

# Cranny sells for a mayor \$7

**Dimity Barber**

MEET the "virtual mayor" of Cranbourne. Sydneysider Ray Doyle "bought" the town last November for the paltry sum of \$7 online at Weblo.com

Mr Doyle said Cranbourne was one of 95 cities he now owned around the world as part of the virtual real estate game, which uses real money to buy virtual cities, states, properties and celebrities.

The 33-year-old said Cranbourne caught his eye while he was browsing the website as a good investment property.

"I don't know much about Cranbourne. I only bought it as an investment in the hope it goes up in value," he said.



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RAY DOYLE, virtual mayor of Cranbourne (pictured)

"So far I have only made a few cents from it. I haven't received any offers as yet."

Weblo.com media relations director Colin Trethewey described the game as "Monopoly on steroids", with a virtual version of every city, state and property up for sale.

Mr Trethewey said of more than 9000 cities that

had been sold so far, Cranbourne had gone cheap.

"England is on auction and Australians are among those bidding for the right to own England and become virtual king or queen. The current high bid is \$US10,650," he said.

All of which goes to show there's one born every day.

## Eumemmerring spells trouble

EUMEMMERRING has topped a poll of the most misspelt locations in Victoria.

And the consonant-heavy suburb was ranked the third most misspelt in Australia, deemed even trickier than the likes of Leichhardt and Woolloomooloo, NSW.

Sensis senior product manager David Egan said the common blunder was revealed during a \$3 million upgrade of its

yellowpages.com.au service using feedback from users and data from 180 million searches.

Mr Egan said the upgrade would make it easier for people to find businesses in the hard-to-spell suburb, with the website now capable of automatically correcting misspellings. The top two misspelt places were Woolloomooloo, Qld, and Karrakatta, WA.

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