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Arc joins community partners to create new-look Lenihan Nature Reserve

Arc Infrastructure has joined forces with community groups and the Shire of Merredin in a major collaboration to open the town's new nature park at South Avenue, Merredin.

Lenihan Park now boasts a range of beautiful new community amenities and updated facilities for the whole town to enjoy and was made possible thanks to a unique partnership that saw local government, businesses and passionate members of the community come together.

The public open space was officially opened on 21 November 2017 with a special community ceremony onsite that gathered project partners and Merredin residents together.

Arc Infrastructure was proud to support the project and provide much-needed construction materials to help create the park's new structures. Arc Infrastructure formed part of a collection of like-minded businesses who supported the project which included Central Regional TAFE, Collgar Wind Farm, Lotterywest, Merredin Community Men's Shed and St. Mary's School who provided materials and expertise to make the project possible.

Arc Infrastructure Regional Lead Clinton Lobb said the company was proud to support the creation and development of the space that adds to Merredin's great list of outdoor spaces.

"Investing in and supporting the communities where we operate is central to our commitment to the regions in which we live and work in," Mr Lobb said.

"The new-look Lenihan Park stands as an example of what can be achieved when dedicated and passionate community advocates come together and the quality of the end result really reflects this commitment."

Shire of Merredin CEO Greg Powell said one of the best things to come out of this project is the lesson for the children that they can positively change the community they are part of, even at a young age.

"Not only have these young students' ideas ultimately resulted in the creation of a brand new, unique play space for themselves and future children, but they have also resulted in a number of unemployed residents of Merredin acquiring work experience, training and the attainment of a Certificate II in Leadership," Mr Powell said.



"The kind donation of metal ballast by Arc Infrastructure for the construction of the park is very much appreciated. The Council and staff of the Shire of Merredin have been immensely proud to support this community project, and to have been able to partner with Arc Infrastructure to make it possible."

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