



Cancer  
Council  
WA

# Adopt a Room.

Thank you Carers WA  
for your adoption of Room 401



# Message from Ron ten Hoor.

As the Accommodation Services Manager, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for your support of our Adopt a Room Program.

Thanks to your generosity, we can continue to provide regional cancer patients and their carers with a safe, welcoming and comfortable home-away-from-home while they access treatment and attend cancer related appointments in Perth.

Our Lodges are built on more than just bricks and mortar, they offer a supportive community where guests never feel alone. Through a range of social activities like morning and afternoon teas, movie sessions and arts and crafts evenings, guests can relax, connect, and share experiences with others on a similar journey.

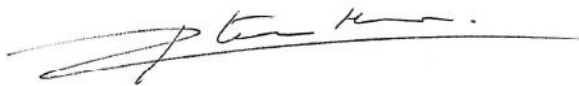
This year, we're also thrilled to enhance the outdoor space at Crawford Lodge with a beautiful new sensory garden, made possible by a generous private donor. Designed to bring fragrance, colour, and movement to the Lodge, the garden will include native plants, citrus trees, flowering trees, bush tucker, and grevilleas, as well as a gentle water feature and a wind vane. It will be a peaceful place for guests to sit, reflect, and take comfort in nature. We look forward to keeping you updated through to the completion of this garden.

In more good news, our Transport to Treatment service just got an upgrade, with the arrival of a purpose-built bus, generously funded by the McCusker Charitable Foundation. The new vehicle includes important accessibility modifications and will ensure our team can continue to help guests travel safely and comfortably to vital medical appointments.

By adopting a room, you've helped make all of this possible. Your support is having a real and immediate impact on the lives of regional West Australians facing cancer.

From all of us at Cancer Council WA, thank you.

Yours sincerely,



**Ron ten Hoor**

Accommodation Services Manager,  
Cancer Council WA

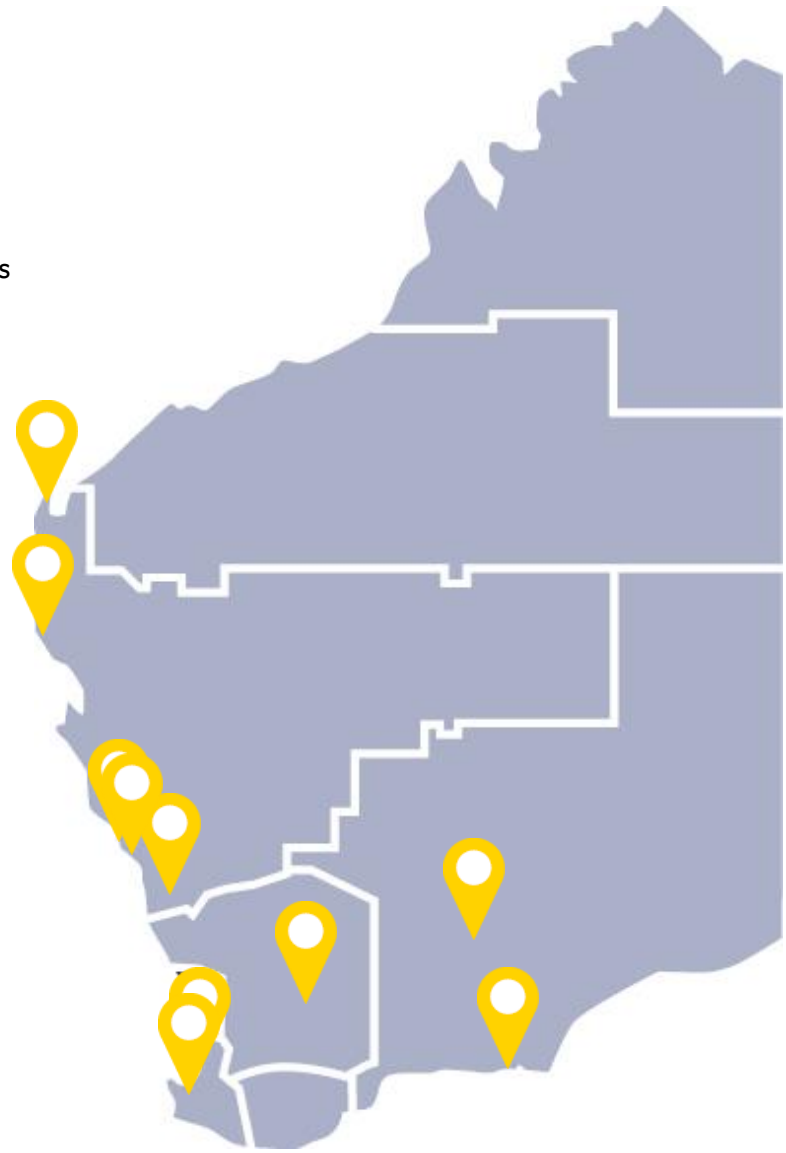


# Room 401.

## Thanks to your generosity:

We have had 26 guests stay in room 401 in the past six months. The longest stay has been 31 days. Guests in room 401 have come from all across the state, including:

- Busselton
- Carnarvon
- Coorow
- Dalyellup
- Dongara
- Esperance
- Exmouth
- Geraldton
- Kalgoorlie
- Merredin



# Thank you from our guests.

Cancer Council & Cranford Lodge have been a service couldn't do it without. Don't thank many times over. Feeling better every day.

All the best to everyone & all the staff here  
Caroline

I am grateful to be able to stay a night accommodating needs on my medical journey, a step along the way thankful beings helpful Time  
Susan.

A huge THANKYOU for making this room and Lodge available. It is such a relief to have this option for extended treatment in Perth.

You've thought of everything! The rooms are lovely; transport; grounds; facilities.

I can't thank you enough.

Joanne, xxx  
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People come - People go  
The lodge is here for many more people.

It has many things: lovely  
Units shower toilet Fridge

Close to many services and great people running the services for many.

"God Bless everyone"

Michelle

IT IS SUCH A BLESSING WITH EVERYTHING THAT WE GO THROUGH, THAT SOMEONE CARES ENOUGH TO REACH OUT AND HELP, WORDS DON'T REALLY DO IT JUSTICE  
Bill TOWSE

# Around the Lodge.

## Grants help regional cancer patients get to vital treatments

We recently received almost \$70,000 in funding from Lotterywest and the Stan Perron Charitable Foundation to purchase a new Transport to Treatment bus for our Lodges. This generous support will allow us to retire our ageing vehicle and secure the future of our Transport to Treatment service.

Operating from Crawford and Milroy Lodges, the service provides free transport for regional cancer patients and their carers to treatment centres across Perth, helping ease the stress of city driving and parking costs.

Each year, more than 6000 transfers are provided for around 500 patients and 220 carers.

The service is fully funded by community donations and grants and is available free of charge to Lodge guests during their stay.



## New Aboriginal artwork bench at Crawford Lodge

As part of our Reconciliation Action Plan, Crawford Lodge proudly unveiled a new artwork bench during NAIDOC Week, featuring *Boodja That Sings* by renowned Noongar artist Bianka Williams.

This meaningful addition reflects our ongoing commitment to increasing Aboriginal artwork across our facilities and creating spaces for reflection, connection and storytelling. The artwork shares the Dreamtime story of Boodja, the Mother Land, symbolising the deep and enduring connection between land, people and spirit.

Central to the design are four sacred birds: Kaa Kaa (Kookaburra), Djiti Djiti (Willy Wagtail), Djindjok (Blue Wren) and Koolbardi (Magpie), each carrying messages of healing, resilience and unity. At the base of the bench, wildflowers grow from the footsteps of Ancestors, representing memory, growth and shared strength.

More than just a piece of art, the bench is a place to sit quietly, reflect and connect with the stories of Country. It invites all visitors to listen and honour Aboriginal culture.



# Support services.



## Transport to Treatment

To support our guests at the Lodges, volunteer drivers provide Transport to Treatment five days a week between the two Lodges and the various treatment centres across Perth.

Over the last six months:

**2507 guests transported to treatment centres**

**1805 hours of volunteer drivers**

**43,876 km driven by volunteers**



## Cancer Support Coordinators

Based across regional WA, we have Cancer Support Coordinators to help provide emotional, psychosocial, and practical support to people affected by cancer. Throughout the last six months, the Cancer Support Coordinators based onsite at the Lodges, were vital in addressing the cancer related needs and reducing the stress and emotional distress of guests. This included:

**309 new clients**

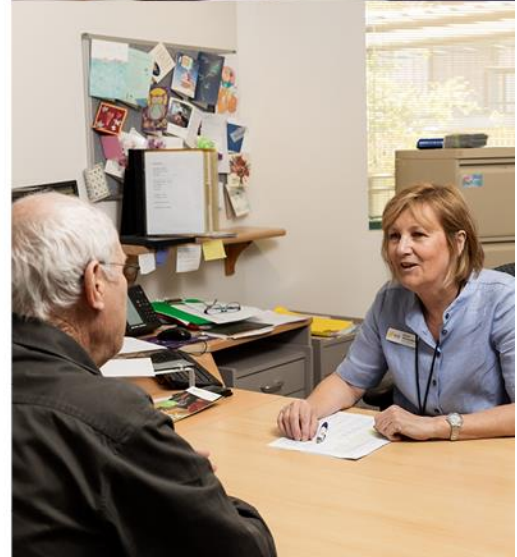
**741 active and supported clients**

**1282 of support sessions provided at the Lodges**



## Support Services

Social activities and opportunities are run at the Lodge each week to support guests during their stay. Over the past six months, the Lodges have hosted weekly morning teas, movie nights and social events.



# Cancer as a bigger picture.

## Local grant to boost cancer support in the Mid West

Cancer support services in the Mid West have received a significant boost, thanks to a generous grant of almost \$6000 from the Mid West Ports Authority (MWPA). This funding supports various programs aimed at assisting local families affected by cancer in the area.

Our Mid West Cancer Support Coordinator, April Kalajzich, expressed her gratitude for the MWPA's contribution, highlighting the meaningful impact it has on the community.

“Every year, around 36,000 people in WA hear the words ‘you have cancer’, so we are incredibly grateful to MWPA for this generous support,” Ms Kalajzich said.

The grant helps fund various programs in regional WA, including:

- Cancer Support Sewing Circle: This initiative engages local cancer patients and carers in creating turbans for local use and inclusion in Cancer Council WA's wig library. Sewing, in addition to improving cognitive abilities and fine motor skills, has been shown to offer therapeutic benefits, fostering relaxation and alleviating tension.
- Community Engagement Open Day: The Community Open Day was held in October 2025, and invited cancer patients, their carers, and the broader Mid West community to learn more about our services. The event raised awareness, shared cancer prevention education, and provided opportunities for local businesses and groups to connect with Cancer Prevention Coordinators.
- Wig display: The grant enables the purchase of 10 high-quality wigs and two mannequins for display. These wigs are available for loan to local cancer patients, empowering individuals to face each day with greater confidence while reducing the stigma around cancer-related appearance changes.

Ms Kalajzich emphasised the importance of these initiatives in ensuring people in the Mid West have access to the support they need. “Our shared commitment to regional communities with MWPA ensures that no West Australian faces cancer alone, no matter where they live. We are incredibly thankful for their support.”



# Thank you.

Thank you for adopting a room at Crawford Lodge. You are helping provide a home away from home and vital support for country families during their cancer treatment.

# 401

*Proudly adopted by*



**Carers WA**

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In the spirit of deepening relationships, Cancer Council WA acknowledges all the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Western Australia and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters, sky, and community. We also pay our respect to their Elders and extend that respect to all Aboriginal peoples living and working in this area.

