Killili Bridge Official Opening 2016

Mrs Elizabeth Fletcher greeting the Crowd with her Welcome to country speech.

Photo By: Colin Rowe.
A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all from the Shire Councillors & all Staff at the Shire of Upper Gascoyne 2016
2017 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} February 2017

Wednesday 29\textsuperscript{th} March 2017

Wednesday 26\textsuperscript{th} April 2017

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Wednesday 25\textsuperscript{th} October 2017

Wednesday 29\textsuperscript{th} November 2017

Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} December 2017

All Audit Committee meetings commence at 8.00am. Council meetings commence at 8.30am. All meetings will be held at the Shire Council Chamber, 4 Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction.
Strategic Community Plan - Community Input

On 26th April, 2013, the Shire adopted its first Strategic Community Plan based on input from community members both from surveys completed and the results of a public meeting held on 7th December 2012.

This process identified the Bridge over the Gascoyne River as being a major piece of infrastructure that the community wished to see constructed. Although this document was no guarantee that the bridge would be built however it did demonstrate to the Government that the bridge had community support. As can be seen this is a very powerful document as such we need to make sure that the coming review is well thought out and as many community members as possible have their input considered.

We need your help to make the next Strategic Community Plan (2017/18 to 2026/27).

- What do you want out Shire to look like now, 2017 and into the future 2027?
- What is special about Gascoyne Junction?
- How can we improve the Shire for its residents?

Have your say:

- Complete and return the survey in our next Gassy Gossip – February 2017
- Attend the community meeting to be held 26th April 2017

Community involvement is essential to plan for the future aspirations our residents want.
Killili Bridge Official Opening
2016

The long awaited event for Gascoyne Junction residents and tourists to the region finally came to fruition on Saturday 17th December with the official opening of “Killili Bridge”.

Vince Catania MLA, member for the North West Central along with long standing local resident, Betty Fletcher opened the bridge.

Ironically six years ago to the day of the opening the Gascoyne River was in flood and nearly destroyed the town and community.

The bridge will provide a safe and secure passage for not only residents and tourists, but also the cattle industry.

136 days ago construction commenced on the project, which was completed on time and on budget.
CEO - Shire of Upper Gascoyne, Mr John McCleary thanking everyone involved with the Killili Bridge project.

Vince Catania MLA North West Central at the opening of the Killili bridge.
Mrs Elizabeth (Betty) Fletcher & Vince Catania cutting the ribbon.

Local Community and visitors who have come from near and far for the opening of the Killili Bridge.
Cr Lachlan McTaggart thanking everyone especially Royalties for Regions and GDC.

Arial view of Killili Bridge and Gascoyne river.
Debbie Kearney, Rachael Funnel, baby Jack and Wendy Hoseason - Smith.

Brett Smith, Don Hammarquist, Tony Beard and Ross Collins.
Everyone enjoying the Bridge opening festivities at the Pavilion.
Colin Rowe

Betty Fletcher

Perfect creation Anna & Margaret!

Photos By: Colin Rowe.
The community Christmas Tree was a huge success seeing everyone have an enjoyable night.

There were heaps of prizes on offer in the raffles with 1st prize being $1000 worth of accommodation and food at Mantarays Ningaloo beach Resort in Exmouth won by the lucky Jennifer Raymond.

We would like to say a big thankyou to Dave and Deb Kearney who brought their spit out and cooked a great pig on the spit, Talis for donating first prize, Marine and Civil, Gascoyne Office Equipment, Geraldton Fuel, Woolworths Carnarvon, Barry Evans, Bunnings Geraldton, Carnarvon Motor Group, Coolroom Cottage, Staples, Westrac, Jodie McTaggart and Shire of Upper Gascoyne for all donating something towards the raffles. Thank you to Robyn, Leeson, Margaret, Colin and Anna for their help. Thank you to everyone who bought along a salad or sweet to share fantastic work ladies.

Also a big thank you to Santa Claus. (Martin Lever)
Santa’s arrival.
Barney McTaggart receiving his present.

Santa greeting some of the beautiful children waiting for him. Hamish holding Hazel who wasn’t sure about Santa. John with his grandson Harley.
A few people entered into the alcohol quiz done by Engel Prendergast the Senior Road Safety Consultant from WALGA with a prized swag on offer which was won by Stephen Chong Wee thanks again WALGA for the generous donation.

Winner of the Road Wise Alcohol Quiz.

Stephen Chong Wee - Winner of the swag.
Mr & Mrs John & Jennifer Raymond the lucky Winners who bought tickets in the raffle at the Gascoyne Junction Community Christmas party.

The prize is accommodation and meals at Mantarays Ningaloo Resort Exmouth.

Congratulations & Merry Christmas
Vince CATANIA MLA
NORTH WEST CENTRAL

Merry Christmas

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Authorised by V Catania, 20 Robinson Street, Carnarvon WA 6701.
“Martyn and I have really enjoyed being a part of this beautiful community for the last 9 months. We will miss The Junction next year but will definitely call in whenever we are passing this way. Merry Christmas to you all and all Best Wishes for 2017. Martyn and Marina Lever.

Wishing everyone in our wonderful Community a Very Merry Christmas & a Prosperous New Year.

Don & Dot Hammarquist & family. Mt Augustus

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas. May this joyful season greet you with health and happiness and may your holidays be filled with festivities and plenty of merry enjoyment.

Jarrod, Blanche, Dustin and Bridie Walker

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Also a big thank you to Margaret, Colin, Blanche, Anna and Robyn.

John & Jennifer

Mick & Edna

Wishing all a happy and safe Christmas with family and friends. Margaret & Colin

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Betty, Ellen & Thomas

Wishing Everyone in the Shire lots of love, joy and happiness. Merry Christmas!

Jox & Anna

Merry Christmas with all the trimmings and Happy New Year!

Robyn & Leeson
Lightning strike.

A Electrical storm passing through the Gascoyne. Photo taken on the Carnarvon /Mullewa road.

Photo By: Anna Ullrich.
Media Release

Vincent Catania MLA
Member for North West Central

2nd December 2016

$20 million Mobile Black Spot funding to benefit North West Central

- Further $20 million investment into Regional Telecommunications Project (RTP)
- 13 additional mobile base stations and small satellite cells to be built in North West Central
- Made possible by Royalties for Regions program

Mobile phone coverage in North West Central will be improved thanks to a further $20 million investment over two years made possible by Royalties for Regions.

Member for North West Central, Vince Catania said the funding would support the site lists released today by the Commonwealth Government which outlined 78 new mobile base stations and small cell satellite installations to be constructed by Telstra and Optus across WA.

While Telstra is providing wide area coverage, Optus small cell satellite solution is an innovative means of providing mobile phone coverage up to a 3 kilometre radius for communities and tourist hotspots in remote parts of the State, where wide area coverage is unaffordable.

"The new sites will be delivered under Round 2 of the Commonwealth's Mobile Black Spot Program further improving mobile phone coverage in regional WA," Vince said.

"Shires in Ashburton, Shark Bay, Mount Magnet, Yalgoo, Meekatharra and Upper Gascoyne in North West Central are some of the beneficiaries of the $20 million Royalties for Regions investment, which will provide development opportunities for small businesses in remote areas and support other Royalties for Regions initiatives in tourism, transport and agriculture.

New sites will be located in Francois National Park, Shark Bay; Mount Magnet South, Mount Magnet; Narracotta and Stakewell, Meekatharra; and Mount Singleton and Paynes Find, Yalgoo; Kenney Ranges National Park and Mount Augustus in the Gascoyne region and Karijini Campground; Karijini Eco Resort; Karijini Visitor Centre and Millstream Homestead located in the Shire of Ashburton.

"More than $105 million has invested in regional telecommunications since 2012, driving the construction of 344 new or upgraded mobile phone towers and small cell satellite installations in regional WA."

Key investment projects in North West Central include Regional Mobile Communication project, part of $39.2million Regional Mobile Communication Project, which transformed mobile phone reception along the North West Coastal Highway including a next G Mobile Tower at Billabong Road House and new and upgraded towers for Bullara, Cape Range, Cardabia, Gascoyne Junction, Learmonth, Minilya, Nanga, Yalgoo and Warroora said Vince.
Media Release

Vincent Catania MLA
Member for North West Central

December 9, 2016

Grants to drive innovation and exports in agriculture

Member for North West Central Vince Catania welcomed the announcement of two grant schemes to drive agricultural innovation and export growth in regional WA thanks to the $350 million Seizing the Opportunity in Agriculture initiative funded by Royalties for Regions.

“Grants between $20,000 and $500,000 are available to eligible WA-based grower groups to stimulate research, innovation and collaboration along the supply chain,” Vince said.

“A total of $10.5 million is available under this second funding round of the Grower Group R&D grants program.”

Vince said the previous round of funding supported groups across the agrifood sector in WA, including grains, livestock, horticulture, honey, wine, citrus and truffles.

Under the Industry Grant for International Competitiveness program, a total of $1.3 million is also available.

“Grants of between $20,000 and $100,000 are available to agribusinesses looking to maximise international business growth” Vince said.

“Funding regional agricultural development opportunities will create significant long-term economic benefits and drive regional growth.”

Vince encouraged agribusinesses and grower groups to apply for grants under the two schemes to help capitalise on opportunities for growth.

The growing demand for safe, quality food across the globe presents a unique opportunity for regional agriculture sector said Vince.

“North West Central region boasts some of the highest quality produce in the world, and it’s important industry is best placed to take advantage of this unprecedented global opportunity.”


Applications for are now open and closes on Friday, 10 February 2017 for Grower Group R&D Grants program and Tuesday, 24 January 2017 for International Competitiveness Grants program.

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Demolition to clear way for Gascoyne Aged Care 18th December 2016

- $16.5 million, 38-bed residential aged care facility for Carnarvon Health Campus
- Part of $194.1 million North West Health Initiative
- Made possible by Royalties for Regions program

The Gascoyne region’s new $16.5 million, 38-bed residential aged care facility is a step closer, with demolition underway on the site at Carnarvon Health Campus.

Removal of the old building known locally as the “nursing quarters”, which had also been used for Population Health office accommodation, would clear the way for construction to begin next year.

Development of this important new centre will bring quality care closer to home and further strengthen the Carnarvon Health Campus’ credentials as a modern health care hub.

Speaking from the site today Vince said “It’s great to see the ground works begin to pave the way for the construction of a new, modern and purpose built facility for the Gascoyne. The community have fought long and hard to get this new facility and everyone is excited to see the works begin”

Sandra Gane a long term resident of Carnarvon was at the site with Vince and said “It’s taken 10 years but I’m sure the seniors of our community appreciate the hard work Vince has done in securing funding to make this happen.”

Aged care is a key focus of the North West Health Initiative in which the Royalties for Regions program is investing $150.1 million.

The new purpose built aged care facility is in addition to the Carnarvon Health Campus Stage 2 redevelopment which provided a $26.8 million upgrade to the region’s health care.

A new four chair renal unit has been established on the campus and work has commenced on a $2.8 million five-bed renal hostel, part of a $45.77 million Commonwealth-funded boost to renal services across Western Australia.

The Royalties for Regions North West Health Initiative was a five year plan to bring state-of-the-art medical facilities to rapidly growing northern communities.

Royalties for Regions is bringing great social benefits by keeping regional families together and closer to home during periods of care. Investment in aged care infrastructure and service delivery in regional WA support the continued development of age-friendly communities

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Member for North West Central

Killili Bridge officially opened 19th December 2016

Member for North West Central, Vince Catania, was delighted to join Shire staff, Shire Councillors, 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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The free telehealth service is available for a wide range of clinics including burns, wounds, pain management, speech pathology, gastroenterology, neurology, urology, paediatrics, mental health and many more.

For more information about telehealth, ask your specialist, call one of the following numbers or visit the WA Country Health Service website at http://www.wacountry.health.wa.gov.au/telehealth.

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WA Country Health Service
On Friday 11\textsuperscript{th} November we had Engel Prendergast a Senior Road Safety Consultant from WALGA, who came to run a free child car restraint checking station for a couple of hours on Friday morning. Unfortunately we had only one participant turn up so she checked their car restraints, which were fitted correctly.

We chatted to Engel about what we can do to make the community more aware of road safety and she offered prizes four times a year for things like questionnaires and quizzes regarding road safety.

We put a quiz together which was drawn at the Community Christmas Party on the 16\textsuperscript{th} December 2016, the prize being a swag. The lucky winner of the swag was Stephen Chongwee. Congratulations and thankyou for all the entries. Keep your eye out for the next quiz that will be in the Gassy Gossip.

Engel brought some road safety information for participants or anyone interested.

If you would like some goodies ask the Ladies next time you are at the CRC.
Sahnieh receiving her award from Miss Marina - for her caring nature and good citizenship.
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Arthur Kempton with Lara Jefferson from Yangibana Rare Earths Project who came to Gascoyne Junction Community Resource Centre to discuss to locals what the project was all about.

**Yangibana Project**

Hastings has established a significant tenement package covering approximately 650 sq. km under the Yangibana Project. The Project is centred approximately 270km east-northeast of Carnarvon on Wanna Station in the Gascoyne region of Western Australia and is best accessed via Gascoyne Junction.
About Hastings

Hastings Technology Metals is a leading Australian rare earths company. Rare earths are critical in the manufacture of a wide variety of new consumer and industrial technologies. These range from flat-screen TVs and energy efficient light bulbs to hybrid cars, wind turbines and military hardware.

Arthur (Dart) Kempton sharing some of his local knowledge with Lara.
Junction Craft Group: Ilda Williams, Wendy Bartlett, Alys McKeough and Wendy Hoseason - Smith.

Over the weekend of the 3rd and 4th December the Junction Craft Group celebrated their end of year Christmas Party.

Alys provided a tutorial on how to make 10 minute Christmas table runners which is literally how long it took and they looked great.

There was a Christmas feast that could of fed hundreds and was well enjoyed by the craft members. If anyone is interested in joining the craft group in the new year please contact Rachael Funnell at rachelliott81@hotmail.com for more information.

The Junction Craft Group would like to wish Everyone a Merry Christmas and safe & Happy New Year.
Just a few of the table runners the craft ladies made over the weekend.
We are currently in the process of updating the local phone book if you want to add or make any changes to your details please fill out the form below and return to the Shire Office or email to adminmanager@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au

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- Multi Combination (MC)

We do manual and automatic lessons. Basically, if there is a licence for it, we do the lessons.

We are looking at coming to the Gascoyne Junction between the 9th and 14th January to do MC training.

Minimum 4 people - $2,150
5 to 7 people - $1,950
8 to 10 people - $1,750

For HR training we will come between the 18th and 25th January.

5 to 6 people - $1,400
7 to 9 people - $1,300
10 to 15 people - $1,100

For more information please contact Keen Bros Geraldton on 99231088, mobile 0428663996 or email simon.tupper22@gmail.com
What's New in at the CRC - looking For Christmas Gift Idea's!

- Bowls
- Manicure Set & Coasters
- Horse & Car Ornaments
- Fancy Tea light Candle Holders, Set of Owls.
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- Beautiful Soaps, Clocks, Paintings
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- Mulla Mulla Painting
- Bicycle Pot Plant Holder
- Peg Dolls
- Bowls
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Aluminium Cans

Dear Community members please take your aluminium cans to the wool bales at the Junction Pub. So they can be sent to Carnarvon and sold for scrap where the money is then donated back to community groups such as the Gascoyne School of the Air and the Royal Flying Doctor.

Merry Christmas

John Wheelock
Carnarvon

December
1  Donald Kelly
27  Levi Chongwee

January
3  Ella Hoseason - Smith
3  Hazel McTaggart
17  Nat Rogers

Got a Birthday coming up? Contact the Gassy Gossip by email at crc@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au
Sweet & Spicy Party Wings

Ingredients

6 pounds chicken wings (about 24) tips discarded, and wings split
4 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted
1/2 cup honey
1/4 cup bottled green hot pepper sauce
3 tablespoons grated fresh ginger
1 teaspoon kosher salt
4 jalapeno peppers, seeded and chopped*

Directions

Preheat oven to 450 degrees F. Line two 15x10x1-inch baking pans with non stick foil; set aside.

Cut off and discard tips of chicken wings. Cut wings at joints to form about 48 pieces.

1. Bring a large pot of heavily salted water to boiling. Add chicken pieces and garlic. Simmer, uncovered, 8 minutes; drain. Pat chicken wing pieces dry with paper towels. Arrange pieces in prepared baking pans. Bake on separate oven racks for 30 minutes or until done (at least 170 degrees F), rearranging pans halfway through baking.

2. Meanwhile for sauce, in a small saucepan stir together butter, honey, hot pepper sauce, ginger, and kosher salt. Bring mixture to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 4 minutes or until sauce is slightly thickened, stirring occasionally.

3. To serve, place baked wings in a large serving bowl. Add honey sauce. Toss to coat. Sprinkle jalapenos on top. Serve immediately.
Cherry-Stuffed Ham

Ingredients

1 cup dried tart cherries, chopped
1/2 cup cherry juice or orange juice
1 3 pound cooked boneless ham
1 18 ounce jar peach preserves
2 tablespoons lemon juice

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. In a small saucepan combine 1/2 cup of the dried cherries and the cherry juice; bring to boiling. Remove from heat; let stand for 15 minutes. Drain cherries, discarding juice.

2. Make four or five slits (1-1/2 to 2 inches deep) in ham. Press some of the soaked cherries into each slit as it is cut. Place ham on a roasting rack in a 13x9x2-inch baking pan or baking dish. Cover with foil.

3. Insert an oven-going meat thermometer into thickest portion of ham.
   * Bake about 2 hours or until thermometer registers 140 degrees F.

4. Place peach preserves in a small bowl; snip any large pieces of fruit. Stir in the remaining 1/2 cup dried cherries and the lemon juice. Spoon 1/2 cup of the preserves mixture over ham. Bake, uncovered, for 10 minutes more. In a small saucepan heat the remaining preserves mixture and pass with the ham.

Prepare as directed through Step 2. Chill for up to 4 hours. Continue as directed in Steps 3 and 4.
Dog Breed Word Search

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GETTING OLD

Just a little line to say I’m living, that I’m not amongst the dead...
Though I’m getting more forgetful, and mixed up in my head.
I’ve got used to my arthritis, and to my dentures resigned....
I can manage my bi-focals, but oh God I miss my mind.....
Sometimes I can’t remember when I’m standing by the stairs...
Should I be going up for something, or just come down from there..
And before the fridge so often, my head is filled with doubt....
Now did I put some food away, or come to take it out.....?
Sometimes when its night time, with my nightcap on my head....
I don’t know if I’m retiring, or just getting out of bed....
If it’s not my time to write dear, I hope you won’t get sore...
I think I may have written, and don’t want to be a bore...
So remember I do love you, and wished that you lived near...
But now it’s time to mail this, and say goodbye dear....
At last I stood beside the mailbox, my face it sure got red...
Instead of mailing this to you....I’ve opened it instead.....

Sent in By: Dart Kempton.
Santa Strawberries

Fun Recipe for kids to make for Christmas day.

Ingredients

- 1 cup thickened cream
- ¼ cup sifted icing sugar
- 2 punnets strawberries
- 2 soft liquorice sticks or 20 raisins

Method

1. Gather all ingredients together.
2. Whip cream and icing sugar together until quite firm.
3. Hull the strawberries and then cut the tip off each. Sit each strawberry on paper towel to soak up the juice.
4. Fill a piping bag (or icing press) with a fluted nozzle with the cream mixture and pipe it onto the cut surface of the strawberry to create a head.
5. Using the tip of the nozzle, join the cream and pipe a little "beard" for the Santa halfway down the side of the strawberry. It's important to make these join up so the cream on the head takes the weight of the cream from the beard. Place tip of strawberry on cream. Pipe a "pompom" onto the top of the strawberry. Place liquorice or raisins cut in half for eyes and serve.

Notes

- Adding the icing sugar to the cream gives it a bit of structure so it pipes and supports itself firmly. Even though this mixture is firm, you may need to refrigerate these until required so the cream doesn't collapse in the heat.
- It’s really important to place the strawberries on the paper towel or you will have a red mess.
- You can add half a teaspoon of vanilla to the cream mixture if you want vanilla cream.
Find the names of Santa’s Reindeer’s

Blitzen  Comet  Cupid  Dancer
Dasher  Donner  Prancer
reindeer  Rudolph  Vixen
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### NOTES:

### Upcoming Events

**January 2017**

3rd  Shire Office Re-opens for Business

**February 2017**

22nd  Council Meeting

### Happy New Year