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### New home for agriculture group

Cranbrook's former bowling club has a new look and a new purpose hosting the Gillamii Centre agriculture improvement group.

Wagin MLA Terry Waldron opened the \$243,000 extension and refurbishment of the former clubhouse on Friday 20 April, accompanied by Stirling MLA Terry Redman.

Refurbishment of the clubhouse was supported by Royalties for Regions funding of \$93,000 through the Great Southern Regional Grants Scheme administered by the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC), along with funds from Lotterywest and the Shire of Cranbrook.

As well as providing a new home for the Gillamii Centre, the premises will accommodate the Shire of Cranbrook library and provide new office and meeting spaces for community groups.

GSDC Chief Executive Officer Bruce Manning said the project provided Cranbrook with multiple gains.

"Formerly the Gillamii Centre operated out of cramped quarters that restricted the group's activities," Mr Manning said.

"Now the centre has a suitable base for its program of field days, workshops and agricultural improvement activities.

"Other groups will also benefit from the improved facilities, multiplying the gains for the Cranbrook community," Mr Manning said.



**Gillamii Centre administration officer Jenny Adams and Chairperson Ian Walsh in the agriculture improvement group's new headquarters.**

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