

# FARM GATE NEWS

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A BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER TO INFORM AND ENTERTAIN YOU



## Read What One Grower is Doing to Combat TOUGH WINE GRAPE TIMES P2

And "No" it has nothing to do with the picture below. Though some growers are probably feeling 'shafted'!

## SEE US AT THE FIELD DAYS

Call in and see us for a chat or to help you plan your next farm shed.

**Riverland Field Days**

Fri-Sat 18th-19th Sept

**Yorke Pen Field Days**

Tue-Thu 29th Sep-1st Oct

*No... We didn't build this one!*

There's a farmer near Swan Hill who has waaay too much time on his hands. We snapped this work of art while holidaying in country Victoria and NSW.

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# What Makes Country Life So Good? ...

## COMMUNITY

Paddys River Falls near Tumbarumba NSW

### Old Opa's Death Story Moves Reader

After reading the last edition of FARM GATE NEWS, Loxton farmer Annette Cass, was moved to send the following message.

"Hi Danny & Ali,  
I read the FARM GATE NEWS about Old Opa. Brenton's inspiration to the kids brought tears to my eyes. So beautiful. X Catch up again soon guys." **Annette Cass, Loxton SA**



Annette and husband Andrew are good friends of ours. It is a relationship that started with the business of building sheds for them, and has become a very close friendship.

It is the building of business relationships that we most enjoy about working with farmers and country farming communities. Farmers are friendly, honest, fun-loving people so we feel blessed to be in this position, serving wonderful farmers.

### We're A Little Bit Different!

Ros Fromm of Minnipa, Eyre Peninsula, phoned me seeking approval to use the "Grandma's Apron" poem that she saw in our May-June 2014 edition of FARM GATE NEWS. She wants to put it in their "Minnipa Rumour" community newsletter.



She kindly told me that she loves our little magazine and leaves her copy around for everyone to read.

She also mentioned that she remembers that when they bought their first shed from us in 2003, we sent along a box of fresh fruit with the shed delivery. Interesting that she STILL remembers that!

Sending out this FARM GATE NEWS mini-magazine is also something "different" that we love doing.



Rotary Cone at the Old Monash Playground before it closed in 1992. At left is our daughter Melanie (our Admin Manager) when she was about 6 and, hanging off the right hand side, is our eldest son Brenton, then about 9, and now our Sales Manager.

We enjoy the relationships it builds.

So you can see ... we've always been a little bit different!

Perhaps it started with my Dad, Grant Telfer, who is 'a little bit different' ... And don't worry, he won't mind me saying that, not at all.

Any bloke who just likes to wear white overalls, bare feet, ride a push bike and build that awesome Old Monash Playground, has gotta be just that little bit different, hey?

### Fundraising For Rural Communities

During my conversation with Ros, she mentioned that Minnipa is having a Centenary Celebration on the October long weekend this year.



For more info: [http://bit.ly/minnipa\\_celebration](http://bit.ly/minnipa_celebration)

I suggested that if Ros and her community would like to refer their farming friends (local or further afield) to join our FARM GATE NEWS community then we'd make a donation to their Centenary event.

In our last edition of FARM GATE NEWS we had a 'Refer A Farming Friend' where you could get Free Beer or Mitre 10 Gift Vouchers for referring your farming friends to a free subscription.

For this Minnipa Centenary we'll make a donation to their event instead of the beer or vouchers. They'd be sharing this publication with friends AND raising funds for their event.

If you have a community group you'd like to raise funds for, you could do the same. Sporting club, Men's Shed, Progress Association, etc.

Give me a call to see how you can arrange it. Phone Ali on Freecall 1800 088 528 or Email: [ali@grantsheds.com.au](mailto:ali@grantsheds.com.au)

And now read on to share some of our recent Aussie holiday snaps and the rest of this winter edition of FARM GATE NEWS.

Rug up, keep warm and we'll "see you" next edition ... or call in and see us at the Riverland or Yorke Peninsula Field Days in September.

All the best,

*Ali & Danny Halupka*  
Owners, Grant Sheds



### Our Short Break

In the 2nd half of May, Danny & I took a short driving holiday and it was really lovely to chill out and to see another small slice of our wonderful Aussie countryside.

We drove first to Melbourne to catch up with some very close friends who we wish we could see more often (Mark & Kerrie, that's you!)

Then we travelled down the South Gippsland Highway seeing lots of beautiful and serene cool climate rainforests with their tall trees and understory of tree ferns and soft small ferns at places like Turton Falls north of Foster, Agnes Falls, north of Toora, Cabbage Tree Creek and Bemm River Rainforest both east of Orbost.

As there had been a little rain around the waterfalls were flowing and it was just so beautiful. We took our time and wandered off the beaten track whenever we saw a sign that indicated something that may interest us.

One small dampener on the drive through south-east Victoria was that Danny thought he'd be clever (being a smart-arse actually) and crossed a small stream via wet and slippery rocks, encouraging me to follow him. Actually he was implying we could go up the path on the other side for a quick nookie!! But he slipped on one wet mossy rock, crashed to the ground and gave himself badly bruised and very painful ribs as a consequence. Instead of a 'quickie' we spent 3 hours in the emergency department at the Sale hospital just to get some strong painkillers for him!

And yes, you're right. He was never in the running for the out in the open quickie and he knew it all along!

We continued our travels up the NSW south coast via places like Eden, the beautiful Bermagui and up to Batemans Bay where we visited old family friends for a few days. Then back to Cobargo to stay with Danny's cousin for two nights and across the Great Dividing Range to Canberra.

We were then on our homeward travel but rather than jump on the Hume Highway, from Yass we took the country roads to Wee Jasper, Tumut, Batlow and Tumbarumba. In doing so, we were delighted to unexpectedly find the Paddy's River Falls (see photo at top of this page).

Then we went on to Corryong, Albury and then followed the River Murray home. It was on the homeward journey that we found the "hay bale art" on this edition's front page. We screeched to a stop to get photos of that!

Our two weeks away were wonderful for a number of reasons. *...continued P3*

# You Little Ripper... Grant Sheds Local Aussie Legends



## Dan's Riding To Cure Cancer

Last year Danny completed a 220km charity bike ride and helped 1300 riders to raise \$5.2million to help find cures for cancer.

He's returning to do it again. And this year his motivation is even greater. His Dad died from an aggressive bladder cancer earlier this year after combating both Prostate Cancer and Breast Cancer (Yes ... men can get breast cancer too) over the previous 15 years.

His father's cancer history puts Danny at higher risk too so he has regular check ups with a specialist urologist to monitor for early signs of this insidious disease. Yes, it means a digit up the backside occasionally but that's a much lower discomfort than cancer. In fact on his last visit, when he gasped at that digit-entry moment, his specialist said calmly, "Please don't yell too much. You'll scare the other patients!" He has a perverse sense of humour!

Danny's aiming to beat his \$4465 fund raising tally of last year. He'll do the hard yards ... that's the training and the 220km ride, which last year was under wet and windy conditions.



Danny completing last year's Ride To Conquer Cancer. He raised \$4465.

**Would you help by sponsoring him? You can donate by either.**

**Cheque** made out to 'MACA Ride to Conquer Cancer'.

Post it to Danny Halupka, Grant Sheds, Box 29, Monash SA 5342 and we'll send it on.

**Online** [www.ConquerCancer.org.au](http://www.ConquerCancer.org.au)

- Click on "Perth" (that's where he's riding)
- Click on the big green DONATE button
- Type in Danny Halupka (First/Last Name)
- Click Search
- Click blue Donate Now button by his name
- Then fill in the page to make a donation

**Thank You For Your Support**

\*All donations will be linked to Danny and are tax deductible.

## "Neatest Finished Sheds I've Seen"



This 9m x 14.4m x 3.6m Garage (above), built for Shane & Jenene Dew at Kapunda, has half of it fully enclosed and half open as a 2 Bay 'Garaport'. The Dew's chose to have 2 x 1.8m wide sliding doors in the dividing wall so they can open up them up to give a 3.6m wide opening. This style of shed is great for a workshop plus car parking space. Or install a glass sliding door and make it a games room and outdoor entertaining area near your house.

*Brenton, Alison,*

*I would like to send this email as gratitude to your company, staff and contractors.*

*Although this shed is one of the smallest I have owned it is however one of the neatest finished sheds I have seen, the finish is fantastic and is what I wanted being in the township with exposure to the street.*

*As for your staff and contractors they all have been excellent to deal with and must state that the building team are excellent on the ground representatives of Grant Sheds. Their professionalism must be commended. They did work in some terrible conditions.*

*Regards*

*Shane Dew, Kapunda SA*

## Happy Snaps From Our Gippsland, Vic and South Coast NSW Holiday

...continued from P2

- The break was very relaxing & just what we needed
- The scenery was just amazing
- Catching up with friends was terrific
- Getting off the beaten track was fun
- Travelling south in Autumn meant it was easy to get accommodation anywhere
- Beautiful autumn colouring on deciduous trees
- We've now seen another section of our great country

Our recommendation: Make sure you take some time out each year to relax, unwind and have fun. You'll be re-energised on your return home.



Agnes Falls, north of Toora, Vic.



Turtons Falls, north of Foster Vic.



Seals at Narooma, south coast of NSW. These seals were resting on their backs, in the quiet waters of the bay. Sunning themselves we presume, with their flippers pointing up. They stayed like this for the full 45 minutes we watched them.



Stony Creek Trestle Bridge, Toorloo Arm, Vic (just north-east of Lakes Entrance)



Bermagui, south coast of NSW. I love the spray flying back over the tops of the waves in this photo.

# Tough Wine Grape Conditions

## DRIED FRUIT



Ashley Chabrel, Barmera SA, is taking a leap of faith. He's planting up 45 acres of Dry-On-The-Vine grapes to diversify his grape growing business.

When South Australian farmer Ashley Chabrel looked to the future of the wine industry and realised there were few indicators it would pick up quickly, he knew it was time to execute Plan B.

That plan has seen him go in "boots and all" on a venture to introduce dry-on-the-vine grapes using a new sultana-style grape called Sunglow.

At his property in Barmera he and his young family are planting 45 acres of the new grape variety, in addition to their vineyard of 80 acres of wine grapes.

"I guess being in the wine industry I've been wondering what was going to make a change in terms of being pretty tough at the moment..." Ashley explains.

"We've been through the drought and exit packages. The dollar's come down and it's still pretty tough. I couldn't see what big thing was going to happen in the future to change the

supply situation, so I thought I needed to do something else as well."

### Investing In New Grape Variety

That need to diversify his product saw Ashley exchange the bulk of his water supply for a government grant to expand his property and invest in the new grape.

"We went in pretty hard and gave up three-quarters of the water we'd need to run in an ordinary year. So we're going to be relying on the temporary market for a while to source our water. We're giving up quite a lot and we had to buy this spot for the venture. We've extended ourselves pretty well."

The Sunglow grape variety Ashley has invested in has been in commercial trials for about seven years and is showing promise as a producer of quality sultanas.

Originally from California where it was bred as a table grape, its thick skin doesn't split as easily as sultanas when it rains, and it provides a solid annual crop.

"Sultanas always had a biennial bearing, so up one year, down the next," Ashley continues. "And the Sunglow, it's a total new grape vine. It doesn't tend to be biennial so it's more consistent."

With his block now cleared and the irrigation and trellising set to go in, he aims to have the vines in the ground in spring. It will then take about two and a half years before the grapes produce a crop, but the market looks encouraging.

"Australia consumes more than twice what we grow in dried grapes in a year, so there's plenty of opportunity domestically to be sold on," Ashley says.

### Processors Looking For More Fruit

The two main processors of the region are Sunbeam and Australian Premium, and both are looking for more fruit.

Ashley notes that Australian product is also considered some of the highest quality in the world, with the light coloured grapes popular internationally, while strict Australian harvesting practices also ensure the quality of the product.

There are two options for trellising. Either a vertical trellis similar to wine grapes or a swing arm trellis which is what Ashley has decided upon.

Each vine is planted next to a post, at 4 metre spacings.

"You have all your fruiting canes and bunches out one side of the vine and, in March, we'll cut between the permanent cordon and where the canes are using a cutter bar to cut between each post and then move it out and around the post and vine and keep going down the row," Ashley explains.

"Then the bunches will be hanging on the trellis to dry. You can then pick it with an old UR Harvester or a specialised radial head machine, to shake the dried berries off the vines."

So it's relatively mechanised. There's a little more cost compared to wine grapes in the winter pruning and cane positioning, and also in spraying them with an emulsion to aid in the drying.

For Ashley the enterprise nicely complements his wine grape production, using the same machinery and similar harvesting techniques. He's had to invest in irrigation and new trellising but the result should be more lucrative than the current wine market.

"There's a bit more margin in it. I'd be aiming for five tonnes an acre of dried grapes and I think a couple of levels down from top quality was about \$1700 bucks a tonne dry."

"So that'll make \$8500, \$9000 an acre gross. With wine grapes, you'd need a pretty big yield to get anywhere near that at the moment."

Stepping outside the comfort of the wine industry is a big move and not one Ashley has undertaken lightly. His family has a lengthy history in the Riverland, with his father Robert, a grower and harvesting contractor, serving 38 years on the Consolidated Co-operative Wineries board.

So before he took the leap into sultanas, Ashley



Inside Ashley's new 9m span shed. Note the bracing in the roof which adds significant strength.

# Research Drives Diversification Into GRANT SHEDS INDUSTRY

conducted research in the Sunraysia region where the dry-on-the-vine industry has evolved.

## Research Helps Confidence

"We've been doing lots of research and seeing how it happens up there...So we've got the chance to jump in at the best practice point now."

Spending time researching an industry is not new to Ashley. He previously undertook two exchanges to California working at vineyards and wineries.

"I cellar handed the first year. So just did whatever in the winery, washing floors and washing tanks and pumping stuff around. And then the next year I was in the lab as a lab technician testing wine.

While there he also had the opportunity to witness the devastating impact the aphid-like insect phylloxera can have on grape production, and he now serves on the Phylloxera and Grape Industry Board of South Australia.

While South Australia is phylloxera-free, the board is looking into effective means to test for the destructive bug, which lives on grape vine roots.

"The vines decline and then they'll come back a little bit and then they'll go down a little bit further until it's not economic to keep the vines," Ashley says.

"We're developing a cheaper way to test vines for phylloxera, which is a DNA probe...it's a lot cheaper and quicker than the old method which involved digging around the roots of the vines and doing a visual inspection."

## Benefits of Field Days

The role on the phylloxera board is in addition to his position on the Riverland Field Day Committee where he has just finished a two-year term as chairman.

It's a role he enjoyed, organising local field days that showcase agricultural and horticultural products, equipment and services, while benefitting the local community.



**Ashley Chabrel's new 9m x 18m x 4.2m Grant Sheds Machinery Shed at Barmera. Fully enclosed for security, 2 x 6m beams, 4 easy-glide sliding doors and 1 PA door. Colorbond cladding.**

*"I previously shared machinery and sheds with my younger brother and father, so now I have my own shed. It's fairly handy for whatever I want to slip in there, be it grape harvesters or tractors," Ashley enthuses. The storage space and a workshop to work comfortably in are added benefits.*

"It's something I believe in. Every big purchase I've made...has been after a tyre kicking exercise. You go and look at stuff at the field days and talk to people...You can't beat a tractor or a shed or a sprayer to actually really look at it and see how it relates to how you want to use it."

It was at a field day that Ashley had the opportunity to view a Grant Shed, before buying his own 18m x 9m version that will house harvesters and tractors.

"It's something I've waited a long while for," he explains. "I've sort of been growing with my younger brother and father collaboratively in a way. We share machinery and I've been sharing sheds. So now I have my own."

Looking after his machinery should be something close to Ashley's heart. He and his wife Natasha

enjoyed their first date in a "rugged truck", when he was working for his parent's contracting business.

"I was driving trucks and she was at the winery," Ashley explains. "So, she came for the ride and we had a chat and she didn't get put off by the rugged truck or me splashing her with grape juice when we unloaded, so I figured she couldn't be too bad.

"She's a Renmark girl and I'm lucky enough to find a lady that wants to live in Barmera with me.

They've been together for 10 years and have a six-year-old son and three-year-old daughter.

Now their eyes are firmly on the future and their new enterprise growing sultanas. But if that doesn't yield anticipated results, he has another Plan B.

"We'll cut the tops off and go work them back as wine grapes, which I know."

"I still think there is a future in growing wine grapes in the Riverland. It is a great crop for the area... the market is just tough at the moment."



## Reputation For Quality Well Deserved

*"I've just bought a brand new shed from Grant Sheds and I'm really happy with the result. The build quality is as good as I've seen and it's certainly a much better shed than any other shed I've ever had before. The reputation Grant's have is well up there and the shed is every bit deserving of that reputation.*

*And their organising was great. I've been quite busy and so to pick up the phone and have someone to chat to and have it all sorted out for me was terrific. And the builders are great. They do a superb job."*

Ashley Chabrel, Barmera SA



# We Welcome New Members To Our

# GRANT 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.

**Strong Sheds, Great Builders, Building Relationships, Communication and Service . That's what we do.**

Phil Arbon*(3 Grant Sheds)	Balaklava	Garage	7.5m x 12m x 3m	Neil & Emily Byerlee #1*(15)	Orroroo	Machinery Shed	6.5m x 18.7m x 2.7m
Phil & Sandy Kernich*(7)	Paringa	Machinery Shed	15m x 45m x 6.3m	Neil & Emily Byerlee #2*(15)	Orroroo	Garage	7.5m x 12m x 3.3m
Greg Lienert	Yumali	Garage	7.5m x 12m x 3m	Tom Walton	Laura	Machinery Shed	12m x 25.2m x 6.3m
Mason Siviour	Cowell	Machinery Shed	12m x 27m x 5.1m	Carey & Nadine Schultz	Forest Range	Machinery Shed	9m x 18m x 3.6m
Tim Ferguson	Burra	Hay Shed	12m x 16.2m x 6m	Jeff Kew*(5)	Barmera	Garage	4.8m x 3m x 2.7m
Ben Rowntree	Ardrossan	Bulk Grain Shed	20m x 36m x 6m	Shaun Taylor*(2)	Bordertown	Hay Shed	15m x 24.3m x 5.1m
Phil Arbon*(3)	Blanchetown	Garage	5m x 10.5m x 3.2m	John Sutton #1	Barmera	Garage	2 of 3m x 3m x 3m
Grant & Caroline Johnson*(3)	Peake	Garage	6m x 9m x 3m	John Sutton #2	Barmera	Garage	2 of 5m x 6m x 3m
Jim Godden	Loveday	Garage	7.5m x 18m x 3m	Ben McHugh*(6)	Mt Compass	Machinery Shed	12m x 21.6m x 4.2m
Kim & Vera Miller #1	Yongala	Machinery Shed	15m x 36m x 6.3m	Rod Schunke	Saddleworth	Machinery Shed	12m x 31.5m x 4.8m
Kim & Vera Miller #2	Yongala	Garage	9m x 18m x 4.2m	Phil & Marnie Bishop*(2)	Waikerie	Garage	8.6m x 9.9m x 3.3m
David Farr*(3)	Wunkar	Lean-to	9m x 36m x 6.3m Lto	Colin & Sharon Kernich	Renmark	Machinery Shed	12m x 12m x 4.2m
Maurice Tyers	Ouyen, Vic	Machinery Shed	12m x 18m x 5.1m	Dennis Miller	Pooncarie	, NSW Machinery Shed	18m x 21.6m x 5.4m
Peter Ryan	Wokurna	Machinery Shed	12m x 27m x 5.1m	Daryl Fielke*(5)	Lyrup	Machinery Shed	12m x 18m x 4.8m
Stuart Baxter	Picola, Vic	Fertiliser Shed	7.5m x 15m x 2.4m	Ashley Chabrel*(2)	Barmera	Carport	3.6m x 6.5m x 2.7m
Mark Rundle	Kulpara	Machinery Shed	27m x 60m x 7.5m	Nina Moularadellas*(3)	KOM	Machinery Shed	9m x 6m x 3.6m
Steven Rover	Alawoona	Garage	9m x 15m x 3m	Darren Hocking	Ceduna	Industrial Shed	8.6m x 9.1m x 5.5m
Simon & Trish Murphy	Harden, NSW	Fertiliser Shed	7.5m x 15m x 2.4m	Con Doups	Barmera	Machinery Shed	12m x 30m x 5.4m
Tim Sollart	Ashton	Garage	7.5m x 15m x 2.7m	JohnSchutz	Point Pass	Machinery Shed	12m x 24m x 5.1m
Simon Rowe-Princess Royal Station*	Burra (5+)	Machinery Shed	15m x 45m x 6.3m	Lindon & Fiona Johnson	Streaky Bay	Machinery Shed	12m x 18m x 4.5m
Jock Harris-Riverland Vine Imp*	Monash (4)	Machinery Shed	9m x 10.8m x 4.8m	Pat Edson	Keith	Hay Shed	12m x 22.86m x 5.1m
Jock Harris-Riverland Vine Imp*	Monash (4)	Machinery Shed	9m x 15m x 4.2m				

**GRANT SHEDS**

If you would like the same pleasure and peace of mind as all these people, then let us help you plan your new farm shed. Phone us on **Freecall 1800 088 528**

**SIMPLE FROM START TO FINISH**

"Shed looks real good. I found the builders real good and easy to work with. I am glad I bought a Grant's Shed because it was simple from start to finish"

**Frank Stone, Underbool Vic**

**DIY or We'll Build For You**

Grant Sheds can be supplied as kits for you to build yourself or by your local builder. Our sheds have been designed to be easy to build.

And our professional Grant Sheds builders travel throughout the state building our 'Aussie Tough' Grant sheds for farmers. The builders have the building equipment they need including hydraplats, scissor lifts, hole digging equipment etc and look after themselves for meals and accommodation.

It's a great way to get your shed built quickly and professionally, but the popularity of this service means you need to order your shed early so you secure your position in the queue.

## SINGING YOUR PRAISES ... EXCELLENT EXPERIENCE

"G'day Mel, (Mel is our excellent Admin Manager)  
Thank you for your part in this construction - it has been an excellent experience. The builders also need to be commended - I appreciated their attitude and the quality of their work.  
I will be singing your praises to anyone who wants to know about my shed. Thank you again for a very satisfying and professional experience.

**Peter Ryan Wokurna SA  
Near Pt Broughton, Yorke Peninsula SA**

One of our Most Popular sheds



Peter's 12m x 27m x 5.1m Machinery Shed with 3 x 9m wide beams across the open front.

**FREE**  
**90 Minute**  
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 To learn how  
 to protect your  
 hard-earned  
 profits

# DRAMATIC NEW TAX DEPRECIATION RATES

## On Sheds Used For Fodder Storage

**Now You Can Deduct The Cost Of Fodder Storage Sheds Over Just 3 Years!**

The Federal Government has announced new tax depreciation measures for primary producers in this year's Federal Budget. The move opens the door for farmers and other primary production businesses to claim accelerated depreciation on fodder storage (amongst other items).



Ben Trengove,  
 William Buck  
 Accountants

This includes sheds used for fodder storage. For example:

- Hay Sheds
- Grain Sheds
- Silage Sheds
- Sliding Roof Sheds used for stock feed
- And sheds used for storing stock feed for any other stock

Under the new measures, primary producers can deduct the cost of fodder storage sheds over just three years, instead of up to 50 years previously.

**Importantly, these measures are available to all farmers...**

It's not just those who are classified as a small business. And there is no restriction on the value of your purchase on these sheds for fodder storage.

If you would like to discuss these new Tax Depreciation Rates for Fodder Storage Sheds, please contact **Ben Trengove**, Agribusiness Specialist at William Buck Chartered Accountants and Advisors on 0419 851 008 or (08) 8409 4333 or via email to [ben.trengove@williambuck.com](mailto:ben.trengove@williambuck.com)

### FREE CONSULTATION

*You can get a FREE initial, 90 minute consultation with Ben. Just mention this article when you contact him and he'll be able to discuss if this important issue is one that you need to act on fast!*

\*Please seek independent accounting advice to check the status of this information in relation to your own specific circumstances.



Neil, Emily & Malcolm Byerlee, Orroroo SA

#### 12m x 24m x 5.1m Combination Hay & Machinery Shed

18m on right hand side is open one side with 3 x 6m wide beams. 6m at left end is fully enclosed with a 6m beam and 2 x 3m easy-glide sliding doors for a workshop (or line for grain store)



Andrew & Annette Cass, Loxton SA

#### Grain Sheds

Size	Capacity
<b>12m x 36m x 5.1m</b> (above)	1250 tonnes
Also available in 15m span	1560 tonnes
<b>20m x 60m x 5.1m</b> (below)	3000 tonnes

Other shorter or longer lengths also available. Non-load bearing, easy-glide sliding doors to enclose the open end available (bottom photo)



Wayne & Lyn Stoeckel, Loxton SA

#### 12m x 18m x 5.1m Combination Hay & Machinery Shed, Open one end



Andrew & Danielle Whitehorn, Koolunga SA

#### 13m x 36m x 5.1m Dual Purpose Hay Shed, Open Both Ends

(Above & Below)  
 Can be used for Hay Storage (above) or as an Easy Drive-Through Machinery Shed for your long farm equipment combinations (below).



Andrew & Annette Cass, Loxton SA



John Impey, Werrimull Vic



Andrew & Danielle Whitehorn, Koolunga SA



For help to plan your new Fodder Storage shed, contact Brenton.  
**Freecall 1800 088 528** or email [brenton@grantsheds.com.au](mailto:brenton@grantsheds.com.au)



# From Days Gone by



## Drying Grapes In 1936

Grant Telfer, original owner of Grant Sheds and Ali's dad when 4 years old, standing on the back of his father's (Reg Telfer) Ford Model T truck, with travelling hot dip tank (foreground) and grape drying racks (background).

Buckets of grapes were dipped into weak caustic soda solution to remove the natural wax from the grapes, allowing them to split the skin slightly to allow quick drying. It was quite an art. Quick through the dip and onto the corrugated iron draining tray (on left) and then spread onto the drying racks.

If done too slowly, too much splitting occurred and bees ruined the fruit which would then go rotten.

The emulsion spray to aid on-the-vine grape drying, mentioned in our page 4-5 story of this edition, is the replacement for this hot dipping of the 1930's

## You Can't Get Away With This Anymore!

Jim Whitfield was born at Mannum on 9/2/1925 and later moved to the Riverland, living at Monash, where he was neighbours with Grant Telfer and his family, and later lived in Cobdogla.

He met his wife Marj when she pinched buns from his delivery van. She was nine years old at the time and she emphatically told him she was going to marry him... and she did when she turned nineteen.

Jim had various jobs throughout their married life – truck driver, block owner and school bus driver.

One story goes that he rigged the school bus to give naughty students an electric shock to whoever sat on the bonnet inside the cab.....it was true!! Even the poor dog "Tippy" suffered a bit of a jolt when he was testing it out.

Jim carted wood with his father Roy, as well as grapes to the winery and dried fruit to the packing sheds. You can see one of his trucks, just a little overloaded with grapes at the winery, here. Don't you just love how high the 'scavenge boards' go?

Ali remembers him telling her how he drove the bus around the Berri district to take people to the movies at the old Rivoli Theatre (now the Council offices and Town Hall). He said sometimes there were about double the number of passengers as there were seats!

What a wonderful local character!

He passed away May 8th, 2015 at 90 years of age. He had a "Good Innings."



## MONTHLY HUMOUR

### More Fifty Sheds Of Grey

Last edition we brought you wise counsel from the new book "Fifty Sheds Of Grey." Designed to enlighten farmers about the wants and needs of their partners, here's a few more extracts to educate and titillate you...

- "I'm a very naughty boy," I said, with a wicked glint in my eye. "I need to be punished." So she invited her mum to stay for the weekend.
- I lay back exhausted, gazing happily out of the shed window. Despite my concerns about my inexperience, my rhubarb had come up a treat.
- "Are you sure you can take the pain?" she demanded, brandishing stilettos. "I think so," I gulped. "Here we go, then," she said, and showed me the receipt.
- "Hurt me!" she begged, raising her skirt as she bent over my workbench. "Very well," I replied. "You've got fat ankles and no dress sense."



## Free Yourself From Other People's Crap

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all his neighbours to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realised what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement he quieted down.

A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel load of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up.

As the farmer's neighbours continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!

### MORAL:

Life is going to shovel dirt on you... all kinds of dirt.



The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping stone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up.

### 5 Simple Rules To Be Happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred – Forgive
2. Free your mind from worries – Most never happen
3. Live simply and appreciate what you have
4. Give more – it makes you feel good
5. Expect less from other people and more from yourself

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