

Australia Day

YOU ARE INVITED - JOIN US

**CRANBROOK SPORTING CLUB
FRIDAY, 26 JANUARY 2024**

FORMAL WELCOME
CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

BRUNCH

GUEST SPEAKER - ANDREW EMBLEY

KIDS INFLATABLES

FREE ICE CREAM/COFFEE VAN

9AM - 12 MIDDAY

ALL FREE



COME AND MEET ANDREW

ANDREW IS A FORMER WEST COAST EAGLES
PREMIERSHIP PLAYER & NORM SMITH
MEDALIST. ANDREW IS VERY APPROACHABLE
AND ENGAGING SPEAKER. TEAM SUCCESS,
LEADERSHIP, BUSINESS AND RESILIENCE IN
ADVERSITY



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



MAA18 Auschem Accreditation

12 & 13 February 2024

8.30am to 4.30pm

Learn the knowledge and skill required to manage risk associated with chemical use, and to understand your obligations in the area of duty of care, quality assurance and environmental management.

Costs - \$36.00 (resource fees) + \$75.00 Registration fee = \$111 per student
Temporary VISA/Commerical rate = \$875.50 + \$75.00 (registration fee) = \$950.70

IMPORTANT NOTES TO STUDENTS

All participants are now required to:

- Complete the pre-enrollment forms
- Wear clean & functional gloves/mask
- Wear long sleeved shirt & long trousers
- Wear enclosed boots
- Bring safety glasses
- Bring reading glasses if needed

Please enroll by the 2nd of February 2024

For further information please call 9855 2310

Frankland River Community Resource Centre



FAMILY FUN DAY

WANTED

Market Stall Holders for the upcoming
Family Fun Day

Sunday, 10 March 2024
11am to 3pm

Attention all community groups, visiting
artists, and producers!

Have you secured your spot at our
upcoming event?

For further information, please contact Teresa
at Frankland River CRC

Or scan the QR code to learn more.



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98 55 2310



manager@franklandrivercrc.org.au

Kids Club

AUSTRALIA DAY CRAFTS

AUSTRALIA DAY CRAFTS AFTERNOON AT THE CRC
JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON OF CREATIVITY AND AUSSIE SPIRIT!
FOR AGES 5 YEARS AND UP ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.
DATE: WEDNESDAY JANUARY 24TH
TIME: 10 AM - 12 PM
\$5 PER CHILD
WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!
DON'T FORGET TO BOOK!

Frankland River Community Resource Centre

2024 RURAL impressions

Art Awards & Exhibition

'RURAL IMPRESSIONS' is an art showcase inviting artists to explore and express their interpretations of the theme 'Rural'.

Prizes include: \$400 for 1st, \$200 for 2nd and \$100 for 3rd place.

Important Dates

Entries Close:	January 26
Art Delivered by:	February 11
Opening Night:	February 15
Exhibition Open:	February 16-18
Art to be Collected:	February 18-29

For more details please contact the Boyup Brook Community Resource Centre
86 Abel St, Boyup Brook, WA 6244 | 9765 1169 | artawardseboyupbrook.org

Entry Forms available here:
www.boyupbrook.crc.net.au

With thanks to the generous Sponsors and Supporters

FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 10 MARCH

Save the date!!
Planning is in full swing for our biennial Family Fun Day on the Frankland River Oval. All the fun of a show without the travel...
Stall bookings are welcome!
Email: manager@franklandrivercrc.org.au

Frankland River Community Resource Centre
9855 2310
franklandrivercrc.org.au

FRANKLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C RAFFLE

WIN THIS

2ND PRIZE: TRAILER OF WOOD
3RD PRIZE: DANDELION CAFE VOUCHER

FUNDRAISER FOR SCHOOL CAMP

TICKETS \$5 EACH
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PERMIT NO: LS221007723 G HAYNES 0430049401



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Email: manager@franklandrivercrc.org.au<https://franklandrivercrc.org.au>

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**The Franklander
Newspaper**

Managers Report

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope everybody had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and was able to take at least a few days off. We certainly had a mix of weather over the festive period, hopefully everyone managed to finish harvest without too many delays.

Planning is continuing for the Family Fun Day which will be held on the 10th of March, so mark your calendars and get ready for a fantastic day of water slides, rides, games and food. Entry will be free and there will be lots of community group stalls and fundraisers for the school. We have some amazing sponsors this year, so far we have The Frankland General Store a big thank you to Chris and Song, Frankland Rural thank you to Chloe, Tim and all the amazing staff there, Frankland Rummage, thank you to June, Maureen, Gwenda and Tabitha for all their hard work making sure the Op Shop stays running and is able to support the town, and lastly to Bendigo Bank and CBH for their grant funding it is appreciated by us all.

I would like to say a big thank you to the Frankland River CWA ladies for their generous donation of \$300 towards supporting our Lego club, it is greatly appreciated.

After School Kids Club returns this year on a Wednesday afternoon, Term one timetable is now out, a copy can be found in this edition of the paper. Please contact the CRC to book your child in, we are only taking ten children each term, so don't delay booking your child in.

Next week on Thursday the 24th we have Vacation Care running with some fun Australia Day crafts, please call and book your child in if they would like to come. We also have a online course on Social Media Basics running, if you would like to enrol please call reception on 98552310.

Have a great fortnight,

Teresa

Friendly reminder: In a move to further reduce landfill and provide a more sustainable way of circulating the local rag we have moved to a mostly digital fortnightly format. The practice of receiving a printed copy of the paper in your mail box each fortnight has ceased. As from January 2024 printed copies of The Franklander will be only be available for collection from the Frankland River Post Office or CRC and only mailed to those requesting a hard copy be posted to their mail box.

Don't miss out! If your preference is a printed copy each fortnight, please ensure you are included on this mailing list.

Email: reception@franklandrivercrc.org.au

Term 1 2024

1	Wednesday 7th February	Dream catchers / Suncatchers	CRC	\$5
2	Wednesday 14th February	Valentines Day - Sugar Cookies & Cards	CRC	\$5
3	Wednesday 21st February	Cotton library bags	CRC	\$5
4	Wednesday 28th February	Movie	CRC	\$0
5	Wednesday 6th March	Lego	CRC	\$0
6	Wednesday 13th March	Harmony Bandanas	CRC	\$5
7	Wednesday 20th March	International Earth Day - ceramic pot heads	CRC	\$8
8	Wednesday 27th March	Easter – Basket weaving	CRC	\$6
			Or \$35 for whole term \$25 for Members	

Please enrol my child/ren _____ for the whole term of After School Activities

Please enrol my child/ren in weeks 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Signed: _____

Paid \$ _____ on _____ Staff signature: _____



Community Garden

Updates & Announcements



To grow social connections through education & sustainable living.

Recipe's

Lamb Koftas with Yoghurt Dressing

Ingredients

Koftas - 500 g lamb mince, 1/2 onion grated, 1/4 cup breadcrumbs, 2 cloves garlic crushed, 2 tbsp chopped fresh coriander, 2 tsp cumin, 2 tsp paprika, 2 tsp coriander, 1.5 tsp ground cinnamon, 1 tsp cayenne pepper, 1 1/2 tsp salt, 1/2 black pepper

Yoghurt Sauce - 1 cup yogurt Greek, 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil, 1 clove garlic crushed, 1 tsp cumin, 1 tbsp lemon juice, 1/4 tsp salt and pepper.

Yogurt Sauce: Combine the yogurt sauce ingredients and leave in fridge for at least 20 minutes for the flavor to develop (overnight even better!).

Koftas: Grate the onion into the bowl using a standard box grater. Add remaining Kofta ingredients and mix well with your hands.

With damp hands, divide the meat into 8 equal pieces and push and shape the meat onto 8 skewers. Make them smooth (looks nicer, pictured!) or a bit nubbly (more surface area to brown!). BBQ on medium high for about 6 minutes, rotating to brown all over.

serve with Flat bread & Slaw

RECIPE BY : Nagi | RecipeTin Eats

Weather

Tuesday:
Sunny
Top of 28

Wednesday:
Sunny
Top of 38

Thursday:
Sunny
Top of 31

Friday:
Cloud clearing
Top of 28

Garden Tips

Creating your own compost is a cost-effective and environmentally friendly way to fertilize your garden. Choose a shaded area with good drainage for your compost bin. Layer organic compost and straw, maintaining a balance of brown (carbon-rich) and green (nitrogen-rich) waste such as paper, cardboard, coffee grounds, and kitchen waste. Wait until the compost has a soil-like texture and an earthy smell, then use it in your garden as a natural fertilizer. This process allows you to recycle kitchen and garden waste while eliminating the need for store-bought fertilizers.

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Shire of Cranbrook Annual Electors Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Electors Meeting will be held in the Frankland River Community Centre on **Monday 5 February 2024, commencing at 5.00pm.**

AGENDA:

1. Confirmation of Minutes
2. Receipt of Annual Report, incorporating the Annual Financial Report for 2022/2023
3. General Business

Electors are requested to provide the Chief Executive Officer with their questions in writing no later than seven (7) days prior to the meeting date to enable staff to research the matter if required.

The 2022/2023 Annual Report is available for viewing via the Shire's Website at www.cranbrook.wa.gov.au or by contacting the Shire Administration Office on 9826 1008. A limited number of copies will also be available at the meeting.

Linda Gray
Chief Executive Officer



PUBLIC NOTICE – CHANGE TO FEES AND CHARGES

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 6.19 of the *Local Government Act 1995* that the Shire of Cranbrook has adopted a new charge of \$10 for wine glasses, effective from 14 February 2024.

The entire fees and charges may be viewed at the Shire of Cranbrook administration office or on the Shire's website.

Linda Gray
Chief Executive Officer
15 January 2024



From the Principals desk...

Mrs Zur

Mrs Sue Zur, our extraordinary gardener since 2003 will be taking leave for 2024. Mrs Zur has been a wonderful asset to our school, establishing the gardens we all love (and many visitors comment positively on). Sue was also instrumental in establishing our waste wise and sustainability approaches long before they became popular. She willingly distributes our recyclable items around the state and has handled the challenges of marking out our town oval for Interschool Athletics Carnivals with confidence. We will miss Sue's knowledge, passion, and terrific sense of humour greatly in 2024. We wish her and her husband, Chris all the best as they jet off around the world.

What's Growing in our Garden Project?

Thanks to Mrs Teresa Lawson who visited school to announce the winners of our fruit and vegetable poster competition. It was great to see the creative designs the students came up with.

K/P/1 – Oliver Baxter

2/3 – Billie Beech

4/5/6 – Darcie Reed

Overall – Jasmine Haynes

This was the final part of our Health Way project (What's Growing in our Garden?) which had been designed to increase the fruit and vegetable consumption of our students, and to promote healthy eating practices.

Mr Gilbert and I conducted a final vegetable audit for the year. It was great to see that our students have tried more vegetables through the project! In addition to this, class teachers have been conducting a lunchbox audit this week and we hope to see that lunchboxes contain LESS packaged items and MORE fruit and vegetables.

Presentation Night Awards

Well done to our students who performed a whole school play titled, 'Frankie's Garden'. It was a fantastically innovative performance written by our own talented teacher, Miss Jodie Roberts. Thank you to our wonderful set and backstage designers; Miss Bronwyn Jones and Ms Tracey Amabilino and all the staff who helped to create such a memorable production.

Congratulations to the students who received special awards at our Presentation Evening.

K/P Endeavour - Kingsley Clode

Year 1 Academic - Oliver Baxter

Room 2 Endeavour - Oscar Egerton-Warburton
 Room 2 Academic - Emily Haynes
 Room 5 Endeavour - Bailey Ettridge
 Room 5 Academic - Bindy Budd
 Italian Award - Cameron Hooper
 Sportsmanship Award - Cameron Hooper
 Science Awards - Sophie Jonsson and Hunter Roberts-Johnston
 Visual Arts Award - Pollyanna Egerton-Warburton
 Dux - Cameron Hooper
 Citizenship - Pollyanna Egerton-Warburton
 Chaplain's Award - Anna Argyle
 It is wonderful to recognise the special achievements of our students.

Farewell to our three Year 6 students; Jason Budd, Cameron Hooper and Reuben Kent. I would like to wish them well as they head off to high school. They have been terrific role models and have really grown into their leadership roles over the school year. I know that these three students are in an excellent position to embark on their high school journey, and I wish them all the best.

Thank you and farewell to our families who are leaving us at the end of 2023. 2023 marks the final year of being part of the Frankland River Primary School community for Elizabeth Smith and Brian Kent, and Karen Ashton and Ash Hooper. On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank you for your extensive contributions to our school over many years and wish you all the best for the future. Your willingness to help our school in any way possible has been greatly appreciated and will be missed.

Thank you

Our sincere thanks to all the volunteers who responded to the fire on our property due to a lightning strike on Sunday 14th January and subsequent flare up on Monday.

As always your quick responses to an emergency situation helped to bring this fire under control quickly and reduce the risk to all. Thank you.

Clive & Jen Quick

For current bushfire information & fire danger ratings

emergency.wa.gov.au

Shared Parenting After Separation and Divorce

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), the 2021 Census indicated that the average length of a marriage that ends in divorce is 12.2 years. 47.8% of those divorces impact children under the age of 18.

When a marriage or long-term relationship ends, many men find navigating parenting arrangements with their ex-partners very challenging, stressful and seemingly unfair.

Coordination of arrangements may be difficult, especially during adjustment to new situations and commitments that might include work, training or study, and new relationships.

Communication is key, and dependent upon the nature of the relationship (and the reasons for its end), maintaining contact in writing (possibly via email, text or social media messaging) may be a less-confronting alternative to speaking over the phone or face-to-face.

Keeping the focus on children's needs is the goal and sometimes this is easier said than done. If discussions get off-track, remember to monitor and adjust focus towards the children in negotiating parenting arrangements and try to guide your ex-partner in the same direction.

You should aim to be fair and flexible with your time and it is reasonable to expect the same from your ex-partner. This includes both parties being open to assisting each other with schedules that are manageable, and considering travel (pick-ups and drop-offs), school holidays, birthdays and other occasions that fall outside of the usual care arrangements.

Most arrangements will involve payment of child support from one ex-partner to another, with the ex-partner who is responsible for the children for most of the time usually being the recipient. The amounts payable are determined, monitored and reviewed regularly by Child Support (Services Australia) and are largely based on percentage of care and income. Another financial consideration is the cost of schooling, outings, presents or ongoing activities (for example, participation in a sporting team or drama classes). Some of these costs may be straightforward based on parental responsibilities, some may require more negotiation if expenses are to be shared.

As one or both partners develop new relationships, more challenges may present themselves. How will the

new partners fit in with the parenting arrangements? What are the ex-partners comfortable or not comfortable with? How do the children feel about the new partners? Keeping communication as open as possible is recommended.

If arrangements cannot be reached between ex-partners, other options are available. The first is a Parenting Plan. There are services that can assist in creating this type of plan, which sets out in plain language the arrangements each parent has agreed to. Parenting Plans are not legally enforceable. By contrast, a Parenting Order may be issued should the parties wish for the Family Court to decide upon parenting arrangements. Once in place, these are legally enforceable.

Circling back to those statistics from the ABS, it's important to understand that you are not alone. Many couples go through similar situations. There will be some stress and difficulty in moving forward as parents. Adjusting to a new situation takes time; do your utmost to stay calm and reasonable in securing viable arrangements for yourself, your ex-partner and (most importantly) your children.

As always, remember...*before it all gets too much...*Talk to a Mate®!!

The Regional Men's Health Initiative

P: (08) 6314 1436

E: menshealth@4blokes.com.au



 @RMHI_4blokes

 Working with Warriors Podcast

 regionalmenshealth.com.au

Help us find you in an emergency



Calling triple zero (000) from within the St John First Responder app will send your GPS coordinates direct to the St John State Operation Centre, making it easier for an ambulance to locate you. The app is free on iOS and Android. Download it today.



A ChemClear collection is coming!

Dispose of your unwanted or obsolete AgVet chemicals in one easy collection.

Free collection of chemicals:

- with readable labels
- still in original containers
- not mixed with other products
- within 2 years of expiry or deregistration

Fee for service available for other AgVet chemicals.

WA Collection
March - April 2024



Registrations close
31 January 2024



Free collection of chemicals displaying the drumMUSTER logo.

Register your chemicals at ChemClear:

 chemclear.org.au/register-your-chemical

 1800 008 182





St John

TINY TOTS FIRST AID COURSE

WHERE - CRANBROOK
COMMUNITY HUB
WHEN - THURSDAY 22
FEBRUARY
9AM - 1PM



WHERE - FRANKLAND
RIVER CRC
WHEN - WEDNESDAY 28
FEBRUARY
9AM - 1PM

St John WA will be running a **FREE** Tiny Tots First Aid course, no prior learning or assessments required. RSVP essential, babies in arms welcome. Expressions of interest for creche



Please register your spot by 12 February
lauren.lehmann@cranbrook.wa.gov.au
or 98261008



Refunds, returns, repairs and gift cards: know your rights

What happens when you don't like the socks Grandma gives you for Christmas? Or what if Santa delivers your little one a broken toy?

Under the Australian Consumer Law (ACL), consumers have rights when it comes to gifts that are faulty, unsafe or not as described.

Australian retailers must offer a remedy such as a refund, replacement or repair, even if the gift was on sale. If the problem is minor, a business can offer its choice of a remedy, but if the fault is major - you get to choose. You do not have to accept a credit note instead of a refund and no longer having the packaging is not a reason to refuse you a remedy.

When it comes to making a claim on faulty gifts, proof of purchase is required. This can be a receipt (or photograph of), a credit or debit card statement, a lay-by agreement, a warranty card with details about the purchase or some combination of these which supports your claim.

So long as you can reasonably demonstrate that you or the gift giver purchased an item, a business may be breaking the law if it denies your right to a refund, repair or replacement for an item that fails to meet a consumer guarantee.

But what about those socks from Grandma? If a gift is not your preferred colour, is the wrong size, or you got the same gift twice, it's considered a "change of mind" and is not covered by the ACL. The business does not have to offer you any form of remedy, but if they choose to do so, it is out of their goodwill. For this reason, it is up to the business as to whether they will exchange it, offer a refund or provide store credit.

It's important to know most gift cards and vouchers must have an expiry period of at least three years. This is the law. Gift vouchers are like cash – if you lose one, you can't claim a replacement, so keep cards in a secure place until you are ready to go shopping.

Finally, if a gift failed to turn up in time for Christmas, you may be entitled to a remedy but it is best to contact the retailer to resolve the issue first before lodging a complaint with Consumer Protection.

If issues can't be resolved with the retailer, then lodge a formal complaint on the [Consumer Protection website](https://www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au). Enquiries can be made by email consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au or by calling 1300 30 40 54.

Active Farmers is a Not-For-Profit Organisation with a vision to *Build stronger and more resilient farming communities.*

Are you passionate about fitness? Active Farmers is looking for a local person to run fitness classes once a week in Frankland River.

Active Farmers covers all costs of venue hire, equipment and can provide a program to follow. Instructor is paid for each session regardless of attendance. Training can also be provided for anyone wanting to pursue study in Certificate III in Fitness, but formal qualification is not required.

Further information can be found at [Active Farmers | Group Fitness Classes in Regional Australia](#)

or contact Teresa on 9855 2310 or by email on manager@franklandrivercrc.org.au for more information.

Frankland River Solitary Style Plates



Frankland River Solitary Style plates are available at a cost of \$220.00. They make a fabulous gift for birthdays, or the new car buyer.

If you are interested please complete an application form from the Frankland River Community Resource Centre and return to Teresa Lawson with payment.

Please call 9855 2310 for any enquiries.

YOGA Returns in Term 1

Tuesday's & Thursday's 6.30pm – 7.30 pm.

Frankland Hall



Men's SUNDOWNER

Social Doubles Afternoon



THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE

FORMAT

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

FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2024

ENTRY \$35 INCLUDES:

- tennis
- afternoon tea
- dinner - pork rolls
- refreshments

FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER CONTACT:

tenterdentennisclub@gmail.com
or call Mark on 0428268032



Music by
Andrew Bradshaw





TENTERDEN TENNIS CLUB PRESENTS

Community Event



A choice of mains size curry and rice \$25 per serve

Free sausage sizzle!

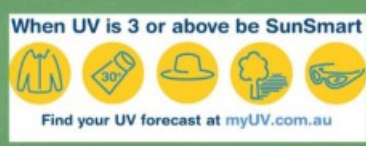
FESTIVAL OF TENNIS

Saturday 10th February 2024

EVENT PROGRAM:

- 2PM HOTSHOTS JUNIOR MATCH PLAY
- 3PM ADULTS WARM-UP CARDIO SESSION
- 3:30PM AFTERNOON TEA
- 4PM TEAM TRIPLES TOURNAMENT (INCLUDING KEEN JUNIORS)
- 6:30PM KIDS EARLY SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- 7PM PRESENTATIONS | SPONSORED BY MCINTOSH & SON
- 7:30PM CAPTAIN'S CURRY NIGHT
- LOCAL CHEF – PAULA TAYLOR

See our website for more information and to register:
play.tennis.com.au/tenterdentennisclub/Events



Avoid a tragedy this summer by taking water safety seriously

With the recent drownings and near-drownings in Western Australia (WA), it is a critical reminder to take water safety seriously. Drowning is a silent killer. It can happen to young children within just 20 seconds and in as little as 3cm of water.

Figures from [Royal Life Saving Australia](#) show 281 people lost their lives to drowning across Australia in 2022-23, including 23 kids under 14 years old. They estimate hundreds more were affected by near-drownings, which often requires hospitalisation and can leave people with life-changing disabilities.

Portable pools, like the blow up one you got out for the hot weather, might be small and seem safe, but they pose significant drowning risks to children. Did you know in WA, it is a legal requirement to have a fence with a gate that is self-closing and locks properly around any pool with more than 30 centimetres of water? Pool fences should be checked regularly to make sure there are no holes or a broken gate.

Families should also be mindful not to prop open pool gates or leave large items such as furniture near pool fences. We know how easily little ones can climb and these objects provide easy access.

Flotation and aquatic toys are also not safety devices, so never assume that kids are safe in the water while wearing them. Drowning can happen to people at any age. Of the 31 people who sadly drowned in WA in 2022-23, over 90 per cent were adults.

Water safety around rivers, creeks, lakes, dams, the beach and in pools is everyone's business and when it comes to kids - constant adult supervision is key. However, there are some risk factors that increase the likelihood of drowning in both adults and children.

Consuming alcohol and drugs around water can affect a person's balance, coordination and judgement, increasing the risk of drowning. When people are alcohol or drug affected, they are also putting their children at risk who require responsible adult supervision and may need your help in an emergency.

For more consumer advice around summer activities, visit: [productsafety.gov.au/news/be-summer-safe-2023](https://www.productsafety.gov.au/news/be-summer-safe-2023). Anyone thinking about buying a portable pool should spend a few minutes checking out www.dmirs.wa.gov.au/makeitsafe

Danger on the road: protect yourself from unlicensed car dealers

Unlicensed motor vehicle dealers are a danger to the community and they're illegal. The vehicles sold can be riddled with problems, possibly making them unroadworthy. This puts you and other road users at risk, which could result in a serious accident or even death.

These so-called 'dodgy dealers' also don't offer warranties that are required by law on their second-hand vehicles. This means if you have mechanical issues after your purchase from these illegal operators, you won't be protected in the same way you would if you had purchased from a licensed car dealer. The unknown cost to repair your vehicle is the risk you take by purchasing from an unlicensed dealer.

Illegal traders generally do not repair any faults in a car once sold, leaving you out-of-pocket and possibly stuck with a lemon. In 2023, Consumer Protection successfully prosecuted six unlicensed vehicle dealers in WA, with \$106,000 in fines issued. The most recent prosecution saw Alix Alchikh Ebrahim Aljilani of Thornlie, fined \$47,600 for buying and selling more than 100 cars in a seven month period. This sizeable penalty reflects the serious nature of the offence and we're warning more prosecutions will follow.

If someone sells or exchanges four or more vehicles in any 12-month period to or with people that are not dealers, they're carrying on a business and need to be licensed. Unlicensed car dealing creates an uneven playing field in the marketplace and undermines the integrity of the motor vehicle industry in WA.

You can protect yourself from dodgy unlicensed car dealers by doing some simple checks. Before buying a car, check that the seller is licensed by asking to see their Motor Vehicle Dealer's Licence. If you are unsure whether the person you are buying from is licensed, visit Consumer Protection's [licence and registration search](#).

Go through our car buyers checklist at www.dmirs.wa.gov.au/buyingacar. This checklist empowers you to know what to look out for when shopping around for a second-hand car and gives you the best chance at driving away with a safe and reliable vehicle. Also remember to spend \$2 on [Personal Property Securities Register](#) check at ppsr.gov.au to ensure the vehicle hasn't been written off, isn't unregistered or has money owing on it.

Help protect yourself and others on the road by dobbing in unlicensed dealers to Consumer Protection on 1300 30 40 54 or consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au



Navigating renting when disaster strikes

West Aussies are no strangers to disasters such as bushfires, storms and floods. But if you're renting, there might be the extra stress of working with your landlord should your residence be affected by a catastrophe.

The good news is when it comes to rentals, both landlords and tenants have rights and responsibilities should a property become damaged or destroyed in a disaster such as a cyclone or bushfire.

If your house has been destroyed or deemed by the Local Government to be unfit to live in, the most practical approach is for the tenant or landlord to give a notice of intention to immediately end the lease. Tenants can give two days' notice, while the landlord must give seven days. Whichever way, a landlord should finalise the tenancy and repay the bond in the normal way, minus any mutually agreed expenses incurred by the landlord. The landlord doesn't have to provide alternative accommodation.

Following damage to a rental home, the landlord is legally responsible for necessary repairs and maintenance to bring the property back to a liveable condition. If a tenant continues to be able to live in the rental, urgent repairs required to essential services such as power, gas, water including supply of hot water, and sewage should be arranged within 24 hours. If any other issues could cause someone harm or undue hardship, or cause further damage then works need to be arranged within 48 hours.

With urgent repairs, if you cannot reach the landlord or if within 24 hours, the landlord fails to act, then you can employ a suitably qualified repairer to fix the issue to the minimum standard. Please be aware that there may be delays - it can be difficult to get tradespeople to your home as many properties may need repair after a disaster.

When services to an entire area have been impaired – such as when power poles burn down or the water supply becomes compromised – it can take the authorities some time to resolve the issues, but the landlord could consider providing a generator, potable water or if not, then a rent rebate for the duration. In these cases, Consumer Protection can assist the parties to reach a mutual agreement.

When it comes to debris, emergency services may already have a cleaning program in place, so contact the local authorities, such as the emergency services for advice.

It's also smart to be wary of travelling conmen or unlicensed traders who can target areas after a disaster going door-to-door, offering cheap cash-only deals.

For further information on renting during a disaster, including managing rent and bond payments, visit our factsheets at www.commerce.wa.gov.au/consumer-protection/disaster-advice-while-renting



Country Club Round Up

Santa's visit to the Country Club Annual Christmas Tree was welcomed by around 30 kids with lots of noise and excitement as he made the stop-over amongst his heavy schedule in the lead up to Christmas Eve. Thank you Santa.

The evening continued with an amazing dinner starting with charcuterie boards, and followed with glazed ham, roast meats and vegetables and salad. The main was followed with traditional Christmas Pudding & custard, Baileys and Chocolate cheesecakes.

Organisers are thrilled with the response to a Sunday evening event and send a huge thank you to everyone involved in the evenings preparations.

New Years Eve was another successful evening with many enjoying the friendly banter and competition over a game of Barefoot Bowls before a feed which was followed by Karaoke to welcome in the New Year.

Our thanks to everyone for your support of these two events and we look forward to bringing other entertainment and activities during 2024. If you have any ideas or suggestions for community events we can host have a chat to our President or a Committee member.



CALLING LOCAL WRITERS

ANTHOLOGY 2024

Get published, get printed in the Albany-Kinjarling and Great Southern Authors Anthology 2024

We aim to:

- highlight and publish the work of new, emerging and established writers from Albany-Kinjarling and the Great Southern
- donate to the Albany Community Hospice

Deadline for submissions: 25 February 2024

Two submissions only: Stories - 3,000 words max
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21 Waste Station 7.30am - 11.30am	22 Recycling Waste Station 1:00pm - 5pm	23	24 CRC Vocational Care - Australia Day crafts 10am Social Media Basics 10am	25 Op Shop 10am - 1.30pm Waste Station 1:00pm - 5pm Article deadline	26 Australia Day CRC Closed	27 Op Shop 8.30 - 12.30
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Contact - Jan Pope 0417 981 264

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All new community members warmly welcomed.

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