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Arc and Shire of Manjimup partner on Town Revitalisation Project

Two years of collaboration with the Shire of Manjimup and a different approach has resulted in a successful partnership between Arc Infrastructure and the Shire to facilitate the town's Centre Revitalisation Project.

As part of the \$30 million Manjimup Town Revitalisation Project, the Shire requested long-term access to part of the State's rail freight corridor and the removal of 1 kilometre of the surrounding non-operational rail line to make way for road and footpath crossing points, park furniture, landscaping and other beautification works representing a core component and significant expense to the overall town project.

Arc Infrastructure, the Shire and the Public Transport Authority took a collaborative approach to consider the request and ensure any works taken place took into account the safety and impact on the community and the long term viability and protection of the State's rail freight network and corridor.

The Shire of Manjimup's CEO Andrew Campbell said he is pleased the works are able to go ahead in order to facilitate the Project, which aims to deliver a more liveable town, create a more desirable place for families to grow and a region that people will visit time and time again.

"It's a great outcome for the local community as the Project works towards developing Manjimup into a vibrant and thriving regional growth centre.

"The Arc team has done a fantastic job and their assistance in facilitating the Project has been greatly appreciated," Mr Campbell said.

This was the first project of its kind on the rail freight network where Arc Infrastructure has worked with a Shire to remove track while maintaining lease obligations with the Western Australian government.

Arc Infrastructure's CEO Paul Larsen said the result is a testament to the Shire of Manjimup's collaborative approach and willingness to understand the unique requirements of a state freight corridor.

"The Shire has taken a hands on approach and worked with us to ensure the State's asset is protected in the long term throughout the delivery of the town's project.

“Congratulations to Mr Campbell and everyone who has worked on the project to date,” Mr Larsen said.

Arc Infrastructure’s teams completed work in the rail corridor prior to the end of 2017.

Working on Fire has worked closely with Arc Infrastructure’s environmental team, as well as local maintenance teams, rail network control, and other local contractors to undertake the bushfire mitigation works.

Mitigation works will continue at various sites along the rail corridor within the Shires of Murray, Harvey, Collie, Dardanup, Donnybrook Balingup, Bridgetown-Greenbushes, and Manjimup once relevant environmental and government approvals have been obtained.

Arc Infrastructure recently donated \$30,000 to the WA Volunteer First & Rescue Services Association to create a Youth Leadership Program and Youth Skills Scholarship to attract new generations to volunteer.

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