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**Diamantina Shire Council**

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Vaughan Johnson Lookout now Open for Viewing**

The drive from Bedourie to Boulia is now even more memorable with the opening of a new lookout to take in the spectacular rugged scenery.

On Saturday night more than 100 people gathered on a hilltop 90km north of Bedourie along the Bedourie-Boulia road for the official opening of the new Vaughan Johnson Lookout. Opening the proceedings Diamantina Shire Mayor Cr Robbie Dare said the Lookout was named after the Member for Gregory, Mr Vaughan Johnson MP, in recognition of his advocacy and efforts made towards the advancement of the sealed road network in Western Queensland.

Accepting the honour Mr Johnson stressed the importance of the continued need to push for infrastructure in Outback Queensland.

“While there may not be many of us, we provide a lot of dollars to this State, if not this country, and you only need to look at the Diamantina Shire to see this. So whether it is broadband or bitumen we need to continue the fight.”

The \$407,000 project was made possible through the support and vision of the Diamantina Shire Council, along with assistance from the Queensland Government, Hastings Deering and the North Australian Pastoral Company (NAPCO).

In a separate ceremony, Mr Johnson along with Diamantina Shire's Mayor Cr Robbie Dare and Cr Joyce Crombie, presided over the opening of the lookout's new eco-friendly toilet, fondly dubbed the 'loo with a view', constructed with funding from the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation's 2011-12 Minor Tourism Infrastructure Grants program.

“I've been asked to open a lot of things in my time, but never a loo with a view,” Mr Johnson laughed.

As Cr Crombie cut the ribbon he added, “I now declare the loo with a view open. Who'd like to use it first?”

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**Photographs:** For photographs of the opening please contact the Diamantina Shire Council's Events Coordinator, Kim Wildman, on 0400 887 991 or via email at [kim.wildman@diamantina.qld.gov.au](mailto:kim.wildman@diamantina.qld.gov.au)

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