

Kirkwood road stage 2 opens

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Member for Hinkler Paul Neville, Gladstone Mayor George Creed and Member for Flynn Chris Trevor at the opening of the Kirkwood Road Stage 2 project.

POLITICAL ties were nowhere to be seen on Kirkwood Road yesterday as politicians from all levels of government and political affiliations welcomed the opening of the Kirkwood Road Project Stage 2.

Past and present council members, state member Liz Cunningham, Member for Flynn Chris Trevor, and Member for Hinkler Paul Neville - who formerly represented the Gladstone region - were yesterday united in their support of the new road.

Gladstone Regional Council mayor George Creed said the completion of Stage 2 was a key milestone for the community, as it represented a major step toward the completion of Gladstone's western ring road.

"Stage 2 provides a strategic connection between the Emmadale Gardens area and Glenlyon Road, enabling motorists to drive from the Dawson Highway, just west of the city, to Glenlyon Road, south of the Gecko Valley Estate," Cr Creed said.

The event also marked the official opening of the Paul Neville Bridge - a 75m long concrete structure named after the federal member for Hinkler.

While representing the region at a federal level, Mr Neville has secured \$12.75 million from the Federal Government for the project.

"Kirkwood Road has been so important to me that I am proud to be associated with it," Mr Neville said.

"It would be fair to say that there was initially a lot of opposition from federal and state transport bureaucracies but I always saw Kirkwood as the best application for Auslink funding.

"It creates a safe, functional road network which is critical to supporting not only industry and jobs, but keeping drivers from the southern suburbs of Gladstone safe."