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ARC INFRASTRUCTURE REMINDS COMMUNITY TO STAY SAFE THIS AVON DESCENT

As thousands converge on the Avon Valley on the weekend of 3-4 August for the 2019 Avon Descent, Arc Infrastructure is reminding participants, spectators and the wider community to be safe and vigilant around the railway.

The rail network will remain open and operate as normal (24 hours a day) over the Avon Descent weekend, therefore safety around the railway is vital.

To ensure the safety of participants and the general public, Arc Infrastructure employees will be stationed at various level crossings throughout the Avon Valley, all day and night.

Arc Infrastructure Network Operations Specialist, Graham Sack, said the safety of competitors, support crews, spectators, rail industry employees and the wider community was of critical importance.

"It is imperative that when crossing the railway by foot or in a vehicle, people only cross at designated crossings and adhere to stop signs and safety restrictions," Mr Sack said.

"Our commitment to rail safety remains as strong as ever and we look forward to working with community partners and race officials for another safe and busy weekend.

"We are proud of our ongoing relationship with the Avon Descent and look forward to continuing to support the safe delivery of an iconic West Australian event. We wish all the competitors good luck!"

Chairman of the Northam Avon Descent Association, Greg Kaeding, said the safety of competitors, supporters, officials and spectators was of paramount importance.

"Whilst we want everyone to share in a great experience over the weekend, they need to cooperate with officials of the 2019 Avon Descent and follow the instructions of Arc Infrastructure employees who are working closely with members of the Act Belong Commit Avon Descent Support Unit and hold official status," Mr Kaeding explained.

"We value our long-standing association with Arc Infrastructure and the company's continued commitment to the safe running of the event. The river and the railway share such close quarters through the Valley and without Arc Infrastructure's support the Avon Descent would not be possible.

"Trains will continue to run over the weekend so everyone must remain vigilant around the railway and adjacent roadways. Failure to do so by competitors or their support crew and their associates could result in them incurring a penalty, and we don't want to have to impose such measures," he said.

ABOUT ARC INFRASTRUCTURE

Arc Infrastructure manages transport infrastructure in Western Australia. We currently operate Western Australia'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.

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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