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A BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER TO INFORM AND ENTERTAIN YOU

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Local character, Grant Sheds founder and builder of the Old Monash Playground, Grant Telfer is well known for many things including his white overalls, bare feet and bike-riding.

Pictured here in his 50's and he doesn't look much different now at 87. And yes he still dresses the same & still rides 20km each day!

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What Makes Country Life So Good?

SEE YOU AT THESE FIELD DAYS

MARCH 15-16th
South East Field Days

COMMUNITY

Naked Garden Secrets ... EXPOSED!

I don't think I told you this one before.

We have a large garden and I have always enjoyed gardening. (Ali that is... not Danny so much, though he will organise irrigation and help out with larger landscaping jobs when asked). But over the past few years, I haven't had as much time as I'd like to keep up with the ongoing trimming, dividing, weeding, spraying etc and so 12 months ago I employed a gardener to help out.



One morning, I forgot he would be there and I walked out of our laundry door and turned left to head to the clothes line in only my undies! To my utter embarrassment I heard from behind me, "Ahem... you do realise I'm here don't you Ali?"

Immediately screaming in my head was this little scenario ... "What the ... Obviously I don't!!!"

"But if I turn around, I'll be giving him an almost full frontal. Be brave Ali ... just keep walking to the clothesline."

Which I did and quickly donned some clothing from the line, then turned and walked back inside, trying to look confident but dying inside with embarrassment!

My gardener and I didn't talk about it any further that morning and I headed off to work.

The next time he came I walked outside to talk to him, this time fully clothed and determined to put the last incident behind me and not even mention it, but ... what does he say...?

"Oh hello Ali ... I didn't recognise you with your clothes on!"

Moral of the story: The naked truth is that even when you live on a secluded country property, you should always be aware that you may get caught out if you wander about semi-naked.

And no, there are no "graphic" photos to accompany this tale!

Quick Trip To Melbourne

We had reason to travel to Melbourne recently and decided we'd drive the 8 hour trip and combine multiple business things with a little bit of rest and relaxation.

Our accountants in Swan Hill and our engineer in Ballarat, along with business meetings in Melbourne were top of our agenda.

And we spent a couple of days in Bendigo. We've driven through that area several times before and always liked the area so this time we decided we'd stop. Bendigo has some grand old buildings and history.

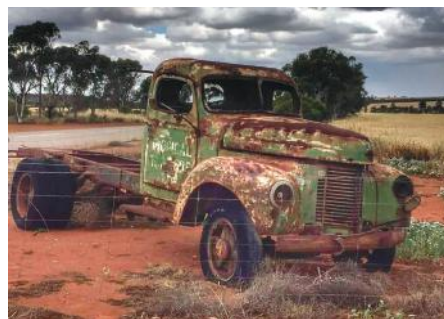
We were in this area about 2 years ago and photographed a fence line with foxes strung up on it. If you've received this FARM GATE NEWS mini-magazine for some time you may remember it. Well... this time the same fence had even more foxes on it.

Boy oh boy they must have a mighty fox problem. See photo at top of page.

Rustic Farm-Garden Stuff!

Ali is always on the look-out for anything rustic and interesting to use as feature pieces in her garden ... steel wheels, farm ploughs, elegant old car bodies, wooden posts, wool classing table, gates (steel or wooden), steel-wheeled wheelbarrows and the like.

Also for smaller items like plough discs, rusty parts from farm implements, etc for Danny to make garden-art pieces for her from those.



We are particularly seeking an elegant-looking old car, ute or truck as a feature item. One of those with the beautiful, rounded wheel arches for example.

If you have anything you think may be suitable and you're happy to get rid of it, please give us a call. Ph: 1800 088 528

Unusual Friendship

Jette the kelpie at Savernake Station, NSW seems only slightly wary of her new room mate. And the daring goanna doesn't mind treading on others heads to get where he needs to go. Given the reasonable level of confidence between the two, you'd have to wonder if the goanna regularly shares the digs.



180 Trucks Silo Queueing

We received a beautiful little card from an older farmer that was included in our new mail out list for our FARM GATE NEWS mini-magazine back in November. Here's what he wrote...

"Back in 1980, we had a good harvest but the silo could not handle the trucks.

An old neighbour drove my truck to the silo and didn't return. I had all my bins full so I drove to town to find 180 trucks in the queue. My truck was about number 140, with no hope to unload.

So we came home and unloaded on the ground. We finished up with over 2000 bags of wheat in a heap.

I noticed an advert for one of your roller roof sheds so I bought and built it the next year. I have had a lot of use out of it over time.

I enjoy FARM GATE NEWS."

Yours ... Clive Duffy, Nhill, Vic

Good on you Clive. That was lovely to receive and a great little farming story. Welcome Aboard!

Until next time... All the best

Ali & Danny Halupka

Owners - Grant Sheds



You Little Ripper... Grant Sheds LOCAL AUSSIE LEGENDS

Country Community Celebrates



While travelling the mid north recently, we popped into Snowtown briefly and discovered this wonderfully transformed old water tower. Upon doing a Google search we discovered that:

- The water tower is a relic from Snowtown's bustling past as a railway community
- The Snowtown Community Management Committee organised the transformation
- They wanted to pay tribute to the towns heroes and history.
- The aim was to promote community pride.
- To inspire people to get more involved with their community and give back to the town
- The images celebrate the agricultural history of the town as well as local community and sporting heroes.
- The sporting heroes shown around the tower are Simon McCormack (footy), Bernie Altmann (netball) and Lauren Ebsary (cricket).

The hero on this side of the tower is 25 year CFS volunteer and local man, John Hansen.

Shed Sales Position

We are seeking an additional member for our sales team. If you know someone who would suit this position, please let them know we're hiring.

The successful applicant needs to be able to communicate well, have a pleasant, outgoing personality, be self-motivated, have good time management skills and be keen to help our farming customers.

A sales background, particularly working with farming people, will be beneficial but not critical. Knowledge about sheds is not required as long as the person is willing to learn. Experience with computing (MS word, basic excel, email and database entry) is preferred.

In the application, we need to know why you'd like this position and what experience you have that would make you suitable & keen. Send your application, along with a resume and 3 references, to

Grant Sheds, PO Box 29, Monash SA 5342

Email: ali@grantsheds.com.au

For further information, please

Phone Alison on (08) 8583 5262

Applications Close Soon So Please Act Quickly

Monash Playground

For any readers not already aware of it, the Old Monash Playground which was well-known and much-loved by people throughout Australia, was built by Grant Sheds founder, and Ali's father, Grant Telfer. Do you remember it?

If you're a Facebook user, do a search for "Monash Playground Grant Park" to see great photos, video and comments on how much people loved it. Sadly, it was closed in 1992 when Grant's insurance company would no longer insure it. That was the beginning of the litigation era.

Grant built the playground over a 30 year period from the 1960's and it eventually

- Covered 5 acres of public land,
- Had hundreds of pieces of play equipment
- Was free to enter & open 24/7
- Designed for adults & kids
- And had no shop!

It started with Grant thinking the local kids should have a local playground and he put in some standard little swings

and slides. Then over the years, his imagination and engineering mind ran riot. He enjoyed thinking up new things or making items he'd seen in his youth at the Semaphore foreshore carousel & play area.

It was estimated that it attracted 200,000+ people a year and you could spend just 2 minutes on each item and not get to try each piece in one day.

Let us know your memories. We'd love to hear them. Send an email to ali@grantsheds.com.au

Rotary Cone -7 yr old Melanie (left) & 9 yr old Brenton Halupka (hanging off the side) who are both now in their 30s & work with us at Grant Sheds.



Brenton Halupka on the Flying Fox in 1992

1970s Local lads Frank & Paul Salamon on the Twin Slide





Investing In The TOUGH YEAR ON



Peter Wake's new Grant Sheds machinery shed was purpose-designed to accommodate his farm's large machinery and gives an easy, drive-through and cost-effective solution. Easy-roll sliding doors & outriggers on this end allow full width opening of the shed and protection from prevailing weather direction.

As Peter Wake prepares to mark his family's centenary of farming on the Eyre Peninsula, he notes the past year has been tough.

Located 16 kilometres south of Cowell between the hills and the sea, his property is among many in the area feeling the effects of minimal rainfall exacerbated by wind.

"The rainfall since 2010 to now (August 2018 when interviewed), not counting this year was 1687 points but this year's gonna drop the average back to the original average of about 15 inches some would think. Only time will tell," he notes.

"So, we have very heavy ground on half the property and sandy ground on the northern side. There's a range of hills that run through. This probably creates the wind problem. This year now I believe would be the worst year in living memory."

And Peter would know. He's been farming this 2000-acre property and two others in the area for 55 years as part of a family legacy that dates back to early last century.

"My grandfather started farming this block in 1919 but he didn't have his name on the title," Peter explains.

"It was in the name of Pearce, but my grandmother told me that this was the farm they bought. Obviously, there was no banking system in those days and Pearce bought it or

stood the property and then they took over in May 1922, but they actually were farming it prior." The original block of land was about 1500 acres. Since then its grown to 2000, while the overall land holding has increased to encompass a further three properties, including one a little farther up the road at Carpa and another at Arno Bay.

"That's where all the dust is this year," Peter notes.

Together the properties produce wheat and barley. In a good year the original property can produce up to 26 bags of wheat or barley an acre. A lean year means it drops to about 10, but this 2018 year the yield is yet to be seen. (Now it's finished, Peter says they got only ½ a bag to the acre ... the worst year in living memory for the area.)

Peter also runs sheep, but with a lack of feed on the Eyre Peninsula in recent times, he has been selling off some of the stock.

"I sold 368 sheep this morning," he says. *"And we got a good price, as good as I could possibly get because there's just nowhere for them to feed. (This was in August 2018)"*

You had to bring them back to the shearing shed and give them hay to feed them up and then cart them somewhere else.

They had 10 months' wool pretty well to the day and they're very, very good - 18 to 18.5 microns, which is excellent."

Selling younger sheep allows Peter to reduce his stock numbers but command a good price, and all income counts during a drought.

"The season's not over, but when you look at my crops, I can't see anything else. I mean I've lived long enough to know and been farming this area for 55 years, so I don't think there's too much chance of recovery."

But next year might be a different story and keeping the older sheep ensures Peter can breed them back. Alternatively, there's also the option of feeding them up on the saltbush that grows naturally.

"I've got very good saltbush country down at the Arno Bay property and there's about 400 or 500 acres of very strong saltbush. The sheep don't normally eat saltbush, not until they're used to it. But there was no trouble getting them used to it this year. They were hungry."

"Saltbush puts a sweetened taste into the meat...if you can go to the butcher and buy saltbush meat, you're buying something that's really, really top quality," Peter continues. *"But to try and get them used to eating it is the problem."*

Meanwhile, Peter's eye is also on the future beyond the next season.

His daughter currently resides in London but his son, Peter Jr will likely take on the farm, making it a fourth-generation enterprise.

"Well, that's the idea for him to take the property on. It's not gonna be easy especially coming out of a year like this."

In the interim, Peter has been investing in new machinery and infrastructure to see them embrace a brighter period ahead.

Among those investments is a Grant Shed that was purpose-designed to accommodate the farm's extensive machinery. The new addition is 15m wide x 30m long and 6m high.

"The shed will take the air-seeder, the cart and the tractor," Peter explains. *"You don't have to unhook it. You just leave the tractor there - drive it in, and then just drive it out the other end..."*

The Future After A EYRE PENINSULA

there's no sun and it's got plenty of height."

This is the second Grant Shed Peter has bought, with another one at the Carpa property, and he's thrilled with both.

"I could not believe how Grant's put sheds together. We've had the shed now for close on 18 months and I don't believe that I could have made it any better."

They built both sheds in five days. That was incredible to get them up in five days."

The only thing Peter reflects he could have done differently is make the Carpa shed a little bigger.

"I may have gone an extra 10-feet in length. Instead of it being 60 feet by 50, I would have made it 70 by 50. But that was an insurance job, so we built it around the cost of the insurance."

Peter also has an important tip for those replacing old sheds with new ones.

"Our biggest problem was pulling the old shed down. It took weeks to actually pull it to pieces and level the ground. We thought the ground where the old shed was, was level."

That would have been a big mistake because the shed was built to the slope of the ground. Longer sheets on one side shorter sheets on the other."

Peter called in a surveyor to double-check, who confirmed the difference was 18 inches.



Peter Wake (snr) by his 15m x 30m x 6m purpose-built machinery shed. It is open for easy access on this end and has sliding doors on the other end (see photo P4)

"We thought it was ready and then we had to turn around and cart tons and tons of dirt. The dirt for these sheds came out of the banks of dams. It's red dirt on the top but it's grey limestoney type dirt underneath, and it's packed down quite solid."

And would he recommend Grant's?
"Absolutely," he states.

"I recommend giving Grant Sheds a chance to put in a quote for you and think about it before you run around different parts of the state and get quotes from other shed companies... because I'm very happy with this."

Coping In A Tough Farming year

At any time, and especially when things seem tough and not going your way, understand that there are 2 spheres in life.

1. The Sphere of Influence

This is what you can control. Your thoughts and feelings, your farm expertise, seeking qualified advice, talking with positive people. Shift your focus to what you can control and see how you can do it even better.

2. The Sphere of Concern

This is what you cannot control. Drought, farm input costs, produce prices, Trump, terrorism... The more you think about these things you cannot control, the bigger and more worrying they seem to get.

Instead, concentrate on what you can influence.

List the things that are worrying you.

Then list 2-5 things you may be able to do to positively influence the outcome of each item. Take action on those every day and you'll be amazed at how that progression towards a positive outcome also produces momentum and greater confidence.

Life and business are like the changing seasons. Learn to handle the winter and take advantage of the spring.

Opportunity follows difficulty just as surely as it will always rain after a drought.

You can't change the seasons but you can change you.

So concentrate on your Sphere of Influence, the things you have some control over and don't waste time worrying about the things you cannot control.

When You're Here...
You're "FAMILY"



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.

Michael Jericho	Mt Barker	Machinery Shed	18m x 18m x 3.6m
Zacher Engineering	Naracoorte	Machinery Shed	9m x 15m x 3.9/3.3m
Martin Woodward	Cadell	Machinery Shed	9m x 18m x 3.3m
Darryl Koch	Maitland	Machinery Shed	12m x 12m x 4.8m
*Peter Tsegas (3)	Barmera	Machinery Shed	9m x 11.6m x 4.3m
Clive Hughes	Mt Compass	Hay Shed	12m x 18m x 5.1m
Lee Morgan	Hamley Bridge	Machinery Shed	15m x 42m x 5.1m
Riverland Baseball League	Berri	Garage	7m x 7.7m x 2.4m
Tom & Gina Wood	Renmark	Garage	6m x 5m x 2.7m
*Jason Fryar (3)	Kingscote	Fertiliser Shed	7.5m x 15m x 2.4m
Murray & Bronwyn Harding	Renmark	Machinery Shed	12m x 13m x 2.7m
*Louis Curtis (18)	Lyrup	Industrial Shed	Internal Wall & Leanto
Graeme Nairn	Berri	Garage	6m x 9m x 3m
Victor Redemski	Robertstown	Machinery Shed	12m x 22.5m x 4.5m
Damien Grosser	Bordertown	Hay Shed	15m x 18m x 5.1m
Elliot Scott	Truro	Hay Shed	12m x 15m x 5.1m
Megan Hoile	Loxton	Machinery Shed	7.5m x 15m x 3m
*Ian Vallis (3)	Loxton	Fertiliser Shed	7.5m x 12m x 2.4m
*Damien Florance (2)	Vivonne Bay	Machinery Shed	20m x 24m x 3.1m
*Ron & Vivian Florance (3)	Vivonne Bay	Machinery Shed	26m x 24m x 3.1m
*Adam Desmazes (2)	Tintinara	Machinery Shed	12m x 13.5m x 5.1m
Travis White	Parndana	Garage	9m x 12m x 3m
Ray Schroeder	Pinnaroo	Machinery Shed	12m x 27m x 5.1m
Owen Cashmere	Hay, NSW	Fertiliser Shed	7.5m x 15m x 2.4m

Stuart Abbey	Coonawarra	Machinery Shed	9m x 26m x 3.9m
John Mauric	Currie, TAS	Fertiliser Shed	7.7m x 9.9m x 2.4m
Michael Mauric	Currie, TAS	Fertiliser Shed	7m x 12m x 2.4m
*Nick Radford (7)	Penola	Hay Shed	12m x 36m x 5.1m
Charles Ashby	Coonalpyn	Hay Shed	15m x 32.4m x 6m
*Hugh & Rosemary Hill (2)	Inman Valley	Machinery Shed	9m x 24m x 5.1m
Jarrold Woodward	Moonta	Machinery Shed	12m x 36m x 5.1m
*Nick Radford (8)	Penola	Hay Shed	12m x 36m x 5.1m
*Nick Radford (9)	Penola	Fertiliser Shed	7.5m x 15m x 2.4m



55% bought a 'Grant' shed due to their own past experience or the experience of someone they know and trust in their advice.



33% = Existing Grant Shed owners buying from us again.



21% = Referrals from existing Grant Shed owners & people who have always known of Grant Sheds.

Note: The shed numbers listed in () above are going by our computer records. Given Grant Sheds 65 year history, it's quite possible our numbers may be lower than truly correct. If you know you have more Grant sheds than listed, please give us a call to update and correct if for us. Thanks

That makes us very proud of what we do and also grateful to you for putting your trust in us to build your new Aussie-Tough shed. Thank You

If you would like the same pleasure and peace of mind, let us help you plan your new farm shed. Phone us on

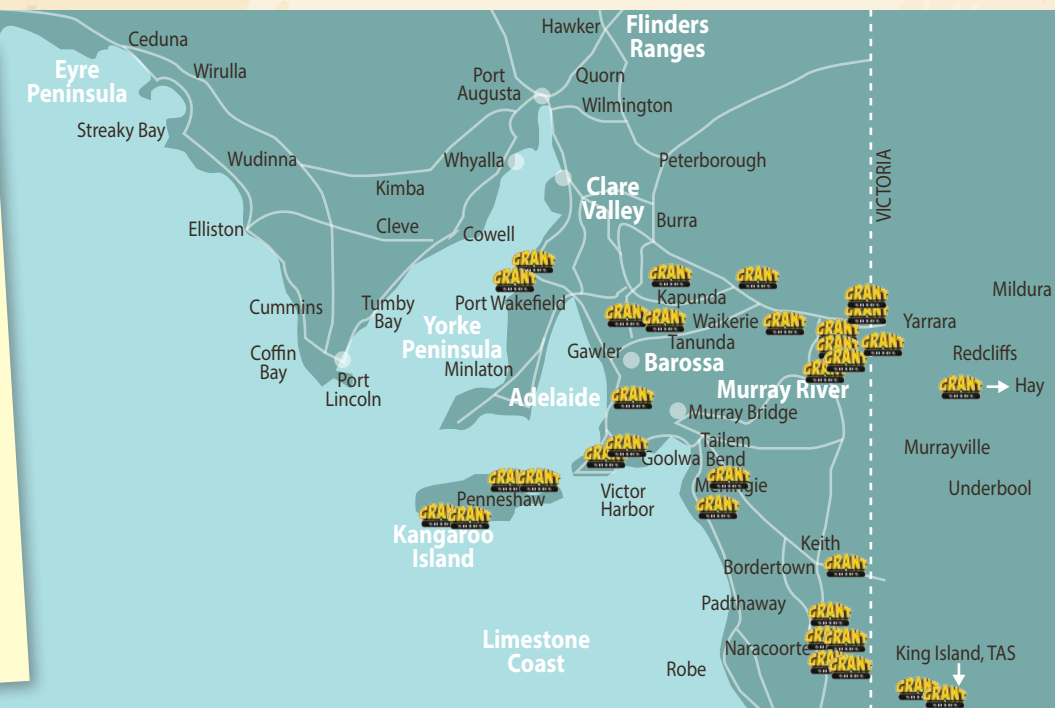
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Brenton



Danny





Ideas

To Help You With Your FARM SHED SOLUTIONS

3 Year Accelerated Depreciation Available on Hay & Fodder Storage sheds
**Seek advice from your own advisors*

Dual Purpose



12m x 18m x 5.1m Hay Shed

Open one end, 4.5m bays

Options:

- Enclose open end with sliding doors for added security
- Add a sliding door for access in the far end to access items at the back of the shed or to create a drive-through section.

This shed, purchased by Wayne Stoeckel at Loxton, is a very popular & cost effective shed design. Gives easy access for hay or farm machinery storage.

High Returns On Well Protected Hay



18m x 32.4m x 8.2m MEGA Hay Shed

Capacity: Almost 1500 8'x4'x3' medium bales
8.1m bays perfect for 3 x 8' bales per bay.
8.2m height great for 3 lifts of 3 bales per lift
Excellent loading & unloading time & cost efficiencies.



After our story on the Trengove family at Spalding recently, we've had lots of interest in this shed. For more information, read the Nov-Dec 2018 edition of FARM GATE NEWS if you still have it, or



Phone Brenton or Danny on Freecall 1800 088 528

Financing Options

John Girke of Access Capital Finance Brokers is also the owner of 2 Grant Sheds hay sheds for his cattle interests.



He's a beaut country bloke and his finance company is the recognised leader for equipment finance in SA & NT.

John is able to help farm people with alternative funding options to finance new sheds where traditional lending options may not be available. These options may include Unsecured Business Loans and Asset Equity Loans.

If you would like to find out more or talk through your individual financing circumstances, please call John or one of his team at Access Capital on **08 8334 2100**



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Save Time & Effort Storing Almonds



18m x 37.5m x 5.3m Almond Storage Cover

7.5m bays, 18m clear width ends.



Brothers Ian and Craig Burdon built 2 of these Almond Storage Covers on their fruit property at Moorook SA, to protect their almond stockpiles at harvest time.

Their past practice of tarping the almond piles was very time consuming, having to cover the almonds to protect from rain damage and then untarping to load them or to remove moisture build up underneath them. It was sometimes dangerous in windy conditions and created a haven for rodents.

Now they save the brothers significant time and effort with trucks being able to pick up loads without providing notice for the tarps to be removed. They can fill the sheds multiple times each season.

AUTUMN PRE-SOWING MEGA SHED SPECIAL

Order By
March 31
And Get The
BONUS
Items Listed

First to order secures last building positions available in April

MEGA HAY SHEDS

UB Columns (Universal Beam)
OWJ Roof Trusses (Open Web Joist)
18-30m span

Example Shed shown is 21m x 40.5m x 7.8m
8.1m bays ideal for 3 large bales per bay. Capacity approx. 1800 bales.



High Volume
Gutters, Rainheads
& Downpipes



Hay Bumper Rails on Rear Wall to
protect iron when moving bales

*COMPLIMENTARY **BONUS** ITEMS

Orders Must Be Placed Before March 31st

- **Wall Iron Upgrade to Heavier Roof Iron Grade**
Reduces likelihood of iron damage
- **Hot Dip Galvanised Columns** For corrosion control
- **High Volume Gutters, Rainheads & Downpipes**
Fast and easy-flow rainwater clearing to prevent overflows
- **Bale Bumper Rails** to protect your wall iron
- **FREE Beer For A Year!**
- **Rapid 3 Year Tax Depreciation** for fodder storage sheds inc hay

FREE BEER
for a Year!

For Mega Sheds ordered
by March 31 *Conditions Apply



MONTHLY HUMOUR



Always Wear Underwear...

Always wear underwear in public, especially when working under your vehicle. From the local paper comes this story of a Brisbane couple who drove their car to the shopping centre, only to have their car break down in the car park. The man told his wife to carry on with the shopping while he fixed the car.

The wife returned later to see a small group of people near the car. On closer inspection, she saw a pair of hairy legs protruding from under the chassis.

Unfortunately, although the man was in shorts, his lack of underpants turned his private parts into glaringly public ones. Unable to stand the embarrassment, she dutifully stepped forward and quickly put her hand up his shorts, and tucked everything back into place.

On regaining her feet, she looked across the bonnet and found herself staring at her husband who was standing idly by watching. The R.A.C.Q. mechanic however had to have three stitches in his forehead.

DMG!



Why English is so hard to learn

You think English is easy? Check out the following:

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was cultivated to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full that the workers had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture shown at the store.
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his tasty dessert in the desert.
7. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present to his girlfriend.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object which he showed me.
11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid in his hospital bed.
12. There was a row among the oarsmen about who would row.
13. They were too close to the door to close it.
14. The buck does funny things when the does (females) are present.
15. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail around the mast.
18. Upon seeing the tear in her painting she shed a tear.
19. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
20. How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?



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