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### Charles Prangle Wansbrough

#### Principal Honours

Birth Date: 6 October 1875  
Place: Perth, Western Australia

#### Arrival in WA

Parents Son of Joseph, carpenter and wheelwright, and Matilda Styring Massingham  
Brother of [Arthur William Wansbrough](#), railway worker and politician

Marriage and Family Married 7 April 1904, St Hilary's Church, Beverley to Ada Adelaide Longhurst (born circa 1872 and died circa July 1949), daughter of John and Sarah Challenger  
Children: two sons and two daughters

Death Date: 12 May 1939  
Place: Beverley, Western Australia  
Cemetery: Beverley Cemetery, WA  
Cause of Death:

Religion Church of England

Education Educated Beverley and York State Schools

Occupation Railway worker, miner and farmer

Employment History Farmed with uncle at Kellerberrin for six years

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Joined gold rushes to Eastern Goldfields, nearly perished after discovering gold at Mt Ida  
 In Western Australian Government Railways as guard for four years  
 1898 took up land at Bally Bally with his two brothers, later becoming sole proprietor

House MLA

Local Government Service Beverley Road Board 1906–1915, 1919–1923, chairman 1909–1910

Party Country Party

Date Elected 21 October 1914

Inaugural Speech



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Valedictory Speech

Year Retired/Resigned 1930

Electorate Beverley

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- MLA Beverley 21 October 1914–29 September 1917, 22 March 1924–12 April 1930
- Contested Beverley 26 March 1930, 8 April 1933

Private Member's Bills

Background/Membership Active in Farmers' Co-operative Movement, director of Westralian Farmers Ltd  
 Member Beverley Agricultural Society and Farmers' and Settlers' Association  
 Director Mt Kokeby Farmers' Grain Shed Association

Qualifications

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