

# KVE News

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

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# 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Corowa Swim-In & Military Vehicle Gathering Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> to Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ:

KVE is advising all participants and those accompanying them, that they will require the Service NSW app on a mobile device (ie your phone). Most NSW residents will have this app already. Participants from other States will need to download the app and create an account. If at first you don't succeed with creating an account – please keep trying.

Whilst proof of vaccination is not a requirement to enter most venues in NSW, we would recommend to link the proof of vaccination to the app as it is still required for some businesses. This is an easy process through the Medicare app. For more information on the Service NSW app, please see the following link <a href="https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/service-nsw-mobile-app">https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/service-nsw-mobile-app</a>

With the NSW app you need to check in and check out each time you enter and leave a premise. For example, if you are staying at Ball Park Caravan Park you will need to do this each time you pass in or out of the gate. For those requiring a manual sign in, this is available in the Office and you will need to wear a mask and observe density limits to enter the reception area.

As we will be on the Victorian NSW border we recommend that participants download the Service Victoria app. You will need to link the proof of vaccination certificate to this app., as proof of vaccination is required in Victoria in all but essential services, ie. — if you want to have a meal or visit a winery you will need to show proof of vaccination in Victoria. This app is much easier to install. You only need to check in with this app. Checkout is not required.

The general advice is that if you cannot access your vaccination certificate electronically, it is recommended that you carry a paper copy.

With the Sign-In for vehicles to the show grounds on Saturday morning, you will be stopped at the vehicle entry gate in order to sign in. This will possibly mean some queuing but as there will not be a formal parade it should not be a problem. If participants don't wish to take their vehicle into the showgrounds, then they can enter via the pedestrian gate and sign in there.

There will not be a formal parade on Saturday morning, more information in this newsletter.

KVE has decided to not hold any organised meal/food events this year due to Covid -19 restrictions relating to density limits and food service requirements.

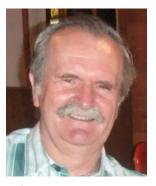
We are looking forward to 2023 being back to normal.

This information is current at the time of printing and that KVE advises participants to check the health advice at the time of the event and consider their own individual health risk in attending. KVE is doing everything to keep participants safe but there is no guarantee that participants might not contract Covid -19. In the unfortunate event that this happens, participants who have a distance to travel should have a contingency plan should they need to isolate for 7 days.



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& Military Vehicle Gathering

Held every March at Corowa, NSW.

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# **President's Report**

Hi,

As I write this on the last week of January, it is encouraging that the 42nd Corowa Swim-In will now take place, one year late. With all the COVID related regulations to deal with and constant changes to them, those of us on the organising committee have been working hard to ensure that the event can take place. All this has had to be done on top of all the normal tasks. Please be understanding if you encounter some slight changes to normal procedures when you come to the event in March. Any changes that have been made are hugely due to the COVID situations and the problems that have arisen from it. Hopefully, next year things will get back to a bit of normality.

More on this in greater detail on the following pages. Please read this newsletter thoroughly so you are fully aware of the changes that have had to be made. We look forward to your entries and are sure that you are all keen to take part in the Swim-In once again.

Please bear in mind that the details in this edition of KVE News are as the situation is on the 30th January 2022 and there may be further changes by the government before the event in March. We will endeavour to keep you informed via the Corowa Swim-In Facebook and the <a href="https://www.corowaswim-in.org">www.corowaswim-in.org</a> website if there are any significant changes.

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

KVE has received a grant from the Federation Council for the 2022 event, we thank them for their continued support of the Swim-In.



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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# Important information for people attending the Corowa Swim-In in March 2022

# 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.

# <u>Important information regarding Service NSW and Services Victoria.</u>

For people attending the 42nd Corowa Swim-in and military vehicle gathering it is advisable to download the Service apps for Service NSW and Service Victoria. There are different regulations between States. Link your vaccination status with both these sites. The regulations can change from one day to the next so if you sign up with both sites you will be kept up to date. It is highly likely you will be accessing businesses in both states. Anyone from South Australia, Tasmania, Queensland and the ACT should sign up with Service NSW and Service Victoria. Just a tip for those not from NSW, you need to check out on the app when you leave the venue you have checked in to.

Even when we print the Special Edition of the KVE newsletter things can change so it is up to each participant to be aware of COVID updates related to NSW.

# KVE preparations for the Swim-In: March 2022:

COVID-19 has impacted events since 2020 and KVE have decided to go ahead with a COVID Modified gathering. There are a few changes in plans since you received the last newsletter.

The Wednesday trip to Rand has been postponed, but there is an alternative trip being organised by Kel Baxter. Please see the Program of Activities, later in this bulletin that will give details.

The Friday night guest speaker and dinner at the Corowa Football Club has been cancelled. There will be no BBQ breakfast

The parade on Saturday is cancelled and we are asking people to drive to the Showgrounds in their vehicle between 7:30am and 9:30am. The vehicle entry will be clearly signposted and theme vehicles will be parked separately to other vehicles attending the gathering. You will be required to sign in with their QR code.

Use of the Showgrounds: KVE have asked for permission to use the Showgrounds from Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March until Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Jan McKenna will be organising the swap meet again.

# **Entry Form for 2022:**

If you haven't returned your Entry Form for 2022 please do so ASAP so it gives the organisers an indication of the numbers and types of vehicles along with the number of participants we are to expect. It only costs \$25 per vehicle to enter and if you pre-register by 28<sup>th</sup> February you will receive a participant pack upon arrival in Corowa. The participant packs will include a brass plaque, hat, sanitiser, Special Swim-in Information book etc.

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Please look in your Information book for details on the activities from Wednesday to Sunday.

We had some people who completed an entry form which didn't mention the COVID-19 Safety Requirements so any of these people will be given a different form to sign and the full declaration will be on display at the Site Office at Ball Park Caravan Park.

# **KVE Site Office:**

Jane Packer and Jan Thompson are organising the Site Office roster for 2022. We are looking for people who may be interested in helping out. 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 2020. Volunteers need to be fully vaccinated and will be asked to wear a mask when they are on duty. Proof of vaccination will be asked for when you present for your turn on the roster. Hi-visibility vests will be provided and will be laundered between shifts.

To put your name down for a time contact Jane 0412 533174 or Email: <a href="mailto:janeyp@live.com.au">janeyp@live.com.au</a>
Or Jan Thompson 0412 078096 or email: <a href="mailto:jan.thompson1@optusnet.com.au">jan.thompson1@optusnet.com.au</a>

We have modified the Site Office so there will be 3 people working on each shift for a maximum of 3 hours each. Site Office volunteers will wear masks and are fully vaccinated. It is preferred when you go to the Site Office you wear a mask. There will be one way in and one way out. Please be aware of current rules for NSW. These can change from one day to the next. You will need to use the KVE QR code at the site office. Should you continue to visit friends in Ball Park Caravan Park you will need to sign in on their QR code.

We will also have clipboards for participants to indicate if they are looking at attending some of the activities from Wed onwards. For catering purposes we require names and numbers of people.

- The Site office and Showgrounds require people to sign in with the Service NSW app. There will also be a manual system for signing in.
- Currently you are not required to show Vaccination Status at the Site Office or Showground

There may be businesses or places you visit in NSW or Victoria which may require you to show your vaccination status.

Covid safe measures to follow:

- \* Maintain social distance.
- \* Wear a mask where indicated
- \* Cough or sneeze into your elbow
- \* Practice and maintain good hand hygiene
- \* Do not attend if you are unwell
- \* Get tested if you are unwell.

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- If you are not residing at Ball Park Caravan Park you will be required to visit their office and sign in.
- If you are feeling sick with COVID symptoms please do not attend any events.

The Site Office hours will be:

Tuesday to Friday from 8am to 6pm.

On Saturday there will be a Site Office at the Showgrounds from 8:30am to 12:30pm

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

Jeeps and RAAF vehicles will also receive an identification card to put alongside your vehicle number.

# **Federation Council News:**

During the year we have kept in contact with the Federation Council. We have had ZOOM meetings involving various representatives of the Council and Sonia Palmer from Ball Park Caravan Park. KVE successfully applied for a Community Grant from the Federation Council for this event.

For KVE to run the event we have had to complete a COVID-19 Safety Plan and obtain a QR code. Participants will be required to sign in and when you go into the Ball Park Caravan Park Office please wear a mask.

# **Corowa Chocolate and Whiskey Factory:**

We are supporting a local business who are manufacturing their own sanitiser. There will be a 280ml bottle with each participant pack and we will have this available at our Site Office.

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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.

# **Daily Newspaper:**

Many thanks to Sam King who did our Daily Newsletter for 2020. He is happy to continue doing this in 2022.

# 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 13<sup>th</sup> and Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March to put together the Participant packs.
- 2. Setting up the Site Office on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March so it is ready for the first participants to sign up on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.
- 3. People to take on shifts at the Site Office from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March. During the week the site office is open at Ball Park Caravan Park and on Saturday a temporary office is located at the Showgrounds. To run the office effectively we require a minimum of 3 people on each shift. In the past there have been both KVE members and participants who have helped and we really appreciate their help.
- 4. Marshals for the Showgrounds.
- 5. People to help pack away our site office at Ball Park Caravan Park at the end of the week.

# Swap Meet Site holders at the Corowa Showgrounds:

This year the Swap Meet is being managed on behalf of KVE, by the Corowa Pastoral, Agricultural & Horticultural Society Inc. (Corowa PA&H Soc.). Anyone wishing to book a swap meet site should contact Jan McKenna from the Society, on 0427 331 148 or email <a href="mailto:janandfrankmckenna@bigpond.com">janandfrankmckenna@bigpond.com</a> The application form is at the back of this newsletter with full details of rates per day, either Outdoor or Undercover.

There will be a COVID-19 Safety Plan and participants and stallholders will be required to sign in using the QR Code or a manual sign in system.

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.

Camping for <u>stallholders only</u> 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.

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# Stall rates

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

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

Double the rate for double sized areas

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 by Jan McKenna from the Show Society, who 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.

# **Program of Activities:**

David Barton is going to hold a few radio controlled model vehicle gatherings. Please contact David on 0428 753751 to express your interest and he will let you know what days and times.

People wanting to attend any of the trips on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday should put their name down on the form at the KVE site office prior to the day of the event. It is more important now with restrictions due to COVID-19. The trips will leave from the Football oval opposite Ball Park Caravan Park and you will be given a Route Card prior to leaving for the trip.

Please **do not** queue from Ball Park Caravan Park as in past years.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March: Trip to the Hume Dam, Albury/Wodonga and Hopefield

9:00am: departure from the football oval, opposite Ball Park Caravan Park

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March: Trip to Tocumwal

8:30am: we will depart from the Corowa football ground muster point (opposite Ball Park Caravan Park) at 0830 and drive approximately 80 Kms west to Tocumwal, site of a WW11 airbase.

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The trip will be on sealed main roads and offer little shade so don't forget to pack the covers for your vehicle and water for yourself.

On reaching Tocumwal we will visit the recently opened Tocumwal Aviation Museum which has a cafe attached. Tours have been arranged in groups of 20 people at 1000, 1200 and 1400 hrs. Pre-booking with KVE will be essential for the tours. The sign up sheets will be at the site office at Ball Park Caravan Park. There is a modest entry fee of \$15 per adult and \$10 for DVA/pension and seniors card holder. If you miss out on securing a time for a guided tour, you are still able to visit the Aviation museum and look at the display.

If you are keen to secure a place for a guided tour you can do this by emailing Deborah Birrell <u>deborah@dragnet.com.au</u> or phoning **0428 742440**. Please include your phone number in the message, your preferred time and how many you are booking for. It is anticipated that we will have morning tea and lunch at the Drome cafe in groups of 20 - 40. You are welcome to eat at the other cafes in Tocumwal or pack a picnic lunch and have it on the banks of the Murray.

Chrysties Classic and collectables museum will be open to visit for those waiting for their tour of the Aviation Museum. Entry fee will be \$5 (group discount). Chrysties is very close to the Aviation Museum. Some local car club members will possibly be there in the afternoon. Some other things to do in Tocumwal are to visit the small War Graves section at the Tocumwal Cemetery. You can also visit the Town Beach and sit on the banks of the Murray River. This part of the river is renowned for its sandy beaches (depending on the height of the river at the time!)

Participants can make their own way back to Corowa and may choose to drive back on the Victorian side along the Murray Valley Highway. Border crossing points are at Tocumwal, Barooga and Mulwala. Currently there are no restrictions to enter Victoria. Victorian hospitality venues currently require proof of vaccination.

Deborah Birrell – trip leader

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March:** Corowa and Surrounds trip, visiting WW2 RAAF sites, nature reserve and following the Shearing of the Rams trail. Bring your own packed lunch and drinks.

9:00am: departure from the football oval opposite Ball Park Caravan Park

# Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March:

7:30-9:30am: Vehicles will make their own way to the Corowa Showgrounds. Theme vehicles will be directed to the grass area and other vehicles will be put in the area near the trees

Swap meet run by KVE with Jan McKenna and Sam King are the contacts.

From1pm: Vehicle activities

**From 8-9pm** in the evening there will be presentations near the Radar Van/ Site office.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March: General activities

From 6pm: Dinner at the Corowa RSL bistro

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# Themes for 2023, 2024, 2025:

In 2023 it will be Year of the Heavy Metal and Military Kit. Mon. 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March. In 2024 it will be Year of the Blitz. Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March In 2025 it will be Year of the Studebaker. Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March

# **VOTING FORM**

The form will be in your Participant Pack. Please put this form in the Suggestion Box by 12 midday on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March. At 1200hrs this box will be cleared and any forms received after this will not be included. We need time to count and organize the results for the presentations on Saturday night.

<u>Awards</u>: 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:
2. Hard Luck award: Name:	Reason why:
3. Breakdown Award: Name:	Reason why:
<b>4. Longest distance driven in a military vehicle:</b> Name:	Number of Kilometres driven:
<b>5. Encouragement Award:</b> Name:	Reason why:
<b>6. People's Favorite Choice:</b> For your favorite vehic Vehicle rally number:	le attending this year. Type of Vehicle:

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

Vehicle rally number:

8. RAAF Theme - People's Choice: For your favorite RAAF vehicle attending this year.

Vehicle rally number:

# **KVE** newspaper:

Sam King will be organising the KVE Newspaper. Ideally he would like reports on trip of the day and any stories participants would like to share. This will be handed out at the beginning of the day and available at the Site Office first thing in the morning. Contact Sam on **0406 255802** or email: kingsmedals@yahoo.com

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# 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 News:

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 <a href="kve.editor@btinternet.com">kve.editor@btinternet.com</a>
This newsletter goes out to members of KVE along with past, present and future participants of the Annual GPA Swim-In and ex-Military Vehicle Gathering at Corowa, NSW, Australia. Let's spread the word about this great event.

# **Joining KVE Inc**

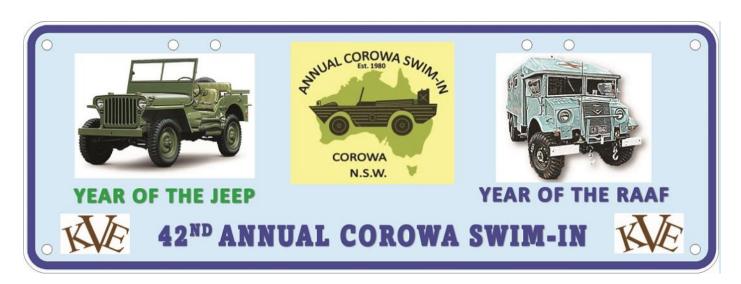
To be a part of the organising of the Swim-In in the future you are welcome to join KVE Inc. You can download a Membership Application Form off the website or ask me for a copy. By joining KVE you will be given more of a chance to make suggestions for how the event is run in the future.

For further information on the event please feel free to give me a call on 0412 078096 or send an email to kveinc@optusnet.com.au 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

All information correct at time of publishing - 30th January 2022



The souvenir plate shown above is available for participants to buy for \$30, there is an option on the entry form.

# 2022 Swap Meet

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# **Annual Swim-In Swap Meet**

Corowa Showground Corowa, NSW

Saturday 19th March 2022 opens at 8.00am

# Gold coin collection at entrance



The Swap Meet at the Showground will have 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. Stallholders only, will be able to camp at the showground from Thursday to Sunday, charges will be \$10 per night, per campsite.

Stalls can be open from Thursday to Saturday and charged per day as below.

#### **Stall Rates**

\$20 per day for Outdoor site 6 x 3 metres (approx.) \$25 per day for Undercover site 3.65 x 3.2 metres (approx.) Double rates 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 in at future events.

Stallholders who are camping will be able to use the cold showers and toilets which are owned by the Show Society. The Racecourse toilet block will be opened either Friday night or Saturday morning. The Swap Meet will be managed on behalf of KVE Inc.

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

The booking form is on page 40 of this newsletter

Advance enquiries to Jan McKenna as above

Alternative contact is Sam King (KVE Committee member) on 0406 255 802 kingsmedals@yahoo.com

# Ball Park Caravan Park

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# **Latest News!**

Sonia and Andrew Palmer have returned to manage the Ball Park Caravan Park (02) 6033 1426

contact@ballparkcp.com.au



A: Bridge Road, Corowa NSW T: 02 60331426 contact@ballparkcp.com.au

# **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.



http://corowaswim-in.org

# Keith Webb's latest DVD on 2020 Swim-In

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#### 2020 Corowa Swim-In DVD

Corowa 2020 will be remembered as the last event before the lockdown was imposed shortly after the successful conclusion.

The Year of the Military Motorcycle DVD covers the event with interviews with many of the motorcycle owners such as Hans Sprangers and his Zundapp, Paul Bailey with his Norton Big4 sidecar outfit, Anthony Shorten's Harley as well as stories from owners of other vehicles present including Sam Scholz from Qld, who had been preparing his Diamond T 969 Wrecker for an outback trip; father and son team of Jack and Jake Neville, Jack with his freshly restored 1939 Ford 1 ton Roadster Utility and Jake's Dodge ambulance; first float for Hayley and Trent Keith's DUKW, Lachlan Matthews' 1947 Tatra OT810 halftrack; Nicole Wright's 'Follow Me' Jeep; Graham Robb's modified Ford F15 tipper and even an interview with Dutchy about the searchlight generator.

Of course there's also the parade, swap meet and taking the amphibious vehicles for a swim.

It will be available for sale at the KVE Site Office during the event, or to order the DVD, please contact Keith Webb and he will provide you with an Invoice and bank details.

The contact address is: Keith Webb, 19 Lindsay Street, Macleod, VIC 3085

email: oldcmp.net@gmail.com Mobile: 0438 132 748

Some stills from the DVD:







# Swim-In promotional items for sale

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# **Corowa Swim-In Promotional items** For sale

These will be available to purchase at the KVE Site Office at Ball Park Caravan Park during the 2022 Corowa Swim-In

**Current number plates for 2022** \$30



40th Anniversary plates from 2020:



2020 Sequential number plate \$25

Standard plate \$20



40th Anniversary coffee mugs \$20





2022 Stubby holders \$10







Year of the Land Rover stubby holders \$6





Brass plaques from past years \$15 each





Swim-In flags \$38



Keith Webb's 2020 Swim-In DVD Year of the Motorcycle \$35

# New activity for 2022 Swim-In

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RocHobby 1/6th Scale RC Jeep

# Radio Controlled Model Races – Entry Form:

Khaki Vehicle Enthusiasts (KVE) Annual Corowa Swim-In & Military Vehicle Gathering. Corowa 2022 – The Year of the Jeep

For Corowa 2022 KVE has decided to introduce a new activity – Radio Controlled (RC) Model Vehicle Races! Everyone with a RC Model is welcome, and young people are especially encouraged to bring along their RC Model and participate.

If you would like to compete in the events, please complete the following Entry Form details and return it to KVE, along with your 2022 Corowa Entry Form. (There is no fee to enter or compete in the RC Model races.)

Name:	Age:
Contact Number (Mobile preferred):	
Email Address:	
Name & Type of RC Model:	
Scale of RC Model:	
Is your RC Model water proof?	No 🔲

Categories: Depending upon how many entries we receive, and what variety of RC vehicles enter, will determine the number and category of races we can hold. Possible events will include Hill Climb, Speed Trial, Precision Driving, Rock Crawling, Best Presented Model, Peoples Choice Model, etc. We hope to have at least two daytime races and one night time race. Events will be held by the lagoon, and at other locations at Ball Park on Thursday, Friday and on Saturday afternoon.

**NB:** a minimum of 12 participants will be required for each event to be held.

For Further Details, Contact:

David Barton – Mob: 0428 753 751 Email: davidbarton@netspace.net.au

**Sponsors:** We would be very interested to hear from any potential sponsors who would like to assist us with providing prizes for category winners.

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Mailing Address: 9/1 Millett Road, Mosman, NSW 2088
Contact: Jan Thompson Mob. 0412 078 096
Email: kveinc@optusnet.com.au Website: http://corowaswim-in.org

# **Article by John Belfield**

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The Milne Bay Japanese tanks
By John Belfield

A bit of WW2 history first.

In the 1930's, the Japanese had decided to expand their empire and their power. To do this they needed a good supply of new materials for war, - coal, iron, oil, rubber, etc.

To do this, they started a war of invasion by bombing, shooting and killing their way south to control the Southwest Pacific area.

In order to achieve this, they needed to neutralise the Pacific Fleet of the United States of America. To do this, they proceeded on a deceitful and cowardly attack on the American Fleet anchored on a quiet Sunday morning on the 7th June 1941, now known infamously as the attack on Pearl Harbour.

The result of this attack only partly achieved the Japanese intentions as the most important part of the U.S. Fleet was proved later to be the U.S. aircraft carriers, which were at sea and not parked up in 'Battleship Row' in Pearl Harbour.

Straight after Pearl Harbour, the Japs pushed south invading most of Southeast Asia, including Malaya, Singapore, the Philippines, Borneo, Sumatra, Java, and the northern part of New Guinea.

Australia was at high risk of invasion and Townsville, Darwin and Broome were bombed. Early 1942 the Japanese navy was poised and ready to invade and take over Port Moresby with the possibility of being able to invade Australia. We all felt we were next. I was 12 going to school in Melbourne - we knew it was war. The Yanks were here, and they had

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taken over our school and also the MCG - it was war - St. Kilda Road below the Shrine was all slit trenches.

The turning point of the War in "the Pacific" was the battle of the Coral Sea. The Japs had the same arrogance as the Germans when they were sure that us inferior people would be incapable of breaking their military and naval codes. These codes were based on the German Enigma machine and early in the war the English code breakers at Bletchley Park in England had managed to completely decipher this very complicated code. This helped the Yanks and the Australians to be able to master the Jap codes.

So we, the Allies, knew that the Jap navy was about to attack Port Moresby and we were able to destroy their invasion convoy in the battle of the Coral Sea.

The next move by the overconfident Japs was to invade Port Moresby by forcing their way over land, over the Owen Stanley Range and of course that is all now history as our famous 39<sup>th</sup> Battalion made up of Militia men from Victoria stopped them within sight of Port Moresby, on the Kokoda Track.

The other Japanese move at about the same time was to invade Milne Bay at the South-East corner of Papua New Guinea on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 1942. They launched a small invasion force of infantry and two small tanks about 10 miles east of the Australian Defensive area of Gili Gili. The tanks were firing their machine guns at the Australian 2/10 and 61st Bn. And were virtually unstoppable as we had no anti-tank weapons. Luckily, Cpl. Jack O'Brien SX1603 knew of the location of a Boyes Anti-Tank rifle .55" calibre, a short distance back towards Gili Gili in a Bren Carrier which had been destroyed by a land mine apparently laid to stop the tanks as they advanced.

He set up the Anti-tank rifle just across the creek and fired several shots and stopped both tanks. He then received a serious arm injury from the grenade thrown from a tank. He told me later that because of the injury, he was unable to fix a stoppage in his MG and so all he had left in his own defence and survival was a 'Thompson Club' in one hand. He decided on a 'strategic withdrawal' and lead his section on a three day march through thick mountainous jungle to safety.

He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for bravery and leadership. DCM666, see a copy of his citation at the end of this article.

For the next 2 days, the tanks and Jap infantry continued to advance on Gili Gili and No.3 strip. About 1.5 miles from the strip, both tanks became bogged on each side of the only track along the coast. This is the famous photo of these two tanks abandoned. Next move was for the Australian Sappers and LAD to render them both inoperable by blowing off the tracks and removing the 37mm guns and machine guns.

The next day the Japs advanced to the No.3 strip which was well defended by 2pdr antitank guns on Blitz portees. Together with 25pdr's, Vickers, Brens and rifles. Also the American airfield construction company had M3 White half-tracks all fuy armed and ready.

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The two Jap tanks captured at Milne Bay 1942

The No.3 strip ran from the mountain range to the sea and was an ideal killing ground. When the Japs advanced across the strip, they were mown down and destroyed, and so ended the Jap invasion of Milne Bay.

Meanwhile, the Jap tanks, having been immobilised, played no further part in the attack. Eventually, they were shipped back to Australia for stripping and evaluation. Later they were transported around Sydney and Melbourne by train and road transport as a good morale booster and also in an attempt to raise War Bonds to assist the Government finances to help the war effort.

Towards the end of the war, the two Jap tanks were put up for tender (sale) together with a MkIV Vickers driver training platform and a medium size experimental tank, which had been built up with Bren carrier tracks and a complicated suspension system and a dummy circular turret.

Hughes Trading from Coburg were successful tenderers, and these 4 items were stored for a long time in their yard in Sydney Rd., Coburg, Melbourne.

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After the war, which finished in 1945 and which was called, then appropriately, Victory on Japan, one of the Jap tanks was sold to an ex-soldier who was part of the Briggs family that ran a travelling show called Briggs Merry Go Rounds.

This tank which was still fairly complete, was put on display as a showman's display item. After a few years, this tank disappeared and has never been seen again.

In the late 1950's as a keen Military Vehicle collector, I tried to locate this vehicle over a period of several months and looking mainly in Northern Victoria, I tried to track down the showmen people who might have known of its whereabouts, but no success. So maybe this important bit of Australian Military history is still hiding in a barn on a farm somewhere.

Next stop was to try and buy the other remaining Jap tank from Hughes Trading scrap yard. I already knew the two brothers, Bob and Harold. They were good blokes but very tough traders. I didn't have the money that they wanted for the tank but over a period of a couple of years working on Bob for the sale, eventually I offered him some recovery gear, together with a 1876 Martini Henry Carbine 455/577 rifle, which he fancied as a wall hanger in his lounge room.

The tank was in very poor condition and buried deep in to the bottom of his yard. Most road wheels were missing or damaged and no tracks at all. I had to add a couple of Bren Carrier wheels and a truck wheel and tyre to the rear idler to enable me to tow it out of the yard with my famous trusty Dodge 4x4 Weapons Carrier. Eventually I was able to recover it to a back street and winch it on to a low loader owned by a very good friend of mine, Snowy Douglas from Emerald.

By the early 70's I had already collected a lot of Military Vehicles and my father used to say "Why the hell do you keep bringing home all the rusty old stuff?"

By then I had decided that I had better work up an excuse for my passion and enthusiasm for collecting all this "rust old stuff". So I applied for a permit to start a museum. That's another story and together with government, federal and state and local and Board of Works, it turned into a nine year bureaucratic nightmare.

Eventually in 1982, I had to move to a new location, where I was a bit more welcome with all my 'rusty stuff'! It took another 10 years to erect a secondhand building of 3000 square metres and in 1993, Pat and I opened the Melbourne Tank Museum in Narre Warren North. Bruce Ruxton opened it for us.

Getting back to the Jap tank again, I partly restored it and set it up in a diorama to make it look the same as it was when the Aussie Infantry captured it in Milne Bay. It had the names of a dozen Aussie soldiers scratched into the sides and the turret. I made sure that these remained as an important piece of Australian Military History.

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As part of the diorama, I hung jungle type camouflage nets behind it, together with a Japanese flag, which I had been given by one of my customers. We mostly had local visitors, but occasionally, overseas tourists, including a group of Japanese with a very old lady, who I assume understood the significance of what was written on the flag.

After a few weeks, I noticed that the Jap flag was gone, which was always upsetting when things disappeared as they did from time to time. About a month later, I received a substantial cheque or money order in the mail from Japan, but with no other information.

This happened in the mid-1990's and my memory is a bit hazy about anymore details. However, a good friend of mine and WWII, historian, Hank Heiremans, has suggested the flag probably belonged to one of the soldiers in the New Guinea campaign and the signatures on the flag would have been put there by local people from the area in Japan that the soldiers came from. Hopefully, it was returned to relatives of the soldiers so that they could experience closure after losing one of their sons.

We opened the Melbourne Tank Museum in 1993 and a few years later, Channel 9 TV News came and did a story on the Jap tank. They showed a picture of the Jap tank in New Guinea, Milne Bay.

Jack O'Brien was sitting in the kitchen when suddenly flashed across the screen, the knocked out Japanese tank that he recognised immediately from Milne Bay. Stunned with emotion and speechless, sat Jack as memories flooded back to the day he received an arm injury from a Japanese grenade while he was trying to stop 2 Jap tanks trying to cross a creek.

After seeng the Jap tank on the GTK Channel 9 News show, Jack's family made arrangements to come and have a look at it at the Melbourne Tank Museum. As the owner of the Museum, I was thrilled to learn that Jack was alive and eager to see his tank again.

Jack was now in his 80's and accompanied by his wife, Vera and son, arrived to a hearty



welcome by Pat, my wife and me, together with a group of friends and enthusiasts, including Hank Heiremans, who was the official photographer.

Jack was now in a wheelchair, and we positioned him in front of the tank. With some help from his son, Jack was able to hold the Boyes anti-tank rifle pointing at the front of the Jap tank for a few photos.

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We then laid the rifle across the arms of the wheelchair, and I then read out the official citation for the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal. I felt proud that I had been able to honour him, and his war history and I think Jack appreciated the effort that we made to honour him on this occasion.

Sometime later Pat suggested to me that the best place for this important piece of history was for it to go to the Australian War Memorial at Canberra. Pat's father had been part of the 8th Division captured in Singapore and had been a POW on the Burma railway and later had been sent to Japan to mine coal. Unfortunately, the Jap transport ship was sunk by an American submarine, and he was lost at sea.



Jack, with his wife Vera, and son.

I contacted the AWM and eventually the Jap tank was sent off to the Memorial workshops to be restored in the Mitchell annex. The engine was beyond saving so it was decided to restore the exterior so that it could be displayed in a historical diorama. The tracks that I had put on it were not original, but I was able to supply engineering drawings of one track link and so the AWM was able to afford a set of brand new tracks together with suspension 'repairs' and replacement of some road wheels sourced from some wreckers in the SW Pacific area. As a matter of interest, on close inspection, each track link has cast into the front face, the letters 'AWM05' a small cast of a kangaroo!

So that is my interpretation of the Milne Bay Jap tank story! I'm glad I was able to save a bit of Australian Military History. I was glad that I had the privilege to honour Cpl. Jack O'Brien and all the Aussies that fought against the Japanese invaders. Lest We Forget.

(Sgt.) John Dinga Belfield (OBN) Over Bloody Ninety (373675)





John Belfield recovering the Jap tank from Hughes scrap yard and loading it.

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#### The citation for the DCM awarded Jack O'Brien

SX 1605 CPL O'BRIEN, John Francis Patrick - 2.10 AUST INF BN APPROVED FOR IMMEDIATE AWARD OF D.C.M.

K.B. MISSION ACTION , MILNE BAY, NEW GUINEA night 27/28 Aug 42.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the night 27/28 Aug 42.

During the withdrawal of our own troops from K.B.
MISSION after 42 hours fighting of enemy tanks and infantry, Cpl
O'BRIEN played a magnificient part in attempting to prevent
further exploitation by the enemy. Enemy tanks and infantry had
commenced to advance along the road. Cpl O'BRIEN who had shown
initiative in obtaining an anti tank rifle with considerable
trouble, manned the gun in an exposed position on the road. It
was pointed out to Cpl O'BHIEN that the task would be a suicidal
one, but this did not deter him. When the tanks approached he
fired at the first one at a range of 10 yards and stopped it, but
the tank was not in a position in which to fire on him. Despite
this, and under fire from the tank and also mortar from the
infantry, he attacked a second tank, stopping it with 2 shots
from his anti tank rifle. During this encounter he received a
bad wound in the arm from a hand grenade thrown from the tank.
Several enemy infantry were also killed. Injured in such a
manner, he took part in a subsequent three days' march through
thick jungle country without rations. He had a section of men
under his command and by his example inspired them.

His general conduct throughout the entire action was



Left:

Awaiting restoration in the Melbourne Tank Museum

Right:
Restored and on display in the
Melbourne Tank Museum



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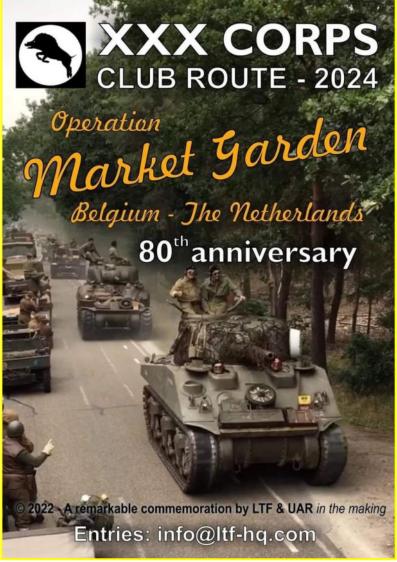
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Richard on kve.editor@btinternet.com

# Re-enactment event in Holland 2024

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Robin Mawson from the Geelong Military Re-enactment Group has sent the following information on a very special event to be held in Belgium and Holland in 2024:

As many of you may know myself and several other members of the GMRG attended the last two commemorative events in the Netherlands for the 70th and 75th anniversary of the Arnhem 30 Corps battles in Sept. 1944. There will be another tour for the 80th Anniversary in 2024 and, at this stage 3 of us intend participation in this event. The last two events were a lot of fun and help different experiences for us on the 2 occasions. This is a British living history event and there are at least 100 WW2 British vehicles (or US vehicles that were used by the British) which included a number of tanks. This event will be 2 weeks. If there are any Australians who may be interested or you know of them tell them to contact me. Note you will need to present as a PBI soldier (British WW2 kit). There are no parades that you would be expected to participate in

unless you want to and a normal living history approach would be expected, such as hiding modern stuff, But lots of room for being laid back and enjoying such an experience.

Robin Mawson

Website: www.ltf-hq.com

Registration form: https://www.ltf-hq.com/Registration-2024.htm

# Editor's note:

Here is a link to a Youtube video on the 2019 XXX Corps event to whet you appetite: This video is by the Bovington Tank Museum, who took part with several armoured vehicles from their collection:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bKY6ms6V2FI

Although I was unable to take part in the 2019 event, I did have the pleasure of noting several particular vehicles taking part that I had carried out work on.

**Richard** 

# Coming event at Kerang

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# **GANNAWARRA LAKES MUSTER**





#### **CONTACT GANNAWARRA LAKES MUSTER**

- Saturday 26th March Sunday 27th March 2022
- 14 Airport Rd
- **6** 0427274275
- ☑ britishclassicvehicles@gmail.com
- ① Website

The Mid Murray Flying Club is hosting the inaugural Fly In community event.

The Gannawarra Lakes Air Muster will be held on the weekend of March 26th and 27th 2022

Two days of activities!

## Saturday 26th March

## **Kerang Airport**

- Aircraft arrive and on display
- Community market
- SES display
- Kerang Historical display
- Rotary and Lions Club BBQ lunch
- TIF flights available by Mid Murray of the Lakes District

Saturday night dinner and drinks (Dinner tickets are limited)

# Sunday 27th March

Victoria St., Kerang - Breakfast in town for the Kerang Car Club

9.30am Classic vehicles parade through town.

## Kerang Airport from 10.30am

- Community market
- SES display
- Kerang Historical display
- Black Dog Ride display with merchandise
- TIF flights
- Classic cars and motorbike displays
- Free bus tours to Kerang Historical Museum and township all day

# **Another coming event**

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# **Bance Funeral Services Lockhart Truck Show**

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# Coming event at Bathurst, NSW

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# 'Bathurst Remembers World War 2 Exhibition 2022'

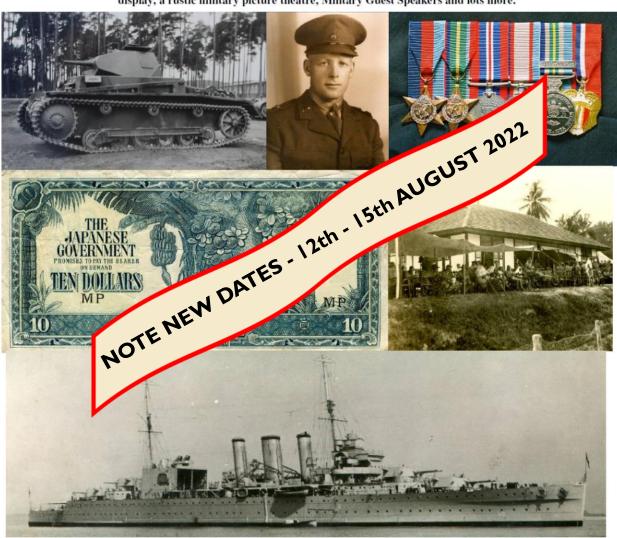
marking VJ Day & end of WW2

LATEST DATE - Exhibition now from Friday 12th August to Monday 15th August 2022 - Open: 9am to 5pm

The four day event will be held in four pavilions at the Bathurst Showground, Sydney Road

This WW2 Exhibition will consist of "Snapshots of World War 2" - 600 enlarged photos of soldiers in action, battlefields, training, the home front, Bathurst Army Camp, etc. There will also be the "Wall of Valour" – Over 130 enlarged photos of World War 2 Service Men and Women with an association with Bathurst who enlisted and served" over 2000 assorted photos in all.

Guest Exhibitors will display over 3,000 military items and WW2 memorabilia, uniforms, large display by Military Vehicle Group of NSW and other vehicle groups, medals, RAAF & POW items, Damien Parer St Stanislaus College photo display, a rustic military picture theatre, Military Guest Speakers and lots more.



Supported by the Bathurst District Historical Society, Bathurst RSL Sub branch, Department of Veterans' Affairs, Bathurst Regional Council, and the Bathurst Showground Land Manager.

For further details contact Curator - Alan McRae on 02 63315404 <a href="mailto:americae@lisp.com.au">amerae@lisp.com.au</a>

The military vehicle coordinator for this event is Jan Thompson-Creamer

If you would like to take part in the event with your vehicle contact Jan on 0412 078 096

or email to jan.thompsonI@optusnet.com.au

# Coming event in Qld.

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# 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
Caravan Parks			
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>			
Arcadia Motor Inn	127-135 Federation Avenue	Corowa	02 6033 2088
Best Western Heritage Motor	25 Edward Street	Corowa	02 6033 1800
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Oakliegh Hideaway	Piggins Road	Hopefield	02 6033 1814
Pete's Place	20 Gitchell Street	Corowa	02 6033 4495
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The Old Post Office Howlong	39 Hawkins Street	Howlong	02 6026 8278
<u>Hotels</u>			
The Royal Hotel	95 Sanger Street	Corowa	02 6033 0301
Hotel Australia	Sanger Street	Corowa	02 6033 1052

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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	I5 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.



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# The Corowa 'Year of' series of DVDs

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# This series features plenty of action and the stories behind some of the many fascinating and unique vehicles taking part in the annual event at Corowa, NSW.

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#### 2002 - Year of the Blitz

This is the story of an attempt to establish a Guinness World Record for the largest gathering of privately owned Blitz trucks. Extra features include the **2004 Year of the Dodge** featurette.

## 2003 - Year of the Studebaker

Colourful and entertaining this documentary covers both the history of the US6 Studebaker and the event. Special feature is the story of the North South road told by veteran army driver Alan Smith.

#### 2005 - Year of the Carrier

This year the theme vehicle is the charismatic tracked carrier so popular with military vehicle enthusiasts. Extra features include an hour of footage ranging from Carriers in Canada to a profile on the 2 pounder Tank Attack carrier owned by the Bandiana Army Museum.

#### 2006 - Year of the Armoured Car

Among a total of 123 military vehicles were 8 White Scout Cars, Ferrets, Half track, Lynx, a Daimler Dingo and LP4 Armoured Car. Extra features include an extended interview with historian Mike Cecil and coverage of the Melbourne Tank Museum auction.

#### 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.

#### 2008 - Year of the Tracked Vehicle

With some 150 vehicles at Corowa this DVD is full of tracked action. From a unique LP3 carrier prototype to the mighty Russian T34 we take you onboard some of the most interesting military vehicles yet seen at Corowa. Extras include a visit to collector Ron Fry to see his extensive collection and ride in his Stuart.

#### 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 onsite 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 antitank 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.

# **DVD's for Sale**

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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 inc. 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. The spectacle of the parade of vehicles led by Rick Cove's WW1 Albion. **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, . 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.

#### 2019 - Year of the Amphibian and Prototype

**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

# Corowa Swim-In 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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.

## 2020 - Year of the Military Motorcycle \$35

This dvd covers the event with interviews with many of the motorcycle owners such as Hans Sprangers with his Zundapp., Paul Bailey with his Norton Big4 sidecar outfit and Anthony Shorten with his Harley. Stories from owners of other vehicles include Sam Scholz from Qld who drove his Diamond T 969 wrecker down as a trial run for the BTTT trip., Jack Neville with his Ford Roadster, Jake Neville and his Dodge ambulance, Trent Keith and his DUKW, Lachlan Matthews with his OT810 halftrack, Nicole Wright and the "Follow Me" jeep, Graham Robb's modified Ford F15 tipper. Also includes parade, swap meet and amphibious activities.

**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.

# Directory of Australian based Military Vehicle Groups

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# Khaki Vehicle Enthusiasts Incorporated (KVE Inc.)

Mailing Address: 9/1 Millett Road, Mosman, NSW 2088 Contact: Jan Thompson

Mob. 0412 078 096 Email: kveinc@optusnet.com.au Website: http://corowaswim-in.org

Organisers of the Annual Corowa Swim-In & Military Vehicle Gathering

# Military Vehicle Group of NSW (MVG of NSW)

Contact: Secretary: 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: 08 945 | 4263 Email: 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@mjcqinc.com Dates of Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month At Rocklea Showgrounds, Ipswich Rd, Rocklea, Brisbane, Qld. Website: www.mjcqinc.com Dedicated to the preservation of the WW2 Jeep and other military vehicles.

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

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/

'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

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

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** 

Ph. 0428 972 320 john.boucher46@bigpond.com

Secretary: Andrew Davis, 909 South Arm Road, Sandford, TAS 7020 Email: mvgtinc@gmail.com

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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: 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) 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

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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month Locations of Meetings: Ashfield RSL at 8pm

For collectors and enthusiasts of ex-military vehicles

# Military History Group Inc.

Mailing address: 4 Windsor Drive, Wallan, Vic. 3756

Contact: Gary Jordan (Vice President) 0419 314 457 email: merlinengineers@bigpond.com 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.

# **Tailboard**

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The market place for anything related to military vehicles Updated daily - Viewed Worldwide



Supporters of the 2022
Corowa Swim-In & Military Vehicle Gathering

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



KVE gives special thanks to Corowa RSL Club for their welcomed support of the 2020 Annual Corowa Swim-In

Corowa RSL Club Ltd PO Box 356 Corowa 2646 enquiries@corowarsl.com.au www.corowarsl.com.au T 02 6030 5000 F 02 6030 5060 abn 28 001 066 628 acn 001 066 628



#### **KVE Inc**

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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 at Corowa in March 2022

# **KVE Membership application form**

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## KHAKI VEHICLE ENTHUSIASTS INC.

Unit 9/1 Millett Road, MOSMAN, NSW 2088 Mobile: 0412 078 096

Email: kveinc@optusnet.com.au Website: corowaswim-in.org Reg. No. INC9884485 (Incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1984)

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

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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 Harvey Black** Jan Thompson-Creamer **PRESIDENT SECRETARY VICE PRESIDENT** 

# 2022 Corowa Swap Meet booking form

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# COROWA PASTORAL, AGRICULTURAL & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC. PO BOX 190, COROWA NSW 2646

SECRETARY: Jan McKenna - 0427 331 148

APPLICATION FOR TRADE SPACE FOR SWAP MEET AT THE

2022 COROWA SWIM-IN & MILITARY VEHICLE GATHERING

TO BE HELD AT COROWA SHOWGROUND ON SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH
(Swap Meet organised on behalf of Khaki Vehicle Enthusiasts Incorporated)

Business Name :
Contact Name :
Address:
Phone No. : Mobile No. :
Email Address :
Description of Goods or Services intended to sell or display :
Costs: \$20 per day for Outdoor 6 x3 metres (approx.) \$25 per day for Indoor 3.65 x 3.2 metres (approx.)  Double rates for double size areas (approx.)  Stalls can be open from Thursday to Saturday, as charged above  Queries, contact Jan McKenna on 0427 331 148 or janandfrankmckenna@bigpond.com  Camping at Showgrounds for Stallholders only, from Thursday to Sunday -  Fee \$10 per night per campsite
COST FOR YOUR SITE (MUST BE PAID AT TIME OF BOOKING TO SECURE YOUR SITE)
Camping @ \$10 per night
Inside undercover @ \$25 per day
Outside site @ \$20 per day
Total cost for site
Signed by Applicant

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

Hume Bank - BSB - 640000 - Account No. 568163516







# 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

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#### 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:

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:

#### 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.)

Amphibious Vehicle Entrant's Signature: Date:

# 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 :

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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 <a href="mailto:kveinc@optusnet.com.au">kveinc@optusnet.com.au</a>

Entry 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 boxes below:

Ref.	Date:	Amount \$:

Please ensure your name is on the Bank Deposit/Transfer form so we can easily distinguish who has deposited the money, and post or email this Entry Form to the above address.