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Harvest Rituals

Feasts, festivals, blessings and other rites appear to have existed at least since people started farming. Food is essential to our survival so it makes sense that our ancestors reached out to whatever or whoever they believed influenced the success of the harvest. It makes just as much sense that they showed their gratitude for what they did receive from the harvest.

Different communities chose to celebrate at different stages of the harvest. At the beginning of the season they reach out with hope that all plants are pollinated and remain pest and disease free, in the middle with the ripening of the first crops and the end when harvesting all crops are finished.

It is no less true today. We rely on farmers across the world for the grains, fruits, herbs and vegetables that are used to create the foods we purchase from the shops and stores and there is a great deal of effort and expense that goes into our food production. There are also many scientific discoveries that support spiritual beliefs of the interconnectedness of everything we experience including all 5 senses, thought, emotion and other subtle energies.

Take some time this season to stop and consider where your food comes from, the effort that went into growing it and preparing it for your plate. Feel gratitude and respect for what you have regardless of how little or much it is. And with these thoughts, we have two occasions to share with others as we come to the end of the season and take the opportunity to give thanks for the coming harvest, and the hope of bountiful fruits and vegetables from our gardens.

A Harvest Blessing Service
will be held at
St. Oswald's Anglican Church,
Cranbrook
at 10am on the
18th October
followed by lunch in the
Rectory Gardens.

All Welcome

**Please RSVP to
Robb Lilford by
Sunday 11th
October on
0456 911 938 for
catering.**



CRANBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A

PRE-HARVEST PICNIC

12 NOON

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25

RED GUM SPRINGS

RED GUM PASS RD, STIRLING RANGES

BYO EVERYTHING, BBQ AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFO: MARK JEFFERIES 0428 517 103



Youth School Holiday Road Trip

Tuesday 6 October 2026

Leave 9am – Return 3pm

Year 4 to Year 8

Destination: Albany Orana Cinema and a play at Eyre Park

Lunch, movie tickets and bus transport provided

Movie to be advised closer to date

Pick-up and drop-off at the Shire Admin Office

RSVP essential – places are limited

youth@cranbrook.wa.gov.au
or phone admin office 98261008



SHIRE OF CRANBROOK

BLOOM FESTIVAL EVENT 2026

100 Years

1926 – 2026

OUR PAST • OUR COMMUNITY • OUR FUTURE

Join us as we celebrate 100 years of the Shire of Cranbrook.

EXHIBITION
3 & 4 OCTOBER
10AM – 2PM
CRANBROOK COMMUNITY HUB

WORKING TOGETHER WITH

CRANBROOK
Sustainable Agriculture Producer

Shire of Cranbrook
Great Southern's Finest



School Holiday Science Fun

Fun science activities, craft and a movie: Super Brook Galaxy

Thursday 8 October 2026

10am-1pm

Location: Gillamii Centre

Ages: Kindy to Year 6

Sausage sizzle lunch provided

RSVP: youth@cranbrook.wa.gov.au
or phone the admin office 9826 1008

Shire of Cranbrook
Great Southern's Finest



Shire of Cranbrook

Growing, Playing and Belonging

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!

JAMIE THE CLOWN
KIDS ENTERTAINER

FREE EVENT

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

Department of Communities

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CHILDREN'S WEEK WALES



View these
models and
more at the
Exhibition



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Doug Charles

ELVIS PRESLEY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026
Cranbrook Sporting Club

DOORS OPEN 5PM
SHOW STARTS 6PM
\$18 pp includes a plate of Hots & Potatoes

Celebrating Seniors Week

save the date

Melbourne Cup

Tuesday November 3rd | 11am at The Hub

\$20 entry | Delicious lunch | Sweeps | Door prize | Best cup outfit

Proceeds to Cranbrook Red Cross

Australian Red Cross



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)**

Frankland River Town Hall – Reopening Event

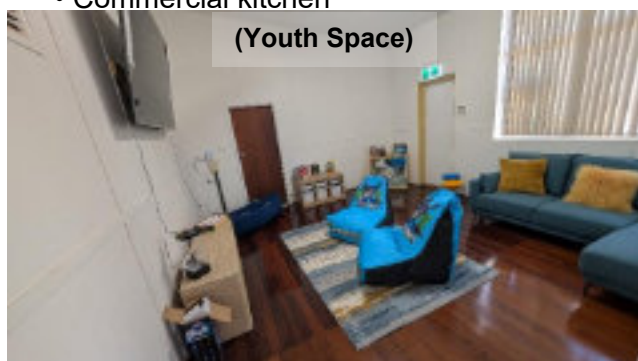
On Friday 4 September 2026, the Shire of Cranbrook officially re-opened the Frankland River Town Hall. Over 90 community members and visitors attended the evening. The re-opening consisted of a theatre performance by the Plantagenet Players, canapes and a dinner provided by Henderson and Hwang, along with a bar facility run by the Frankland River Country Club. Many of the attendees reminisced of functions that they had previously attended and the joy the facility brought for them and their families.

Thank you to the Frankland River Wine Growers who provide wine for the evening which showcased the Frankland River Wine Region.

It was a night to remember.

The renovations to the hall consisted of:

- Restumping
- Repairs to the floor and a sand and seal of the jarrah floorboards
- Install of LED lighting
- Bar cabinetry
- Compliant emergency exit doors
- Internal and external painting
- Commercial kitchen



(Youth Space)



(Main Stadium)



(Commercial Kitchen)

The first stage of the renovations was funded through the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program. To complete the commercial kitchen, the Shire Council contributed an additional \$100,000 from Shire reserves. The Shire also successfully secured funding from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development to establish a dedicated youth space within the hall.

To continue the development of the Frankland River Town Hall, Council has approved the completion of an electrical load upgrade, installation of air conditioning, storeroom facilities, and a community gym over the next two years.



This year Childrens Book Week was celebrated at the Cranbrook Primary School and Frankland River Primary School on Monday 31st August with a visit from Dianne Wolfer. Dianne is local author living in Albany. She not only talked about her life, inspiration and how her ideas are developed into books, but also how important the illustrator is and what they need to consider. Our kids came up with some great questions to ask and enjoyed the author reading them a couple of her books.

Our thanks to the Childrens Book Council of WA for funding the event, Dianne Wolfer for

visiting and our two Public Libraries for organising the event in conjunction with the Primary Schools.

You can find out more about Dianne on her website: <https://diannewolfer.com/>





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 16 September 2026 Council had 7 reports to consider, amongst these were:

- Council received the List of Payments for August and the July Monthly Financials;
- Council approved allocation of funds to the Tenterden Tennis Club for their new playground;
- Council endorsed the LEMC Minutes and LEMA Endorsement.

**Next Council Meeting
Wednesday, 21 October 2026 in
Cranbrook**

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.



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.

**Restricted Burning Period
is in effect for the
Shire of Cranbrook**

Permits Required.



Recycling Kerbside Collection

12 & 26 of October 2026



2026/2027 Rates Instalment Dates

1st instalment	1/10/2026
2nd instalment	3/12/2026
3rd instalment	4/2/2027
4th instalment	8/4/2027

2026/2027 Fees & Charges

The proposed Fees and Charges for the 2026/2027 financial year have been adopted by Council at the May Council meeting and may be viewed on the Shire of Cranbrook website or in person at the Administration Office. The new Fees and Charges will take effect from 1 July 2026.

Linda Gray
Chief Executive Officer

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.



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 01/10/2026 & 29/10/2026 between 1.30pm & 2.10pm.

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

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.



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



Plantagenet
Medical

Cranbrook Clinic Dates

20th October
Dr Amanda Willis
Please call 9892 1000
to make your next
appointment in
Cranbrook

SOMATIC THERAPY

You know the pattern.
 You understand where it comes from
 but somehow, you still find yourself doing it.



People-pleasing.
 Overthinking. Anxiety.
 Relationship patterns.
 Feeling overwhelmed.
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 you need.

Sometimes understanding *why* isn't enough.
 Somatic Therapy works with both the mind and
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 90-minute sessions
 Wednesdays
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 liz@lizmccomish.com

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 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.

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 Clime Street through to Gathorne Street at the original school site incorporating appropriate street furniture and sculptures along the way.

The selected sites are:

- Susanrah Pascoe's Cottage – Clime Street
- 1st Official School Site – Gathorne Street
- Traditional Aboriginal Bathing 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.



FRANKLAND RIVER
WINE REGION

THE FRANKLAND RIVER WINE FESTIVAL

OCT
17

12PM - 7PM

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Or message via Instagram [@thebodyworkpractice](https://www.instagram.com/thebodyworkpractice)
Or visit www.bodyworkpractice.com.au

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



Free to attend



REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL

Register by
9 October 2026

Lauren Lehmann

lauren.lehmann@cranbrook.wa.gov.au

9826 1008

Creche available - bookings essential



Get online week

Join us this **Get Online Week** to be safer and more confident online

Free Event Hosted by Cranbrook Public Library

Tune Into Technology: Discover Music Online

Discover online music, master technology, practice skills, and enjoy karaoke.

Friday 23rd October 2026 at the Cranbrook Public Library
140 Clinie Street
Cranbrook WA 6321
12.00pm to 2.00pm
Finger Lunch Provided



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



This activity has been funded under the Foster and Communities Programme by the Australian Government Department of Social Services



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY PROGRAM

End of Term Wrap-Up



As another wonderful term ends, we would like to celebrate the many experiences, achievements, and memories created by the ASAP participants throughout the program.

This term was filled with opportunities for creativity, connection, learning, and fun. Participants embraced every activity with enthusiasm, whether they were creating, exploring the outdoors, working as a team, or simply enjoying time together.

We began with a special Father's Day session where participants proudly created handcrafted trophies and cards before baking Rocky Road treats to share. The activity encouraged creativity, thoughtfulness and plenty of smiles.

Our Sports and Games afternoon brought everyone together through dodgeball, corn hole and throw-and-catch challenges. The session highlighted teamwork, cooperation, the Z resilience and appreciation for the natural environment.

During our Wildflower Walk, participants learned about native flora while exploring local surroundings. The activity encouraged curiosity and helped strengthen connections with nature and the local community.

A relaxing Movie, Games and Treats afternoon gave everyone the chance to slow down, unwind and enjoy each other's company. These quieter moments are just as valuable for building friendships and creating a sense of belonging.

To conclude the term, participants enjoyed a memorable Camping Experience featuring a campfire, storytelling, a sausage sizzle and toasted marshmallows. It was the perfect way to celebrate the friendships, growth and achievements of the term.

Highlights of the Term

As we reflect on the term, we are incredibly proud of the participation, enthusiasm and positive attitude shown by everyone involved. Thank you to our participants, families, staff and community partners for contributing to another successful and rewarding term.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting term ahead.

Kindly,

Taylor Robinson-Dixon
After School Program Officer



The Bushfire Brigades of the Shire of Cranbrook are seeking interested volunteers to fill their Radio Operator position.

This position is integral for the seamless operating of the Shire's Bushfire Brigades during the fire season; you will be an integral part of the team, supporting the community during their greatest time of need.

Duties include monitoring the supplied Fire Radio during the fire season, answering phone calls from the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and sending text messages (using the supplied Shire system) to inform the community of Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans and fire incidents.

We are looking for a group of 4-5 people who could act as the operator on a roster system.

Training will be provided by the Shire in operating the Fire Radio and the use of their online text message service.

Please direct enquiries to admin@cranbrook.wa.gov.au



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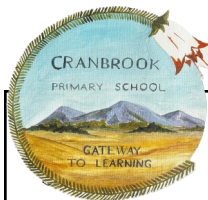
CRANBROOK

140 Climie St
Cranbrook
at the Gillamii Centre

Open Wed - Fri
9am - 4:30pm

Membership \$60/year





CRANBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the last newsletter for term three.

Last fortnight, as part of my role as a principal, I was out of school, working with a director from the schools' accountability department, doing Public School Reviews at two lovely little regional schools. My role was to provide contextual knowledge and to support decision making around whether the schools were meeting 'The Standard' set by the Department of Education. There are times, when our 'clickbait' culture paints a dim view of our public education system. Whilst it was a full-on week, I came back to Cranbrook blown away by what they and we are doing to ensure that our students leave us with all the foundational knowledge and skills that will serve them well as they head to high school. We operate in locations that can restrict access to professional development for teaching staff and, if we can get access, finding relief teachers to cover their classes can be extremely difficult. Despite the smaller budgets and geographical barriers, we are doing an incredible job and the students in our small schools are getting a very good deal. A massive well done to all staff in our small regional schools!

A downside to being out of school was missing the faction carnival last fortnight. I did get some lovely feedback from staff and parents about the how great the day was and how wonderful our students were. I believe the weather was even kind to everyone, which is always a bonus. Thank you to Miss Fish for organising the day! These things take a lot of time to plan and prepare for; we appreciate all your hard work and that of all the helpers on the day. A special mention to Ronnie for marking our oval and the town oval.

Breakfast Club, and the fruit supplied in the classrooms, continues to be a big hit with the students. Thank you to Joey, our chaplain, and Kerry, who helped out on Tuesday. If anyone has a spare hour on a Tuesday and Friday morning, between 8am and 9am, we would love some more hands on deck!

As this is the last newsletter of the term, I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Deb Greenwood—Principal

Faction Carnival

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to making our Faction Athletics Carnival such a wonderful day.

To our amazing staff those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes and those who were on the ground on the day thank you for your hard work, organisation and commitment.

A special thank you to our parents, P&C and Shire for your wonderful support and involvement. It truly takes a team to make a day like this happen, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who played a part. Lastly, to our students what a day! We were so proud to see the effort, enthusiasm, encouragement and fantastic sportsmanship you showed throughout the carnival. You represented your factions with such pride and made the day a wonderful celebration of our school community.

We were blessed with beautiful weather and an incredible atmosphere, making it a day to remember.

Celebrating Our Students

A very special congratulations to our Faction Champions and Runners-Ups:

Junior Girls Runner-Up — Halle van Vliet

Champion — Cadi Horrocks

Junior Boys Runner-Up — Charlie Langley

Champion — TJ Tucker

Intermediate Girls Runner-Up — Elleshia Best

Champion — Nathalia Banaynal

Intermediate Boys Runner-Up — Codey Villacorta

Champion — Jack Lehmann

Senior Girls Runner-Up — Millie Taylor

Champion — Indy van Vliet

Senior Boys Runner-Up — Levi Watterson

Champion — Oscar Lehmann

We also had some amazing students break or set new records throughout the carnival — an outstanding achievement!

Thomas Mantach—6 Y.O boys sack race

Cadi Horrocks—6 Y.O girls sack race and 6 Y.O girls long jump

Jack Lehmann—8 Y.O boys triple jump

Codey Villacorta—8 Y.O boys flag race and

Intermediate boys flag race

Oscar Lehmann—10 Y.O boys flag race

Charlie Langley—7 Y.O boys sack race

Congratulations to all of our students who competed, encouraged others and gave their very best. We are incredibly proud of you all!

Miss Fish

P&C Information

Support Cranbrook Primary School P&C this harvest – at no cost to you!

If you're contracting grain with Bunge this harvest, simply nominate **Cranbrook Primary School P&C** at the time of contracting. It won't cost you a cent. As part of Bunge's community support program, **Bunge donates 20 cents per tonne** directly to the P&C. The donation is made by Bunge and **does not come out of your grain payment**.

It's a simple way to support our local school and help fund resources and opportunities that benefit all of our students. A huge thank you to Bunge for investing in local communities, and to everyone who chooses to nominate **Cranbrook Primary School P&C**. Every tonne makes a difference.

Kind regards—Lauren Lehmann



Containers For Change

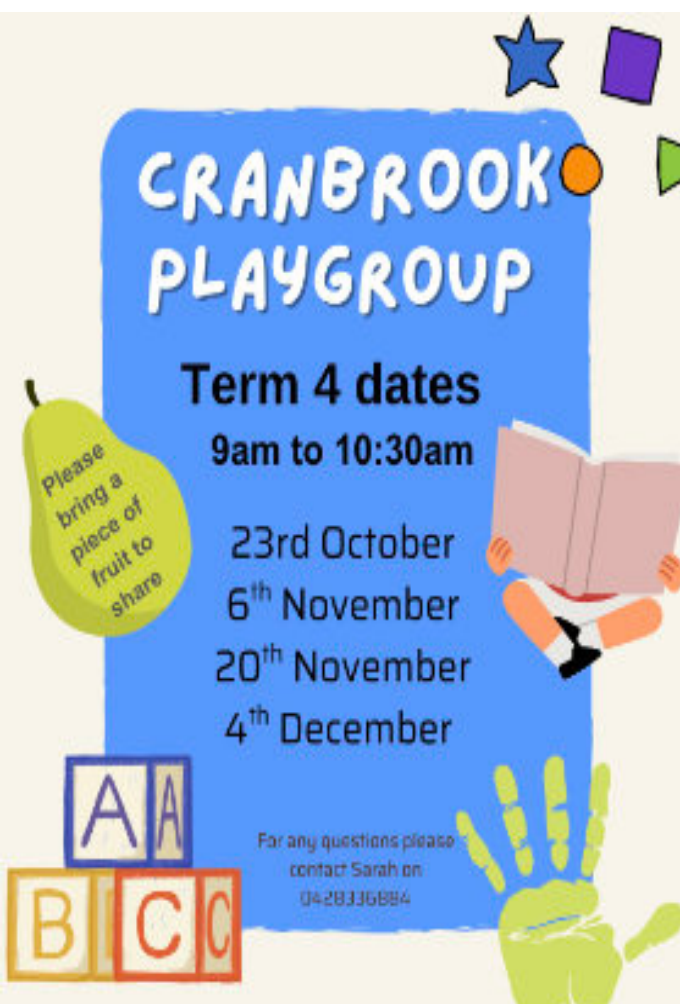
At the back of the sport shed on Grenfell St, there is a bin that you can pop your containers in or the School has available to parents and community members the Containers for Change green bags.

These bags are available by contacting the Admin office on 9826 0000 or email Cranbrook.PS@education.wa.edu.au

Write the school's ID **C10412875** on the bag and drop off at any Containers for Change depots and the school will receive the funds.

Money raised from the collection of these containers is used to fund our Kitchen Garden Program - purchasing garden items, plants, utensils and food.

Your support is greatly appreciated.



Excursion to plant trees

What an amazing afternoon our 22 super students in Years 4 to 6 had at Sam and Lauren Lehmann's farm at the beginning of Week Seven.

A massive thank you to the awesome adults, who supported the students to plant saltbush seedlings, and for explaining to our students how this would reclaim and desalinate the land.

They clocked up 6,000 steps and a whopping 2,736 trees planted, all in just 2 hours!

The students had an absolute blast and worked incredibly hard. They were focused, enthusiastic and worked so well together as a team.

We had a few lolly incentives along the way and, after all that hard work, finished the day with a well-deserved icy pole!

Miss Fish and the adults there on the day were so impressed with every single one of them. Their effort, teamwork and willingness to get stuck in was fantastic to see.

A huge thank you to Hilary Watterson from the Gillamii Centre and to Sam and Lauren for giving our students the opportunity to connect with their local environment and help make a difference.



Naplan Results for Cranbrook PS

As a small school, we aim to be at, or above, the achievement of our 'like schools'. These are schools who share similar contexts to us. More aspirational targets are to be at, or above, our state averages. Here's how we did this year:

Above like schools in:

Year Three - Reading, Writing, Numeracy, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation.

Year Five - Reading, Numeracy, Writing, Grammar and Punctuation.

Above state average in:

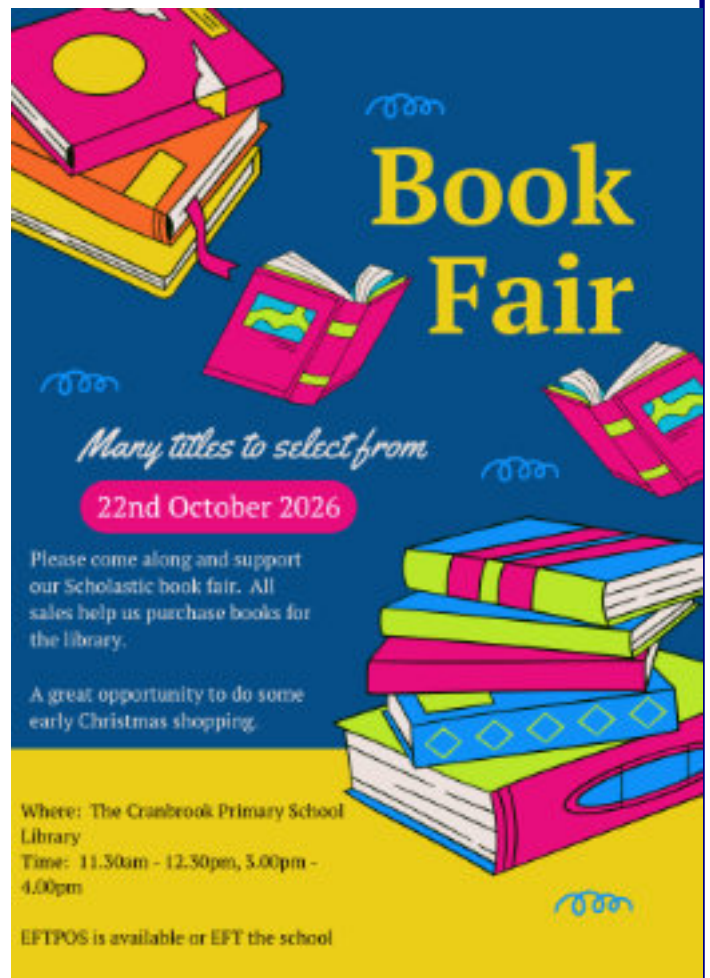
Year Three - Reading, Writing, Numeracy, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation.

Year Five - Reading, Grammar and Punctuation.

Well done to our clever students and their fabulous teachers!

Book Fair

In term 4 we will be holding a book sale at the School on Thursday 22nd October. Everyone from the community is welcome to come along and have a look at the books that will be for sale.



We look forward to:

- 12 October—students return to school
- 12—16 October—Year 5/6 camp
- 22 October—Book Fair
- 23 October—Interschool Carnival @ KPS
- 13 November—No school
- 19 November—K/P/1 Assembly
- 9 December—Year 6 Graduation Dinner
- 11 December—Celebration of Learning
- 17 December—Last Day of School

Gillamii Centre

140 Climie Street,
CRANBROOK

Gillamii Centre Opening Times

Wed, Thurs & Friday:

9am - 4.30pm

Mon & Tues - by appointment



Jenna Walliser – NRM Officer

po2@gillamii.org.au

Mob: 0427 261 234

General Queries:

admin@gillamii.org.au

9826 1234

Hilary Watterson – Admin
and Library

accounts@gillamii.org.au

Optimise Your Sheep Game – Session Two

The second session of the Optimise Your Sheep Game program, hosted by AgPro Management and Gillamii, was held on 21 September at the Horrocks property.

The session focused on Feed on Offer (FOO), pasture assessment, flystrike management and condition scoring. Participants revisited condition scoring techniques and physically assessed a mob of ewes before heading into the paddock to assess FOO using practical rules of thumb and a quadrat.

The group also discussed pasture quality, including the importance of clover as a protein source, early-season oats, pasture weeds and their control. Other topics included weaner nutrition and weight, protein sources such as lupins, vitamins and minerals, and the role of flock genetics in traits such as flystrike susceptibility and reproductive performance.

It was a great morning of practical learning, discussion and networking, with producers sharing their experiences and working through real-world examples to build confidence in applying these practices on-farm.

A big thank you to the Horrocks family for hosting the session and to everyone who came along and contributed to the discussion!

MUSTER, led by GGA, is funded by the Australian Government and administered by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

For more information,
contact admin@gillamii.org.au





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- ✦ Transport to Appointments & Social Outings
- ✦ Gardening & Lawn Maintenance
- ✦ Home Maintenance & Minor Repairs
- ✦ Respite Care for Family Carers
- ✦ Social Support & Companionship
- ✦ Overnight & Flexible Care Options

We're also looking for
Support Workers
to join our journey! ♥

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Dr Iris Messmer

Serving Mount Barker since 1998

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- Bachelor of Dental Sciences (UWA) 1997
- Postgraduate Diploma in Forensic Odontology (UWA) 2012

Outside the clinic

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Dr Sara Goli

Joining Plantagenet Dental in 2026

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- Yasuj University of Medical Sciences 2018
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Come in and meet Dr Sara and the Plantagenet Dental team



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 concerns.
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 neighbours is up to you.

Contact: Peter Denton - Coordinator - Cranbrook Post Office



CRIME STOPPERS 1800 333 000	POLICE 131 444	EMERGENCIES 000
Call to report any information about criminal activity or suspicious behaviour	"Press" 1 For Police Attendance 2 For Report Only	Where life or property is threatened or in danger
• Non urgent • Information can be current or from the past • Callers can remain anonymous • Report online at: www.crimestopperswa.com.au	For reporting: • A disturbance or antisocial behaviour • Something which has happened in the past • A property-related incident for insurance purposes	For when: • A serious crime is in progress or just committed; • Life or serious injury is threatened; • An immediate threat to people or property exists

GAIL IN UGANDA

Well the power and internet has come back on, but for how long, is anyone's guess, so my newsy letter will be short and sweet.

I see you have enjoyed another public holiday for the Kings birthday ... but wasn't he born in November?? Anyway, I hope the sun was shining and everyone enjoyed a peaceful day.

Not much calmness here, another forced clean up of streets, this time seeing a man shot dead because he would not get out of his vehicle to sweep. And as I predicted, with the torrential wet season in full force, piled up rubbish caused much of the capital city to flood. Like Perth, Kampala was built on wet lands but with no drainage system in place. And here, it really does turn into a swamp!

We have had a busy week, publicising our music studio. Quite a fun event, as under cover of darkness we hit the streets to put up posters - nobody asks permission here, but I'm sure it's illegal! Anyway, armed with a paste made of casava flour and water, we covered several districts (and myself) with the floury concoction, getting back home around 4am. And already, have had several enquiries.... and we

haven't been arrested, yet!

Besides, if the dictator can have his face posted on every lamp post from here to Timbuktu, ours brings a colourful relief.

Here there is not much legal law, and people tend to just " go for it" and keep their fingers crossed there is no repercussion. And anything can be had for a bribe! I'm pretty use to it now, and always carry a few extra shillings to get things done. For many, it is the only income they have, so have got off my moral high horse and make no judgements now. Besides, it works for me when I need prescription drugs and don't have a prescription!

When in Rome

My wee pocket garden is now a little jungle and my Aussie gum trees 10 foot high, so I'm one happy chappy. Just waiting on the first flowers.

Trust everyone is healthy and happy and congratulations to newsletter team for a job well done. Love keeping up to date with all the news in little old Cranbrook.

Gail and Benjamin.



Cranbrook Sub Centre

NOTICE OF ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING

Wednesday 14th October 2026

7.00pm

Cranbrook Sub Centre

Everyone welcome!

For more information, please contact

Cranbrook.Secretary@stjohnwa.com.au

0429 904 652



Our hearty congratulations to Beck Ettridge who was recognised recently at the St John State Conference for her 10 years of dedicated service to St John Ambulance WA and the Cranbrook - Frankland Sub Centre. The Service Award recognises Beck's commitment and willingness to support her community in her role on the green team.

Beck was also recently chosen to be a representative for St John Ambulance WA at the Lights and Sirens Extravaganza held in Perth. A fantastic experience!

Thank you for all you do for our community as an emergency services volunteer Beck. Well done.

CRANBROOK COMMUNITY SENIORS' LUNCH

Are you aged 60 or more?
Please come join our 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 September: Tina,
Mary, Nerida, Anne, Sandy,
Sandy



Roster	Oct	2	Gail Trish
		9	Dot Bernie
		16	Gillamii Library
		23	Bus trip
		30	Red Cross
	Nov	5	Gidget Denise Book club

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 8th October 10am
Thursday 22nd October 10am

Cranbrook Town Hall.

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

Cranbrook Community Men's Shed Inc.



The month of September has been a busy one at
the shed with projects getting the final touches
towards completion, active discussions and lots
of enthusiasm shown by the lads.

Our membership has retained 100% renewal
which speaks volumes for our executive who
work hard to provide a safe, enjoyable place for
the men in the community. Thank you to all the
members, it is very much appreciated. A big
shout out to Buzz and Shirley up in Perth, thank
you also for your kind words and continued
support.

The bbq has been a bit quiet in recent weeks, but
that could change soon with plans in the works
for a couple of events leading up to Christmas
which is only 12 weeks away. Speaking of
Christmas, if you have any gifts that might need
some putting together, the shed is always an
option to assist with assembly for a donation.
Just pop in on any Thursday or Saturday morning
and talk to the lads.

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



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Bookings Jodi 0413 997 032 - Chairperson Kylie 0412 325 022

SHOEBOXES



Packing of Shoeboxes

This year we are doing the packing of the Shoeboxes on **Thursday 22nd October** starting at **9am**, at the **Cranbrook Baptist Church**, if you'd like to be involved, that would be a wonderful support and I'm sure you'd enjoy it and find it very interesting.

We have been blessed with so many lovely gifts to pack in the shoeboxes, which will bring a lot of happiness to many children. If you'd still like to contribute in anyway, it's certainly not too late.

Goods are always appreciated, as is financial donations as it costs \$12.50 to freight a shoebox. Last year we sent 306 boxes and all the freight, \$3,825.00, came in as well, how kind and giving is our community.

Thank You to all who have contributed now and in the years gone by, you have blessed so many children.

Please give me a call if you have any questions or are able to assist with the packing of the shoeboxes. Look forward to hearing from you.

Lorraine Preston 0429 982 680



CRANBROOK MUSEUM

Gathorne St
near the railway station

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

Roster October Tina
 November Dot



The museum will be open on the 3rd and 4th October when the Bloom Festival Shire of Cranbrook exhibition is on display at the Hub.

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



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.*



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. Flyer in this newsletter

Red Cross meeting

1st October at the Hub at **2pm**

Recipe: Veggie Feta Scramble

A healthy snack

- 3 large eggs
- 1 small tomato chopped
- ½ cup baby spinach chopped finely
- 1 tablesp feta
- 1 tsp olive oil
- Salt, pepper
- 1 slice low carb bread

1. Heat oil in fry pan, saute tomato for 2 minutes, add spinach
2. Pour in whisked eggs and cook until soft
3. Top with feta and serve on toasted bread

St Oswald's Anglican Church, Cranbrook

Service Dates and Times

OCTOBER

4th	10am	Morning Prayer
11th	10am	Holy Communion
18th	10am	Morning Prayer, Harvest Blessing and Lunch (see front page)
25th	10am	Holy communion



Thank you to all those from Cranbrook who supported the Anglican Parish Stall for **Medecins Sans Frontiers (Doctors Without Borders)**. An amount of \$2,000 has been sent to MSF which assists with the amazing work they do.

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

Contacts:

Rev. Genevieve Milnes 0410 303 358
Jan Pope 0417 981 264



Cranbrook Baptist Church

Sunday Service
10.00 am

Growth Groups run throughout the week

Contact: Michelle Preston
0448 660 606



FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICES

Please phone Justine 9851 2611
Tuesdays and Fridays

(or leave a message through the week).

Financial Counsellor Accreditation Number 00159.

Financial Counselling is a FREE SERVICE
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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



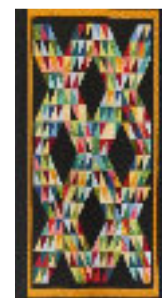
NUNIJUP PATCHWORK & CRAFT GROUP

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

Tenterden Hall, Tenterden

Dates for 2026

- ♦ October 1st, 15th & 29th
- ♦ November 5th & 19th
- ♦ December 3rd & 17th





Child Health Clinic Cranbrook

Information for parents about child
development & behaviour

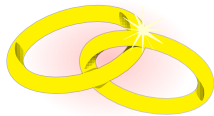
3rd FRIDAY every month

Appointments - 9851 1451

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

Congratulations to...

Hanna Carmichael and
Jack Walker on the safe
arrival of a precious little
daughter, **Maisie Jae** on
Friday 11th September
weighing 3.6kgs (7lb 9ozs).



**Theo and
Jess Cunningham** who
celebrated their marriage on
the 19th September with
family and friends at Beeac.

Shane Hotene at Kaffe
107 who celebrated a
special birthday turning
60 on the 28th
September.



Our Deepest Sympathies to ...



Neville Toovey and his son **Kim**
and family on the death of their
much loved wife, mother and
Nanna, **Jill Toovey** on the 16th
August after a long illness.

The family of **Mrs Mollie Jones**
(nee Toovey) who passed away
on the 22nd August - just six
weeks after having enjoyed her
100th birthday celebrations with
her family and friends on the 7th
July 2026



Happy October Birthdays to...

- 1st Andrea Mengler
- 2nd Eden and Miller Rumble
- 3rd Lachie Warham
- 4th Bernie Climie
- 6th Anne Humble
- 7th Henry Gillam
- 8th Trish Standish
- 9th Lily Jones
Isabelle Tomlinson
Clancy Tiller is 5
- 11th Arya Pope
- 12th Ian Dodson
James Waldron
- 13th Marcus Kinnane
- 14th Lucas Dixon
- 15th Carolyn Dodson
Estelle Patterson
- 16th Pat Morgan
- 17th Penny Broughton is 1
- 19th Ashlee Williamson
- 20th Jan Lawrence
Siobhan Smith
- 21st Wynne Morgan
- 22nd Dekota Warren
- 24th Ian Pope
Ben Smith
Finn & Ted Horrocks
- 25th Perin Mulcahy
- 28th Rebecca Hambley
Evie Pollard
- 29th Poppy Ford
Jack Pope
- 30th Amy Gillam
Storm Melia
- 31st Leah-Varnah Taitapanui





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HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

The September annual RUOK day is a good reminder of the importance of checking in with each other. Ideally every day is an RUOK day. With Media and at events we hear a lot of reminders to check in each other, keep connected and more. Very important. But what do we do when someone after being asked RUOK says 'No I'm not'?

1. Listen Listen Listen we will instinctively feel the need to 'fix the issue' for the person but listening with genuine interest and allowing the person to talk through their situation helps that person better understand their issue.
2. Don't say, 'I know how you feel'. You don't know how they feel. But if you have been through something similar tell them your story and how you got through your similar situation. This helps the person to realise they are not alone in what they are experiencing and they will get through.
3. 'Unconditional Positive Regard' No matter what the person says or what they say is how they are feeling you fully accept that this is their truth. No judgement and give them your full support. This creates trust and a safe place in situ for the person to fully express themselves without fear of ridicule. This does not mean you agree; you are accepting that this is how that person genuinely feels at this time.
4. Paraphrase what the person is saying. When listening to the person the use of a paraphrase shows the person you are hearing what they are saying. ie: Person "Everywhere I look there are more and more jobs I need to do and I just can't get ahead and makes me feel like I never will get ahead". Paraphrase, 'You have so much on that you can't see a way through, that sounds very stressful'.
5. Paraphrase purpose: The person will feel heard. The person will have a chance to hear what they are saying, correct or add to what they have said. A paraphrase can slow the conversation down this then may lessen the stressors being experienced grounding the person for a second. Also the person who knows they are being heard feels valued.
6. Remind and describe how the person is valued by you, give them examples of things they do that you admire and tell the person that you are here for them.
7. Ask what did the person do last time they were challenged? What they did then that helped and what did they do that didn't help. Remind the person they will get through and have learnt before how to. Remind the person that opening up to you is huge first step and shows a great strength, their true self.
8. If you feel the person should consider seeking professional help such as counselling suggest that, plant the seed. But also, be prepared to walk alongside the person, not lead, and together call Rural aid or another counselling service.

One conversation at the right time with the right person can change everything. Be that person.

Rural Aid Australia - Roger Hitchcock

**Counsellor & Community Representative West Australia based in Narrogin
(Wagin and Surrounding Region)**

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FIND SUPPORT





Living with Wildlife

by Mount Barker Wildlife Hospital

Baby Bird Season – When to Help and When to Leave Alone

Springtime is baby boom season in our local trees and parks. As the weather warms up, native birds are busy raising the next generation. Here at Mt Barker Wildlife Hospital, our phone lines ring constantly with a common question: "I found a baby bird on the ground, what should I do?"

Finding a vulnerable bird on the lawn can tug at the heartstrings, but in most cases, the best course of action is to do nothing. To make the right call, you must understand the two different stages of a baby bird's life: nestlings and fledglings.

Nestlings are very young babies that are either pink and featherless, or covered in soft down. They cannot walk, hop, or grip a branch, having accidentally fallen from their nest too early. If you find a nestling, it needs intervention. If you can see the nest and it is safe, gently place the baby back inside. If the nest is out of reach, create a "substitute nest" using a small plastic container with drainage holes, lined with dry grass. Securely wire this container to a tree branch near the original nest so the parents can return.

Fledglings, on the other hand, are older babies that are fully feathered with short tail feathers. They look like mini, scruffy versions of their parents. Fledglings are meant to be on the ground! This is a natural stage of development where they spend a few days learning how to hop, forage, and practice flying. Their parents are nearby, watching from branches and returning regularly with food. If you find a healthy fledgling, the golden rule is to leave it alone. Only intervene if it is in immediate danger from traffic or a pet, in which case you can gently move it into a nearby dense bush.

When it comes to supporting these wild families, the hospital maintains a strict policy: Please DO NO feed. It is incredibly dangerous to feed wild baby birds. Different species have highly specialised dietary needs. Feeding the wrong food—like bread or mincemeat—can cause permanent, fatal bone deformities. Trying to force water down a baby bird's beak easily results in fluid entering their lungs, causing fatal pneumonia.

Instead of food, please leave out water for the hard-working parents. A shallow birdbath provides the perfect place for adult birds to hydrate. Always place a few sticks or rocks inside the water dish so that if a clumsy fledgling happens to tumble in, it has a safe ramp to climb out.

By keeping our cats indoors, leaving healthy fledglings to complete their ground-training, and keeping artificial food away from wild families, we can give our baby birds the very best start in life.

If a baby bird is visibly injured, bleeding, cold, or has been caught by a cat, it requires urgent veterinary attention. Place it in a warm, dark, ventilated box and contact Mt Barker Wildlife Hospital right away.

MANGOES

Sadly, my reason for this note is to let you know that the mango season has failed this year – very little flowering, hence very few mangoes. The representative from the Department of Agriculture in Kununurra advised that orchards in Darwin and Queensland have faced the same problem, so any mangoes that do become available will very expensive this year. Hope you froze some in 2025!

In addition, the escalating costs associated with airfares to send our volunteers to Kununurra and the freight costs to transport the mangos to Perth due to the fuel supply issue, had caused us to give deep and prayerful consideration to the viability of the project.

The funds raised from last year's mango crop were used to fund the installation of solar power on the roof of the hospice, as well as almost paying for the 2 cars that were desperately needed to continue home visitations (normally 3 cars 6 days per week) during this fuel crisis. These finances are 'over and above' the regular donations we receive which go towards the day to day running expenses.

The mango crop has only failed twice in the 16 years since Dave Den gifted us the first pallet of mangos. We are so grateful to all those faithful supporters who have sold and/or bought mangos over these 16 years and we are sorry to those who will undoubtedly be disappointed not to have the opportunity to enjoy the fruit this year.

If you feel you are able to make a donation in lieu of receiving a \$60 box of mangoes, your gift will be tax deductible as always.

Be assured that like any donation you make to RAH, all funds we receive will be transferred to the team in Kolkata to support the amazing work they do to support patients and their families. The team here in Perth are volunteers and do not receive any remuneration for all the amazing work they do for RAH.

If you have any questions, as always you are most welcome to give me a call.

Lorraine Prestron 0429982680



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

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Temporary Change to Operating Hours

We regret to advise that we are temporarily operating under modified hours.

We are currently onboarding and training new team members. For safety and security reasons, we cannot open the branch doors without full staff coverage. While our doors are closed, our branch staff remain available to assist you via phone or email during standard hours at (08) 9825 1333 or tambellupmailbox@bendigoadelaide.com.au. We are very sorry for the disruption to your day and thank you for your patience and support as we bring our new team up to speed.

Normal operating hours will resume on 19 October.

Cranbrook Hours

Until 19 October
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Until 19 October
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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 Narrish Street (PO Box 176) Tambellup WA 6320

Phone: 0429 228 434
Email: office@gsfcsl.com

Company Secretary: Rochelle Werrett
Email: companysec@gsfcsl.com

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Want to Reach Your Community?

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Thank you to Gail who has taken on the role of minute secretary for the Club.

SCROUNGERS BOWLS

Last day will be October 3rd followed by presentation of prizes. Well done to everyone who has played the season and congrats to the winners.



BOWLS SEASON COMMENCEMENT

The bowls season is fast approaching. The club will open bowls on **Sunday 4th October**. This will be followed by a bring and share casserole tea.



The Ladies will open their season on **Tuesday 6th October**.

Each **Thursday social bowls** will be played from **4.30 onwards**, everyone welcome.

MEMBERSHIP

Memberships for the year 2026/27 are now due and payable online or at the club on a Thursday. Your support of the club is greatly appreciated.



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

October

- 10th Clive Thorn Memorial Shield
- 18th Mens Open pairs Day sponsored by Simon Wilkinson LAWD
- 24th Pennants for men and ladies commences

November

- 12th A night with Elvis
- 20th Ladies Gala Day and Dolly Parton Tribute

December

- 8th Bendigo Bank Pairs
- 13th Christmas Party, Father Christmas visit, raffle draw



The club wish Lee, Alecia Taylor and the children all the best in their move to Tom Price and thank them for their contribution to the club. See you when you return.



Congratulations to our local Mt Barker Bulls Football players, Bailey Fiegert, Lachie Warham and Kos de Jonge playing for the Mt Barker Bulls U/16s and Sam Lehmann playing in the Reserves who won their Grand Finals in the Great Southern Football League on the 12th September capping off a great year for both teams.



And commiserations to Fremantle Dockers and their supporters on their loss in the AFL Grand Final after being minor Premiers for 2026 – what a difference four minutes can make. Congratulations to Brisbane supporters and their three Grand Finals wins in three years – an extraordinary achievement

History of Cranbrook

Sport has always been a major part of the community. The first **horse race** meeting was apparently held at Tenterden in 1891 and the second in 1897. Races were held at Frankland from 1901 and in Cranbrook in 1908 out near the old sportsground. There are many stories of "true or untrue" racing and judging adventures

Cricket teams played prior to WW1 representing Cranbrook, Gordon River, Frankland, Tunney and Tenterden. The competition returned following the war with Unanup having an active club. During the 1920's Cranbrook joined the Tambellup association and during the 50's and 60's enjoyed success. Eric James was a member of the WA cricket team in 1949 and in 1952 played for Australia against English XI and in 1953 the WA Sheffield Shield team

Football was first played in the early 1900's in Peacock's paddock verse Tambellup. From 1930 to 1973 the game was played on Frederick Square and home games were a highlight for the town. Afternoon tea was served from the old shed and even the players enjoyed this. From 1974 football was played at the "new" sportsground but unfortunately by 1977 the football club had folded due to a lack of numbers. Cranbrook has had some good footballers play for the local clubs, WAFL and Allan Toovey from Frankland played for Collingwood in the AFL. Today the locals and juniors mostly play for the Mt Barker Bulls.

Golf started in L P James property in 1931 and moved to the current site in 1933. The Frankland golf club opened in 1954. Sue Milne won many club championships and was always happy to coach new players. Sue as Sue James was in the state junior golf team in 1951, 1955 played in the WA state team in the interstate championships in Sydney and in 1956 she won the state country championships. She was also the junior coach for a number of years.

Bowls has been played since the opening of the old club in 1957. This was started by the RSL club. In 2010 the club moved to the new facilities on Frederick Square with a synthetic grass green. Neva Morgan won her 10th singles championship in 2026. Members

continue to play each week, play pennants and many other events during the season.

Tennis has been played in numerous places over the years currently on Frederick Square. The courts are open for anyone to have a game. Tenterden Tennis club continues to flourish and hold their Junior Tournament each year.

Hockey was played pre war and reformed in 1960. During the 1980's there were 2 teams

Netball was played in a local organisation for many years between Cranbrook, Nunijup, Frankland, Rocky Gully, Kendenup before the teams joined the Albany Association. Junior netball was also played during this time. During the 1980's there were 2 teams

Rifle club In the early years there was a rifle range north of the cemetery.

Basketball was played during the 60's and again during the 80's and 90's.

Pony club was held at the old sportsground for many years

Badminton was also played in the town hall, Billiards was enjoyed back in the 30's, and darts over the years

Water skiing at Lake Poorarecup and Lake Nunijup are enjoyed by many

Polo Cross has been played at Tenterden/Cranbrook for many years and several locals have been in the WA State team. 1968 Norma Squire, Sandy Lehmann, John Marriott with Sandy winning the best horse and rider, 1972 Norma and Sandy, Blossom and John Marriott and in 1975 the junior polo cross team played in Victoria with Lesley Gardiner, Mandy Marriott, Peter Beech, Neville Parsons

Today there is golf and bowls played in Cranbrook and a representative team and juniors in the Albany netball association and juniors and some seniors play football for the Mt Barker Bulls. How times have changed!



A massive thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with another successful season at the Cranbrook Golf Club. From anyone that donated food or baked goods, assisted in the kitchen on open days, time around the course in preparation of big events and our valued sponsors. Our Club Committee thanks you all.

Notice of AGM

4th November 7:30pm

Cranbrook Golf Club

Results

September

5th Russian Stableford K Hart & J Douglas 80pts
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12th 5th Round J Climie 85/74, J Wilson 86/74,
Championships C Wilson 103/73

19th Final Round R Pope 83/70
Championships J Climie 85/74
S Morgan 87/74

Fixtures

October

3rd Closing Day and Presentation Dinner

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President: Joe Horrocks 0488 329 367

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October 2026 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	School	Holidays		1 1st Rates Instalment PDA Tests Red Cross Meeting Mens Shed Cbk Knit & Stitch Nunijup Patchwork & Craft	2 Seniors Lunch	3 Bloom Festival Exhibition Mens Shed Museum Open Scroungers Bowls Golf Closing Day
4 Bloom Festival Exhibition Museum Open Bowls Season Start	5	6 Vet Clinic Youth School Holiday Road Trip Ladies Bowls Start	7	8 School Holiday Science Fun Mens Shed Cbk Knit & Stitch Line Dancing Social Bowls Start	9 Seniors Lunch	10 Mens Shed
11	12 Recycling 	13 Vet Clinic	14 St John AGM	15 Mens Shed Cbk Knit & Stitch Nunijup Patchwork & Craft	16 Seniors Lunch Child Health Clinic	17 Mens Shed Tennis Opening Day Frankland River Wine Festival
18 Harvest Blessing Service	19 After school Activities Program Recommences	20 Dr Visit Vet Clinic	21 Shire Council Meeting	22 Primary School Book Fair Mens Shed Cbk Knit & Stitch Line Dancing Shoebox Packing	23 Seniors Lunch Playgroup Tune into Technology	24 Mens Shed
25 Preharvest Picnic 	26 Recycling  <i>November Newsletter Deadline</i>	27 Vet Clinic	28 Play in the Park	29 PDA Tests Nunijup Patchwork & Craft	30 Growing Playing Belonging Seniors Lunch	

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