosted through an Australian company called Webcity and this costs \$93.35 a year. Hosting prices vary with the company chosen and the amount of data that has to be stored.

The Crestwood website currently has a significant amount of information for residents and the public. A visit gives you instant information about social events, committee meetings, the current state of the pool and parks as well as maps, forms, some early photos and colour versions of the *Crestwood News*. How the webpage develops in the future will depend on the input from residents. If you have not yet visited the Crestwood webpage, have a look at it now. Your ideas and suggestions can be sent to the webmaster: webmaster@crestwood.org.au. Text by the Editor; information from Rod Campbell



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Crestwood - A Special Place To Live

Introduction

This site is proudly brought to you by the people of Crestwood for the people of Crestwood. It aims to provide information to current residents and prospective residents on what is happening in our beautiful estate. It contains a number of useful pages such as the pool opening hours and sprinkler roster. There is also a page listing planned social activities as well as photos of recent events.

What's Next?

If you have any feedback about this web site, please direct it to our web-master or the secretary whose email address is available on the *contact us* page.

We welcome your photos for use on the website. Please email them to the webmaster via the *contact us* page.



Food and Exercise

Advice from Dr. Chan

Q: Doctor, I have heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life. Is this true?

A: Your heart only good for so many beats, and that it. Don't waste on exercise. Everything wear out eventually. Speeding up heart not make you live longer. It like saying you can extend life of car by driving faster. Want to live longer? Take a nap.

Q: Should I cut down on meat and eat more fruit and vegetables?

A: You must grasp logistical efficiency. What does cow eat? Hay and corn. And what are these? Vegetables. So steak is nothing more than efficient mechanism for delivering vegetables to the system. Need grain? Eat chicken.

Q: Should I reduce my alcohol intake?

A: Not at all. Wine made from fruit. Brandy is distilled wine. That mean they take water out of fruity bit so you get more of goodness that way. Beer also made of grain. Bottom up!

Q: What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?

A: Can't think of a single one, sorry. My philosophy is, "No pain, good!"

Q: Will sit-ups prevent me from getting a little soft around the middle?

A: Definitely not. When you exercise muscle it get bigger. You should only do sit up if you want bigger stomach.

Q: Is swimming good for your figure?

A: If swimming is good for figure, explain whale to me?

Q: Is getting in shape important for my lifestyle?

A: You not listen! What is round? Round is a shape!

Implements of Math Destruction

At New York's Kennedy airport today an individual, later discovered to be a public school teacher, was arrested trying to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a square, a slide rule, and a calculator.

The Attorney General believes the man is a member of the notorious Al-gebra movement. He is being charged with carrying weapons of math instruction.

"Al-gebra is a very fearsome cult, indeed", the Attorney General said. "They desire average solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on a tangent in a search of absolute value. They consist of quite shadowy figures, with names like "x" and "y", and, although they are frequently referred to as "unknowns", we know they really belong to a common denominator and are part of an axis with coordinates in every country.

"As the great Greek philosopher Isosceles used to say, there are three sides to every triangle." When asked to comment on the arrest, President Bush said, "If God had wanted us to have better weapons of math instruction, He would have given us more fingers and toes."

Kids Have All the Answers!

Teacher: Maria, go to the map and find Australia.

Maria: Here it is.

Teacher: Correct, Now, class, who discovered Australia?

Class: Maria.

Teacher: Johnny, why are you doing your multiplication on the floor.

Johnny: You told me to do it without using tables.

Teacher: Glenn, how do you spell crocodile?

Glenn: Krokodial.

Teacher: No, that's wrong.

Glenn: Maybe it's wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical composition of water?

Donald: HIJKLMNO.

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Donald: You said yesterday it's , "H to O".

Teacher: Winnie, name one important thing that we have today that we didn't have 10 years ago.

Winnie: Me.

Teacher: Robert, why do you always get so dirty?

Robert: Well, I'm closer to the ground than you are.

Teacher: Sarah, give me a sentence starting with, "I".

Sarah: I is

Teacher: No, Sarah, always say, "I am".

Sarah: All right. "I am the ninth letter of the alphabet."

Teacher: George Washington not only chopped down the cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

Louie: Because George still had the axe in his hand.

Teacher: Simon, tell me honesty, do you say your prayers before eating?

Simon: No sir, I don't have to because my mum's a good cook.

Teacher: Clyde, your composition, "My Dog", is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

Clyde: No, miss, it's the same dog.

Teacher: Jodi, what kinds of birds do we find in captivity?

Jodi: Jailbirds.

Teacher: Harold, what do you call someone who keeps talking when people are no longer interested?

Harold: A teacher.

Memorable Quotes

1. Be careful about reading health books. You may die of misprint. *Mark Twain*
2. My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe. *Jimmy Durante*
3. Money can't buy you happiness, but it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery. *Spike Milligan*
4. We could certainly slow the ageing process down if it had to work its way through Congress. *Will Rogers*
5. I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon, and then it's time for my nap. *Bob Hope*

Soups for Winter

Chicken & Couscous Soup

Serves 6

Preparation 30 minutes

Cooking 1 hour

Ingredients

1 chicken, size 13
1 tbs each olive oil and butter
4 tomatoes, skinned, seeded and chopped roughly
1 onion, finely diced
1 tsp each of cumin, paprika, turmeric and harissa
Salt and pepper
2 litres water
½ cup couscous
3 tbs chopped mint



2 tbs each chopped parsley and coriander

½ cup lemon juice

Method

1. Cut the chicken into pieces. Peel off skin and discard.
2. Place the chicken in a soup pot with the olive oil, butter, tomatoes, onion, spices and 2 cups of water. Simmer gently, covered, for 45 minutes until the chicken is cooked.
3. Remove chicken from the broth and cool. Add rest of the water to the broth and bring back to the boil.
4. Add couscous and simmer for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, remove the chicken from the bones and break into bite-sized pieces.
5. Return chicken to the soup. Add the fresh herbs. Season and add lemon juice. Serve immediately. Serves six as a main meal.

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Chinese Beef Soup

Serves 4

Preparation 30 minutes

Cooking 1 hour

Ingredients

½ kilo lean beef, cubed
2-3 celery stalks with leaves
2 large onions, cut in wedges
5-6 peppercorns
2 cloves
2 cm piece of cinnamon
1 piece ginger, crushed
1 large carrot, cut in four parts lengthwise
3 potatoes, cut in wedges
2 tomatoes, cut in wedges
2-3 spring onions, sliced fine
4-5 shallots, sliced fine and fried



dash of pepper

Method

1. Sprinkle the flour over the meat and leave in a bowl for 15-20 minutes
2. Cut the celery stalks into 2-3 cm lengths and reserve the leaves for garnish. In a large saucepan with about 3 cups of boiling water add the celery stalks, onions, peppercorns, cloves, cinnamon and ginger. Boil for about 10 minutes
3. Stir in the beef and flour mixture and continue cooking for another 10 minutes until the beef begins to soften. Add the carrots, potatoes and tomatoes and simmer until the meat is very tender. The time depends on the quality of the meat, but anything up to 1 hour.
4. Serve the soup piping hot in individual bowls and garnish with celery leaves, spring onions, fried shallots and a dash of pepper.

Kuala Lumpur Cookery

Corn Chowder

Serves 4

Preparation 30 minutes

Cooking 10 minutes

Ingredients

2 cups diced raw potatoes
1½ cups water
1 cup canned corn (cream style) or 1½ cups fresh corn cut from the cob
1½ cups milk
Salt and pepper to taste



2 tbs butter

1 onion

chopped parsley

Method

1. Boil potatoes in water until tender. Mash in the same water.
2. Add corn, milk, salt and pepper. Cook 5 minutes if fresh corn is used, or 3 minutes if using canned corn.
3. Dice onion and cook in butter till light brown. Combine, add chopped parsley and serve hot.

Jewish Cookery

Papier Mache

Papier mache originated in China where

paper was first invented. It was used to make helmets. That's how durable and hard it is. The Chinese used many layers of lacquer to toughen their handiwork. Examples have been found dating back to the Han Dynasty (BC 202-220). From China the interest in papier mache spread to Japan and Persia, then across to Europe in the 1600's. It became popular in France where it was widely used to make furniture. The recipe developed and artists and manufacturers would experiment using various ingredients to make the end product as strong as possible. The interest in papier mache grew in England where many small manufacturing companies produced all kinds of objects including beautifully decorated items such as firescreens, furniture, trays, inkstands and such. In Victorian times the papier mache was baked in a hot oven after 2 to 3 layers were applied. This was a very long process but the final product would have been hard and water resistant.

I've always been interested in papier mache and in finding ways to use it. I began to work with papier mache about 13 years ago after thinking about it for at least another 13 years. I don't like to rush into things. But finally the time was right for me to dabble in a bit of mess and I could no longer ignore the insistent creative urge. So, what to make, was the question of the day.

I started to make frames for mirrors. I experimented with basic recipes gleaned from library books but wasn't happy with the result. Then an artist friend suggested combining PVA glue and plaster of paris. That seemed like a good idea so I tried it and I also added wall paper glue to make the brew thick and gooey. It took a while to work out the correct amounts and even now, I still make mistakes but it seems to work. Sometimes my mixtures have proven to be disastrous and I would have to start all over again.

There are different ways and methods to make papier mache. All you have to do is to look on the internet to find ideas, but today I'll share with you how I make it and you can have a try yourself. If you can improve on it, please let me know.

Firstly I rip up newspaper in 10 cm strips. Rip along the grain the whole length of the paper. I find that if you rip from side to side it works well. Then mix your glue. I have found that using small quantities at a time is better than making up a large bucket full, which can go off if left unused for a few days. 'Make it as you use it', is a good motto. I fill about a third of a bucket with water, to which I slowly pour plaster of paris powder till it mounds up to about two centimetres above the surface of the water then mix thoroughly. Add about two cups of PVA glue and about a tablespoon of powdered wall paper glue. (I have experimented with a cornflour/water mixture but have not decided whether this is a good idea yet). Mix well and leave for about 20 minutes. Then mix again. Dip about three strips at a time into the glue mixture, skim off the excess with your fingers then place it on whatever it is you want to papier mache.

I always draw the design first so I know where I'm going with it. The process is a labour of love of building up the layers upon layers to create the shapes you want. I am inspired by nature, especially big gnarly trees, forests, rivers and the crashing waves of the sea. The sculpture part is the most arduous and at times you may want to give up, but don't. The end is just around the corner. Make sure that you dry your

papier mache after working on it for a few hours, then

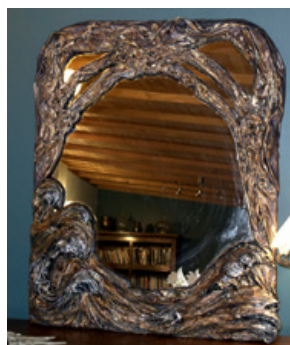
apply more layers until you're happy with it. When it's dry, after at least 24 hours or more, then the real fun begins. It's time to paint, my favourite part. This is when your work of art comes alive and all those shapes are revealed. I use many layers of colours and you can also mix the paint with PVA glue to make it even stronger and more water resistant. The first layer is black or white, depending on the desired effect. For a forest I would use black. Every nook and cranny needs to be painted black and you won't get to see this till the next day when it's dries. Then all the tiny places you missed will stick out like neon lights. I use layers of colours to get the desired effect, for instance, green, bronze, gold and blue for water. Experiment.

The large mirrors are also suitable for garden patios as they reflect light and all the colours and shapes of the garden. They can also be used in the bathroom or anywhere in the home or office.

If a mirror frame does not thrill you, you can start with a simple project like covering a shoe box, making sculptured shapes and then painting it in bright colours. Once you start, you'll think of many ways to use papier mache and above all, you'll have heaps of fun. Just make sure you put a tarp down on the floor as it's very messy. Have fun!

For more information call Rowena on 6161 3976. I also do commissions.

Submitted by Rowena Fanali





It was not a welcome answer to the question posed to Nomad Catering when asked if they could again cater the Crestwood 20s Club luncheon, as they did so successfully last year. When Margaret and Trevor Davies were told that the business was no longer operating, one story ended and another began.

While it would have been theoretically possible to engage another caterer, this turned out to be rather difficult. There were just two weeks to go to the luncheon, and with just 28 residents signed up to participate, there was none available who would do the cooking for less than 30 people at the \$20.00 per head rate being offered. This left Margaret and Trevor with just two options: cancel the luncheon or take on the catering task themselves. They opted for the latter.

The Crestwood Hall, chameleon-like in its ability to transform itself from meeting room to function centre or play school was this time turned into a comfortable up-market restaurant complete with white table cloths, matching crockery and flower centre-pieces. The new in-house caterers had prepared a very satisfying luncheon which began with a homemade pumpkin soup. This was followed by Cordon Bleu chicken with mango gravy, roast potatoes and vegetables. To end the meal there was strawberry cheesecake served with cream, tea or coffee and biscuits.

This was a time for many to catch up, both with other couples on the estate, as well as those who had moved away, some a substantial number of years ago. There was a little gossip, a number of jokes, some extended stories of past exploits and future plans, and just a little sadness about those who may have passed away or found themselves in ill health.

The activity outside the Hall drew a few of participants away, for once again the scheduled busy bee to close up the swimming pool for the season coincided with the Twenties Club luncheon and some of those attending were needed to help. But for those remaining the laughter grew louder and the conversations more effusive, not only due to the wine that had been consumed, but also because the initial formality of mid-afternoon had given way to more warmth and familiarity. By 3:00 the luncheon was over and those remaining helped clear the tables and stack the chairs along the walls. The final thank yous and farewells were made and the last of the guests returned home to await the next invitation to a Twenties Club luncheon in six months time.

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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.

The Centre will show the film *The Mouse that Roared* on Wednesday, 23 June. Morning tea is served at 9:45am with screening at 10:30am. This is part of their Morning Melodies program.

The Centre will also host *Così* by Louis Nowra on Sunday, 4 July at 7:00pm, *Shorter and Sweeter* on Saturday, 24 July at 2:00pm and 8:00pm, Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors* on Saturday, 28 August at 8:00pm and *Mandinka Sound* on Saturday, 4 September 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 9am and 5pm, or you can visit the box office between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.