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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Swimming Pool Busy Bee**  
14 October 2012, 2pm (see p. 6)
- Personal Security Presentation**  
31 October 2012, 6pm (see p. 6)
- Carols in the Park**  
16 December 2012, 7pm (see p. 6)

## NEXT ISSUE

Deadline for the next **Crestwood News** is **7 December 2012**. Please send reports, announcements, notices, ads, articles and photos to Malcolm as early as possible before this date: 24 Coronet Court  
[crestwoodnews@iinet.net.au](mailto:crestwoodnews@iinet.net.au)

## Watering Again An Issue

### Drier Winters May Dictate Future Decisions

**H**ello everyone. I hope you have all managed to survive winter without succumbing to the flu or any other seasonal health problems.

By the time you receive this issue of the newsletter you will probably be aware that our part-time gardener, Delvin, is no longer with us. He finished up on the long weekend. The Committee has placed ads seeking a new part-time gardener and hopefully we will have selected a replacement soon after you receive the newsletter.

Rich has the parks looking good, helped no doubt by the recent rains. Our own gardens have also fared well. Weeds seemed to have had a bumper year in my yard.

The reticulation season will start mid to late October. You would have received the timetable last week. On that subject, the start and finish times will be the same you have had for the past few years. I am not sure whether we have explained before why this is the case. Basically, the computer control system that we have now does not allow us the flexibility to change the station timings. The previous control system did have that flexibility but when it broke down there was no similar system available to the Committee at that time.

The reticulation will operate every second night this season with a short fortnightly test Sunday mornings. Our gardener, Rich, has recommended to the committee that we should consider reducing the number of nights we water at the beginning and end of the season to two nights, but water for a few minutes longer.

The committee is considering this recommendation for the 2013/2014 summer. This proposal, if progressed, would result in longer watering times on two nights to allow more water to soak into the soil and encourage plants and lawns to sink deeper roots. The overall effect would be more drought resistant plants with only a few minutes less water to each home. Instead of 45 minutes water (3 x 15 minutes) it would be 40 minutes (2 x 20 minutes). In the generally hotter three months in the middle of the season there would be three watering nights.

There will be more discussion about this proposal during the year. Obviously, the continuing drier winters are of concern with lowering of the watertable from where we draw our water for the reticulation.

Finally, enjoy the next couple of months before the festive season is upon us all again.

Trevor Davis, President, Crestwood Homeowners Association

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<b>Graffiti Removal</b>		All Hours T: 9391 3222
<b>Goodbye Graffiti Hotline</b>	Contact Crimestoppers	T: 1800 333 000
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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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<b>Join e-WATCH</b>	ewatch@gosnells.wa.gov.au	

**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

Helen Kinder, 13 Grenadier Drive

**R**ecent correspondence from the Committee of the Crestwood Homeowners Association.

## Aesthetics

1. [A residence on Regency Drive] Thank you for your building application to erect a new patio at the back of your home. We have received your application, site plan, drawings and specifications all approved by The City of Gosnells.

The application has been approved by the Crestwood committee, and we hope all goes well with your project which will not only improve the value of your property but give you a new outdoor area to enjoy,

2. [A residence on Spencer Road] Thank you for your building application which is complete with plans, specifications and engineering design. Your application has been approved by the Crestwood committee and we hope that all goes well with the implementation of your project

John Rushton, Committee Member for Aesthetics

**T**he rain is tumbling down outside as I type this, so it seems inconceivable that we are less than a month away from the opening of the pool. Hopefully before October 20 the weather will warm up a bit.

## Pool

At the moment the pool seems quiet enough, but behind the scenes it is steadily being readied for use. Every year at this time our water quality and chlorine levels need to be tested, and equipment checked and serviced where necessary. This is in addition to routine cleaning and maintenance. The toddlers pool has been refilled, and our pumps have been switched to run for 24 hours a day. In winter we run them less to save power. As is usual, we will be inspected by the City of Gosnells Health Department to ensure that we meet all the health and safety requirements. Only when this has been completed will we be allowed to open. There will also be the usual busy bee to get the pool ready on Sunday, October 14, at 2pm. If you can come down and help for an hour it would make a big difference.

One recent change to the hall has been the installation of air conditioning. This will hopefully make the hall a more attractive proposition for function hire during the summer. It should be remembered, however, that booking the hall does not automatically give one the right to pool access for a party or function. If you wish to do this, please contact me to discuss arrangements. Permission can be given if the numbers involved are not too great, and the usage will not duly impact on other pool users. Also please note that, in respect to children, strict adult to child ratios apply at all times.

As usual pool passes can be collected from the attendant once the pool opens. If you have yet to send in your pool pass application, please do so.

Darren Colley, Committee Member for the Aquatic Centre

**Park trees:** During the previous months a circle has been created around the base of the park trees. These areas have now been mulched to make them more attractive and retard the growth of weeds. Edging will continue at the perimeters as well as the spraying of weeds that may pop up through the mulch. We will continue to edge around the valve boxes and service pits which are within the park lawns.

## Parks & Reticulation

**Turf:** In September we had a contractor come to the Estate to core the park lawns. This process breaks up the surface allowing air and water to reach the roots, a vital part of turf management. In the following weeks we will be applying wetting agents and organic liquid fertilizers to the park lawns. The wetting agent will assist the water to penetrate deep to the root zone keeping them cool, whereas the organic fertilizers will stimulate root growth, improve soil structure and will provide a complete balance of nutrients for optimum health, colour and increased vigour.

**Mowing:** We have asked the mowing contractors to raise their mowing blades to 35 mm during Spring and to gradually increase the height to 45 mm which is the optimum height for Kikuyu lawn during the summer. This will greatly reduce evaporation and will assist in combating weed infestations.

**Reticulation:** Leading up to Spring we have paid particular attention to the parks' reticulation and valves prior to commissioning the system. During this process it was found that there were a number of faulty valves, gear drive sprinklers and broken pipes, all of which have been repaired and or replaced in readiness for the summer onslaught. It is important that regular checks are carried out to ensure that the system is running efficiently to avoid any major problems. With this in mind we will be conducting a weekly run test of the parks irrigation on Tuesdays. Ross Hand from State Wide Irrigation has been carrying out preventative maintenance to Bore 3 which will soon be commissioned.

**Park blower:** For a while now we have been experiencing problems with the blower which blows down the paths after mowing. After considering the ongoing expense associated with repairing a seven year old piece of equipment, the Committee has decided to replace it. In November Crestwood will receive delivery of the new blower, far more powerful than the previous one.

**Park lights:** All the park lights are now operated by a (PE) system of photovoltaic cells making them come on and off under natural light conditions. If residents notice any lights that are not working could you please call the gardener at any time on 0417 713 213.

**Pool gardens:** Red and white petunia seedlings have recently been planted in the pool area. They should be in full bloom for Christmas.

**Native Bushland:** A number of Crestwood residents have volunteered their time and efforts to help bring the Estate's bushland into a respectable condition. Due to its previous neglect, progress will be slow, though with the volunteers' efforts so far, the effect is quite noticeable.

**Part time gardener:** Our previous part time gardener, Delvin, has now moved on and the Committee is in the process of finding a replacement.

Richard Sangwin, Crestwood Estate Gardener and Mike Bernoulli, Committee Member for Parks and Reticulation

# INCIDENT REPORT

Incidents reported on the Crestwood Estate

eWatch reported a robbery on Regency Drive during the week of 2 September.



## POLICE WATCH - Thornlie from eWatch

**July 27 - August 2:** The mounted police were in Thornlie again this week. We have been receiving a lot of calls about youths on unlicensed trail bikes. Several of these youths have been caught and charged with various offences.

A house in O'Dell Street was burgled during the afternoon on Friday, 27 July. The resident was home periodically and may have left the door unlocked. Three youths had been seen earlier vandalising some fresh cement, however, no one was seen at the house.

Police were shutting down a party in Whiteman Street Friday night after complaints from neighbours. The occupants took exception to police seizing the stereo and attempted to assault the officers. One officer used his TASER to keep the crowd at bay and two people were arrested for various offences.

A house in Yale Rd was left unlocked during the day on Saturday, 28 July, allowing thieves to walk in and steal computer equipment. Unfortunately no one was seen in the area.

On Tuesday, July 31, a shed in McNamara Drive had the padlock cut off, allowing thieves to steal some garden machinery. This has become a trend in Thornlie.

**August 3 - August 9:** During the day on Friday, August 3, an attempt was made to break into a house in Carakine Gr. The security on the windows and doors prevented the thieves getting in, however, no one was seen in the area.

During the early hours of the morning on Monday, August 6, a sporting club on Berehaven Dr was broken into. The alarm was set off and police were in the area within minutes causing the offenders to drop the items they had stolen and run off.

On Tuesday, August 7, an attempt was made to break into a house in Tawny Way. A window was smashed but thieves didn't get in. Instead they stole a lawnmower.

A resident at home in Hampton Court during the day on Thursday, August 9, left the front door unlocked, allowing thieves to walk in and steal a handbag from the table.

Thornlie has seen an increase in the number of cars being broken into during the night. Generally the cars are parked on the road or verge, so if possible, park your cars in the garage or driveway, and as always, if you see anyone walking around in the middle of the night acting suspiciously, call police on 131444.

**August 24- August 30:** Three burglaries in Thornlie this week. During the day on Friday, August 24, a house in Berehaven Ave had a window left open, allowing thieves to get in and steal computer equipment.

On Sunday, August 26, thieves smashed a window at the front of a house in Merino Court to break in and steal computer equipment. Forensic evidence has been recovered and is being analysed.

During the day on Tuesday, August 28, a male offender was seen stealing a motor bike from a house in Bardwell Street. He was wearing a blue helmet so the neighbour who saw him could not give much of a description.

During the day on Friday, August 24, a female passenger on a bus in Thornlie became abusive and was told to leave the bus. The passenger, who was drunk, refused and started to wrestle the lady bus driver who received some scratches on her arms. Transport Security arrested the passenger, who then began to spit at people. A 46 year old woman from Armadale was arrested and charged with two counts of assault and will appear in Armadale Magistrates Court on September 13.

During the night on Saturday, August 25, reports were received of drunks walking in Bluegum Rd damaging property. Police located two 17 year old youths, one from Maddington and one from Thornlie. They both became aggressive and abusive and were arrested. They were both charged with Criminal Damage and Obstructing Police.

**August 31 - September 6:** A busy week in Thornlie with five burglaries and a few vehicles stolen as well. There were burglaries in Regency Drive, Debenham Street, Pitta Place, and O'Dell Street. During the evening on Tuesday, September 4, there was a number of vehicles being broken into at Leisureworld and Thornlie Square Shopping Centre car park. Unfortunately no one was seen breaking into the cars and no reports of suspicious behaviour were received. This is a common factor with cars being stolen this week, from car parks at Lakers Tavern, Spencer Village Shopping Centre, and Swan TAFE on Burslem Drive.

**September 13- September 20:** Thornlie has really spiked in the last week with a wide range of crime. This indicates to us there is someone new to the area, or someone visiting. There were 12 burglaries in Thornlie in the last week. Some of these we know are the same people, others we suspect who was responsible. The burglaries were in Matthew Way, two in Elvington Way, Warton Rd, Crown Crt, two in Lester Drive, two in Constantine Crt, Fairset St, Merino Crt, and Murdoch Rd.

Of particular concern were two street robberies. During the night on Saturday, September 15, a person was walking on Yale Rd when he was assaulted by two youths demanding his phone. The second robbery was near the river at the end of Albrecht Place during the evening on Monday, September 19. Two people were by the river when a man and a woman approached them and demanded money and their bags.

## Counterfeit Banknotes

Recently there has been an increase in the number of counterfeit bank notes being passed. Australian bank notes are fairly advanced and have several features to check, however, many people aren't aware of them. These features include a clear window, use of a special plastic, a see-through star that is only complete when held up to the light, and several printing features. With increases in technology, especially home computers and the internet, people are increasingly able to produce quite convincing copies made from plastic so they have some features of a real note, such as a see-through window and a plastic feel, but not all.

Perhaps the easiest one to check is the see-through window. Not only is it see-through, it will have the southern cross printed inside and will also have the value of the note embossed, such as "50" for a \$50 note. Most of the counterfeit notes have had a

window and the southern cross, but not the embossing. It is simply a matter of looking at the window to check it has the amount embossed; if it doesn't it is fake. The note we have found to be copied most often is the \$50, so please check when you get them.

It's not all bad news though. Recently a woman tried to pass a counterfeit note to a taxi driver who had probably been sucked in once too often, who reported this to Canning Vale police. Our officers tracked down and arrested the woman and subsequently searched an address in Canning Vale where a lot of evidence was found suggesting fake notes were being produced there. A lot of equipment was seized, along with some stolen EFTPOS machines, credit card and identity documents. The woman was charged with three counts of fraud, three counts of receiving stolen property, and after Canning Vale Police liaised with the Australian Federal Police, she is now being investigated for identity theft, counterfeiting and a range of offences associated with those charges.

from eWatch



**Committee Business:**

**Parks and Reticulation:** Letters have gone out to 42 homeowners regarding work that needs doing at the rear of their properties.

A quote for cleaning and repair of the buildings at the pool has been received and accepted with work to proceed.

Richard, the Crestwood gardener, attended the meeting as a visitor to outline his plans for the parks. While it is desirable to disperse the wetting agent via the bores, this system may have to wait until next year for implementation. A quote has been received from Elliot's Irrigation, but more detail is to be sought before a decision can be made. For the current year, as an interim measure, manual dosing is to take place using hired equipment if necessary. Coring of the parks is to be undertaken by a contractor before the wetting agent is applied.

Establishment of a footpath at the Ovens Road entrance is to be undertaken. Ross Hand is to be asked to complete maintenance work on the bores with flow charts for the other bores to possibly be requested.

**Pool:** The schedule for the approaching season is to go out with the newsletter along with the pool pass applications. A busy bee to set up the pool is scheduled for 14 October and VacSwim is confirmed for January 2013. There are no maintenance issues of note.

**Social:** George Putland is to be approached about organising Carols in the Park. The preferred date is 16 December.

**General Business:** A charity function to raise money for Cambodia is go ahead free of charge on 20 October.

Moped riding through the parks has been reported to the Ranger services and follow-up has occurred.

**Visitors' Business:** One of the visitors has suggested products and ideas that could be used to enhance the electronic security of the Estate. This information will be emailed to the president for further discussion.

**August 2012****Committee Business:**

**Parks and Reticulation:** A reticulation timetable is to be prepared using the same times as last year and this is to be mailed out to residents before the season starts. Changes to the watering times cannot be made without rewiring of the system.

Richard, attending the meeting as a visitor, outlined the quotes received for work to be carried out on Bore 3 and how they compared with each other.

Candace is to get drawings done for the Committee regarding development of Underpass B.

**Pool:** The pool passes are ready and to be given to Daphne in preparation for distribution. The busy bee to open to pool is set for 14 October.

**Aesthetics:** Approvals have been obtained for work in progress at a Spencer Road property. Discussions were held about what can be done to encourage improvement at the rear of the property where the leaning wall was removed. John is to visit the owner to discuss possibilities.

**Finance:** The treasurer's report with a revised budget was presented to the committee. Further steps are to be taken in an attempt to recoup outstanding fees for a property on Grenadier Drive, and HFM legal has sent out a letter to a property on Regency Drive regarding outstanding fees.

**General Business:** Information about security is to be forwarded to all committee members. The products which have so far been suggested still appear difficult to use at entrances to the parks due to problems of securing and accessing cameras. Connect Security is to be asked to look at Camera 4 which currently is not working.

## New Secretary Required

In the time that I have been secretary for Crestwood I have enjoyed the privilege of working alongside a wonderful team of generous and resourceful people. I've also enjoyed getting to know many more Crestwood residents than I might otherwise have done. You have all been very patient with me as I have learnt about what the job entails and tried to fulfil the position as best I could amongst a myriad of other roles.

I confess that I have been struggling to juggle all that I need to and want to achieve, and so have decided that I will not stand for renomination for the position of secretary at the next AGM in May 2013. When I took on the position I thought I'd have plenty of time and energy to take on a new challenge. This is no longer the case and I now feel the need to focus more on my family and home.

I greatly appreciate the support and encouragement that has been given to me by the Crestwood community and hope that the same will be shown to the person who takes on the position of secretary next year. Please feel free to chat with me if you are interested in finding out more about what our Crestwood secretary's role entails.

Sandra Wilson, Secretary, Crestwood Homeowners Association

## 2012 – 2013 Crestwood Homeowners Fees

Under **Option B**, the 3<sup>rd</sup> instalment of \$415.00 is payable by **31<sup>st</sup> December 2012**. If you missed the 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment on 30<sup>th</sup> September, this should be paid immediately.

You can pay your fees to our Treasurer, Roy Malone, 116 Regency Dr. If you have any queries, contact Roy at his home on 9459 4364 after 7pm.

## Swimming Pool Busy Bee

Sunday, 14 October 2012 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 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.

## Knock and Run

Some Crestwood residents are again being disturbed by this teenage prank. One or two people in a group knocks on a door or rings a bell just after dark, then the group hides nearby to see what happens. What happens is easy to guess; the resident opens the door and no one is there.

As mentioned in the Crestwood News of November-December 2011, there are many people living in Crestwood who are elderly or who live alone, and such actions are far from amusing. It can very disturbing to think someone is watching your house or targeting you in some way.

It is probable that the people acting in the way live on the Crestwood estate. If you are one of these people, we ask you to stop out of consideration for your fellow residents. If you are parents and one of your children is acting in this way, please ask them to stop.

If you are concerned about this behaviour, or if you suspect your house is being targeted to see if anyone is home, call the police on 13 14 44 immediately after the occurrence. If several incidents are reported as occurring on the same day, the police may consider it suspicious behaviour and initiate patrols to locate the youths

## Editor Wanted Crestwood News

After producing 33 issues over the span of five and a half years, the editor of the Crestwood News would like to hand responsibility for bringing out the newsletter over to someone else in the community.

Familiarity with Microsoft Publisher, used until now to produce the newsletters, would be a basic requirement, although other programs may also be used. Please contact the current editor (see Contacts, page 2) if you would like further information.

## Carols in the Park

Christmas at Crestwood is scheduled for Sunday, 16 December, and will be held, as usual, in the park near the pool. Santa usually begins his rounds at 5:00 pm and carol singing begins at 7:00pm. More information will be available in the next issue of the Crestwood News, however, most of you will receive that issue just a day or so before the event.

**FOCUS  
CAMBODIA**  
**CRESTWOOD HALL**  
**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October**  
**10am - 4pm**



Watch for our flyer in your letterbox in October

[www.focuscambodia.org](http://www.focuscambodia.org)

## Restoration of the Bushland

The Crestwood bushland is now being restored by a dedicated group of volunteers. During the cleanup it was found that some children have been involved in the building of cubbies, something which has involved the cutting of live branches from trees and shrubs. This, clearly, does the bushland no good and is not what was intended when this area was set aside as a reserve.

While not everyone has the time or inclination to help in the restoration, could we ask that those residents living in the vicinity of the bushland keep an eye out for anyone disturbing this area, and in particular, cutting trees or shrubs. If you see any behaviour such as this, please ring the Ranger on 9397 3000 to report it.

## New Secretary Needed

After serving nobly for over five years, our current Secretary, Sandra Wilson, has announced that she will not be standing for re-election at the coming AGM in May.

Crestwood will need a new secretary. This announcement has been placed early so that those in the community can give some thought to whether they would be willing to serve in this position for a term of two years (see page 5).

## Presentation Personal Security & Scams

The City of Gosnells, together with WA Police and Consumer Affairs, is holding a presentation for residents. The session will focus on personal safety in the home as well as when you are out and about. You will also find out how to avoid scams and learn some simple tips that will help protect you. Light refreshments will be provided and all residents who attend will receive a free personal panic alarm, lanyard for keys and a variety of other crime prevention information.

**Date:** Wednesday, 31 October 2012

**Time:** 6:00pm - 7:15pm

**Venue:** Don Russel Performing Arts Centre

**Cost:** Free. **RSVP:** Safe City on 9391 6022 or [safecity@gosnells.wa.gov.au](mailto:safecity@gosnells.wa.gov.au) by Monday 15 October 2012

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

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

We meet on Friday mornings at the Crestwood Hall  
10.00 am—12.00 noon  
0 years to 6 years old / \$10.00 per term

*Runs during School terms*  
Call Saskia on 0409 649 358

## 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.



# Restoring the Bushland

The call to restore the bushland attracted seven volunteers who met for the first time on 9 September to have a look at this long-neglected area of Crestwood. This was an initial meeting to determine what needed to be done and how it was to be accomplished. There was agreement that, as far as possible, the bush should be allowed to regenerate by itself, and this meant cutting and removing as much of the exotic weeds and grasses that we could.

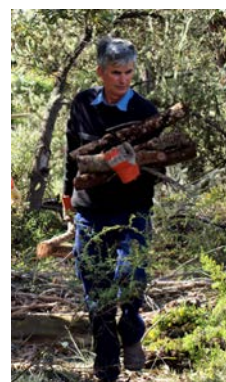
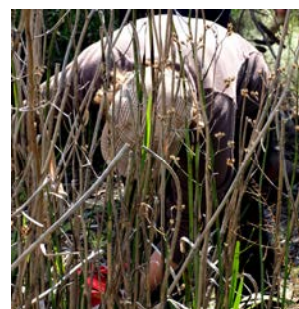
Over the years, and as a result of the fire that was lit a few years ago, some of the smaller trees had fallen and the taller trees had shed some of their larger branches. Mindful that fallen trunks could provide a habitat for native animals, we decided to remove unsightly smaller branches while leaving the trunks in place on the ground.

Our first working day was on Saturday, 22 September,

and in under two hours five volunteers managed to accumulate an impressive pile of branches and bags of weeds and grasses. Two skips were ordered for 26 September, and these were then loaded by five volunteers and removed for green waste recycling the following week.

The photos here show the bushland before after and during the cleanup. There is still much to do, especially in the removal weeds and introduced grasses, but a start has been made and the bushland is already looking better. Thank you to the volunteers who have taken the time to help: Kathrina, Margaret, Olga, George, Paul, and Bill.

*Text by the Editor*





# Jasmine

Jasmine came to us from home care when she was just ten months old. She was rescued from the pouch of her mother, killed at the roadside, and raised as the only joey in the household. While she did mix marginally with the others joeys at Darling Range, one of the wildlife shelters in Perth, she clearly preferred the company of humans. When cleaning out the feeding enclosures, Jasmine was there, to the side of you, or in front, and more dangerously at the back where you had to be careful not to step on her tail or feet. If you bent over she would rub noses with you, or even have a nibble at your hat, and a little tummy rub or scratch never went astray.

Jasmine was a late riser, and when you walked in the door of the joey house you could be sure that one of the pouches hanging from the wooden bar would have her eagerly peeking out of the top, waiting for the comfort that came from a human touch. A gentle reminder that it was time to get up would only animate her more as she struggled to get her feet in position so she could tumble herself out. A little lift from the bottom to help her along seemed well appreciated.

When it came time for the first bottle of the day, Jasmine would step back from the fray; no pushing and shoving, or trying to knock the teat out of the mouth of an already-feeding joey. She would politely wait her turn, knowing it would always come.

One day Jasmine became Jasman thanks to the loss of her collar and another replaced by an orthographically-challenged volunteer. But she took it all in stride and was just as good natured as before the replacement.

Jasmine made the little clicking noises that all joeys made when they were particularly content, but she also made a low, guttural noise to tell you she was not happy. For a joey in the pouch, that sound would be a warning to get your hand out of the pouch before you got nipped, but for Jasmine it was

only heard when you stepped out of the enclosure, closed the gate behind you and left her alone. She was telling you she wanted to come along and she would follow along the fence calling with the same sound until you disappeared out of sight.

On one occasion I succumb to that longing sound and let Jasmine follow me up

to one of the large empty enclosures where I would be planting trees. I took one step to Jasmine's two hops. I stopped, and so did she. I carried the marri seedlings in a wheelbarrow along with a spade and the various other dressings needed to settle a seedling comfortably into the hard clay soil. I dug, and Jasmine watched. I bent down to place the seedlings into the hole, and Jasmine would stare intently from a position near my elbow. When time came to plant the last tree, I lay the seedling on the ground, widened the hole with a trowel, and went to pick it up again only to find that Jasmine had decided the young marri leaves made a very tempting treat. It was the only time we had a difference of opinion in what was a very enjoyable morning.

It will soon be a year since Jasmine first joined us. She has moved with the other joeys to ever larger enclosures and will soon be up in the enclosure where we planted the trees. From there it will be on to a soft release, somewhere in the southwest of Western Australia. Although still strongly independent, she mixes comfortably with the other joeys at the shelter, a much anticipated and needed adjustment in her transition to the wild.

*Text by the Editor*



WILDLIFE

FEATURES

## Creamy Olive Sauce

### Ingredients

- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1 hard-boiled egg, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup chopped, stuffed olives
- 1 tbs chopped chives
- 1/2 tps paprika
- salt and freshly ground pepper

### Method

Mix all ingredients together and use as a dip for prawns, crisp vegetable sticks, potato chips or corn chips.

## Dipping Sauces for Prawns



### Ingredients

- 2 tbs tomato sauce
- 1/2 cup thickened cream
- 1 tps prepared horseradish
- 1 tps sugar
- 2 tps lemon juice
- 1 tbs finely chopped red pepper or canned pimento
- salt and freshly ground pepper

### Method

Mix all ingredients together until well combined.

*From: Australia the Beautiful Cookbook*

## Pink Cocktail Sauce

RECIPES

FEATURES

## Hello Operator

### Actual Call Centre Conversations

#### Business call:

I've been calling 0700 1800 for three days now and can't get through. Can you Help?

Where did you get that number sir?

It's on the door or your business.

Sir, those are the hours we are open.

#### Samsung Electronics:

Can you give me telephone number for Jack?

I'm sorry sir, I don't know who you are talking about.

On page 1 of the Users Guide it clearly states that I need to unplug the fax machine from the AC wall socket and telephone Jack before cleaning. Now, can you give me the number for Jack?

#### RAC Motoring Services:

1. Does your European Breakdown Policy cover me when I am in Australia?

Does the policy name give you a clue?

2. If I register my car in France and then take it to England, do I have to change the steering wheel to the other side of the car?

Only if you are left-handed.

#### Directory Inquiries:

1. I'd like the number of the Argo Fish Bar, please.

I'm sorry, but we have no listing for a business by that name. Are you sure you have the spelling correct?

Well, it used to be called the Bargo Fish Bar, but the B fell off.

2. I'm looking for a knitwear company named Woven.

"Woven?" Are you sure?

Yes, that's what it says on the label. "Woven in Scotland".

3. Have you got a number for the local hospital?

Have you got a pen and paper handy?

Hold on.

*There are sounds of man breathing heavily in the phone booth.*

Very funny. I'm terminating this call, you pervert.

Wait. I haven't got a pen, so I'm steaming up the window in the phone booth to write on.

#### Technical Support:

1. I need you to right click on the Open Desktop.

OK. — Did you get a pop-up menu?

No. — OK, right click again. Now do you see a pop-up menu?

No. — Ok, sir, can you tell me what you have done up to this point?

You told me to write "click" so I wrote "click".

2. On the bottom of your screen, can you see the OK button displayed?

Wow! How can you see my screen from there?

## More Puns

1. Be kind to your dentist. He has fillings too.
2. Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.
3. I dropped the communism class because of lousy Marx.
4. I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
5. What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? — A thesaurus.
6. I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.
7. Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.
8. They told me that I had type A blood, but it turned out to be a type O.
9. Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!
10. England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

# Humour

## Entry to Heaven

A priest dies and is waiting in line at the Pearly Gates. Ahead of him is a guy who's dressed in sunglasses, a loud shirt, leather jacket and jeans.

Saint Peter addresses this cool guy, "Who are you, so that I may know whether or not to admit you to the Kingdom of Heaven?"

The guy replies, "I'm Jack, retired airline pilot from Sydney."

Saint Peter consults his list. He smiles and says to the pilot, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom." The pilot goes into Heaven with his robe and staff.

Next, it's the priest's turn. He stands erect and booms out, "I am Father Bob, pastor of Saint Mary's for the last 43 years."

Saint Peter consults his list. He says to the priest, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom."

"Just a minute," says the good father. "That man was a pilot and he gets a silken robe and golden staff and I get only cotton and wood. How can this be?"

"Up here we go by results," says Saint Peter. "When you preached, people slept. When he flew, people prayed."

## Three Pints of Guinness

Patrick walks into a bar in Dublin. He orders three pints of Guinness and sits in the corner of the room drinking a sip out of each in turn. When he has finished all three, he goes back to the bar and orders three more.

The barman says, "You know a beer goes flat soon after I pull it. Your pint would taste better if you ordered one at a time."

Patrick replies, "Well now, I have two brothers, one is in America and the other is in Australia, and here am I in Dublin. When we all left home, we promised that we would drink this way to remember the times we would all drink together." The barman admits that this is a nice custom and says no more.

One day Patrick comes in and orders just two pints. All the other regulars in the bar notice this and fall silent. When he goes back to the bar for a second round the barman says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your great loss."

Patrick looks confused for a moment. Then the penny drops and he starts to laugh. "Oh, no," he says, "everyone is fine. It's me. I've quit drinking!"

## Where is God?

Two little boys, aged eight and 10 are excessively mischievous. They are always getting into trouble and their parents know if any mischief occurs in their town, the two boys are probably involved. The boys' mother heard that a preacher in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The preacher agreed, but he asked to see them individually.

The mother sent the eight year old in the morning with the older boy to see the preacher in the afternoon. The preacher, a huge man with a deep, booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Do you know where God is, son?"

The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there wide-eyed. The preacher then repeated the question in an even sterner tone. "Where is God?" Again, the boy made no attempt to answer. The preacher raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "Where is God!"

The boy screamed, bolted from the room, ran directly home, and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother found him in the closet he asked, "What happened?" The younger boy, gasping for breath, replied, "We are in big trouble this time. God is missing and they think we did it!"

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