

# FARM GATE NEWS

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A BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER TO INFORM AND ENTERTAIN YOU

## A Giant Of A Man ... And A BLOODY GOOD BLOKE P4-5

*Matthew Thiel (6'7") stands head and shoulders higher than our Danny (5'8").  
Guess what footy position he held? (Matt that is, not Danny)*



## The Black Day Of The German Army P3

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**Dont Read This Poem If You're Easily Offended**



# What Makes Country Life So Good?

## COMMUNITY

1910 Wheat yards Pinnaroo with bullock teams bringing in grain.  
Photo courtesy State Library SA B-17329

### ALWAYS Carry Duct Tape!

Many editions ago we showed how Danny had strapped the front of his ute with duct tape after hitting a roo. We heard of another use for duct tape recently .... If you enjoy dancing but find your shoes have too much grip and stick to the floor too much, stick a couple of inches of duct tape to the underside of your shoes, under the area of the balls of your feet, and you'll find it much easier to spin and slide etc. Who knew ??

### Recent Farm Visits

We've been busy visiting a number of farmers for interviews for future stories in FARM GATE NEWS to catch them after grain harvest and before seeding and we look forward to bringing you their stories over future editions.

The first of our recent interviews is with Matthew Thiel of Pinnaroo (see page 4-5). He is such a gentleman, as are most growers and farmers in our country communities.

It makes it such an enjoyable experience to get out and catch up with them and we've learnt so much about farming and farm businesses since we started this process for our FARM GATE NEWS publication almost 6 years ago.

Something I noticed in two recent interviews is the smooth and successful generational transition of the farming businesses and the allowance for the younger generation to follow current day farming methods and to upgrade machinery, farm sheds and homes. It was also nice to see how comfortable the parents were with their adult children now running the farms. They all had a high degree of confidence in each other and a willingness to continue to work together through the transition.

I think the farming families should be very proud of this achievement.

And so, as autumn marches on already, and the days grow rapidly shorter, we hope you enjoy this edition of FARM GATE NEWS.

See ya again soon 'Cobbers'!

*Ali & Danny Halupka*  
Owners - Grant Sheds

### (Un) Common Accountants

Pinnaroo farmers, Matthew & Marika Thiel, use the same accounting firm as Grant Sheds and, like us, are really pleased with the support they receive and the results they are achieving.

The team at Dodgshun Medlin accounting are uncommonly good. They are not just tax accountants but view themselves as partners in your business to help you plan and execute your business and family goals and also to ensure the long term viability of your investments.

They explain that they view your business like a river system. Small creeks (your various farm/business income streams), should flow into a bigger river (your overall business income). You dam the river from time to time (your investments) so that you can build your wealth or use it when needed.

Well, that's the simplified version, but I think it makes sense.

They are particularly focussed on farming businesses as well as other businesses (like ours), with specialists in lots of areas.

Their head office is situated in the country Victoria town of Swan Hill and they have offices in other locations and do quarterly reports and meetings to keep you focussed on your goals and achievements. Them being from Swan Hill has been no issue to us or the Thiel's. Our previous accountants were in Adelaide.

This is not a paid plug for them. I'm always happy to refer good business people so others may be able to benefit too (just as we hope you'll refer Grant Sheds).

If you're interested, you can contact them via our main contact there.

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### We Will Remember Them...

Reginald Thomas Grantley Telfer (Ali's grandfather and Grant Telfer's father) was a member of the Army Medical Corps in WW1. In our March-April edition of FARM GATE NEWS last year, we included his story on why he joined the army ... after a Turkish attack on a Broken Hill picnic train.



Reg Telfer (in uniform), with L-R, his sister Agnes (Ness), father Thomas, mother Agnes & brother Cuthbert (Cuth).

Reg kept detailed hand-written diaries of his time in the Great War, which were found only after his death, and have been typed up and published as a book by his daughter Claire Taplin.

It is interesting that 2018 is the 100th anniversary of a series of battles organised by General John Monash that are credited with bringing the war to an end and victory to the allies.

Grant Telfer (who started Grant Sheds) found an article written about these battles in an "Australian War Memorial" magazine in 1998 and then compared dates in his father's war diaries to see what he'd written about the events. The magazine article is too long to print entirely here and so I've included some excerpts along with notes from Reg Telfer's diaries.

Of course, Monash is the town we live and work in and is named after General Sir John Monash so there are a lot of reasons for us to feel proud and "to remember them" this Anzac Day.

A beautifully framed print of the portrait at top left of next page hangs proudly in our Monash Memorial Hall. We (Danny & Ali) are President, Treasurer and Caretakers of the Monash Hall.

# You Little Ripper... Grant Sheds LOCAL AUSSIE LEGENDS

Excerpts from an article Written by Ross McMullin and printed in Australian War Memorial magazine, 1998

## The Black Day Of The German Army 8th August 1918



...what happened on 8 August 1918 incontrovertibly crushed any remaining hope of a German victory."

"After fiascos such as the Nek, the Somme and Passchendaele, it was hardly surprising that the enduring images of the Great War came to embody repugnant futility – suicidally gallant charges against machine-guns, dogged stalwarts ploughing through tenacious mud."

"The chief German strategist, General Ludendorff, described 8 August as 'the black day of the German army in this war', for his side was no longer feasible."

"The aim of this offensive [August 8th] was to end the enemy threat to Amiens and its vital rail network..... For the first time, all five AIF divisions would campaign together .... The Canadians would be advancing alongside the Australians ..... and the British ...., the attack frontage was no less than 13 miles long."

"Monash's planning was again meticulous and masterly."

"The Germans, as at Hamel, became accustomed to regular early morning barrages of mixed gas and smoke shells, so that when the onslaught began with a smoke screen without gas, they would be disadvantaged by having their gas masks on when suddenly attacked in their trenches."

"Preparations were extensive."

"Another feature of the operation was an innovative double 'leapfrog' designed by Monash."

He anticipated that troops coming in from behind to relieve those at the front, would be worn out before reaching their positions to



1918 Battle of Amiens - German prisoners arriving at a temporary POW camp near Amiens. Image source longlongtrail.co.uk

begin their allotted task.

"Monash astutely arranged anticipated this problem and arranged for the brigades, prior to the operation, to be bivouacked closer to the front line .... Shortening their approach march considerably and ensuring they were in a much fresher state to carry out their tasks ..."

"The superb organisation directed by Monash contrasted markedly with the notorious mismanagement of certain previous AIF enterprises directed by other commanders."

"... to advance under the maximum possible protection of the maximum possible array of mechanical resources, in the form of guns, machine guns, tanks, mortars and aeroplanes; to advance with as little impediment as possible; to be relieved as far as possible of the obligation to fight their way forward."

"Zero hour on 8 August was 4.20am ... the drone of planes drowned the noise of the tanks; visibility was minimal owing to a thick mist as well as the darkness. "...a titanic pandemonium of ten thousand guns ... the din was so immense that mates could not hear each other even when they were yelling."

"The enemy's response was feeble .... The German front line had been comprehensively penetrated; much of the enemy's field artillery had already been captured."

"By 11am an Australian flag was fluttering from the church spire at Harbonnieres, a village just in front of the ultimate AIF objective."

**"In 7 hours the Australians advanced 7 miles, capturing no fewer than 7,925 prisoners and 173 guns as well as vital documents and copious engineering materials."**

"Monash's organisation was praised... evidence of the master hand had instilled fresh heart in the Australians."

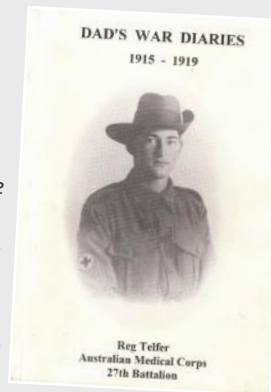
"The relentless offensive maintained for 3 months from 8 August... did much to shorten the war by bringing it to a successful conclusion with unexpected rapidity..."

"Anzac Day and Armistice Day were more important anniversaries ... [but] 8th August 1918 ... will be recorded, not only in Australian history, but also in the histories of the world. It marks those sledgehammer blows that broke the German resistance in the West, forced the invaders into full retreat..."

## Excerpts from the WW1 War Diaries of Reg Telfer (Army Medical Corps)

**August 2nd & 3rd:**

"...A lot of activities are apparent behind the line here as though in preparation for a gigantic stunt. There are lots of new guns and gun positions... and tanks are in the wood... All night long streams of artillery limbers and motor lorries with shells are going past up the road ... There are Canadians, Americans and Australians on the front here now.... All these activities look as though a stunt is coming."



**August 4th:** "Sleep has been very disturbed the last 2 or 3 nights as with so much traffic on the road, more casualties have occurred and we've had quite a number of chaps .... in wounded. Two years ago .... the boys hopped the top at Pozieres. Time is getting on. It's 3 yrs and 2mths since we left home now."

**August 5th:** "Very wet, heavy rain falling all day. Received parcel from Church in Broken Hill..... Preparations for the big stunt increase. The two big 12" howitzers by the White Chateau are nearly in position and about 40 12" shells now stacked by one... A 3 ton lorry only carries 7 at a time. Streams of transport go along the road at night ..."

**August 6th:** "A wet, rainy day with fine intervals. The preparations for the big stunt proceed apace. The crowds of motors, lorries, guns, cars, tanks, GS Wagons, limbers etc continue all the time to proceed up the road towards Villers-Bretonneux. Fritz gave us a bit of hurry-up this afternoon. He burst a 'grass-cutter' 4.2 about 10yds from the Aid Post and pieces shot through the window. ... A Canadian bloke had both legs cut off above the knees ... a 6th Aust Bgde chap had a fatal stomach wound. Both these died."

**August 8th-9th:** "Big Stunt"

**August 13th-17th:** "Bayon Villier"

# Yield Increased On Mar TECHNOLOGY & EXP



Matthew Thiel's new 15m x 36m x 5.1m Grant Sheds machinery shed is open both ends for easy drive-through access. Matt knows it will improve time efficiency during seeding when he can drive his Air Seeder-Seeding Bar-Tractor combination in one end and straight out the other. Easy storage management for semi-trailers too.

**Looking to the future of his Pinnaroo property, crop grower Matthew Thiel is quietly optimistic. It's a confidence based on four generations of farming experience and also on the technology and expertise that modern agriculture affords.**

**Matthew runs a 7000-acre enterprise, growing wheat, barley, canola and legumes. It's a property that has steadily expanded since his great-grandfather arrived here with the railway over a century ago.**

Since then the Thiels have carved out a corner of Pinnaroo. Of his grandfather's children, one was killed in a farming accident while two stayed on to continue the farms. Now, Matthew's uncle has the property next door, while Matthew has taken over from his Dad.

"Mum and Dad still live on the farm on another block," Matthew explains. His father continues to help with seeding and harvest, but other than that, it's a single person

operation, and it's something he always wanted to do.

After school Matthew spent over a decade working on a nearby potato farm, but his heart was always in the family farm. And since taking over with his wife Marika, he's been putting his own stamp on the property.

*"I guess I've always been a little bit more interested in the cropping side. Dad liked stock and sheep."*

The stock have largely been replaced with further crops as Matthew embraces technology to increase the yield in what is traditionally a marginal area. It's a shift that was made with his father's blessing.

*"As I was taking over a bit more and making a few decisions, the stock was sort of getting squashed out to the side a bit, and I couldn't quite do some of the things I wanted to do because there was a mob of sheep on that*

*paddock or whatever. In the end it was Dad who said, 'Why don't you just sell 'em?'. And so that's what we did."*

New methods like direct-drilling, conserving soil moisture from summer weeds, and greater use of crop rotation allow Matthew to gain maximum yield from the property.

**"Fifteen years ago it would've been unbelievable that we could get the yields we're getting now on limited rainfall."**

An agronomist is among the experts Matthew uses to assist, along with a grain broker and accountants with a strong ag background and experience.

*"Actually, we pay a lot of money to consultants these days. I have someone to help market my grain which relieves a lot of stress, especially during harvest."*

*"We've planned a lot with our accountants... planning quite a few years ahead, especially on changing machinery and things like that."*

*"It's the same with the crops and our agronomist. We're planning years ahead on what we're going to do because you've got to be careful what chemicals we put in the ground. It's all about planning it seems these days."*

Matthew also utilises technology such as yield maps to ensure any additions like fertiliser are hitting the right spot.

*"You get a yield map off your header, you see where the good spots and bad spots are in the paddock. You can then make a prescription map for your seeder and then you can variable rate your super and where it goes to different parts of the paddock."*

**He also notes expertise and information allow him to better plan for the immediate future, without relying on the weather.**

Where once he would be considering the forecast when it came time for sowing, now he just plans a sow-by date.

*"That takes a bit of the stress out. We're*

## "I Can Trust You"

*"I'm happy with the sheds and the builders. Grant Sheds organize the council and the planning and that sort of thing."*

*"Grant's are very easy to deal with when phoning the office for quotes and things."*

*"We spoke about what styles we needed. I changed my mind a few times, and designs and whatnot. You were very helpful, very professional."*

*"It was good to talk to someone who knows what they're talking about. Like I said with our other people that we pay money for, that's their specialty. Doing sheds is yours. I'm only on my second shed, but I realised after the first one that I can trust you. It's all good."*

*"You'll be my first port of call when I have to put my next one up."*

Matthew Thiel, Pinnaroo SA

# Original Mallee Farm As ARTISE EMBRACED



allowed to knock off and go to the footy on Saturdays and things like that."

Footy is a pastime Matthew clearly enjoys. A former ruckman, standing 6'7", he has been on the Pinnaroo management committee since he was 18 and is the A Grade team manager. The team made the grand final last year but were narrowly pipped at the post.

Country football (and netball) competitions can cover a large area and involve a lot of Saturday travel. Pinnaroo plays teams from the Coonalpyn-Tintinara area, Karoonda, Peake and over to Murrayville in Victoria. It can involve a drive of up to 170km and the same to return home.

Meanwhile, he's also involved in his daughters' educations. He serves on the local school's governing committee, with a couple of years in the position of president. Now his older girls are at high school, he's on the Lameroo governing council as well.

Between the farm, school and sport, the family is kept busy. Marika recently returned to work as a registered nurse at the local hospital, and Matthew notes her family boasts a lengthy history in wine growing.

"She was a Potts," he explains. "So, her family is from Langhorne Creek. They've been there since the mid-1800s and have their own labels."

As to whether his three girls, aged 8, 13 and 15, will continue the family tradition of farming, Matthew says they are beginning to show an interest, especially the youngest.

"She's not afraid to put her opinion across, either, if she thinks I'm doing the wrong thing. She wasn't happy when I stopped growing peas. She liked those.

The oldest one, the other day, was asking about the sprayer. She came out and did the tank. I let her drive for a while and she quite enjoyed it. And she said, 'Next year, don't go employing a chaser bin driver because I'll do it!'

We'll see what happens. I said, 'Gotta go to school first!'

As for the next big thing, Matthew predicts this year the challenge will be dealing with mice.

"We had a few last year and we had to do a little bit of baiting, and then get a plane in. They were into my canola, eating the flowers off the top of the pods."

**Meanwhile, he's just had a second Grant Shed built to accommodate machinery.**



Mentally calculating the value of farm machinery in his new Grant shed, Matthew Thiel (right) easily reached \$700,000 and said to Danny Halupka of Grant Sheds (left), "And that's not new gear." Also this shed is not full yet." Sheds really are a small investment compared to your expensive and valuable farming equipment that they protect. Pays to get a good one that will last a lifetime ... or two!

The first shed replaced an old one that blew down in a storm, but the recent build is 15m x 36m x 5.1m with a drive-through configuration that enables him to better store and service machinery.

"Soon we'll be getting ready for seeding and hook the air seeder up and the seeding bar on the tractor. We'll be playing around with that for a bit, and then that'll just be able to be driven in and driven out the other end. I imagine it will be the same with our semi.

You know if you've got to bring it home at night for

weather or whatever reason, then you drive it in and out the other end. I think it should be good."

As for the Grant's experience, Matthew says it was another example of why it pays to call in the experts.

"It was good to talk to someone who knows what they're talking about. Like with the other people that we pay money for, that's their speciality. Sheds are Grant's. I'm only on my second shed, but I realised after the first that I could trust you."

## Shed Building Advice

1. When Matthew thought about putting this shed up, he says he deliberately built it larger than his immediate needs required. As he says, "It is probably a bit bigger than I need but as I found out when I put up the previous one, it's never big enough!"

"So yeah, I reckon everyone should put up a bigger shed than what they need ... add another half."

2. You can buy a "cheap" shed online but you don't know what you're getting. "And you don't know who you'll get to put it up or how it's gonna get put up," says Matthew.

You might buy one of these cheapo sheds and half of it's not there and you can't find someone willing to put it up. So ultimately, it might have seemed cheaper but ultimately it's cost much more to get the eh whole thing done and it's not as good.

3. When deciding where to locate your new shed, consider where the shed will be most useful to your from an ease and efficiency point of view. Having it close to your major daily activities is wise for machinery sheds.

4. Also consider where you have flat ground so you don't need to bring in too much fill. A well prepared pad will serve you much better in the long run than a make-do job. Like farmers who have job specific machinery to make things fast and efficient on farm, so do Grant Sheds builders with hydra-plats, scissor-lifts and vehicles that they need to safely and efficiently navigate around the shed area ... and they need flat space around the actual shed area to do that. Grant Sheds provides Site Preparation information to help you make the right decisions.



# Supporting & Strengthening COUNTRY COMMUNITIES

## It's Never OK to Bully

A mum says to her daughter when she finds out she was bullying other children.....

"Pick up that glass." The daughter did.

"Throw it on the floor." She did.

The glass smashes into pieces.

"Now say sorry to it." The daughter says, "Why?" Mum says, "Just do it." The daughter says sorry to the glass. The mum says, "Is it back together as one piece?" The daughter says, "No Mum."

The mum says, "Some things cannot always be fixed by saying sorry."

Remember this next time you want to hurt someone either physically or mentally.

Bullying is not ok at any age.

Cuts and bruises heal, but memories last forever!!

**What a great analogy. Please share this for bullying awareness.**



Once again, we are sponsoring the Pinnaroo Supa Roos Football and Netball club (amongst others).

We believe in country people and the wonderful, and generally under-appreciated, work you do that feeds our nation.

Sporting clubs are often the heart and soul of country communities and we're pleased to support you.

## Are You Struggling..?

When asked about farmers and mental health during our recent interview with him, Matthew Thiel agreed that there's a lot more awareness around the it now. People are certainly a lot more understanding. The stigma is not like it once was.

"It's something to bear in mind, like, with your mates," Matthew agreed.

"We've all got mates and you can tell if they're not doing that well. Keep a bit of an eye out for it."

"I've had neighbours come and talk to me who were quite upset."

It's nice to know that you've got community to fall onto or ask for help. We hope that anyone struggling understands that they can ask for help. Talking about it, bringing it out in the open, helps you feel less isolated and may help find a way to improve things.

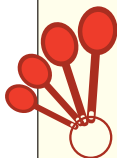
If nothing else, you'll know you're not alone.

**Beyond Blue Ph: 1300 22 4636**  
[www.beyondblue.org.au/get-support/](http://www.beyondblue.org.au/get-support/)

## Best Carrot Cake Recipe

Oh YUM! Who'd like this for morning smoko?

**Prep Time** 10 mins  
**Cook Time** 25 mins  
**Total Time** 35 mins  
**Servings:** 16 slices



### Cake Ingredients

#### Group One

- 1 1/4 cups unsweetened applesauce (or oil)
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs room temperature

#### Group Two

- 2 cups plain flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp cinnamon

#### Group Three

- 2 cups grated carrots
- 1 cup shredded sweetened coconut
- 1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans (optional)
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup crushed pineapple (in juice, not syrup) not drained!

### Cream Cheese Frosting

- 125g cream cheese
- 1 tspn lemon juice
- 30g softened butter
- 1 1/2 cups icing sugar
- Chopped walnuts to decorate, if desired. Double these quantities if you're spreading frosting between layers.

### Instructions

- Preheat oven to 180° C
- 1. Combine #1 ingredients.
- 2. Add #2 ingredients.
- 3. Stir in #3 ingredients.
- 4. Lightly grease your pan(s)  
Either one 9" x 13" rectangle pan  
Or two 9" pans, Or three 8" pans.

Photos here show cake made with 3 x 8" pans. (The cake is very moist so cutting parchment for the bottom of your pans will ensure they don't stick.)

- 5. Pour cake mixture into selected pan(s)
- 6. Bake for 35-40 minutes for the 9x13 and 9" pans or 25-30 minutes for the 8" pans. You're looking for an inserted toothpick to come out clean.
- 7. Let cakes cool for 10 minutes in the pan and then remove to a cooling rack and let cool completely.

So easy to make, really moist, and as an added bonus, there's no oil or butter.



### Frosting

- 8. Beat the cream cheese, butter and lemon juice until smooth and fluffy then gradually add in the icing until well combined
- 9. Invert the cake onto a cake plate or stand.
- 10. Apply a generous dollop of frosting and spread.
- 11. Gently place the second cake on top and continue frosting. Repeat with the third cake if you made three.
- 12. Refrigerate for an hour before serving for best results.





# Ideas

## To Help You With Your

# FARM SHED SOLUTIONS



### Wide & Roomy

**15m x 24m x 6.3m** Open one side, Grant Sheds machinery shed with 1 x 6m beam and 2 x 9m beams. The shed height and wide openings allow easy storage of very large dryland farming machinery.

This shed owned by Matthew & Marika Thiel, Pinnaroo SA  
They invested in this "Farm Asset Protection Device" in 2004.



### Easy & Convenient Drive-Through

This **15m x 36m x 5.1m** easy-drive-through machinery shed by Grant Sheds currently protects about \$700,000 worth of farm machinery and it's not even full!

The drive-through design will be of high value during grain seeding season when the Air Seeder, Seeding Bar and Tractor can be driven in one end and out the other, with ease. Easy storage for semi-trailers too.  
The Thiel family of Pinnaroo had this one built in 2017

## REMEMBER...

### Fast Tax Depreciation Options

### You May Wish to Consider Before June 30

\*Please seek your own independent accounting advice for your own circumstances

1. Immediate write-off for items of a capital nature (including sheds) valued at < \$20,000
2. 3 Year Accelerated depreciation on sheds used for fodder storage. Includes sheds used for Hay, Grain, Silage.



### Sliding Roof Bulk Fertiliser Shed

**7.5m x 9m x 2.4m** with swing doors to enclose the front.  
68 tonnes fertiliser capacity.

Also available in 12m long (94t capacity) and 15m long (120t)  
The roof of these sheds rolls back onto the framing behind to provide easy access for semi-tippers unloading and front end loaders emptying the shed. A fast, efficient and cost effective solution for on-farm fertiliser storage.

These sheds can also be used for grain, almonds and other produce.  
This shed was supplied to the Clare & Gilbert Valley Council as a sand bunker. To see a video on how these sheds work visit [www.GrantSheds.com.au/fertiliser-sheds](http://www.GrantSheds.com.au/fertiliser-sheds)



### Ultimate Protection Shed

This shed for Warwick Abbot at Farrell Flat is a **15m x 31.5m x 6.3m** fully enclosed shed, for both weather and theft protection. It has 4/ 3.8m wide x 6.3m high, bottom roll sliding doors (best for such large doors) and 1 outrigger on one end. With this set up you can open 3 of the 4 doors at once to get an approx. 11m wide opening for your wide farm machinery.

The outrigger (frame on right of shed here) allows the right hand pair of doors (door 3 & 4) to open to the right and with door 2 slid open over door 1, you get the 11m opening.

With another outrigger on the left side, all 4 doors could be open to give an almost 15m wide opening.



# Grant Sheds - A Little Bit of Country History



**1906 Opening of the Pinnaroo to Taillem Bend railway**

Photo courtesy State Library SA B 17345



**1920 Railway Station, Pinnaroo**

Photo courtesy State Library SA B-17336



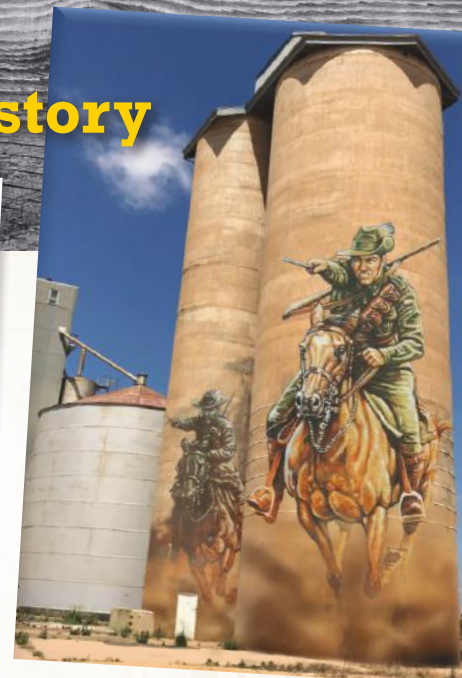
**1926 The 'new' Institute, Pinnaroo**

Photo courtesy State Library SA B-17331



**1927 Sheep sale Pinnaroo**

Photo courtesy State Library SA B17324



Mildura Regional Development is proposing to develop a Remembrance Silo Art Trail along the Mallee Track (stretching from Ouyen to Panitya). It's hoped 10 silo sites would be painted with an historical military theme that's been created by veterans. It's also proposed that an augmented reality history lesson will be available at each site in a second phase of the project.

Photo & information courtesy ABC Mildura Swan Hill Facebook page

## MONTHLY HUMOUR

### The Penis Poem

My nookie days are over,  
My pilot light is out,  
What used to be my sex appeal  
is now my water spout!  
Time was when, on its own,  
From my trousers it would spring,  
But now its just a full time job  
To find the f---ing thing!  
It used to be embarrassing  
The way it would behave,  
For every single morning  
it would stand & watch me shave!  
Now as old age approaches,  
It sure gives me the blues,  
To see it hang its little head  
& watch me tie my shoes!



## And Now... Some Short Clean Jokes

I told my girlfriend she drew her eyebrows too high.  
She seemed surprised.

What's the difference between in-laws and outlaws?  
Outlaws are wanted.

I bought my friend an elephant for his room.  
He said "Thanks."  
I said "Don't mention it."

My wife told me I had to stop acting like a flamingo.  
So I had to put my foot down.

I have an EpiPen.  
My friend gave it to me when he was dying.  
It seemed very important to him that I have it.

My friend says to me, "What rhymes with orange?"  
I said, "No it doesn't."

And God said to John, come forth and you shall be granted eternal life. But John came fifth and won a toaster.

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