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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Work commences on Weethalle Silo Art Project

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Work commenced this week on the Weethalle Silo Art project.

Melbourne based international artist Heesco Khosnaran commenced work on the 31 metre by 21 metre silo canvas on Tuesday utilising a 24 metre telescopic boom lift which has been sponsored by Paul and Jenny Northey from the Baronlonga Pastoral Company, Jemalong Wool and Quade Moncrieff Livestock and Property.

Painting is expected to take approximately two weeks and be completed in time for the scheduled official opening on Saturday 1 July.

Heesco was one of nine artists from across Australia to lodge an expression of interest in the silo art project and was selected by a committee comprising Council and community representatives following an extensive short listing process. Since being appointed to the project earlier this year, Heesco has been in hot demand all over the world.

The silos will stand as one of his most significant works and a genuine tourist attraction for Weethalle and the Bland Shire. Silo Art projects in country Victoria continues to draw thousands of tourists and has recently been recognised in some of the world's most popular international travel guides.

It is understood that the Weethalle Silo Art Project will be the first of its kind in New South Wales.

The official opening will be held on site at 3.30pm on Saturday 1 July when people will get the opportunity to see for the first time the stunning design developed by Heesco in consultation with the local committee.

The opening will be immediately followed by a visit from the Emirates Melbourne Cup from 3.45pm where members of the public will have the opportunity to hold and have their photos taken with the \$200,000 trophy in front of the Weethalle silos.

The Cup will stay in Weethalle until approximately 5pm before returning to West Wyalong for a Fashions on the Field gala function at the West Wyalong Services and Citizens Club.

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