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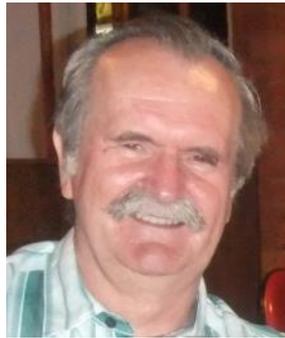
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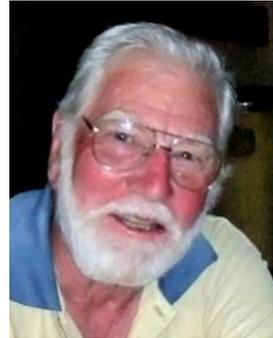
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## President's Report

Hi,  
Well, we just got away with the 2020 Swim-In last March, with the restrictions coming into play on the day after it ended. Whilst planning for the 2021 Swim-In, Year of the Jeep and Year of the RAAF Vehicle, it became clear that the event could well be restricted as to what we can do. The Covid-19 plans have to be put in to place and practically every activity that is organised would be affected and restricted. There is a more detailed report on the following page. It is with regret that after 41 years we will have to postpone the 2021 event and carry the two themes over until 2022. No one can guess the future so we have to plan responsibly. This is by no means the only event to be postponed for next year.

We are well aware that the Year of the Jeep theme could bring a very large number of the little vehicles and to run a restricted event would be a great shame, so hopefully in 2022 things will be better and we could have a record number of vehicles entered. Some of you who are restoring jeeps and other military vehicles might be giving a big sigh of relief as it gives you more time to finish them.

At home here in England we lost all our events. My truck has not turned a wheel sadly, but I came to realise it was not as bad as first thought, because if an event has not happened then you have not missed it. Not like you were sick, weather was bad or your vehicle broke down and were not able to get there. It did give me more time to get stuck in to a restoration I am doing for a major museum.

We will send out the KVE News during the following months, January, March and so on to keep you fully informed for the build up for 2022.

Best regards,  
Richard Farrant  
President KVE Inc.

**KVE received event sponsorship from the  
Federation Council for the 2020 event, we  
thank them for their continued support of the  
Swim-In.**

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## **Important Announcement from KVE Inc. on the 2021 Corowa Swim-In & Military Vehicle Gathering**

Following a review of COVID-19 Regulations and detail discussions with the Federation Council, it has become very clear that it would be impossible to run the 2021 Corowa Swim-In in its normal format. To fully comply with the stringent safety requirements of the COVID-19 Health Regulations will be very onerous for our volunteer group.

We have a responsibility and duty of care to our members, event participants and the local community. At present, we are held in good regard in the Corowa area due to increased business in the tourist off-season over many years. This could be quickly lost if a case of COVID-19 were attributed to someone from our event and all goodwill would be lost. It is only 4 months until March and this current virus situation will not go away quickly. Implications are widespread and it impacts on all facets of the event and it will be difficult to adhere to COVID-19 precautions. Our advice is that there will be no insurance cover for COVID-19 related claims.

The KVE Committee have discussed the implications and reluctantly come to a decision to postpone the 2021 event and transfer the themes Year of the Jeep & Year of the RAAF Vehicle until 14th to 20th March 2022. To explain in more detail, there would have to be an overall COVID-19 safe business plan, then EVERY activity/event would need a separate COVID-19 safe business plan. The street parade would need a COVID-19 safe business plan. Social events would be restricted on numbers. Events with food come under a different set of COVID-19 compliance and would impact BBQ's and the Friday night dinner. The Swap meet will need to have appropriate spacing and stall holders provide hand sanitiser – numbers in undercover area, possibly restricted with an entry and exit point and Marshalls at each site to keep numbers at the recommended number. Not only must the COVID-19 safety plans be prepared and approved, we will be required to prove that we have monitored compliance. This would be a large impost on everyone and detract from the casual event atmosphere. Vehicles including amphibians would only be permitted to have the driver and their immediate household in them.

Nobody can predict how long this COVID-19 situation will continue, nor do we know what restrictions may still be in place in 4 months' time.

The potential for the Year of the Jeep theme is that it could be larger than the one in 2010, so it makes sense to postpone it and, in the meantime, there could be more interest generated in the theme and everyone will be keen to

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get back to normal and we could have the largest ever gathering at Corowa in 2022. It would not be fair to run the event if there were still border restrictions in place across the country. Some will recall that we only just managed to complete this year's event as restrictions on gatherings came into effect the day after it finished.

To the participants that have already sent in their entries and paid, we will give you the option of requesting a refund or passing your entry and fee to the 2022 event. We intend to continue sending out regular issues of KVE News via email and the website [www.corowaswim-in.org](http://www.corowaswim-in.org) to keep you informed on planning and any new activities. By 2022, the refurbishment of Ball Park Caravan Park will be close to completion and they will be keen to see us return. For those of you who have booked accommodation or camping at the various places around Corowa it is advisable to contact them now to transfer your deposit to 2022. The dates for the 2022 Swim-In are [Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022](#).

For those of you who are currently KVE members, you will have your membership fee waived for the year starting 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021, we intend to send you these regular news sheets to keep you informed on planning for the comeback in 2022. We think this is only fair to you as valued supporters of the Swim-In.

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**Notice of KVE Meeting for Participants****Sunday 22nd November 2020 7.30pm using Zoom**

For access to the Meeting, please contact Jan Thompson-Creamer in advance for the log-in details and if you have never used Zoom before she will explain how it works and set up a trial meeting for you.

Contact Jan on email [kveinc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:kveinc@optusnet.com.au) or call 0412 078 096

**Accommodation Booking Changes**

**For all those participants of the Corowa Swim-In who have left deposits at their chosen accommodation, you are advised to transfer your booking to the 2022 dates, which are:**

**Mon 14th to Sun 20th March 2022**

## Public Relations Officer's report

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### Jan's report:

It has been an interesting few months since we held our last event. Fortunately it was just in time before COVID-19 restrictions came in. Many people have experienced unfortunate changes in their lives and with border closures and being limited to only travelling no more than 5kms it has definitely been a challenging year. We have all been wondering what events are being postponed or cancelled and unfortunately we are postponing Corowa 2021. In 2022 we will continue the event and the theme will be Year of the Jeep and Year of the RAAF. This will enable more people to get their jeeps on the road or purchase one in time for the 2022 event. We always like to encourage people with any type of military vehicle irrespective of the theme. Being a Land Rover owner I am sure with the number of Land Rovers which have been for sale over the past few years they will aim to beat the number of Jeeps in attendance at Corowa which occurred in 2018- Year of the Land Rover.

### Themes:

**2022: Year of the Jeep and Year of the RAAF Vehicle.** The event will commence on 14<sup>th</sup> March and finish on 20<sup>th</sup> March

**2023: Year of the Heavy Metal.** The event will commence on 13<sup>th</sup> March and will finish on the 19<sup>th</sup> March

**2024 Year of the Blitz.** The event will commence on 11<sup>th</sup> March and finish on 17<sup>th</sup> March

**2025: Year of the Studebaker.** The event will commence on 10<sup>th</sup> March and finish on the 16<sup>th</sup> March.

### Accommodation bookings:

After conversations with the Federation Council people should now be contacting their caravan park, motel, hotel, etc. and advise them to change the booking from 2021 to 2022. It appears that most of the redevelopment of Ball Park Caravan Park will be complete by 2022. They always look forward to having our event.

### Pre-registered participants:

Thank you to all those people who have already pre-registered for the next event. We will be in contact with you to discuss whether you would like to transfer your entry to 2022 or receive a refund.

### Planned trips:

Members of KVE have already been in contact with towns, museums, schools and we will hold our day trips as follows:

Wed: Rand

Thursday: Tocumwal

Friday: military sites near Corowa (in the Federation Council area)

### Entry forms for 2022:

We still welcome anyone who would like to send in their form. We have made changes to the form and as it is likely to be our largest event yet we do require numbers so we can organise our participant packs.

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### Radio control model military vehicle contest:

David Barton has contacted KVE and is looking forward to holding a slightly different activity which will involve anyone with radio controlled model military vehicles. There is a flyer in this edition of the KVE news. We are hoping to encourage children and families to bring along their RC vehicle.

### Zoom Catch up sessions for participants:

KVE has been using Zoom as our preferred conference call platform. We are planning a Zoom Catch up on 22 November at 7:30pm and invite any participant who would like to attend. For security reasons please send me an email and I will forward the login details. It is quite a simple thing to do and many clubs are now running their club meeting with Zoom. If you have never used Zoom or want to check that you are able to enter the meeting please contact me prior and I will set up an initial meeting just with you so I can explain the different features when using Zoom.

Email: [kveinc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:kveinc@optusnet.com.au)

Phone: 0412 078096

### Keith Webb's DVDs:

There are contact details for Keith near the end of this newsletter if you would like to purchase any of his great DVD's.

**Memorial Board for enthusiasts who are no longer with us:** Each year we lose 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. Please forward them to me.

### 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. KVE members will be receiving a newsheet on a regular basis as well as the KVE News.



**YEAR OF THE JEEP**



**2022**



**YEAR OF THE RAAF**



Organised by Khaki Vehicle Enthusiasts Inc.



When sending in your entry form you will see the option to order one of the plates shown above.

## Ball Park Caravan Park

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**Ball Park Caravan Park** is located on a sweeping bend of the magnificent Murray River in the township of Corowa close to the historic John Foord Bridge. The park provides a range of accommodation styles from large unpowered and powered sites available for caravans, camper trailers and tents plus cabins from standard to a

luxurious villa unit type. Water sports and related activities are one of the key reasons that visitors come to Corowa and stay at Ball Park Caravan Park which offers easy access to the Murray River. To make a booking or for further information please contact the friendly staff at Ball Park Caravan Park.



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THOSE PARTICIPANTS WITH RESERVATIONS AT BALL PARK CARAVAN PARK.

If you have a reservation at Ball Park Caravan Park for 2021, you are strongly advised to contact Sonya at the Ball Park office to transfer it to the Corowa Swim-In dates for 2022. (Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> to Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022)

If you prefer to cancel, they will give you a refund, see below.

#### Ball Park Questions and Answers:

##### Check in at the park: Are there any further details required from guests for Covid restrictions?

On check in, there are declaration forms to sign stating you are not unwell, you have not been to a restricted postcode etc.

##### Public/Non ballpark guests: Can members who aren't staying at the park enter the park?

Yes as it stands at the moment. People, are able to attend the park that are not necessarily staying there, they will be required to sign a Ballpark declaration form on entry.

##### Deposit/refund policy for Covid: What is the process of deposits and or refunds for Covid Restrictions/Guest unable to travel?

Refunds a whole amount if unable to attend due to Covid restrictions/Travel restrictions.

Cancellation by choice: cancellation fee is charged

Sonya also offers to keep their deposit on their account to carry forward to a time when they are able to attend the Caravan Park.

##### Can guests carry their deposit forward for 2022 event?

Yes they can carry it forward for the next year.

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Sadly we have lost some participants in recent months. Graham Meyer was a very popular attendee over the years, always had interesting items to sell. We all remember his superb restoration of the Chev ambulance, finished in time for the Year of the Emergency Vehicle.

Adrian Collett had only attended the Corowa Swim-In twice it is understood, the first time was when he brought his LP Carrier down from Wee Waa for the first Year of the Carrier.

Here are two tributes to Graham and Adrian:

### Vale - Graham Meyer

In September we heard the sad news that Graham Meyer had passed away after suffering a heart attack. Graham was one of the genuine enthusiasts who saved many an old military vehicle from the scrappers so that someone else could restore it. It was always a pleasure to meet up with him at Corowa each year. We both were on the Back To The Track in 1995 and I only recently found out that Graham also took part in Bash events raising money for charities, I also did one, the Variety Club Bash in 1992.

Graham was always surrounded by participants at Corowa, eager to see what 'gems' he had brought along to sell, he will be sorely missed.

He supplied vehicles from his collection to take part in two epic films, The Great Raid and Pacific.

Graham was a true gentleman. Something that not many people outside of Tamworth would know was when in 2007 he saved the life of a young co-worker at the supermarket where they worked, here is the story:

*For 20 minutes, Danielle Hognon was clinically dead. She lay lifeless on the floor after suffering a heart attack at work. She wasn't breathing and had no pulse. The 18-year-old owes her life to one man - workmate Graham Meyer, who fought desperately to resuscitate her until the ambulance arrived. Doctors say Danielle's survival is a miracle that hinged on Mr Meyer's efforts performing cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), breathing air into her lungs and pumping her chest, which fed oxygen to her brain.*

*"She was gone. She'd gone blue in the face and her eyes were black pools," said Mr Meyer, "a stubborn bugger" who never gives up.*

*In an eerie coincidence, Mr Meyer, 59, was also saved from the brink of death - at 18 - from drowning. Doctors who treated Danielle at Tamworth Base Hospital last month told her parents it was a one-in-15-million chance that she survived without brain damage. The number of people who suffer a cardiac arrest out of hospital and fully recover is just two per cent. But after a month of intensive hospital treatment, including surgery to fit a defibrillator pacemaker, Danielle is on the slow road to recovery.*

It is not until someone has gone do we find out about them and all the good things they have done in their lives.

R.I.P. Graham, it was good to have known you. We send our condolences to Graham's wife Marie and their family.

The Editor

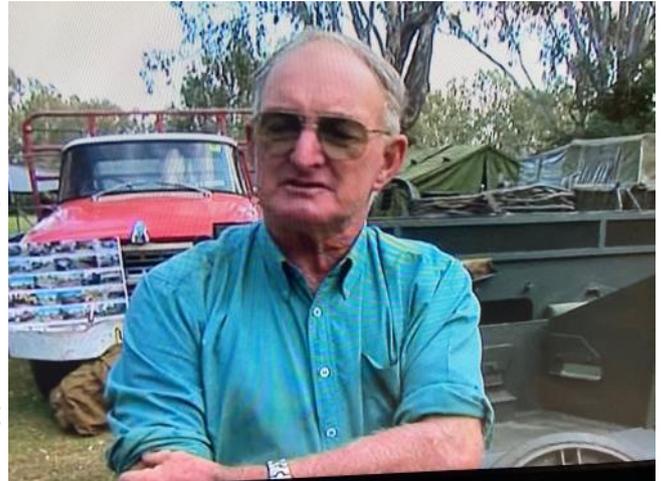


**Vale - Adrian Collett - late of Wee Waa and Narrabri**

Departed Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Sadly, I have to report the death of one of the old time military vehicle and equipment collectors, Adrian Collett. He told me that his interest in military vehicles came from when, as a little kid, the 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Division were training on his father's property near Wee Waa. He was impressed by the tanks and guns. There would be a complete story just in that bit, I'm sure.

He gathered trucks and equipment from right across the North West, at sales and via contacts, and amassed a large collection of military stuff. He used the big Diamond T to tow his float (the bogie made from the back end of an NO Mack), moving his bulldozers from job to job. Jeeps, GMCs, Blitzes of all sorts, his Dodge WC51 and Studebakers were all workhorses around the place.



Along with these vehicles, was of course his collection of guns of all sorts. I recall a street parade in Narrabri many years ago where his Bren Gun Carrier, in the parade, was fitted with a complete Vickers in the gunner's compartment! The OIC, Narrabri Police, was riding in there, so that should have made it all OK. He was an active member of the Narrabri Pistol Club, and was very annoyed with himself when a stroke weakened his left hand and stopped him from competing.

He told me not too long ago that his wife, Adrienne, informed him that for every truck that he bought, she was going to buy herself a ring. After she died, the family discovered a box with thirty something rings in it. Fair's fair, so it seems. He certainly had a lot of vehicles, in rows in the paddock, and AMVCS actually had a trip to Woodville many years ago to visit. I expect that would have been a very noisy weekend.

Amongst his gear on the farm, he also had some of Geoff Dennis's stuff as well, and my LP2A carrier, 5672, was originally one of Geoff's. Adrian's carrier had come from a property further out, and he refurbished it as a project suggested by his doctor during a bad time. He used to take it away to parades and other events on the back of his farm truck, and I remember driving my Dodge to Moree one year, when he trucked the carrier up and we joined in their Anzac Day march. He was always a nervous driver of the carrier, worried that something might go wrong.

We went together to the first year of the Carrier at Corowa. I drove my Dodge WC52, and he had the Carrier in the back of his old International. I headed down the Newell Highway from Narrabri West and met up with him in the Pilliga Scrub. He had come through the forest roads from Woodville, saving a considerable distance. We set out with him leading, but behind his old truck with its worn out Perkins 6.354 was not a good place to be. I overtook him and sped(?) off. Some distance down the road I pulled up under a tree and read a book.

I waved as he went by, and later caught up and passed him again. That was the technique until Peak Hill, where we stopped for lunch. When we went to leave, the whole exhaust system fell out of the manifold, the fencing wire holding it in place having failed. I volunteered to be the top fixer upper. There was no way I was getting underneath with the dripping oil and hot pipes. More fencing wire, from under the seat, fixed the problem and away we went once more, using my leapfrogging technique. We stopped in West Wyalong that night and made Corowa the next day.

There is an interview with Adrian in Keith Webb's Year of the Carrier DVD. Dave Argles tells me that they caught up with Adrian re. carriers that year, and lots of discussions were held.

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We were camped under a canvas tent fly in Ball Park, and Adrian, always the cocky farmer, was up before the crack of dawn cooking bacon and eggs for breakfast, hours before what I believed breakfast time should be. There is a picture here of Adrian, with the old Inter and his photo board, in the park that year.

Adrian's predictions came true (doom and gloom) when he and Geoff Dennis headed off in the parade. In the line of carriers, lots of smoke came out and the machine failed to proceed. Lots of muttering and cursing (something about female dogs, etc) would have followed. A replacement coil and a bit of hot wiring cured the problem, and in the video the two of them can be seen joining the line up at the airport, just before the 2-pounder attack carrier from Bandiana arrives.

The trip back went OK I remember, except that Adrian didn't turn right in Walbundrie and so didn't meet me in Culcairn as arranged. After lots of running about, I finally tracked him down in Temora, more by good luck than good management. He came back to Corowa a few years later, with wife Adrienne, and without a vehicle, though I can't recall the year. They rode with me in the Dodge, and caught up with numerous friends.

Adrienne had to go into Narrabri's Jesse Hunt nursing home some time back, and really wanted to get out and go home. Adrian, who was living at home in Narrabri with community help, went into the home for a weekend on respite, and didn't want to leave. They shared a room there until Ade died. Adrian had been there ever since and has been happy there, loved by the staff and visited regularly by his family and his many friends.

As a member of the Namoi Valley Antique vehicle Club, Adrian was taken by other to club outings and to Anzac Day events. Some of us closer to him used to take him out to the farm reasonably regularly, sorting out stuff that he wanted to start or often, I think, simply look at and be with. Three of us in the club have vehicles on the road that were owned by Adrian. Ken Nobilo has his WC51 Dodge, Ray Johnson his Willys Jeep and of course me with my Ford carrier. For his last birthday, we all went with him to the Chinese Restaurant for a birthday lunch.

Due to the Covid restrictions in place it has been much harder to visit in the nursing home, with the need to make appointments and be tested, etc and I have had fewer visits. The last time was about ten days ago, and for a change we went out in the back yard, in the shade of a tree. The nursing home chooks came around to see what was going on, and Adrian was reaching down to them from his wheelchair. We talked about a fellow who wanted to buy one of his remaining Blitzes, and how he wanted to go to the farm to help me load some parts that I had bought from him. After nearly an hour I suggested that he might be getting cold, as a breeze had come up and he was only in shirtsleeves. He agreed and I wheeled him back to the sisters' station. We talked there until staff came by to take him back to his room, and said goodbye. I never saw him again.

I understand that yesterday evening, he was lying on his bed watching TV when the nurses checked on him. A short time later, when they looked in again he was on the floor and gone. They believed that he might have had a heart attack and tried to get out of bed. I have been speaking to his family, and have been asked to speak at his funeral, whenever that will be. A good friend, and one of the good guys. He will be missed.

RIP Adrian

Harvey Black



Adrian in 2019 when a friend drove his Dodge in the ANZAC parade.



## **My First Big Truck – A 1943 Kenworth M1A1 Heavy Wrecker A 1964 story with a twist by John Belfield**

“Hey Dinga, the boss wants to see you!” “Bloody hell, what have I done now?”

The boss was Capt. Banford the OC (Officer Commanding) the LAD (Light and detachment) of the 4/19 PWLH (4/19 Prince of Wales Light Horse) Armoured Regt.

I had recently spent a few weeks at the Bandiana RAEME (Royal Australian Electrical, Mechanical Engineers) training centre on a recovery course learning how to winch and lift and tow heavy Military Vehicles. It was a lot of fun and I consider myself lucky to have been “invited” to do this course.

Our heaviest vehicle in the Regt. was the Staghound armoured car. A WWII four wheeled beast weighing 13 tons and driven by 2 x GMC 260 Petrol motors. Also we had White Scout cars, Ferret scout cars, Studebaker 6x6 trucks and Austin Champs and Humber 1 ton trucks and International CL (Commercial Loading) trucks and also a Blitz workshop truck.

Getting back to the Boss and his ASM (Artificer Sergeant Major Alan Regan ex WWII veteran). After exchanging pleasantries, (in those days our little unit LAD was a fairly informal and friendly unit no salutes (except on pay day) we were part of the CMF (Citizen Military Forces) all mad keen volunteers.

The Boss’s orders were to proceed to Seymour 1 BOD (No.1 Base Ordnance Depot) and pick up a heavy wrecker and its CES (Complete Equipment Schedule) and return to our 4/19 Depot at Park St Nth Carlton, Melbourne and get it ready to escort the Regt. for a 16 day camp (field exercise) up in the mountains in Gippsland Vic. This exercise was always called our annual camp.

The route was to be down Punt Rd then St Kilda Junction along Dandenong Rd then Dandenong (no freeways in those days 1964!) up the Berwick hill and then to Heyfield. Then north through Licola and up to Connors Plains and Mt Skene.

I don’t remember the trip up – it must have been without any serious breakdowns. Although a good mate of mine, Dave McCallum, who was a Regular Soldier and later to spend a year in Vietnam and involved with the battle of the Coral Fire Support Base whilst operating as a recovery mechanic on the famous M543 “TUNZAGUTS” which is now in preservation at the Bandiana Military Museum. When I spoke to him about the Staghounds way back then, he said he could remember six of them stopped and half blocking up Punt Rd! Where was the 4/19 wrecker?! No sorry, can’t remember back that far, I turn 89 next month, that’s my excuse and I’m sticking with it. (I use that excuse a lot these days)!

The LAD set up camp in the bush in the edge of Connors Plains which was virtually a snow plain all above 3000 ft and quite suitable for the training requirements for an armoured unit. Both B sqn and C sqn (Squadron) and HQ sqn found suitable locations in this large area. There were a lot of logging tracks criss crossing the area together with numerous smaller tracks that were always referred to in the early days after the war as “Jeep Tracks”. Our first casualty was the stores truck, an AA160 International CL (Commercial Loading) with a blown head gasket. We had several good mechanics and quite a few “learners” so that job was easy.

For my recovery team the first job was a blown up Staghound! Blown up meant that the GMC260 petrol motor had put a “leg out of bed” which was early slang meaning that a big end bearing had let go and destroyed the piston or broken the con rod and thrown the rod our thru the side of the cast iron cylinder block. It happened quite often because the Stag had 2 engines and 2 Hydramatic auto gear boxes and if one box changed up to a higher gear and the other didn’t then that motor would be over revving by thousands of revs and something would have to let go. Quite often over the years, I would be called out to a broken down Staghound and the first part of the diagnosis would be to lift the engine hatches and look for a “leg out of bed”.



Which sort of reminds me of a similar episode in my Nissan GTiR race car at Philip Island Racetrack in 2014. Coming around Siberia, which is the hairpin bend at the beginning of the back straight, the engine suffered oil starvation and halfway up the straight, there was a terrible clanging noise from the engine, and I coasted to a stop. Shortly after an out of breath flag marshal ran up with a very hot and mangled con rod and asked me if this possibly belonged to me! Actually I had to ring up my original recy mech, Ray Tuskin, who has remained a good mate these last 55 years and call out "RAEME TO THE RESCUE". A bit of an anti-climax as he rolled up in his Toyota 4x4 and car trailer to take me home.

So the broken down Staghound. It was my job to get it down the mountain and thru to Heyfield and load it onto the train. The main reason that the regiment had given me the Kenworth M1A1 Heavy wrecker for the job was because our 569 Diamond T Wrecker was only a medium wrecker i.e.. 4 tonner. The Stag weighed 13 tons and much too heavy for the Holmes twin boom type of crane. All we could manage with the Diamond T was to flat tow a Stag and really not very easy or legal for that matter.

The Kenworth was strong enough to lift tow the Stag but the crane was too long to be able to lift the Stag close enough to the back of the wrecker to be able to put on the short lifting frame, sometimes called an A frame. The solution was to put a heavy cable sling over the crane jib, about halfway along and attach a heavy snatch block to that and run the cable from the 45,000 Lb bog winch over the snatch block and onto the Stag towing eyes with another short sling. The A frame was necessary to have a good control over 13 tons of Staghound waving in the breeze! It works very well, and I have used it many times even with the Ward la France which we used in later years in the desert and yes that's another story!

My job was to lift tow the Stag down the mountain range to Heyfield and put it on the train for Melbourne. It was a pretty scary job as the Staghound weighed 13 tons and with no brakes while hanging on the hook, I had to rely on 20 year old brakes in my magnificent Kenworth recy wagon!

Coming down the mountain range required a certain amount of discipline to control the speed with a total of 24 tons pushing us down. All steep bits and sharp corners required a slower approach and much changing down thru gears in the five speed gear box. It was a relief to get down on the flatter area from Licola to Heyfield.

As mention the Stag needed to be loaded onto the flat bed wagon on the train at Heyfield. Unfortunately there was no end loading ramp available. So it was a side load by backing across the station platform and jack knifing the Stag onto the flat bed without dropping the outer wheels off the wagon. West Coast mirrors would have been handy, but this was 1964 and army mirrors were still too small, vibrating, fairly useless for the job. Anyway, the job was successful after a "few" tries.

I was concerned about the safety of me and my jockey, Normy Nichols, on this scary down the mountain trip. The hand brake on all old USA trucks used to have a 14 inch disc brake which was very effective at slower speed. Just think about that; Disc brakes admittedly only on the hand brake way back n 1943! The pads were worn out on the Kenworth so I called into a local saw mill workshop and obtained a 14 inch clutch plate lining and cut it into 4 sections and re riveted it onto the pad brackets and that just made me feel a bit safer. Probably wouldn't slow 24 tons much but hopefully enough to jump out without being killed – after all I was only a young 33 years old, too young to go yet.

The powers that be in the Regiment must have heard of my safety concerns regarding 24 tons of vintage truck and Stag hurtling down the mountain side and so eventually, the Regs (Regular Army) suddenly appeared at our Connors Plains camp with what they considered a better solution!

This turned out to be another vintage 1943 Federal 504 prime mover and a low loader trailer made by Britsland. It was over width which was handy as the Stag as over width also. The trailer had a single row of 8 wheels with 8.25 x 15 rag tyres and was certainly a safer combination and safer for my crew as we didn't have to drive it! It had rear loading ramps and a 45,000 lb winch on the prime mover for loading crocks.

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Stags were vulnerable to break the steering by running into stumps, rocks and gutters. Winching Stags onto the trailer was tricky with no steering. Usually we would use the Kenworth with a lump of timber pushing the front wheels straight during winching.

There were quite a few log trucks working in the area and they had a unique and practical method of making their downhill wild descent a little bit softer. Their log

jinkers (trailers) were usually with 2 heavy duty axles connected to the prime mover with a timber pole made out of 5 or 6 inch square timber, usually hinged in the middle, so that they could load the jinker on the back of the prime mover for the trip back up the mountain. Just at the beginning of the down hill mad descent, there was a small creek running out the side of the hill. They would stop here and fill a large drum attached to the jinker with this water. They had a tap and hose running to each brake drum to cool the brakes in the downhill run.

Crude but effective. I didn't bother with this solution on the wrecker as the Army is not too keen on major "field modifications".

Our next job was to rescue a Humber 1 ton 4x4 which had broken down on the other side of Mt Skene. It was way down a narrow winching "jeep track" and not too easy a job for a 10 Ton wrecker! My ASM was a bit concerned whether we could do the job but having spent many years exploring the mountain areas in my modified Dodge Weapons Carrier. I was very confident and enthusiastic to do the job.

The job entailed a lift tow and very challenging! Sharp corners up hill with no power steering (we used to call that "Armstrong steering"), was difficult and sometimes took 2 or 3 goes with one front wheel hanging over the edge.

We had quite a few Ferrets which I had to recover to LAD headquarters on Connors Plain. Lift towing was a bit of a pain as we had to remove the sun gears from the rear wheels in order to neutralise the drive shafts attached to the transfer case so that the transfer case didn't rotate while being towed. The oil pump in the transfer case was driven by the input shaft which of course needed the engine to run. Most Ferret breakdowns were fuel pumps (awful job to replace) starter motors and 2 speed generators. We found that a good smack with a pick handle on the side of the generators or starter usually had a



**Steering Staghound onto the low loader with nosing prop on wrecker.  
Note young John Belfield driving the wrecker, ARN 143340**



All good fun 1964, Good weather,  
no roof or windscreen

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good result. Basically they were more reliable than Stags and about 20 years younger!



Slow motion rollover of a Champ

The age of Land Rovers hadn't arrived at 4/19 PWLH so we still had those Pommy "equivalent" of the jeep, The Champ. They were a bit over complicated in their design, but they did a reasonably good job. The only recovery we had to do on them in this location was to fix a slow motion rollover which we did with about 10 of us to manhandle it back on its wheels with no damage.

For me it had been a very interesting and enjoyable 19 days as a recovery mechanic, and I consider myself very lucky to have been a part of camp 1964. I was also lucky to be able to

do the same job for the Regiment the next 26 years and it was a sad day when I turned 56 once again it was – "Hey Dinga, the boss wants to see you". Oh hell, what now!

It was my old boss of about 11 years duration, Jim McFarlan, and his question was "How bloody old are you?!" my reply was – "Just like Radar – I'm just a kid!"

His reply was – "Well CARO (Central Army Records Office) has sent me a signal and you should have left the army over a year ago. I'm sorry you're finished". SO that was it – a very sad day and the only bright spot was that because I'd always worn 2 hats i.e. a black beret for the Regt and a RAEME badge on the front for RAEME, they gave me 2 farewell dinners in the 2 Sgts messes.

So fast forward about 50 years from Mt Skene camp and I hear about an old heavy wrecker possibly for sale near Forbes NSW. It sounded good and I was lucky that I still had that enthusiasm and passion and motivation to save some of our old Military Vehicles and Australian history by collecting and restoring.

I had managed to collect enough of this old "stuff" to create and establish the Melbourne Tank Museum in 1993 and enjoyed running it with Pat, my wife, for 12 years and we sold up and retired in 2006. We only sold the "stuff" in the museum and after we emptied the place out entirely, I felt a bit lonely and



Kenworth Wrecker ARN 143340 with Blitz truck on tow

started again collecting and restoring all this old "stuff".

The wrecker near Forbes was a M1A1 Kenworth heavy wrecker and had had a hard life as a general purpose crane in a black granite quarry. I spent an enjoyable year or so of my "retirement" restoring it to its original glory and even got Dave Mac to paint on the same numbers ARN as my original 4/19 PWLH truck. So anyway, where's the bloody twist to the story?? I had contacted Mike Cecil an old friend and expert heavy Military Vehicle historian, ex-AWM (Australian War Memorial). I gave him the engine

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and chassis numbers and he was able to reply after considerable research he said – “Well Dinga, you are very lucky because you have just restored your own original wrecker from the 4/19 PWLH. So how good is that?”. I still feel good about that and I’m still enjoying adding a few finishing touches to it – even today!

Ya wouldn’t be dead for quid’s – You bloody Beaut! PS. ARN for the Kenworth is 143340

John Belfield



John Belfield’s Kenworth M1A1,  
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It was the actual one he used  
while in the CMF in the Sixties

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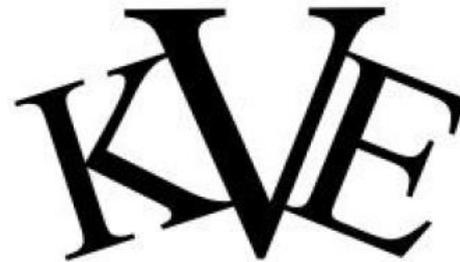
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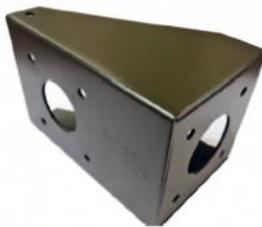
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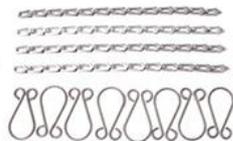
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### **2007 - Year of the Cycle and Staff Car**

The 28th Annual Swim-in had a dual theme this year attracting over 30 bicycles, staff cars and motorcycles along with a further 130 military vehicles. Special features include the history of these vehicles by Mike Cecil and a trip to Tocumwal with a talk from local historian Bob Brown.

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### **2009 - Year of the Amphibian and Blitz 2.**

The 30th anniversary of the event at Corowa saw a joint theme featuring amphibious vehicles and also a reprise of 2002, Year of the Blitz. The record of 34 blitzes set that year was eclipsed with 43 blitz trucks being part of a total of 194 military vehicles. Highlights of this DVD are the Buffalo, Kübelwagen, plus a variety of Blitzes.

### **2010 - Year of the Jeep**

This was always going to be a large event. 179 Jeeps making up more than half of the total of a massive 266 vehicles this year. The featured vehicle is the very rare 1940 Willys MA. At the other end of the scale is a Mutt, repaired on-site after a collision with a kangaroo. The wet conditions led to plenty of action in the mud.

### **2011 — Year of the British & European Vehicles**

This DVD covers many of the highlights and stories of this fabulous event. There are 20 profiles of vehicles including German and British motorcycles, softskins and armour as well as an extended story on the star of the show, Rick Cove's 1916 Albion. Just about every vehicle attending is seen in the parade and assembly at the Corowa airport.

### **2012 - Year of the 6X6**

This DVD features all the action of the event, including the parade, display, swap meet and loads of in depth interviews with the owners of these remarkable vehicles. We go through the gears in reverse in an Austin Champ, ride in Dodge 6X6 and GMC. A highlight is excerpts of the talk given by John Belfield about his decades of rescuing and restoring military vehicles.

### **2013 - Year of the Trailed Equipment and Armoured Vehicle**

This DVD features among other things, trailers and armoured vehicles. We take a close look at: A 'Barn Find' low mileage Canadian Military Pattern Chevrolet C60S towing a semi-trailer designed to carry folding boats; A British generator trailer; a Bofors gun from Tumut with a colourful veteran who used them in the 1960s; A rare 37mm anti-tank gun for the Dutch Army, as well as a the only running SC1 Scout Car built as reverse lend-lease for airfield defence for the US forces. The special feature is the keynote speech given by Tim Vibert.

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### 2014 - Year of WW1 - Year of the Ford

In 2014 the twin themes of World War One and Ford vehicles made for an interesting gathering. This year there is a good selection of vehicles covered including Bob Schutt's magnificent restoration of a Ford C11ADF 'Woodie' station wagon, Ken Gehrke's recreation of a Model T Australian light patrol vehicle, Anthony Shorten with his WW1 Dodge recreation and Perentie and many more. There is the spectacle of the parade of vehicles led by Rick Cove's WW1 Albion, as well as the swap meet and display, and action on the Murray River.

### 2015 - Year of the General Motors and Emergency Vehicle

The theme of GM and Emergency vehicles for 2015 guaranteed an interesting and unusual collection of vehicles, and they feature in the DVD for this year. Also featured are interviews with some of the owners including Dave Argles with his Austin K2 ambulance, Graham Meyer's Chevrolet ambulance, Darrin Wright with his LP2 Mortar Carrier, and we ride with Euan and Stewart McDonald in the rare 'as found' LP1 machine gun carrier. There's coverage of the action along the river as well as the parade, swap meet and Michael Cecil's talk on his lifetime's experiences with military vehicles.

### 2016 - Year of the Chrysler 2 and Year of the Tank

The 2016 DVD covers this spectacular event from Motorcycles to heavy armour. Featured interviews include Rob Lowden of the Australian Armour and Artillery Museum who brought his operational German Hetzer from Cairns, Peter Kunz with his VW, Ron Sutton and his very rare Dodge 12cwt ute. A walk-around of the Carrier trailer, and action on the water and riverside. Other features are Bev and Lang Kidby's talk and of course the parade.

### 2017 - Year of the International and Carrier 2

This year saw the largest turnout of vehicles since Year of the Jeep with a total of 225 military vehicles of all types. Featured vehicles include the Fiat-Spa which won the People's Choice award and Geoff Naylor, theme award winner with his K5 International. Also profiles of the LARC 5, Wayne Lane's British Carrier, Paul Dekmetzian's brace of ACCO's. Also covered are the trip to Maurice Wilson's property and the recovery of the Alvis Stalwart, the Saturday morning parade through Corowa, display and swap meet at the Corowa Racecourse, and guest speaker Deborah Birrell's presentation on her walk along the Kokoda Track. We also hear from Jack Caple, a WW2 veteran. Jack was involved with Machine Gun Carriers during the Tobruk and El Alamein campaigns and gives us a very personal view of Australian LP1 carriers in action.

### 2018 - Year of the Land Rover

The 2018 Swim-In DVD features Land-Rovers in all their varieties and we meet some of the owners, along with newly imported Swiss vehicles such as the M6 Saurer, Mowag and Berna 2DM. The video covers the highlights and character of the event from river fun to the parade and display at the Corowa Racecourse.

### LATEST: 2019 - Year of the Amphibian and Prototype \$35

**Preview:** The 40<sup>th</sup> year of the Swim-in video covers many aspects of the event including interviews with several of the entrants showcasing vehicles and projects such as David Barton's experimental Jeep recreation, Beau Bruce's Chevrolet C60L, the Ledwidge family's Studebaker Weasel, plus action on land and water. The event was marred this year by the accident suffered by Graham Arkle when his Alvis Stalwart was hit from behind by a semi-trailer causing it to roll several times, badly injuring Graham. The video features an extended interview with Graham explaining how it happened as he recovers from this horrific accident. Doug Draegar's talk on the 2020 Back to the Track event is also covered.



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### NEW for 2020: Corowa Swim-In 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary \$35

This video tracks the event from its early days with archival stills and footage generously provided by many of the early participants as well as interviews with several of the originals who are still attending today.

It also includes many highlights from the 'Year of' series from 2002 to the current day with highlights such as the jet powered blitz, the famous BBQ fire, Jan and Troy's wedding, as well as segments featuring several members of KVE who have passed on. Whether you're new to the Swim-in or have been coming for years this is the video for you.

Stills for this DVD:



**Backfire**, a 1944 propaganda short movie made by Ford Canada featuring scenes of the construction and spectacular testing of Canadian Military Pattern (Blitz) trucks and carriers. \$20.00 plus postage.

The next edition of this Newsletter will be out in January 2021.

It will be available on the website; [www.corowaswim-in.org](http://www.corowaswim-in.org)  
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[kve.editor@btinternet.com](mailto:kve.editor@btinternet.com) and your name will be added to the emailing list.

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

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**Mob. 0412 078 096**    **Email: kveinc@optusnet.com.au**    **Website: <http://corowaswim-in.org>**  
**Organisers of the Annual Corowa Swim-In & Military Vehicle Gathering**

### **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)**  
**Website: [http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/amvcs\\_nsw/](http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/amvcs_nsw/)**  
**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 Section of the Veteran Car Club of WA (Inc)**

**Contact : Secretary: Murray Connell**    **Phone No: 08 9451 4263**    **Email: [connell@westnet.com.au](mailto:connell@westnet.com.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, Woollongabba, QLD 4102, Australia**  
**Contact: :**    **Email: [secretary@mjqcinc.com](mailto:secretary@mjqcinc.com)**    **Dates of Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month**  
**At Rocklea Showgrounds, Ipswich Rd, Rocklea, Brisbane, Qld.**    **Website: [www.mjqcinc.com](http://www.mjqcinc.com)**  
**Dedicated to the preservation of the WW2 Jeep and other military vehicles.**

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

**Address: Secretary, Australian Military Equipment Collectors Ltd, 13 Knox Close, Carwoola, NSW 2620**  
**Contact person: Mark Sierant**    **Phone No: 0419 259 069**    **Email: [sierantmz@gmail.com](mailto:sierantmz@gmail.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: (03) 93768208**    **Email: [a42ausjeep@hotmail.com](mailto:a42ausjeep@hotmail.com)**  
**Dates of Meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month**    **Locations: Rats of Tobruk Hall, Albert Park.**  
**Website: [www.vmvc.org.au](http://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](mailto:mitchtez@gmail.com)**  
**Dates of Meetings: as required**    **Locations of Meetings: can be anywhere**  
**Website: Still under consideration as at January 2013 if we can find an enthusiastic webmaster!**  
**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**  
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**Secretary: Andrew Davis, 909 South Arm Road, Sandford, TAS 7020**    **Email: [mvgtinc@gmail.com](mailto: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  
 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) 08 8285 3011 Email: 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  
 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  
 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  
 Description of the club: 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 Website: www.remlr.com Forum: 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.

There are 3 levels of joining REMLR:

1. Join the Forum and start conversing with like minded enthusiasts,
2. Become a registrant on the website/database by filling in a registration form and logging your vehicle on the database
3. As a full financial member of REMLR Inc with full voting rights and influence on the direction of REMLR.

### Military History Group Inc.

Mailing address: 4 Windsor Drive, Wallan, Vic. 3756  
 Contact: Gary Jordan (Vice President) 0419 314 457 email: 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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### 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

**See you again at Corowa in March 2022**



**KHAKI VEHICLE ENTHUSIASTS INC.**

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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 .....

**Join now and membership due for renewal on 28th Feb. 2022**

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, 9/1 Millett Rd, Mosman, NSW, 2088 [kveinc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:kveinc@optusnet.com.au)

**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. ....

**Richard Farrant**

**PRESIDENT**

**Jan Thompson-Creamer**

**SECRETARY**

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## 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Corowa Swim-In & Military Vehicle Gathering

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Held annually at Corowa, NSW

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

The themes are the **'Year of the Jeep'** and **'Year of the RAAF'**

### ENTRY FORM

Entrant / Driver:

Name:		
Address:		State:
		Postcode:
No. of extra Packs required at \$25 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:

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

(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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**2022 COROWA SWIM-IN Year of the Jeep & RAAF PLATES - \$30 each**

Tick box if you wish to purchase a plate and enter amount paid for plates :

Qty: \$ 

**Closing Date for Plates orders is 1st Feb. 2022**

**ENTRY FORMS TO ARRIVE BY 28th FEBRUARY 2022**

Entry Fee is \$25 per Entrant enclosed with Entry form

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

**Send to Jan Thompson-Creamer, 9/1 Millett Rd, Mosman, NSW, 2088 or [kveinc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:kveinc@optusnet.com.au)**

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