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Inflatable at the Pool

13 November 2011 - 2 - 5:00 pm

NEXT ISSUE

Deadline for the next **Crestwood News** is **9 December 2011**. 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

Pool Works Nearing Completion

All Will be Ready for the Summer Season

The year has passed quickly again with summer almost upon us, the reticulation season soon to commence and the festive season shortly after.

I am pleased to report everything is going well and our main winter works program in the pool area is nearing completion. The weather caused a slight delay because of the rain.

Naturally, with summer coming we have to set up the pool, and I look forward to seeing a good number of residents helping at the busy bee on 16 October (see page 6). I would like to take the opportunity to thank our former pool committee member, Trevor Veen, for coordinating the busy bee in the absence of Darren who is on holiday with his family.

Our regular winter residents at the pool, the ducks, have once again produced a brood and they have refused to be disturbed by the work carried out there, moving back in each night after work had stopped. Daytime hours found them searching for quieter surrounds, visiting neighbouring yards where they found some tasty morsels hidden amongst the grass of the front lawns and scoffing up bits of bread thrown by residents.

Belgravia staff have begun to clean up debris from the pool area prior to treating the water. This must be done in readiness for the Gosnells City Council health inspection and the subsequent opening of the pool for the season later this month.

While the event will not directly affect our estate, I hope the upcoming CHOGM does not impact too much on everyone, and you are all able to enjoy the public holiday weekend at the end of the month.

Trevor Davis, President, Crestwood Home Owners Association

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COMMUNITY CONTACTS

City of Gosnells	www.gosnells.wa.gov.au	Office Hours	T: 9397 3000
Ranger	(After hours calls will be diverted to a pager service)	All Hours	T: 9397 3000
Graffiti Removal		All Hours	T: 9391 3222
Goodbye Graffiti Hotline			T: 1800 442 255
Thornlie High School			T: 9376 2100
Canning Vale Police Station			T: 9456 9555
Life Threatening Emergencies			T: 000
Police Non-emergency			T: 131 444
Neighbourhood Watch			T: 9493 3311
Crimestoppers			T: 1800 333 000
Join e-WATCH	ewatch@gosnells.wa.gov.au		

Crestwood Committee Meetings

Committee meetings of the Crestwood Homeowners Association for 2011 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.

24 January 2011
28 February
28 March
18 April
23 May
27 June

25 July
29 August
26 September
24 October
28 November
19 December

The Crestwood community offers its deepest sympathies to Evelyn and Brian Tonkin of Regency Drive on the passing of Evelyn's mother, Mrs Marjory Mould.

Vale

The Crestwood community joins in wishing Rob Munn of Grenadier Drive a speedy recovery.

Get Well

Aesthetics

1. [A residence on Coronet Court] Thank you for your letter and application to replace your rear fence onto Park 10. Your correspondence was tabled at the committee meeting of 26 August 2011. There being no objections to your proposal to erect a brushwood fence to screen the lawn part of your garden, leaving the remainder as open tubular fencing, your application was approved.
2. [A residence on Grenadier Drive] Thank you for your letter and application of 30 August 2011 to erect a fence across the open section of your boundary with Park 22. The fence design you are intending to erect, being an open tubular pool fence, does comply with the Crestwood fencing policy, I have contacted the Committee by email and forwarded your application and letter. Having received no negative responses, your project is therefore approved.
3. [A residence on Coronet Court] Thank you for your building application to replace your existing metal frame carport, with a brick storeroom and carport with a Colorbond roof. You have supplied copies of your plans and building licence for the Crestwood files. All of the committee members approve your application and hope that your project goes well.

John Rushton, Committee Member for Aesthetics

With the summer swimming season rapidly approaching, repairs and changes to the pool are taking place. The most obvious one has been the replacement of the old tiles and bull nosing (lip of the pool wall, but don't ask me why they call it that). As I write this, the pool does look like a construction site. I have been assured however, that all will be ready in time for the summer opening. The work has not scared off our resident ducks who return each evening. Less noticeable has been the replacement of the solar heater for the toddler's pool. That is now up and running.

Pool

This year our first aid/life saving equipment has been updated with an automatic external defibrillator (AED). This will be kept in the pool office along with our other rescue equipment. The pool attendants from Belgravia are familiar with the equipment and it's use. Please see the separate article about this device (page 9), which includes links to videos, explanations and demonstrations.

Pool passes are currently being made up. They will be available at the pool from October 22 onwards. If you have yet to complete your application, please do so.

The busy bee to get the pool set for the opening will be held at 2:00 PM Sunday October 16. If you can help it would be very much appreciated. Vacswim enrolments are now open online. Also most parent's should have received an 'old fashioned' paper form from their respective schools. If you wish your children to attend please note that enrolments close on November 9. The Vacswim website is: <http://det.wa.edu.au/curriculumsupport/swimming/detcms/portal/>. Please note: it is not possible to enrol at the pool on the first day of lessons.

Finally, to welcome in the summer we plan to have a large inflatable event at the pool on November 13 from 2 until 5 pm. Barbecues will be available, or pack a picnic. This time, come hell or high water, I will make it across that thing; hopefully.

Darren Colley, Committee Member for the Aquatic Centre

Much time was spent repairing the damage caused by miscreants in the bushland area of the estate (see page 8). The fencing rails in the bushland areas were vandalised on several occasions. Thanks to the careful observation of residents living nearby, the offenders were identified, and after discussions with the Deputy Principal of Thornlie Senior High School, this behaviour has, for now, ceased.

Parks & Reticulation

The parks have all received a light application of fertiliser and the sprinkler system has been checked and modified where required.

As the watering season approaches, it is of the utmost importance that residents check their sprinklers and reticulation systems. Broken pipes and missing sprinkler heads affect the pressure in the system and compromise, not only the offending residence, but the other residences on at the same time and potentially the rest of the estate. A recent test has shown that many houses have problems with their reticulation systems. These problems need to be rectified to allow our watering program to run efficiently.

Delvin is on leave this month to attend his brother's wedding, so some tasks on the estate may take a little longer to be attended to.

Grant Douglas, Crestwood Estate Gardener

INCIDENT REPORT

Incidents reported on the Crestwood Estate

The *Comment News* has reported an incidence of graffiti damage on Regency Drive..



[This information has appeared only sporadically in the *Comment News*]

POLICE WATCH - Thornlie

from the *Comment News*

Break-ins Corriedale Place (2), Greenway Ave, Barlee Close; motor vehicle theft Murdoch Rd (6 September)

Break-ins Lennox Rd (2), Storey Rd, Monarch Ct, Sutherland Dr; motor vehicle theft Monarch Ct; graffiti damage Regency Dr (13 September)

HOLIDAY SECURITY

Avoid break-ins when your house is empty. Try not to advertise the fact that you are away on holiday. Here are some steps you should take to make sure that your home is protected.

- ▶ Notify police of the dates you will be away and the contact details of a key holder.
- ▶ Let your neighbours know when you will be away.
- ▶ Lock all doors and windows securely.
- ▶ Don't leave house keys concealed inside or outside. Leave them with a trusted neighbour or friend.
- ▶ Arrange for Australia Post to hold your mail, redirect your mail, or arrange for a neighbour to collect your mail.
- ▶ Cancel newspaper deliveries. Free newspapers? Get them collected.
- ▶ Consider installing automatic timing devices for lights, radios and televisions.
- ▶ Turn down the ringing volume on your telephone.
- ▶ Arrange for someone to mow your lawn and water your garden.
- ▶ Make sure all vehicles left at home are properly secured.
- ▶ Lock your garden tools and ladders and other items which could be used to gain entry into your home.
- ▶ Engrave all your valuable with your driver's licence number. Engravers can be borrowed from Gosnells District Neighbourhood Watch and libraries.

For more information, call Safe City 9391 6022 or email safecity@gosnells.wa.gov.au

HOME SECURITY CHECKLIST

To make sure that your home is secure, here is a list of items for you to check.

- ▶ Is your house number clearly visible from the road?
- ▶ Is your letterbox secured with a lock?
- ▶ Is your meter box secured with a Western Power approved lock to protect your power supply?
- ▶ Are your trees and shrubs trimmed to eliminate hiding places? Your property should be clearly visible from the road.
- ▶ Have you removed loose objects from your yard so offenders can't use them to break in?
- ▶ Are your gates locked?
- ▶ Is your backyard difficult to access from the front yard?
- ▶ Have movement sensors been installed to front and side lighting?
- ▶ Are sensors placed high enough to avoid easy reach?
- ▶ Is your garden shed/workshop and garage/carport secure?
- ▶ Have security screens been fitted to doors and windows?
- ▶ Do windows have key locks?
- ▶ Are windows and doors locked even when you are home?
- ▶ Can visitors be identified without opening the front door?
- ▶ Are rubbish bins stored away out of sight?
- ▶ Do you have an alarm?
- ▶ Are valuables engraved or marked for identification? Have the serial numbers been recorded?
- ▶ Are you a member of Neighbourhood Watch?
- ▶ Is your house a visual deterrent for burglars?

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REPORTING LITTERERS

Litter can be almost any material that is disposed of incorrectly. It includes cigarette butts, drink bottles or fast food wrappers thrown out of the car window or a load that hasn't been secured properly. Any litter that hasn't been disposed of properly is illegal under the Litter Act 1979.

You can help reduce litter by becoming a Keep Australia Beautiful (WA) registered Litter Reporter and reporting offences to Keep Australia Beautiful WA via the report card system or by logging onto www.kabc.wa.gov.au.

To become a registered Litter Reporter visit the Keep Australia Beautiful (KAB) WA website or fill in a registration

form in the brochure available from your local library. Once you have been appointed as a Litter Reporter you will be allocated an identification number and a kit will be forwarded to you that will include self-addressed report cards.

The completed card can be mailed to the KAB office without a stamp or an envelope. The information you provide is verified by the Department of Transport and will normally result in the issue of an infringement notice to the offender. You may, on rare occasions, be required to attend a Magistrate's court to provide evidence should the offence be disputed.

Taken from the brochure: Keep Australia Beautiful Council (WA), Department of Environment and Conservation

July 2011

FROM THE MINUTES

REPORTS

Committee Business:

Parks and Reticulation:

No repairs or replacements are in sight for the leaning wall behind a property on Cavalier Court. The City of Gosnells advises that it might be some time before any action is taken.

A property audit has been undertaken and a list of problem areas identified. Mike and John are to access which property owners are to receive letters requesting repair or maintenance work. Trevor is to follow up issues relating to the old public access way to Cavalier Court and Coronet Court road access.

Quotes are to be sought for the painting of the underpass ends. A volunteer to obtain such quotes is to be sought though an announcement in the newsletter. Refurbishment of Underpass B is to be done in the next financial year.

Trevor is to follow up with Grant a letter from the Department of Water querying the length of our Sunday sprinkler tests. A bore maintenance schedule has been provided by Roy.

Delvin has been working full time while Grant is on holiday.

Pool: Pool pass applications are ready and are to be distributed with the next newsletter. The schedule has been discussed and is to be given to Belgravia.

Belgravia is to source quotes for tiling the pool surround. We are still waiting quotes for replacement of the heater for the toddler pool. The source of gurgling has still not been isolated. The perished seal is to be replaced.

The purchase or hire of a defibrillator was discussed with a decision made to check on the costing.

Fewer ducks than last year have been seen in the pool area.

Aesthetics: Approval has been provided for a fence on Regency Drive and tree issues on the same street have also been sorted.

Information about the 'new look' benches has been tabled and filed.

Financial: Roy has begun sorting and boxing material for off-site storage. Sandra is to find out what needs to be kept according to the Corporations Act and box old minutes kept in the hall accordingly. All future records are to be kept electronically.

Sensis has acknowledged the new, abbreviated White Pages entry. Bill issues are still to be sorted.

Cash and Carry has made a request for contact information and has indicated that we do not need a Crestwood card. Access and discounts can be obtained by using a RAC card. This retail outlet can be useful when bulk purchasing cleaning supplies.

Grant has had a salary review resulting in an increase rate of pay of \$1.00 and hour starting from the next pay period. Roy is to chase up non-payment of fees.

General Business: Roy is searching for duty statements or job descriptions for committee members which have been produced in the past as this may be useful as a guide for new volunteers.

A list of jobs which residents might volunteer for is to be published in the next edition of the *Crestwood News*.

August 2011

Committee Business:

Parks and Reticulation: Sunday reticulation tests will now be done for a period of five minutes. The bore service is yet to be completed.

New plants have been planted and turf spraying for weeds has been done. Mowing will now be done fortnightly, on Tuesdays. Grant has been asked to pay particular attention to garden areas visible from roads.

A ring lock has been placed in the bushland area. Unfortunately there have already been signs of vandalism. The playground equipment has been repaired.

Graffiti has been removed by the City of Gosnells and the police have been informed.

Pool: Timetable and pool pass applications have now been distributed. Work on pool passes is now in progress. VacSwim forms are to be made available at the pool after opening.

Quotes have been received for tiling around the pool with a decision made to go for the a non-slip edge. Darren is to respond to the Interpave quote.

Service is required on the chlorine closing system. New regulations require that the pump has to be working more often in winter.

Aesthetics: The proposal for a fence at the rear of a property on Coronet Court looks fine.

Financial: The City of Gosnells has requested a Certificate of Currency regarding of public liability insurance.

Accounts have been sent out to those still owing fees. Grant is now receiving his higher salary.

Social: Sandra to follow up on arrangements for Carols in the Park. The date for the inflatable to be at the pool in November is to be sorted and advised in the newsletter. The heater for the toddler pool is to be replaced and Darren is to purchase a defibrillator.

Visitors Business: A volunteer has come forward to gain quotes for the painting work at the ends of the underpasses. The lone visitor to the meeting has expressed concerns over some areas of the park gardens yet to be attended to, as well as the turf weeding and mowing. Bins with the bottoms falling out need replacing, something which is in progress.



City of Gosnells Kidsport

WHAT IS KIDSPORT?

KidSport is a program which makes it possible for Western Australian children to participate in community sport and recreation, no matter what their financial circumstances. It allows eligible youth aged 5 - 18 years to apply for financial assistance to contribute towards club fees. The fees will go directly from the City of Gosnells to the sport and recreation clubs.

ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

To be eligible to receive a KidSport City of Gosnells grant applicants must be resident in the City of Gosnells, aged between 5 - 18 years and have either a Health Care or Pension Concession Card.

A maximum of \$200 per child is available and will cover the cost of fees to join a nominated sport or recreation club. There is no limitation to the number of applications per family. Applicants can only receive funding once each calendar year. Fees are only for the nominated registered season. No retrospective fees will be paid.

APPLICATION FORMS

Application forms can be found on the City of Gosnells website:

<http://www.gosnells.wa.gov.au/upload/gosnells/D4BD7F3358E3498DBF3FB37678B9006B.pdf>

For further information you can contact the Leisure Services Admin Officer on 9397 3111.

Reticulation Time to Check Your Pipes and Sprinklers

Early tests run on the reticulation system have shown there are a number of properties which have broken pipes and missing sprinkler heads. It is impossible to determine the correct pressure for your property and the other properties watered at the same time unless these problems are fixed.

Please check that your reticulation system is in order and ready for the summer watering regime. Fix all broken pipes and replace broken or missing sprinkler heads. The Sunday tests are run fortnightly for five minutes. This should give you enough time to identify any problems.

Promotion eWatch

To assist in keeping the community informed of what is happening in your area **eWATCH** is running a promotion to encourage new members to join.

Anyone who is currently a member of **eWATCH** has the chance during the months of October and November to enter a prize draw for one (1) of two (2) \$100 gift vouchers. What you have to do is encourage a friend or neighbour within the City of Gosnells to join eWatch.

Pass your **eWATCH** email on to your friends and neighbours within the City of Gosnells. They can register by clicking on the link and filling out the registration form. Ask them to put your name in the comments section.

If you are not already a member of **eWATCH**, you can join by clicking on the following link: <http://www.gosnells.wa.gov.au/scripts/utilities/formdesigner.asp?NID=6680>.

Safe City, City of Gosnells, 9391 6022

2011 – 2012 VacSwim Classes at Crestwood

VacSwim classes at the Crestwood pool will be run this year from Monday, 9 January to Friday 20 January 2012. The cost is \$10.00 per student and those enrolling have to be 5 years of age or older. Enrolments close on 9 November, 2011.

You should enrol online at: www.det.wa.edu.au/swimming. Just follow the appropriate links. You can also enrol your child by using the enrolment forms available at his or her school. It is also planned to have enrolment forms available at the pool office once the pool is opened, but it is best to enrol as soon as possible via the website or using the forms available at school.

Luncheon Cancelled Crestwood 20s Club

My apologies to all members of the club, but I am unable to arrange a spring outing and lunch in the next few months due to personal and family responsibilities.

If anyone would like to make arrangements for an outing this time, I would be happy to pass on any contact information you might need. If not, we will have something around April or May of next year. Sorry, but life is a bit hectic at the moment.

Margaret Davies.

Old, Derelict, Unwanted Cars Recycling is Available

Turn what used to be your pride and joy but, over time, has become rusty scrap metal, into an asset. Old cars can be recycled.

Complaints have been made to the Crestwood Homeowners Committee about cars that have been parked for months, and sometimes years, in driveways or on the road verge. These become increasingly unsightly as they rust and deteriorate. Their owners may be reluctant to get rid of them because of the perceived expense of having them removed. This need not be the case.

Cars, and other large items such as caravans, metal boats, air conditioners, lawn mowing machinery, gym equipment, bikes, white goods and more can be picked up for free and recycled for cash.

One of the companies which does this is Sims Metal, but if you check the Yellow Pages or do an internet search, you will be able to find others. You can have a look at the Sims Metal website: <http://www.scrapmetal.com.au>, or contact them on 1800 727 276. This is the company that one of our Crestwood residents has used in the past and found satisfactory.

Submitted by Frank Keays and expanded by the Editor

Swimming Pool Busy Bee

Sunday, 16 October 2011 at 2:00 pm

Come and help set up the pool for the Summer season. We need people to put up the shade sails, pull the lounges out from storage, check the barbecue, prepare the toddler pool and in general tidy up after the winter shut down. The more people who come the sooner the job will be finished. An hour of your time is all that is needed.

Crestwood Hall Hire

NOTICES

SOCIAL

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

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

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

Commercial (for-profit events or those charging an entry fee) — \$25.00 per hour to a maximum of \$100.00 – 8am - 5pm
A \$300 bond applies to all bookings made by homeowners and \$500 to those bookings made by tenants. A minimum cleaning charge of \$150 will be taken from the bond if the hall is not cleaned to a satisfactory standard.

Hall hire does not include access to the pool area. For children's parties there is a minimum adult supervision requirement.

To book or obtain further information call Marjan: 9459 8776



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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.

graffiti & Vandalism



Crestwood came under attack from two sides during August and September. A number of individuals working on the same day made their way through the estate spraying graffiti on walls and bins. A second group, this time high school students, entered the bushland on at least four occasions, determined to destroy the rails along the walkway, eventually succeeding in this mindless task.



The police were notified about the graffiti incidents and have been able to identify the tags. The Deputy Principal at Thornlie Senior High School was notified about the incidents in the bush.

Other areas of concern are the stealing or vandalising of sprinkler heads in the park and the breaking of street lights. Residents are asked to keep an eye out and if witnessing any incidents of anti-social behaviour, to call the police on 13 14 44 and report it immediately.

Grant, the Crestwood gardener, has noted the incidents of vandalism. These are detailed below.

- **1 August** — Paving brick used to break park light near the High School.
- **10 August** — Missile used to break park light near High School.
- **17 August** — Four fence rails broken in bushland.
- **16 August** (ca 1:30 am; seen by resident) — Eleven properties and infrastructure targeted by graffiti vandals; police report made.
- **19 August** (ca midday) — Fencing repairs completed in bushland; (2:30 pm) another fence rail broken.
- **25 August** — Seven fence rails broken in bushland; Five Thornlie High School students seen in the area; school notified.
- **29 August** — Sprinklers removed and discarded on Regency Drive strip near bushland.
- **15 September** — Seven fence rails broken by Thornlie HS students; seen by resident; school notified and report made.

Cost of materials so far to repair bushland: \$392.00

GRAFFITI — THE TRUE COST TO THE COMMUNITY

Graffiti lowers the quality of life in our community. Marking another person's property with a symbol - tagging - without their consent is vandalism.

Over and above the ever increasing expense of removing graffiti, there is the cost of insurance, policing and punishing offenders through the criminal justice system. Graffiti reduces public confidence by increasing the perception and fear of crime.

Graffiti and the Law

- It is an offence to sell a graffiti implement (and this includes spray paint, pens or marker pens) to a person under the age of 18.
- The penalty is a maximum fine of \$6,000 for a first offence and a maximum fine of \$12,000 for a subsequent offence.
- Possessing an item with the intention to use it to cause graffiti damage is punishable with a \$6,000 fine.
- A graffiti vandal faces up to two years imprisonment and a \$24,000 fine.

The City will remove graffiti from its own assets and, under certain conditions, from private property provided a waiver has been accepted and signed.

Removing Graffiti

It is not always easy to remove graffiti. Ideally, graffiti removal should be tackled with 24 hours when it is generally easier to remove.

Painting out graffiti may be the most efficient and cost effective option. Remember, you can always check with your local paint shop for advice on graffiti removal.

To ask for Graffiti removal within the City of Gosnells, call us on 9397 3000.

Protect Your Property

There are a few measures which may deter graffiti vandals.

- Use fast growing vines or spiky plants like Bougainvillea along fences and walls.
- Install sprinkler systems in garden beds near potential targets set to start during times premises are unoccupied.
- Give some thought to the type of material used in fences and walls such as darker paint colours, textured fence panels and rippled surfaces.
- Use anti-graffiti coating in high-risk areas as this makes for easier removal.
- Maintain your property. Poorly maintained property attracts graffiti.
- Use security lighting.

The City's Response

The City of Gosnells has a zero tolerance to graffiti. In simple terms, we will always take action against it.

We have an anti-graffiti team that removes graffiti as soon as possible after notification. We particularly abhor racist or offensive graffiti which is removed immediately we are allowed access to it, after police enquires have been made.

The City works in partnership with police to identify and prosecute graffiti vandals.

Reporting Graffiti

Graffiti is a criminal offence and should be reported to police. If you have any information on who may be responsible for graffiti you can report this to Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000. You can remain anonymous.

Report all graffiti on your property to police on 13 14 14. For removal of graffiti within the City of Gosnells call 9397 3000 (all hours).

To report graffiti on state assets such as railway stations call 1800 442 255 or go to goodbye graffiti.wa.gov.au.

Taken from: City of Gosnells, *Safe City, Together Against Graffiti* brochure

I am a Crestwood homeowner who is getting increasingly annoyed about cats nearby using the sandy patches down the side of my house as a 'toilet'.

Cats also wait under my birdbath for a chance to catch the unwary native bird, and they have been very successful. When cleaning the leaves from the top of my pergola I came across a veritable 'killing fields'. All that remained of various birds were the few abandoned feathers the cats had left behind. Dogs have to be controlled on leads with their litter picked up. Why do cats get away with roaming free to foul other peoples' yards?

The State Minister for Local Government, John Castrilli, has introduced cat control legislation into parliament. It provides a legislative framework requiring domestic cats to be registered, microchipped and sterilised.

But I would ask Crestwood residents to not wait for such legislation to be enacted before taking some action to control your cats. Crestwood has the potential to provide a safe haven for local native birds that have lost their habitat over the years. This potential cannot be reached if you let your cats run free.

Name and Address Supplied

Proposed Cat Legislation

In Western Australia, thousands of cats are euthanized each year. Unwanted cats have a large impact on the community and natural environment, causing nuisance and damage to property and killing local wildlife.

The State Government is committed to reducing the number of unwanted cats and in June 2011 introduced the Cat Bill 2011 into Parliament.

The development of this Bill follows extensive public consultation. In July 2010, a consultation paper seeking feedback on the proposed legislation was released.

During the consultation period, 599 submissions were received with 84% of respondents supporting the introduction of all three key elements proposed in the consultation paper:

- ... Compulsory identification through micro-chipping
- ... Compulsory registration, and
- ... Compulsory sterilisation.

While research indicates that legislation will not resolve all problems associated with cats, it will provide the mechanism to:

- ... Encourage responsible cat ownership;
- ... Reduce the number of unwanted cats being bred;
- ... Allow for cats found in a public place or on private property to be seized; and
- ... Allow for reuniting of lost cats with their owners.

The WA Cat Bill 2011 can be viewed by visiting the following website:

<http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/web/newwebparl.nsf/iframewebpages/Bills+-+Current>

SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST

Ever seen a cardiac arrest on a TV show or the movies? They're usually pretty spectacular, lots of excitement and drama, paddles on the chest, nurses and doctors yelling incomprehensible medical jargon. Then the patient gets an electric shock which nearly zaps them out of bed.

As a cardiac nurse I can say from experience that in real life they don't jump that much. Still it makes for good drama. Did you know though, that a significant number of cardiac arrests occur outside of hospitals? It's estimated that up to 33,000 people die every year in Australia from a condition called Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA)¹. While a heart attack is in many cases the underlying cause of the problem, it's not the only one. In fact many people who experience a cardiac arrest have no symptoms beforehand.

A cardiac arrest is a situation whereby the normal electrical activity of the heart is disturbed. This results in the heart being unable to pump blood. The person becomes unconscious due to lack of blood flow to the brain. If the situation is not rectified quickly, serious brain injury and/or death will follow. Prompt and effective CPR is essential, but in many instances the patient requires 'defibrillation'. That is the technical term for the delivery of a pre-determined electric shock. When the cause of the cardiac arrest is a potentially lethal arrhythmia (disturbance of the heart rhythm), this shock acts to terminate the arrhythmia and give the heart a chance to restart a normal rhythm. The sooner it's done the better the chance of a successful outcome.

Medical technology has come a long way. The old bulky

'paddle style' defibrillators have now given way to highly compact computerised models. Furthermore, completely automated systems, designed to be used by people who are non-medically trained, are now commonplace. They are to be found in airports, sports arenas and train stations. Called Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) these machines are now considered a standard part of first aid and life saving equipment.

I'm telling you all this because Crestwood pool will have an AED from the beginning of this summer season. It will be located in the office at the pool, and the attendants from Belgravia will be familiar with its use. Pool users are also encouraged to familiarise themselves with the machine. The machine is very simple and safe to use. The user is guided by both visual and voice prompts and, as you can see from the picture, it only has 2 buttons. If you would like to see a video demonstrating its use then you can go to this link on the web:

http://www.defibtech.com.au/downloads_videos.html

In an ideal world it would be nice to think we would never need equipment such as this. However, should it be necessary, the pool is now equipped to deal with a potentially life threatening situation.

Submitted by Darren Colley

¹ The Cardiac Arrest Survival Foundation (CASF), <http://cardiacarrest.org.au/home>; viewed September 20, 2011



Blondes

1. Two blondes were going to Disneyland. They were driving on the interstate highway when they saw a sign saying "Disneyland Left". They started crying and turned around and went home.
2. Two blondes living in Perth were sitting on a bench talking and one blonde says to the other, "Which do you think is further away, Sydney or the moon?" "Helooooooooo!", replies the other blonde. "Can you see Sydney?"
3. A blonde pushes her BMW into the petrol station. She tells the mechanic, "It died". After he works on it for a few minutes it is idling smoothly. "The blonde asks, "What was the story?" "Just crap in the carburettor," the mechanic answers. "How often do I have to do that?" she asks.
4. A police officer stops a blonde for speeding and politely asks if he can see her licence. "I wish you guys would get your act together", she replies in a huff. "Just yesterday you take away my licence and today you expect me to show it to you!"
5. There's this blonde out for a walk. She comes to a river and sees another blonde on the other side. "Yoo-hoo", she shouts. "How do I get to the other side?" "You are on the other side," comes the reply.
6. A gorgeous young redhead goes into the doctor's surgery and says that her body hurts wherever she touches it. "Impossible," says the doctor. "Show me." The redhead took her finger, pushed on her left shoulder and screamed. Then she pushed her elbow and screamed. She did the same with her ankle and knee. Wherever she pushed, she screamed. The doctor said, "You're not really a redhead, are you?" "No," replied the woman. "I'm actually a blonde." "I thought so," said the doctor. "Your finger is broken."
7. A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the freeway. Glancing at the car he was astounded to see that the blonde behind the wheel was knitting. Realising that she was oblivious to his siren and flashing lights, he yelled, "Pull over." "No," replied the blonde, "It's a scarf."
8. A Russian, an American and a blonde were talking one day. "The Russian said, "We were the first in space." The American says, "We were the first on the moon." The blonde says, "So what, we're going to be the first on the sun." The Russian and the American looked at each other and shook their heads. "You can't land on the sun, you idiot," the Russian said. "You'll burn up." The blonde replied, "We're not stupid, you know. We're going at night."
9. A blonde was playing trivial pursuit one night when it came her turn. She rolled the dice and landed on 'Science and Nature'. Her question was, "If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?" She thought for a time and then asked, "Is it on or off?"
10. A woman was visiting her blonde friend who had just acquired two dogs and asked what their names were. The blonde responded by saying that one was named Rolex and the other was Timex. Her friend said, "Who ever heard of naming dogs like that?" "Helooooooooo!", said the blonde. "They are watch dogs."

Curtain Rods

On the first day after the divorce became final, she sadly packed her belongings into boxes and suitcases. On the second day she had the movers come and collect her things. On the third day she sat down at her beautiful dining room table and feasted on a half a kilo of prawns and a jar of caviar. When she finished, she went into every room and deposited a few prawns dipped in caviar into the hollow centre of the curtain rods. She then cleaned up the kitchen and left.

On the fourth day her ex-husband came back with his new girlfriend and at first everything was blissful. Then slowly the house began to smell. They tried everything. Vents were checked for dead rodents and the carpets were steam cleaned. They even called in the exterminators and had the house fumigated. Nothing worked.

People stopped coming to visit. Repairmen refused to work in the house. The maid quit. Finally they couldn't take the stench any longer and felt they had to move, but even after cutting their price in half, they couldn't find a buyer for such a stinky house. Word got out and eventually even the local realtors refused to return their calls. Finally, unable to wait any longer, they had to borrow a huge sum of money to purchase a new place.

Then the ex-wife called her former husband and asked how things were going. He told her the saga of the rotting house. She listened. Politely, and said how she missed her old place and would be willing to reduce her divorce settlement in exchange for the house.

Knowing she could have no idea how bad the smell was, he agreed to sell the house for one tenth of what it was worth if only she would sign the papers that very day. She agreed, and within two hours the lawyers had the completed paperwork.

A week later the ex-husband and his girlfriend stood smiling as they watched the moving company pack everything and take it to their new home. And to spite his ex-wife, he even took the curtain rods!

Humour

Disorder in the Court

More Excerpts from Court Records

Attorney: Now, doctor, is it true that when a person dies in his sleep he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

Witness: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

Attorney: Were you present when your picture was taken?

Witness: You must be joking.

Attorney: Can you describe the individual?

Witness: He was about medium height and had a beard.

Attorney: Was this a male or female?

Witness: Unless the circus was in town, I'm going with male.

Attorney: All of your responses must be oral. OK, what school did you go to?

Witness: Oral.

Attorney: How was your first marriage terminated?

Witness: By death.

Attorney: And by whose death was it terminated?

Witness: Take a guess.

Attorney: Are you sexually active?

Witness: No, I just lie there.

Attorney: The youngest son, the 20 year old, how old is he?

Witness: He is 20, just like your IQ.

Philosophies of Life

1. My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.
2. I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.
3. I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
4. Don't take life too seriously. No one gets out alive.
5. You're just jealous because the voices talk only to me.
6. I'm not a complete idiot. Some parts are still missing.
7. Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.
8. Ever stop to think and then forget to start again?
9. Being over the hill is much better than being under it.
10. Wrinkled was not one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up.
11. I have degree in Liberal Arts. Do you want fries with that?
12. Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.
13. Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!
14. Ham and eggs: a days work for a chicken; a lifetime commitment for a pig.
15. I smile because I don't know what the hell is going on.

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Christmas at Crestwood

Santa in the Park Sunday 18 December 2011



5:00 – 5:30 Look our for Santa driving through the parks.
 5:30 – 6:15 Santa arrives at the main park in front of the pool to hand out gifts.
 6:15 – 7:00 BYO picnic in the park (barbecues available)

Santa has asked that the value of gifts be kept below \$20.00 per child. These should be delivered to 21 Princeton Court by 17 December with the name of the child clearly marked.

Carols in the Park 18 December 2011

Sunday 7:00 – 9:00



The Thornlie Church of Christ choir will entertain us. Meet at the main park in front of the pool.

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Don Russell Performing Arts Centre

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

As part of the Morning Melodies program the Centre will present *The Best of Broadway*, featuring songs from smash hit Broadway and West End musicals, Wednesday, 19 October; *Nice and Easy*, a vaudeville inspired comedy trio who combine impersonations with song and dance, Wednesday, 9 November; and *Silver Threads Band*, presenting a Big Band, festive season concert, Wednesday, 7 December. Morning tea is served at 10:15 am and performances start at 11:00 am.

The Centre will also host *Afrique Acoustic*, Saturday, 22 October at 8:00 pm and *Menopause The Musical* on Saturday, 5 November at 8:00 pm.

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