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Louis Curtis of Paringa gives Grant Sheds shed design and sales manager, Brenton Halupka, a tour of his recently built Grant Sheds Workshop & Machinery Shed and explains his strong belief of the value of protecting his expensive farm machinery under cover of a well built shed. Story P4-5



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Travelling The Outback!

After our 3 week travels of the NSW outback, mountains and coast back in May, it has now been the turn of our son Brenton and his family to travel our wide brown land.

He has taken 8 weeks of long service leave (having worked with us for 14 years now) and travelled with family and camp trailer throughout July and August.

His story will be in our next edition but I can say that they travelled up through central Australia to Alice Springs and Uluru after spending a week at Mt Sarah Station near Oodnadatta.

The Williams family at Mt Sarah Station have a Grant Shed and so (of course) Brenton did an interview with them for our next edition of FARM GATE NEWS too.

After Uluru, they were off to Mt Isa where Brenton's wife Melinda's brother lives. They were going to gradually head home from there but changed their mind and headed to Townsville.

They are on their way home as I write this and they seem to have the gem stone searching bug ... something Melinda's family did often when she was a child.

It sounds like the holiday has been a wonderful experience for them and their young family.

When Brenton was only 10 years old, he spent 2 months sailing around Tasmania with his grandparents, Margaret & Grant Telfer.

As his headmaster said at that time...

"There's more to education than school!"

I'll let Brenton tell you more about their journey next time.

Sorry ... We're Late!

We were down one team member over the past two months with Brenton away, and then a 2nd as the person we had doing Admin while Melanie was on maternity leave, left at short notice with two months before Melanie was due to return. Too late to advertise for and train someone else and almost too long for another within our team to cover it that long.

Cheeky Lil Buggers!

Before they left, Danny told our 8 and 10 year old grandsons (Riley & Ayden) that if they could learn 100 German words while they were away he'd give them \$100.

This is a message we received via Facebook!

The little smart-alecs (aided by the idea from their father) have their hands out for the \$100 and I don't think they are gonna let their Opa avoid paying out, even though he says they were supposed to learn

100 German words, not just write "One Hundred Words" in German!!

I think you've been out-foxed Opa!



So we've all been scrambling to fill these gaps and we sincerely thank our whole team for their loyalty and willingness to step-up when needed. We really appreciate it.

The publication of this July-August edition of FARM GATE NEWS has taken a slight hit though, and that's why it's late.

It's the first time in our 5 years of producing it that it's happened. And while we could have skipped an edition, I don't reckon that's right. When you commit to something, it reflects on your integrity if you let it slip by.

High Praise!

It's always beneficial to have mentors &/or coaches in any business, farming included. One of ours, Pete Godfrey, said this about our FARM GATE NEWS magazine...

"This is one of the best examples of a customer newsletter/magazine I've ever come across..."

We are both honoured and humbled by his praise. What we have found since starting this little magazine back in 2012 is that we gain so much enjoyment in presenting it to you.

Visiting farmers from different geographical

locations and different farming types is a lot of fun. Finding out your challenges, your success stories, family lives and community spirit is immensely fulfilling.

So thank you to everyone who has allowed us to interview them. And if we ask you, we hope you'll say yes too.

And if you believe your farm story is interesting, or if you know of someone else who would be a great subject for our newsletter, then please sing out. We love the inside information that only locals can know about other locals.

Back O' Bourke

Here's another photo from our NSW holiday in May. Just had to prove we'd been to the Back O' Bourke!

We'll be back again soon.

All the best, Ali & Danny Halupka

Owners, Grant Sheds





You Little Ripper... Grant Sheds LOCAL AUSSIE LEGENDS





Supporting **Country Clubs**

Clubs are the hub of country communities and the opportunity for social interaction and a day off the farm which is great for mental health, support and friendships. For all those reasons, and more, Grant Sheds is delighted to support country community groups.

*Child photos have been printed with approval



Pinnaroo B's - Pav Kinnard flying high











Harley, Jack, Chase and Ethan

WARNING: Yet Another Steel Price Rise On The Way

This happened a few years ago too, when the price of steel rose every 3-6 months, and it's happening again.

The increase is on hot-rolled steel and mild steel in particular this time, so it will have a big affect on our MEGA SHEDS since the frames for these are made from these materials.

Other sheds will also be affected as the bracing, door frames etc are made from these too.

Sing out if you'd like help planning your new shed before the price rise.



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This massive 21m x 48m x 6.4m MEGA MACHINERY SHED belongs to Anthony **& Gabby Combe at Crystal Brook.** It has 4×12 m wide beams and 12×4 m wide bottom roll sliding doors. The framing is Universal Beam (UB) Columns and Open Web Joist (OWJ) roof trusses.

Anna and Frank Curtis harvesting onions in the 1980's.

How This Family Has Div



The Curtis Chemical Shed: Size: $12m \times 19.5m \times 5.1m$ It has two sliding doors on the other end (they are closed in this photo) through which chemicals will be delivered into the shed and stored on pallet racking along one side. Mixing tanks and pumps for fungicide and weed spraying units will be set up on the floor and despatched through the 4 sliding doors this end (2 open in this photo). The spray staff will drive tractors through the front (roof only) Garaport from left to right (or right to left) to load up the spray carts. The enclosed section has ventridge on the roof for ventilation.

If you ask keen car enthusiast and Pike River grape grower Louis Curtis whether he's a Ford or Holden man, his answer is a straight-up - "both". He appreciates each for the assets they bring.

At his properties near Paringa, he applies the same approach to farming. After 40 years riding the highs and lows of the wine industry, Louis is now planting almonds in a move which will sure up his farming endeavour, and mirrors the successful history of his dad who tended the land before him.

Louis explains his father arrived in Australia from Italy in the early 1960s. He came here not to stay, but to "look around".

"But he found opportunity in Port Pirie doing broadacre farming in the form of fresh peas."

And from there his enterprise grew. It took him from Port Pirie to Bow Hill, before settling on 230 Ha at Pike River in the late '60s.

"Originally he grew broadacre vegetables here," Louis explains, with 40 acres of vineyard on the side, and a small planting of citrus. But that all changed courtesy of a chance opportunity.

"The vineyard itself was sort of a lesser income than what we did with the vegetable production," Louis notes "But in the early '90s just before the boom, I had the opportunity to go to America and travel a bit. And when I got back, I said to dad: 'You know I think wine is going to be the go from here."

Over the next few years the family planted grapes in stages at the Pike River property,

in addition to a 40 Ha planting at a further holding at Lyrup Heights, expanding its vineyard plantings to its current 198 Ha.

"We snagged it just before the middle of the wine boom," Louis notes. "We phased out our vegetable production and got heavily into wine production, and you know the wine industry has been very good to us."

But it hasn't been without its lows. Louis admits the past 10 years have been "extremely difficult", due to a global oversupply of grapes, drought, floods and storms. But he firmly believes things are now on the up, with China and India among the more profitable and emerging markets.

Like many Riverland growers, Louis supplies to grape co-operative CCW who sell to Accolade Wines and also produce their own label, Growers Gate. Louis is on the CCW board and sees the industry as evolving. He notes as electricity prices and expenses rise, the future for the region will probably involve consolidation of the small "soldier settlement" blocks.

"Like any farming enterprise in Australia, you have to get bigger and bigger to be more efficient and combat the ever-rising expense." Efficiencies and timing are Key in any agri business.

In Louis' case that farming enterprise also includes diversity. After low grape prices, and a storm in 2016 that reduced the vintage

substantially, he and his family had just finished the first stage of the new Almond farm development at their Lyrup Heights property when they saw the fierce storm damage new plantings and infrastructure.

Being diverse in any agri-business is essential as it spreads your risk and exposure to only one market.

Using the existing on-farm infrastructure, Louis planted 50ha of almonds last year, is currently planting 40ha, with plans for a further 40ha in 2018, expanding the business total irrigated area to 330 Ha.

"The international market for almonds is forever expanding," he notes. Global demand for nuts in general seem to be increasing constantly.

But this is not the first time the Curtis family has employed diversity to guarantee their income. The family also has substantial commercial and residential real estate holdings that were instigated by his late father during the wine boom.

With his mother involved in both sides of the family business, Louis takes care of agriculture, while his sisters manage the real estate.

That leaves just a little spare time for Louis to enjoy "mucking around" with muscle cars, as he and his wife cater to the ever-increasing sporting and social activities of their four boys aged between 8 and 13.

In the interim, Louis also notes the importance of protecting the assets his family has invested so heavily in, which was the reasoning behind his latest acquisition of another Grant Shed.

From the original onion packing shed to more recent implement sheds with workshops, the Curtis family's relationship with Grants dates back decades. Each shed houses vital equipment for the business. Louis notes

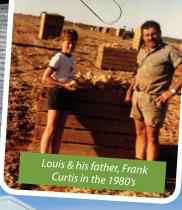
sheds ensure machinery lasts longer and allow for easy maintenance.

"I'm a big advocate for shedding on farms," he says. "You just never have enough of them. For the cost of an investment in a shed, your machines last a lot longer. They're not sun bleached, damaged or faded. When you go to sell that piece of machinery the paint works still new and you get a better return."

And a better return, like diversity, just makes good business sense.



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Why You Should Protect Your Expensive Farm Equipment

"When my father bought this property in the 1960's there was no shedding at all," explains Louis.

"So back in that day he formed a relationship with Grant Sheds. I'm not sure who was at the helm back then, to be honest."

15 GRANT SHEDS OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS

The list below does not include various lean-tos and additions purchased over the years.

Earlier sheds were before we kept computer records , so 15 sheds is our best guess when working it out with Louis.

 1993
 30m x 30m x 5.1m
 Packing House

 2004
 8m x 24m x 3m
 Leanto

 2008
 9m x 10.8m x 4.2m
 Garage

 2013
 12m x 27m x 5.1m
 Machinery Shed

 2016
 18m x 63m x 6.3m
 Machinery Shed

 2017
 12m x 19.5m x 5.1m
 Pump Shed

 2017
 20m x 20m x 6m
 Machinery Shed*

 2017
 15m x 54m x 5.1m
 Machinery Shed*

* On order at present

"It would have been Grant Telfer himself," Brenton replies.

Louis continues, "He built a couple of structures, the original onion packing shed and then stitching on other sheds and lean-tos to make it bigger. Then he built the bigger packing shed and other skillion sheds."

"He always had a good relationship with Grant's."

"And now, in the last few years, as we develop other properties we've needed more structures built and so we've had multiple sheds with Grant's recently and also continuing now."

"We have a lot of sheds on our property. I need to have my tractors, trucks, machinery all shedded. I can't handle spending half a million dollars on a grape harvester and then leave it outside. So I'm very much an advocate of having things inside sheds. It doesn't make sense to leave things sitting outside.

The investment in a shed makes the machines last a lot longer. They're not sun-bleached and sun-damaged and faded. When you go and sell that piece of machinery that is stored under cover the paint work is still new and you get a better return.

The resale value is hugely better.

And there's the maintenance savings as well that add up.

"When you leave good equipment outside wiring breaks down, paint fades, hoses decay. You know, when you leave a tractor cab outside on a 40° day, inside the cab will be 100°, and electronic componentry of tractors do not like the heat. Dashboards black out on the LCD screens. They just don't cope. So everything ... everything ... as far as I'm concerned should be stored inside, undercover," stresses Louis.



Louis Curtis proudly shows Brenton from Grant Sheds through his fully functional farm workshop.

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T SHEDS FAMILY

We are delighted to welcome the following people into our "Grant Sheds Family". As you can see our members (shed buyers) come from a broad geographic area and buy a wide range of shed types. And there are lots who have bought multiple "Aussie Tough" Grant Sheds over the years. I've marked those in blue and with a red asterisk *. The number of 'Grant' sheds they've had is in blue brackets ().

> It's quite amazing to see how many repeat-buyers we have and just how many sheds they've bought. Do you think that's because they are delighted with their Grant Sheds experience?

We thank you all sincerely for your ongoing faith in our sheds and in your relationships with us.

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Alex & James Morgan
*Peter Wake (2)
Daniel Treloar
Riverland Vintners
Darryl & Allison Behn
*Robert Dambergs (2)
Paul Munro
*Kevin & Leanne Graetz (2)
Bruce Morgan
Paul Boulton
Tony Richards
Malcolm Allan
Sam Bowman
David McBurney
*Ali & Tony Webber (2)
Ja McCauley
Rex Anderson-City Meat Co
Mark Greenshields
David Shute
Jo & Robert Wilmshurst
Allen Kelly
Graham Cook
Craig Hickman
Dean Lovis-Hotchin-Mulyangarie
Warwick Abbott
*Scott & Zoe Starkey (2)
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Andrew Taylor
*Kelly Olsen (2)
*Brian Wedding (2)
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Maitland	Machinery Shed
Keith	Hay Shed
Salter Springs	Hay Shed
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Manoora	Garage
Ardrossan	Machinery Shed
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Sanderston	Bulk Grain Shed
Sanderston	Lean-To
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Hamley Bridge	Machinery Shed

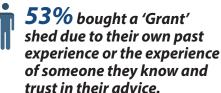
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Clare & Gilbert Valley Council
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Jarrod Booth
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44% = Existing Grant Shed owners buying from us again.



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To Help You With Your FARM SHED SOLUTIONS







John Richardson, Eden Valley SA invested in this 12m x 18m x 4.8m Multi-purpose Machinery Shed.

- It is built in 4.5m bays,
- With a 9m wide beam (A) in the centre of the side wall.
- There are 2 x 4.5m wide sliding doors (B) at that beam which can be opened to give a 9m wide opening for wide equipment.
- He has a dividing wall (C) at this point (across the shed). This
 creates a 12m x 13.5m fully enclosed section that is weather and
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- One end is open to give an easy-access section for hay storage, sheep pens etc.

A clever design that suits John's needs for security and easy-access perfectly.



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A Lesson In Life

A door to door salesman heads into a home, notices a boy with a dog on the front steps.

"Is it OK if I pat the dog?" asks the salesman.

"Sure," replies the kid.

The salesman reaches out to pat the mutt and the dog bites him.

"I thought you said I could pat your dog?" the salesman says angrily.

"Not my dog," replies the boy.

LESSON: It's Dangerous To Assume

At Grant Sheds, we are often complemented on the friendly and helpful shed planning and design help we provide.

The secret lies in the unique combination of

- 1. Never assuming that we know what you need
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- 3. Asking questions about what you'll be using your new shed for
- 4. Making suggestions that may make your new shed even more useful or cost effective for you, based on our 65 years of farm shed building experience

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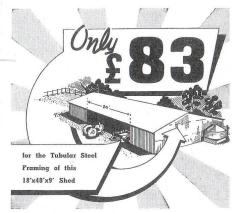
If crected as illustrated, four vehicles may be garaged at a shed cost of roughly £50 per vehicle, and a storage or workshop bay included.

Where necessary 16 ft., 20 ft. or 24 ft. clear openings can be arranged at little extra cost. Sliding or swinging doors can be supplied.

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How's this for some shed prices from the 1950's? And check out the sizes. These were average size farm sheds in their day. Now an average size farm shed is more like 12m-15m x 24-30m x 4.5-5.1m (40-50' x 80-100' x 15-17'). And that's only average. There are some "Whoppers" on some farms, You can see a range of our MEGA SHEDS here www.GrantSheds.com.au/Mega-Farm -Sheds



Customer Service 101

So, after landing my new job as a Walmart greeter, a good find for many retirees, I lasted less than a day.

About two hours into my first day on the job, a very loud, unattractive, mean-acting woman walked into the store with her two kids, yelling obscenities at them all the way through the entrance.

I said pleasantly, "Good morning and welcome to Walmart. Nice children you have there. Are they twins?'

The ugly woman stopped yelling long enough to say, "Hell no, they ain't twins. The oldest one is 9, and the other one is 7. Why the hell would you think they're twins? Are you blind, or just stupid?"

So I replied, "I'm neither blind nor stupid, ma'am. I just couldn't believe someone slept with you twice.

Have a good day and thank you for shopping at Walmart."

My supervisor said I probably wasn't cut out for this line of work.



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