

Helicopter to rescue

THIS may look like a snowfield or concrete slab, but neither is correct.

In fact it is part of the four acre roof of the new Sperry New Holland manufacturing centre being built in Berwick-Cranbourne Rd, Cranbourne.

A helicopter had to be used to lift 16 giant evaporative coolers and ducting in 32 separate lifts onto the roof of the factory, the largest single span building in Australia.

The job which was completed in 90 minutes could not be done by crane because of the height of the roof, 12.5 metres and the roof area, 17,000 square metres.

The factory, storage, despatch and office complex is being built on a 46 hectare site and will cost \$12m. when completed.

The first stage, the manufacturing centre and administrative area, will be ready for occupation later this year.

