

Parole Determination

James Peter Crane

23 January 2024

James Peter Crane – Parole Granted

The NSW State Parole Authority today held a public review hearing for inmate James Peter Crane and decided parole with supervision and conditions is appropriate and in the interests of the safety of the community.

Convicted of accessory before the fact to murder, Crane was sentenced to 6 years, commencing 28 January 2020, with a non-parole period of 4 years expiring 27 January 2024. The balance of term of 2 years expires 27 January 2026.

In making its decision, the SPA accepted the expert advice of the Serious Offenders Review Council stating release is appropriate and the recommendations of Community Corrections supporting parole.

It was noted the State made no Submissions opposing parole.

The SPA accepted evidence Crane has satisfactorily completed all required intervention programs while in custody; is assessed as a low/medium risk of re-offending and has suitable post-release plans for his supervision and management in the community.

In its judgment, the SPA said it was satisfied Crane does not pose an unacceptable risk to the community and ordered his release on a date not earlier than 6 February 2024 and not later than 13 February 2024.

He must comply with the following conditions:

- Standard Conditions of parole 1-11
- Additional Conditions that he must:
 - not use a prohibited drug or substance, except those that have been prescribed to you;
 - not possess or use a firearm or any prohibited weapon.
 - not contact, communicate with, watch, stalk, harass or intimidate the victims' family.
 - not contact, communicate, or associate with your co-offender/s (excluding Colin Crane) without the express prior approval of your Officer.
 - not contact or communicate with Outlaw Motorcycle Gang (OMCG) members or associates, without the express prior approval of your Officer. You must also not visit or frequent any OMCG premises frequented by members and associates of OMCGs.
 - not frequent or visit the suburbs of West Gosford, Wyoming, Narara, Tuggerah, Mangrove Mountain and Grafton LGA.

The parole order expires 27 January 2026, unless it is revoked.