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Multiple gains in Cranbrook centre

Cranbrook's former bowling club is gaining a new lease of life and will soon host the Gillamii Centre agriculture improvement group.

The vacant clubhouse is being extended and refurbished with new interior finishes to create a multipurpose community centre.

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

Gillamii Centre Chair Ian Walsh said the new premises would be a great asset for the centre's program of agricultural improvement and natural resource management, delivered through field days, workshops and other forms of training and promotion.

The refurbishment includes provision for the Shire of Cranbrook library as well as office space and meeting rooms.

"We also want to use the old bowling greens in a constructive way," Mr Walsh said.

"Options include trials of perennials, a community garden and wildflower displays for tourists."

GSDC Chief Executive Officer Bruce Manning said the project offered multiple benefits to Cranbrook by supporting better practice in agriculture and providing improved community facilities.

"The Gillamii Centre makes a positive contribution in the region through its work in sustainable agriculture," Mr Manning said.

"Helping the centre to fulfil that role and at the same time gaining better community facilities for Cranbrook is a double dividend."

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