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## Hundreds turn out to celebrate WA's unique rail heritage

**Arc Infrastructure joined more than 1,400 visitors to celebrate WA's unique rail heritage on the weekend as part of Railfest 2017 – Perth's annual community event dedicated to celebrating the history of the State's rail industry.**

Hosted by the WA Railway Museum in Bassendean on Sunday 8 October, crowds flocked to experience live steam engine demonstrations, model railways and guided tours of the museum including reconditioned historic passenger carriages from the Golden Age of rail travel.

This year provided extra significance with the release of special display and a new book celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the rail network connecting to the rest of Australia.

As custodians of the State's 5,500km freight rail network, Arc Infrastructure was proud to provide a modern touchstone for the industry. As part of this year's event, Arc Infrastructure's rail safety mascot Jack made a special appearance to meet children and young families to share messages of rail safety and promote the company's interactive *TrackSplat!* rail safety program.

Arc Infrastructure Manager Corporate Affairs Melanie Henley said along with celebrating the rail industry's fascinating history, Railfest provided a great opportunity to engage younger members of the community in discussion about the importance of safe behaviour around the railway.

"WA's rail network has, and continues to, play a critical role in connecting the commodities and people of this State with the rest of the country, and the world," Ms Henley said.

"Events like Railfest provide us all with the chance to share in the rich history of our industry and hopefully inspire the next generations to be part of its future in years to come."

WA Railway Museum's Geoffrey Highman said it was great to see the industry's past and present come together and new audiences discover a love for trains and the railway.

“Railfest helps to explain to new generations of West Australians how our railways have worked and why they are important. In this task we particularly appreciate the assistance of Arc Infrastructure since Arc are responsible for the safety, maintenance and operation of our State’s railway network in the southern part of WA,” Mr Highman said.

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## ABOUT ARC INFRASTRUCTURE

*Arc is pronounced as a word and not an acronym.*

Arc Infrastructure is a leading transport infrastructure manager in Western Australia. We currently operate the State’s 5,500km freight rail network, connecting people, commodities and ports across the State with the rest of Australia and the world.

Spread across regional Western Australia, our team of 430 employees keeps the rail network operating 24/7. We live local, buy local and are committed to contributing to regional communities.

Previously called Brookfield Rail, we changed our name to Arc Infrastructure in July 2017 to reflect the aspirations for our future to expand our involvement in transport infrastructure assets. We’re committed to working with industry, our customers, partners and communities to find new opportunities that will support and strengthen our rail network for the benefit of WA.

For more information about Arc Infrastructure, please visit [www.arcinfra.com](http://www.arcinfra.com).