

Monday 16 October, 2017

Track team affected by lightning strike near Leonora

At 8.35am Saturday 14 October eleven people were affected by a lightning strike while working for Arc Infrastructure on the rail freight network near Kookynie south of Leonora.

The team of eleven, which comprised eight labour hire contractors and three Arc Infrastructure employees, were all taken to Leonora Hospital for assessment and observation.

One labour hire contractor and one Arc Infrastructure employee were flown by Royal Flying Doctors Service to Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital for assessment and observation.

Later that afternoon two more people, one labour hire contractor and one Arc Infrastructure employee, were transferred by Royal Flying Doctors Service from Leonora Hospital to Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital for assessment.

By 8pm Saturday 14 October, nine of the eleven people affected by the lightning strike had been released from either the Leonora Hospital or Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital.

As at 9am on Monday 16 October, one Arc Infrastructure employee and one labour hire contractor remain in Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital and are due to be released today, Monday 16 October. Both are expected to make a full recovery.

Our focus in the last 48 hours has been on ensuring these people have received the right medical attention they need and their families are well informed and supported.

We deeply appreciate the efforts of the teams at St Johns Ambulance Leonora, Royal Flying Doctors Service, Leonora Hospital and Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital.

A full investigation into the incident is underway.

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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.

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