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Completed Roy Hill Rail Bridge Delivers Safety Outcomes for Port Hedland

Today Roy Hill welcomed the Minister for Transport, the Minister for Environment and MP for the Pilbara, Kevin Michel MLA to open the completed Roy Hill Rail Bridge.

The Roy Hill funded bridge is a \$18.66 million new single span rail bridge carrying the Great Northern Highway over the Roy Hill rail line, leading into Port Hedland's port. The new bridge replaces an existing level crossing, enabling the free movement of traffic over the rail line, and removes the potential for a rail-road accident at the intersection.

Main Roads WA have overseen the design, procurement process and construction of the project, and now the project is complete, will oversee the future operations and ongoing maintenance of the bridge.

Main Roads WA appointed WA business Georgiou Pty Ltd the contract to construct the bridge, and local Pilbara Aboriginal business Gebro Contracting as the project site supervisor, with the construction of the bridge generating 65 jobs.

"I'm pleased the rail bridge has been completed on budget and ahead of its original March 2019 schedule" said Roy Hill CEO Mr Barry Fitzgerald, "this bridge is another example of Roy Hill's commitment to extend its safety focus beyond our immediate workplace, positively contributing to the local communities in which we operate".

This is the second project Roy Hill has recently completed with Main Roads WA and Georgiou, having last year opened the final stage of the Marble Bar Road project. Over two stages, 22 kilometres of the Marble Bar Road was upgraded from gravel to a fully sealed Main Roads WA compliant highway, at a cost of approximately \$39 million to Roy Hill.

"With our trains passing through the intersection up to 13 times a day, and the ore trains taking on average 3.5 minutes to pass through the crossing - this rail bridge will not only remove the risk of a road user collision with one of our trains, but significantly reduce road user travel time, and improve traffic flow"

Construction work on the bridge commenced in August 2018.

View time lapse footage and drone footage of the bridge being constructed [here](#)

View a high resolution 360-degree aerial shot of the bridge under construction [here](#)

Find out more about Roy Hill's rail operations [here](#)

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About Roy Hill

Roy Hill is a world-class iron ore operation and the largest single ore mine in Australia.

Situated 344km south east of Port Hedland in Western Australia's mineral rich Pilbara region, Roy Hill is an independent iron ore operation with local majority ownership and chaired by Mrs Gina Rinehart.

With integrated mine, rail and port facilities producing 55Mtpa – Roy Hill is one of the world's major resource-based operations, which will deliver enormous benefits to the broader community for many years to come.

Roy Hill's first shipment of iron ore departed from Port Hedland on 10 December 2015 and has since loaded multiple shipments to its key markets in Japan, Korea, China and Taiwan. Roy Hill achieved many firsts, including for its largely Greenfield project, the largest mainland resource debt funding in the world, from 19 of the world's largest banks, and five Export Credit Agencies.

Roy Hill operates some of the largest equipment in the world and in addition to having the fastest ramp up to 55Mtpa in the Pilbara, has maintained a focus on safety excellence.

In December 2015, Mrs Rinehart was recognised as "Miner of the Decade" by the Sydney Mining Club. She has also been awarded "Chairman of the Year" by CEO Magazine.

Roy Hill has been presented with a range of accolades, including:

- 2018 WA Training Awards WA Employer of the Year
- 2018 Prospect Award for Community Interaction
- 2018 L&MH Mercury Awards Transport Solution of the Year: Rail
- 2017 Platts Global Metals Awards Rising Star Company Award
- 2016 Australian Mining Prospect Awards Excellence in Environmental Management Award
- 2016 Engineers Australia (WA) Australian Engineering Excellence in Engineering Distinction
- 2016 Engineers Australia (WA) Australian Engineering Excellence in Resource Development
- 2016 Engineers Australia (WA) Australian Engineering Excellence in Project Management
- 2016 Project Management Institute Project of the Year
- 2016 Railway Technical Society of Australasia Railway Project Award
- 2015 Mines & Money Asian Corporate Development Award
- 2015 IJ Global Asia-Pacific Project Mining & Metals Deal of the Year
- 2015 IJ Global Asia Pacific Deal of the Year
- 2014 FinanceAsia Magazine Project Finance Deal of the Year Award
- 2014 Finance International Magazine Asia Pacific Deal of the Year
- 2012 Diggers and Dealers Deal of the Year Award