



## AUSTRALIAN RAIL TRACK CORPORATION LTD

### Media Release

### SAFETY MILESTONE FOR PARKES MAINTENANCE TEAM

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The Australian Rail Track Corporation's Parkes maintenance depot recently celebrated a significant safety achievement with the team achieving over 1800 consecutive days without a loss time injury (LTI) to a staff member, the company said today.

The team went 1826 days without a loss time injury – which amounts to over five years in a row without a team member picking up a workplace injury causing the loss of one day shift.

It is a record for the local team.

The 14-member Parkes team look after over 600 kilometres of track, from Cootamundra in NSW's Riverina region, to Ivanhoe in the Central outback of NSW.

“Often working under difficult conditions and adverse weather, the ability to go more than five years without a loss time injury is no mean feat and testament to the commitment to safety by the team,” Parkes Team Manager John Bowd said.

“During this period there were major upgrades to the rail corridor from Parkes to Cootamundra and from Ivanhoe to Parkes and this is a great achievement for the Parkes team who not only did the job well, but above all, safely.”

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**Note to editor.** The Parkes maintenance depot became part of the ARTC team as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2013, when ARTC brought its interstate maintenance functions in-house. Previously, maintenance was delivered on a contract basis by alliance partners and the LTI period has carried over from that time.

Parkes was selected as one of 11 new regional work centres created by ARTC across the country – each tasked with the care and maintenance of the standard gauge rail network in its respective areas.

**Photo Caption:**

ARTC's Parkes Maintenance Team has celebrated over five years Loss Time Injury free recently.

Names back row from the left.

Malcolm Sense Infrastructure Maintainer.

Michael Brown Infrastructure Maintainer welder.

Barry Reeves Project Supervisor.

Michael Skinner Work Group Leader.

Dennis Whiley Infrastructure Maintainer.

Clinton Gemmell Infrastructure Maintainer.

Neil Ward Work Group Leader.

Grant Bond Infrastructure Maintainer.

Front row from the left.

Peter Klarner Infrastructure Maintainer.

Greg Henry Asset Data Administrator.

John Bowd Team Manager

Gerald Barby Work Group Leader.

Ben Hodge Infrastructure Maintainer.

Missing from photo is Matthew Mulligan Infrastructure Maintainer welder.