

# Media Release

## Vincent Catania MLA

Member for North West Central

### Killili Bridge officially opened

19<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Member for North West Central, Vince Catania, was delighted to join Shire staff, Shire Councilors, stakeholders, and community members of Gascoyne Junction and surrounding Pastoral Stations at the official opening of the Killili Bridge.

Almost 6 months ahead of schedule the new bridge will provide a safe and reliable crossing for Gascoyne Junction and reduce road closure times by approximately 99 percent.

“Gascoyne Junction is the northern gateway to natural tourist sites, such as Mount Augustus National Park, the Kennedy Ranges and inland Gascoyne,” said Vince.

“Tourism is regarded as an area of significant growth and the new Bridge has the potential to increase visitors to Gascoyne Junction and the Kennedy Range.”

The name of the bridge was determined through a Shire community consultation process which saw 18 names put forward for consideration by the Shire of Upper Gascoyne. The chosen name – Killili – is the local Aboriginal word meaning bulrushes and was the original name for Gascoyne Junction until the late 1930’s.

The **Royalties for Regions** investment in the Killili Bridge is a great example of **Royalties for Regions** supporting community-based projects to build a better quality of life in Regional WA.

“I congratulate all involved in this major piece of infrastructure and look forward to using the bridge during my travels around the electorate,” Vince added.



Pictured: Vince at the official opening of Killili Bridge; cutting ribbon with Mrs Betty Fletcher, a local resident

#### Fact File:

- \$9.045 million from **Royalties for regions**
- \$1.356 million from the **Commonwealth Roads to Recovery program**
- \$0.544 million from the **Shire of Upper Gascoyne**

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