

The Cranbrook Newsletter

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Shire of Cranbrook

Growing, Playing and Belonging

FREE EVENT

A Children's Week 2026 Event

Friday
30 October 2026

10am – 12pm

Gillamii Centre

Morning tea provided



Special guest Jaime the Clown entertaining the kids!

Cranbrook Toy Library displays

Fun activities

All families welcome

Article 30: Children have the right to use their own language, celebrate their culture and practise their religion.

Shire of Cranbrook Great Southern's Finest

Department of Education

Government of Western Australia Department of Communities

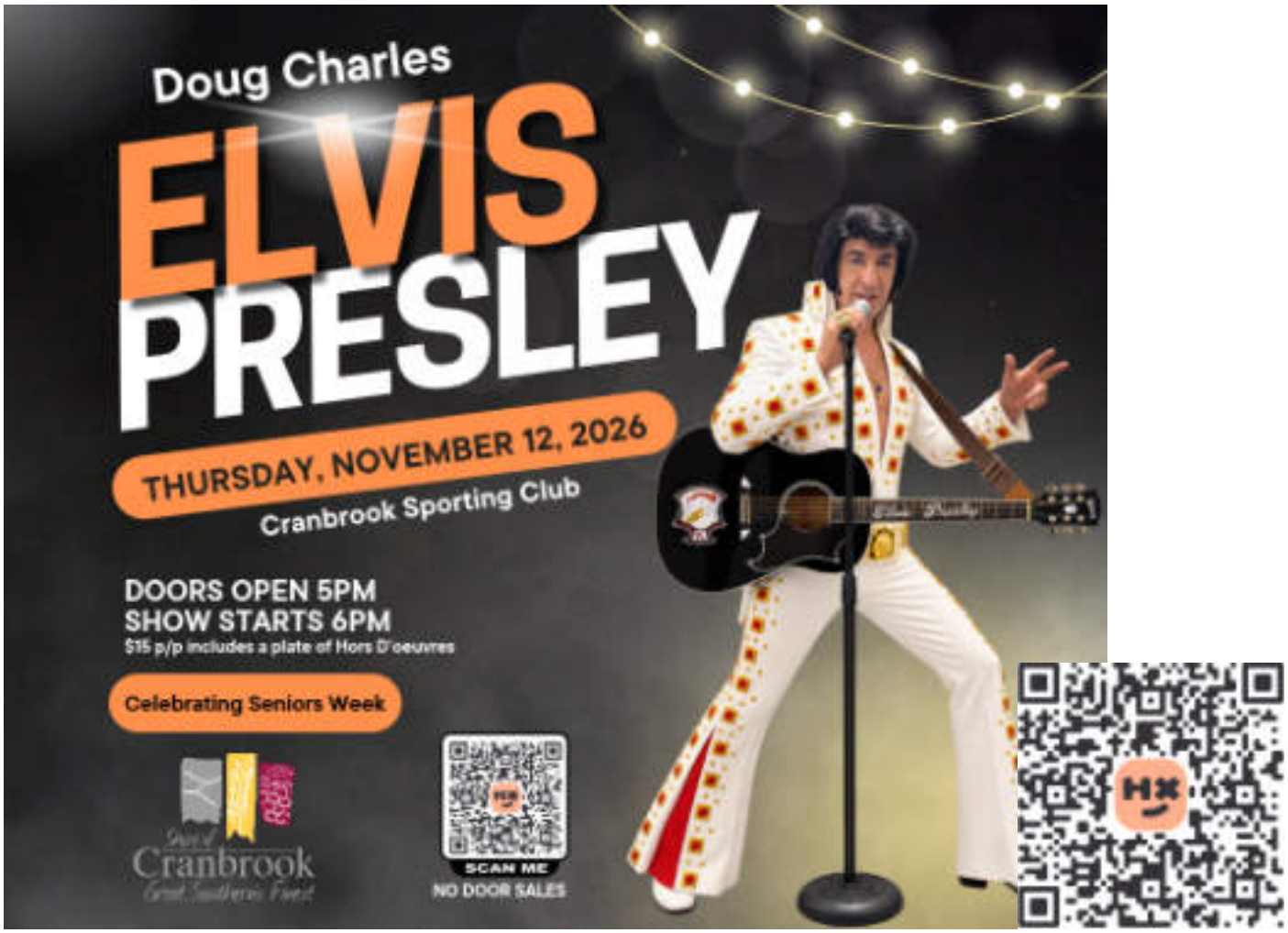
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Meerilinga promoting positive childhood

CHILDREN'S WEEK WA 2026


REMEMBRANCE DAY
SERVICE 2026
WHEN: 10.40am Wednesday 11 November 2026
WHERE: Cranbrook War Memorial, Gathorne St
WHO: Free Community Event
Never forgotten. Always remembered.


ST JOHN
Tiny Tots
FIRST AID
COURSE
The course focus is to learn how to protect your toddler or infant with this concise short course that teaches you the skills to perform CPR and how to manage bleeding, burns and a range of other childhood related illnesses and injuries.
Friday 6 November 2026
9.30am – 1.30pm
Cranbrook Community Hub
Creche available for booking
Free to attend
REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL
Register by 9 October 2026
Lauren Lehmann
lauren.lehmann@cranbrook.wa.gov.au
9826 1008
Creche available - bookings essential
Shire of Cranbrook Great Southern's Finest
St John


Doug Charles
ELVIS PRESLEY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026
Cranbrook Sporting Club
DOORS OPEN 5PM
SHOW STARTS 6PM
$15 p/p includes a plate of Hors D'oeuvres
Celebrating Seniors Week
Shire of Cranbrook Great Southern's Finest
SCAN ME
NO DOOR SALES

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Big Summer Read is coming this summer!

Get ready for a free reading challenge for children and young people aged 0–18.

Running from 1 December to 31 January, Big Summer Read encourages young readers to discover great books, track their reading and enjoy a summer filled with stories and imagination.

Keep an eye on the Cranbrook Public Library Facebook Page and the Shire Library website or Spydus mobile app for registration details.

Join. Borrow. Read. Win!

CRANBROOK SPORTING CLUB and CRANBROOK P & C

Invite you to the Christmas Party on December 13th

- Games for the children at 4pm
- Father Christmas arrives at 5pm
- Free drinks and sausage sizzle for the kids that visit Santa



Followed by

BBQ dinner
please bring a salad to share meat on sale

Drawing of the raffle

save the date



Saturday 20th March 2027

Frederick Square - Cranbrook

Cranbrook COMMUNITY EVENTS INC

Stall Holders: cbstallholders@gmail.com
Sponsorship: acc.cranbrookshow@gmail.com
General Enquieries: cranbrookshow1@gmail.com

St John



For all Sub Centre enquiries please contact:

Chair:	Anne Parsons	0429 904 652
Secretary:	Anne Humble	0438 930 229
Treasurer:	Tracy Wilson	0427 325 907

IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL TRIPLE (000)

SHIRE SNAPSHOT

Phone: 9826 1008
Email: admin@cranbrook.wa.gov.au
Website: www.cranbrook.wa.gov.au

SHIRE OPENING HOURS
8.30 AM — 4.00 PM
Monday—Friday

The Council Corner

To read the full minutes from all Council meetings head to our website at www.cranbrook.wa.gov.au

At the Council Meeting held on 21 October 2026 Council had 10 reports to consider, amongst these were:

- Council received the List of Payments for September and the August and September Monthly Financials;
- Council set the dates and venues for the 2027 Ordinary Council Meetings;
- Council endorsed the adoption of the Strategic Resource Plan 2026-2041;
- Council approved the Municipal Heritage Inventory Review which will go out for public comment.

Next Council Meeting
Wednesday, 18 November 2026 in Frankland River

The Ordinary Meetings of Council are held on the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month (excluding January) and commence at 3.00pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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 in November however, there are no appointments available.

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

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.

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

9 & 23 of November 2026



2026/2027 2nd Rates Instalment Due 3/12/2026

The second instalment (4 instalment option) for your 2026/27 Rates is due on 3 December 2026.

Late payments will accrue interest.

For any Rates Enquiries please contact our Finance Officer, Tea on 9826 1008.



COMMUNITY BUS

Did you know that the Shire has two 12 seater buses for full and half day hire. One in Cranbrook and the other in Frankland River. Why not enquire for your next event today! Phone 9826 1008 or jump on our website to book.



CRANBROOK COMMUNITY GYM

MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY GYM. HOP OFF THE COUCH, PUT ON THE ACTIVE WEAR, AND WARM YOURSELF UP WITH A WORKOUT. CONTACT THE SHIRE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ON 9826 1008.







PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD 01/11/2026 TO 14/02/2027 (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
4. must be complied with.
5. A permit to burn must be obtained.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO OWNERS AND / OR OCCUPIERS OF LAND IN THE SHIRE OF CRANBROOK

All land within the Shire of Cranbrook which is within a town site and land adjacent to any town site zoned Rural Residential, Rural Small Holding or Special Use (e.g. strata). All grasses must be kept and maintained below 100mm throughout the dates mentioned in this notice.

PURSUANT to the powers contained in Section 33 of the Act, you are hereby required on or before the 15th day of November 2026, to plough, burn, scarify, cultivate, chemically spray or otherwise clear firebreaks or fuel free areas and thereafter maintain them free of all flammable materials until the 15th day of April, 2027 in the positions and of such dimensions as detailed in the Shire of Cranbrook Annual Firebreak Notice.

If you have any questions or require more information please contact our CESM on 9826 1008 or 0499 899 189.

Cranbrook Heritage Walk Trail - Stage 2



2026/2027 Community Project

Phase 2 of the Cranbrook Heritage Walk Trail has now been approved by the Shire of Cranbrook as part of the 2026/2027 Shire budget. The Heritage Walk Trail, located within the town centre of Cranbrook will showcase six significant sites, including the first official school site on Gathorne Street.

Each site will feature signage that provides historical information and photographs illustrating the significance of the site. A pathway will connect Climie Street through to Gathorne Street at the original school site incorporating appropriate street furniture and sculptures along the way.

The selected sites are:

- Susannah Peacock's Cottage – Climie Street
- 1st Official School Site – Gathorne Street
- Traditional Aboriginal Birthing Site – Gathorne Street
- Road Board Offices (Cranbrook Town Hall) – Gathorne Street
- Cranbrook Hotel – Gathorne Street
- Station Master's House – Gathorne Street

The photo above was provided by Dot Kleemann. It shows school children that attended the Cranbrook Primary School at the first official school site on Gathorne Street in the 1940's.

Celebrating the Shire of Cranbrook's 100th 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 or 98261008

GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Are you a local business or community group looking for funding?

The Shire of Cranbrook now has an online Grant/Funding Finder portal where you can search and register to receive information about funding you are eligible to apply for!

To search and or register today visit:
https://cranbrook.grantguru.com.au/

Important Information Before You Pay Your Rates

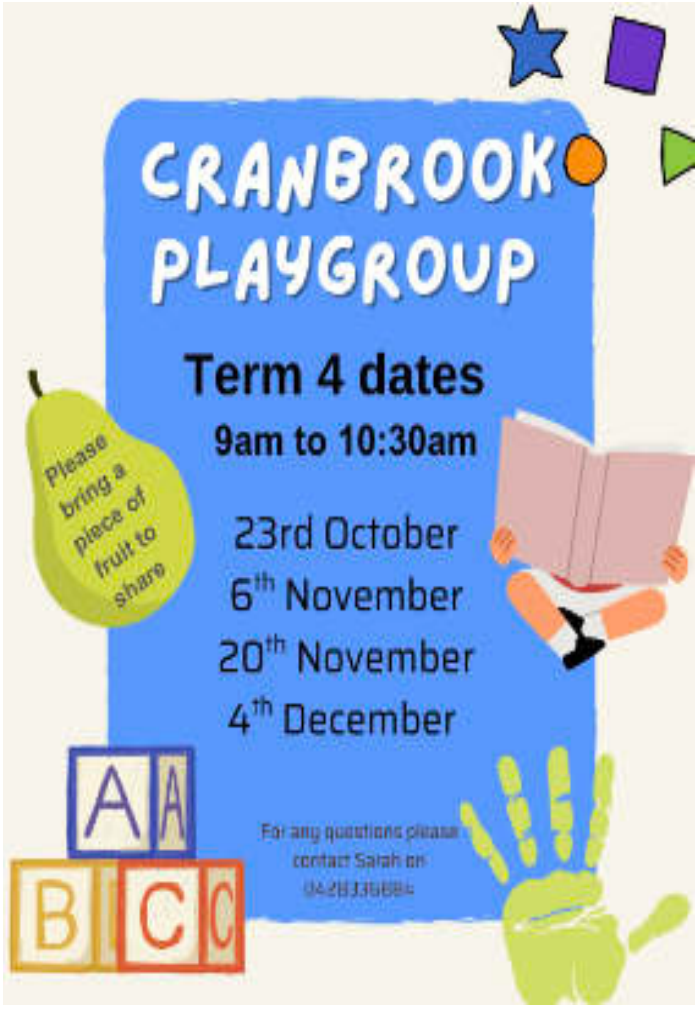
Every Rates Notice comes with its own unique BPAY Reference Number — and it's essential you use the correct one when making a payment.

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:

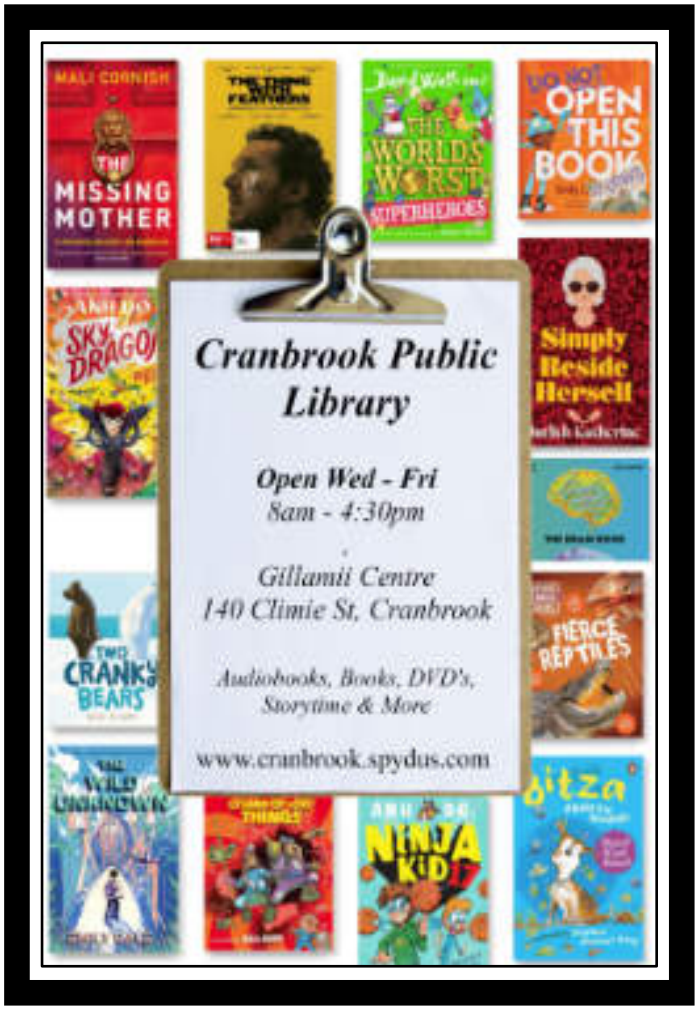
✓ Check your Rates Notice
✓ Use the unique BPAY Reference provided
✓ Pay each Rates Notice seperately via BPAY
✓ Avoid unnecessary fees or confusion

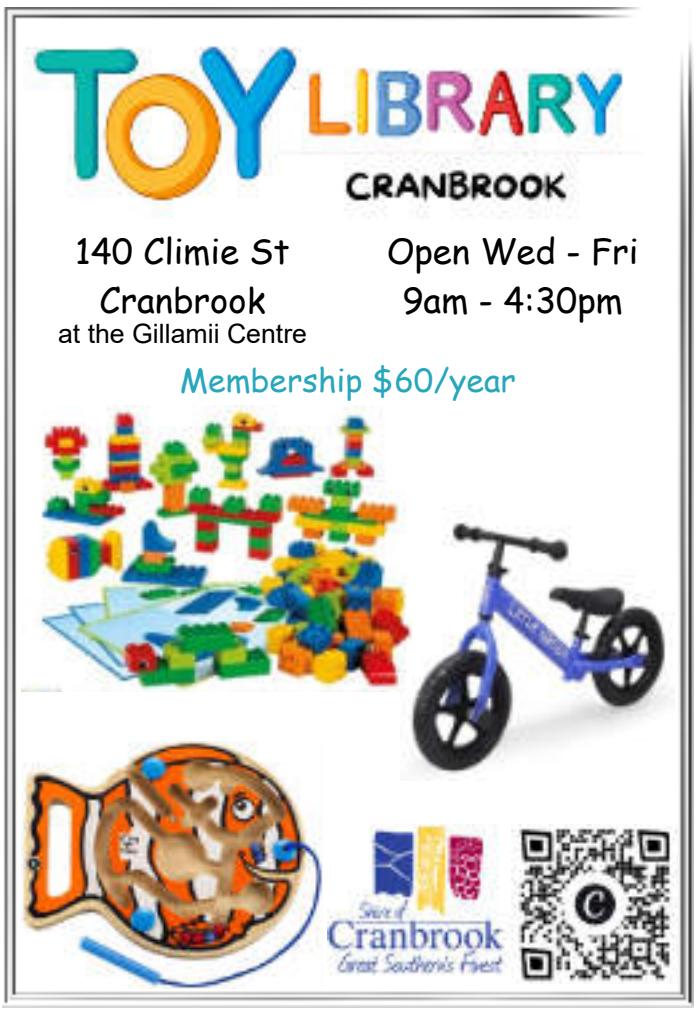
Stay on top of your payments — double-check before you pay!
Paying your rates after the due date means interest will accrue daily on any overdue amount — so it pays to be prompt.


CRANBROOK PLAYGROUP
Term 4 dates
9am to 10:30am
23rd October
6th November
20th November
4th December
Please bring a piece of fruit to share
For any questions please contact Sarah on

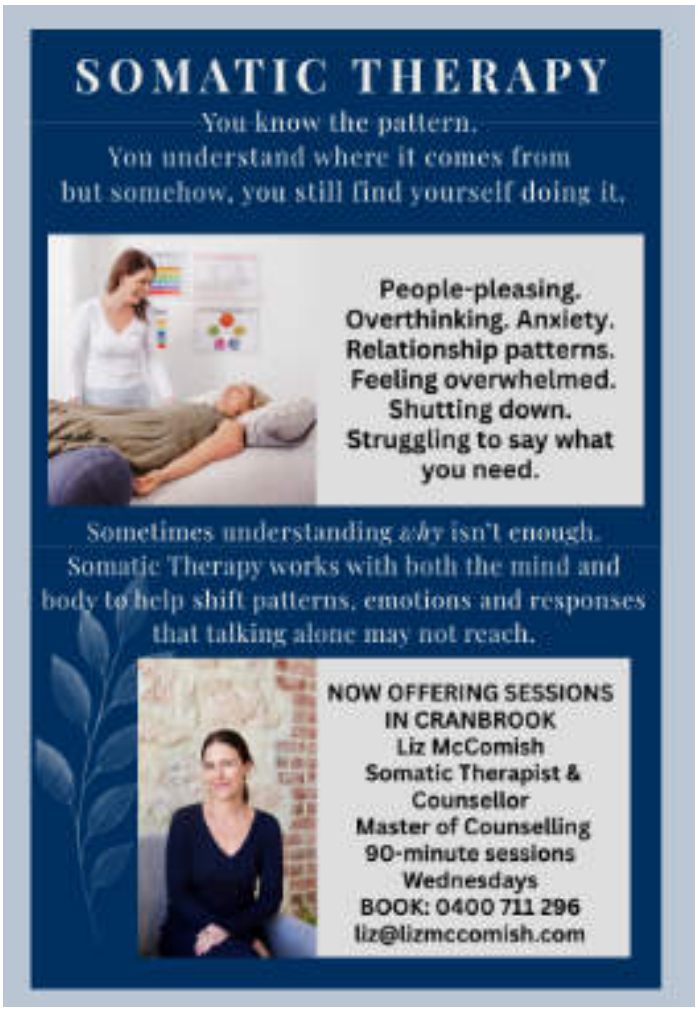

MAKE FRIENDS TRY NEW THINGS HAVE FUN!
AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PROGRAM
FREE FOR KIDS AGED 5 - 11 YEARS!
Fun, active and creative afternoons for all children – completely FREE!
ALL CHILDREN WELCOME!
TERM 4
19th October to 16th December
MONDAYS
Cranbrook Community Hub
3:05pm – 5:00pm
WEDNESDAYS
Gillamii Centre
2:30pm – 4:30pm
PLAY LEARN CREATE EXPLORE BELONG
WHAT'S ON?
Arts & Crafts
Sports & Games
Park Days
Cooking
AND PLENTY MORE!
WE PICK UP FROM CRANBROOK SCHOOL
Children are picked up directly from school and brought to the program
OR YOU CAN DROP OFF AT:
• Cranbrook Community Hub (on Mondays)
• Gillamii Centre (on Wednesdays)
GREAT KIDS BRIGHTER TOMORROWS
TO ENROL
Please email youth@cranbrook.wa.gov.au
or call 9826 1008
SAFE ACTIVE CREATIVE INCLUSIVE CONNECTED
Cranbrook


Play in the Park in Cranbrook
Wednesday 22 July
Wednesday 26 August
Wednesday 23 September
Wednesday 28 October
Wednesday 25 November
10am to 12noon
@ Precinct Park
Play in the Park
the Y
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Cranbrook Public Library
Open Wed - Fri
8am - 4:30pm
Gillamii Centre
140 Climie St, Cranbrook
Audiobooks, Books, DVD's, Storytime & More
www.cranbrook.spydus.com


TOY LIBRARY
CRANBROOK
140 Climie St
Cranbrook
at the Gillamii Centre
Open Wed - Fri
9am - 4:30pm
Membership $60/year
Shire of Cranbrook
Great Southern's Finest


BODYWORK
Mandie Sta-Maria
Remedial Massage & Holistic Bodywork
At The Cranbrook Community Hub
Alternate Tuesday's 12:30pm - 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
To book, call or text 0457 592 258
Or message via Instagram @the.bodywork.practice
Or visit www.bodyworkpractice.com.au


SOMATIC THERAPY
You know the pattern.
You understand where it comes from
but somehow, you still find yourself doing it.
People-pleasing.
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Relationship patterns.
Feeling overwhelmed.
Shutting down.
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90-minute sessions
Wednesdays
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liz@lizmccomish.com

Farewell to Linda

Shire President, Cllr Perin Mulcahy, on behalf of Council and the Shire of Cranbrook community, wishes to acknowledge and thank retiring Chief Executive Officer, Ms Linda Gray for her leadership, dedication and contribution to the Shire with recognition of her achievements in delivering major projects, supporting staff, maintaining stakeholder relationships and working collaboratively with Council.

In farewelling Linda, Perin conveyed Council's appreciation for Linda's service and wished her every success and happiness in her future endeavours.



CRANBROOK KNIT & STITCH



Thursday's

10am till 2pm at The Hub

BYO lunch ~ coffee and biscuits are always available

We are seeking donations of 8ply wool to continue knitting and crocheting rugs and beanies for local charities. So if you have any hiding in a cupboard please drop them off at the Hub any Thursday.

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

Enquiries to Chris
0404 267 424



History of Cranbrook

The early settlers had sheep and added to their income by hunting for kangaroos, opossums and tamras. There was a lot of poison around so many sheep were lost.

Sandlewood came from Pootenup and Salt River Road areas around ther 1880's to 1890's. Carters of this included Johnny Snowden, H Toovey and W Mason.

There was a timber industry and sleepers of jarrah and whitegum were used on the railway line

There were many orchards established, the fruit being an extra income. Also milk and cream were sold. This helped during the depression 1930-32.

Up to around 1935 Brumbies were caught and broken in to some degree and sold.

GK Brown bred draft horses and had many good stallions.

Captain Hassell was a pioneer sheep owner. The Warburton Bros and Ned Moriarty were pioneers who grazed cattle along the river and drove them to Denmark in the summer were there was good water and feed.

After the Second World War some properties were subdivided under the War Service Land Settlement.

In 1951 Mr Floyd Robinson received a State record price for 4 bales of wool 281 pence per pound.

Shearing has always been an important industry. Early contractors were Nate Herbert, Mac Gardiner, Sam Armstrong and his sons Terry and Tony, Bill Lathwell and WA (Blue) Dorman. Doug Beatty, Brian Forsythe and Lloyd McPharlin were woolclassers who ran their own teams.

During the 1920's most shearing was done with blades.

Stock sale yards were built in Cranbrook about 1914 with some big sales being held. The livestock was brought to the yards on "hoof" so all the roads were a mass of moving animals. In 1943 pig sale yards were built and used during the war years.

The area of Oats in 1965 was 6405ha producing 4650 tonnes and in 1975 4044 ha producing 4476 tonnes.

Barley area 244ha in 1965 producing 149 tonnes and in 1975 5353ha with 6746 tonnes

Wheat in 1965 produced 1564ha for 749 tonnes and in 1975 1088ha with 1133 tonnes

Sheep numbers in 1965 were 414,173 with 1,594,028 kg wool and in 1975 there were 674,111 sheep and 3,249,134 kg wool

Cattle in 1965 9700 and in 1975 25,770 and pigs in 1965 391 and in 1975 2481

Today Cranbrook is a strategic site for CBH. This was first constructed in 1976 with major expansions in 2019

Bloom Festival Event - Shire of Cranbrook 100 Years Council Function and Exhibition

On Friday 2 October the Shire hosted the corporate event of past and present Councillors, Shire Presidents and Shire CEO's celebrating 100 years of the Shire. Around 50 people were in attendance, with the highlight of the evening being ex Councillor Rob Brown cutting the 100-year anniversary cake and how proud he was to have been asked. It was also fantastic to have ex Cr Murray Milne who is 92 being in attendance, travelling from Albany with ex Shire President Nick Burges. Feedback of the night has only been positive.

The Exhibition extended throughout the weekend. As part of the exhibition, Mr Keith Parsons provided the Shire with his model buildings, all significant to the townsite of Cranbrook. A wonderful display of Shire memorabilia, a power point presentation, photographs and the Gillamii Centre created a wonderful Cranbrook Bell display. It was great to see the large numbers of visitors and residents taking time to attend the exhibition. Numbers for the weekend and the corporate function were well over 125 people. This event was part of the 2026 Bloom Festival.

















Congratulations on the Official Opening of the new Elders facility

Welcoming more than 150 clients and guests to the Official Opening of the new Elders facility in Cranbrook on the 1st October, Branch Manager Daniel Barbour began by thanking Matt Ericsson (Elders general manager - western region), Shayne Paskins and the Elders board for *"their support and belief in us to make this happen,"* Mr Barbour said.

"To John Gilmour, our project manager for all the hours of hard work, and to Michael Stephens from MCB, Albany, our landlord and builder, you have been the powerhouse of the entire build".

"Thank you also to the Shire of Cranbrook who have been great to work with, providing lots of support and advice and helping us solve a number of complex issues throughout the build."

"Thanks also to my Elders Cranbrook team, Teresa Jones (TJ), Clark Skinner, Harry Barbour, Jack Davie, the new guys in our team and Millie Brady, our new Farmanco agronomist for all the hard work over the last year and a half - it's been a lot of work to squeeze into an already busy schedule.

"Finally, a huge thanks to you our customers, if it wasn't for your fantastic following we wouldn't be here celebrating a new facility to take us into the next 60 years" Dan said. *"Many of you have supported Elders for years - and, in some cases, for generations. "Your loyalty, partnership and support allows us to keep growing, improving and investing, we never take that trust for granted. "Here is to the future of Cranbrook, the future of agriculture and the next chapter of Elders in this great community."*

Mr Barbour said it had taken 12 months to transform the greenfields site into the magnificent facility seen today. *"We've been next door for 60 years and now we have this magnificent facility to take us into the next 60 years."*

Before declaring the building officially open, General Manager Matt Ericsson said *"Tonight is about more than opening a new building, it is a clear statement about our confidence in this community and in the future of agriculture."*

Two people who have closely followed Elders' growth in Cranbrook are local farmers John and Susan Gillam. Mr Gillam has lived all his life in Cranbrook and it was his mother Kathleen and her sister Jean Pope, who started the first Elders agency in the town in 1938. *"That would have been unheard of in those days, two women in the business,"* Mr Gillam said.

"Jean couldn't drive so Kathleen was always at the wheel of the big V8 Ford car." In 1940, Kathleen married Alf Gillam and they ran the agency together until 1967 when Elders built its first branch. *"They sold the business, but Alf stayed on as Elders' real estate and insurance salesman until 1975. This new building is a great asset for the town."* Mr Gillam said.

The facts: Elders Cranbrook new site and facility

Build time 12 months July 2025 to July 2026

400,000L crop protection products storage across four stand-alone warehouses

Built predominantly of concrete and steel with colorbond cladding

Licensed to hold dangerous goods

400m2 show floor and office space

1200m2 warehouse space

Sustainability focused

2 x independent fire tanks, 2x solar panels, electric forklift, LED lights

Roof catchment allowing Cranbrook Shire to harvest rainwater for local firefighting and drought proofing.



Ready to cut the ribbon to officially open the new Elders Cranbrook branch were Elders Cranbrook livestock agent, Clark Skinner (left), retail sales representatives Teresa Jones (TJ) and Cody Jones, general manager western region, Matt Ericsson, retail sales representative, Jack Davie, branch manager, Dan Barbour and retail sales representative, Harrison Barbour. Picture by Wendy Gould.





Susan and John Gillam. Picture by Wendy Gould

Book Launch & Signing Morning Tea



Our Family History 200 Years

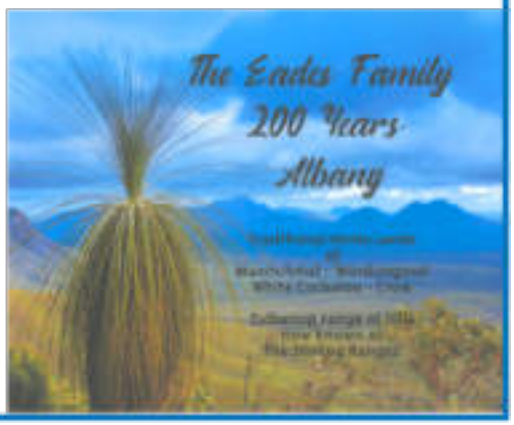
Stories of my Eades Family by Maude Bonshore

Sat 28th November

9-12am

Cranbrook Hub

3 Dunn St Cranbrook



Free courses help couple cope after treatment

When WA couple Geoff and Jane Cohn were both diagnosed with cancer within two years, they found support, connection and a welcome break from cancer through Cancer Council WA's Life Now Program.

Now, they are encouraging others going through treatment to sign up for the free classes to meet people with shared experiences, learn something new and take their minds off cancer.

"I was 63 when I was diagnosed with colorectal cancer in 2023, and my wife Jane was also 63 when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in early 2025," Geoff said.

"During our cancer journeys, we took part in mindfulness, meditation, Tai Chi and art courses through the Life Now program.

"One of the main benefits for both of us was feeling that we were part of a community and that there were like-minded people who had shared similar experiences."

Geoff said the courses also gave them a chance to focus on something other than their cancer experience. "For that hour and a half, we were completely absorbed in something," he said.

"We weren't thinking about our medical journey or any of the worries that we had at the time. The instructors are universally fabulous, you will meet great people and you'll experience something new."

Life Now offers a range of free programs including mindfulness, meditation, yoga, mindful art, Tai Chi and exercise programs for people affected by cancer.

Cancer Council WA Life Now Program Coordinator, Annika English, said the program was designed to introduce mind-body practices in a safe and supportive environment and empower people to manage their physical and mental wellbeing.

"Our evidence-based Life Now courses offer physiological, psychological and social support to people affected by cancer and their primary carers," Ms English said.

"We know that people with cancer who exercise regularly have fewer and milder side effects from their treatment."

To apply for Life Now courses CLICK HERE or visit cancerwa.asn.au/get-involved/event-calendar

Applications are essential. Eligibility criteria apply. For more information:

- View all current Life Now courses
- Apply via our Online Application Form
- Email "subscribe" to lifenow@cancerwa.asn.au for updates
- Call 13 11 20 to speak with a qualified health professional



2026 Bloom Festival Community Thoughts

This year saw an amazing display of historical information including old rate books, old photo albums, some of our iconic flowers, information about Alf Gillam and Frank Smith along with Keiths' amazing models plus more! Mingling with people and chatting about the all the wonderful information and displays this year stimulated a lot of interest and discussions about the past.

The overall feel from most visitors we interacted with was great with a touch of disappointment the exhibition didn't continue longer. Some of the memorabilia items at the exhibition are held in Shire archives while others are held in the Cranbrook Public Library archives at Gillamii. If there's something you would be interested in viewing, why not contact them and see what's available?

On behalf of the community we extend a massive thank you to all those that made the exhibit possible with special mentions to:

- Keith Parsons
- Jenny Christenelli and her team from the Shire
- Jenna & Hilary from the Gillamii Centre
- The After School Care kids
- Former Councillors, Jan Pope and Robert Brown







PLANTAGENET DENTAL

Meet Our Dental Team

Welcoming Dr Sara Goli to Mount Barker

Dr Sara joins our growing team while Dr Iris continues caring for her regular patients with reduced availability.



Dr Iris Messmer

Serving Mount Barker since 1998

- Associate Diploma of Dental Therapy (Curtin) 1988
- Bachelor of Dental Sciences (UWA) 1997
- Postgraduate Diploma in Forensic Odontology (UWA) 2012

Outside the clinic

Grandchildren • Gardening • Arts and crafts



Dr Sara Goli

Joining Plantagenet Dental in 2026

- Doctorate Degree of Dentistry
- Yasuj University of Medical Sciences 2018
- Enjoys caring for children and helping patients smile comfortably

Outside the clinic

Outdoor activities • Movies • Shopping

MORE APPOINTMENT TIMES NOW AVAILABLE

Later closing times • Saturday appointments

Making dental visits easier for working professionals, families and children.

BOOK AN APPOINTMENT

08 9851 1061

44 Langton Road • Mount Barker WA

OPENING HOURS

Monday 8 am–5 pm • Tuesday 8 am–5 pm
Wednesday 8 am–5 pm • Thursday 8 am–6 pm
Friday 8 am–5 pm • Saturday 9 am–2 pm

Come in and meet Dr Sara and the Plantagenet Dental team



As I sit here writing this article, I think back to when I was much younger and working a 60 hour week. Of how long a week was back then and how one looked forward to Friday and the weekend off. Today, much much older I think "Crikey" it seems like only yesterday that I wrote the October edition of this article. How time flies as one ages.

The shed has been relatively quiet this past month with conversations and morning tea being the primary activity. Some of our members have been unwell and we wish them a speedy recovery.

One of the projects completed last month was the repair and upgrade to the Centenary Sign hanging over Salt River Road near the railway track. Well done Lads,an amazing effort and great work in giving new life to an important part of the towns history.

Over the past few years the shed has been able to participate in several projects for the community. The Hash Tag CB Shire sign was a major project involving most of the members over several months. Other projects include the cover over the "grader", the fence behind the "shearer", the travellers library located at the truck bay, the post office and the caravan park along with other smaller projects. The Cranbrook Community Men's Shed would like to thank the Shire of Cranbrook for the opportunity to assist with these projects.

The weekly shopping bus continues to give our community the opportunity to shop in Mt Barker. We are very proud of this project, now in its fourth year and we thank the community for the support.

Good luck and best wishes to all our farmers for a safe and productive harvest this year.

Now is an excellent time to consider joining the shed. The welcome mat is there for all men in the community to enjoy some good company and lively conversation.You don't need a trade and you don't need to pick up a tool or do heavy work. It's all about sharing a couple of hours with like minded men for a catch up, a cuppa and some fun. Why not pop in and see for yourself.

Our shed is open every Thursday and Saturday mornings 9.00 to 12.00. We welcome new members.

Mal – 0410 568 519
Dobby – 0400 612 196

CRANBROOK COMMUNITY SENIORS' LUNCH

Are you aged 60 or more? Please come and join the lunches every Friday. Enjoy lovely meals and friendship for the cost of $6!





For further information contact Bernie
0407 261 123
or Pam 0417 962 805

A huge thank you to the lunch volunteers for October: Gail, Trish, Dot, Hilary, Jenna & Elijah at Gillamii , Pam and Red Cross members Joan, Bess, Jenny, Susan, Bernie.



The last bus trip for the year will be for Christmas shopping on 4th December and enjoying a lunch together.

Roster Nov	6	Gidget Book club	Denise
	13	Mens Shed	
	20	Chris	Pam
	27	Cranbrook Hotel	

The lunch group would welcome any new members of our community to join us for lunch.



FREE LINE DANCING

with Elijah for everyone has commenced every fortnight.

October Dates:
Thursday 5th November 10am
Thursday 19th November 10am

Cranbrook Town Hall.

Come and join in the fun of dancing
For further info contact Bernie

Gail in Uganda

Crikey, are we once again on the doorstep of Christmas (am I allowed to call it that?), and time to pull the tinsel and tree out plus the bankcard!

Was hoping to celebrate Chrissy on Australian soil with my husband, but once again he cannot get a visitors visa.

Why, I want to know, when other nationalities are walking through the door with families in tow. Does anyone know someone who can help us?

Would love to show him what is good about Australia before it is lost forever. Uganda may be a third world country, but at least common sense prevails. How can you take any Government seriously who sees cross-dressing men, Muslim radicals and illegal immigrants having more rights than law abiding citizens?

My friends here think I am joking when I talk about men dressed up as women allowed in female toilet: our language to include " males" as able to have periods and " can " breastfeed. God forbid if a male tried that here. They would string him up - motherhood and female status is highly respected here.

And invading Australian schools to teach about gays and transgenders- here they would burn the school to the ground.

Also my Muslim friends are shocked that Muslims pray in the street and not only does our law allow it, but it is seen as unclean and not part of their teaching, where they must wash and be in a clean, quiet place.

Ah! Poor buggar me - my country.

Enough of my sermon ... the festive season is nearly upon us, and as with past years we keep it low key. We live on the edge of a ghetto (though development is slowly changing that), and we make sure we never flaunt in front of those who have very little. Like everywhere, the cost of basic items continues to rise, and here few people have any permanent work, so every day is a nightmare struggle.

Normally we hand out food items to needy knocking at our gate, but this year it seems close friends and family are doing it tough, so our " hampers" will be closer to home.

The rain has not let up here, roads are rivers and mud is walked everywhere. Thank goodness for the tradition of taking one's shoes off at the door. But with the November rains comes the grasshoppers, those delicious little morsels sold fried on every street corner - yum yum. And it makes some well earned shillings for those who spend long nights out catching them by torch light, even the children get into the fun of it. I tried catching and cooking some one year - a dismal failure, so I'll stick to buying mine ready done.

Time for me to pull out the cooking pot (power is off again!), and fire up the charcoal stove and prepare lunch- I have one hungry man waiting here with knife and fork in hand ....

Our best wishes to everyone.

Gail and Benjamin.

SHOEBOXES

Wow! Shoebox packing for 2026 is over! And we are so very thankful for so many people who contributed in some way!

Last week 11 ladies got together to pack the goods received, these goods filled 350 shoeboxes, which is the most boxes we have ever filled, an amazing effort, so a huge THANK YOU to everyone, for your contributions to this very special project. When a child receives a shoebox, this is then shared and enjoyed by their family.



There are many ways to support the shoebox project, whether it be through makings things, knitting toys, beanies etc, sewing goods, clothes, or bags in all shapes and sizes, (for the child to store their gifts in after the box has deteriorated, or for a marbell bag). Some people supply things for education, like coloured pencils, biros, erasers, sharpeners, scissors, note pads, while other people supply goods like toothbrushes, or combs, then there's many different types of toys, cars, truck, balls, puzzles, dolls and soft cuddly toys, just to mention a number of things. Many people often collect goods throughout the year, when they see things on special, which is a great thing to do.

Another way to support the shoeboxes is with the freight, as each shoebox costs $12.50 each. So, to send the 350 boxes, this is $4,375.00. If you have been wanting to contribute to the shoeboxes this year, we are still taking donations for the freight.

If you have any queries and would like more information, please give me a call.

So, once again, thanks you, for all who have contributed in some way this year.

Lorraine Preston 0429982680



Australian Red Cross

CRANBROOK RED CROSS

As we approach spring and summer it is time to get prepared for any emergencies. You can get prepared with RediPlan using the Get Prepared app. When an emergency happens there are a lot of decisions to make, be prepared and make your plan today.

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood

Red Cross Lifeblood is short of blood supplies. If you are able to donate blood this will be a great help to many.

The Albany Donor Centre on Warden Ave is open:

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Do you live alone?

TELECROSS is a telephone check in service that helps you start the day with an act of human connection. You will receive a phone call from one of the friendly volunteers to see how you are. For more information or to register, please visit the website: https://www.redcross.org.au/telecross/



CRANBROOK MUSEUM



Gathorne St
near the railway station

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

Roster November Dot
December Bernie

The museum is housed in the old Station Masters house, one of the oldest houses still standing in Cranbrook.

Recipe: Chicken, Avocado and Bacon Salad

2 chicken breast fillets fat trimmed
3 ½ tbs olive oil
3 bacon rashers cut into strips
2 roma tomatoes sliced
110g mixed salad leaves
1 avocado sliced
1 tbs balsamic vinegar
50g parmesan cheese shaved for serving
1 pinch salt and pepper

1. Season chicken well, heat 1 tbs of oil in frying pan and cook chicken over medium heat for 4-5 minutes on each side or until cooked through
2. Cook the bacon until crisp and golden, drain. Toss the tomato, lettuce and avocado and bacon together
3. Cut the chicken into thin diagonal slices and add to the salad
4. Whisk the vinegar and remaining oil together until well combined
5. Pour over the salad and toss
6. Season, garnish with cheese and serve

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH will be held at the Hub on **November 3rd** from 11am. Come and join in and enjoy a delicious lunch, sweeps, door prize, best cup outfit and watch the race. Entry $20 pp.

SENIORS LUNCH: Red Cross members will be providing the Seniors lunch on the **30th October**.

REMEMBERANCE DAY: Red Cross members will be providing morning tea for the Rememberance Day service on the **11th November**.

St Oswald's Anglican Church. Cranbrook



Service Dates and Times

NOVEMBER

1st	10am	Holy Communion
8th	10am	Morning Prayer
15th	10am	Holy Communion
22nd	10am	Morning Prayer
29th	10am	Combined Parish Service at St. Mildred's, Tenterden followed by a shared lunch

Please feel welcome to join us on a Sunday and stay for a cuppa following the Service



Thank you to all those who attended the Harvest Blessing on Sunday 18th October - and to Robb Lilford and those who prepared and welcomed everyone to a delicious lunch to share in the Rectory and surrounding gardens.

Contacts:

Rev. Genevieve Milnes 0410 303 358

Jan Pope 0417 981 264

Cranbrook Baptist Church

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Contact: Michelle Preston
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Dr Amanda Villis

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Dates for 2026

- November 5th & 19th
- December 3rd & 17th





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Sincere Condolences to ...

Brian Ingram and his family on the sudden passing of their son and brother ***Roland*** *(Rolly) on the 8th October, just a three months after his Mum, Mavis who passed away on the 14th July.*





Wally Stan-Bishop whose partner ***Rosa Wright*** *passed away on the 11th October. Wally and Rosa were known to many when they ran Kendenup Bulk Haulage before retiring to Eaton.*

Congratulations to

Perin Mulcahy who celebrated a very special "surprise" birthday with friends on the 25th October – you can never trust some people!!



Happy November Birthdays to...

1st Margot Egerton-Warberton
2nd Teneale Briggs
2nd Shannen Pope
3rd Kip Cunningham is 1
3rd Theresa Scia-Scia Alice Gray
4th Kingsley Clode Ann Parsons
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Tayla Brown
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Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is an incorporated not-for-profit encouraging communication and cooperation between neighbours to reduce opportunistic crime and make neighbourhoods safer.

What does Neighbourhood Watch aim to achieve?

- Encourage ties between residents
- Reduce the incidence of preventable crime
- Deter criminal activity by increasing the probability of apprehension
- Increase the reporting of crime and suspicious behaviour
- Improve personal and household security through education
- Reduce the fear of crime

Why is it needed?

As we go about our day, we have the opportunity to casually observe the neighbourhood. Such observations may be useful to keep children away from vacant houses, reporting abandoned cars, or alerting neighbours and police to suspicious behaviour in the street.

These are a few examples, but it is important to realise that criminals find it difficult to operate in areas where people take an active role in preventing crime.

No police force can effectively protect life and property without the support and cooperation of the community.

Every resident should participate in Neighbourhood Watch.

How does Neighbourhood Watch work?

Whether you live in a suburban street, a high rise building, on a farm, in the city or regional Western Australia, knowing your neighbours will help you feel safer.

Many of us observe activities in our street, particularly when it seems out of place. However, we feel reluctant to do anything about our suspicions because we are unsure of what to do or if our neighbours want us involved.

Though Neighbourhood Watch, we can overcome these uncertainties. Neighbourhood Watch is a well known and trusted brand in our community. It is closely associated with WA Police Force.

Neighbourhood Watch is a program to encourage you to learn how to recognise and report suspicious activity in your neighbourhood. It also provides education on how to make your home less inviting to thieves.

Why do people participate in Neighbourhood Watch?

1. **Increased Awareness:** Residents are informed about local crime trends and safety issues which raises awareness of potential risks.
2. **Community Bonding:** Neighbourhood Watch fosters a sense of community and encourages residents to look out for one another. Strong community bonds can deter criminal activity.
3. **Communication Channels:** Residents share information and communicate regularly. They will report suspicious behaviour to Police. This helps Police respond to community cencerns.
4. **Education and Resources:** Neighbourhood Watch offer resources and educational materials to help residents implement safety measures and reduce the risk of becoming victims of crime.
5. **It is easy and flexible:** How you set up your network with your neighb ours is up to you.

Contact: Peter Denton - Coordinator - Cranbrook Post Office



Living with Wildlife

by Mount Barker Wildlife Hospital

The Tiny Wonder of the Night, the Pygmy Possum

Most Australians are familiar with brushtail and ringtail possums, but few people realise that some of our smallest native mammals can fit comfortably in the palm of a hand. The pygmy possum is one of Australia's most remarkable marsupials, and if you live near bushland, there is a chance these tiny night-time visitors may be living much closer than you think.

Pygmy possums are small, nocturnal marsupials found only in Australia and nearby regions. There are several species, including the Western Pygmy Possum, Eastern Pygmy Possum and the endangered Mountain Pygmy Possum. They spend their nights searching for nectar, pollen, fruit, seeds and insects, playing an important role as pollinators of native plants.

What surprises most people is just how small they really are. Adult pygmy possums measure only about 5 to 12 centimetres in body length and usually weigh between 10 and 50 grams. Some are no bigger than a golf ball and are among the smallest possums in the world. Their large eyes, rounded ears and prehensile tails help them move through shrubs and trees after dark.

In Western Australia, the Western Pygmy Possum is found throughout much of the south-west, including the Perth region. They favour bushland, heath and woodland habitats, but they can also visit suburban gardens, particularly those located near reserves, parks or remnant bushland. Gardens planted with native flowering species such as banksias, hakeas, bottlebrushes and eucalypts can provide valuable food sources.

Breeding usually occurs when food is plentiful. Females carry their young in a pouch, as do other marsupials. After a short period, the young continue developing in a nest before becoming independent. Although pygmy possums are generally solitary animals, they may sometimes share nesting sites, especially during cooler weather.

Because they are so small, pygmy possums face many dangers. Loss of habitat, cats and foxes are significant threats. Around homes, there is another hazard that many people never consider: open buckets and deep containers. Tiny animals searching for water can fall in and become trapped. Wildlife carers recommend keeping buckets stored upside down when not in use. If a bucket or trough must remain outside, placing a sturdy stick or branch inside can provide an escape route for possums, reptiles, frogs and birds that accidentally fall in.

Simple actions can make a real difference. Plant native flowering shrubs, keep cats indoors at night, retain mature trees where possible, and check containers that hold water. By making our gardens wildlife-friendly, we can help protect these extraordinary little marsupials.

The next time you walk outside after sunset, look carefully among the flowers. A pair of shining eyes no bigger than a thumbnail might belong to one of Australia's smallest and most delightful residents: the pygmy possum.



Photo: These babies were found in Bremer Bay with no mother and are now in care.

Supporting your community

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Bill Rourke Education Fund

Bill Rourke had through his life a fond attachment to Tambellup, growing up there in his early days before entering his teaching career. Bill Rourke's son wished to do something to honour his father and with the establishment of the Community Bank Tambellup Cranbrook of Bendigo Bank, a plan was put in place to assist children from Tambellup with the ongoing costs of transferring to High School. With rising cost of living pressures, we have recognised that these challenges are also faced by families in other local areas that we support. This fund is a local Tambellup Primary School initiative which was originally developed in 2007 has now been extended to & received by Cranbrook Primary School and Frankland River Primary School which hopes to be selfsustaining to allow every graduating student a voucher to use towards books, uniforms or school fees for their High School education. Many community minded members have contributed further to this fund. If you would like to deposit a sum towards the Fund, please ask any of the staff at our Community Bank Tambellup Cranbrook Branches and they will be happy to help you. (Please advise the branch staff the school fund you wish to donate to)

Please join us in welcoming Stephanie who has joined our team in branch at Community Bank Tambellup Cranbrook



Part of the team

Great Southern Community Financial Services Limited is a franchisee of Bendigo Bank and operates the locally owned Community Bank Tambellup Cranbrook.

Expressions of interest are now being accepted for the voluntary position of Director. This is an exciting opportunity for a likeminded person to join the voluntary Board of Great Southern Community Financial Services Limited.

As a director you will be motivated, well organised, self-directed and community orientated. You'll support and drive the company's strategic direction, goals and objectives to have a real say in the future direction of the branch and community.

For more information or to apply, call Daniel on 0427 088 296 or email daniel@gscfsl.com.

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Notice of AGM

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ("AGM") of Great Southern Community Financial Services Limited ABN 75 089 136 121 ('Company') will be held at The Gillamii Centre 140 Climie Street Cranbrook on Thursday 19 November 2026, commencing at 6pm.

Meeting's Business

1. To receive and consider the Financial Statements and the reports of the Directors and Auditors for the year ended 30 June 2026.
2. To consider, and if thought fit, to pass the election of directors as an ordinary resolution.
3. To consider, and if thought fit, to pass an ordinary resolution approving Directors' remuneration.
4. To consider any other business that may legally be brought forward of which due notice has been received.

A financial report, directors' and auditor's reports will be available on www.bendigobank.com.au/tambellup the week beginning Monday 19 October 2026.

If a shareholder would like to receive these reports posted, free of charge, they can be requested to our Administration Assistant before 12 October 2026.

Any shareholder who is entitled to vote at the AGM may contact the company secretary and request the Company to provide them with a personal notice of the meeting. Any shareholder who would like to attend the meeting can register by contacting us.

Administration Assistant: Julieann Climie
Great Southern Community Financial Services Limited
36 Norrish Street (PO Box 176) Tambellup WA 6320

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Company Secretary: Rochelle Werrett
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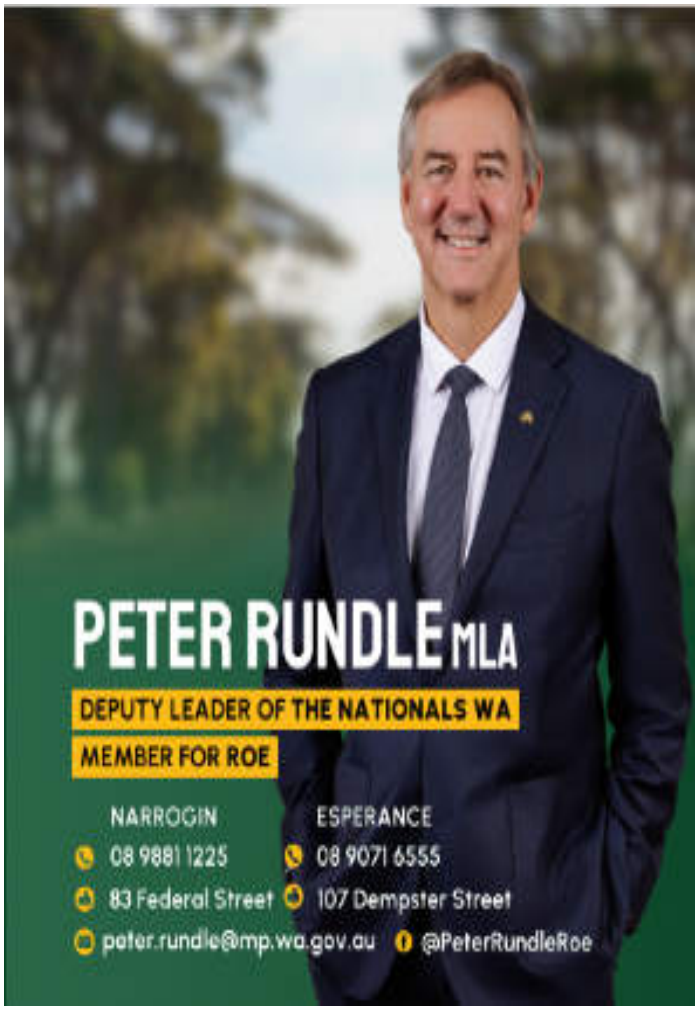
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SEASON 2026-27

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BYO meat | salad to share | drinks

Saturday 31st October
Junior HotShots
1pm to 3pm
3pm Club Social Tennis
Membership Raffle Draw

Sunday 1st November
Ladies' Day💖
9:30am for 10am Start
Our Favourite Day!

Saturday 7th November
2pm Adult Coaching
3pm Club Social Tennis

Friday 13th November
5pm "Fuel To Go & Play" Cardio Tennis
With Megan Henry

Saturday 14th November
2pm Adult Coaching
3pm Club Social Tennis

Friday 20th November
5pm "Fuel To Go & Play" Cardio Tennis
With Megan Henry

Saturday 21st November
1pm Junior Coaching
3pm Club Social Tennis

Friday 27th November
5pm "Fuel To Go & Play" Cardio Tennis
With Megan Henry

Saturday 28th November
1pm Junior Coaching
3pm Club Social Tennis

SAVE THE DATE
Bendigo Bank
Open Junior Tournament
Sunday 20th December 2026



Scan the QR code to:
download our 2026-27 Fixtures, register for coaching, cardio & events 🤩




"LIFE IS ALWAYS BETTER WHEN YOU'RE PLAYING TENNIS, LAUGHING AND LISTENING TO MUSIC"
Megan Henry
With
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Megan Henry
Friday 13th November
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2026 Season WrapUp

And just like that, the 2026 golf season has come to an end! ⛳

We wrapped up the season Saturday 3rd October with our Closing Day Canadian Foursomes Sponsored by Patron Peter Climie, followed by a delicious casserole dinner, our end-of-year presentation and plenty of laughs and stories from another great year at Cranbrook Golf Club.

A huge congratulations to all of our 2026 winners and placegetters! 👏

Notice of AGM

4th November 7:30pm

Cranbrook Golf Club

A massive thank you to all our members, visitors, sponsors, volunteers and everyone who has supported the club throughout the 2026 season. Your support, enthusiasm and willingness to get involved is what makes our little club so special.

Thank you also to everyone who helped organise competitions, prepare the course, run events, work in the clubhouse, provide catering and keep things ticking along throughout the year.

It has been a fantastic season at Cranbrook Golf Club, and we can't wait to see what 2027 brings!

Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to everyone who made 2026 one to remember

Results

2026 Club Championships

A Grade Champion	*J Climie - 250*
A Grade Runner Up	*R Pope - 255*
Nett Champion	*K Hart - 214*
Kingi Summer Cup	*K Hart*

2026 Eclectic Winners

Men's Eclectic	*J Wilson*
Ladies Eclectic	*C Wilson*

2026 Monthly Mug Winners

Cranbrook Golf Club Mug	*K Hart*
E P James Mug	*K Hart*
R J Addis Mug	*M Addis*
G K Bickel Mug	*J Wilson*

Don't forget to visit our Facebook page.

President:	*Joe Horrocks*	*0488 329 367*
Captain:	*Jack Wilson*	*0439 893 778*





CRANBROOK SPORTING CLUB

Open on **Thursdays from 5pm** with meals on sale from 6 – 8pm

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

The Club is available for hire for your function. Contact the President or email cranbrooksportingclub@outlook.com.



The club has a new cook for Thursday nights. Welcome Bee and we hope you enjoy your time at the club. Thank you to Annette for assisting Bee to familiarize with the kitchen and menu.

SCROUNGERS BOWLS

The winner for 2026 was John Turner, second Ann Wornum and third Sandy Graham.





Thank you to JT for organising this event and to all who played the season. Thank you to the sponsors Kaffe 107, Bernie and John.

BOWLS SEASON COMMENCEMENT



The season officially opened on 4th October with a good number of keen bowlers and our Patrons Slim saying a few words and Norma rolling the first bowl.

The men have had the mens pairs event sponsored by Simon Wilkinson from LAWD. A full field enjoyed good bowls, good food and fellowship.

PENNANTS

The ladies and men played their first games on 24th October in bitterly cold weather which included hail and wind. The ladies defeated Mt Barker Golf 4/0 and the men played Frankland and had a win 5/1 bringing "The Gun" trophy home. A good start to the pennant season.

CHRISTMAS 2026

The club CHRISTMAS RAFFLE will be on sale from the 30th October, $5 per ticket and will be drawn at the Christmas Party. Tickets are available at the club, local businesses or from the committee.
On the 13th December the club will host their annual Christmas Party. Games for the children from 4pm, organised by the P & C, Father Christmas will be arriving at 5pm, free sausage sizzle and drink for the kids followed by a bbq (buy meat and bring a salad to share) and the drawing of the raffle.

The club has been successful with an Australian Government Community Grant 2026/27 Volunteer Grant for $1500 to purchase a new computer. This support comes via Rick Wilsom MP office to the Federal Government, a huge thank you to everyone.

COMING EVENTS

November

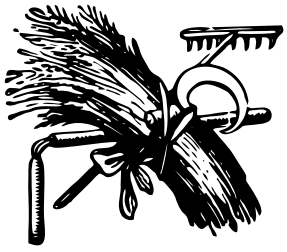
12th A night with Elvis - this event is put on by the Shire of Cranbrook during seniors week. for free and the club provides finger food for $15 per head. All welcome but please purchase your tickets prior to the event. Club opens at 5pm, show at 6pm. The kitchen will not be open on this night

20th Ladies Gala Day and Dolly Parton Tribute

December

8th Bendigo Bank Tambellup Cranbrook Community Bank Pairs

13th Christmas Party, Father Christmas visit, raffle draw



Wishing the farming community a safe and productive harvest. To those who are unwell, the club sends their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

NOVEMBER 2026 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Prohibited Burning Season Commences	**2**	**3** Melbourn Cup Lunch Dr Visit	**4**	**5** Mens Shed Cbk Knit & Stitch Nunijup Patchwork & Craft Line Dancing	**6** Seniors Lunch Playgroup Tiny Tots First Aid	**7** Mens Shed
8	**9** Recycling	**10** Vet Clinic	**11** Rememberance Day Service	**12** Mens Shed Cbk Knit & Stitch Elvis Presley	**13** Seniors Lunch	**14** Mens Shed
15	**16**	**17** Vet Clinic Dr Visit	**18** Shire Council Meeting Frankland River	**19** Mens Shed Cbk Knit & Stitch Nunijup Patchwork & Craft Line Dancing Bank AGM	**20** Seniors Lunch Playgroup Child Health Clinc	**21** Mens Shed
22 	**23** Recycling *November Newsletter Deadline*	**24** Vet Clinc	**25** Play in the Park	**26** Mens Shed Cbk Knit & Stitch Line Dancing PDA Tests	**27** Seniors Lunch Playgroup	**28** Mens Shed Book Launch
29	**30**			**Only 1 Newsletter Edition left this year.** **Remeber to get your notices in!** cranbrooknewsletter@gillamii.org.au Amanda: 0429 884 683 Jan: 0417 981 264		

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