

# Building the future at YP Field Days site

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THE new \$680,000 function centre at the Yorke Peninsula Field Days site at Paskeville is on track for completion by the end of the year.

The venue will have seating for 100 people, full AV facilities, an adjoining commercial kitchen and an enclosed courtyard.

It is being built in the form of a gleaming steel Ahrens silo to match the style of the adjoining new office building and toilet block which are prominently located facing Copper Coast Highway.

YPFD president Greg Stevens said the centre would be promoted to national and international companies and groups during the 2025 field days from September 30 to October 2.

"We have already had some interest from local machinery dealers to use the facility for the launch of new products," Mr Stevens said.

"We will also promote it to the general population who may want to book it for a big celebration, such as a wedding.

"These events will help to generate business and employment in the local region, by creating new demand for catering, accommodation and transport, and helping to encourage more people to make return visits."

Matt Bishop, of Bishop Building — the lead contractor for the new complex — said the project was tracking strongly and it was exciting to see the function centre take shape.

"There's a real sense of anticipation within the YPFD committee and the broader community, with plenty of positive feedback about the impact this new facility will have for future events at the site," he said.

"Despite some early weather delays at foundation stage, momentum has been excellent."

Mr Bishop said structural framing was being finalised within the silo that houses the function centre and across the kitchen and hallway link to the office.



**BUILDING THE FUTURE... Lachlan Hinds and Aaron Feuerherdt of Bishop Building work on the catering kitchen which will service the new function centre at the Yorke Peninsula Field Days site.**

He said he aimed to have external cladding on the kitchen and hallway installed ahead of the field days.

The kitchen will be a full commercial facility, designed to serve function attendees in both the enclosed alfresco area and the function centre itself, creating versatile spaces for events.

Bishop Building worked on the Barns of Freeling functions centre and accommodation suites, which also utilise silos.

It was the first project of its kind in South Australia and was the inspiration for the new complex at the YPFD site.

"The Freeling project was our first experience working with silos," Mr Bishop said.

"Silos are a very unique type of build, presenting challenges such as working with curved walls, managing noise and insulation, and creating practical, functional spaces within a circular footprint.

"Another key aspect was collaborating closely with engineers to ensure the adapted silos met all modern building codes and safety requirements, without losing their original character.

"Despite these complexities, silos offer a striking architectural statement and strong regional identity, demonstrating how rural structures can be reimagined into innovative and highly usable spaces."