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Pollie Pedal Visits Calleen as GrainCorp Confirms Rail to Be Operational by July

GrainCorp yesterday welcomed *Pollie Pedal* riders to its state-of-the-art receival site at Calleen in regional New South Wales. The visit coincided with confirmation the rail infrastructure at Calleen would be complete by July.

Pollie Pedal 2016 is an annual charity bike event that sees Federal politicians ride through communities to raise awareness and funds for important causes. GrainCorp is a proud sponsor of this year's ride which is raising funds for Carers Australia.

GrainCorp Chairman Don Taylor said, "It's a great pleasure to welcome *Pollie Pedal* to Calleen. *Pollie Pedal* is a great initiative that highlights the role of Carers Australia and many of the challenges facing regional Australia.

"It's fantastic they could get out to Calleen as it represents the future of efficient grain handling in Australia. We are also pleased to confirm the rail infrastructure on site will be operational by July, well ahead of harvest.

"We want more of our sites to be upgraded to this standard, but to make this possible we need support at both Federal and State levels to upgrade government-owned rail infrastructure to match the increased capacity of these sites.

"Moving grain by rail is efficient, better for the community and keeps Australian grain competitive. We've had a great response so far and we hope today has demonstrated what is possible," Mr Taylor said.

Construction of the new rail infrastructure at the purpose-built site started late last year with two 1500 tonne overhead rail bins currently being constructed (pictured).

GrainCorp's Southern New South Wales Regional Manager, Sarah Roche said, "After receiving over 110,000 tonnes last harvest we are looking forward to unloading the grain via rail.

"By having the rail operational we will be able to make full use of the new infrastructure to efficiently unload the grain at up to 1000 tonnes per hour. We expect most of the grain will be unloaded well before harvest.

"This is great news for growers as it means for the 2016 / 2017 harvest we will have the ability to rail out during harvest, ensuring we have the full capacity and flexibility of the site to service growers during the busy harvest period.

"Calleen has been designed and built as an export-focused site delivering a fast train cycle to Port Kembla. The investment in highly efficient infrastructure will reduce rail supply chain costs, which will translate into improved grain pricing and better returns for growers.

"The overhead bins have a total capacity of 3000 tonnes and can load a standard 40 wagon train in two hours. The system also features automatic sampling to support quality management and control," Ms Roche said.

The Callen site is part of GrainCorp's Project Regeneration initiative that involves developing a network of 50+ high capacity country sites to support an efficient rail operation.

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