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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

25 October 2010

29 November 2010

### SWIMMING POOL BUSY BEE

17 October 2010 at 2:00pm

## NEXT ISSUE

Deadline for the next **Crestwood News** is **3 December 2010**. Please send reports, announcements, notices, ads, articles and photos to Malcolm as early as possible before this date: 24 Coronet Court  
[crestwoodnews@iinet.net.au](mailto:crestwoodnews@iinet.net.au)

## Major Capital Works Project Completed

### Limestone Retaining Walls for Underpass D Now Finished

Our major capital works development for this year has been completed with the construction of the limestone retaining walls on the northern side of Underpass D.

Our gardeners, Grant and Damyn, will be installing the reticulation, planting out the new gardens and sowing grass to complete the works on the bank adjoining the lower walls.

The unusual weather patterns have seen some warmer days of recent times with little rain. I have noticed that some of the parks are showing some dry patches.

Our reticulation will have started by the time you receive this newsletter so our gardens and lawns should recover from any stress they have experienced recently.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> September there was a small fire in the bushland. Thanks to residents near the bushland who managed to extinguish it quickly. I am informed the fire was started by children playing in the area after school.

Parents, if you are aware of your children playing in the actual bushland please caution them about doing so and in particular not to play with matches or other flammable materials. The reasons are twofold. The first is the risk posed to the children themselves, and the second is the possible destruction of native flora.

Hopefully everyone enjoyed, or survived, the Royal Show and school holidays.

The pool will be opening in a couple of weeks so I trust the weather is good and there are plenty of helpers for the busy bee to prepare it for use.

Trevor Davis, President, Crestwood Home Owners Association

## *A Unique Way of Life*

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<b>Canning Vale Police Station</b>			T: 9456 9555
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<b>Police Non-emergency</b>			T: 131 444
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**WELCOME TO CRESTWOOD**

B Greipi & ST Rowe 28 Regency Drive  
Barry & Janet Parker 14 Grenadier Drive

**FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES**

ED & LT Ride 28 Regency Drive  
P & I Yates 14 Grenadier Drive

**Lighting Survey — Results**

Thank you to the 73 households that provided us with feedback regarding park lighting. Of these responses, approximately 50% were in favour of having the lights turned off during the night. The Committee is unwilling to take any definitive action at this stage, as we feel that the number of responses was too few. We are, however, most appreciative of some of the very constructive comments and suggestions provided, and will aim to work through these in the coming months.

Sandra Wilson, Secretary

Recent correspondence from the Committee of the Crestwood Homeowners Association.

## Aesthetics

1. [A residence on Coronet Court] Thank you for your application for building approval accompanied by your plans and building licence from the City of Gosnells. I tabled the application at the committee meeting and your project was approved. We hope that all goes well with the construction of your new double garage which will increase the security and value of your home.

2. [A residence on Grenadier Drive] Thank you for your application to erect a fence on your rear boundary with Park 19. Your fence construction has been approved by the Committee. The open tubular fencing design is preferred to maintain the open appearance of the parks and gardens through Crestwood.

3. [A residence on Grenadier Drive] Thank you for your building application to erect a boundary fence between your garden and Park 21, and the conversion of the existing garage into a bedroom and en suite bathroom. The 1.2m open, painted, picket fence with timber posts and rails complies with the Crestwood fencing policy and has been approved by the Committee.

The proposal to convert the garage into a bedroom and en suite will have little impact on the external appearance of your home. The Committee agrees that aesthetically we would have no objection to the alteration, but your application will have to remain open until we receive copies of the approved plans and the building licence from The City of Gosnells. Once all the documentation is received approval will be confirmed.

4. [A residence on Cavalier Court] Thank you for your application to rebuild half of your boundary wall on park 25 which is leaning towards the park footpath. Your application was approved by the Committee.

The wall leaning over the footpath is considered to be a possible danger to the public. We will request our ground staff to erect a bunting to prevent people getting close to the wall, and ask you to carry out the rebuilding of the wall as soon as possible. We also request that the wall be rebuilt with bricks as close as possible to the same type and colour as the rest of the wall.

John Rushton, Committee Member for Aesthetics

Work on the retaining walls at Underpass D has now been completed. When the reticulation is in place and working and the gardens are planted it, will be a great improvement to the area.

## Parks & Reticulation

Our gardeners have been testing the reticulation system in preparation for the commencement of regular watering. A number of small issues have arisen with valves and sprinklers and they are being fixed. A small amount of fertilizer has been spread on the parks to assist with their recovery from the recent lengthy dry spell. It has been decided that the reticulation schedule will not be altered over the Christmas and New Year period. Residents scheduled to have their properties watered on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of December will have their reticulation as usual.

After taking a walk recently to check on the retaining wall work I noticed that a good number of houses in Grenadier Drive backing onto the park with Regal Drive have bushes and trees that overhang the path at the rear of the homes, in some cases restricting the path to about half its actual width.

All homeowners or occupants are requested to check outside their rear fence and cut any overhanging bushes or trees so that the full width of the path is available for pedestrians.

**NOTE:** In the event this problem is not attended to in a reasonable time frame the occupant will receive a Committee authorised letter from the gardener to remedy the problem. If that letter is not complied with the work will be carried out and the owner or occupant billed for the cost of the work and removal fees.

Trevor Davis, President, Crestwood Homeowners Association

For personal reasons, Barry is unable to continue as the committee person responsible for the pool. We thank Barry for the work he has done for us in the last few months. We are now in need of someone who is willing to take on the pool committee position. Please talk to any current committee member if you are interested.

## Pool

Belgravia Leisure is now responsible for the day to day management of the pool. Please make the new staff welcome when you visit the pool.

The toddler's pool is currently being refurbished. The main task involved is retiling with a dolphin motive at the bottom. We hope to have all work completed for the opening weekend.

VacSwim is scheduled to run from Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2011. VacSwim forms will be available from the pool office. Enrolments may also be made online: type **vacswim** into your search engine to get to the Department of Education site and follow the links. Please remember that this program is available for Crestwood residents only. Enrolments close on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November.

Please note the time of the busy bee (see enclosed leaflet) that is to be held on Sunday Oct 17<sup>th</sup> to help prepare the pool for opening. We'd really appreciate your help in setting things up.

Sandra Wilson, Secretary, Crestwood Homeowners Association

# INCIDENT REPORT

Incidents reported on the Crestwood Estate



The *Comment News* reported a vehicle theft on Princeton Ct in their 24 August issue.

A burglary occurred on Grenadier Dr during the week of 12 September. Entry was made through a closed bathroom window which was pushed in while occupants were at home. A number of valuable items were taken.

A fire was lit in the Crestwood bushland on 20 September. The Fire Brigade was called but was unable to gain entry to the parks since their key did not fit the gate on Ovens Road. Neighbours on Grenadier Drive extinguished the fire using a fire extinguisher and buckets of water. The fire was believed to be lit by school children.

## SCAMS

Every year, Australians lose millions of dollars to the activities of scammers who bombard us with online, mail, door-to-door and telephone scams.

Scams target people of all backgrounds, ages and income levels. Fake lotteries, advance-fee frauds, get-rich quick schemes and miracle health cures are some of the favoured means of separating the unwary from their money. New varieties of these scams appear all the time.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has seen the devastating effects scams can have on people and their families. One of the best ways to combat this kind of fraud is to help you take measures to prevent yourself being caught out in the first place.

If you want to stay on top of scams, visit the ACCC SCAMwatch website ([www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)). This site contains information on dozens of different scams targeting consumers and small businesses, tips on guarding against scams, victim stories from Australian consumers, regular scam alerts and advice on reporting a scam.

### Myth Busters

Busting these common myths will minimise your chances of being scammed.

- ... All companies, businesses and organisations are legitimate because they are approved and monitored by the government. **This is not always true.** While there are rules about setting up and running a business or a company in Australia, scammers can easily pretend to have approval when they don't. Even businesses that do have approval to operate could still try and scam you by acting dishonestly.
- ... All internet websites are legitimate. **This is not always true.** Websites are quite easy and cheap to set up and there are not many checks in place to ensure that a website is legitimate.
- ... There are short cuts to wealth that only a few people know. **This is not always true.** Ask yourself the question: "If someone knew the secret to instant wealth, why would they be telling their secret to others?"
- ... Scams involve large amounts of money. **This is not**

## POLICE WATCH - Thornlie

from the *Comment News*

Break-ins Spencer Rd (2), Burslem Dr, Hume Rd.; motor vehicle theft Culross Ave, Murdoch Rd, Princeton Ct (24 August)

Break-ins Claridge Ct, Nepeta Cl, Storey Rd (2), Yale Rd; motor vehicle theft Dove St, Spelhurst Tce (31 August)

Break-ins Sutherland Dr; motor vehicle theft Yale Rd (7 September)

Break-ins Wilfred Ct, Grenadier Dr, Matthew Way; motor vehicle theft Matthew Way, Sanderling Dr (21 September)

Break-ins Glenbrook Rd, Dorset Pl, Expedition Dr, Juniper Ct, Lester Dr (2) (28 September)

**always true.** Sometimes scammers target a large number of people and try to get a small amount of money from each person.

... Scams are always about money. **This is not always true.** Some scams are aimed at stealing personal information from you.

### Golden Rules

Remember these golden rules to help you beat the scammers.

- ... Always get independent advice if an offer involves money, time or commitment.
- ... There are no guaranteed get-rich-quick schemes. The only people who make money are the scammers.
- ... Do not agree to offers or deals straightaway. If you think you have spotted a great opportunity, insist on time to get independent advice before making a decision.
- ... Do not hand over money or sign anything until you have done your homework and checked the credentials of the company that you are dealing with.
- ... Do not rely on glowing testimonials; find solid evidence of a company's success.
- ... Log directly onto a website that you are interested in rather than clicking on links provided in an email.
- ... Never send money or give credit card or online account details to anyone you do not know and trust.
- ... If you spot a scam or have been scammed, get help. Contact the office of fair trading in your state or territory, the ACCC or the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) for assistance.

Scammers are imaginative and manipulative. They know how to push your buttons to produce the response they want.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has put out a very good booklet entitled **The Little Black Book of SCAMS: Your guide to scams, swindles, rorts and rip-offs**. Commonwealth of Australia, 2008. You should be able to find a copy at the Thornlie Library.





July 2010

FROM THE MINUTES

REPORTS

**Committee Business:**

**Parks and Reticulation:** The quote for Underpass D has been received and accepted with work scheduled to begin after 17 August. Park paths in the area will be closed during the day and there is likely to be some disruption on Grenadier Drive.

Fortnightly testing of the reticulation system is continuing. The question raised at the AGM regarding reticulation over the Christmas / New Year's period will be addressed at the start of the next watering season.

A complaint about children playing in the pepper tree was received approximately two weeks ago.

Information about acquiring exercise equipment for the parks is to be included in the next newsletter, as well as a survey about park lights.

**Pool:** The quote from Vision Ceramic for retiling the toddler's pool has come in at an estimated price of \$7,500. Barry has recommended acceptance of this and agreement has been made to go ahead with the work.

Pool rules are to be discussed with Belgravia staff. The contract with Belgravia has yet to be officially signed. Barry is to check on getting a slow starter for the pool pump.

Information about the new swimming season and applications for pool passes are to be distributed with the next edition of the *Crestwood News*.

Tenants using the pool are to be asked to provide a copy of their lease documents before pool passes will be issued. Passes are to be prepared only for adults listed on the lease agreement and their immediate children living at the property. Barry is to work through changes required to the paperwork.

**Aesthetics:** An email has been received regarding a home for sale and the issue raised has been addressed by Trevor.

**Finance:** Revision of the gardeners salary is to be discussed at the next meeting.

**Social:** No social events have been scheduled and a coordinator is still required.

**General Business:** The City of Gosnells has submitted a proposal about heritage listing the Crestwood Hall. Trevor is to follow up on this.

The question of speeding on the local streets is ongoing.

August 2010

**Committee Business:**

**Parks and Reticulation:** The question of reticulation for Christmas and New Year will be addressed closer to the beginning of the next watering season.

The survey sheets for the park lighting have been returned. The secretary will prepare a summary of the results for inclusion in the next newsletter.

No reticulation problems have been reported.

**Pool:** Problems exist with the toddler pool refurbishment. A number of issues still need addressing with Belgravia. An agreement is yet to be officially signed and a certificate of currency is required. Accounts, however, have been coming in from Belgravia which has raised questions of frequency and timing.

**Aesthetics:** Approvals for a variety of projects have been given, including garage work on Coronet Court, and fence on Grenadier Drive.

**Finance:** The anniversary of the gardener's service will be considered August when he first took over the full-time position. His pay is to be increased by \$1.00 an hour backdated to August. Damyn is to be approached regarding permanent part-time work.

The Multi-Turf billing cycle has changed.

We need to take into account the cost of rates not previously included in the budget. Trevor will check on the possibility of being charged at a lesser rate. Our property is currently being charged at gross rental value even though it is not property which is rentable or saleable.

**General Business:**

The photocopier is no longer functioning and in need of repair. Discussions were held regarding the value of repairing and keeping it, the use made of it and what could replace it. Grant is to be asked to put it out for collection in the general waste pick-up. There are no immediate plans to replace it.

The motorised bike and trail bike riders have been identified. The parents and/or owners are to be notified. Street and verge parking issues have been noted in some areas.

Rubbish bins are being left out well after collection day. A notice is to go in the next newsletter asking people to keep bins hidden from the road and to bring them in promptly after being emptied.

**Visitors Business:** Mike Bernouli is considering the position of Parks and Reticulation. He has lived on the estate for 11 years and will talk to Rob to find out more about what the job entails. There are also some details about eligibility to be considered.



## Security Check Your Home

Crestwood may have been the target of thieves during the months of August and September. One house was burgled while residents were home, and there was some evidence that at least one other home showed signs of tampering when someone attempted to enter. A vehicle was also stolen.

It may be time to check your own home security and examine if any attempt has been made to enter your home by intruders.

**ADRA** On the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of August I again worked as a volunteer collector for ADRA where all collectors are volunteers. ADRA is short for *Adventist Development and Relief Agency*. This year in Crestwood the total I collected was \$470.65. ADRA helps people in Perth, Western Australia and throughout Australia in general and also assists in improving the living standards in most countries in the world. Thank you again to all the kind people who gave a donation or are planning to send one to ADRA via the internet.

Fran Rozendaal

**LOVE IN A SHOEBOX** I would like to thank the residents who have contributed to our *Love in a Shoebox* project. Your contributions are much appreciated. It is not too late to if you would still like to contribute something. If you contact me by 15 October, I can still prepare boxes.

Chris Wynen 9459 8381

**CATS** It appears that cat ownership has recently hit an all time high in Crestwood. Some other residents and I are not happy about this. We chose Crestwood for the bushland and trees, and the fact that it is one of the few safe havens for our native birds in suburbia. Few other developments have so many trees and shrubs to cater for the birds and the bees!

A large longhaired tabby cat has kept me awake at night several times during the night, yowling as it walks past my bedroom window. I know which cat it is since I have been out in the cold morning at 5:30 to chase it away. All cats should be in the house at night.

I have found dead birds in my yard and many signs of cats digging their holes, not a very healthy sign. My garage light flashes on when any cat passes that area to trample over the car. Regrettably, those people who do not respect the rights of others have ruined the image of cats for those who do. Yes, cats are lovely as kittens. They are designed to be extremely appealing when young, but when older tend not to be so personable and live needing an awful lot of space and freedom. They are born wanderers.

My pets are the birds that frequent my birdbath and courtyard. I don't have to feed them. I just enjoy watching them and want them to be safe. I have already put in my submission to the WA Government, endorsing the new cat laws which will see cats sterilised and micro-chipped before they are six months old. In the meantime, however, I am asking that cat owners in Crestwood consider their neighbours and keep their cats under control.

Name and address supplied

**COMMUNITY SPIRIT** As readers of this newsletter, we are all aware that Malcolm puts each issue together, often going to great effort to meet with people to interview them, and source other news items to bring to us. The CHOA Committee are extremely grateful for his tireless efforts to produce a newsletter of high quality and relevance to us.

He has previously written an article in the newsletter about his volunteer work with the Darling Range Wildlife Centre. Some of you may have seen his photo in the *Comment News* recently regarding his plant propagation work at Kings Park. He certainly keeps busy with a variety of interests.

Malcolm has also shown that he is a very caring member of the Crestwood community. Gordon Blake was deeply touched when Malcolm visited recently with a gift of a beautiful potted orchid given in remembrance of Barbara.

I'm sure there are many people in Crestwood who are also examples of our wonderful community spirit. We should all take every opportunity available to get to know the people we live amongst and find the gems waiting to be unearthed.

Written by Sandra Wilson at the request of Gordon Blake

## Rubbish Bins

A reminder to residents on the Estate that under the covenant, rubbish bins must be kept out of sight except on collection day.

This means:

- they should not be stored so as to be visible from the road
- they should not be left on the roadside after collection day.

Some other things to remember:

- ... Bins must be out by 6:30am each collection day.
- ... Bins exceeding 50kg cannot be lifted by the robotic arm vehicles
- ... Recycling bins containing non-recyclables will not be emptied.
- ... Do not leave bins out overnight. Bins must remain on the premises and are non-transferable.

## Crestwood 20s Club Luncheon Cancelled

The normal October outing will not take place this year unless someone else would like to take on the organising. Sorry, but family problems with health and injury have turned me into a full time nurse at the moment. Hopefully things will sort themselves out soon. If anyone would like to arrange a meal out I would be happy to make some suggestions. Just let me know. Margaret Davies – 9459 4115

## Look Out Your Back Gates

It's time again to have a look out your back gates. Some of the areas between the fences and the parks are looking untidy with flourishing weeds getting ready to seed and produce next year's crop.

The area between the fences and the park are the homeowner's responsibility, so please make sure this area is tidy. It not only improves the appearance of your home, but of the Crestwood estate as a whole

# 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

29 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  
10.00 am—12.00 noon

0 years to 6 years old / \$10.00 per term

*Runs during School terms*

Call Ros on 9493 2597

## Social Card Mornings

Join me for a creative morning of card making, a great way to meet people and develop friendships.

**Where:** 24 Princeton Court

**When:** Friday mornings, 10:00 -  
11:30 am during school terms

**Cost:** \$6.00 to cover materials for 2 pre-prepared projects, morning coffee or tea and biscuits.

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



## Belly Dance

Ladies, come and try something different. Have fun and learn how to belly dance. Our friendly group welcomes beginners or experienced dancers.

Come join us. Non-Crestwood residents welcome.  
Cost \$10.00 per class — includes drumming class.

Phone Gillian 9459 9904 or Heather 9452 2427  
for time and location of the class.



# Crestwood Playgroup

There has been much reported in the media recently about the insecurity and loneliness that people feel. In many places neighbours are rarely seen and scarcely spoken to. Anyone at home during the day can feel deserted when others flee their homes for the day. Thankfully, this isn't the case in Crestwood!



With one child much younger than my others, I have found it very refreshing to see and meet with other parents, grandparents, carers and their young children around our neighbourhood. The welcome provided by the playgroup that meets at the hall each Friday morning has been particularly warm and friendly.



Because the playgroup has been operating for a considerable number of years, a good supply of toys and equipment has been built up to allow for a variety of activities to suit preschoolers of all ages. Sharing neighbourhood parks and the pool means that the children often see each other outside of playgroup and have the opportunity to get to know each other well. It is a joy to see their faces light up at the prospect of meeting with their friends to play and experience different activities together.



Having a safe environment for children to play freely also provides parents and carers with the opportunity to relax and enjoy a cuppa and chat whilst the children are busy. Special outings without the children are also really enjoyable, and provide the opportunity to get to know our neighbours better. Hearing from playgroup parents about events and programs that are available in the wider community has also been most useful. The direct experience of others is much more informative than websites and community notice boards!

So, if you have preschool children with you on a Friday morning please feel free to join us at the Crestwood Hall. Grandparents and visitors are most welcome. Full details listed in notices section of the *Crestwood News*.



that meets at the hall each Friday morning has



Submitted by Sandra Wilson of Regency Drive



## To These 8 Well-Deserving Idiots Stand Up and Claim Your Reward

### First Prize:

I am a medical student currently doing a rotation in toxicology at the poison control centre. Today a woman called in very upset because she caught her daughter eating ants. I quickly reassured her that ants are not harmful and there was no need to bring her daughter to the hospital.

She calmed down and at the end of the conversation happened to mention that she gave her daughter some ant poison to eat in order to kill the ants. I told her she had better bring her daughter into the emergency room right away. You win first prize lady. Wear it with pride.

### Second Prize:

Early this year some Boeing employees at an airfield decided to steal a life raft from one of the 747s. They succeeded in getting it out of the plane and home. Shortly after they went for a paddle on the river they noticed a Coast Guard helicopter heading for them. It turned out the chopper was homing in the emergency locator beacon that was activated when raft was inflated. They are no longer employed at Boeing. Enjoy your prize guys. It is well-deserved.

### Third Prize:

A man wanting to rob a Westpac Bank branch in a major city wrote this note: "Put all your munny in this bag". While standing in line waiting to give his note to the teller, he began to worry that someone had seen him write the note and might call the police before he reached the teller's window. So he left the and went across the street to the NAB

After waiting a few minutes in line, he handed his note to the NAB teller. She read it and surmising from the spelling errors that he wasn't the brightest light in the harbour, told him that she could not accept the stickup note since it was written on a Westpac deposit slip and that he would either have to fill out a NAB deposit slip or go back to the Westpac.

Looking somewhat defeated, the man said, "OK", and left the bank. He was arrested a few minutes later while waiting in line back at the Westpac bank. The spelling should be right on this richly deserved third prize.

### Fourth Prize:

A motorist was unknowingly caught by a speed camera that measured his speed and photographed his car. He later received a ticket for \$100.00 along with a photograph of his car.

Instead of sending in the payment, he sent the police a photograph of \$100.00. Several days later he received another photo from the police, this time of handcuffs. He immediately mailed in his \$100.00. Enjoy your fourth prize.

### Fifth Prize:

A guy walked into a shop and demanded all the cash from the register. After the money was put into the bag, the robber saw a bottle of scotch on the shelf behind the counter. He told the cashier to put it into the bag as well, but the cashier refused. "I don't believe you are over 18," she said.

To convince the cashier that he was indeed over 18 he proceeded to take his drivers licence out of his wallet and show it to her. She looked it over, agreed that the man was of age and put the bottle of scotch into the bag. The man then ran from the store.

The cashier promptly called the police, giving the name and address she got off the driver's licence and the man was arrested shortly after.

### Sixth Prize:

A pair of robbers walked into a record shop nervously waving revolvers. One of them shouted, "Nobody move!" When his partner moved, the startled bandit shot him. Maybe this guy doesn't deserved a prize.

### Seventh Prize:

It seems as if a guy wanted some beer pretty badly. He decided that he would just throw a cinder block through a liquor store window and run. He lifted the cinder block, raised it over his head and heaved it at the window. The cinder block bounced back knocking him unconscious. The window was made of plexiglass and the whole incident was caught on CCTV. Another well-deserved award.

### Eighth Prize:

We live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbour call the shire office to request the removal of a kangaroo crossing sign on our road. When asked why he was making the request, he answered, "Too many kangaroos are being hit by cars around here. I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing." Perhaps eighth prize is a little too low for this fellow.

## The Survey

Last month the UN conducted a survey. The only question asked was: **Would you please give your honest opinion about the solutions to food shortage in the rest of the world?**

The survey was a huge failure for the following reasons:

1. In Eastern Europe they didn't know what **honest** meant.
2. In Western Europe they didn't know what **shortage** meant.
3. In Africa they didn't know what **food** meant.
4. In China they didn't know what **opinion** meant.
5. In the Middle East they didn't know what **solution** meant.
6. In South America they didn't know what **please** meant.
7. In the US they didn't know what **the rest of the world** meant.
8. And in Australia they hung up as soon as they heard the Indian accent.

## INSULTS WITH CLASS

1. He had delusions of adequacy - *Walter Kerr*
2. He has all of the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire - *Winston Churchill*
3. I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with pleasure - *Clarence Darrow*
4. Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time in reading it - *Moses Hadas*
5. I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it - *Mark Twain*
6. He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends - *Oscar Wilde*
7. I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here - *Stephen Bishop*
8. He is a self-made man and worships his creator - *John Bright*
9. I've just learned about his illness; let's hope it's nothing trivial - *Irvin S Cobb*
10. He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others - *Samuel Johnson*
11. He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up - *Paul Keating*
12. He loves nature, in spite of what it did to him - *Forrest Tucker*
13. His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork - *Mae West*
14. He had Van Gogh's ear for music - *Billy Wilder*
15. I've had a perfectly wonderful evening, but this wasn't it - *Groucho Marx*
16. He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lampposts, for support rather than illumination - *Andrew Lang*
17. Some cause happiness wherever they go; other whenever they go - *Oscar Wilde*
18. In order to avoid being considered a flirt, she always yielded easily - *Count Tallyrand*
19. Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it? - *Mark Twain*
20. I'm enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play. Bring a friend if you have one - *George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill*



# The Happy Wanderers

Mum and Dad with five babies in tow  
Usually waddle in an orderly row  
But now and then they wander apart  
Until Mum calls and back they dart

Their visits are often wide and far  
We hope they don't get hit by a car  
Everyone's lawn they search for a feed  
The pickings are good, yes indeed

This special family were born near the pool  
Each winter Mum and Dad make it their rule  
To return to Crestwood, a safe place to be  
An amazing event for us all to see

They run the gauntlet every day  
But return home safe, I'm happy to say  
Waddling, wandering they've had a ball  
Every day at three, Grant checks on them all

Mum and Dad never fail to return each year  
A great place for their family, without any fear  
The little ones grow and learn how to fly  
Soon it will be time to say good-bye

October comes and we open the pool gate  
Swimmers return, they are never late  
As they dive and swim in water so cool  
They remember the special family born near the pool

Mother Nature works in a wonderful way  
Protecting our wildlife, come what may  
We wish the babies a long life without fear  
Let's hope the Happy Wanderers return next year

Chris Wynen  
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van Dijk, 9459 8776.

A cleaner for the Crestwood Hall – 1½ to 2 hours once a week. For more information contact Marjan

# Vale

The Crestwood Community was deeply saddened by the death of long-time resident Barbara Blake. Our deepest condolences to her husband, Gordon, and their children Susan, John and Peter and their families.

# Get Well

We all join in wishing Trevor Davies of Regency Drive a speedy recovery from his operation, and to Pat Antonio, also of Regency Drive, a continuing recovery and a quick return to health.



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As part of the Morning Melodies program for Senior's Week, the Centre will present *Something to Sing About* by the Older Women's Network Group on Wednesday, 3 November. Morning tea is served at 10:15 am and performances start at 11:00 am.

The Centre will also host *Aladdin* by the Wembley Theatre Company on Sunday, 10 October at 1:00 pm, *Old Time Music Hall* by Pristine Entertainment on Saturday, 16 October at 8:00 pm and *Driving Miss Daisy* by Alfred Uhry on Thursday, 18 November at 8:00 pm.

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