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## Annual General Meeting

### Current Committee Members Re-elected Unopposed

The Annual General Meeting for 2012 was opened at 7:35 with 34 homeowners present and 33 proxies received. John Rushton chaired the meeting in the absence of the president, Trevor Davis, who was on holiday. The minutes of the previous AGM and Special General Meeting in February were quickly approved, as were the financial and auditor's reports. The meeting then moved to the election of committee members.

There were four positions vacant: Auditor, Treasurer, Pool, and Parks and Reticulation, and each had only one nomination. Elected as auditor was Michael Lee who is entering his 34<sup>th</sup> year in that position having served since 1978. Michael has continued in that position even though he left the estate in 1984. Roy Malone is again our treasurer, a position he has held since 1983 and, therefore, entering his 30<sup>th</sup> year. Relative newcomers to the committee are Mike Brenoulli, Parks and Reticulation, and Darren Colley, Pool, each elected for a two year term after serving previously for one year in their respective positions.

There were three items under general business and these were discussed in turn. Crestwood has been without a Social Activities Coordinator for three years, since the previous coordinator, Sue Galpin, left the estate, and the first item of business was to see if there was anyone willing to take up this position. If there was no one interested in coordinating all events, then a second suggestion was for the formation of a subcommittee in which different members could organise one event to their liking at relevant times during the year. These ideas were left with the residents to ponder.

The newly installed security and surveillance system was the next item of business. While the system is still being fine-tuned, the basics were outlined to the meeting. At present there are four new cameras recording the areas around the pool, and the possibility exists to install four more to capture areas which are at present only poorly covered. The committee is waiting for a quote for this expansion. It was at first hoped that the existing cameras could be incorporated into the new system, but they were not compatible.

More details of the system were also presented to the meeting. We have storage for one week's recording, after which the medium overwrites itself. This means that if there is any occurrence which needs to be preserved, this has to be copied from the system as soon as we become aware of it. The system has no battery backup as this proved too expensive. Any backup system would have to run not only the computer but the cameras as well. Additionally, the pool lights have to be kept on for the cameras to produce a readable image, and these will also go off if there is a power failure.

The last item of business was air conditioning of the Crestwood Hall. The plan is to install two reverse cycle units for an initial cost of \$5,500. Considering the ceiling height of the hall these units will probably be more efficient at cooling than heating, but they should warm the area sufficiently for users to be comfortable without jackets. The main argument put forward was that this would make the current users more comfortable and also make the hall more leasable.

Discussion continued for a short while with the main negative views focusing on the cost of running the system, in addition to the initial cost, and whether the availability of air conditioning would attract enough new users to eventually pay for the system. The motion was put to a vote and passed with a little over four-fifths of those present voting in favour.

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## *A Unique Way of Life*

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**Crestwood Committee Meetings**

The 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. Meetings generally begin at 7:30pm.

**30 January 2012**  
**27 February**  
**26 March**  
**30 April**  
**28 May**  
**25 June**

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

**WELCOME TO CRESTWOOD**

Adrian Falconer 22 Princeton Court  
 Guannan Wang 38 Grenadier Drive  
 Michael and Caroline Hall 79 Regency Drive  
 Neil and Donna Vassie 19 Regency Drive

**FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES**

Doug and Gillian Backhouse 22 Princeton Court  
 Peter and Verity Czuczman 38 Grenadier Drive  
 Keven and Ava May 79 Regency Drive  
 Trevor and Margaret Davies 19 Regency Drive

# Richard Sangwin

## Crestwood's New Gardener

### Background and Experience

**R**ichard was born in York in the UK. He came to Australia 28 years ago and currently lives in Thornlie, not far from Crestwood. He comes to the estate with a great deal of experience and brings with him a clear and innovative plan for the future.

Richard has both a Certificate in Horticulture from Murdoch TAFE and a Certificate in Viticulture from South Australia. He has 12 years experience as a qualified horticulturist and viticulturist who has worked in a variety of leadership positions throughout this time.

For six years he was the team leader in charge of the grounds at Parkland Villas in Woodlands, as well as Parkland Villas in Ellenbrook, retirement villas managed by Mirvac Fini. He also worked at Bunnings in Innaloo for 18 months. There he was in the Greenlife division, the section that runs the nursery, where he was in charge of buying and overseeing control of the stock. He also conducted workshops for the public and spoke on 6PR. Immediately before coming to Crestwood he worked for the City of Perth for 18 months, having prime responsibility for the Harold Boas Gardens in West Perth.

### First Impressions of Crestwood

Richard's first impression of Crestwood was that the estate was green and lush, however, he felt that not enough attention had been paid to the detail of the park areas. Reticulation boxes were overgrown and weeds had encroached on the garden beds. The paths had overgrowing bushes and branches and all of these areas needed work.

### Differences

One of the significant differences Richard mentioned when asked how working in Crestwood was different from other places he had worked was in the area of control. Here he is given a fixed budget and this gives him the parameters within which he can work. He knows what he can spend and when he can spend it. When working for a city council, for example, money is drawn to other areas and questions always remain about how much will eventually be allocated to him.

Richard also mentioned the personal aspect. Crestwood is an estate of homeowners who care about their surroundings and in the short time he has been here he has received valuable assistance from a number of long time residents eager to help him succeed.

### Plans for the Future

Richard has articulated a series of plans for Crestwood, some of them quite different from those the estate has previously experienced. At the most general level, he intends to lift the appearance of the parks. Gardens are quite unforgiving and need constant attention. Importantly, residents should feel that their money is being spent wisely and that this expense results in overall beautification.

Richard also discussed the specifics of his plans. The lawn areas should be cored annually. This should be a deep coring to a depth of 100 mm around springtime, no later than October. The gardens should also experience deep watering that will allow moisture to reach down to 35 mm. Surface watering leads to evaporation and results in more water usage. A deep watering allows water to be stored.

Deep watering will result in a change to the way our reticulation system is operated, at least with regard to the parks. The length of each watering cycle will be extended, but the frequency reduced. This will lead to a savings on water, electricity, labour and wear on the bores. This is one step in the process. Another is the application of a wetting agent to deal with hydrophobic soils.

A new wetting agent called Bi-Agra became available about two years ago. For this to be effective only one application is needed each year. Currently the City of Perth is buying it in bulk for application to all of the city's gardens. It is also used on golf courses. In addition to this, Seasol will also be added to stimulate root growth, encouraging the roots to follow the water. The question now arises as to how all of this is to be applied.

The most efficient method of application is via the reticulation system, a method called vertigation. The wetting agent is added to one of the bores and distributed throughout the parks at a pressure of 450 kpa. To begin with, however, application will be applied by using the estate's portable water tank. An improvement in the appearance of the parks should become obvious during the first year of application.

One of Richard's more radical ideas involves the perennial problem of what to do about the untidy areas at the back of some houses. Years of coaxing, cajoling and threatening residents to care for the area of their property that abuts the parks have led nowhere. The negative effect on an aging estate is cumulative. No matter how well the parks are kept, the fringes will always be unsightly unless these are attended to by residents. The plan that Richard will put to the committee, and one that will eventually come to the residents for approval, is incorporating the rear of our properties into the overall maintenance and upkeep of the parks. Residents can continue to care for this area themselves if they wish, choosing and sowing their own plants, but neatness will be a priority.

### Immediate Focus

As for the present, priority will be given to addressing the appearance of the underpasses that have recently been revamped. Some of the new plants added to these areas have not taken and Richard will be looking to replace them. There are also other areas of immediate concern.

Trees on the estate that are hazardous, diseased, dying or dead will be replaced by native species. Mulching around trees will be undertaken in a defined circle around the base and the canopies will be lifted. Entrances to the estate will also be beautified. Asked about how he would deal with the bushland and the myriad weed species that have encroached on it, Richard mentioned that the easiest way was to burn it once, ridding it of exotic species of weeds and encouraging new growth.

Richard is not someone solely interested in plans. By the time residents receive this newsletter, many will have noticed that changes have already started to occur on the estate. I'm sure everyone will join me in welcoming Richard into our community.

*Text by the Editor*



# INCIDENT REPORT

Incidents reported on the Crestwood Estate

No incidents have been reported to the Crestwood News



when they see youths on scooters riding on paths or reserves, or unlicensed motor bikes. Even if you see youths you don't recognise loitering in your street, please call us so we can see what they are up to.

Still in Thornlie, three youths stole alcohol from a liquor store and assaulted the staff who tried to stop them in Spencer Rd during the evening of May 1. The staff called police and, due to having a dedicated car in the area, a quick response located the youths and they were all arrested and charged with assault and stealing.

A house in Glyndebourne Way was broken into during the day on Thursday, May 3, by having a pet door pulled out from the door. The resulting hole was big enough for a person to climb through. Neighbours report seeing a tall skinny person, possibly of aboriginal descent, running from the yard. Later that night a similar description was given for a person who tried to break into a house in Claridge Circle, however the residents scared the offender off.

During the day on May 10, a house in Teakwood Loop was broken into by smashing a glass door. The resident came home and believes he disturbed the thieves. Nobody was seen. There were also burglaries in Coops Ave, Lester Drive and Tritonia Rise.

Residents of a house in Camborne Way left the door unlocked in the morning of Tuesday, May 22. Thieves walked in and stole some car keys and then the car. Two days later, residents of a house in McNamara Drive also left their door unlocked. Someone walked in, took the car keys and stole their car.

During the night on Thursday, May 24, a garage door was forced to a house in Parkside Drive and three motorbikes stolen. The same night a house in Haven Court was broken into. Some forensic evidence was recovered from there so that will now be analysed.

## POLICE WATCH - Thornlie from eWatch

**May:** There was a spate of cars being broken into in Thornlie and Langford the past week, during both the day and night. Reports have been received of a group of youths, possibly of aboriginal descent, getting about on motor scooters and bicycles, breaking into cars. It is vital you report anyone you see acting suspiciously to police on 13 14 44. Officers have arrested one youth on a stolen scooter who was charged with stealing a motor vehicle.

A house in Turf Glen had a roller door damaged when thieves tried to break in during the day on Tuesday, May 1. The same day a house in Shelburne Rd was broken into by smashing a window at the side of the house, as well as in Helena Crescent with the same method.

The following day the college in Burslem Drive was broken into after thieves smashed a window at the side of the building. A projector and screen were stolen.

We believe the same group of youths are likely responsible for the burglaries and breaking into cars, so it is vital you report anything you witness. Canning Vale police have dedicated, unmarked police cars in the Thornlie area, as well as a visible presence on the All Terrain Vehicles around the rivers and footpaths we believe they use, but we still need information from the public, especially

## Keep Your Vehicle Safe

The increase in motor vehicle theft in the metropolitan area has led the police to issue advice on how to keep your vehicle safe.

### Key Tips

If your car is worth \$10,000, \$20,000 or \$30,000 then that could be the value of your keys to a thief.

- Never leave your car unattended with the key in the ignition
- Don't leave keys lying around on tables, desks or key hooks.
- Never hide a second set of keys anywhere on your car. Thieves know where to look.
- A good rule to follow is this: If the car is at home and you are out, make sure all the keys are with you.

### Think Before You Park

- Use off-street parking or secure parking facilities. Park behind locked gates or in a locked garage.

- Park in a well lit area at night. Opportunists look for unsecured cars to get them around and take them from areas where they won't be noticed.

### Remove Temptation

- Close the windows, lock all doors and take the keys with you when leaving your car.
- Theft from cars is very common. Never leave items such as mobile phones, handbags, CDs or other valuables in sight in your unattended vehicle. If you need to leave valuables in your car, hide them before you get to where you are going to park.

### Keep Your Vehicle Safe

- If you have a steering lock, use it. It acts as a visual deterrent.
- For maximum protection, an engine immobiliser that meets Australian Standard 4601-1999 requires no effort to activate and has proven the most effective deterrent to opportunistic theft.

from eWatch

## Be Wary When Advertising

There has been a trend developing in some areas, where victims are being targeted through selling various items. It may be cars, motorbikes, electronic goods, computers, laptops, in fact anything you may want to sell.

Recently people have been advertising items for sale, either through the papers like the Sunday Times, the Quokka, or in online classifieds, such as Gumtree. That in itself isn't a problem, however, some people have let strangers into their house and shown them all the nice things they have, only to find some days later they have been broken into, or the item they were trying to sell has been stolen. Of course that doesn't happen in every case, but a few simple tips could help prevent you becoming a victim.

- If someone wants to test drive your car, hold onto their driver's license. Once they give it to you, check their photo is actually them, and ask them their date of birth. This will also reassure you they are licensed to drive. You can go with them for the test

drive, however, people have still been tricked to get out and "check the tyre, it seems flat" and the car has been driven off while the owner stands dumbfounded.

- Only give them the car key for a test drive, not your house keys. A test drive could turn into a trip to the hardware to get your house key cut.
- Write down the registration number of the car they turn up in. If you do become a victim, this gives the police a place to start..
- Record the phone number they use to call you. This information could be useful if someone drives off with your car.
- Don't walk them through your house. You don't have to be rude, but politely ask them to wait outside, or take them to a part of your house that is separate, such as the garage, or just inside the front door. Don't give them a tour and show off all the things they may want to steal.

The police are not advocating that you treat everyone like a potential criminal; just be cautious and use common sense. A little bit of healthy suspicion is a good thing.

from eWatch

**Committee Business:**

**Parks and Reticulation:** A mainline rupture, and a second line break occurred in Parks 27 and 28. These have now been repaired.

There is a problem with a tree at a residence on Regency Drive. The Committee is awaiting a decision on insurance claim possibilities.

With Grant's notice of resignation, responses to the advertisement of a new gardener are coming in. These will be circulated to all committee members with the current committee taking responsibility for screening the applicants.

The saga of the leaning wall continues with still no repair or replacement in sight.. The City of Gosnells advises that it may take some time before any action is taken.

A letter is to go out to all homeowners regarding the state of the rear of their properties. This letter is to be included with information about the AGM. All problems must be fixed and the paths behind the houses fully cleared by the end of May or the gardener will be instructed to rectify problems and bill homeowners accordingly.

Bill Walter will be attending a meeting with SERCUL regarding the Crestwood bushland and will report back to the committee on their suggestions.

**Pool:** Graffiti on the line marker has dulled. The scratching should not create any long-term damage.

Attendants have been reminded to lock the gates when they leave. A recent theft has been reported outside the pool area.

A request to allow early morning swimming next summer has been received and the possibility is currently being investigated.

**Aesthetics:** Application for the building work at a Spencer Road property is still to be provided to the committee.. The application for the fencing of a property on Coronet Court has been approved. John's advice has also been sought regarding an enclosed patio area on Coronet Court.

Permission has also been given for removal of a large olive tree on a Lachlan Road property.

**Visitors' Business:** Five visitors attended the meeting and made a variety of comments and suggestions ranging from revisions to the Crestwood web page, parking for garden and pool staff, the state of the parks, the reticulation system and application for a conservation grant related to rejuvenating the bushland area.

**General Business:** A quote has been received for installation of a security system. This quote will be accepted and a start time is to be advised.

**April 2012**

**Committee Business:**

**Parks and Reticulation:** Richard Sangwin, the new gardener who replaced Grant Douglas, submitted a report indicating some of his ideas for the Crestwood parks. The committee, pleased with the work he has done to date, would like him to provide more information about the fertilising system he recommends.

Julie Robert from SERCUL visited the estate to have a look at the bushland. She provided encouragement and advice as to the care of this area. Improvements based on this advice will be implemented as soon as practicable. Richard is to be asked to poison all of the Japanese Pepper trees throughout the park areas of the estate. This may relate to the setting of its seeds in unwanted areas, such as the bushland.

Mike Bernoulli and Richard are keen to obtain technical advice from the City of Gosnells on the care of gardens and park areas that may be of use to the Crestwood Estate.

**Pool:** The pool is now closed for the season and the busy bee to take down the shade sails and store away the lounges is scheduled for Sunday, 6 May. As in previous years, the ducks have taken up residence in spite of our best efforts to discourage them.

The City of Gosnells has sent Crestwood the document: Health Guidelines for Public Pools. Copies will be given to Darren and Jason from Belgravia Leisure.

**Aesthetics:** The application for building work at a Spencer Road property is still to be provided. A letter has been sent to the homeowners. The request for building of a second driveway on Regency Drive has been approved, contingent on approval from the City of Gosnells.

Recommendation for the tree at Coronet Court is for the tree to be pruned.

**General Business:** Nominations have been received for vacant committee positions: Mike Bernoulli and Bruce Beverage for Parks and Gardens, Roy Malone for Treasurer, Michael Lee for Auditor and Darren Colley for the Pool.

Chris Tallentire has asked to meet with residents of the Estate. Sandra is to respond with an offer of use of the Crestwood Hall.

**Visitors' Business:** There were two visitors. One requested information about the process of getting approval for building work and if there was information about the birds of Crestwood. The second visitor noted that the painting of the underpass had left the concrete floor splattered with paint and asked that this be cleaned. He also suggested that it would be good if the tiles on the pool building be cleaned.



## Hesitant to Call the Police? Don't Be!

Anytime you call the police and make a report, it is recorded in one of several databases. Not every single report gets acted upon, nor can we resolve every issue, but it is important that you call.

The WA Police are driven by intelligence, and that includes reports from the public. When we decide where to focus our effort, we refer to reports from the public to identify trends and issues. That may be a street that has hoon drivers, or noisy parties, or peeping toms, or kids throwing rocks. We analyse all this information and prioritise where we need to focus.

If you have an issue and don't make a report, we won't know about it. This includes reporting suspicious people which often results in the arrest of people for burglary. So if you have a concern or witness suspicious behaviour, report it. Your information will be useful and welcome. Call 13 14 44. *from eWatch*

## Are You Interested In A Morning Swim

In what is becoming the distant past, there was a group of homeowners who accessed the pool for some bracing exercise before setting off for work. While this tradition has lapsed, there continues to be some interest in having access to the pool before it officially opens for the day.

If a morning swim interests you, please contact Darren on 044 894 098 who will look into what options are available.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Jan and John Rushton of Coronet Court on the occasion of their

40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

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### Annual General Meeting

Before the meeting closed, Roy Malone took the floor to thank departing residents Margaret and Trevor Davies for their 14 years service to Crestwood in running the 20s Club as well as other services over their 40 years residence on the estate. The meeting was closed at 8:05 and the floor then opened to informal discussion.

Mentioned first in this discussion was the possibility of installing a small commercial dishwasher in the kitchen of the Crestwood Hall. At the moment the only option is hand washing which can become tedious and time consuming when large groups are using the hall.

Also called for was the installation of two permanent gas points in the pool area to which we could hook up barbecues using natural gas. This suggestion was greeted with mixed reactions. The portability of the current bottled gas barbecues was considered preferable, and others argued that bottled gas burned hotter than natural gas.

The cleaning of the clay roof tiles of the pool and maintenance buildings was also brought up during the discussion. The build up of mould on the tiles needed to be removed, and cracked windows of the hall needed replacing. Pressure cleaning of the tiles was not seen as desirable since this might lead to more damage than good. It was agreed that the tiles and windows did need servicing and this would be looked into.

The underpasses which have recently been painted drew criticism from one resident who was hoping that future undertakings of this type would produce a more professional result. The under-

## A New Leader Needed For Crestwood 20s Club

With Margaret and Trevor Davies leaving the estate, the Crestwood 20s Club has been left without a coordinator. If you have been on the estate for 20 years or more and are interested in helping to continue the tradition of annual or semi-annual luncheons, please contact the Crestwood secretary, Sandra Wilson, or the editor of the Crestwood News (see p.2 for contact information) .

Without a volunteer to take up this position, we will have to face the possibility of the 20s Club being disbanded.

## Volunteer Wanted Meet and Greet

When homeowners first move onto the estate, the Crestwood Homeowners Committee likes to give each new resident a personal welcome. This is currently done by way of a visit with a small gift and a package of relevant information. We would like to offer this task to a friendly homeowner with a little time to spare.

All materials and relevant information will be provided. Please contact Sandra (9452 1830 or sandrawilson@inet.net.au) if you are interested in volunteering for this position.

## Get to Know Your Neighbours Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is a series of programs aimed at making individuals aware of the crime prevention initiatives and activities in their communities. It is about working together to improve our personal and household security. More importantly it is about encouraging a sense of responsibility between neighbours and communities. (Also see INBOX, p. 11, and visit <http://www.nhw.wa.gov.au>.)



passes referred to were painted by high school students as part of their community service obligation. The secretary explained that it was time consuming liaising with schools and would be happy if someone at the meeting would take on the task, something which would also give more control over the result. The same resident who brought the criticism agreed to take this on.

As the discussion preceded, there was also mention of dog droppings in the parks and whether there could be provision for more bins with plastic bags made available.

The aesthetics of solar panels on the roofs of houses came in for mention, but the Chair explained that this, as discussed previously, was not a matter for the Committee, but up to the individual homeowner. Crestwood was not strata titled and each resident was the owner-occupier of a freehold property.

A parking area for the gardener and pool attendants was also brought up. At present the pool attendants park on the grassed area outside the pool, chasing the shade as the day progresses. While a small, paved area could be provided, the residents living in the nearby properties should be asked their opinions first.

At the end of the discussion one resident asked why she had received notification about attending to the rear of the property when there was not problem with the upkeep of this area. It was explained that it was a general notice that went out to everyone and no personal slight was intended.

There being nothing more to say, the discussion ended at 8:35 and those who still had some free time helped themselves to tea or coffee and biscuits.

*Text by the Editor*

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

## 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

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# Crestwood 20s Club

Once again the Crestwood Hall was transformed into a boutique restaurant on the occasion, perhaps for the last time, of the Crestwood 20s Club luncheon. Four tables were set up with white tablecloths and centrepieces of garden roses for the 27 present and former residents who came together after a year's interval.

This year the luncheon was catered by Ginnners and the buffet table was set with roast beef and pork with gravy and condiments, hot gourmet potatoes and mixed vegetables. There were also three salads to choose from: Hawaiian coleslaw, apple Waldorf and tossed greens. The deserts were chosen by Margaret and Trevor and there were three of these to choose from as well: blueberry cheesecake, apple pie or apple strudel. And for those with less of a sweet tooth there was a generous fruit platter. The meal ended with a choice of tea and coffee.



This 20s Club luncheon differed in one significant way from those that preceded it; it was Margaret and Trevor's last. After 40 years on the Crestwood Estate, they had decided to downsize and move to more manageable surroundings. They had organised 20s Club luncheons for 14 years, and now it was time to hand responsibility over to a successor, that is, if one could be found. Without a volunteer to run these annual or semi-annual events, the club functions would have to end.



To thank Margaret and Trevor for years of service, Roy Malone, on behalf of Crestwood, presented them with a gift certificate from Miss Maude's. This entitled them to a night at the hotel and included dinner and breakfast. It was a small token from a grateful club. I'm sure that everyone on the estate will join in wishing Margaret and Trevor all the best for the future.

*Text by the Editor*

**We would like to thank all the loyal 20s Club friends who have supported our functions over the past 14 years, and for the lovely gift and card they gave us at the last luncheon. We are not far away, just in Piara Waters, and hope to keep in touch with you at all future functions. Margaret and Trevor Davies**





Here is a selection of small eucalypts that may be suitable for your garden. All of them grow in Western Australia and should be available at one of the Perth nurseries specialising in native plants or at the Friends of Kings Park plant sales.

## Eucalyptus orbifolia (Round-leaved Mallee)

*Eucalyptus orbifolia* is known as the Round-leaved Mallee and grows into a tall shrub or small tree to about 5 metres. It develops a mallee growth habit with multiple stems arising from a lignotuber. The bark is smooth and reddish-brown. In late summer and autumn the bark peels off in small, curly ribbons.

The young stems are silvery. Leaves are almost circular, grey-green and notched at the apex. Flowers are carried in clusters of seven. They are about 2.5 centimetres in diameter and cream to pale yellow. The blooms are profuse, conspicuous and appear in winter. Bell-shaped fruits follow the flowers.

Everything about this Eucalypt is attractive. Growth habit, trunk, foliage, flowers and fruit are all striking features. *Eucalyptus orbifolia* is said to flower when very young. It is small enough to be accommodated in most gardens and propagates readily from seed.



## Eucalyptus foecunda (Fremantle Mallee)

*Eucalyptus foecunda* is a mallee or, occasionally, a tree, growing to 5 metres. Its popular name is Fremantle Mallee. The Fremantle Mallee has smooth bark above with rough flaky bark at the base presenting the colours of grey over pale copper.



The flowers are white-cream and are produced in August or from January to February.

## Eucalyptus nutans (Red-flowered Moort)

*Eucalyptus nutans* is a small tree or mallee growing to a height of 4-5 metres. It has decorative red flowers produced in spring and requires good drainage and full sun. It is native to an area along the coast from east of Albany to the Fitzgerald River and is declared rare.



## Eucalyptus synandra (Jyngymia Mallee)

*Eucalyptus synandra* is uncommon in the wild and in cultivation. It is a tall shrub or small tree of mallee (multi-stemmed) habit growing up to 5-6 metres tall. The leaves are linear to narrowly elliptic in shape, about 200 mm long. The smooth bark is greyish and is shed annually. Flowers are very conspicuous and are initially white but age to deep pink or red with the stamens being united into a tube for the lower portion of the flowers. Flowering occurs in late spring and summer.



To date this species has not been cultivated to any great extent, however, this is certain to change as the plant becomes better known. It is a spectacular small tree for drier climates, ideally suited to average sized gardens. Soils with reasonable drainage are preferred. A feature of the plant is that it is probably the most precocious of all the eucalypts, sometimes flowering when only 15 cm tall. Propagation is from seed which germinates readily.

## Eucalyptus forrestania (Fuchsia Gum)

*Eucalyptus forrestania*, also known as Fuchsia Gum, is a small, bushy tree to 5 metres. It has large, pendulous, bell-like, 4-angled red buds and fruits. The anthers on the flowers which appear in summer are yellow. The tree may be susceptible to scale which can be treated by spraying with white oil or pest oil.

This is a small tree suitable for most gardens. It also is attractive to nectar-loving birds.



## Signs for the Times

### Sign over a gynaecologist's office

Dr Jones at your cervix

### On a septic tank truck

Yesterday's meals on wheels

### On a plumber's truck

Don't sleep with a drip - Call a plumber

### On an electrician's truck

Let us remove your shorts

### In a non-smoking area

If we see smoke we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action

### At an optometrist's office

If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place

### In a taxidermist's window

We really know our stuff

### On a fence

Salesmen welcome - Dog food is expensive

### At a car dealership

The best way to get back on your feet - miss a payment

### Outside a car exhaust store

No appointment necessary -

We can hear you coming

### In a vet's waiting room

Be back in 5 minutes - Sit! Stay!

### In a restaurant window

Don't just stand there and be hungry -

Come in and get fed up

### At the front of funeral home

Drive carefully - We'll wait

### At a car radiator shop

The best place to take a leak

### On a church's billboard

Seven days without God makes one weak

### On a maternity room door

Push! Push! Push!

## Old Age

1. Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the elderly widow and asked, "How old was your husband?"

"Ninety-eight," she replied, "two years older than me."

"So you're ninety-six?" the undertaker commented.

"Hardly worth going home, is it?" she replied.

2. Reporters interviewing a 104 year old woman asked, "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?"

"No peer pressure," she replied.

3. The nice thing about being senile is you can hide your own Easter eggs.

## Puns to Ponder

# Humour

1. I know a guy who is addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop anytime.
2. I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
3. I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
4. I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
5. I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
6. Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
7. What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? - A thesaurus.
8. All the toilets at the police station in the CBD were stolen. The police have nothing to go on.
9. Velcro! What a rip-off.
10. A cartoonist was found dead at his home. Details are sketchy.
11. I went to the butchers the other day and bet him \$50.00 he couldn't reach the meat on the top shelf. "No way," he replied. "The steaks are too high."
12. I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but couldn't find any.
13. I went to a seafood disco the other day and pulled a muscle.
14. Our ice cream man was found lying on the floor of his van covered with hundreds and thousands. The police say he topped himself.
15. "Doctor, I can't stop singing 'The Green, Green Grass of Home'". "It sounds like the Tom Jones syndrome. "Is it common?" "It's not unusual," the doctor replied.
16. I was getting into my car the other day and this fellow comes over to me and says, "Can you give me a lift?" "Sure, I replied. "You look great. The world's your oyster. Go for it."
17. Police arrested two kids yesterday. One was drinking battery acid and the other was eating fireworks. They charged one and let the other one off.
18. Someone actually complimented me on my driving the other day. They left a note on my windscreen. It said, "Parking Fine".
19. A man walked into the doctor's surgery the other day and said, "I've hurt my arm in several places". The doctor replied, "Well, don't go there anymore".
20. A man goes to the doctor with a strawberry growing out of his head. "Ill give you some cream to put on it," the doctor says.
21. I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there I noticed three grave diggers walking around with a coffin. Three hours later they were still walking around with it. I thought to myself, "I think they've lost the plot."
22. My daughter asked me for a pet spider the other day so I went to our local pet shop and discovered they were \$70.00. "That's outrageous!" I thought. "I can get one cheaper off the web."

## Julie

A man was sitting reading his newspaper when his wife hit him round the head with a frying pan.

"What was that for?" the man asked.

The wife replied, "That was for the piece of paper with the name Julie on it that I found in your pants' pocket".

The man then said, "When I was at the races last week Julie was the name of the horse I bet on".

The wife apologised and went on with the housework. Three days later the man was watching TV when his wife bashed him on the head with an even bigger frying pan, knocking him unconscious. Upon regaining consciousness the man asked, "Why did you hit me?"

"Your horse phoned", the wife replied.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

INBOX

With crime on the increase in the City of Gosnells, it is important for all of us on the estate to become more active in fostering Neighbourhood Watch. While this will not stop crime, it has been proven in the past to reduce the incidents of criminal activity on the streets and in the parks.

Residents don't need to get physically involved, just become the "eyes" of the estate, watching for any unusual behaviour around their house or in the parks. Potential offenders get nervous when being watched and, most times, will move on.

An important feature of Neighbourhood Watch is knowing your neighbours and exchanging information about when you, or they, will be away for a few days or longer. It is important to know when a house will be unoccupied.

Please feel free to contact me for more information. You can also visit the Neighbourhood Watch website: <http://www.nhw.wa.gov.au>  
 Bill Walter, 23 Grenadier Drive, 9459 3994 or [corpcredit@bigpond.com](mailto:corpcredit@bigpond.com)

**WORD PLAY**

See if you can figure out what these words have in common.

banana / dresser / grammar / potato / revive / uneven / assess

Answer: For all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.

Submitted by Sandra Wilson

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As part of the Morning Melodies program the Centre will present *Historic Documentaries*, a compilation of short films looking at the Western Australia of yesteryear, Wednesday, 20 June; *Milton Q*, popular Texan pianist and vocalist who previously backed artists such as Merle Haggard and Willie Nelson, Wednesday, 18 July; and the *Spirit of the Streets Choir*, Wednesday, 22 August. Morning tea is served at 10:15 am and performances start at 11:00 am.

The Centre will also host the *Sartory String Quartet*, Friday, 22 June at 8:00 pm; and *Let the Sunshine* by David Williamson, Wednesday, 11 July at 8:00 pm.

For more information and booking you can go to the Gosnells website, [www.gosnells.wa.gov.au](http://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.