

38th Annual GPA Swim-In and Military Vehicle Gathering - Monday 13 to Sunday 19th March 2017

How time flies?

By 28th February we had 300 pre-registered participants. We are aware that very few people go through their participant pack until they go home. Some of the questions people asked such as what time do we meet for a particular trip was clearly on page 3 of the special Edition newsletter. There were also forms for people to nominate others for awards and an entry form for 2018 along with a number of pages of vouchers for local businesses. By taking a look in the bag you were given as a pre-registered participant you would have seen all of this and more.

We successfully applied during the year to the Federation Council and received a Tourism Event Grant. Due to the amalgamation of the Corowa and Urana Shires to form the Federation Council we received a smaller amount this year due to the number of extra applicants. We also received a grant from the Corowa RSL which went towards our parade.

By the end of the event we had 223 vehicles plus 6 bicycles. There were 14 carriers plus a FV432. There were 11 LP Carriers which included 2 x LP1 carriers and a British 3 inch Mortar Carrier Also attending were 2 Strickland Bren Tractors. With the International theme we had 17 trucks and 2 Farmall tractors. The oldest being a WW2 KB truck.

In regards to Public Relations when I sent out the media release there were a number of radio stations who made contact. When 2AY put something on their station I was contacted by a lady who works for a disability service and she asked about bringing 7 intellectually disabled adults over to the event. We decided that Friday would be the best day. On Monday we did some filming with WIN TV. A few vehicles came down to the river and Manfred took the reporter out in the GPA. On Thursday PrimeTV came over and also did some filming. Alison Jess from ABC radio also arrived and she went out with Mitch Groves in the GPA and he gave her an opportunity to drive the vehicle in the water. There is footage of this on their website. The Corowa Free Press did an article prior to the event and followed up with a front page plus 2 further pages of photos and information in the paper just after the event.

Throughout the year there were some important things we had to organise so we liaised with various people including the Showground Trust – to organise a playground for the carriers and Maurice Wilson to organise for the vehicles to access his property. Thanks to Harvey and Neville for doing this. Gavin Gregory works for Coates Hire and he was able to source a few things we needed including a portable toilet and a large tarpaulin which was used to put over the large site office structure Robert Pearce had made in case of inclement weather. On Sunday this was erected along with organising the site office for duty on Monday 13th March. It was nice to have a few people who assisted with this process. Scott Rough had dealt with the Council and Traffic.com regarding the parade which we kept similar to last year and added an extra person to manage the traffic.

We arrived on Friday 10th March and over the weekend there were a few people who booked in. We collected the participant pack items and unfortunately we didn't have the shire folders like in the past due to the new logo for Federation Shire. The photocopying had been done by the shire We had already put the plaques, stickers and receipts into envelopes but it was a big job collating all the rest of the information and putting it into the paper bags provided by Corowa Tourism. It was nice to have a couple of days to finalise plans and get prepared for the onslaught of people who arrived on Monday and Tuesday. Trevor Vuillermin contacted me back in July and was keen to bring along a LARC V. The last time we had a LARC was many years ago and Ian Ledwidge showed up with his. Throughout the week Trevor had a great time taking many people for an enjoyable ride. During the week Graham Arkle arrived with his Stalwart plus we had a number of GPA's which was great. Unfortunately Deborah Birrell was unable to bring the DUKW this year.

Deborah gave me the following report: Having had the hydrovac rebuilt we found that we had two wheel cylinders sticking – a side effect of having brakes that worked! We managed to free them up and they were OK when we checked them. As we started on the 90Km drive to Corowa one became stuck again. At the first stop to check the vehicle we found we had a very hot wheel. The brake could not be freed up so we phoned a friend and left her in Barooga. Frustratingly, when we went to collect the grand old lady, the brake had freed up!

Trevor Vuillermin provided the following report for me:

We all had a great week at Corowa. I enjoyed swimming the LARC, and next Year will endeavour to get more lifejackets. For a first timer, we were made to feel Welcome and felt at home. Work permitting, will almost certainly be back.

I have owned this machine since June last year, and have spent most of the Summer getting to the point of being Seaworthy. I plan some more overhaul work over the winter, so I can use it more over the next Summer. The machine was built in 1963, as part of 968 originally built. 550 were left behind and "sunk" after the Vietnam war. There are a few used as tourist machines around Australia, and a handful in private hands. The Australian Army retains a small fleet as do some others in US, Phillipines and Argentina.

Trevor has another LARC for sale at \$50,000.

Another interesting call came from Alan Blackman who entered a Fiat. He arrived on Monday and was able to get a permit for the vehicle from the local RMS. The FIAT SPA TL37 was a gun tractor used by the Italian army in the WW2 North Africa campaign. Two were captured and brought to Australia and they were both later used during the war in New Guinea. Owner has remains of other one as well. Powered by a 4 litre engine, it has permanent 4wd with a central differential in the transfer case with separate drive shafts to each wheel as well as 4 wheel steering

We were fortunate to have Kristain Kemper from Everyman with us from Monday to Saturday. For a donation he provided coffee, tea, soft drinks, chips, chocolates etc. During the day and night he played movies alongside the Radar van site office.

On Tuesday Troy and I celebrated our first Wedding Anniversary. After going out to lunch we organised a ride with Manfred in his GPA down the river and came out at the boat ramp where we celebrated for an hour or so. Thanks to Manfred and all who came down for the celebration.

From Tuesday Ann Penhallow did the Daily Dispatches. She put information together during the day and then went over to the Council and had them printed. A number of the children helped hand them out each afternoon. What we would like is for a person each day to quickly write a report on the activities that took place and give to the editor so they can be included.

BARANDUDA PRIMARY 2017- trip report by a participant

Close on the entire school compliment of 260 children sat quietly (for a few minutes at least) and absorbed the brief presentations by two of our KVE members, on Wednesday 15 March 2017. On display were two Jeeps. One a genuine World War 2 model which had seen a variety of encounters. The other, a modern one with all the luxuries you might expect to find in the current model. The children were told the only external similarities were the slats in the grill and the fold-down windscreen.

Ros Hooper, the Defence School Transition Aid did a sterling job of organising her charges so that each child had the opportunity to hear something about the history of the Jeep and ask questions. Following question time was 'show and clamber'.

'Swarm' was perhaps the operative word with the children eagerly inspecting both the old and new models. The old Jeep did attract more attention than the 70 year later model. Both vehicles received careful inspection and every knob, switch and button was turned, flicked and pressed hundreds and hundreds of times. And that was just from the staff! The children also were excited and interested to see how things worked.

The zealous pupils asked many intelligent questions about the theatres of war in which the Jeep was used, the weight of the vehicle and why it was so popular. All these questions were answered so all could comprehend and hopefully remember.

A progressive primary school, their code is be responsible, be a learner, be respectful and be your best. Covering foundation to year 6 the fairly new buildings and surrounds were certainly consistent with good learning and a basis for the future.

As it was a warm day, we were thankful that all these 'hands-on' activities were held under cover in the shade

All in all it was an excellent two hours where the participants enjoyed the experience as much as the staff and children.

We are thankful to Ros for her input and organisation in the event.

Another trip that was organised on Wednesday was a tour of the Army Museum at Bandiana. We went on the morning visit and then went out to see Bill Tooles Bunker in the afternoon. A convoy of vehicles departed from outside Uncle Toby's at Wahgunyah and arrived at Bandiana around 10am. Due to the strict procedures we had to follow our names were checked off a list. There were a few people who had not signed up prior to Friday 10th March and next year people will have to follow the procedures laid down. We got into the back of an International and were taken to the park area opposite the entrance to the museum. No photos were allowed to be taken while outside the museum but once inside there were camera flashes going off everywhere. Fortunately the museum has been well maintained and the only way to visit is by making contact and organising a tour. Many thanks to Mick Morrissey and also to Scott Norman, Ben Hemmings, and Paul Dekmetzian who assisted Mick and organised a wonderful BBQ lunch. Next year Mick has decided to collect the entry fee / donations prior to arrival (At the FUP) If we ask \$5 per person and \$10 per family would be a nice contribution to hand over to the museum. Collecting prior to the visit would stream line the admin and get those attending inside more quickly. He will also ask if it will be possible for the visitors to inspect the outside displays. With the registration, he would like to tighten it up so that those wishing to attend are notified prior to the last Friday prior and any final comers have the Friday at the latest. He thinks it would be sufficient to have a morning visit from 10:30 for 3 or so hours. A convoy return would depart Bandiana at 14:30 so that those wishing to visit Tooles can still do so and return to Corowa with the group.

Some of us headed out to Baranduda to take a look at Bill's Bunker. What an amazing place. I am sure that most who went purchased something. I had previously seen the Aussie Picker episode and decided that for the first time I would take a look and of course I ended up purchasing a few things. The ANSETT airlines silverware and crockery took my interest. I was looking for some women's uniforms but didn't find anything suitable. Upon returning to the Site Office on Wednesday afternoon we were met by Makere and Rob Beale. They had come out for the event from New Zealand.

On Thursday there were 2 KVE runs. One was to the Corowa High School and the other to the back paddock of the Showgrounds. A large number of vehicles left Ball Park. With over 20 vehicles the teachers and children enjoyed the vehicle display.

The Carrier run to the back paddock left slightly later. KVE had organised with the Showgrounds Trust to use a paddock behind the Showgrounds. This area was set up prior to Thursday. Harvey Black, David Smith, Neville Smith and Maurice Wilson dug trenches, made obstacles out of old telecom poles and erected signs. Coates Hire donated a toilet which was taken to the various carrier event locations. There was the FV432, Wayne Lane's carrier a number of Jeeps and Land Rovers. They got up to Federation Avenue when the carrier had to pull over due to mechanical problems. Nick Stuart offered to give him a tow.

Wayne Lane provided the following information:

It was a minor road side adjustment I think would be better given the Carrier has less than 5km on the speedo since restoration was finished and the Corowa trip I put down as being its maiden voyage I would have rather have brought my seasoned Aussie Carrier but decided to add variety with the English one the problem with the carrier on Thursday was the back right break drum was not releasing properly and was dragging load on the engine causing her to get uncomfortably hot after readjusting this brake linkage she successfully returned back to town under her own steam and remained problem free for the rest of the Corowa trip including the successful parade drive the Corowa trip gave me the opportunity to test for any faults with the carrier over all I was happy with its overall performance and I and all my companions enjoyed the trip thoroughly

Harvey took the rest of the convoy over to the paddock. After the school visit Neville arrived with a few other vehicles. Some of the other vehicles negotiated the off road course and David Smith showed how it could be done especially with his father standing at the helm and ending up on his butt.

Trip to Wool Marketing – there was a surprising number of vehicles and people who attended the visit to Travis Smith's Store. Approx. 50 people and some were there for 2 hours. It fascinated many of those who attended as he has a display of items that have been collected over the years and these objects were in bails of wool that had come from properties.

Mark Weltner's brother, Glenn decided to run a 4WD trip. 12 vehicles left Corowa and headed towards the Mt Pilot and Beechworth Conservation Reserve. There was Peter Kunz with his Kubelwagon, John Potter with his International, Peter James in his OKA, Mark Weltner and Glenn Weltner in the Canter, Matthew Ratcliffe with his white Land Cruiser, a Landcruiser tray top utility, 5 jeeps and 2 110 Land Rovers belonging to Troy Creamer and Rod Richards. In the morning the group visited the Mount Pilot aboriginal caves and paintings, the lookout and did the Fire Trail and had lunch at the Eldorado Hotel then visited the dredge. Most of the group headed back to Corowa. Mark, Glenn, Matthew, Makere and Troy continued the 4WD trip to the Woolshed Falls. Makere enjoyed driving the our Land Rover and when there was a mention of doing the 4WD trip or going on the carrier run she chose the 4WD trip and her father, Rob chose the Carrier run.

REMLR had organised an overnight trip to Blighty. It is on the Riverina Highway between Finley and Deniliquin. They left around 4pm and arrived back prior to lunch on Friday and all appeared to have a good time.

Report from Makere Beale

Dad has been wanting to come across the ditch for the Corowa Swim-In for years now, and with the theme being Year of the Carrier 2, we decided to make it happen. (Back in 2003, he had one of the 10 carriers at the NZ event that was beaten by the Year of the Carrier in 2005!) I'll admit there was a bit of good old Trans-Tasman rivalry in there – a chance to see if you guys would beat the 30 Bren Gun carriers we amassed here in January 2015.

Corowa's the first MV event I've been to overseas and it was interesting to compare it with what we do here in NZ. My favourite part of the trip was getting to meet an awesome bunch of people who are also afflicted with the 'green disease,' as well as running into a number of Kiwis we haven't seen in yonks. I enjoyed the opportunity to go off-roading and see a bit of the Australian bush. The swap meet was also great and our bags were full for the return flight home.

If you have plans to travel to NZ, take a look at our club website nzmvc.org.nz and check out the Events and Contacts pages. There are branch events run throughout the year and our National Rally is held at Easter in a different location every year hosted by one of our branches. We would like to repay the hospitality we received on our visit to Corowa.

Makere and Rob Beale

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The annual BBQ for KVE members and family was held on the Friday morning in Ball Park approximately seventy persons attended. The purpose of the BBQ is for members to meet and greet other members, also the committee wish to show their appreciation for the help received during the running of the event for the week.

Brian would like to thank his assistants Robin Stephens, Greg Stephens, Kevin Joyce and Max Mann on the morning of the barbeque for the setting up and cooking while he was up the town collecting the meat, eggs and bread. He also wanted to thanks the butcher, Meat on the Murray and the super market IGA for their support of KVE.

At 10am the vehicles lined up for the trip to Maurice Wilson's. I stayed back to welcome the staff including Mary Jane Jaksetic and the Intellectually disabled people from Kalianna. Many thanks to Mitch Groves and Manfred who gave them a ride in their GPA's

There was a long convoy to Maurice's and fortunately the weather was great. Vehicles had an opportunity to drive through some of the tracks down to the river. Scott Hough's carrier broke down and had to be recovered.

Scott Hough wrote the following report on his dramas:

We drove it out on Friday to the driving course and got into the property and to the river to watch the amphibious vehicle being rescued by a Dodge and then she started being "Brenda the Bitch" we had a major problem with the ignition, I had fitted a new electronic ignition and it could not stand the extreme heat in the armoured engine bay!

We managed to limp it out to the house with many foul words said and had to recover it from there with my green Peterbilt truck, end of adventure! So we did the parade in my jeep instead unfortunately.

Shortly after 11am I made my way to Maurice Wilson's and were alerted to the fact that the Stalwart was bogged. I just missed out on the Simon Allen using his Dodge to pull them out. I went back to the area where the Land Rover's had gathered and then we decided to go for lunch at the Chocolate and Whiskey Factory.

The following is a report by a person who wished to be nameless regarding the trip to Maurice Wilson's property:

The morning started with a hearty breakfast consisting of bacon and egg rolls at Ball Park Caravan Park. Following breakfast, we all assembled at the entrance to the footy club opposite. Then, on command, the convoy rumbled the few kilometres to Maurice Wilson's property 'Widgeon'.

At the entrance to his property, Maurice addressed the participants on the need for fire safety, particular cigarettes, as well as sparks and heat from exhaust pipes.

In single file the troop negotiated the fine dust for three kilometres to the banks of the Murray River. The scene was idyllic. A fine day, sunshine and the flowing waters of a mighty river. It was almost too much. And for one vehicle, an Alvis Stalwart carrier it was certainly too much! The massive six-wheeled vehicle complete with adults and children, all wearing safety vests, was all set for a demonstration of precision maritime navigation and manoeuvrability on the Murray River. Unfortunately for those on board, the river had other ideas! About 2.63 metres into the water Alvis Stalwart became Alvis Motionless. Bogged is such a harsh word.

Realising that they could go neither forward or backwards, the captain initiated a 'mayday'. First the 'women and children' were lifted to safety leaving only a skeleton crew on the stricken vessel. The 'mayday' was answered in the form of a Dodge command vehicle which, to the relief of the interested bystanders, had a winch. All fixed...well not quite. Physics dictates that when two objects are pulling toward each other, the heavier object will remain stationary and the lighter object will be pulled toward it. So it was with the first rescue effort

The second effort was slightly better with a sling used around a stump and attached to the land vehicle. Unfortunately, the stump moved also resulting in the Alvis remaining stranded. The third attempt worked and the Alvis was extricated from the watery depths much to the cheers and applause of the relieved onlookers

No one was injured, no lives were lost, it was just bad luck that it happened to be the wrong place to mount an aquatic assault

The boys involved in the extraction did an excellent job combining cables, slings and snatch blocks. They had a dampener on the cable and followed all relevant safety precautions such as ensuring the bystanders stood back a safe distance.

The morning was most entertaining and educational with the Murray River winning on the day.

One of the rarer vehicles was a 1940 KB International.

Geoff Naylor gave me the following report:

I have had it for 25 years and did a mechanical resto on it over some months back in the day. I have some 10 trucks but have a real soft spot for this truck. It has been a good film truck and has been in at least 10 feature films. Sometimes painted different colours. I plan to take her to Darwin in 2020.

Friday night we had a parade briefing followed by Deborah Birrell's talk regarding her Kokoda experience. Doug Draeger also spoke on his plans for the 2020 Back To The Track trip. The Corowa Football club provided a delicious 2 course meal and during the night we had 3 donated items which we auctioned. The first was a quilt made by Diana Rolfe and there were two jeep parts donated by Nigel Ward. Many thanks for a great night. If anyone has suggestions on a person who may like to be a guest speaker in the future please let me know.

Saturday – is the main day with the parade, swap meet, vehicle display and activities down by the river. The paddock behind the showgrounds was also available but it didn't appear that anyone wanted to use it.

The parade was impressive with approximately 200 vehicles. Each year we fine tune things and the comments from locals were very positive. The swap meet was run again by Jan McKenna and she did a great job organising people. There were approximately the same number of stalls as last year. Due to the large number of vehicles we decided to set up the groups slightly differently for the photo.

Mick Downing from Corowa Tree Care came along with his Cherrypicker so some aerial shots could be taken. Corowa Rotary Club put on a great BBQ catering for breakfast and lunch.

Participants all had Voting forms and nominated KVE members checked the forms after 12 MD on Saturday. We would prefer the participants have the choice of who gets the awards rather than a member of KVE. There were very few voting forms in the Suggestion Tin this year so if you think you deserve an award fill out the form next year.

Awards were given to:

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

2. Hard Luck award: Went to Deborah Birrell who had a brake problem in the DUKW on the way to Corowa and meant it had to be left half way

3. Breakdown Award: Wayne Lane. He was the only carrier going on the Thursday trip in the convoy to the off-road course and broke down half way and had to return to Ball Park

4. Longest distance driven in a military vehicle: Gary Schluter from WA.

5. Encouragement Award: Makere Beale made the trip from New Zealand with her father Rob. She arrived on the Wednesday afternoon and was very enthusiastic and helped on the site office and went 4WD on Thursday and arrived back driving a Land Rover

6. Vehicle - People's Choice For your favourite vehicle attending this year. Fiat SPA TL37 Gun Tractor owned by Alan Blackwell

7. Carrier - People's Choice: For your favourite Carrier attending this year.

2 awards were given to the carrier theme vehicles. The LP2 owned by Robin Mawson and driven by Chris Munford and the second award was given to Mark Young for his LP2A carrier

8. International - People's Choice: For your favourite International vehicle attending this year.

2 awards were given to the International theme vehicles. The International F5 wrecker owned by Chris Watson and the WW2 KB International owned by Geoff Naylor.

KVE also organise Appreciation Award Plaques for people who have assisted us at the event or over the past 12 months. We handed out some during the week and others were handed out on Saturday night. On both Friday night and Saturday night Doug Draeger talked to participants about the event he is organising in 2010 titled Back To The Track 2020. There were a number of people who were interested in hearing the current plans and what Doug is also hoping to organise. He can be contacted by phone on: 0428676741 or email: dougdraeger@hotmail.com If anyone missed this opportunity please make contact with him ASAP so he can keep you posted on his plans.

There was a wide range of interesting amphibious vehicles with 5 GPA's, a LARC 5 and an Alvis Stalwart. We had a number of people from overseas. From the UK we had Richard Farrant and Mike and Colleen Jackson. From New

Zealand we had Clark Ross, John and Bev Cameron, Makere and Rob Beale and also seen was It is always good to hear a report from people who haven't attended Corowa before. Mike wrote the following for me.

38th Annual Corowa Swim-In and Military Vehicle Gathering written by Mike and Colleen Jackson

According to an internet route planner it's a mere 27,248 kms from Redlynch, Somerset, England to "the Murray's green banks" at Corowa – a trip not to be undertaken lightly. But there comes a time in one's life when the bucket list has to be addressed seriously – hence my wife (a Queenslander) and I turning up for the KVE gathering. It may be that it was the trip of a lifetime, but it was, from my perspective, very worthwhile.

Despite having been a Jeep owner since April 1970 I have been to only a few such gatherings – all much smaller in scale and based on southwest England agricultural shows and the annual Air Show at RNAS Yeovilton. So the scale of the Corowa gathering was quite overwhelming and the variety of vehicles remarkable. I was particularly impressed by the assembly of Carriers (Local Pattern) – my sincere thanks to the owner of one who offered me a ride around Maurice Wilson's property. Quite how men actually went to war in such machines I shall never know, but they were apparently quite highly regarded by most soldiers who used them.

MV's aside, we both thought that Corowa was a delightful country town – civic pride at its best, well kept and obviously well-loved by its people. We got the impression, particularly on the Saturday morning parade, that the vehicles, their owners and families were very welcome in the town. Local businesses must be pleased to have such interesting customers and the VB Gold flowed like water.

We enjoyed our brief visit very much. Many thanks to all the MV Enthusiasts and, in particular, Committee members Jan – for making the introductions - and Max – for adroitly facilitating our motel room. And finally, my thanks to Bill Etheridge who (almost) converted me to the MUTT!

There was a wide choice of opportunities for those who wanted to participate in activities. On Thursday Glenn Weltner organised a 4WD trip. Some people attended school visits, others went to Bandiana on the pre organised trip led by Mick Morrissey and there was a large turn out to see the Corowa Wool Store and REMLR organised an overnight trip to Blighty. There were also 2 off road locations close to Corowa which included the Racecourse back paddock and Maurice Wilson's property. On the Friday night Deborah Birrell gave a very interesting talk on her experiences on the Kokoda Trail. Each year we have a guest who gives a talk and the Corowa Footy Club, across the road from Ball Park has been the ideal location as we can also have a meal at a reasonable charge and find out the last minute plans for the parade.

On Sunday we had a KVE General Meeting and an AGM. The office bearers are now:

President: Richard Farrant

Vice President: Scott Rough

Treasurer: Max Mann

Secretary and Public Relations: Jan Thompson-Creamer

Governance Officer: John Gordon

Membership Secretary: Melinda Ojalen

Committee: Harvey Black, Kel Baxter, Brian Healey

Editor: Richard Farrant

At the end of the event we are privileged to receive coverage in the Corowa Free Press: -

<http://www.corowafreepress.com.au/2017/03/22/796/kve-swim-in-spectacular>

The theme for 2018 is Year of the Land Rover. We looked at statistics comparing the number of Land Rovers in attendance since 2008. Will the Jeep numbers again succeed over the number of Land Rovers?? We know there

have been many recent sales of Land Rovers through auction and privately so for those who own a Land Rover we hope to see it next year.

2008 23 Land Rovers to 58 Jeeps

2009 22 Land Rovers to 45 Jeeps

2010 24 Land Rovers to 180 Jeeps

2011 48 Land Rovers to 65 Jeeps

2012 19 Land Rovers to 66 Jeeps

2013 25 Land Rovers to 71 Jeeps

2014 32 Land Rovers to 74 Jeeps

2015 40 Land Rovers to 79 Jeeps

2016 30 Land Rovers to 81 Jeeps

2017 41 Land Rovers to 80 Jeeps

We are aiming to contact Land Rover Clubs to see if we can publicise the event to people who own military Land Rovers. We also encourage people with all types of military vehicles to attend every year.

Dates for future Swim-In events at Corowa:

2018: 12-18th March – Year of the Land Rover

2019: 11-18th March – Year of the Amphibian and Year of Prototype (this is also the 40th Year of the Swim-In)

2020: 9-16th March – Year of the Motorcycle (40th Anniversary of the Corowa Swim-In)

2021: 8-15th March – Year of the Jeep (celebrating 80 years of the Jeep).

To be kept up to date with swim-in news please make sure you are on our database. The easiest way is to send an email to: kveinc@optusnet.com.au or phone Jan on 0412 078096.

Due to another event occurring in Victoria at the same time there were a number of people who made contact with me as they were upset at being charged higher than normal room rates. We recommend pre-booking your accommodation from one year to the next and sometimes a deposit is required and if you can't attend this deposit is usually refunded with adequate notice.

We commence organising our participant packs months prior to the event as we have to pre-order items such as caps, plaques, Special Edition newsletters and stickers. We would appreciate people entering the event ASAP so we can get approximate numbers at least 2 months before the event. If you pre-register and are unable to attend we can either offer you a refund or put your entry towards the following year so please don't hold back to the last minute and enter then as it may be too late.

We were very pleased with the number of attendees and the positive comments we received from both visitors and participants. Hope you have had time to read your Special Edition Newsletter and just remember to read it when it is handed to you as it had all the details of trips, meeting times and locations along with interesting articles. In the participant packs there are also Voting forms, an entry form for the following year, a sticker to advertise the following year and some vouchers for local businesses.

2017 Corowa Swim-In Vehicles attending

2 x LP1 Carriers	1 x Welbike	1 x GKN Sankey FV432 APC
2 x LP2 Carriers	6 x Land Rover Perentie 6x6	1 x M274 Mule
6 X LP2A Carriers	4 x Land Rover 101 trucks	2 x Toyota HJ47
1 x LP Carrier (unknown mark)	1 x Land Rover 1/2 ton Lightweight	1 x Chevrolet C15A
1 x Sentinel 3" Mortar Carrier	35 x Willys MB jeeps	2 x Chevrolet C60
2 x Strickland Bren Tractors	2 x Willys CJ2A jeeps	1 x Chevrolet C8AX
2 x International Farmall tractors	2 x Willys M38 jeeps	5 x Yamaha XT600 motorcycles
3 x International F1 trucks	1 x Willys CJ3B jeep	1 x Datsun 200B station wagon
1 x International ACCO Mk4 truck	1 x Willys M606	1 x FIAT SPA TL37 gun tractor
1 x International F2 tipper truck	33 x Ford GPW jeeps	2 x GMC 353 CCKW trucks
1 x International F2 cargo truck	6 x Ford GPA amphibians	5 x Studebaker US6 trucks
1 x International AR160 truck	2 x Ford Falcons	1 x Volkswagen Kdf82 Kubelwagen
1 x International C-line truck	3 x BSA WM20 motorcycles	2 x Austin Champs
4 x International Mk3 trucks	1 x Mercedes 911 fire truck	1 x White M3A1 scout car
1 x International F5 wrecker	1 x Mack R 6x6 tipper	2 x Ford F60L Blitz
3 x International S-line tractor units	1 x Mitsubishi Canter 4x4	2 x Harley Davidson WLA m/cycles
1 x International KB truck	1 x OKA	2 x Indian Chief 344 m/cycles
3 x Daimler Ferret scout cars	1 x Leyland Moke	1 x LARC 5 amphibian
21 x Land Rover 110 Perentie 4x4	1 x AMG M151A2 MUTT	2 x Blitz (unknown)
7 x Land Rover Series 2A	1 x Alvis Stalwart amphibian	16 x Dodge WC model trucks
2 x Land Rover Series 3	1 x Steyr Puch Pinzgauer	1 x AM-General HMMV H1
		6 x Bicycles