



# The Cranbrook Newsletter



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## Australia Day

About 80 people were welcomed to the Cranbrook Sporting Club to enjoy a typical Australia Day breakfast together by the Club President, Mrs Bernie Climie on Monday 26th January.

Reading the words of Dorothea MacKeller's poem ***I Love A Sunburnt Country***, and the singing of the National Anthem reminded us, that all who live in Australia from those of us in small rural communities such as Cranbrook to the larger cities, must continue to build on the foundation to make it the wonderful country that we should be proud to celebrate.

Bernie then spoke about the Shire of Cranbrook's Centenary which celebrates the formation of the Shire in 1926. The town of Cranbrook celebrated 100 years in 1994, the town being formally 'gazetted' in 1894.



In the Foreword written in the Shire's History book ***Frankland to the Stirlings***, by the late Mrs Ev Devine, she wrote "*Those intrepid pioneers who ventured into the unknown inland have to be admired. From all walks of life they came to make the district the solid productive district we are now proud to call home.*"

In the early days, Cranbrook was part of the Plantagenet Roads Board. They steadily continued in their efforts to maintain its very large area. In 1924, there was a public meeting held regarding succession from the Plantagenet Road Board with about 40 people attending from within the district. A local district 'road board propaganda committee' was formed with HG Egerton-Warburton as the Chair and Wilton O'Neill the Secretary.

A circular was sent out detailing the amount of revenue that could be raised and the costs, using Tambellup as an example. This committee urged the ratepayers to say 'Yes', Two years later the districts which had been part of the Plantagenet Roads Board, Cranbrook, Frankland River, Tenterden and Tunney, became the Cranbrook Roads Board, consisting of 6 separate Wards. These were represented by WT Betts, SE Stubber, AJ Toovey, N Davis, JM Woulfe, GK Brown, H Mengler, with JM Woulfe the first Chairman and Wilton O'Neill the Secretary. Hawley Gardiner started work with the Road Board on the first day. In 1960, the Road Board became the Shire of Cranbrook under the terms of the new Local Government Act.

In 1926, within the districts of Cranbrook, Tenterden, Frankland River, Gordon River, Kybelup and Tunney there were 167 households, 118 farms and following the opening of the railway in the late 1890's, small businesses developed. There continue to be descendants from families of that era who live and farm within the Shire - Toovey, Gillam, Egerton-Warburton, Climie, Wornum, Parsons, Kleemann, Morgan, Haynes, Higgins, Pope, Williamson, Herbert, Eades, Brown, Lawrence, Weller, Marshall to name just a few.

Throughout 2026, there will be many opportunities to celebrate our Shire of Cranbrook Centenary, alongside the City of Albany as they celebrate their Bi-Centenary and the development in the 200 years since the brig *Amity* arrived with Major Lockyer in 1826 to set up the first colony on the western seaboard.



**SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2026**

**10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Frederick Square - Cranbrook**

- Showbags & market stalls
- Giant slides
- Earth Parenting activities
- Dog jumping competition
- Live music
- Mechanical whale ride
- Family Farmers Challenge
- Obstacle courses
- Competitions for all ages



## Where will you find ...

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Cranbrook Primary School  
P&C invites you to

**BREAKFAST @ THE BROOK**

JOIN US FOR  
BREAKFAST  
WITH THE  
SCHOOL  
FAMILY

CRANBROOK  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL  
P & C

**07:30 AM**  
**19 FEB, 2026**

Location - Cranbrook Primary School gardens  
More details to come



World Day of Prayer 2026

Focus on **Nigeria**



<b>Date</b>	<b>Friday 6th March</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Baptist Church</b>
<b>Address</b>	<b>Cranbrook</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>9.30 Morning Tea 10am Service</b>
<b>Contact</b>	<b>Michelle Preston 0448 660 606</b>

Keep an eye out for news about the  
**Black Dog Ride**  
through the Great Southern, riding  
into  
Cranbrook on Sunday 15th March.

Let's give them all a great Cranbrook  
welcome and support a fantastic  
Cause.



# RENEWABLE ENERGY FORUM

MYTHBUSTERING

SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO REGISTER:



EVENT DETAILS

## 26 FEB

START FROM 9.00AM-  
2.30PM

CRANBROOK  
SPORTING CLUB

OR GO TO:  
[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOK  
ING.COM/DISFG](https://www.trybooking.com/disfg)



Supporting Your Community  
Community Bank  
Tambellup Cranbrook



## RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

# What WA Growers Need to Know

### Why This Matters

WA's push for renewable energy (RE) is creating new opportunities for growers but also new risks. With landowners being approached to host RE projects, it's vital to make informed decisions that protect your land, business, and community.

### Key considerations

#### Financial Considerations

- **Get expert advice:** Engage independent lawyers, ag consultants, and accountants with RE experience – ideally with costs covered by proponents. Discuss lease terms, legal and accounting costs, and project-related expenses.
- **Assess viability carefully:** Understand long-term profitability.
- **Payment models:**
  - **Flat fee** – typically around \$40,000 per turbine per year.
  - **Profit share** – higher potential returns, but greater risk and reliance on transparent reporting.
- **Land use impacts:** Excluding 10 ha from farming could cost around \$15,450 over five years (based on high rainfall zone benchmarks).
- **Negotiation matters:** Don't rush into exclusivity agreements. Understand lease terms and future implications. Collective bargaining where landholders negotiate together can deliver fairer, more consistent outcomes and stronger negotiating power.

#### Respect for Farming Operations and community

- **Insist on integration:** RE projects should complement, not disrupt, your existing agricultural activities.
- **Push for fairness:** Ensure neighbours are fairly compensated.
- **Demand transparency:** Proponents should maintain open communication throughout the project lifecycle.

#### Environmental Impact

- **Request thorough assessments:** Ensure environmental studies are done and mitigation plans are in place.
- **Protect your land:** Avoid vegetation clearing and interference with natural watercourses.

#### Before signing

Renewable energy can offer real benefits but only if projects are well-managed and aligned with your farming goals. Seek independent professional advice, understand the long-term commitments, and ensure all terms are clearly defined. Take your time, ask questions, and seek independent advice.

## RENEWABLE ENERGY FORUM

### SCAN HERE FOR A PRE-FORUM SURVEY

SHARE YOUR QUESTIONS OR TOPICS OF INTEREST ANONYMOUSLY TO HELP GUIDE FORUM DISCUSSIONS AND HIGHLIGHT KEY COMMUNITY PRIORITIES.

OR VISIT:  
[HTTPS://WWW.MENTI.COM/ALD9TVQF58ED](https://www.menti.com/ALD9TVQF58ED)



## FARMANCO RENEWABLE ENERGY

### Podcast Series

#### EPIISODE 1



#### Why renewables are knocking on WA farm gates

With Farmanco's Kelly Ryan (Project Manager) and grower, Mark Fowler.

#### EPIISODE 2



#### Are renewable energy projects worth it for WA growers?

With Farmanco's Greg Easton (Farm Management Consultant) and icubed Consulting Senior Associate, Fraser MacMillan.

#### EPIISODE 3



#### How regional communities can stay ahead of the renewable energy curve

With Vin Fordham-Lamont (CEO, Shire of West Arthur) and Karen Harrington (Shire of West Arthur, Deputy Shire President).



## SHIRE SNAPSHOT

Phone: 9826 1008

Email: [admin@cranbrook.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin@cranbrook.wa.gov.au)

Website: [www.cranbrook.wa.gov.au](http://www.cranbrook.wa.gov.au)

### SHIRE OPENING HOURS

8.30 AM — 4.00 PM

Monday—Friday



### Department of **Transport**

Did you know that the Shire of Cranbrook is a licensing agent for the Department of Transport, as such we are not permitted to take licensing enquiries over the phone.

If you are attending the administration office to complete licensing duties please ensure you come prepared. The best way to make sure you have everything you require for your enquiry is to jump onto the Department of Transport website before hand and familiarise yourself with what your particular enquiry may need.

If you come prepared with the correct ID requirements and information it will streamline the time you spend within the admin office. Please note that our staff have to follow the directions and regulations set upon us from the Department of Transport.

If you are unable to come into the Shire of Cranbrook Administration Office for your licensing enquiry you must contact the Department of Transport on 13 11 56.

## PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

**31/10/2025 TO 15/02/2026**

**(all dates inclusive)**

Only protective burning can be carried out during the Prohibited Burning time and under the following conditions:

1. No burning permitted on Christmas Day (25 December).
2. All burning must be carried out between the hours of 5.00pm and midnight of the same day.
3. All conditions of Restricted Burning Period must be complied with.
4. A permit to burn must be obtained.

### DRIVING TESTS

**\*\*\*BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL\*\*\***

*The Shire of Cranbrook endeavours to hold Practical Driving Assessments for our locals only.*

The Practical Driving Assessor will next be in Cranbrook on **19/02/2026** between **1.30pm & 2.30pm.**

To enquire or make a booking please contact the Department of Transport on 13 11 56 or present to the Shire Administration Office.

### Waste Facility Sites - Opening Times

#### Cranbrook

Monday and Thursday 7.30 am - 11.30 am

Friday and Sunday 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm

#### Frankland River

Monday and Thursday 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Friday and Sunday 7.30 am - 11.30 am

#### TYRES

To dispose of old tyres at the sites you will need to purchase prepaid vouchers from the Shire Administration Office in Cranbrook or the Frankland River CRC.

### Recycling Kerbside Collection

**2 & 16 February 2026**



The third instalment (4 instalment option) for your 2025/26 Rates is due on 5 February 2026. Late payments will accrue interest.

For any Rates Enquiries please contact our Executive Assistant Renee on 9826 1008.

## SHIRE SNAPSHOT

### The Regional Showerhead Swap is back! Have you made the swap yet?

You can exchange up to two of your old showerheads (per household) for new water-efficient WELS 4-star rated models for free! Simply bring your old showerhead(s) to the Shire's Admin Office with a copy of your recent water bill, or Waterwise letter from Water Corporation.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Around 22% of total household water is used in the shower alone. The type of showerhead you use makes a big difference. By switching to a waterwise showerhead, you can be more sustainable and save up to 20,000 litres of water each year.

For more information on the shower head swap program or to see other locations in the Great Southern, visit the Water Corporation website.



## Important Information Before You Pay Your Rates

Every Rates Notice comes with its own unique BPAY Reference Number – and it's essential you use the correct one when making a payment.

⚡ If you don't, your payment may not be applied to the correct property... what does that mean?

🌟 That means you could be charged interest on what appears to be an 'unpaid' Rates Notice – even if you've already paid!

✅ What to do:

- ✓ Check your Rates Notice
- ✓ Use the unique BPAY Reference provided
- ✓ Pay each Rates Notice separately via BPAY
- ✓ Avoid unnecessary fees or confusion

Stay on top of your payments – double-check before you pay! 💼

🕒 Paying your rates after the due date means interest will accrue daily on any overdue amount – so it pays to be prompt.

## SHIRE SNAPSHOT

# Sign up to our Emergency Services SMS Alert Register.

Receive important notifications  
for our community.



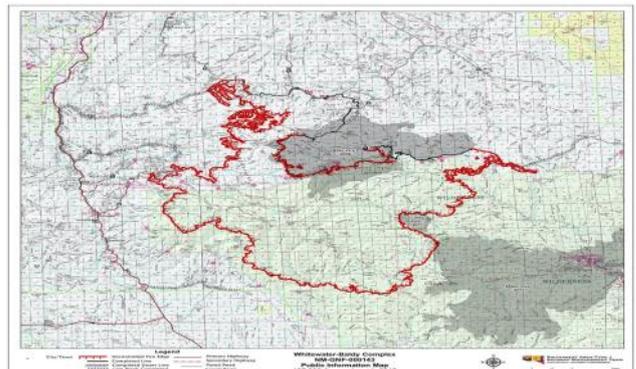
For more information or to register contact the Shire Administration Office on 9826 1008.

## HOW TO PREPARE FOR SNAKE SEASON

- Take care in bushland and grassy areas.
- Walk and/or cycle in cleared areas only, where you can see the ground.
- When bushwalking, wear long trousers and boots or other enclosed footwear that preferably cover the ankles.
- Keep a watchful eye on the ground about a metre ahead of where you are walking, and avoid entering areas of long grass, rushes and undergrowth.
- Around your home remove long grass and items lying on the ground such as corrugated iron, which may provide cover for snakes.
- Reduce mice numbers around the house
- Make your house and property less attractive to snakes. Remove any debris or woodpiles, cut back long grass and shrubbery, remove leaf litter and block any holes around the outside of your house that may look like a safe spot to hide.

## Fire Maps - For Sale

The updated Shire of Cranbrook Fire Maps and Index are available for purchase in hard copy from the Shire Administration Office and Frankland River Community Centre for \$27 – if you have already purchased a map and would like a copy of the index please contact the Shire Office on 98261008 or



## SHIRE SNAPSHOT



# Celebrating the Shire of Cranbrook's 100<sup>th</sup> Year 1926 - 2026

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY 2026

In celebration of the Shire of Cranbrook's 100 year of separation from the Plantagenet Road Board we are offering all Shire of Cranbrook sporting clubs and community groups a \$300 contribution towards annual events that are regularly sponsored by the Shire

OR

If your club or group are looking at holding a new event, or a one off event during 2026, this is an opportunity for you.

Naming and promoting of your event would incorporate  
***"Celebration of 100 Years of the Shire of Cranbrook"***

For expressions of Interest please contact Jenny Cristinelli,  
Community Development Manager, [jenny.cristinelli@cranbrook.wa.gov.au](mailto:jenny.cristinelli@cranbrook.wa.gov.au)  
or 98261008

## SHIRE SNAPSHOT



### Keeping Kids Safe Workshop

Presented by Kidsafe WA

#### What is this workshop about?

The Keeping Kids Safe Workshop discusses common injuries to children and how to keep kids injury free at home, during play and on the road. This session provides practical steps on how to reduce the risk of injuries covering topics such as poisoning, falls, burns and scalds, electricity safety, child car restraint use and driveway safety.

#### Who is this workshop for?

Parents, grandparents, carers, and anyone interested in child safety!

#### Where and When?

Frankland River Playgroup, Frankland River CRC  
9.30am - 11am, Wednesday 25 February 2026

Cranbrook Playgroup, Mare Bears, Cranbrook Community Hub  
9.30am - 11am, Friday 27 February 2026

#### RSVP

Please register your interest by emailing Lauren Lehmann  
lauren.lehmann@cranbrook.wa.gov.au or calling 9826 1008.

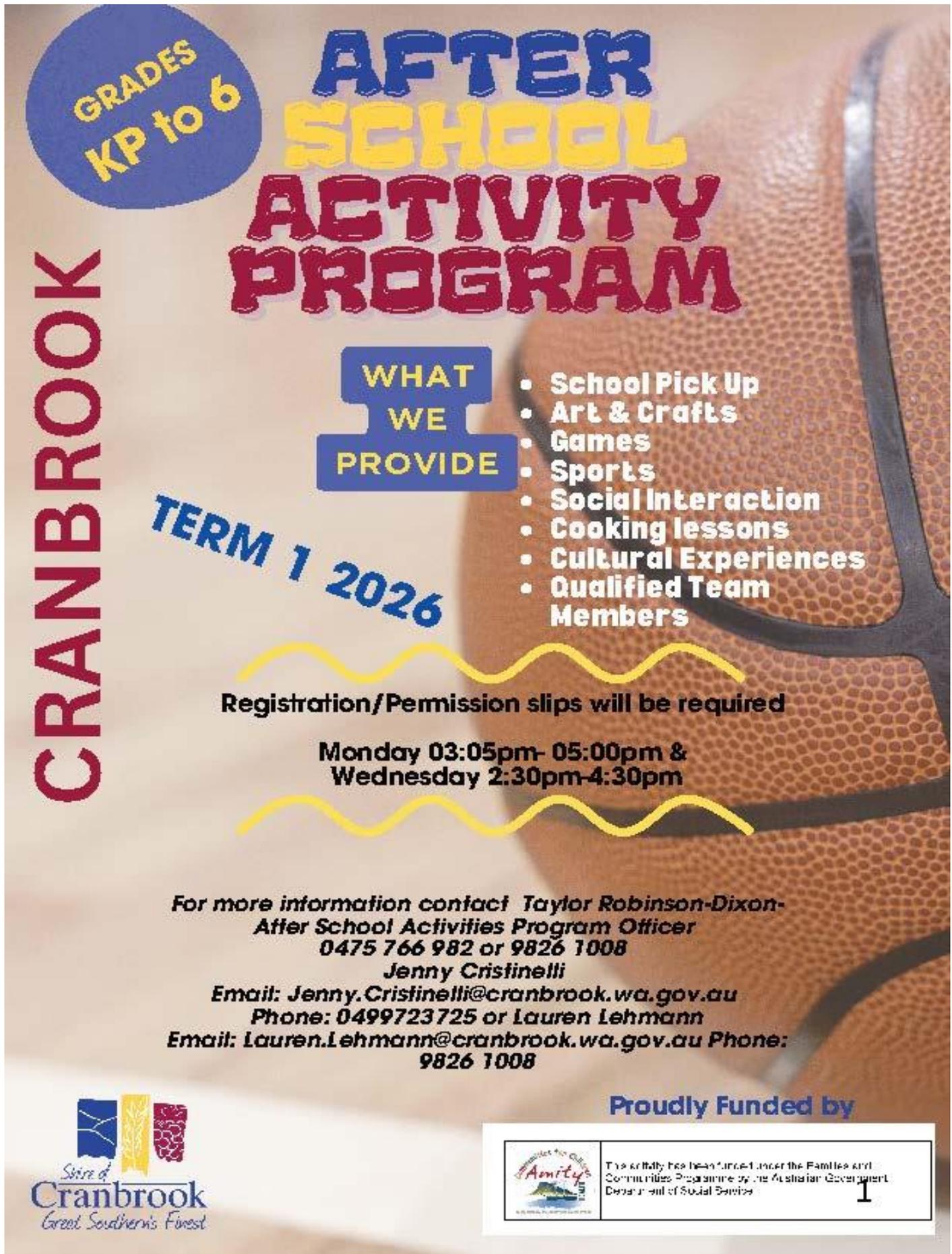
#### Partners:



Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **Health**



## SHIRE SNAPSHOTS



**GRADES  
KP to 6**

# AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY PROGRAM

**WHAT  
WE  
PROVIDE**

- School Pick Up
- Art & Crafts
- Games
- Sports
- Social Interaction
- Cooking lessons
- Cultural Experiences
- Qualified Team Members

**TERM 1 2026**

**Registration/Permission slips will be required**

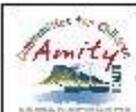
**Monday 03:05pm- 05:00pm &  
Wednesday 2:30pm-4:30pm**

*For more information contact Taylor Robinson-Dixon-  
After School Activities Program Officer  
0475 766 982 or 9826 1008  
Jenny Cristinelli  
Email: [Jenny.Cristinelli@cranbrook.wa.gov.au](mailto:Jenny.Cristinelli@cranbrook.wa.gov.au)  
Phone: 0499723725 or Lauren Lehmann  
Email: [Lauren.Lehmann@cranbrook.wa.gov.au](mailto:Lauren.Lehmann@cranbrook.wa.gov.au) Phone:  
9826 1008*

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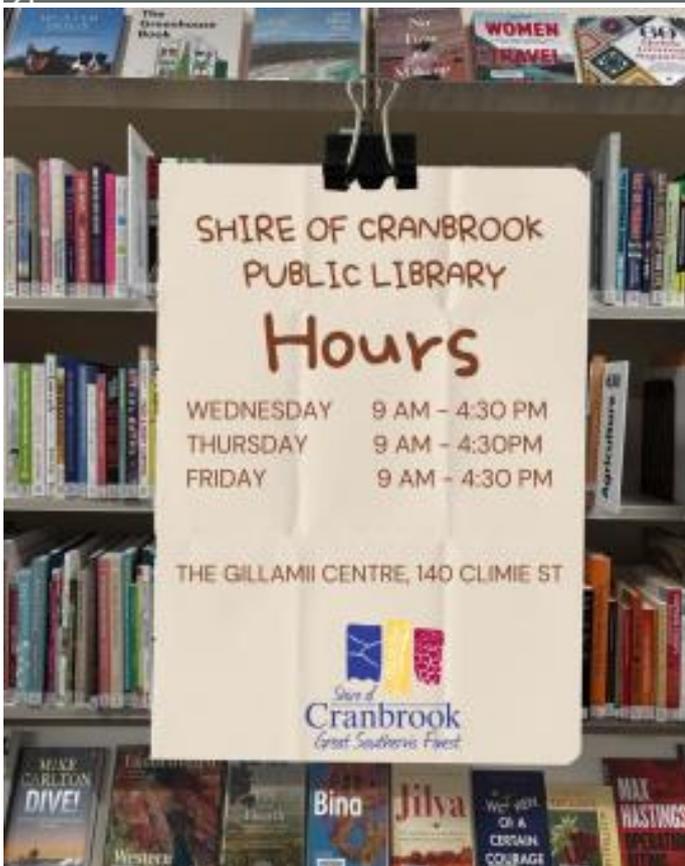
## Bowen Therapy

*"The Bowen therapist delivers signals to the nervous system at specific locations on muscles, tendons ligaments or nerves using gentle rolling moves. The moves are done at the level of the superficial fascia and the body responds in its own time. There is no forceful manipulation. Bowen therapy is suitable for all ages and treatments can be done through light loose clothing."*

Bowen Therapy may be considered for conditions including but not limited to;

- Back pain and sciatica Migraines and other headaches
- Elbow/wrist/forearm issues
- Hip/knee/ankle and foot issues
- Anxiety Fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue syndrome
- Bedwetting in children
- Colic in babies
- Hormonal issues
- Earache and TMJ issues
- Neck/shoulder problems (including frozen shoulder)...

WEDNESDAYS @ THE HUB 9AM TO 6PM BY APPOINTMENT ONLY  
CALL OR TEXT JANE CONNELLY ON 0432 320 973



the  
**BODYWORK**  
practice



Mandie Sta-Maria

### Remedial Massage & Holistic Bodywork

Now taking bookings at Cranbrook Community Hub!  
Alternate Tuesday evenings | 4pm - 9pm

#### Services include:

Remedial Massage, Relaxation Massage, Trigger Point Therapy, Myofascial Cupping, Reflexology, Reiki, Sound Healing.

#### Session Pricing:

1hr Bodywork Session - \$110  
90min Bodywork Session - \$150  
2hr Bodywork Session - \$180

Health fund rebates available and 15% off for Senior Card Holders

To book, call or text **0457 392 258**  
Or message via Instagram [@the.bodywork.practice](https://www.instagram.com/the.bodywork.practice)  
Or visit [www.bodyworkpractice.com.au](http://www.bodyworkpractice.com.au)

The NDIS logo, consisting of the lowercase letters 'ndis' in a white, sans-serif font. The letter 'i' has a small green dot above it.

# Do you have questions for the NDIA?

## Visit us at the Mobile Service Centre in Cranbrook

The NDIA will be on board the Services Australia Mobile Service Centre. Connect with our NDIA team and discover how we can support you



**Thursday 19th February 2026**



**9.00am to 2.00pm**



**Cranbrook**

near the town hall, Gathorne Street





Sustainable Agriculture In Practice

## Gillamii Centre

140 Climie Street,  
CRANBROOK

### Gillamii Centre Opening Times

Wed, Thurs & Friday:  
9am - 4.30pm

Mon & Tues - by appointment

**General Queries:**  
[admin@gillamii.org.au](mailto:admin@gillamii.org.au)  
9826 1234

**Hilary Watterson – Admin and Library**  
[accounts@gillamii.org.au](mailto:accounts@gillamii.org.au)

**Jenna Walliser – NRM Officer**  
[po2@gillamii.org.au](mailto:po2@gillamii.org.au)  
Mob: 0427 261 234

### Feral Cat Management

Throughout 2025, the Gillamii Centre delivered a range of on-ground and community-focused actions as part of the *Improving Feral Cat Management in the Kent–Frankland Subregion* project, supporting healthier landscapes, native wildlife protection and productive farming systems.

A key focus of the year was working directly with landholders and community groups to encourage coordinated feral cat management across the region.

In 2025, Gillamii sponsored two community feral cat and fox shoots at Frankland River and Tunney, bringing landholders and community members together to take part in responsible, coordinated pest control. These events highlighted the value of working together across property boundaries to manage feral animals more effectively.

Education and awareness were also a strong focus. Gillamii partnered with CLAWS officers to deliver school education sessions, helping students understand the impacts of feral cats on native wildlife and the importance of responsible cat ownership. The enthusiastic response from schools reflected strong community interest in protecting local biodiversity.

On-ground control efforts were supported through contracted feral cat shooting on participating properties, alongside the introduction of new monitoring technology. In 2025, Gillamii deployed AxisTech SMART Traps at multiple sites to better understand feral cat activity and improve the targeting of future control efforts. This combination of monitoring, local knowledge and on-ground action strengthens long-term management outcomes.

Looking ahead, Gillamii will continue supporting community-led pest management, with three community feral cat and fox shoots planned for 2026 in Tunney, Frankland River and Tenterden. By combining education, monitoring and coordinated control, Gillamii is helping build a stronger, more connected approach to feral cat management across the Kent–Frankland subregion.

This project is supported by The Gillamii Centre and the State Government's Feral Cat Management Grants Program."



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## TUNNEY LCD FERAL CAT & FOX SHOOT

FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

#### DETAILS:

- ➔ Shoot finishes at the Tunney fire shed at midnight
- ➔ Count and Prizes to Follow
- ➔ Food Provided
- ➔ For further details contact Bill Waldron at  
0414764356



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## Native Revegetation SALTdeck Guide Now Live!

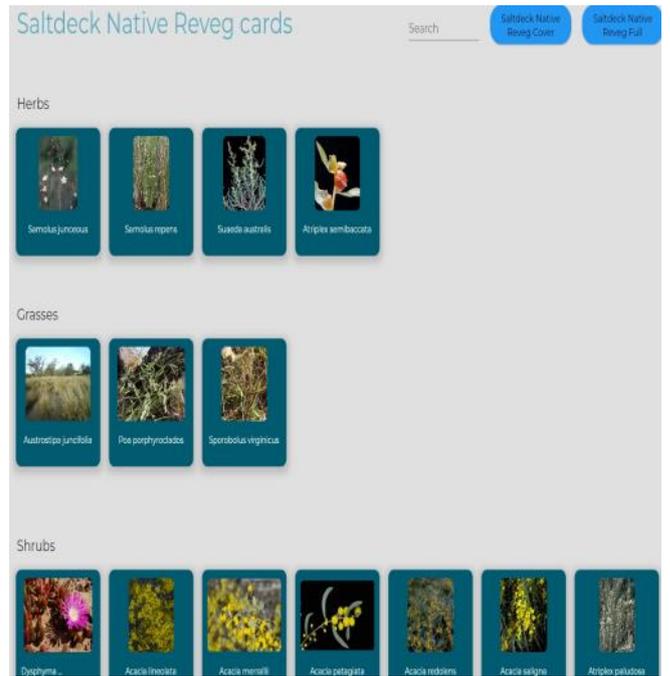
Gillamii, in partnership with **DPIRD** and industry experts, is excited to announce that the **Native Revegetation SALTdeck** is now live! This practical, on-the-go guide helps land managers **select the right native species for salt-affected and waterlogged land** in south-west Western Australia.

Designed to support **revegetation, improve soil health, and boost ecological resilience**, the SALTdeck provides clear, easy-to-use information on native plants, including their salinity and waterlogging tolerance and ecological functions.

The guide is **fully integrated into the Saltland Genie WebApp**, allowing you to access it **anytime, anywhere**, making confident paddock-level decisions easier than ever.

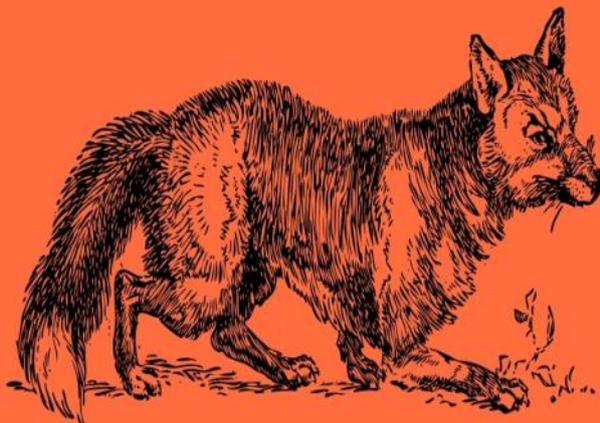
Check out the SALTdeck Native Revegetation Guide here:  
[www.saltlandgenie.com](http://www.saltlandgenie.com)

This project is proudly supported by the **Western Australian Government's State NRM Program**.



# TENTERDEN

## COMMUNITY FERAL CAT & FOX SHOOT



Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> -  
 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>  
 February 2026

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>  
 February  
 5:30 - 7:30pm:  
 Count, Prizes, &  
 BBQ at the  
 Tenterden Hall

Contact Ken Gibson  
 for more details:  
 0427 417 408



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 Feral Cat Management Grants Program.

## GREAT SOUTHERN BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES



### PAINTING - INTERIOR

### PAINTING - EXTERIOR & ROOFS (Lic 8025)

Roof repaired & replaced - leaks, general problems

Gutters and downpipes - cleaned & repaired

General maintenance & high pressure cleaning

**BEN & SANJILIN FURBER**

benfurber2010@hotmail.com **0497 860 754**

- FULLY INSURED & POLICE CLEARED -

## NUNIJUP PATCHWORK & CRAFT GROUP

Dates for Feb 2026 are Thurs. 5th & 19th

We begin our days at 10am  
and finish at 3pm.



We will have the dates for the year in the next Cranbrook  
Newsletter. For more information, phone 0467 218 337

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### GAIL IN UGANDA

In the blink of an eye, the festive season is behind us and we wonder if the New Year will bring the changes we hope for.

It has been a turbulent and violent start here in my adopted country, with the dictator suppressing the people and the opposition with arrests, torture and murder under a fixed election.

We have had no communications for weeks, unable to access money, power limited and many areas unsafe to venture to. Even flying the country flag in protest became a crime, and people are targeted and beaten for wanting to vote for the opposition. Ballot papers were destroyed and replaced with fraudulent votes and now the dictator has his army and police hunting down all outspoken voters - killing whole families, disappearances and maiming, imprisonment with no charges and then boasting about the tally of deaths.

And like many countries in crisis under dictatorship, the rest of the world watches silently. Even Australian companies here, with their interest in oil and minerals in this country, safely in their walled compounds, have not voiced their horror about what is happening on the streets right outside their secure gates.

Shame on them.

Thankfully we are safe in our little pocket suburb with only the occasional armed tank or police convoy screaming by. It does mean we stay close to home

and thankfully we stocked up on food stuffs and necessities... no, not piles of toilet paper!! but definitely plenty of tea, because I can't start my day without a cuppa.

I've been pottering around in my little garden, and harvested my first little bowl of mulberries. Benjamin couldn't quite understand what I was getting all excited about - but I'd walk over hot coals for those little beauties. Unfortunately have not had much luck with the rose cuttings I took back ... sorry Kerry Rogers .. but a couple of geraniums are hanging in there, hopefully they will flourish.

Have been "breaking in" a new relief guard while our regular guard returned to his village to build his house for his wife. It will be completed within the month, very basic - unfired bricks and tin, but she will be a happy woman, maybe even giving him another baby for his effort!

Meanwhile, I try to direct our relief in his daily tasks - he not understanding a word of English and my Lugandan non existent - it's a comedy of errors, I can tell you.

Hope one and all have had a great start to the year, and that we all stay healthy so we can break those New Year resolutions one by one ... haha.

Blessings,  
Gail



**Plantagenet  
Medical**

Clinic dates

**Tuesday 10th February  
&  
Tuesday 24th February**

Please call **9892 1000** and speak to one of our admin staff to make your next appointment

### *Get Well Wishes*

to **Rod Taylor** who is slowly recovering in RPH after a serious accident - everyone's thoughts and prayers are with you Rod and Vicki.

**Best wishes** to all children (and their parents) who are returning to school or beginning Kindergarten, Primary School, High School, off to Boarding School or University for the first time in the next week or so.



### *Congratulations to:*

**Jess and Theo Cunningham** on the birth of their son **Kip Twynam** on the 3rd November.



**Stacey and Adam Hearn** on the birth of their daughter **Amelia Grace** born on the 12th November.

**Em Haynes and Joe Standish** on the birth of their son **Jack Reuben** on the 17th November weighing 3.2kg.

And a very **warm welcome** to those who have come to live in the Shire of Cranbrook for work or retirement.

### **Child Health Clinic Cranbrook**

Information for parents about child development & behaviour

**3<sup>rd</sup> FRIDAY** every month

**Appointments - 9851 1451**

**Developmental checks recommended at  
6-8 wks, 3-4 mths, 8 mths,  
18 mths and 3 years**

### **Happy February Birthdays to...**

1st Chris Wornum  
2nd Arthur Dodson  
4th Julieann Climie  
5th Nati Childs  
Lachlen Smith  
Lily Fiegert  
6th Laura Watterson  
8th Jessica McPartland  
Paneera Howden  
9th Bob Bullock  
10th Bronte Preston  
12th Sam Lehmann  
13th Katrina Kleemann  
15th Ken Gray  
Buzz Burrell  
Taylor Dixon  
Pippa Fiegert  
18th Kelly Oakley  
Charlotte Williamson  
20th Ryan Pope  
Shyla Briggs  
21st Viv Jones  
Harley Wilson  
Dakota Smith  
22nd Matilda Preston  
23rd Chas Standish  
Michelle Preston  
26th John Smith  
27th Trish Parsons  
Lillith Lanigan  
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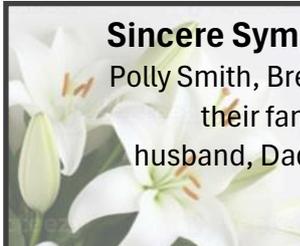
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### **Sincere Sympathy to ...**

Polly Smith, Brett, Jodie and Cynthia and their families on the death of their husband, Dad and Grandad Ted on the 2nd January aged 83.



## Room to Roam Stage 3: Community Planting Day Marks Major Milestone

A major milestone has been reached at Amaris Wildlife Sanctuary with the successful completion of Room to Roam Stage 3, celebrated through a vibrant community planting day supported by the Shire of Cranbrook, proudly marking its 100th year (1926–2026).

The Shire's centenary sponsorship played a vital role in bringing the event to life —generously funding the catering, ensuring every volunteer and worker was treated to a beautiful lunch after a morning of hard work. The gesture added warmth and community spirit to a day already rich with purpose.

The planting was made possible through an FRRR ANZ Seeds of Renewal grant, with Benara Nurseries delivering all trees free of charge, allowing the sanctuary to expand its habitat restoration efforts far beyond what would have otherwise been possible. Sanctuary founder Maggie said the impact of the day will be felt for years to come. *“Every tree planted today becomes future shelter, future shade, and future safety for the wildlife in our care,”* she said. *“For our birds, our small critters, and the joeys who will one day return to the bush, this is the beginning of a true oasis.”*

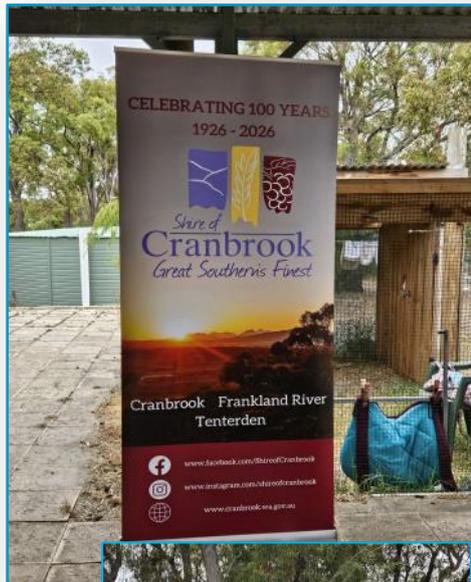
Volunteers planted a diverse range of native species selected to restore habitat, improve biodiversity, and strengthen the sanctuary's long-term environmental resilience. The new plantings will eventually provide food sources, nesting sites, shade, and safe movement corridors for wildlife transitioning back into the wild.

For carers, the event was more than a planting day — it was an investment in the wellbeing of the animals they rehabilitate. Many of the sanctuary's joeys, birds, and small mammals rely on healthy bushland to build confidence and survival skills before release. *“Creating habitat is one of the most powerful things we can do,”* Maggie said. *“These trees will grow into*

*the kind of landscape that supports life — not just for the animals we care for now, but for generations of wildlife to come.”*

The event also highlighted the strength of regional partnerships. The Shire of Cranbrook's centenary sponsorship, combined with national grant support and the generosity of Benara Nurseries, demonstrated how local and national organisations can work together to protect and restore the environment.

As the Shire celebrates its 100-year milestone, the planting day stands as a living tribute - a celebration not only of history, but of the future. The young trees now lining the sanctuary grounds will grow into a thriving refuge, offering shade, shelter, and sustenance to countless species.



*“It's a beautiful way to honour the Shire's centenary,”* Maggie said. *“A gift to the land, and a legacy for the next hundred years.”*



## How to Safely Leave Water Out for Wildlife This Summer

As summer temperatures climb across Western Australia, the search for water becomes a matter of survival for native wildlife. From thirsty birds to reptiles and echidnas, many creatures struggle to find safe drinking spots. While residents can help by leaving water out, it's important to do so in ways that protect animals from predators and prevent accidents.

Bird baths are one of the simplest ways to support local birdlife. However, they should be placed high enough to be out of reach of cats and dogs. Elevated baths give birds a safe vantage point, allowing them to drink and bathe without fear. Adding **banksia cones** to bird baths is a clever, eco-friendly trick that has recently gained attention. The cones absorb water and provide a textured surface where bees and small birds can perch and sip safely. Unlike smooth bowls, which can be slippery or dangerous, banksia cones act like natural sponges, reducing the risk of drowning for smaller creatures.

For ground-dwelling animals such as reptiles and echidnas, shallow troughs or bowls at ground level are more suitable. These should be placed in shaded areas to keep water cool and refreshed. To prevent accidents, always add sticks, rocks, or ramps inside the container. This simple step ensures that small animals, including lizards or insects, can climb out if they fall in. Without escape routes, even shallow water can become a trap.

Predator safety is another key consideration. Domestic pets, particularly cats, pose a significant risk to wildlife visiting water stations. Positioning bird baths high and reptile troughs in sheltered corners

helps reduce encounters. Owners should also supervise pets outdoors during peak wildlife activity times, such as dawn and dusk.

Providing water is not just about hydration. It also supports biodiversity by encouraging pollinators like bees. Banksia cones in bird baths are especially effective here, offering bees a safe way to drink without landing directly on open water. This small act contributes to healthier gardens and ecosystems, as pollinators are vital for native plants.

By thinking carefully about placement, design, and safety, residents can transform their backyards into sanctuaries. A raised bird bath with banksia cones, a shaded trough with escape sticks, and mindful pet management can make a world of difference. In the heat of summer, these simple measures may save lives and strengthen the bond between people and the wildlife that shares our communities.





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1st	10am	Combined Parish Service at St. Mildreds, Tenterden followed by Annual Meeting and shared lunch.
8th	10am	Morning Prayer
15th	10am	Holy Communion
22nd	10am	Morning Prayer

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It's great to get organised early, it's good to be able to collect some goods over the months.

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## CRANBROOK KNIT & STITCH

Thursday's 10am till 2pm at The Hub

BYO lunch ~ coffee and biscuits are always available

**If you're new to the district and would like to join us, please feel very welcome to come along - even just for a coffee & chat**

**Enquires to Chris  
0404 267 424**



## Pam Strauss [1933 – 2025]

Pam passed away in the early hours of the 28<sup>th</sup> October with her dog Penny by her side.

Pam was born in Cottesloe, WA in 1933. Married Straussie in South Africa in 1955 and moved the family to Cranbrook in 1974. The family moved to various houses around Cranbrook & Tenterden, before buying the old Police Station in Gordon Street. Her love of colour and art was evident with her painting the house bright orange.

All animals were her friend and her concern for them was deep. She fed the birds in the back yard. She fed the sheep at the corner house. She rescued many lambs, goats, birds, cats, dogs, horses, kangaroos & other furry creatures.

Her garden was her happy place, where she spent many hours planting, weeding & finessing her flowers and cuttings. She had the eye of a magpie for anything blue and white, and her house was full of blue & white objects collected from happy shared visits to op shops.

Pam was stubborn and independent and watching Deal or No Deal right up until the very end. She was a dignified lady who always took care of her appearance and made sure she had her lipstick on, hair combed and a pretty necklace around her neck. She enjoyed her jaunts with the ladies on the bus around the countryside and her weekly outings to Mt Barker, ending with a cuppa at Nicks Café.

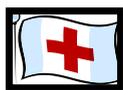
Thank you to Jodie for the many years of friendship & support; walking to the shop to buy the Saturday paper, helping to choose shows to watch from the TV guide, scrabble games and being a helping hand whenever needed.

Many thanks to Judy who's gentle friendship and being up for a chat delighted Pam at any time of the day. Their shared love of horses and spending time together was a very fond memory.

Thank you to everyone who visited, phoned or passed on messages in her last weeks. It meant a lot to her. Thank you to Anika, Rowey and Liggia from the Palliative Care team who allowed Pam to fulfil her final wish to die at home.

Pam will be greatly missed by Ellie her sister, her family, her friends, her grandchildren, great grandson and of course all of the animals who were lucky enough to have been cared for by her.

*Peta Shepherd (Strauss)*



## CRANBROOK RED CROSS

The first Red Cross meeting to welcome in our New Year will be on the **5th March at 1.30pm at The Hub**. You are all welcome for a chat, catch up on news and a cuppa.



Have you thought about donating blood? The demand for blood is always high so please ring Lifeblood and book your appointment.

In Albany, the Clinic is open at the Albany Health Campus (131 495) on:

Tuesday / Wednesday 11am to 7pm  
Thursday 7am until 3.30pm

Congratulations to Bess O'Neill who has been a member of the Cranbrook Red Cross for 30 years. Thank you Bess for your contribution to Red Cross and the Cranbrook community.

### Recipe from Healthy Foods:

#### *Lamb and vegetable noodle stir fry*

400g pkt fresh rice noodles  
½ teasp vegetable oil  
400g lean lamb fillet thinly sliced diagonally  
125g baby corn  
1 red capsicum cut in thin strips  
150g sugar snap peas  
4 spring onions thinly sliced  
3 tabbsp sweet soy sauce  
¼ cup chicken stock

Cook noodles and drain  
Brush pan or wok with oil, heat on high  
Cook lamb for 2 minutes or until browned  
Remove meat from pan and  
Add corn, capsicum, peas to pan and stir fry for 1 minute.  
Add spring onion and cook 1 more minute.  
Add stock and sauce, cover and cook until vegies are tender.  
Return lamb and noodles to wok, cook for 2 minutes or until heated through.  
Serve



## CRANBROOK MUSEUM

**Roster** Feb - Bernie  
Mar - Ronnie

Please call 0407 261 123 if you would like to visit the Museum.



## CRANBROOK COMMUNITY SENIORS' LUNCH

Welcome back for 2026.

If you are aged 60 or more, you are welcome to attend the lunches every Friday at 12 noon at the Hub.

A two course meal is \$6.

Some days there will be Bingo, Craft, Bus trips, Guest speakers, once-a-month Book Club, Gym on a Thursday etc.

A huge thank you to the lunch volunteers for your assistance to provide the meals.

<b>Roster</b>	Feb	6	Bernie and Jodie
		13	Robyn and Colleen
		20	Pam and Amanda
		27	BENDIGO BANK
	Mar	6	Hilary and Perin with a visit from an author

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Our attitudes are influenced by our beliefs. Our beliefs stem from observing our world from the time we can walk. What we hear and see result in ourselves adapting to our own attitudes to conform, fit in. We accept this attitude is the correct way to react so we meet our perceived expectations of who we should be. What society says is right. So often this is at the expense of who we really are. We accept these learnt behaviours and when we are in a challenging situation we react accordingly.

Learnt behaviours are shaped from the past generations, societal beliefs, family values and what our Culture we are born into expect. Some behaviours are important so that we treat each other with respect and in a morally acceptable manner. But not all learnt behaviours historically perceived as correct are correct. The idea that we learn from an early age, especially as young boys, what a 'real man' is has resulted in a silent crisis, an

instilled belief that to speak about strong emotions is a weakness. Nothing could be further from the truth but as an auto pilot response it is rarely challenged by the individual. This is not unique to men, women also are wired by their own personal learnt behaviours, and some do the same.

Learnt automatic response or beliefs can be challenged and the attitude, we take changed. We can all be agents of change. Asking for help when not feeling OK should be an automatic accepted reaction. Not something to fear judgement from. Changing our attitude that asking for help takes strength. Asking RUOK also takes strength. Openly encouraging others to seek help sets a very positive example to others. We can be a part of breaking down the stigma one person at a time by setting an example displaying and encouraging a more accurate belief and attitude.

If a new attitude is adapted now and that small child sees hears and learns that asking for help is being strong then the learnt attitude becomes an automatic way to respond. We each can start this change today changing the crisis of silence, breaking down the stigma one person at a time our attitude making a big difference.

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As **he** and **she** can clap their hands.

The adjective describes a thing,  
As **magic** wand or **bridal** ring.

The verb means action, something done,  
As **read** and **write** and **jump** and **run**.

How things are done the adverbs tell,  
As **quickly**, **slowly**, **badly**, **well**.

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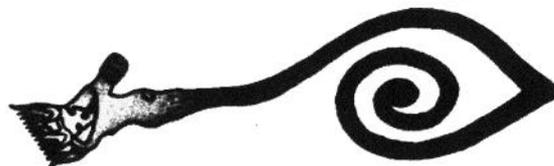


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**SUNDAY SESSION**

Social Doubles  
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**FORMAT**

Clock Tournament  
Enter as individual  
**3PM for 3:30PM Start**

**SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2026**

**ENTRY \$35 INCLUDES:**

- tennis
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**SEASON 2025-26**

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**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January**  
**Fuel To Go & Play**  
**Fiesta of Tennis**  
**Vamos!**  
**1pm Junior HotShots**  
**3pm Pickleball**  
**Followed by Sausage Sizzle**  
**and Mexican Dinner**



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**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Junior HotShots**  
**1pm - 4pm**  
**3pm Club Social Tennis**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February**  
**CBK Haulage Men's Sunday Session**  
**3pm for 3:30pm Start**  
**Social Doubles Clock Tournament**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February**  
**3pm Club Social Tennis**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February**  
**3pm Club Social Tennis**

*Message Alex 0409532011 to join our  
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**TENTERDEN TENNIS CLUB PRESENTS**

**FUEL TO GO & PLAY**

**COMMUNITY EVENT**

**Free sausage sizzle!**

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**FIESTA OF TENNIS**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026**

**EVENT PROGRAM:**  
 1PM HOTSHOTS JUNIOR COACHING  
 3PM COME & TRY PICKLEBALL  
 4PM FUN PICKLEBALL DOUBLES TOURNAMENT (INCLUDING KEEN JUNIORS)  
 6:30PM KIDS EARLY SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
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**MAR 14 2026**

## CRANBROOK SPORTING CLUB

Open on Thursdays from 5pm with meals on sale from 6 - 8pm

Everyone is welcome at the Club to enjoy a chat, a drink and a meal, a game of pool or darts or a roll of bowls (weather permitting).

The Club is available for hire for functions including birthdays, weddings, funerals, meetings etc. Contact Gail, Club Secretary 0472 517 220.



To **Elijah and Sandy Graham** for the **Karaoke Night on NYE** - it was a great night enjoyed by everyone who was there.

The **Australia Day breakfast** was very enjoyable. Thank you to the Shire of Cranbrook for some funding for this event which also celebrated the Shire of Cranbrook's 100th year - 1926 to 2026.



### CORPORATE / COMMUNITY BOWLS

Sponsored by the Shire of Cranbrook will commence on FRIDAY FEB 6th for 5 weeks.

If you would like to play, make a team of 4 and enter to Bernie (0407 261 123). We always look forward to a fun few weeks and this event is open to non-bowlers as well as bowlers. The Club opens at 5.30pm, bowls begin at 6pm and food is on sale following the bowls. If you cannot make a team, still come along as most nights extras are needed and very welcome.

### BOWLS & PENNANTS UPDATE

The Ladies are in 4th place and the Men are in 6th place.



The men played their **Singles Championships** sponsored by CBK Haulage over the 17th/24th January. The Final was between John Turner and Ian Pope with Ian being the winner. Congratulations Ian.

The Cranbrook team of Susan, Trish, Neva and Tina played in the League Fours at Denmark on the 17/18th January and then Susan, Trish, Gail and Tina played in the Kojonup 2 day carnival on the 22/23rd January, coming home in 3rd Place.

The winners of the Championship Triples sponsored by Strathmore were Trish, Neva and Norma.

The winner of the Handicap Singles sponsored by Neva was Sandy Lehmann, with runner-up Dot Kleemann.

Congratulations to Gail, Tina and Trish who have been chosen to play in the IRL Fours in Kulin in February.

The Elders Open Mixed Fours day will be held in Cranbrook on Sunday 15th February.

Thank you to the Tambellup Cranbrook Community Bank for the sponsorship of one of the steps for the green. These are making it easier for the bowlers to get on and off the green.

Social bowls is also being played each Thursday evening at 4.30pm, bowlers practicing for Pennants and non-bowlers wanting to have an easy introduction to the game - everyone is very welcome.



### From the Sports 'Archives' ....

The following excerpt is taken from an article written for *The Weekender* - April 25, 2013 by Slim Lehmann.

#### Intriguing lawn bowls finals

The Men's Great Southern League events held over the past two weekends resulted in some very close games of lawn bowls.

Last week the Singles and Fours were played on the Mt Barker greens and there was an intriguing conclusion.

In the Fours, Denmark were clear winners in Box A, but it was a different story for Box B where scores were extremely close.

Going into the last qualifying game, Cranbrook were 28 shots behind Mt Barker but amazingly, Mt Barker were beaten 27-2 while Cranbrook won by two shots. This resulted in both Clubs finishing plus six shots.

But with "guru rules man" Kevin Williams on hand, the percentages were soon worked out. The result was Cranbrook had 1.0983 and Mt Barker 1.097 putting Cranbrook to play Denmark in the Final.

After the first three ends of the final, Denmark led 10-0, and with gun skipper Kiwi Nicholls full of confidence, the game seemed over.

Cranbrook started to fight back at this point, scoring several singles with Murray Pope getting on top of the Denmark leader Bluey who had started in red hot form.

Sean Morgan (second), John Barden (third) and skipper Rob Webb followed suit and after nine consecutive ends, they led 13-10 in a great fightback.

Cranbrook held on during the pressure last three ends to win 14-13, not having to play their last bowl.

*Thanks to Slim who has a treasure trove of sporting articles we'll tap into from time to time.*



# FEBRUARY 2026 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Recycling	3 Vet Clinic	4	5 Mens Shed Nunijup P/work	6 Seniors Lunch	7
8 Tenterden Tennis Mens' Sunday Session	9	10 <u>Drs Visit</u> Vet Clinic	11	12 Mens Shed	13 Seniors Lunch	14
15	16 Recycling	17 Vet Clinic	18 Shire Council Meeting	19 B/fast in the Brook Mens Shed Nunijup P/work Driving Tests NDIA Bus	20 Seniors Lunch	21
22	23 MARCH Newsletter 	24 <u>Drs Visit</u> Vet Clinic	25 Kids Safe @ Frankland River	26 Renewable Energy Forum Mens Shed	27 Seniors Lunch Kids Safe @ Cranbrook	28
March 1	2 Recycling	3 Vet Clinic	4	5 Red Cross	6 World Day Of Prayer	7

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