

# FARM GATE NEWS

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A BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER TO INFORM AND ENTERTAIN YOU

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Christmas**

On the 1st day of Christmas my true love said to me...  
"Check out the Bonus on the Back Page of this Mag-a-zine..."



What Makes Country Life So Good? ...

Danny & Ali with our 7 gorgeous grandkids.

# FAMILY & COMMUNITY

## Welcome New Members

With our Sep-Oct 2018 edition of FARM GATE NEWS we invited an additional 3500 farmers to join our "family" and to those who chose to stay (about 3000) we send you a sincere welcome.

Over coming months ... and years ... I'm sure you'll enjoy our mini-magazine publication. It's fully put together by us and our Grant Sheds team. It's not a franchisey thing that we just put our name to. We make and build our own brand of sheds and, because we are country people just like you, we choose to do things that build and join rural communities.

It's just our thing!

You'll get to know us better as time goes on, so I won't bore you with too much background info right now. Suffice to say, stick with us awhile and I'm sure you'll enjoy the ride.

We surveyed farmers on our list recently and here are some of their comments about FARM GATE NEWS...

*"Love your jokes"* is a common comment.

*"It's good now. We enjoy the positive news with humour thrown in. A welcome relief from the doom and gloom that seems to rant everywhere we turn."*

**Rob & Marlene Kennedy, Glossop, Riverland, SA**

*"It's good like it is. Look forward to reading your family news along with the rest of the topics"*

**Rob Loechel, Lucindale, South East, SA**

*"Luv the jokes. I put them on the dunny wall!"*

**Chris & Julie Page, Warooka, Yorke Peninsula SA**

Of course, if at any time you prefer to cancel your subscription, then just let us know and we'll be happy to delete you as we never wish to offend.

## Please Be Patient...

Between the returned surveys and updating of contact information from that, along with returned, undelivered mail from our new farmer mail out, it is possible that we won't have it all updated by the time I send this edition out around mid December. So if you have advised us of changes and these haven't been made yet, please be assured that it will be done before our Jan-Feb edition in 2019.

## Sweet ... For A Blokey Bloke!

My really good man (Danny) put this post on Facebook on our recent wedding anniversary...

*"So 36 years ago this gorgeous thing decided to take my breath away as she got out of the bridal car. She still takes my breath away every time I see her. Love you baby."*

How sweet is that ...?

However, I just know that at other times he can be like...

*"Sometimes I wake up grumpy.... Other times I let her sleep."* or

*"Marriage is like a violin. Once the beautiful music has stopped, the strings are still attached."*

Hmmm ... go figure why I still love him.

And all you blokes reading this ... "Stop Laughing!!"

And yes, our wedding photos were taken in the Old Monash Playground, built by Ali's Dad,



Grant Telfer oh so many years ago, but sadly, closed in 1992. Do you remember it? I might try including some photos in our next edition.

Or you can search Facebook for "Monash Playground Grant Park" to see lots of memories and photos.

## In Defence of Good Men



I (Ali) had some dental surgery recently and this is how I looked a few days later (swollen cheek & bruising),

A common response when people saw me was "What, did your hubby hit you?" or

*"She needed to be put back in her place did she Danny?"*

I know they were only joking, but I actually found it offensive. I found myself feeling defensive towards men. Most men would never hit their partners, so why is this a common response to a bruised face?

It's disrespectful to the majority who are good men and would never hit their wives.

Of course, I'm also well aware that domestic violence is not uncommon and I urge people in that situation to seek help.

But please, leave the DV jokes aside if you see a bruised face and just say, "Oh, what's happened to you?"

**I'm passionate about acknowledging GOOD MEN.**

## Young At Heart



Ali's dad (former owner of Grant Sheds & builder of the Old Monash Playground) Grant Telfer at the family wedding. He seems to attract the young 'uns. He's young at heart himself, despite his 86 years. He still rides his push-bike 20km each day and is seen here in his 'civvies' but is better recognised in his usual white overalls and bare feet. A much-loved country character.

*It's that time of year again... We hope you have a lovely Christmas and wish you much success in 2019. See you again next year.*

*Ali & Danny Halupka  
Owners, Grant Sheds  
All dolled up here at  
our son's recent wedding.*



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

## Emotional Ride for Danny

Donors	Donation
Kenton & Jody Farr	\$100
Elsie Pocklington	\$ 50
Stan Hayles	\$100
Newton & Sue Lines	\$ 50
Trevor Bottrill	\$100
Heather McHugh	\$100
Adrian Pearce	\$100
Stephen Cocks	\$75
Mavis Riebke	\$100
Greg Allen	\$50
Grow Agency	\$100
Malcolm Daws	\$100
Daryl Muller Meatstore	\$50
Tanya McGill	\$100
Kathryn & Robert Connell	\$200
John & Sue Taplin	\$100
Otto Halupka	\$100
James Prout - Zokal Safety	\$50
Helga Halupka	\$500
Grant Telfer	\$200
Danny Halupka	\$200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2575</b>

Danny entered his 4th "Ride to Conquer Cancer" in October, raising \$2575 which brings his personal 4 year tally to \$17,275.

His team "The Sons of Janarchy" are now "High Rollers" because they've raised over \$100,000. And the whole 2018 event raised \$4.1m!

It shows, that lots of people, each doing their small bit, can reach amazing heights.

The weather-gods did not smile kindly (again) and they rode in very uncomfortable conditions. We were advised from home that Danny's much-loved Koolie dog Mocha, died back at home, while we were at the event so that, along with thinking of his dad who died from cancer just 3 years ago, made this ride a little emotional for Danny.

Mocha chose Danny when we visited Belinda Hansen & Paul Hansen of Kulkurna Station, north-east of Renmark to choose a puppy. He sat at Danny's feet (the pup that is, not Paul) and every time Danny moved, Mocha followed and sat at his feet again. Paul said, "That pup has chosen you Danny." And so we brought two pups home

Thank you to everyone who donated to Danny for this fund-raising ride. You are all integral to the success of this valuable fundraising campaign.



Danny among a sea of riders about to start the challenging "Ride to Conquer Cancer" event. Good mates Simon Bowen (in red) and Mal Emery (blue) are behind him. And below, his much-loved dog "Mocha" (gave him less flack than his mates)



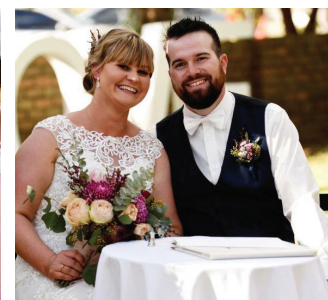
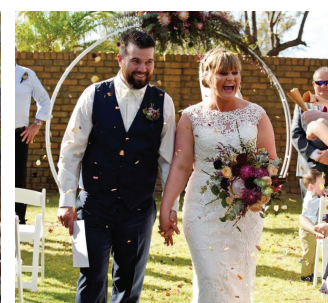
## Welcome To Our Family

Our youngest son Tony married his sweetheart, Amy Lidgerwood from Loxton North, back in September. Her parents, Mark and Deb Lidgerwood run trucks carting grain and grapes during those respective harvests so are well known locally.

Amy is just lovely and we are delighted that she's part of our family.

And don't you just love the gorgeous pics of their beautiful 2 year old son Hunter?

Yes, of course he stole the show and I don't think his parents minded as he's cute as a button.



Above: Tony, Amy & Hunter on their very special day  
Left: Our family. Matt & Melanie Harrington with Nate, Logan & Kallie. Danny & Ali. Amy, Tony & Hunter Halupka. Brenton, Ayden, Melinda, Jaxon & Riley Halupka

# 4th Generation Farm HIGH R VENT



**FINANCIAL BENEFITS:** The Trengove family at Spalding understand the need to maximise every product of their farming enterprise. Retaining the quality of their export oaten hay production, as well as the financial benefits of on-farm storage for their hay processor, saw the Trengove family at Spalding invest in a Grant Sheds Mega Hay Shed in 2016 and filled it to overflowing that year. In this challenging 2018 year they were “flat-out carting before the rain” (above) and pleased to have sheds to store it in.

**At their 2200ha (5436 acres) property in Spalding, Tom Trengove and his family are no strangers to embracing new opportunity. For over a century they’ve been involved in cropping, but for almost half that time the family also ran a renowned cattle stud, ‘Broughton Park’ Poll Shorthorns.**

Now their focus is on breeding sheep for wool and lamb, and broadacre cropping.

Tom, his brother Sam, father Glen and families run the property together as the third and fourth generations of Trengove’s farming in the Spalding district.

“We’ve been going here since 1914,” Tom explains.

“Over time we’ve built up to own roughly 2200ha. This year we’re share farming an additional 265ha for cropping off a neighbour, and we’re also leasing a further 720ha of grazing country for sheep. We also do some contract seeding, hay and harvest for some neighbours.”

The property supports crops of wheat, barley, canola, oaten hay for export, vetch and dryland Lucerne.

At present it’s also running 3500 breeding ewes, an initiative which has doubled in numbers recently spurred on by **the shift from one generation to the next.**

“We used to have stud cattle for what would have been 45 years. It did really well through

here. We’ve got 15km of creek, so lots of reed. They originally came in to eat the reeds.

Then my dad and grandpa thought if they were going into cattle, they might as well have a cattle stud, to get the most profit you can.”



The family’s cattle clients were not in neighbouring districts but were interstate or a long way away in SA in more suited cattle country, and the operation saw them travelling to the Royal shows in Melbourne

and Adelaide, while the major sales were in Naracoorte and Dubbo led bull sales.

“Mum and Dad are still involved in the business now, but they are starting to slow down. Dad was also in business with his brother who retired in 2010.

## “As part of that succession plan,

we either had to sell land or find another source of payment. So, we chose to sell the stud to give him some money straight up.” Stud cattle was very labour intensive requiring an extra labour unit, so to sell them was going to simplify the business. The stud was sold to a breeder in Narrabri, NSW, ‘Yamburgan

Shorthorns’ where they now average \$2000 extra per bull than what we would have, just by being in cattle country surrounded by clients, which we were not.

“It’s pleasing for Dad that rather than the herd dispersing all over Australia, he can follow them all at the one spot.”

When the family sold the cattle, they began to slowly increase their existing numbers of the less-intensive operation of managing sheep. The transition came at just the right time, with sheep now offering excellent returns.

“With sheep, we’ve gone above our expectations since we made that move. We haven’t regretted it at all. We are fortunate that we have been able to dramatically increase our numbers recently via a neighbouring land lease, that has coincided with dramatic rises in wool and lamb.

Some people say sheep are probably more labour-intensive. But fences that would be ruined by a cow within a year, survive sheep another 10 years. We plant a lot of trees around here by hand, and we’d have to put four big pine posts and barbed wire to stop the cattle destroying them. The sheep just need a little mesh guard instead. We also no longer have problems with stock smashing water troughs, which was a major issue from running off high pressure mains water”

## There is much need for diversity

on the Trengove’s property, as they own a fair portion of low lying land in a frost prone district.

“A limiting factor or weakness around here would be frost. So from traditionally cropping a lot we have been forced to increase our hay enterprise and sheep numbers, especially on our flats. We can grow good, big bulky crops, but a month or so before harvest, the grain can be wiped out in one night.”

One crop that isn’t affected by frost is lucerne, and it serves the purposes of grazing for stock, hay and seed production.

“One of the benefits of owning lots of low-lying river flats is that it is excellent dryland lucerne country, with great soils and a water source for deep rooted plants like lucerne to tap into.”

# Farmers Plan & Focus on RETURN URES

"It has great grazing benefits, we fatten our lambs and lamb down our twin bearing ewes on it. It makes excellent domestic hay, and when it thins out over the years you can interrow sow oats through it, which increases your feed test and you get top-grade hay, and we shut it for seed production over the summer and sell it under contract to a seed company in the south east. It's very dual purpose. And the frost doesn't affect it because it's flowering outside the frost window.

It's our highest gross margin per hectare product by far, and that's without even looking at the grazing benefits of it, just with hay and seed alone."

The storage of that hay and export oaten hay recently saw Tom invest in a 18m x 32.5m x 8.2m Grant Shed. When filled to capacity, it can store close to 1500 bales.

"We wouldn't go any bigger than this due to fire risk. You need only one faulty bale and you could lose your shed." As for his shed,

## Tom says he was impressed with Grant Sheds

and the process from design to completion, noting he had the opportunity to make alterations along the way.

"Any adjustments we made during the planning of it weren't a hassle at all. And we couldn't be happier with the way that it went.

They're strong well made sheds that are very competitively priced. And the people at Grant Sheds are easy to work with. I wouldn't hesitate with our next shed, when we need one again to go straight back to Grants."



4 Workers, young and old. Tom's son Hunter shares working duties with the farm dogs.



Tom with sons Hunter and Ryan

**VERY EASY TO WORK WITH:** Tom Trengove talks with Danny from Grant Sheds about his new MEGA Hay Shed. "We couldn't be happier with it from start to finish. Excellent dealing with Brenton (at Grant Sheds) who came up with the initial design and size and it was no hassle to him when we made changes during the planning stages. It's certainly good having someone friendly on the end of the phone who doesn't make you feel like you're annoying them by making changes."

## Case Study - Grant Sheds MEGA Hay Shed

**Size:** 18m x 32.4m x 8.2m MEGA HAY SHED

**Layout:** 4 x 8.1m bays - perfect for 3x8' bales per bay

**Options:** Bumper Rails on rear wall (2 per bale)  
Front middle 3 columns upgraded to super-strength  
Large capacity gutter system (gutters, rainhead, downpipes)  
Concrete Plinth Flashing to direct water away from wall base

**Capacity:** Almost 1500 bales. 8'x4'x3' medium squares

### Reasons For Choosing This Shed Design & Layout:

1. "We chose 8.2m height because we truck 3 high in the paddock, so when we unload we just have 3 x lifts of 3 which simplifies stacking and makes it time efficient. We have another shed that's not quite as high and you get 7 bales on the outer edges and 8 in the middle and we have to split the bales up which is more difficult than this one which is just a quick in and out.
2. The 8.1m bays (approx. 27') are perfect for 3x8' bales per bay. This gives sufficient space to easily manoeuvre bales while not wasting space unnecessarily between bays.
3. "We wouldn't go any bigger than this shed size to reduce fire loss risk." Better to have multiple sheds.
4. Super-strength front, middle columns in case the loader driver hits them, just as an added precaution.
5. Bale bumper rails on the rear wall protect the iron when manoeuvring hay bales
6. Large capacity gutter system prevents overflows that could cause hay damage

### Would you do anything differently if you were building again?

"No. Very pleased as it is. I even recommended my brother-in-law, Tyler Stephenson and said to him, 'You might wanna look at these fellows. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised.' They're just strong sheds and competitively priced and you're very easy to work with."



# Seasons & Reasons To Celebrate!

## Danny's Christmas Fave - Sticky Glazed Pork Ribs

### Blokes Love These ...!



#### Serves 8

- 4 Pork Rib Racks
- 1 litre (4 cups) Chicken Stock
- 1 cup Tomato Sauce
- 1 cup BBQ Sauce
- 4 tbspn Apple Cider Vinegar
- 6 tspn Smoked Paprika

To make the glaze, stir together the tomato sauce, BBQ sauce, apple cider vinegar and smoked paprika in a small bowl.

Pour the stock into 2 roasting pans (half in each) - this provides additional flavour during the steaming process.

Brush the ribs all over with the glaze mixture.

Place half the ribs in each roasting pan on top of a rack to keep them out of the water.

Cover ribs with foil and bake at 140°C for 3 hours or until tender, basting with more of the glaze mixture every 15 mins.

For the last 15 mins of cooking, take the foil off to increase the browning of the ribs.

Transfer to a chopping board and use a large knife to cut between the ribs into serving size pieces that suit your preference (ie. 1, 2, 3 or 4 ribs per serve).

Transfer to a serving platter.

Watch them be devoured by your guests!

Provide serviettes for the sticky fingers.

## Celebrating Great Results Despite Poor Season

Brenton Kroehn of Borung Poll Merino Stud near Waikerie, held his annual ram sale in August. Given the poor weather conditions of season 2018, he was delighted with the condition of his sheep as well as the number sold and prices received.

Brian "Rowdy" Hampel from Nadda, south-east of Loxton, purchased the top-priced ram of the day. The Hampel's look for size for meat while still seeking wool quality in their flocks. They run 2500 Merino ewes, with half joined to Merino rams and the rest to White Suffolks.

Interestingly (for us at least), both Brenton Kroehn and the Hampel family are also part of our Grant Sheds family, having Grant sheds on their properties.

#### Brenton Kroehn:

9m x 24m x 3.6m shed built in 2018 & another purchased by his father or grandfather waaay back in the 1960s

#### Hampel Family:

15m x 27m x 5.1m hay shed built in 2016

It's great to hear these good news stories and to have such lovely people "in the family."

By the way, Rowdy is even almost 'blood family' Work this one out...

**Rowdy's brother's wife's sister's husband is our son Tony.**



Rowdy Hampel (2nd from left) paid the top price for one of Brenton Kroehn's (middle) rams at the August 2018 Borung Poll Merino ram sale. Photo courtesy Stock Journal newspaper



Matthew Hampel and Matthew Lidgerwood join Rowdy and Jenni Hampel at their Nadda farm while the kids Caleb, Kayde and Hannah trail behind with their pet sheep Rosie. Photo courtesy Lauren Lidgerwood

**To make a difference in someone's life, you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful or perfect. You just have to care.**





# Ideas

## To Help You With Your

# FARM SHED SOLUTIONS

### Overseas Adventures!

In November, we popped 'overseas' ... to Kangaroo Island ...to meet up with a few Grant Sheds family members (farmers who own 'Grant' sheds).

We stayed with friends, Brenton and Verity Davis who run tourist venture KI Outdoor Action at Vivonne Bay. With sand-boarding, quad bike tours and kayaking you'll have a barrel of fun here. And make sure you ask to see the koalas. There's an area where they virtually guarantee you'll see them.

Could be a great getaway for the summer school holidays.

Tell Brenton we sent you.

[www.kioutdooraction.com.au](http://www.kioutdooraction.com.au)



### Sliding Roof Bulk Fertiliser Sheds also suitable for:

- Stock feed storage
  - Sawdust for chicken/egg farms
  - Sand bunker
  - Grain storage
  - Almonds
  - Cotton Seed
  - Telescopes (yes ... telescopes)
- Roll the roof back & view the stars!

Available in sizes	Capacity	Price
7.5m x 9m x 2.4m	68t	\$16,434
7.5m x 12m x 2.4m	94t	\$19,282
7.5m x 15m x 2.4m	120t	\$22,130
Add 2 Swing Doors, extra		\$ 2,515

Dividing walls available

- Prices listed are for open-fronted sheds, zincalume cladding, wesboard aquatite lining, include GST and are ex our Monash factory.
- Supply Time: 6-8 weeks for kits.
- Delivery & Erection Available.

\*Conditions Apply



12 Beers of Christmas  
**FREE BEER**  
See Offer Below



### Easy job. Done and dusted in 10 minutes

KI farmers, Annette & Damien Florance (above left) and Damien's parents each invested in a Sliding Roof Bulk Fertiliser Sheds a while ago. When we visited, each shed was empty, awaiting soon to be delivered fertiliser that they'd snapped up because prices were favourable. Having these easy to use storage sheds gives them that opportunity.

The roof rolls open easily, back onto those frames that support the tracks at the back of the shed. The truck with fertiliser simply backs up, tips off the load and drives forward. Then the roof is rolled back and locked into place. Easy job. Done and dusted in 10 minutes.

The Fryar family of Kangaroo Island Free Range Eggs also has one of these sliding roof sheds that they use for storing sawdust, seen here behind Danny of Grant Sheds (left) and Jason Fryar. The Fryar's had a 2nd shed of this same type about to be delivered when we visited.

These sheds are available with or without the swing doors to enclose an otherwise open front. This one below also has a partition wall through the middle, from front to back to separate products.

We'll have future feature stories in FARM GATE NEWS about both the Fryar and Florance families and their very interesting farming ventures. Meanwhile if you'd like to see a video about these Sliding Roof Storage Sheds in action, visit [www.GrantSheds.com.au/fertiliser-sheds](http://www.GrantSheds.com.au/fertiliser-sheds)



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# Fertiliser Shed Almost Paid For In One Year!

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## The Price of Fertiliser Was Going Through The Roof!

About 3 years ago we were told that the price of fertiliser was going to go through the roof. So we bought a 'Grant' fertiliser shed that has the sliding roof.

**It has been absolutely brilliant!**

The fact that we can bring a semi load of fertiliser in, tip him off and have him gone in just 5 minutes has made a HUGE difference to the delivery times of fertilisers and the ability to get the transport operators to deliver it.

When we found out the price of fertiliser was going up we expected, at that stage, that the shed would be paid for by the difference in the price of fertiliser in one season!

It didn't quite turn out like that because they stuffed the price of fertiliser around, but it was very, very close.

**Ray Kernick, Coonalpyn, SA**



## How Does a Sliding Roof Shed operate?

For the full interview with Ray Kernick and to see a video of how a Sliding Roof Fertiliser Shed works, visit

[www.GrantSheds.com.au/fertiliser-sheds](http://www.GrantSheds.com.au/fertiliser-sheds)



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## MONTHLY HUMOUR



## Who Says Men Don't Remember!

A couple were Christmas shopping in a packed shopping centre. As the wife walked around she was surprised to discover that her husband was nowhere to be seen. She was quite upset because they had a lot to do and she became so worried that she called him on his mobile phone and asked where he was.

In a quiet voice he said: "Do you remember the jewellers we went into about 5 years ago, where you fell in love with that diamond necklace that we couldn't afford, and I told you that I would get it for you one day?"

The wife choked up and started to cry and said: "Yes, I do remember that shop." He replied: "Well, I'm in the pub next door!"



**From Our Family To Yours  
MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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