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COROWA SWIM-IN 2023



Participants visiting Club Mulwala during the 2023 Swim-In

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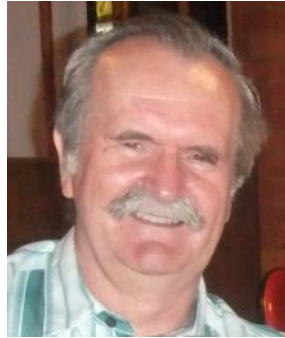
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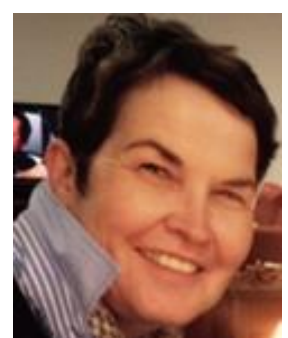
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President's Report

Welcome to the 44th edition of the KVE News!

This year's event at Corowa was an excellent one and thank you to all who made the effort to attend.

Earlier in the year we were a little concerned as entry numbers at that point were lower than normal, then the rush came and we got an attendance by participants at a better number than we thought. That said, it is not easy to organise an event and order items for participants if we have no idea of the attendance figures until a few weeks before the event, so if you intend to take part in the 2024 event we would appreciate getting your entries in by around late November if possible, then we have figures to work with and no need to over order items.

The display of vehicles for the Veterans at the Corowa RSL was terrific, and thanks to all who took part. There were a lot of people who came to view and the RSL were pleased and are keen for it to happen again next year. Having the Army band along with the Bushmaster and ASLAV were very welcome too.

We have some great reports on the week's activities in this newsletter for you to read as well as some other articles.

Finally, many thanks to all our supporters this year, the Corowa RSL, Federation Council and Waldron's IGA. Their support was very much appreciated

Best regards,

Richard Farrant

President and Editor - Khaki Vehicle Enthusiasts Inc.

KVE received a grant from the Federation Council for the 2023 event, we thank them for their continued support of the Swim-In.



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Important information for people attending the Corowa Swim-In in March 2024

Secretary's / 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.

KVE preparations for the Swim-In: March 2024:

We were very impressed with the number of participants this year. Due to an increase in costs we have decided to increase our Entry fee to \$30 for 2024.

Entry Form for 2024:

If you haven't returned your Entry Form for 2024 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. KVE was formed as an Incorporated Association in 2005 to run this event and we have insurance for people who are registered in. Please support us and send in your Entry forms early for next years event. By the end of the year we organise our mementoes and to get accurate numbers we like participants to register early and they are then guaranteed of a pack.

It only costs \$30 per vehicle to enter and if you preregister by 28th February you will receive a participant pack upon arrival in Corowa. **Jan has moved so please take note of the new KVE address: 31 Bexhill Avenue, Sussex Inlet, NSW 2540.**

KVE Site Office:

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 2023.

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.

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.

Vehicle Numbers:

Upon arrival at Corowa you need to go down to Ball Park Caravan Park and register your vehicle. With this large event there is no way we could get an accurate number of vehicles in attendance if we didn't do this. Vehicle numbers will only be given to people with an ex-military vehicle in attendance. 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.

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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.

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 10th 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 11th to Saturday 16th 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.

2024 Program of Events:

During the week we organise trips to places of interest. So far next year there will be a trip to Glenrowan and Milawa and a visit to the Corowa Sheshed.

At this stage our guest speaker on Friday 15th March will be Stephan Cheers. Steve is a 37 year veteran of the army. Married with 2 daughters. He is currently writing a reference book on the Australian Soldier covering all field uniforms and equipment from 1915 to 2015. Steve has an amazing collection and on ANZAC Day sets up a display outside his house and raises money for charity.

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@bigpond.com The application form is at the back 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 size areas (approx.)

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:

janandfrankmckenna@bigpond.com or phone (02) 6033 1148 - Mobile 0427 331 148

Jan will have her own safety jacket.

Please Direct Deposit fees:

Hume Bank whose bank details are -
BSB 640000

Account No 568163516

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

Themes and dates for 2025 and 2026:

In 2025 it will be Year of the Mack and Unimog. Monday 10th to Sunday 16th March

In 2026 it will be Year of the 6X6 Monday 9th to Sunday 15th March

VOTING FORM

Please put this form in the Suggestion Box by 12 midday on Saturday 16th March. At 1200hrs this box will be cleared and any forms received after this will not be included. We need time 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.*

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:

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**Hard Luck award:***Name:**Reason why:***Breakdown Award:***Name:**Reason why:***Longest distance driven in a military vehicle:***Name:**Number of Kilometres driven:***Encouragement Award:***Name:**Reason why:***People's Favorite Choice:** *For your favorite vehicle attending this year.**Vehicle rally number:**Type of Vehicle:***Blitz Theme - People's Choice:** *For your favorite Blitz attending this year.**Vehicle rally number:***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 This newsletter to goes out to members of KVE along with past, present and future participants of the Annual Corowa 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 078 096 or send an email to 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 - Secretary

43rd Corowa Swim-In and Military Vehicle Gathering

Monday 13th March -Sunday 19 March 2023

by Jan Thompson



Since Corowa many people have sent their notes of appreciation and there were lots of comments about what a great event it was. There were a few people who couldn't make it but there were many new attendees and fortunately I was able to meet many of them. There are many people who make contact during the year and if they mention they are first timers that all have questions and I am pleased to answer them and make sure they want to come again. Upon arrival in Corowa on Friday 10th March Richard and I met Liz and Bill Martin from Queensland. They were planning to come last year but were unable to attend and they drove their 6x6 Land Rover Ambulance all the way without any problems. We all decided to go to Barrell and Brew in Corowa for dinner. This café is open every day but it is only Friday that they do a meal at night. We all had a main course then decided we couldn't resist the Liquorice dessert which was delicious.

On Saturday and Sunday there were more arrivals so it was good to go over and have a chat. I can't help but mention our dinner on Saturday and Sunday. After having the best Steak Sandwich at the Fish and Chip Shop at Wahgunyah I recommended it to some of the Victorians who normally go out for a Chinese on their first night and I decided that I would go back as they were closing for 2 weeks. I did suggest that next year they stay open and will do a roaring trade. Kel Baxter arrived with his Mack and the Radar Van and the decision was made to leave the Radar Ven hooked up to the Mack. This was very impressive to all who came into Ball Park. On Sunday we set up the radar van ready for business on Monday. Thanks to all who helped. It was great having Sonia, Andrew and Travis in the office at Ball Park. They always welcome everyone back and help out with any situation that arises.

Elke Hoyermann had the task of finding people to man the Radar Van and she did an amazing job finding people so all the shifts were filled prior to Corowa. Over the week there were more offers of support so special thanks to all who helped as this is an important so participants can receive their participant packs and register their vehicles in. Many thanks to Gary Schluter who always came back after shopping in town and stopped at the Radar Van with some tasty treats. With this large event there is no way we could get an accurate number of vehicles in attendance if we didn't do this and we were able to record 233 vehicles in attendance. KVE was formed as an Incorporated Association in 2005 to run this event and

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we have insurance for people who are registered in. Please support us and send in your Entry forms early for next years event. By the end of the year we organise our mementoes and to get accurate numbers we like participants to register early and they are then guaranteed of a pack.

Monday and Tuesday were free of activities which enables those who have already arrived to set themselves up and mingle with others. Traditionally I go to D'Amicos Italian Restaurant on Monday night so I booked a table and those who came had a good night. Later that evening there was an impressive arrival of Richard den Brinker's M4 High Speed tractor and it was good it was there when Leo Anic came along on Tuesday.

Leo Anic, a Corowa local came down and did a series of videos for Facebook. His Facebook group is 'Out and About with Gnarly E-Bike Adventures'. After him coming down for the first time in 2022 I showed him around once again and he enjoyed his ride on Trevor Vuillerman's LARC which was a vehicle he didn't have a ride in last year. It was great going upstream and this reminded me of 7 years ago when I came down the river in Manfred Henkel's GPA on my Wedding Day. Thanks to all who shared information for Leo. Later in the day and for the next couple of days he released his footage on Facebook.

The first of the trips took place on Wednesday and Kel Baxter took a group to the Hume Dam, Bonagilla and the Bandiana Army Museum.

It was also decided that Sam King would organise for the children from St Mary's Primary School to visit Ball Park. With changes due to Covid this was a first time we had the school visit us and it went extremely well. The children were broken up into 2 groups and I enjoyed what Deborah did down at the Lagoon. The children saw a DUKW and a GPA come out of the water and were asked questions about the similarities and differences.

Report by Sam King

"The Corowa Saint Mary's Primary school was invited to the Ball Park on the Day of the 15th March 2023 to have a look at our vehicles in-situ at the Park. Due to this week being NAPLAN week the Principle opted to send two groups down to the park, One in the Morning and One after lunch in order to minimise the interruption to NAPLAN testing.

The students who took part were from grade 2 through to 6. Upon arrival at Ball Park the children were split into two groups again where one group stayed at the site office to look at some pre parked vehicles, try on some webbing and helmets and then learn about the Everyman's Welfare Service. The other group walked down to the lagoon where Deborah Birrell, Danny Wilson and Simon Allen did an amphibious display with their DUKW and GPA, While there Deborah, Danny and Simon were able to answer questions.

The afternoon visit by the remaining students was the same as the morning. I highly recommend this platform for school visits again in the future as they can see the amphibious vehicles in the water, see kit that wouldn't normally be taken to a school and it opens up for those who don't necessarily want to go to a school to be able to do something else.

I would really like to thank Deborah, Danny Wilson, Simon Allen for helping out and using their DUKW and GPA. Mark and Rachel Young for bringing down their Bren Carrier. Bruce Brown for bringing down his GPW. Aaron McCann for bringing down Bruce's Willys. Harvey Black for showing his XP Falcon Ute. Wal Lingen for showing his Perentie, and lastly Kristian Kemper for giving the students a talk on the Everyman's Welfare service. I asked him at the very last minute as I thought the school visit could use something extra. And he was very keen to help out.

Thank you to all who helped make the visit something that will be remembered by all the pupils from grade 2-6 Corowa Saint Marys School for years to come.

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And here is Deborah's report COROWA SCHOOL VISIT – DOCKSIDE REPORT!

"On Wednesday March 15th groups of students from grades two to six at St. Mary's Corowa attended to look at some military vehicles.

I was at the boat ramp with Wilson's DUKW (with Danny Wilson and Simon Allen at the helm) and I had our GPA (Bennie Family). Eight separate groups of students with teachers came to visit.

We started with the DUKW in the lagoon. It draws 6 feet of water so the exclamations as it came up the ramp – first to see the size of the hull and then that it had wheels were wonderful to hear. Once the DUKW had stopped, I got into our GPA and did a brief run onto and out of the lagoon.

Once safely back on land, I asked a few questions – general ones such as the differences and that drew lots of observations – size, number of wheels, colour, winch at the back and propellor size to name a few.

Some of the questions the students asked were about war service, use in the war, how many are there in Australia, did they carry soldiers. General information given to them DUKW is a manufacturer's code based on D indicating the model year, 1942; U referring to the body style, utility (amphibious); K for all-wheel drive; and W for dual rear axles. There were many requests for a ride in them, but this was not part of the visit."



On Tuesday night a small group of us had a meal at the Newmarket Hotel and there was a large group of ladies also having dinner, one came across and spoke to us, asking if we were involved with the military vehicles and that they were pleased to hear the Parade was back on this year. She explained that the ladies were all members of the 'She Shed' and invited me to visit them.

Just prior to lunch on Wednesday, I visited the 'She Shed' which is similar to the 'Men's shed'. It was great talking with the ladies who would be open to us coming out there next year. I will correspond with them and see if we can include this in our program of events for 2024. If anyone has any suggestions on places to visit please send through your suggestions.

In the afternoon just a few vehicles visited the Karinya Aged Care Facility. The vehicles were parked at one end of the carpark and the residents were given an opportunity to come out and see them. Thanks to Neville Smith, Carolyn Young, John and Annette Brooksmith and John Hedges for coming along with vehicles. (pictured on right)



We decided to have a KVE General Meeting on Wednesday afternoon. It was well attended and everyone had the opportunity to support Isabella Bates who is a torchbearer for the 100 years of Legacy. She is raising money for Legacy and did really well while at Corowa. Thanks to all who supported her. Adrienne from the Corowa Free Press who informed the local Corowa residents about Isabella's journey, did another couple of stories during the week. In 2022 she enjoyed being able to drive Jad Dennis's GPA so her goal over the past 12 months was to learn to drive a manual vehicle. On Friday when she came to Ball Park, Bill Bates gave her an opportunity to drive his Jeep which she really enjoyed.

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Thursday's visit to the Corowa RSL for the Veterans and Vehicles Reunited event went extremely well. **Report by Richard Farrant:**

"When I thought of this event it was to give some return support to Corowa RSL for them helping KVE run the event, by funding the costs needed for the Parade. I was put in contact with Tony Dunne of the Corowa RSL Sub-branch and explained what I would like to do and that it would be great to have an army band there. Tony done one better, not only did we get a band from Kapooka, but also a Bushmaster and ASLAV from Bandiana, crewed by RAEME personnel. Many thanks to them for supporting us.



I was not sure how popular it would be, among the vehicle owners and the veteran service personnel. The idea being to have a good selection of vehicles used by the ADF over the years so 'old soldiers' could re-live their memories. On Thursday morning when we assembled at Rowers Park I was very happy to see so many and varied vehicles. Trevor led the vehicles with his LARC V to the RSL and the army were already there when we arrived as well as a few of our larger vehicles, such as a Mack Wrecker.

I did not count the vehicles but would estimate around 30+ there. It was not long before the public started to come around and many veterans were spotted. People were also using the RSL for refreshments and snacks, so benefits for all.

Thank you to all those who took part, as we got great feedback from the RSL, it looks like we will do it again next year."



While at the Corowa RSL I spotted a white Blitz with a Suzuki on a trailer behind. I introduced myself and these guys had come from WA and were not coming for our event but travelling in the area. Les, the owner of the Blitz lived for 20 years in Wangaratta and didn't know about the event but had been told by a friend so they thought they would drop in and meet some of us. I did explain that Garry Schluter was the only person who attended with a military vehicle and there were a number of other people who came from WA this year. Les already has plans to come next year.

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KVE applied for a grant from the Federation Council and were successful and we asked the Corowa RSL if they would sponsor our parade and also put some money towards our event caps. They were agreeable to both. Waldron's IGA were also agreeable to be a sponsor which was great. Many thanks to all our Sponsors.

The Wednesday and Friday trips out were organised by Kel Baxter, here is Kel's joint report for both events:

"The KVE (Khaki Vehicle Enthusiasts) group of 200 plus entrants had a magnificent week along the Murray for their 43rd annual meeting culminating in Corowa with the street parade on Saturday morning (18/3) of all things green in veteran military vehicles. The people of Corowa, Mulwala and Federation Council welcomed the participants with open arms and hearts which is much appreciated by the attendees and visitors. Fellowship is one of the main reasons this annual event is so successful.

KVE and like-minded groups is made up of people that wish to preserve ex-military vehicles for their historical part in the defence of Australia, and the technical challenge of keeping them operational instead of rusting in the back paddock. A wide range of vehicles that served in WW2, Vietnam as well as more recent conflicts, were present. These included Jeeps, Land Rovers, 6x6 Trucks, both wheeled and tracked along with amphibious variants. They came from far and wide across Australia.

Participants started to arrive on the prior weekend, organised activities started on the Wednesday with a trip driving the ex-military vehicles to the Hume Dam at which an explanation of the operation of the dam was done by Water for NSW.

Then to the Bonegilla migrant experience where we learned that 320,000 migrants had passed through the old military camp and the last occupants of this area was the Detachment Army Survey Regiment who produced navigation charts for the RAAF in these huts. The next part of the day was spent at the Bandiana Army Museum where we saw some of the same vehicles as the participants.

On the Friday the participants were back in their vehicles for a trip to Club Mulwala where RSL Branch President Gary D'Gottij, David King and their team of RSL Members hosted the group for morning tea and a guided tour of their magnificently presented memorabilia both within the Club and the outside display. Our group were amazed to see the Dakota up on the pole, then the Centurion and Leopard Tanks along with numerous Field Artillery Guns. A very real credit to those who have contributed to this enduring display along with the excellent Memorials to the fallen. This was then followed by a cruise on the PS Cumberoona for a tasty luncheon and information about the history of the lake and the floodwater that past through in recent months.

In the evening there was dinner at the Corowa Golf Club followed by guest speaker Russell Kelly who gave a talk about the mysterious crash of a Beaufort bomber in northeast Victoria near the end of WW11.

On Saturday morning the ex-military vehicles formed up early in preparation for the parade down the main street of Corowa at 0900 hrs. Corowa residents came out in force to wave and cheers as the vehicles went past to the showgrounds. Following the parade all vehicles mustered at the Corowa show grounds for public display. This was done in concert with a swap meet where rare spares traded hands.

The KVE group wish to pass on our appreciation to all our sponsors, particularly to Federation Council and the community who tolerate our noisy slow rattly vehicles moving around the district ."

Adrienne from the Corowa Free Press came down in the afternoon and was able to interview a number of people.

COROWA 2023 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER REPORT from Deborah Birrell:

“Due to flood damage to the venue used at past KVE events for the Friday night meal and guest speaker, alternative arrangements had to be made for 2023. A catered event that required an RSVP the week prior was arranged at the Corowa Golf Club.

74 tickets were pre-sold for the event and a further 7 people came out to hear the guest speaker after dinner.

Guests were treated to a sit down, two course meal of roast meat and vegetables followed by a choice of cheesecake or pavlova for \$25 per person. Drinks were from the bar. The fresh bread roll and tea and coffee were an added bonus.

Guest speaker Mr. Russell Kelly spoke on the story of the mysterious crash of a Beaufort Bomber that occurred two weeks before the end of WW11. He had a PowerPoint with photos and facts. The Bomber was on a training exercise and became lost at night in North Eastern Victoria. We heard an account of events that took place in 1945 of the last flight of Beaufort Bomber A9-228, the botched RAAF aerial search and the discovery of the wreck by relatives in rugged mountain country. Russell agreed to speak in 2021 (100 years of the RAAF) and had been postponed twice. Russell also had copies of his books “Going My Way” for sale and many people had their copy signed by him.

One participant said “The dinner at the Golf Club was 100% better than previous years, and we would certainly go again. Great Job!!! Having a guest speaker was a bonus as well. Very interesting even for the ladies present”

On Saturday the day commenced with the parade from Bangerang Park out to the Corowa Showgrounds. M4 High Speed Tractor leading parade.

At the Showgrounds I took photos of all the vehicles arriving. The Swap Meet was just a little smaller than past years but after people had the opportunity to buy and sell in Ball Park Caravan Park during the week there were definitely some bargains during the week. The display of vehicles was very impressive with such a variety of vehicles.

During the week I had met up with some people who wanted to experience a drive in the water in a GPA, DUKW and the LARC. I am sure Murray Duckworth and Jackie Marshall were impressed that their dream came true. I had met Stephan Cheers in January after sorting and selling my father’s militaria. Stephan has an interest in uniforms and webbing rather than military vehicles but after making the decision to come to Corowa for the weekend I was made aware that Stephan and his wife Kelli would love to experience time in an amphibious vehicle. They were fortunate to have time in a LARC and a DUKW.

I asked Kelli to write a report for me:

“Kelli Hill, I served in the ARA for 10 years. My wish was to drive armoured vehicles; unfortunately this didn’t occur. I was keen to get aboard the DUKW and LARC for a ride, but to drive one! Obviously I only drove the LARC in a straight line, but what a drive. A quick soldier’s five by the qualified driver set me up with some basic instructions. I found it quite difficult to keep in a straight line. There was a lot of movement in the river.

I guess driving the waterways you have to contend with tides, currents and other such nautical terms (I don’t know!). A short drive and was replaced by another keen motivated novice.

The team that keeps all these historic vehicles running and then taking people for joy rides – they need to be congratulated. Thanks to Jan T for getting myself and my husband on some rides and for getting me to drive a LARC (not a tank – but I still loved it).”

After going out in the amphibious vehicles some of us were wetter than others due to the water games between the vehicles.



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At 6pm we had a great meal at the Wahgunyah Hotel before going back to the Radar Van for our presentations.

Awards:

Mal Mackay award: Deborah Birrell

Long distance north: Bill and Liz Martin - 1,458 kms (Queensland)

Long distance west: Gary Schluter (Western Australia)

Breakdown: Mark Young's Carrier brakes locked up on Friday so he was unable to drive in the parade.

Hard luck: Peter Kunz Jnr received the Hard Luck award for his big end failure on the Dodge D60

Encouragement award: Isabella Bates

People's choice: GMC Airborne Truck, owned by Andrew Wilson

Heavy Metal: Allis Chalmers M4 High Speed Tractor, owned by Richard den Brinker

3 awards went to participants for Military Kit theme – Leigh Shields, Chris Watson and Rob Clark

Rob Clark with a collection of Special Forces kit that his son Lindsay used when serving in 2 Commando Regt.

Chris Watson for his Mack Wrecker and recovery trailer loaded with a Unimog

Leigh Shields for his 1942 German DKW generator.

Photos taken at the visit to Club Mulwala on Friday.



First timer report from a Queenslander

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Bill and Liz Martin won an award for longest travelled from the Northern perspective:

Here is a recap of our very first trip to Corowa for the 2023 Swim-In. Our trip started 7 March in a well washed and tyre shined 1990 Land Rover Perentie 6x6 Ambulance ARN 50-631, well by the time we made our first stop for the night on the road it was filthy. Our first night we spent at North Star Road Rest Area on the Cunningham Highway and was stinking hot. After 522 kilometres we made Tomingley Rest Area, and I then realised it was not worth cleaning the Lizard because of the amount of road works on this route. Our third day we made Coreen Rest Area just out of Corowa and by this time the weather had changed and was comfortable, particularly at night. Then our final day we had a short distance to Ball Park in Corowa and had plenty of time to setup for the week ahead, this was 10 March and 1,458 kilometres from home.



Our first trip was 15 March after a muster at Rowers Park we headed off to Hume Dam, Bonegilla then Bandiana Army Museum. Upon arrival at Hume Dam and once we had a cuppa, our group was given an address from the Dam Supervisor which was very informative especially when he stated the dam's contents were emptied three (3) times over during the floods early 2023. Next on to Bonegilla, to a place Liz and I had no idea about. After lunch our group was provided a guided tour of Block H and found it very interesting particularly the actual size of the area during its peak period of use and the infrastructure it required. Then onto Bandiana Army Museum which has a great display of militaria arriving back at Ball Park around 1600hrs.

Thursday 16 March we again mustered at Rowers Park and went to Corowa RSL for the morning. It was amazing to see so many people visit to see the enclave of military vehicles visiting the town. We were provided with music from the army band stationed in Kapooka. Also on display, the army made available an ASLAV and Bushmaster. After the display Liz and I had lunch at the club and thoroughly recommend it.

Friday's trip, 17 March was excellent, Kel must be congratulated for organising this event as it was just incredible especially for Club Mulwala and the excellent display of military equipment on display within the club and surrounds. The PS Camberoon trip around Lake Mulwala with lunch was superb. Again, thankyou Kel.

Then came the climax of our trip, 18 March, the Parade through the township of Corowa and static display at the showgrounds. Liz and I are amazed at the amount of people who come out and watch the annual event through the town, we both found it great. Then came Saturday evening at KVE HQ for the annual presentations. To end our involvement with the Swim-In I was presented with an award for "The furthest travelled in a Military Vehicle"

Our trip home was almost as uneventful as our trip down except for Monday 20 March in Narrabri. After praising the Landy all week for the uneventful mechanical issues, we broke the curse. Stopped outside the BP servo in town looking for a place to stay for the night, it suddenly "ran out of fuel". The gauge still showed a quarter of a tank and I thought this was strange as it didn't do this on the trip down. So I went to the servo, filled a jerry can, emptied it into the fuel tank, primed at the filter and it came to life until I went to move then it died again so I primed it at the fuel pump and checking the water separator for fuel it died leaving me thinking maybe a fuel pump. Then after scratching the "bald" head I checked the water separator again and there was no fuel in it finding the fuel bowl of the separator had come loose so after tightening it we set sail again without any further issues.

In summary, Liz and I met some great people during the week, and we intend to keep these friendships ongoing. We are also both amazed at the amount of ex-military enthusiasts there are, which is great to see these machines restored for future generations to admire and hopefully maintain the enthusiasm. Thankyou KVE for organising such a great event for Military Vehicle enthusiasts.

Bill and Liz Martin.



Deborah Birrell - Parade Coordinator's report on the parade:

"After months of planning, permit applications and approvals, the parade was set to start at 9am on Saturday March 18th. The weather Gods were with us.

The featured vehicles this year were 'heavy metal' and 'military kit'. To make it easier for the large vehicles, and the fact that we could not line up on the road into Bangarang Park, permission was sought for these vehicles to go through the back gate at Ball Park Caravan Park and then form up around the oval. When the parade started, they then progressed up past the swimming pool and into Bangarang Park. Once the last heavy vehicle had passed, I joined in with our DUKW and the smaller vehicles mustered in Bangarang Park fell in behind in mixed order. At the top of Riesling Street, provision had been made for the Bren gun Carriers to join the parade.

A parade briefing was held at Ball Park Caravan Park at 4pm on Friday 17th and then a driver's briefing was held in Bangarang park at 0830, before the parade kicked off.

It was fantastic to see the range of vehicles in the parade. The parade was single file down Sanger Street, Corowa. The locals turned out to see us.

There are some vehicles who didn't wish to go into the showgrounds for the static display and they were asked to pull out of the parade after we left Sanger Street and then follow to the showgrounds at their leisure.

As we entered Bangarang Park to muster, there was a large volume of public traffic to contend with as they moved towards the river and the swimming pool. We were probably lucky that there wasn't a cricket match on that day!

The public traffic made giving directions into the muster point difficult and some of the public wanted to stop for a look. This created a bottle neck and this will be factored into the planning for future parades.

Some feedback from a participant was that the 'congo line' format to fall out of Bangarang Park was a little confusing for some. This will also be addressed in future parades. We were light on the ground this year for helpers with Tim, Clarke, Troy and Wazza not able to attend the event.

It was great to have the expertise of Dutchy (John Oldenmenger), Roughie (Scott Rough), Sam King, Ray Mobbs and Harvey Black to assist me with the vehicles and parade planning. We had met as a group on the Thursday prior to discuss how we would manage the parade. That strategy, combined with the parade briefing, Facebook messages and the Driver's briefing just before the parade made for smooth sailing on the day. Jan and Richard assisted at the registration point going into Bangarang Park. Sam King also helped by putting out the corflute signs the evening prior so that vehicles could follow them during the parade.

Roughie kept us on track at the top of Riesling Street, Harvey kept us in a single line going down Sanger Street and Ray directed at a strategic corner off Federation Way. At the showgrounds, Dutchy, Sam and then myself directed the vehicles into formation lines for the static display.

Thank you to GAME Traffic Management who managed the public traffic at the roundabout at the bottom of Sanger Street. Thank you also to Federation Council for assistance with the parade. Thank you to our parade sponsor, the Corowa RSL. Total time for the parade was 25 minutes with over 140 vehicles participating."

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LAND ROVER OWNERS EXPO 2023.

Sunday 23rd July 2023 *OPENS 9.00am*

Hawkesbury Show Ground, Racecourse Road, Clarendon, NSW

Entry just \$10 per person (under 16s free)

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“The Complete Land Rover Experience”

The Expo is excited to return once again in 2023 as the largest Land Rover and Range Rover Exhibition and family event in Australia and is organised by the Land Rover Owners Club of Australia Sydney Branch Inc (LROC).

2023 is expected to bring in over 600 Land Rovers of all ages and models, supported by our many trade exhibitors.

The Expo provides entertainment for the whole family which will include:

- Exhibits of every conceivable Land Rover model, from the meticulously restored Series Ones' to the everyday bush tourer and urban cruiser
- Exhibitors of 4x4 parts, accessories and camping gear
- Swap Meet
- Children's activities
- Plenty of food and drinks

Trophies to be awarded to Land Rover and Range Rovers judged to be the best in each category.

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The next Corowa Swim-In is in 2024 will have the theme

Year of the Blitz

The first theme that we had was in 2002 and was for the Chev and Ford Blitz trucks, this was repeated in 2009 so it is now time to run it again with a lot of these old vehicles now in preservation.

If you have a Blitz truck we invite you to enter it for 2024, entry form at the end of this newsletter.

As always, all types and makes of ex-military vehicles are encouraged to attend.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that all posted correspondence such as Entry Forms, etc. must be sent to this **NEW ADDRESS** for the KVE Secretary (Jan Thompson-Creamer)

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The Legacy Centenary Nowra Community Day

Saturday 26th August 2023

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To commemorate Legacy Australia's Centenary in 2023, we invite you to attend the Community Day in Nowra. The event will bring together veterans' families to connect and create relationships within Legacy as well as the broader community.

Date

Saturday 26th August 2023

Location

Harry Sawkins Park,
Nowra NSW

Time

10am – 2pm

Come see the Legacy Centenary Torch, taking part in the *The Legacy Centenary Torch Relay 2023* presented by Defence Health across the whole of Australia.

The Community Day will include



For the kids – Face painting, balloon twisting, craft corner, roving entertainment and more...

Food and drink – Food trucks, coffee and hot drinks.



Entertainment – Key speakers and entertainment including ADF Band, local community acts.

Marketplace stalls – Legacy club, corporate partners, community marketplace stalls.



Anyone wishing to display their Military Vehicle at this event, please contact Jan Thompson-Creamer on 0412 078 096 or email at kveinc@optusnet.com.au

14TH DOOKIE MILITARY VEHICLE RALLY

SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

The Military History Group Inc. and the Dookie Military Vehicle Rally Team are excited to present their 14th Annual Dookie Military Vehicle Rally, and this year it will be bigger and better than you've seen it before!

There will be displays from History Groups, Vintage Land Rover Display, Northern Victorian Arms Collectors Guild & VMR 20th ALH ... See & hear military history, Vintage tent displays, planned vehicle movements, Buy & Sell Swap Meet, Living history WW1 re-enactors and much more
Come & stay for the day ... there's lots to see and do In Dookie!

•Friday: Set-Up •**Saturday: Public Military Display** •Sunday: Club Day

LOCATION: DMVR is held in the CFA Park in the main street of Dookie—Next to the Fire Station
Located 25kms East of Shepparton and 37km West of Benalla (off Hume Hwy)

ON-SITE CAMPING: *On-site set-up Friday arvo - Vehicles & participants MUST register upon arrival*

- Campfire Yarns: Fri & Sat night • Break Camp: Sunday -Club Day
 - Military Style Mess Tent catering provided for exhibitors. • Power & Water available.
 - Plenty of room for swags & tents. •Toilets in CWA Gardens • **Register on Arrival**
- Phone Sol for more info or to reserve a site or Swap Info : 0427 538667**

LOCAL BUSINESSES:

- Emporium Café ... Join us for breakfast, lunch, coffee & cake! T: 0409 559 380
- Dookie Emporium ... Lots of antiques & military collectables ...Ph. Sol: T: 0427 538 667
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- Dookie Garage ... Unleaded Fuel/Air/Gas/ no diesel (Open Fri & Sat Morn only)

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS:

- Enjoy the view from Dookie's newest Mt Major northern walk, The 'Mulana Nin Iyoga'Walking Trail'
- Dookie Rail Trail (11kms return) ... Walk or Ride this scenic Rail Trail with undulating hills and farmland
- Dookie Rock Correa Trail at Rye at Tallis -5km Return *Scenic, Unformed track—walking shoes, a must!
- Dookie's Nomadic Silo's and Australian Silo Art Trail in nearby towns Goorambat, Devenish Tungamah

See previous Dookie Military Vehicle Rally on <http://www.youtube.com/user/DookieMilitaryVehicleRally>

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Tanks, tanks and more tanks

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Melbourne Tank Museum by John Belfield

My daughter Jan and granddaughter Grace have asked me to do a brief history of my work in creating and establishing the Melbourne Tank Museum together with a rough list of the vehicles and artillery pieces that I have collected, restored and put into historic preservation for all time.

I have been lucky all my life to have a passion and enthusiasm for military vehicles and military history, I guess it started when I was six, my old Mom bought me a toy tank, next thing is it is World War Two and I am 11 years old and the Japanese are bombing Darwin, Broome and Townsville. It's war, the big thrill for this kid was when a troop of Bren gun carriers doing training runs came through Skipton, my old home town. I got an exciting ride up the steep banks of the Emu Creek. I guess I was hooked for all time.

We move to Melbourne and the Yanks had taken over my old school and there was slit trenches along St. Kilda Rd. below the Shrine.

I joined the Cadets a couple of years later and by 1944 they issued me with a .303 rifle which I was allowed to take home in my new uniform. I really felt proud on the tram hanging on to my rifle and later shooting it at Puckapunyal. We were given bayonets to practice charging at sandbags full of straw attached to a post to represent the Japanese enemy, we had to yell "charge" and run and bayonet the dummies!

1945 so the end of World War Two and Australia had amassed a huge quantity of military vehicle. Altogether we had over 2,000 tanks, 5,000 Bren gun carriers, over 1,000 armoured cars and hundreds of thousands of trucks, utes and jeeps.

Nearly everything would eventually be for sale at the government disposal auctions.

Pat and I married in 1954, Jan and Bill arrived a bit later and moved to West Footscray which was handy for the fact that the biggest local disposal depot was only 2 miles away at Tottenham.

We started with a Standard tilly, a small ute as a daily driver, we had started to collect military vehicles!

Later we started a country garage at Upper Beaconsfield and the collection started in earnest. We needed a tow truck so a 1943 Dodge Weapons Carrier was acquired and modified for towing, still got it! Then a couple of Bren gun carriers and a M3 Stuart, yeah still got that too! There was a lot of cheap military vehicles just waiting for a mad collector like me to drag home behind the mighty Dodge.

Next came another move with the hope of establishing a military museum on 20 acres at Narre Warren North. I was working on wages as a fitter welder on commercial trucks and in spare time going to disposal auctions and chasing up new clues on what my old dad used to call that 'rusty old stuff'.

The collecting kept getting bigger and a friend with a heavy low loader helped. Also I had joined the CMF in 1962 and trained as a recovery mechanic with the 4th/19th PWLH LAD and I later found that recovery training weekends could be handy for bring home more of that rusty old stuff. After 26 years in the Army Reserve I left and then concentrated on chasing a bureaucratic nightmare just to obtain a permit to start a military museum.

After nine years of frustration, we had to move to a new location where the people in power were a bit more sympathetic me starting a museum.

This was located on 20 acres in Narre Warren, it was an old dairy farm with an old heritage listed small farmhouse and dairy buildings. We bought 200 square metres of SH building and dismantled it and re-erected it at Narre Warren N later we added another 1000 square metres with SH materials.

Lots of wire brushing, welding, panel beating and over 100 gallons of paint the museum was ready to open to the public in 1993. Bruce Ruxton, President of the RSL opened it to a big crowd including an artillery re-enactment crew from the 4/19th Prince of Wales Light Horse, thanks again boys.

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Thanks again to all my family and friends who helped over all those years. I had dreamt of opening the Melbourne Tank Museum, I was proud of the resulting display and Pat and I kept it open for 12 years. I had to keep working because it was not a good money maker and so eventually, we had to sell all of the contents of the museum in 2006. We had tried to find a buyer for three years so it would remain intact as an important part of Australian military history and an important part of the Anzac story but unfortunately it had to go. I was only 73 and it felt a bit lonely in the empty museum building, so I decided to start again. Two trips to the UK in 2012 and 2013 to receive the Bart Vanderveen Award for meritorious achievement in Military Vehicles. I bought a few vehicles and restored a lot more. I'd also kept three of the wreckers that I had driven in my 26 years as a recovery mechanic in the 4th/19th, it felt good to be collecting again and saving all that old rusty stuff (!) for future generations to enjoy.

These days at 91 I've slowed up a lot but still have the passion and enthusiasm. I guess I've been lucky to keep going with the same passion that I've always had, yeah it's been a great trip. Following is a list of military vehicles and artillery that we have saved over the years.

John Belfield



Our backyard 1982

This is a list of the military vehicles and artillery that I have collected and restored, and put into preservation in the last 70 years, most items were sold in 2006 at auction.

Some vehicles are in running condition (marked RC), some vehicles and artillery are static displays (marked SD) the intention of saving all these items is that they will remain an important part of the Australian Military History for all time.

AFV's				
	Centurion tank ARV	RC	Mk.VI Vickers tank	SD
	Centurion main battle tank	RC	Australian Dingo scout car	SD
	General Chaffee M24	SD	Australian Bren gun carrier	RC
(2)	Buffalo Mark four LVT4	RC	Ferret Scout Car FV701 Mk.2	RC
(2)	Matilda No.2 Mk.I Frog	SD	Ford Lynx Scout Car Mk.3	RC
(2)	General Grant M3	SD	AC1 Sentinel Australian tank	RC
	General Stuart M3A1	SD	AC3 Thunderbolt Australian tank	RC
(2)	General Stuart M3	SD	2 pdr Tank Attack Bren Carrier	SD
	White halftrack M2	RC	Guy Quad artillery tractor	SD
	Saracen FV603 APC	RC	(2) Churchill Mk.VII tank	SD
	White M3A1 scout car	RC	An Australian experimental tank	SD
	Staghound T-17 E1	RC	Valentine Cruiser tank	SD
	Saladin Mk2 FV601	RC	M113A1 FSV	RC
	Alligator LVT4(A) FSV	SD	Matilda Dozer tank	SD
	Vickers MkI training platform	SD	Replica Japanese tank Type 95	SD
	Japanese Mk.95 KYU GO	SD	Australian Rover armoured car	SD
(2)	Yeramba Self-propelled gun SP22	RC	(2) M4 Sherman tank replica	RC
(2)	General Lee tank M3	SD	2 pdr Portee	RC
	LP4 Australian armoured car	RC	E2 Prototype AC1 AC3 AC4	SD

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Artillery WWI Krupp 150mm Howitzer L5 Pack Howitzer (2) 40mm Bofors AA gun WW2 3.7 inch AA gun Portable AA searchlight 120mm L4 Mobat recoilless rifle 6 pdr Anti-tank gun 3 inch Mortar 17 pdr anti-tank gun 4.2 inch Mortar 2 inch Mortar 5.5 inch gun (2) 2 pdr anti-tank gun Mk.I	(2) 20mm Orlikon AA gun 6 inch gun howitzer (2) 18 pdr field gun WWI German 75mm 18 / 25 pdr field gun 25 pdr (short) field gun 4.7 inch howitzer Ceremonial 25 pdr field gun Twin 40mm AA gun 25 pdr field gun Twin 4 inch Naval gun 25 pdr limber
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Following is a list of Armoured Fighting Vehicles transferred to other Museums

Puckapunyal Tank Museum Mark 4 tank CIM SD M3A1 Stuart SD Australian Dingo armoured car RC Australian Rover armoured car RC M3 Lee tank SD Yeramba SP 25 pdr self-propelled gun RC M113 damaged hull SD Experimental tank SD Churchill Mk.VII National Military Museum USA M4 Sherman replica RC M113 FSV RC Buffalo Mark 4 LVT RC Marmon Herrington gun tractor RC 25 pdr field gun and limber SD Type 95 Japanese tank replica RC	Australian Armour & Artillery Museum Yeramba self-propelled gun RC 2 pdr Portee RC Matilda tank dozer SD 1939 LP4 armoured car RC AC1 Sentinel tank RC AC4 17 pdr replica SD Australian War Memorial - Canberra Japanese Type 95 tank SD
Soft skin Military Vehicles SOLD 2006 (2) Diamond T 969 Wreckers RC (2) 1/4ton 4x4 Jeeps SD Welbike RC 2 1/2 ton Studebaker US6 RC 2 1/2 ton International RC Austin 1/4ton SD Mobile Radar van SD WW2 Wiles cooker SD 3 ton 4x4 Blitz truck SD (2) Bedford MW 15 cwt SD KB3 International truck SD Humber 1 ton 4x4 SD DUKW amphibious SD One ammunition limber SD Dodge WC 4x4 RC Morris Commercial 15 cwt SD	Burma Dodge truck SD 7 ton Cletrac M2 SD Topez full track APC RC Standard 5 cwt 4x2 RC Willys 1/4 ton SD BSA M20 motorcycle RC 3 ton Chev Blitz C60 SD (2) 6 ton MIAI Wrecker RC International Mk.5 Wrecker SD 3 ton Ford F60S 4x4 RC 10 ton Mack M123 truck RC RAEME International SD Federal 10 ton 6x4 RC Thornycroft Nubian fire truck RC Kenworth MIAI wrecker RC Ward La France wrecker RC Dodge WC 6x6 RC LRDG Chev 30 cwt RC

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Soft Skin Vehicles still currently in stock			
S Line International truck	RC	41 Ford semi	RC
K6 International truck	RC	41 Ford 1 ton	RC
NM Mack truck	RC	MH tractor semi	RC
Lynn track truck	RC	M816 prime mover	RC
M816 Wrecker	RC	Steco 3 axle float	RC
M5 International Wrecker	SD	Brentwood 15 ton wrecker trailer	RC
(2) EH Mack		(2) Dodge WC ambulance	RC
(2) Diamond T 969 wrecker	RC	M3A1 Kenworth wrecker	RC
Ward La France wrecker	RC		
Auto-car wrecker	RC		

Major items in the storage graveyard suitable for long term and difficult restoration

LVT4A Alligator		Commer 1 ton	
Terrapin amphibian 8x8		(2) Dodge 42 truck 3 ton	
Dingo AC		50's Leyland 4x4	
Guy Quad		Lend Lease Chev	
(2) Standard Tilly		AEC Matador	
M543 truck		(2) M3 Lee tanks	
(8) Blitz Ford and Chev trucks		FWD truck HAR1	
Dodge 1/2 ton WC		(2) Radar vans	
Dodge M37		(2) Diamond T 980	
(2) Humber 1 ton trucks		(2) Le Tourneau cranes 20 ton	
D30 Inter truck		EH Mack	
(2) Ferret scout cars		Fowler crane on GMC 6x6	
Southern Cross drill on Blitz		Yeramba cut down hull	
(3) Stuart M3A1 light tanks		QLB Bedford	

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A brief profile of J. Belfield. 1931 to who knows when...

Served 26 years with the 4/19 Prince of Wales Light Horse Regiment as Sergeant Recovery Mechanic.

Married to Pat for 63 years, we created and established the Melbourne Tank Museum at Narre Warren, Victoria from 1993 to 2006.

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**When: 18th - 20th August 2023
Time: Saturday - 8.30 am - 5.00 pm
Main Vehicle Display Saturday (Trophies Presented 3PM)
Sunday - 8.30 am - 2.00 pm**

Where: Carlisle Street, (Rec Reserve) Wunghnu Vic

 20th Lighthorse VMR Shepparton

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Contact: David 0415 906 319 - Janet 0417 199 975



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Jan Thompson's militaria sale - Part B

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My adventures down at Point Lonsdale have finished. I have succeeded in finding places for most of the militaria and collectables and Lloyds have been so there will be some things going to auction. While sorting out the shed at Wallington I started going through the collectables at Point Lonsdale. Those who came in the early days have returned and seen the progress over the weeks. Fossicking in the garage, tool shed, sunroom and 2 smaller undercover areas took a long while to go through. Working on one area at a time was the plan. There were always changes to the plans depending on who was down looking for particular items. Jake Neville was so excited when he found a data plate that dad had taken off a Bren Gun trailer that Jake is now the owner of. Fortunately Jake was going through some of the shelves in the garage and found it. Dad was always concerned about data plates being stolen so he took most of them off vehicles and trailers he had owned. Jake ended up also with Bren Gun Carrier dash in perfect condition. He is going to name his carrier 'Hughie'.

The garage was also the place where the DUKW ladder was stored. Euan McDonald was going through a few things in the tool shed and said "What do you think I have found here?" It ended up being a DUKW Front Window. It was pulled out carefully and it took a few more weeks until the tool shed was cleared.

There was a tool shed which was full of collectables. Thanks to Doug Sterry for pulling all the toys out of the mezzanine level. Thanks to Dom Kaukas for pulling out many items from the tool shed and the final thanks are to Daniel Easom and Troy Creamer for pulling out the remainder of the items where they found more DUKW/GMC items that were highly sought after. 2 Air compressors and a gearbox were out on the footpath when mum and I returned from an appointment along with garden tools galore, camouflage nets, rope and more rope. I have lost track of how many millions of feet of rope and wire rope were found both at the farm and at the house.

Dad had large piles of wood he had stored for many years. Both Barry and Jack Neville were happy to remove this. Jack and I started removing wood from the area near the Trewella jacks. We moved the jacks to another place then we carried wood to his trailer; thinking it was one row and then discovering more rows so the trailer was full an hour or so later. Jack had to the go home, cut it up and stack it for his fire. He also removed all the tongue and groove and will be using it when restoring his vehicles.

I was fortunate to have people who told me some of the prices I should put on items particularly parts (thanks to Keith Webb and others) and when it came to clothing, webbing, pouches and boots Stephan Cheers, Vaughn Dixon, Ian Austin, Bill Bates, Dom Kaukas and David Howell gave me some lessons and I really appreciate their help and advice.

Upon finding a pair of WW1 wire cutters which go on a .303 rifle started a long discussion. I had been led to believe that more often than not dad would have had more than one of some of the rare items. When these were found I said "I wonder if there will be more". All up we found 3 pairs. Another interesting item was the 'WW2 Jungle Boots'. The offers started coming in and then one bidder put forward \$1000 so I thought about this and said "they must be worth more than that". His next offer was \$1500. He had only seen one other pair and fortunately this discussion occurred before I sold them off for \$30.

Bill Bates and family came a few times. Each time we focused on things Bill was knowledgeable about and we would open a kit bag and there was another lot of webbing. One collector purchased all

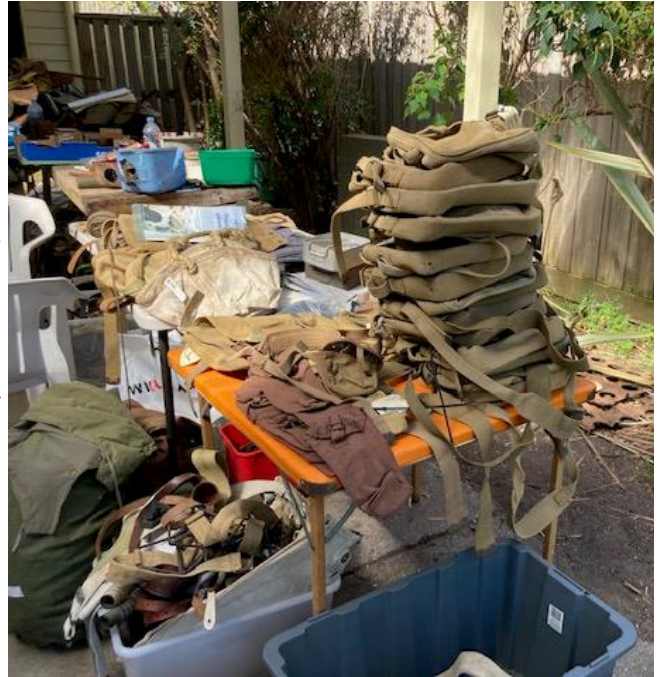


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the mortar pads and webbing. I learnt about how rare and sought after some of the webbing was. In particular there was some Pattern 08 officer brace attachments which come in a set of 2 for each side of the belt. Thanks to Ian Austin and Dom Kaukas who shared their knowledge on the webbing and pouches.

It was valuable having Keith Webb visit on a number of occasions. He was one of the moderators of our Facebook Group which made me set up my own Facebook profile and also Paypal account. We ended up with people from many countries and all states of Australia. There were many trips to the Post Office in Queenscliff. I would turn up with my plastic box or sometimes 2 boxes of goodies to post so I am now very familiar with the process. We set goals and Keith managed to clear out the whole garage a week or so prior to Lloyds collection. Mum and I were very appreciative of his knowledge on Blitz parts and he was



able to identify other vehicle parts as well. There were times we would take a photo and put it on our Facebook group and ask for ID as we didn't have any ideas on what some things were. Keith identified many things and put tags on them which should help Lloyds identifying things. He sold a large number of things within a short time of putting them up. I had a set of shelves so when things were sold they would go on the shelf and I made sure the persons name was clear and the agreed price was on the object. Keith and I had our discussions over me using masking tape and he preferred to use tags and cable ties.

I was surprised by the people who I met and those who I could confide in to assist me with sorting and selling. There were people who I could contact and ask to identify items or give me a guide on price. I made regular contact with some of these people. They made me aware that I could get people who would rip us off and offer very little when some things were worth a lot of money. Just prior to the sale we had at Wallington, Stephan Cheers came on board. We did lots of messaging via Messenger, Video via messenger and Facetime along with phone conversations. It felt like I had known him for many years.



After Christmas his wife got on the phone and said "Would you like Steve to come down?" I immediately said "That would be awesome." We decided a date which suited both of us. Troy and I drove to Sydney and we dropped in to Steve's house. It was great to meet him and his family and have a look at his collection. He is writing a book so was able to show me the differences between the US, Canadian, British and Australian items. It was good that Steve found a few things for his collection from our collection. He flew down from Sydney to Avalon and I picked him up.

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On Friday afternoon he laid out all the clothing in the driveway and sorted it into groups. I had kitbags of shirts, shorts, trousers prior to this and then Steve was able to identify all the different types and we relabelled the kit bags. Our day on Saturday started at 7am and finished at midnight. On Sunday we were up at 5am and I got him back to the airport by 2pm. He was so helpful and it was great that I only had one person visit on the Friday to collect something. We didn't need interruptions. By 1pm on Sunday all the pouches and webbing were labelled and up on shelving. Once he spread the word to other groups of people a large number of new people came onboard.



When people came here some tried on some of the clothing. I used a few of the people as models and it definitely helped with the sales of clothing. Cameron Stone spent about 30 minutes modelling clothing then decided to buy a few pieces. Trent McClure modelled some goggles. Isabella Bates was able to fit into some of the ladies

clothes and she ended up with some.

We decided to sell the jeep trailer. We were led to believe it would be worth approx. \$2000. In the end there were 2 bidders and it was neck and neck up until the closing time of 6pm. Paul Newman was the successful bidder. Andre Smetanin was unsuccessful and asked me to see if anyone had a jeep trailer for sale. Within 10 minutes of putting up the message Frank Vella made contact and Andre ended up buying his trailer. It ended up being a win/win situation.



One of the things dad used to say when I asked him why he had parts from many different military vehicles was "I might get one of those one day."

I tried to spread the vehicle parts amongst the collectors. I know that not everyone can spend the time going through their collection but I must say if you are a large collector and have parts for the vehicles make sure they are kept near the vehicle. It is difficult when you find parts and don't know what they are off. I know a number of serious collectors who have passed away and their family has had difficulties sorting out their collections. Some of these collections have gone straight to the tip or scrapper. I always knew this task would be difficult and at times emotional for all

involved but believed I could do it and with the people who have helped I will never forget your support.

I found a few interesting phrases I used: "it must be worth more than what you are offering" and often people would up their offer price. On the odd occasion as I became more knowledgeable and felt more comfortable setting prices there often was a person out there who was prepared to pay the price.

At the end I reduced prices of many things really to get rid of them and there were some very interested buyers. I did a lot of posting to all states of Australia and overseas. The man at Australia Post shop in Queenscliff explained everything I had to do and I am sure some days when I walked in the door with a huge box or two of things to post he must have said under his breath "not more militaria". A week before

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leaving I did 2 visits in one day and on the second visit he asked me if we had imperial tools. My answer was "plenty and we still have some left". He dropped in and I allowed him to take a couple of boxes home to look through.

In closing this story I must say that many people benefitted from the sales I did and as a family Barbara, James and I dealt with a great group of people. Some visited once and others came back multiple times. Just remember that when there is a death of a military vehicle collector you will likely have to face selling their vehicles, parts etc. Due to COVID-19 I wasn't able to see my mother for 2 years so we weren't able to do anything earlier and I am pleased to say there is now very little of it for her to deal with. I used different strategies over the 3 ½ months and really feel what has been done has been really good. You will start seeing some of the collection up at Lloyds Auctions in Altona.



Jan Thompson-Creamer



Keith Webb trying out some new sunglasses!

If you have not seen Jan's PART A of this story, go to the KVE website

**www.corowaswim-in.org
and click on to the KVE News
January 2023 edition on the
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Kerryn and Craig

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With other events often occurring in the area at the time of the Swim-In, we have widened the area to include Rutherglen and here is some accommodation in that area. You can also search on www.explorerutherglen.com.au

Accommodation in Rutherglen

Victoria Hotel	90 Main St.	Rutherglen 6585	02 6032 8610
Rutherglen Motor Inn	217 Main St.	Rutherglen 6585	1800 028 356
Walkabout Motel	15 Moodemere St.	Rutherglen 6585	02 6032 9572
Motel Woongarra	40 Drummond St.	Rutherglen 6585	02 6032 9588
Poachers Paradise	97 Murray St.	Rutherglen 6585	02 6032 7373
Golden Chain Wine Village Motor Inn	217 Main St.	Rutherglen 6585	1800 028 356

The above are a small selection of what accommodation is available around Rutherglen. To check further we suggest you go to www.explorerutherglen.com.au where you can find out price and availability for the period you wish to stay, and there are more to choose from.

More accommodation listings for Corowa and surrounding area on next page

Where to stay around Corowa

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For further information or assistance in accommodation please contact the Corowa Visitor Information Centre on Freecall: 1800 814 054. They are there to help you and are willing to search and book for you, or you can go online to do it at www.visitcorowaregion.com.au

Business Name	Address	Location	Phone
<u>Caravan Parks</u>			
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
<u>Motel</u>			
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
Yarrowonga & Border Golf Club	Gulai Street	Mulwala	03 5744 1911
<u>Self Contained</u>			
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
Oakliegh Hideaway	Piggins Road	Hopefield	02 6033 1814
Pete's Place	20 Gitchell Street	Corowa	02 6033 4495
Savernake Farmstay	Savernake Station	Yarrowonga	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
<u>B&B</u>			
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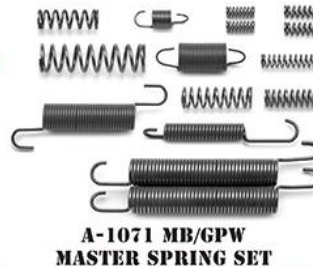
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Military Vehicle Group of NSW (MVG of NSW)

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: connell@westnet.com.au
 Dates of Meetings: 3rd 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@mjcqinc.com Dates of Meetings: 2nd 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)

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
 Dates of Meetings: As required Locations of Meetings: As Required
 Website: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/aussiemecs/>
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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>

Wartime Vehicle Conservation Group SA Inc. (WVCG)

Contact: Rick Shearman Mobile No.: 0408 835 018 Email: rickshearman@bigpond.com
 Dates of meetings: 1st 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
 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: 4th 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
 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.

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
 Dates of Meetings: 2nd 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
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

FULL NAME OF APPLICANT			
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..... hereby apply to become a member of KVE Inc.

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

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ENTRY FORM

Entrant / Driver:

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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

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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.

Entrant's Signature:	Date:
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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:

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2. Do you have a State Boat Registration that is recognised in NSW?	YES	NO

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