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Opening of Wentworth's Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra (FOSO) delayed due to severe weather

Following the recent severe weather event across the Wentworth and Mildura region, the opening of the Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra (FOSO) has been officially delayed.

Initially set to open to the public for the 2026 Easter long weekend, the joint initiative between Wentworth Shire Council and Mildura Rural City Council has been heavily impacted by the record rainfall in late February and early March. It is now set to open to the public on **Friday 24 April 2026**. The deluge of approximately 250mm across the region in a matter of days has had a significant impact on ground surface at the site located adjacent to the Perry Sandhills and Thegoa Lagoon.

Despite the rainfall and amount of water on site, Bruce Munro's Studio and supporting team are continuing to progress with installation of the 80 columns of light and the complex fibre optic systems that will synchronise with the original orchestral score composed by Nainita Desai, However, the resulting boggy conditions, alongside damage to ground surface have impacted the construction programme and necessitated some remediation works.

Wentworth Shire Mayor, Cr Daniel Linklater, expressed his disappointment over the impacts of the deluge.

"While it is disappointing to delay the opening of such a highly anticipated attraction, the recent rainfall has significantly impacted the site," Cr Linklater said.

"The delivery of a world-class attraction and guest experience, as well as the long-term integrity of the artwork and site itself, are our highest priorities. As you can see in the imagery provided with this update, the ground surface has sustained damage which has ultimately delayed the construction programme to complete the supporting infrastructure. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding, and Council eagerly looks forward to welcoming you all to experience FOSO on our new opening date of 24 April 2026."

Current ticket holders affected by the delayed opening have been contacted. All ticketing changes and refund enquiries can be processed directly through the Mildura Visitor Information Centre on (03) 5018 8380.

FOSO is a complementary installation to the Trail of Lights in Mildura which is open over the Easter period. Tickets for both experiences remain on sale and can be purchased via mildura.com/lights/tickets.

The Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra is proudly funded by the NSW Government through the Regional Tourism Activation Fund.

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