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## Arc recognises outstanding achievement at WA Regional Small Business Awards

**As an active supporter of regional communities, Arc Infrastructure was honoured to present the award for excellence in Community Engagement to Wattnow Electrical at the 2017 WA Regional Small Business Awards.**

Based in Derby, Wattnow is an Aboriginal owned and operated electrical company that provides a full range of commercial and domestic services from small repairs to new building developments.

Founded by Jonathan Smith, Wattnow has supported numerous community-enriching opportunities and events that benefit and encourage local residents. These include apprenticeships, mentoring programs and employment initiatives that directly support the people in and around Derby.

It is the second year in a row that Wattnow's commitment to giving back to Derby's community has been recognised at the Small Business Awards following their success in 2016. The Awards shine a light on leading small businesses across the State, recognising excellence in a broad range of categories. It is the second year Arc Infrastructure has supported the event, returning as the major sponsor for the Community Engagement Award.

Arc Infrastructure Manager for Maintenance Delivery Daniel Bradtke presented Wattnow Electrical Directors Jonathan Smith and Prue Plowright with their Award saying the company was recognised for their outstanding commitment to growing and supporting their local community in Derby.

"Each of the Community Engagement Award finalists displayed a genuine and concerted effort to support their local regions but I congratulate Wattnow for truly exemplifying how regional businesses can work collaboratively to benefit their local community in Derby and their support of a wide range of volunteer programs, youth sporting initiatives and employment programs that make a positive impact on those around them."

Recent community-based programs actively supported by Wattnow include the Derby Shooting Starts Youth Netball Program, Derby Races and the Derby Tiger Football Club.

Wattnow Director Prue Plowright said, "Jono and I were very excited to accept the Community Engagement award at this year's WA Regional Small Business Awards! We have a lot of pride and passion for our little town Derby and love to see the positive effects that our business has on our community. Thank you very much Arc Infrastructure for supporting these awards and sponsoring our category!"

Arc Infrastructure is an organisation committed to seeing regional areas continue to prosper and grow. More than 45% of its total workforce live and work in these communities and the company is committed to being an active participant in, and contributor to, these communities by supporting grassroots organisations through community partnerships.

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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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