

Covered for hail



HAIL SAFE: Paul Winmill has been covering his van yard against hail damage.

A \$31,000 jump in insurance premiums has forced local caravan business Winmill Caravans to look for alternative hail protection, and after a \$50,000 renovation, every one of Paul Winmill's caravans is hail-safe.

For the past two weeks, Winmill Caravans has undergone a transformation, with Netpro constructing a hail cover over the entire yard.

"We've covered the whole

yard with hail netting, large enough to protect 40 caravans from all hail damage," Paul said.

"The netting was supplied and constructed by Netpro, a Stanthorpe business who specialise in big jobs," he said.

Adding to the netting, Paul had more than 30 fluorescent lights installed by local electrician Steve Collman.

"With the new lights, you would be forgiven for think-

ing it was the middle of the day when it's the middle of the night," Paul said.

"They really brighten up the yard so people can look around with ease."

Winmill Caravans is a family-owned and operated business with five family members and one apprentice repairer.

"We've been in Grafton for eight years, but this has been a caravan sales yard for more than 30 years," Paul said.

Stocking new and used caravans, Winmill Caravans have an extensive range of Millard caravans and specialise in repairs and spare parts.

"We have a pretty large range of new and used caravans, with all our used caravans workshop-tested," Paul said.

Winmill Caravans is located on Spring Street, South Grafton.