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Newsletter of Khaki Vehicle Enthusiasts Inc.  
Organisers of the Annual Corowa Swim-In held  
at Corowa N.S.W.

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**46th Corowa Swim-In & Military Vehicle Gathering**

**Year of the 6x6**

**Mon. 9th to Sun. 15th March 2026**



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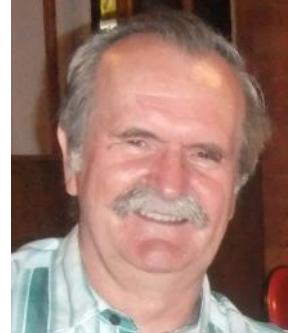
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## From the Editor

Hi,

We are halfway through January and the 2026 Corowa Swim-In is fast approaching, so get your entry forms in as soon as possible. Entry form on last two pages of this newsletter.

This newsletter has all the latest updates on the event. Also several interesting articles on military vehicles as well as a Blitz for sale.

We hope you enjoy the read and look forward to seeing you at Corowa.

Best regards,  
 Richard Farrant  
 Editor - Khaki Vehicle Enthusiasts Inc.

## Your Stories Wanted

We are always interested to publish your stories, reports, restoration tales and so on.  
 If you have one and would like it to be in KVE News,  
 then please contact the Editor,  
 Richard on [kve.editor@btinternet.com](mailto:kve.editor@btinternet.com)

KVE thanks the Federation Council for their continued support of the Swim-In.



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COUNCIL**

## Program of Activities at Corowa Swim-In

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### Program of Activities:

#### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March:**

No set activities

#### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March:**

No set activities

#### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March:**

9:00 muster at Rowers Park for a visit to the Benalla Aviation Museum. Depart at 9:30 and take your Special Edition newsletter. [There is a Route Card with information on getting to the museum. \(Please put your name on the attendance list at the KVE Site Office\).](#)

**Visit to the Corowa She Shed :** The workshop will be to make Metal Flowers. Weds 11th March. Visit to the She Shed to be organised by Carol Alexander. Contact her ASAP to book in, 0414 766 521. \$70 includes lunch. You will be making metal flowers.

**4-6pm: KVE General Meeting** to take place at BBQ area opposite to Cabins.

#### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March:**

8-10am: KVE BBQ from 8-10am for KVE members (put your name on the list and collect your token.)

10:30: Muster at Rowers Park for *Club Corowa- Vehicles and Veterans Reunited:* (Opposite Ball Park Caravan Park). We are hoping that The Australian Defence Force will bring some vehicles along as in past years and the band from Kapooka. [\(Please put your name on the attendance list at the KVE Site Office\).](#)

Address: Club Corowa, 30 Betterment Pde, Corowa

#### **2pm: Visit to Glenview Residential Aged Care**

Address: 33-45 Main St, Rutherglen

Some people may go directly there from Club Corowa otherwise make your own way there. [\(Please put your name on the attendance list at the KVE Site Office\).](#)

#### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March:**

**9:30am briefing: Meet in Chiltern. Mt. Pilot National Park natural and historical mining sites.**

Meeting up point is: Lake Anderson Toilet block and information centre, Alliance Street Chiltern. There is a Route Card with information from Chiltern. Bring your own lunch.

**Departure at 10am** explore some of Chiltern

[\(Please put your name on the attendance list at the KVE Site Office\).](#)

**4:30pm: Parade briefing: near the KVE Site Office**

**6pm on Friday evening:** We return to the Corowa Rutherglen Football Club across the road from Ball Park Caravan Park for a 2 course meal \$25 per head.

**7.30pm Followed by our Guest Speaker : Paul Handel**

[\(Please put your name on the attendance list at the KVE Site Office\).](#)

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Paul Handel (Major, Retired) joined the Citizen Military Forces (which later became known as the Army Reserve) in 1970, and was commissioned in 1972. A series of postings followed, including the OC of Technical Support Squadron of 1/15 Royal NSW Lancers, OC of a Field Workshop and a member of the 2nd Division Plans Team.

At the end of 1989 he was posted as Research Officer Royal Australian Armoured Corps (RAAC) Tank Museum, and in February 1999 was transferred to the Australian Army History Unit (AAHU), and posted as Museum Manger RAAC Museum, later Australian Army Tank Museum, a position he held until his retirement from the Reserve in August 2012.

### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March:**

**7:30-8:15am:** Vehicles will line up at Bangerang Park from 7:30am

**8:30am:** Parade briefing in Bangerang Park (all drivers must attend).

**9:00am:** parade to the Corowa Showgrounds where there will be a photo shoot and swap meet. You will need to be registered into the event to take part.

**8am onwards:** Swap Meet at the Corowa Showgrounds.

**From 1pm:** vehicle activities

**Come along from 7:30pm: at the KVE Site Office - Presentations commence at 8pm** in the evening there will be presentations. Come along from 7:30pm. BYO chair and own drinks.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March:** general activities

**From 6pm:** Dinner at the Club Corowa bistro (Book your own table in advance)

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**The 46<sup>th</sup> Corowa Swim-In and Military Vehicle Gathering is organised by Khaki Vehicle Enthusiasts Incorporated. The main hub of the event is in Ball Park and some people also stay elsewhere in the town.**

**For insurance reasons the participants need to be pre-registered. People who haven't registered in WILL NOT be able to go in the parade due to Federation Council regulations.**



## Important information for people attending the Corowa Swim-In in March 2026

### President / Public Relations Report

We need to remind enthusiasts that each year we have a theme but you are always welcome to attend with any ex-military vehicle you own or come along to be a part of the gathering. Thanks to our sponsors: Club Corowa and Waldrons IGA. Thanks also to the Federation Council.

We also would like to thank the organisers of the trips from Wednesday to Friday. They set up Route Cards which are now put in the Special Edition Newsletter. We have discussed some possible visits to really interesting places next year. On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March we are going to the Benalla Aviation Museum.

There will also be an opportunity for the ladies to go to the She Shed. On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March there will be another Vehicles and Veterans Reunited at Club Corowa plus in the afternoon a visit to an aged care facility. On Friday Sam King will organise a trip to Chiltern and Mt Pilot. Our guest speaker will be Paul Handel and this will be held at the Corowa Rutherglen Football Netball Club which has been refurbished after some floods.

At the Site Office we also ask people to put their names on the list so the trip organisers know of numbers expected. Sometimes there are meals involved in the trip and the venue requires approx. numbers so they can have the food and staff available.

### KVE preparations for the swim-in: March 2026:

We were very impressed with the number of participants in 2025 and every year the event attracts more people who have never been before. As we are required to order items for our pre-registered participants we appreciate the entry forms ASAP.

### Entry Form for 2026:

If you haven't returned your Entry Form for 2026 please do so ASAP so it gives the organisers an indication of the numbers and types of vehicles along with the number of participants we are to expect. It only costs \$30 per vehicle to enter and if you preregister by 28<sup>th</sup> February you will receive a participant pack upon arrival in Corowa.

### KVE Site Office:

We have investigated touchless payment systems so this will be implemented for the 2026 event.

We are looking for people who may be interested in helping out with shifts on our roster system. It is a good opportunity to meet some of the participants from far and wide. KVE would like to give thanks to those people who assisted in 2025.

Upon registering in upon arrival at Corowa we appreciate people putting their names down for the trips on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. This can be done at the Site Office and gives the trip organisers an estimate of the numbers who will be attending.

At the Site Office you are welcome to have a look at various boards and put advertisements up on the following boards:

a) For Sale and Wanted advertisements: there will be a board for you to put advertisements on.

b) Coming Events: If you want to advertise any future events you will be participating in then feel free to put a notice on the Coming Events board.

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**Articles on past Corowa Events:** please give to Jan if you have any of these. There are a number of notice boards which have copies of articles from past Corowa events. Take a look when you have spare time as you might appear in one of more of these articles.

### Requirements while in Ball Park:

The caravan park is a council owned property and the local police patrol this area. People are not allowed to drive unregistered vehicles or machinery and must have a correct licence for driving vehicles in these areas.

**Local rules for footpaths:** Please do not drive on footpaths.

### Vehicle Numbers:

Upon arrival at Corowa you need to go down to Ball Park Caravan Park and register your vehicle. Vehicle numbers will only be given to people with an ex-military vehicle and due to the large numbers of vehicles we are expecting this makes it easier for us to provide a tally of the types and numbers of vehicles at our event. The number must be placed either on the front window or bumper bar of your vehicle. This makes it easier for the organisers to determine if your vehicle has been entered.

Theme vehicles will also receive identification card to put alongside your vehicle number.

### Memorial Board for enthusiasts who are no longer with us:

Each year we loose some well-known military vehicle collectors. KVE has a Memorial Board and would appreciate an A4 size article including a photo of any person who has attended Corowa so we can remember these people.

### Offers of help are gratefully appreciated:

As you all understand this event is a role where no one is paid for the help they provide. We are all volunteers and there are times during the week where we would like some assistance:

1. People on the Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March to put together the Participant packs and help set up the Site Office.
2. People to take on shifts at the Site Office from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March. During the week the site office is open at Ball Park Caravan Park and on Saturday a temporary office is located at the Showgrounds. To run the office effectively we require a minimum of 3 people on each shift. In the past there have been both KVE members and participants who have helped and we really appreciate their help.
3. Marshals for the Showgrounds.

People to help pack away our site office at Ball Park Caravan Park at the end of the week.

### Swap Meet Site holders at the Corowa Showgrounds:

This year the Swap Meet is being managed on behalf of KVE, by the Corowa Pastoral, Agricultural & Horticultural Society Inc. (Corowa PA&H Soc.). Anyone wishing to book a swap meet site should contact Jan McKenna from the Society, on 0427 331 148 or email [janandfrankmckenna@gmail.com](mailto:janandfrankmckenna@gmail.com) The booking form is on Page 10 of this newsletter with full details of rates per day, either Outdoor or Undercover.

There will be some stallholders open for business at the Showground on Thursday and Friday.

The official day of the Swap Meet at the Showground will be on Saturday. There will be covered and outside pitches available and it is requested that those who wish to book a pitch, do so in advance, to ensure they get their choice of Undercover or Outdoor.

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**Camping for stallholders only is available at the Showground from Thursday to Saturday inclusive \$10 per person/per night. Stalls can be open from Thursday to Saturday and charged per day as below.**

### **Stall rates**

**\$20 for Outdoor site 6 x 3 metres (approx.)**

**\$25 for Undercover site 3.65 x 3.2 metres (approx.)**

**Double the rate for double sized areas (approx.), etc.**

**Rules which the Showground Trust have requested we abide by:**

**Dogs will be allowed and must be on a leash at all times.**

**Only Swap Meet stallholders to camp on site.**

**Stallholders to remove their own rubbish from site, failure to do so will mean no stall there at future events.**

**Stallholders who are camping will be able to use the toilets which are owned by the Show Society. The Racecourse toilet block will be opened either Friday night or Saturday morning. There are no showers.**

**The Swap Meet will be managed on behalf of KVE, Jan McKenna from the Show Society will be organising the sites and collecting all camping and stall fees. Her contact details are as follows:**

**Email: janandfrankmckenna@gmail.com.au**

**or phone (02) 6033 1148 - Mobile 0427 331 148**

**Jan will have her own safety jacket. Please Direct depositing fees:**

**Hume Bank whose bank details are -**

**BSB 640000 Account No 568163516**

**Put your name if possible so it is easier to track payment.**

**Booking form for Swap Meet stalls on page 10**

### **Themes for 2027 and 2028**

**In 2027 it will be Year of the Utility from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March.**

**In 2028 it will be Year of the Emergency Vehicle from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March.**

### **VOTING FORM**

***Please put this form in the Suggestion Box by 12 midday on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March. At 1200hrs this box will be cleared and any forms received after this will not be included. We need time to count and organize the results for the presentations on Saturday night. Please come along at 8pm to the presentations outside the radar van.***

***Awards: Please give the person's name and the reason for them to be considered for an Award.***

***1. Mal Mackay Memorial Award: This award will be given to an individual who appears to get the most enjoyment out of being at Corowa.***

***Name:***

***Reason why:***

***2. Hard Luck award:***

***Name:***

***Reason why:***

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### 3. Breakdown Award:

**Name:**

**Reason why:**

### 4. Longest distance driven in a military vehicle:

**Name:**

**Number of Kilometres driven:**

### 5. Encouragement Award:

**Name:**

**Reason why:**

### 6. People's Favorite Choice: For your favorite vehicle attending this year.

**Vehicle rally number:**

**Type of Vehicle:**

### 7. 6x6 Theme - People's Choice: For your favorite 6x6 vehicle attending this year.

**Vehicle rally number:**

We are always open to other suggestions of awards. We have had the Goodwill Award and Just in time Award.

### Swap Meet Stalls in Ball Park Caravan Park:

To keep the management at Ball Park happy we suggest if you do want to set up a swap meet site in their caravan park please call in at the main office and talk with management. KVE are not responsible for swap meet sites in the caravan park.

### Contributions to our KVE Newsletter

We are after articles for our next newsletter so if you are a member or a participant and have anything you would like to contribute please forward to [kve.editor@btinternet.com](mailto:kve.editor@btinternet.com). This newsletter goes out to members of KVE along with past, present and future participants of the Annual GPA Swim-In and ex-Military Vehicle Gathering at Corowa, NSW, Australia. Let's spread the word about this great event.

### Joining KVE Inc

To be a part of the organising of the Swim-In in the future you are welcome to join KVE Inc. You can download a Membership Application Form off the website or ask me for a copy. By joining KVE you will be given more of a chance to make suggestions for how the event is run in the future.

For further information on the event please feel free to give me a call on 0412 078096 or send an email to [kveinc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:kveinc@optusnet.com.au) To ensure you are kept up to date with details send me an email to get on the database.

Until next time,

Jan Thompson-Creamer - President

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**COROWA PASTORAL, AGRICULTURAL & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC.**  
**PO BOX 190, COROWA NSW 2646**  
**SECRETARY : Jan McKenna - 0427 331 148**

**APPLICATION FOR TRADE SPACE FOR SWAP MEET AT THE  
 2026 COROWA SWIM-IN & MILITARY VEHICLE GATHERING  
 TO BE HELD AT COROWA SHOWGROUND ON SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
 (Swap Meet organised on behalf of Khaki Vehicle Enthusiasts Incorporated)**

**Business Name :**.....

**Contact Name :**.....

**Address :**.....

**Phone No.:**..... **Mobile No.:**.....

**Email Address:**.....

**Description of Goods or Services intended to sell or display :**

.....

**Costs :** **\$20 per day for Outdoor 6 x 3 metres (approx.)**

**\$25 per day for Indoor 3.65 x 3.2 metres (approx.)**

**Double rates for double size areas (approx.)**

**Stalls can be open from Thursday to Saturday, as charged above**

**Queries, contact Jan McKenna on 0427 331 148**

**or janandfrankmckenna@gmail.com**

**Camping at Showgrounds for Stallholders only, from Thursday to Sunday**

**Fee \$15 per night per campsite**

**COST FOR YOUR SITE (MUST BE PAID AT TIME OF BOOKING TO SECURE YOUR SITE)**

**Camping @ \$15 per night .....**

**Inside undercover @ \$25 per day .....**

**Outside site @ \$20 per day .....**

**Total cost for site .....**

**Signed by Applicant .....**

**Dated .....**

**Entry fee can be paid straight into Corowa P A & H Society's bank account with reference details :**

**Hume Bank - BSB - 640000 - Account No. 111224054**

**Guest Speaker on Friday night at Corowa Swim-In, March 2026 is Paul Handel****Below is a look into Paul's background whilst in the Army**

**Paul Handel (Major, Retired) joined the Citizen Military Forces (which later became known as the Army Reserve) in 1970, and was commissioned in 1972. A series of postings followed, including the OC of Technical Support Squadron of 1/15 Royal NSW Lancers, OC of a Field Workshop and a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Plans Team.**

**At the end of 1989 he was posted as Research Officer Royal Australian Armoured Corps (RAAC) Tank Museum, and in February 1999 was transferred to the Australian Army History Unit (AAHU), and posted as Museum Manger RAAC Museum, later Australian Army Tank Museum, a position he held until his retirement from the Reserve in August 2012.**

**In 2015 he was asked to return to Army Reserve service and undertake a project for AAHU involving the sectioning (cutting in half) of a Leopard Tank. This project was completed in October 2018, with much of the work being undertaken by the Royal Australian Navy Fleet Support Unit (SE) at Garden Island in Sydney. The sectioned tank is now an exhibit at the Australian Army Tank Museum, Puckapunyal.**

**In 1994 he was appointed the RAAC Historian and on Cambrai Day 1996 received an RAAC Certificate of Recognition, appointing him as an 'Honorary Blackhat' In 2018 he received a Commendation from the Head of the Royal Australian Armoured Corps for his work on the Leopard Tank Sectioning project.**

**He is the author of three books on Australian armoured history –**

**Fifty Years of the RAAC 1948 to 1998**

**Dust, Sand and Jungle – A History of Australian Armour 1927 to 1948**

**The Vital Factor – The History of the 2/6<sup>th</sup> Australian Armoured Regiment 1941 to 1945.**

**In civilian life he worked for a manufacturing company based in Waterloo and then joined a German-based engineering company and was involved in many projects including large steelworks and open cut mining projects until 2000. He then moved to a position with the same company and undertook the manufacture of overhead travelling cranes, retiring in 2016.**

**He has visited over 60 military Museums around the world.**



With reference to Paul Handel's article in the October newsletter, there was an error in the References at the end of the article. The line referring to the late Mr Laurie Wright should have read that his military vehicle research spanned 70 years, and not 7. The section below is corrected.

### References

Information used here has been collected from a number of sources, including but not limited to:

Australian Mechanization Summaries

MGO Equipment Memoranda

Vehicle Handbooks

The collection of the Late Mr Laurie Wright whose military vehicle research spanned some 70 years.

The Author's Files

Any mistakes are those of the Author

The author would like to thank WO2 David Moss of the Australian Army Museum of Military Engineering (AAMME) for his assistance in locating files applicable to some of the subject vehicles.

## 2026 - Year of the 6x6 at the Corowa Swim-In

**All owners of six wheel drive military vehicles are invited  
to take part - send your entry form in now!**





## Australian Army 6 x 6 Armoured Vehicles

The Australian Army used only a small number of 6 x 6 Armoured Vehicles over the years. This article will describe those vehicles and their use within the Army. The photos available of some of the variants are not of the best quality.

### WW2 Armoured Command Vehicle (ACV)

In March 1942, Major General Northcott, commanding the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Armoured Division, advised the AFV Section at Army Headquarters that trials had been conducted on an M3A1 White Scout Car to ascertain its suitability as an armoured command vehicle. Lack of space had rendered that type of vehicle to be deemed unsuitable as an armoured command vehicle. It was considered that the Australian Light Armoured Car "Rover" may be suitable for conversion to an armoured command vehicle, and General Northcott requested one of those vehicles be issued to the Armoured Division Signals unit for trials. He believed that the British armoured command vehicle (the AEC 4 x 4), which he saw in North Africa during his visit in 1941, to be unnecessarily heavily armoured and very slow and cumbersome.

General Northcott requested to be advised if any action was being taken to locally produce a more suitable armoured command vehicle. Director of Mechanization responded with the advice that drawings for an Australian designed command vehicle would be available shortly and that arrangements would be made for a pilot model to be built.

The armoured command car, as it was originally designated, was to be based upon the Ford 11T 156-inch wheelbase, six wheeled chassis, equipped with a Marmon Herrington front wheel drive conversion. The engine of the armoured command vehicle was a 95 hp Ford V8. A series of tests were conducted during July and August on a chassis of this type fitted with a mock up of the armoured front end to ascertain cross country capability and cooling capacity. These tests were conducted on a "rough" course for 25 miles and an undulating "cross country" course for 75 miles.

The test concluded that the front springs bottomed out too readily over moderately rough going and that it was doubtful that the front axle was strong enough to carry a load of 5300 lbs. The design of the armoured front cover over the radiator was deemed acceptable. Although there were doubts about the ability of the chassis to cope with continued cross-country work, at least two vehicles were built during the second half of 1942. One carried the registration number 53318 and the other 53331.

A large armoured body was fitted behind the engine compartment. The driver's compartment was separated from the main body by a partition which had an opening to allow access to the rear portion. Two hatches in the forward area of the roof were provided.

The actual layout of the interior is unclear, but from available photographs and information, it appears that six personnel were accommodated in the rear compartment. A 40 foot radio mast for use in static positions was also carried, as were two 300 watt petrol engined generators for operating lighting and radio equipment. A spare wheel was carried on the right rear of the body.

Service use appeared to be very restricted, but one of the vehicles (53331) carried the markings of the School of Tactics and Administration, indicating that the vehicle was at least issued to a unit, probably for evaluation purposes. The vehicles were declared obsolete in 1944 and there appears to be no trace of their subsequent fate.

Their duties were taken over by five British AEC 4 x 4 Armoured Command Vehicles, some of which already had seen service in the Western Desert campaigns. In Australian service they were found to be heavy, cumbersome, hot and exhausting to drive.

**Armoured 6x6 Vehicles — cont'd**

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**A view of the ACV showing the radiator scoop and the openings for the driver's compartment.**



**The ACV showing the rear door, the spare wheel mounting and mounts for the radio aerials**



## The Saladin Armoured Car

The British Army issued a requirement in 1946 for a new Armoured Car as a replacement for the WWII era Daimler and AEC Armoured Cars. Development of the vehicle commenced that year, originally to be armed with a 2pdr Gun. However it was decided in 1948 that the vehicle should be armed with the 76mm L5 Gun. the British Fighting Vehicle Research and Development Establishment (FVRDE) produced a design and Alvis Limited constructed prototypes in 1952 and a further six pre-production vehicles in 1955.

The Armoured Car project was delayed during this period as precedence was given to the development of the Saracen Armoured Personnel Carrier, as this was needed urgently for active service in Malaya, during the Communist Insurgent Campaign.

Production of the Saladin did not commence until 1958 and the vehicle entered service with the British Army in 1959.

The Saladin was a well-armed Armoured Car with good cross-country mobility. Its 6 wheel design was demonstrated to be effective in that at least 2 wheels could be lost due to battle damage, and the vehicle could remain mobile.

Saladin Armoured Cars were identical automotively to the Saracen APC, also built by Alvis, except that the Saladin's engine is located to the rear. Four wheeled steering improved the mobility of the vehicle. A Rolls Royce B80 8 cylinder (in line) water cooled petrol 160hp powered the vehicle. The armament consisted of one 76mm gun and two .30in calibre Browning Machine Guns in a 2 man, manual traverse turret. Two banks of six smoke grenade dischargers were mounted on either side of the turret and these could be fired electrically from within the vehicle to provide a protective smoke screen.

Saladin Armoured Cars entered service with the British Army in 1958, and saw active service in Aden, Malaya and Northern Ireland. A number of other Countries have used Saladin - including Indonesia, Lebanon, Sri Lanka and Kuwait. The Kuwaiti Army Saladin Armoured Cars were used against Iraqi Units during the invasion of Kuwait City in 1990.

The Saladin was purchased by Australia in 1958, and used in the training role. A total of 15 vehicles were purchased. The Army Registration Numbers were 115407 to 115421. The Saladins were used by the Armoured Centre and a number of CMF (Army Reserve)

In 1969-70 vehicles had their turrets removed and these were fitted to M113A1 Armoured Personnel Carriers (APC) and these were redesignated as the M113A1 Fire Support Vehicle. The conversion kits were made by the Ordnance Factory and the assembly of the M113A1 was done at the Base Workshop at Bandiana. Some saw active service in South Vietnam.



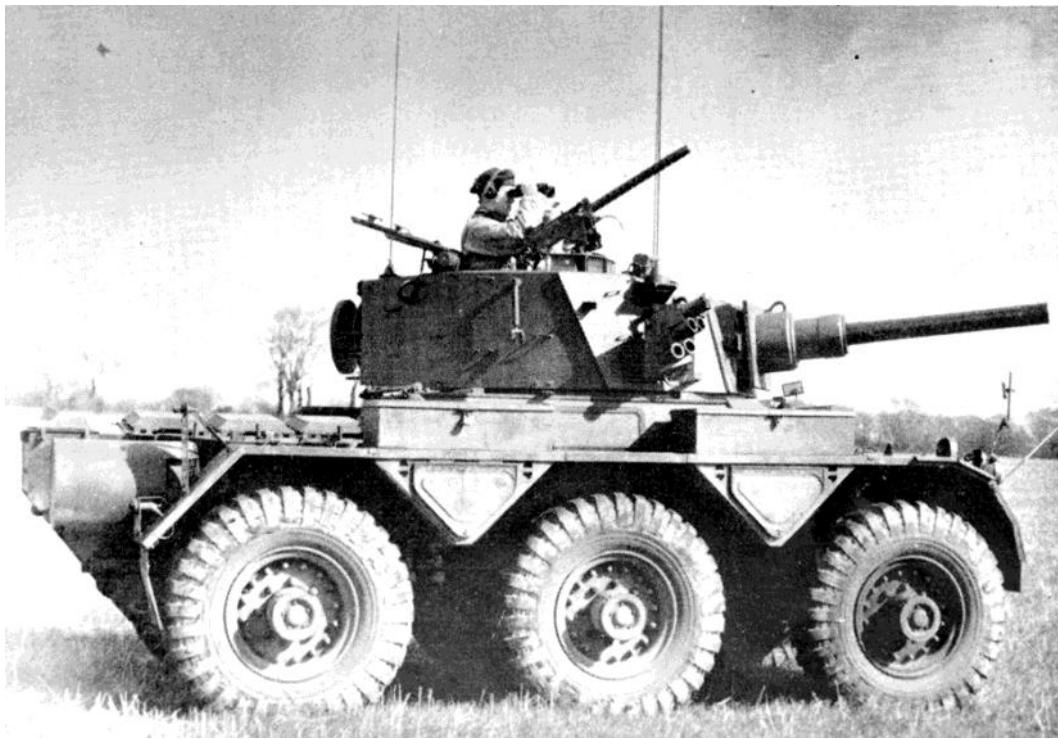
**A Saladin Armoured Car with turret traversed and showing the four wheeled steering. The vehicle mounts a .30inch machine gun operated by the crew commander, and the smoke grenade dischargers can be seen on the turret.**

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**A Saladin moving along a dirt track, with soldiers who appear to be dressed as "enemy" sitting on the vehicle.  
The formation sign of the 1<sup>st</sup> Pentropic Division can be seen on the hull.**



**A Saladin showing the 76mm gun and the crew commanders .30 inch Machine Gun The louvers for radiator cooling can be seen on the engine deck and the smoke grenade system on the turret side.**



**A Saladin Armoured car and the first M113A1 Fire Support Vehicle (FSV) showing the difference in height of the two vehicles**

## **The Saracen Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC)**

Shortly after WWII the British Army began development of the FV600 series of light 6x6 Armoured Vehicles. The first vehicle of the family, the FV601 Saladin Armoured Car, had its development curtailed due to the start of the Malayan Emergency between 1948 and 1949, and the design of the FV603, the Saracen Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC), took precedence. It was designed to carry an infantry section of 10 men, plus the driver and crew commander. It became clear that there was an urgent requirement for an APC with overhead cover to protect the passengers carried in the vehicle. Development work began with great haste in 1952 and the first models were produced by Alvis Limited in December of the same year.

The basis of the Saracen was the same six wheeled chassis of the FV601 Saladin Armoured Car, development of which had begun in 1952 but due to the Saracen APC being given precedence, the Armoured Car did not enter production until 1958.

Armour protection was provided to the crew and passengers by the Vehicle's armoured hull which was fully enclosed. A small Turret was mounted on the Hull roof which this mounted a .30inch calibre Browning Machine Gun, and a hatch in the Hull roof enabled a Light Machine Gun on a ring mounting to be operated against high angle targets. The engine was located at the front of the Hull and the personnel compartment at the rear. A Rolls Royce B80 Mk6A engine provided power through a fluid flywheel to a 5 speed pre-selective gear box. Each wheel was individually driven by universal shafts through the transfer case. The vehicle could still remain mobile if two wheel stations were out of action.

Saracens were the standard APC of the British Army from 1952 until replaced by the fully tracked FV432 APC which entered service in 1963. Saracens were widely used in a variety of roles – including Command, Ambulance and Internal Security. The Internal Security variants saw extensive service in Northern Ireland and Hong Kong.

Many countries around the world purchased Saracens to equip their Armies and the vehicle became a great export success. Reverse-flow air cooling was incorporated into Saracens destined for the Middle East and Asia.

The Australian Army acquired 30 Saracen APCs in the late 1950s and they remained in service until 1971, mainly with Reserve Armoured Units, until replaced by the M113A1 APC. Although they gave an excellent cross-country ride, in Australian service they were difficult to maintain, and were not a popular vehicle. Two Variants of the Saracen were used by Australia - the Armoured Command Vehicle and the Fitter's Vehicle.

## Armoured 6x6 Vehicles — cont'd

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**A Saracen Armoured Personnel Carrier showing the one man turret with the aperture for mounting the machine gun. Smoke grenade dischargers are mounted on the mudguards.**

**A Saracen APC acting as a broadcast vehicle with loud speakers on top of the hull. This was probably for an open day or similar.**



**The interior of the Armoured Personnel Carrier showing the seats for the infantry soldiers.**

**This vehicle was photographed at the Australian Army Tank Museum**



## Saracen Armoured Command Vehicle

Armoured Command Vehicles were developed to provide Commanders with an Armoured Vehicle from which Battlefield operations can be controlled and provide armoured protection for the occupants.

Three Saracen Armoured Personnel Carriers were converted into Armoured Command Vehicles in Australia for use in RAAC units from 1961. To convert the Saracen Armoured Personnel Carriers to Armoured Command Vehicles, the small Machine Gun Turret was removed from its position on the top of the Hull and the hole plated over. The vehicle's interior stowage was altered so that three officers, two radio operators, and the driver could be accommodated. A map board was built in as well as desk accommodation for the officers. As with most Armoured Command Vehicles, a tent was provided and could be attached to the rear of the vehicle to increase the work area.

Saracen Armoured Command Vehicles were equipped with the latest British C42, B47 and C13 type radio equipment. Extra batteries were carried to power the radio sets, and battery charging facilities were added.

The 3 converted Saracen Armoured Command Vehicles were used by Regular Army RAAC Units – including 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Regiment, 2/14 Queensland Mounted Infantry and 4/19 Prince of Wales's Light Horse. They served in this role until replaced by the M577A1 Armoured Command Vehicle – a member of the M113A1 APC Family, which replaced the Saracen APC in Australian service.



**The Saracen Command Vehicle showing the reduction in height of the vehicle when the turret was removed.**

**The frame for the tent can be seen over the rear doors as well as the additional stowage boxes on the side of the hull. This is a preserved vehicle.**





## Saracen Armoured Fitters Vehicle

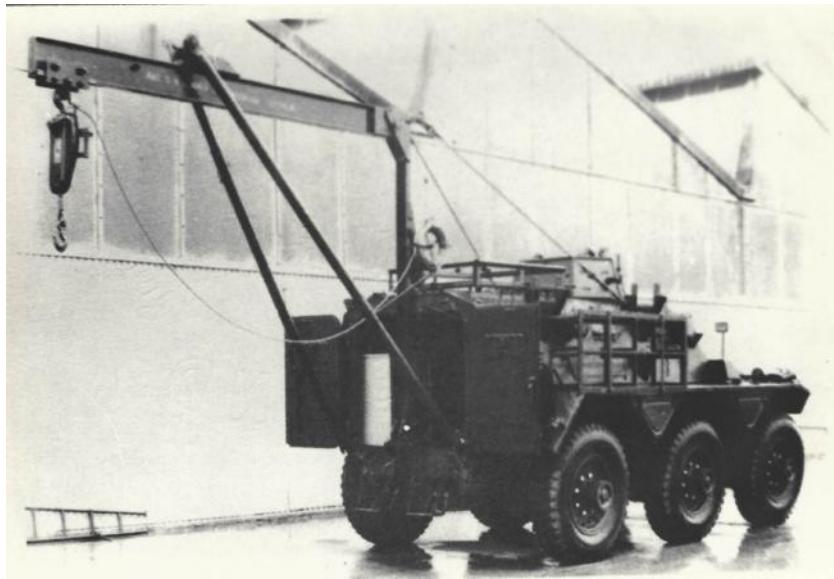
Following the introduction of the wheeled Armoured Fighting Vehicles into the RAAC in the mid 1950's, the need arose for an armoured repair or fitter's vehicle to accompany the Armoured Regiments in the field and undertake repairs in forward areas. A conversion kit was produced which would enable a standard Saracen Armoured Personnel Carrier to be converted into an Armoured Fitter's Vehicle.

The vehicle's role was primarily the transportation of RAEME Tradesmen, with special tools and repair parts to and from repair tasks. All standard features of the original Armoured Personnel Carrier were retained, including the armoured protection, the mobility and the armament.

Saracen Armoured Fitters Vehicles provided mobile light repair facilities and the conversion kit provided the following capabilities:

- Lifting - a 500kg capacity lifting jib could be mounted on the rear of the vehicle and was carried dismounted in special fittings on the side of the vehicle.
- Repairs - several portable field benches, complete with engineers vices, were carried to provide a working space for tradesmen.
- Stowage - internal and external bins and racks were provided to allow stowage of repair parts, tool kits, special tools and personal kit. A charging set of 300w capacity was also carried.

The prototype Saracen Armoured Fitter's Vehicle was trialled during Exercise Nutcracker in 1962, and a total of 8 vehicles were converted between 1962 and 1963.



**This is the Saracen Fitters Vehicle with the jib mounted, hoist fitted and support legs in place.**

**The Fitters vehicle showing the additional racks to store the parts of the jib and supports. This vehicle was photographed at the Army Museum Bandiana,**

Thanks again to the late Mr Laurie Wright for bringing together in a semblance of order all the facts (and deductions) made about these vehicles. Without his intimate knowledge of Australian military vehicles, this article would have been a jumble of unconnected snippets of information.





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**Corowa Swim-In polo shirts**

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**Corowa Swim-In drill shirts**

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## Magnetic '6x6' Stubby Holders for sale

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### Year of the 6x6 stubby holders

**These have a magnet in them to save you knocking  
your beer over!**

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### Year of the Land Rover stubby holders and a few from other years

There are still have some of the Land Rover stubby holders left plus a few from other years like Year of the Jeep etc, and these can be bought from the KVE Site Office at the Corowa Swim-In for \$10 each  
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## Remembrance Day at Howlong

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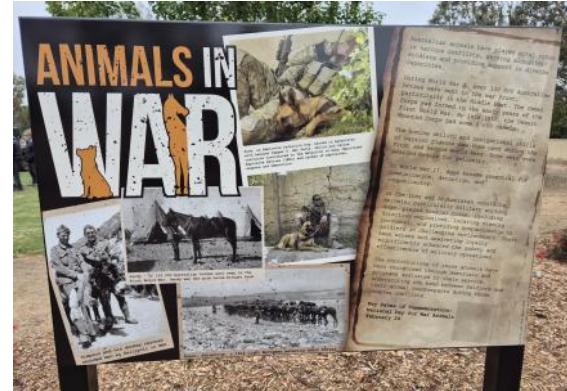
### Report by Lloyd Aylward on a visit by military vehicles

Howlong Public School (N.S.W.) contacted Jan Thompson asking if there was anyone interested in displaying their Military Vehicle at the Official Opening of their Memorial Gardens on Remembrance Day during their school Remembrance Day service. I emailed most of our local Military vehicle owners, I got 5 owners plus myself. We arrived at the school 45 minutes before the ceremonies started. John Curtis was the organising teacher at the school for this event. All the speeches, Nation Anthem & dedications went perfectly, every child was well behaved even when inspecting the vehicles, we gave them full access & they climbed in our vehicles & it was our pleasure to have them enjoying our visit. Rural kids perhaps are more respectful, when we left the school all of the vehicle owners commented on many of the kids asking first & others thanking us for letting them climb in our vehicles.



#### Vehicles & drivers present :

Graham & Bernice Robb – 1942 Ford Blitz, Peter Jervois – 1986 Land Rover, Kevin Day – 1943 Willys Jeep, Bob Bevan - Dodge Command Car, Robert Reid - 1943 Willys Jeep, Lloyd Aylward – 1944 Ford Jeep.





## **Saving E1 – Part II**

**The E1 - an Australian world wide feat in engineering**

As stated in Part I, E1 was the first experimental Australian Cruiser tank to be built and was completed late December 1941 at the same time as the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbour and soon after they bombed Darwin.

Part I described finding the lower hull of E1 on a farm near Drouin South in the 1980's and making the decision mid 2023 to try and restore this important part of Australian military history.

It is also important to give great credit to the Australian engineers who with great enthusiasm and a great amount of positive thinking, were able to build this tank in under two years to be as good as any other Allied tank at that time. Especially so if they had been able to build the AC4 tank with the best of the WWII allied tank gun – the 17 Pounder. As a matter of great interest for this story, all the gunnery trials with the 17 PDR were successfully conducted on this hull E1.

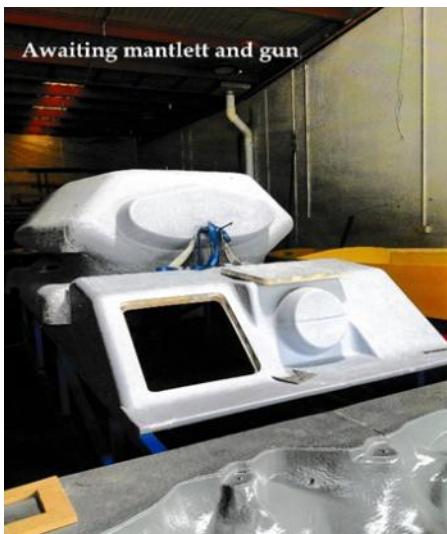
For more details I recommend Mike Cecil's book "Australian Cruiser Tank Sentinel – The tank that nearly was".



After a few enquiries as to who and where and how I could achieve this nearly impossible restoration, I was lucky enough to find a local "magician" through my good friend from the VMVC, Euan. He explained that this professional fibre glass boat builder and all-round military vehicle enthusiast, JP Marine, was happy and enthusiastic to take on the restoration.

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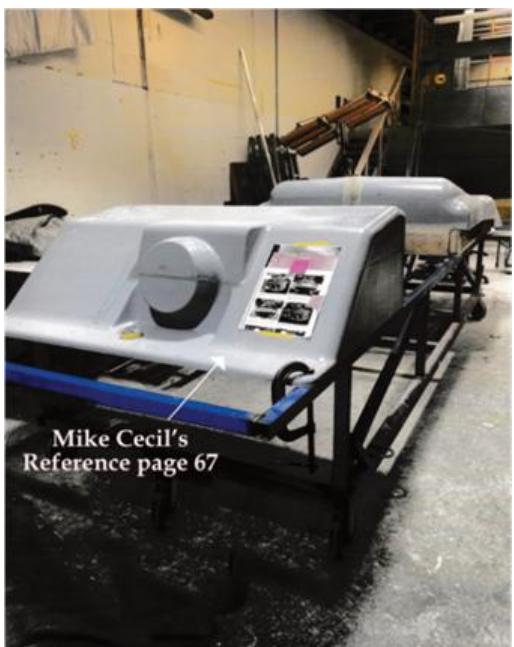
The restoration would involve making a replica of the top half of E1 which included fabricating the driver's compartment, the turret ring support and the engine deck. Also, the complete turret had to be fabricated together with the mantlet and 40mm gun. Although it would be built out of fibre glass and heavy ply and lots of bolts, the finish needed to look like a very rough casting, as these were the first large tank castings ever to be made in Australia.

At the successful casting of these six pieces of the hull by Bradford Kendall in mid-1941, they were then sufficiently confident to then cast the complete hull in one piece in October 1941. This was a worldwide first and Australian engineering was way ahead of the rest of the world.

Both the American and English tank makers were still using armour plate and rivets and later welding to make their tanks.

Next step on our E1 restoration was for JP (actually Jean-Pierre Macquet) to do lots of 3D scanning from Mike Cecil's Sentinel book to try and get enough measurements so he could find a huge factory that made giant dinosaurs and rocket ships in order to make the necessary moulds to cast up the fibre glass hull and turret.

I don't understand this modern 3D stuff. I did my turning and fitting learning in 1949 and I guess it has helped me to be able to restore enough military vehicles to start the Melbourne Tank Museum in 1993.



So, into the modern way! About 15 blocks of polystyrene varying from 2 to 3 metres long and nearly a metre thick were put into these huge machines which are basically small end mills set to run automatically night and day to make up moulds the same as drawings and photos in Mike's book. Just absolutely magic – the modern way!!

The moulds eventually arrived at JP Shipwrights Pty Ltd and JP and his crew did their magic and laid matting and glue and more matting (all layman descriptions!) and created the top half of the E1 tank.



## Saving E1 - Part 2 by John Belfield - cont'd

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Next challenge was to turn the smooth finished outer skin of the tank top into something that looked like a very early and rough 1941 cast steel hull. JP enlisted the help of a very highly skilled lady from the giant dinosaur factory, and she was able to do a fabulous job of aging the hull back to a 1941 look!

JP was able to assemble all the parts onto a temporary frame and transport it on a car trailer in peak traffic all the way to the Melbourne Tank Museum. It would have made an interesting spectacle amongst the suburban traffic!

Most parts were light enough to lift onto the E1 hull. The turret was bolted to the turret ring assembly and a 2 pounder 40mm gun made of aluminium was added.



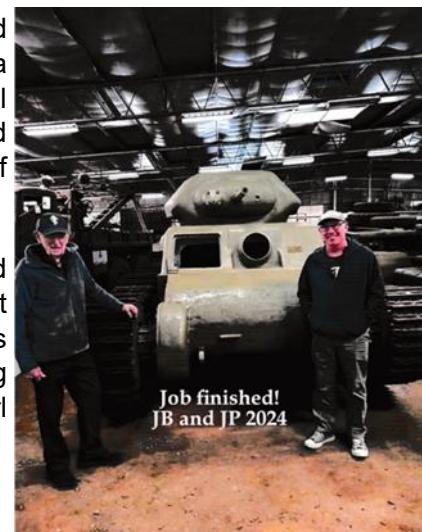
The three upper hull sections were bolted to the original cast hull with about 30 bolts  $\frac{3}{4}$ " diam. It was just great to see this historic piece of Australian military history come back to life after 83 years. I'm not sure what will happen to this historic piece. For the time being I am happy just to display it in my museum building.



The important thing is that it has been saved and restored to Static Display to represent a magnificent effort by Australian engineers at a time of extreme national emergency when the Japanese threat was there. We knew we had to defend ourselves. Pearl Harbour had been bombed, and the Japanese bombing of Darwin occurred on 19 February 1942 which resulted in great loss of life.



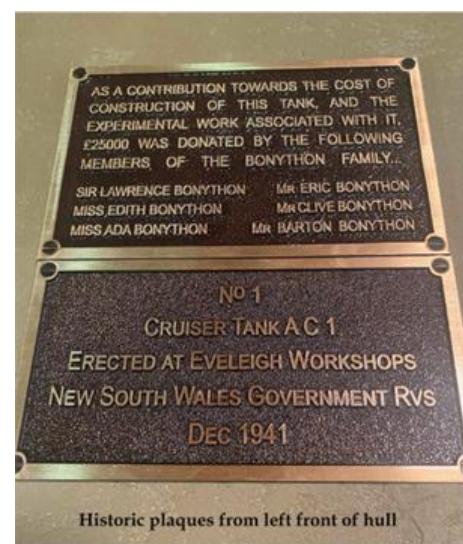
At 93 years old I finally had success of saving the first Aussie built tank, which was finished as the bombing was taking place in Pearl Harbour.



### Profile

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To Secretary and members

The Corowa Historic Vehicle & Machinery Club Inc, has set dates & venues for our 2026 rally's.  
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**7<sup>th</sup> March 2026**, Australian Chamberlain Championship, plus

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Ball Park Caravan Park	Bridge Road	Corowa	02 6033 1426
Howlong Caravan Park	55 Hume Street	Howlong	02 6026 5304
Rivergum Holiday Park	386 Honour Avenue	Corowa	02 6033 1990
Bindaree Holiday Park	454 Honour Avenue	Corowa	02 6033 2500
Corowa Caravan Park	84 Federation Avenue	Corowa	02 6033 1944
<b><u>Motel</u></b>			
Best Western Heritage Motor Inn	25 Edward Street	Corowa	02 6033 1800
Corowa Gateway Motel	203 Sanger Street	Corowa	02 6033 1566
Federation Motor Inn	330 Honour Avenue	Corowa	02 6033 2022
Greenacres Motel	91-99 Federation Avenue	Corowa	02 6033 2288
Howlong Golf Resort	194 Golf Club Drive	Howlong	02 6026 5321
Lone Pine Motel	17 Lone Pine Avenue	Corowa	02 6033 2966
Motel Menere's	146 Federation Avenue	Corowa	02 6033 1066
Motel Wingrove	147 Federation Avenue	Corowa	02 6033 2055
Riverside Water Front Motel	7-9 Cadel Terrace	Wahgunyah	02 6033 1177
Statesman Motor Inn	2 Edward Street	Corowa	02 6033 2411
Yarrawonga & Border Golf Club	Gulai Street	Mulwala	03 5744 1911
<b><u>Self Contained</u></b>			
Coromandel House	14 Tower Street	Corowa	02 6033 1001
John Foord Guesthouse	7 Braintree Avenue	Corowa	02 6033 5284
Kath's Place	15 Wanstead Street	Corowa	02 6033 1001
Murray Banks Holiday Units	76 Federation Avenue	Corowa	02 6033 2922
Murray Rest Cottages	43 Barkly Street	Wahgunyah	02 6033 3685
Oakleigh Hideaway	Piggins Road	Hopefield	02 6033 1814
Pete's Place	20 Gitchell Street	Corowa	02 6033 4495
Savernake Farmstay	Savernake Station	Yarrawonga	02 6035 9415
Terminus Holiday Units	Cnr Edward & Sanger Streets	Corowa	02 6033 4071
The Shanty Waterside Cottage	The Shanty, Spring Drive	Corowa	02 6033 3838
The Stable @ Riesling	1/51 Riesling Street	Corowa	0439 456 337
<b><u>B&amp;B</u></b>			
The Old Post Office Howlong	39 Hawkins Street	Howlong	02 6026 8278
<b><u>Hotels</u></b>			
The Royal Hotel	95 Sanger Street	Corowa	02 6033 0301

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### **Khaki Vehicle Enthusiasts Incorporated (KVE Inc.)**

**Mailing Address: 31 Bexhill Avenue, Sussex Inlet, NSW 2540** **Contact : Jan Thompson**  
**Mob. 0412 078 096** **Email: kveinc@optusnet.com.au** **Website: http://corowaswim-in.org**  
**Organisers of the Annual Corowa Swim-In & Military Vehicle Gathering**

### **Military Vehicle Group of NSW (MVG of NSW)**

**Contact : Secretary: Hayley Smith** **Email: mvgnsw@gmail.com**  
**Meetings via Zoom Facebook**  
**A family orientated group for military vehicle owners and enthusiasts.**

### **Military Section of the Veteran Car Club of WA (Inc)**

**Contact : Secretary: Murray Connell Phone No: 08 9451 4263**  
**Email: admin@veterancarclubofwa.asn.au**  
**Dates of Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, at 8pm**  
**Locations of Meetings: VCC Clubrooms, Cnr Hale Road/Tonkin Hwy, WATTLE GROVE, WA**  
**Website: http://www.veterancarclubofwa.asn.au/**  
**For collectors and enthusiasts of ex-military vehicles**

### **Military Jeep Club of Queensland Incorporated (MJCQ)**

**Address: MJCQ, PO Box 8131, Woolloongabba, QLD 4102, Australia**  
**Contact: : Email: secretary@mjcqinc.com** **Dates of Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month**  
**At Rocklea Showgrounds, Ipswich Rd, Rocklea, Brisbane, Qld.** **Website: www.mjcqinc.com**  
**Dedicated to the preservation of the WW2 Jeep and other military vehicles.**

### **Australian Military Equipment Collectors Limited. (AMEC Limited)**

**Secretary: John Hedges Phone No: 0428 581 480** **Email: jtjhedges@bigpond.com**  
**Dates of Meetings: As required** **Locations of Meetings: As Required**  
**Website: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/aussiemecs/**  
**'To encourage the ownership, preservation and use of historical military vehicles and equipment'**

### **Victorian Military Vehicle Corps (VMVC)**

**Address: PO Box 1209, Kensington, Vic 3031**  
**Contact : Gordon Edwards Phone No: 0422 567 287** **Email: a42ausjeep@hotmail.com**  
**Dates of Meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month** **Locations: Rats of Tobruk Hall, Albert Park.**  
**Website: www.vmvc.org.au** **"A military vehicle collectors club"**

### **WW2 Jeeps NSW**

**Contact person: Mitch Holland Phone Number: 0418 869 709** **Email: mitchtez@gmail.com**  
**Dates of Meetings: as required** **Locations of Meetings: can be anywhere**  
**WW2 Jeeps NSW is an "unofficial" Association of enthusiasts of the legendary WW2 Jeeps (41 to 45),**  
**however membership is open to anyone with an interest in Military history and not restricted to where you**  
**live. We are bonded together by a monthly newsletter sent out regularly to an email list and the only new**  
**membership joining criteria is a sense of participation for your and current members benefit.**  
**Find us on Facebook : world war2 jeeps nsw (fledgling group via this method with problems still being**  
**ironed out)**

### **Military Vehicle Group of Tasmania Inc.**

**President: John Boucher**  
**Ph. 0428 972 320** **john.boucher46@bigpond.com**  
**Secretary: Andrew Davis, 909 South Arm Road, Sandford, TAS 7020** **Email: mvgtinc@gmail.com**  
**https://www.facebook.com/MilitaryVehicleGroupofTasmania**

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### **Wartime Vehicle Conservation Group SA Inc. (WVCG)**

Contact: Rick Shearman Mobile No.: 0408 835 018 Email: [rickshearman@bigpond.com](mailto:rickshearman@bigpond.com)  
 Dates of meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month Location of meetings: Tower Hotel, Magill, SA  
 Organisation dedicated to preservation of military vehicles.

### **Military Vehicle Preservation Society of South Australia Inc. (MVPSSA)**

Mailing Address: PO Box 174, Salisbury, SA 5108  
 Contact: Dave Carmen (President) 0419 819 624  
 Email: [secretary@military-vehicle-museum.org.au](mailto:secretary@military-vehicle-museum.org.au)  
 Dates of meetings: Last Tuesday of Month except December No Meeting. AGM in July.  
 Location of meetings:  
**National Military Vehicle Museum, 10 Sturton Road, Edinburgh Parks, SA 5111**  
 Website: [www.military-vehicle-museum.org.au](http://www.military-vehicle-museum.org.au)  
 The Military Vehicle Preservation Society of South Australia Inc., and National Military Vehicle Museum. Our Society has been in service for 37 years, and our Museum celebrated 20 years in August 2013.

### **Land Rover Owners Club of Australia Sydney Branch Inc.**

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 172 Concord West NSW 2138 Contact email: [secretary@lroc.com.au](mailto:secretary@lroc.com.au)  
 Date of meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month from 8-9pm (exc. Dec)  
 Location of meetings: Denistone Sports Club Ltd., 59 Chatham Rd., Denistone, NSW 2114  
 Website: [www.lroc.com.au](http://www.lroc.com.au)  
 The Land Rover Owners Club (LROC) was formed in 1966 by a group of enthusiasts who shared an interest in four wheel driving and the great outdoors. It caters for all models from Series I.

### **Australian Armoured Vehicle Association**

Mailing address: Australian Armoured Vehicle Association Inc., ASIC Reg. NSW Y2413247, PO Box 41, Newport Beach, NSW 2106 Contact: Diana Alan 0417 669 081  
 The Australian Armoured Vehicle Association (AAVA) is a collection of enthusiasts who own, restore and display military vehicles. Formed in the late nineties with the aim of pooling resources and knowledge to benefit anyone seeking to collect, renovate and display armoured vehicles.

### **Registry of Ex-Military Land Rovers Inc. (REMLR)**

Email: [webmaster@remlr.com](mailto:webmaster@remlr.com) Website: [www.remlr.com](http://www.remlr.com) Forum: [www.remlr.com/forum](http://www.remlr.com/forum)  
 The Registry of Ex Military Land Rovers was formed in 1996 to collect information about ex Army Land Rovers that people were restoring including colours, fittings and markings. REMLR is not just Land Rovers, other vehicles are International trucks, Mokes, various other trucks, trailers, cars and bikes covered in the information pages.

### **Australian Ex-Military Vehicle Collectors Society Inc. (AMVCS)**

Mailing Address: P.O Box 221 Gladesville NSW 2111  
 Contact: John Gordon Phone No: Mob. 0411 868 745 Email: [jgor9364@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jgor9364@bigpond.net.au)  
 Dates of Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month Locations of Meetings: Ashfield RSL at 8pm  
 For collectors and enthusiasts of ex-military vehicles

### **Military History Group Inc.**

Mailing address: 4 Windsor Drive, Wallan, Vic. 3756  
 Contact: Gary Jordan (Vice President) 0419 314 457 email: [merlinengineers@bigpond.com](mailto:merlinengineers@bigpond.com)  
 The MHG Inc is based in Victoria and is an organisation dedicated to the restoration and preservation of military vehicles and their heritage. The MHG attends various events throughout Victoria and NSW and welcomes new members.





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# FEDERATION COUNCIL

**Supporters of the  
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KVE wishes to thank the Federation Council for their support of  
the event.



KVE gives special thanks to  
Club Corowa for their  
welcomed support of the  
2025 Annual Corowa Swim-In

30 Betterment Parade, Corowa

(02) 6030 5000



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NSW 2540  
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E-mail: [kveinc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:kveinc@optusnet.com.au)

**KVE Incorporated**  
Organisers of the Annual Corowa Swim-In  
Commences on the long weekend (Victorian Public  
Holiday) in March.  
Please visit our website for more info:  
<http://corowaswim-in.org>  
Also see us on Facebook - [corowaswimin](#)  
Submissions for this newsletter can be emailed to:  
[kveinc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:kveinc@optusnet.com.au)  
See you at Corowa in March 2026

# KVE Membership application form

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## KHAKI VEHICLE ENTHUSIASTS INC.

31 Bexhill Avenue, Sussex Inlet, NSW 2540

Mobile: 0412 078 096

Email: [kveinc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:kveinc@optusnet.com.au) Website: [corowaswim-in.org](http://corowaswim-in.org)

Reg. No. INC9884485 (Incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1984)

Khaki Vehicle Enthusiasts Inc. is an organisation, set up to run the **Annual GPA Swim-In & Military Vehicle Gathering at Corowa NSW**. Membership is available for those who wish to participate in the planning and running of the event and be able to vote on any matters arising at the General Meetings. What we expect is that you contribute some of your time and skills to carry out duties in association with the event, either during the year or at the event.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

FULL NAME OF APPLICANT		
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS		
MAILING ADDRESS (if different from residential address)		
TOWN/CITY	STATE	POSTCODE
CONTACT TELEPHONE NO. (HOME)	(WORK)	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	(MOB.)	

..... hereby apply to become a member of KVE Inc.

(occupation)

As a KVE member, I agree to be bound by the *Constitution and Rules* of the organisation.

KVE Membership Fee \$30 per year

Family Membership Fee \$45 per year

Amount Paid .....

Signature of applicant ..... Date .....

Nominated by ..... Seconded by .....

**Membership year runs from 1st March 2026 to 28th February 2027**

Lodge completed form, together with payment, with the Secretary

Please make cheque or money order payable to KVE Inc. (Sorry, no credit card facilities)

**Send to: Jan Thompson-Creamer, 31 Bexhill Avenue, Sussex Inlet, NSW 2540**

Membership Fee can also be paid straight into the Westpac cheque account for:

"Khaki Vehicle Enthusiasts Incorporated" BSB: 032521 Account No. 162538

Please enter your bank deposit reference, date and amount in box below:

Ref. No.	Date:	Amount \$
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Please ensure your name is on the Bank Deposit/Transfer form so we can easily distinguish who has deposited money and post or email your Membership Form.

**Privacy:** The information you have provided may be made available to KVE members from time to time.

Please indicate if you do not wish your details to be disclosed. ....

**Jan Thompson**  
PRESIDENT

**Richard Farrant**  
SECRETARY

**Harvey Black**  
VICE PRESIDENT



Organised by  
Khaki Vehicle  
Enthusiasts Inc.



## 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Corowa Swim-In & Military Vehicle Gathering

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Held annually at Corowa, NSW

All types and makes of ex-military vehicles are encouraged to attend.

**The theme is the 'Year of the 6x6'**

### ENTRY FORM

Entrant / Driver:

Name:		
Address:		State:
No. of extra Packs required at \$30 each:	Names of those, other than Entrant, requiring Packs:	
Home phone:	Work phone:	
Mobile:	Fax:	
Email address:		
Expected day of arrival:		
Member of the following clubs:		

**Military vehicles entered: (Trailer details not required)**

Year	Make	Model / Type	Registration/ Permit No.

#### Disclaimer & Declaration - Please Read & Sign

##### Disclaimer

All members, entrants, participants, drivers, riders, passengers, volunteers, members of the public, groups, organisations, businesses, spectators, or others ("Event Participants") who may enter and/ or participate in both organized activities controlled by KVE Incorporated (KVE), and other unregulated, ad-hoc activities during the Corowa Swim-In event period, do so solely at their own risk. KVE takes appropriate steps to manage risks for the activities it controls. KVE provides guidance to Event Participants on the need to exercise care, observe relevant regulations and ensure the safety of all Event Participants. KVE does not monitor all ad-hoc activities that occur during the duration of the event including amphibious operations on the water. KVE, its members, officers, volunteers, Federation Council, sponsors, agents, organisers, promoters, suppliers and their employees accept no responsibility for any loss damage or injury suffered by an Event Participant or other party howsoever arising from negligence, contractual breach, act or omission.

##### Entrant's Declaration 1. (COVID-19 Safety Requirements – ALL Entrants to sign and date)

In signing this declaration, I acknowledge that health risks may exist with regard to COVID-19 and that I have used my own inquiries and discretion in deciding to attend. Further, I confirm that I understand the event/s I attend may be subject to COVID-19 Safety Plans. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to ensure compliance with such Safety Plans by myself and my guests, and to follow the reasonable directions of the KVE Inc. and/or other appointed safety Marshals.

Entrant's Signature:	Date:
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Please read and complete page 2 of this form >

**Entrant's Declaration (Amphibious Vehicle Entrants to complete both sections below)**

In signing this declaration, I acknowledge that I have read, understood and accept the above Disclaimer, the Rules and Conditions of Entry. I certify that the vehicle entered complies with all relevant State/Territory regulations, the KVE Rules, has appropriate insurance cover and is roadworthy and safe to operate. Unregistered vehicles must have a NSW "Permit to Move". As applicable, all Firearms brought to the event must meet NSW Firearms Legislation. I agree to be bound by these requirements and by all NSW and Victorian roads, maritime, traffic management Laws and Regulations. I agree to show due courtesy and act responsibly toward all users of the roads and waterways during the Corowa event and in travelling to and from the event.

<b>Entrant's Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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**Amphibious Vehicle Declaration**

As applicable, all Amphibious vehicles that enter the water must comply with NSW Boating Regulations including registration as a vessel and appropriate safety equipment and the recommended 3rd Party and Comprehensive insurance. Whilst insurance is not compulsory, we strongly recommend that owners arrange suitable cover.

Please tick boxes below, as applicable:

<b>1. Will you use the Amphibious vehicle on Land only?</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>2. Do you have a State Boat Registration that is recognised in NSW?</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>

(Note: Amphibious vehicles that do not comply with these requirements may still be entered if they are used for land based activities only. If the amphibious vehicle is to be used as a vessel and does not comply with these requirements, it cannot be entered in the Corowa event due to the potential risk to the owner, KVE, its members, officers and participants. Owners who cannot comply with these requirements, who wish to swim their amphibians do so at their own risk. KVE, its members or officers accept no liability for any loss, damage or claim howsoever arising as a result of this activity.)

<b>Amphibious Vehicle Entrant's Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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**ENTRY FORMS TO ARRIVE BY 28th FEBRUARY 2026**

Entry Fee is **\$30** per Entrant enclosed with Entry form

Please make cheque or money order payable to KVE Inc. (Sorry no credit card facilities.)

**PLEASE NOTE, NEW ADDRESS:**

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