



# KVE News

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Organisers of the Annual Corowa Swim-In held  
at Corowa N.S.W.

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# 38th Annual Corowa Swim-In & Military Vehicle Gathering

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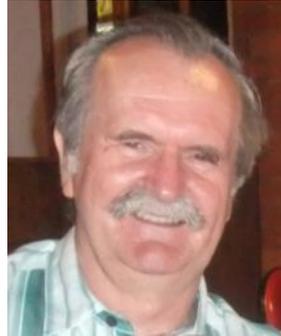
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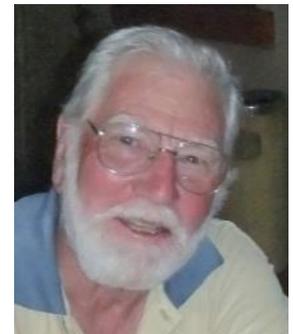
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## Editorial

G'day,

A lot to read in this issue, new features announced for the Swim-In next year so that the Carriers show off their abilities. We are looking forward to getting your entries in. Planning an event, you need to know how many you are catering for and what vehicles they are bringing, so please try not to leave it until the last minute. Not only that but you might miss out on a Participant Pack as we have to estimate numbers well in advance. The entry forms are included with this newsletter.

To all those who returned their completed Event Survey forms earlier this year, we thank you. Around 800 were emailed out to those on our database, as well as those that saw it on our website. The results and feedback were very useful. A breakdown of statistics is included in this newsletter.

We have all seen the news and photos of the flooding at Corowa recently and to those affected we send our best wishes. We hope that they can quickly get back to normal very soon.

Once again I thank those that have sent articles for the newsletter. These make it an interesting read. Also thank you to those who sent all the good comments on KVE News in their survey forms. Only one negative reply, said it was too long !!!

Regards,

*Richard Farrant* - Editor



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## The President's Report

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As we continue with our Swim-In plans our hearts and thoughts are with the Corowa Community and other regions currently experiencing wild weather and flooding.

As most would know now that our base HQ , Ball Park Caravan Park during the Swim In, is currently flooded and part of the Mighty Murray. I have been in communication with local contacts and the Federation Council and they feel that all will be right for us come March. They have said the town has seen a number floods in its time and bounces back quite well, it will all depend on how dry the summer is. The committee is always vigilant and will be contacting local stake holders in due course, and look at alternatives should it be required. Any changes or updates will be broadcasted, please watch our website and relevant forums.

Well the plans so far are looking firm, the council has again shown support for the parade and I am preparing the paperwork for this. Grant applications have been completed and sent. The planned runs have been formulated and as long as Mother Nature and the Murray don't have another major fit we should have some good opportunity for the Carriers to have some fun. I am looking forward to seeing the gathering of International products. Being one of the Australian Army's major truck supplier it should be a nice sight. The Showground / Racecourse has opened extra land to us to expand our display and the swap meet, so the growth of our event is looking strong in Corowa. As with most events the direction of the events future is always front of mind. What do the entrants want, how do we engage and benefit the local community and how do we encourage new members to our hobby? One such way is possibly a military hobby show as most of us would have started our military vehicle collecting from models. Something to rattle around the old brain box for a while.

Most of us who travel the Hume on a regular basis will remember the mass collection of Farm and Military equipment at Bookham. Well this collection is going up for sale at the end of the month. I am hoping to attend this as there has always been some interesting things that I have wanted a closer look at. I don't know what we are going to do now on our trips to Corowa as it was a regular stop to see if anything new or different could be seen. I hope some of this goes to good collectors wanting to restore and not just another hoard somewhere else or scrap. A good chunk of Agricultural and Military history in the collection.

I hope those of you who are working on themed vehicle projects are making good head way. I know how quickly time gets away as we are only 11 weeks away from Christmas. These projects always seem to be "That should only take a few months to finish" and for some reason the attention to details take longer than first thought. The quality of workmanship we have seen in the past shows what a drive to finish it right can do.

That is about all for now, look for updates periodically over the next few months.

Enjoy the upcoming Christmas gatherings and outings.

**Scott Rough - President KVE**

## Secretary / Public Relations Report

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### Important information for people attending the Corowa Swim-In in March 2017

#### Secretary's / Public Relations Report

We need to remind enthusiasts that each year we have themes but you are always welcome to attend with any ex-military vehicle you own or come along in your modern vehicle to be a part of the gathering.

**KVE preparations for the Swim-In: March 2017:** In July we had a General Meeting at Corowa. A number of KVE Inc. members turned up and we can now release our Program of Events.

**Official parade for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March:** We have received a Grant from the Corowa RSL to go towards KVE having an official parade with road closures. We have received many positive comments about the way the parade now goes down Sanger St., so we will continue doing this.

**Use of the Showgrounds:** KVE have asked for permission to use the Showgrounds from Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March until Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March. We are planning to use the back paddock of the Showgrounds for Carrier activities later in the week. Jan McKenna will be organising the swap meet again. **Only vehicles that have registered into the event will be able to use this area and attend other runs organised by KVE.**

**40<sup>th</sup> year and 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations: 2019 and 2020** With our event originally being for amphibious vehicles we will be going back to this theme for 2019. John Gordon, Richard Farrant and Jan Thompson-Creamer are planning to write a book on 40 years of the Corowa Swim-In. This will be available at the 2020 event which is actually the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and will encapsulate from 1980-2019. We are after your assistance to provide us with photos and stories. We would like to include some personal profiles, vehicle profiles and reports from the 40 years. Jan has stories from a large number of people but there may be people who have other stories they can share so if you think you may have something of interest please start now to share this. Email: [kveinc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:kveinc@optusnet.com.au) or post to KVE Secretary, 9/1 Millett Rd, Mosman 2088.

**Entry Form for 2017:** If you haven't returned your Entry Form for 2017 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. **All vehicles are expected to register so you are covered for insurance purposes.** It only costs \$20 per vehicle to enter and if you pre-register. **Closing date for Pre-Registration is 28<sup>th</sup> February. Please get your entries in early as there is only a set number of Participant Packs available.** You will receive a participant pack upon arrival in Corowa. We have applied again for a Tourism Grant and we should be able to provide participants with some mementoes including a badge, cap, stickers and a special Swim-In information book. Make sure you look in your pack when you receive it for the vouchers from local businesses.

**Carrier letters:** Harvey Black is hoping to be in contact with all Carrier owners. We have a Carrier Register which was set up many years ago and since our 2005 'Year of the Carrier', a number of these vehicles may have been sold or restored. We would like to hear back from people who own Carriers, even if they are unable to attend the Swim-In in 2017 so this register can be updated. Ahead in the newsletter you will see the letter and document Harvey would like sent back. We added Year of the Carrier to the 2017 theme when we heard about the large Carrier gathering in NZ and with the current wide interest in these vehicles in Australia. The other theme, 'Year of the International' will also be impressive.

**KVE Site Office:** Robert Pearce will be organising the Site Office roster for 2017. 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 last year. To put your name down for a time contact Robert on Email: [hrpearce123@bigpond.com](mailto:hrpearce123@bigpond.com) or phone: 02 6946 5101.

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.

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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) Your contact details if you are looking to meet other participants

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.

Coffee & Tea: you are welcome to make yourselves a free coffee or tea.

**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.

**VOTING FORM** Please put this form in the Suggestion Box by 12 midday on Saturday 18<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.

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

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

Name: Reason why:

**Hard Luck award:**

Name: Reason why:

**Breakdown Award:**

Name: Reason why:

**Longest distance driven in a military vehicle:**

Name: Number of Kilometres driven:

**Encouragement Award:**

Name: Reason why:

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

Vehicle rally number: Type of Vehicle:

**Carrier Theme - People's Choice:** *For your favorite Carrier attending this year.*

Vehicle rally number:

**International vehicle - People's Choice:** *For your favorite International vehicle attending this year.*

Vehicle rally number:

### **Accommodation at Ball Park Caravan Park:**

For those requiring a powered site at Ball Park Caravan Park it is advisable to contact them ASAP. Some years they have run out of powered sites. **Contact Sonia & Andrew Palmer on (02) 6033 1426**

**Accommodation at Bindaree Motel and Caravan Park:** The KVE Committee have spoken to Tania and she will match prices with Ball Park Caravan Park for participants who would like to stay at their motel and caravan park. **Please contact Tania Trembath on: (02) 6033 2500**

**Other accommodation options are listed on page 30**

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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:** Our KVE member Ann Penhallow will be producing a daily newspaper from Tuesday to Saturday. It is called Daily Dispatches. Make sure you collect your copy each morning from the KVE Site Office at Ball Park. Ann would like children to help deliver the newspaper.

### **Program of Activities:**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March:** AM: Trip to Baranduda School  
Tours of Bandiana Army Museum ( one in AM and one in PM )

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March:** AM: Visit to Corowa High School  
AM/PM: Vehicle run to back paddock of Corowa Racecourse (*Dependent on the weather*)  
PM: Visit to Corowa Wool Store

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March:** 8-10AM; KVE BBQ at Ball Park  
10:30AM Vehicle run to Maurice Wilson's property, inc. Land Rover line up and BBQ (*Dependent on the weather*)

**Friday night Guest speaker:** In the evening at Corowa Football Club, Deborah Birrell will give a talk about her experience walking the Kokoda Track. At 7.30pm there will be a Parade Briefing prior to Deborah's talk.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March:** Vehicles will line up at Bangerang Park from 7.30am and participate in the parade to the Corowa Showgrounds where there will be a photo shoot and swap meet. Vehicle activities in back paddock of Racecourse. (*Dependent on the weather*)  
PM: Amphibious activities in the lagoon at Ball Park.

From 8-9pm in the evening there will be presentations at Ball Park.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March:** KVE will have an AGM and General Meeting at 10am at Bindaree Motel.  
In the evening there will be a meal at the Corowa RSL.

### **Themes for 2017 and 2018:**

In 2017 the theme will be **Year of the International** and **Year of the Carrier**.

In 2018 the theme will be **Year of the Land Rover**

In 2019 the theme will be **Year of the Amphibian** and **Year of the Prototype**. This will be the 40<sup>th</sup> Year of the Corowa Swim-In.

In 2020 we will have the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event and we are looking at the theme being **Year of the Motorcycle**.

For further information on the event please feel free to give me a call on 0423 943 010 or send an email to [kveinc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:kveinc@optusnet.com.au) To ensure you are kept up to date with details send me an email to get on the database.

### **Contributions to our KVE Newsletter**

We are after articles for our next newsletter so if you are a member or a participant and have anything you would like to contribute please forward to [kveinc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:kveinc@optusnet.com.au). 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.

Until next time,

Jan Thompson-Creamer - Secretary

# Map with New Activity areas for 2017

### Maurice Wilson's Property

Drive West out of town, along Spring Drive and follow past Enfield Road turning until you come to Croppers Lane on the left, turn down this lane to access property, follow signs.

### Corowa Showground

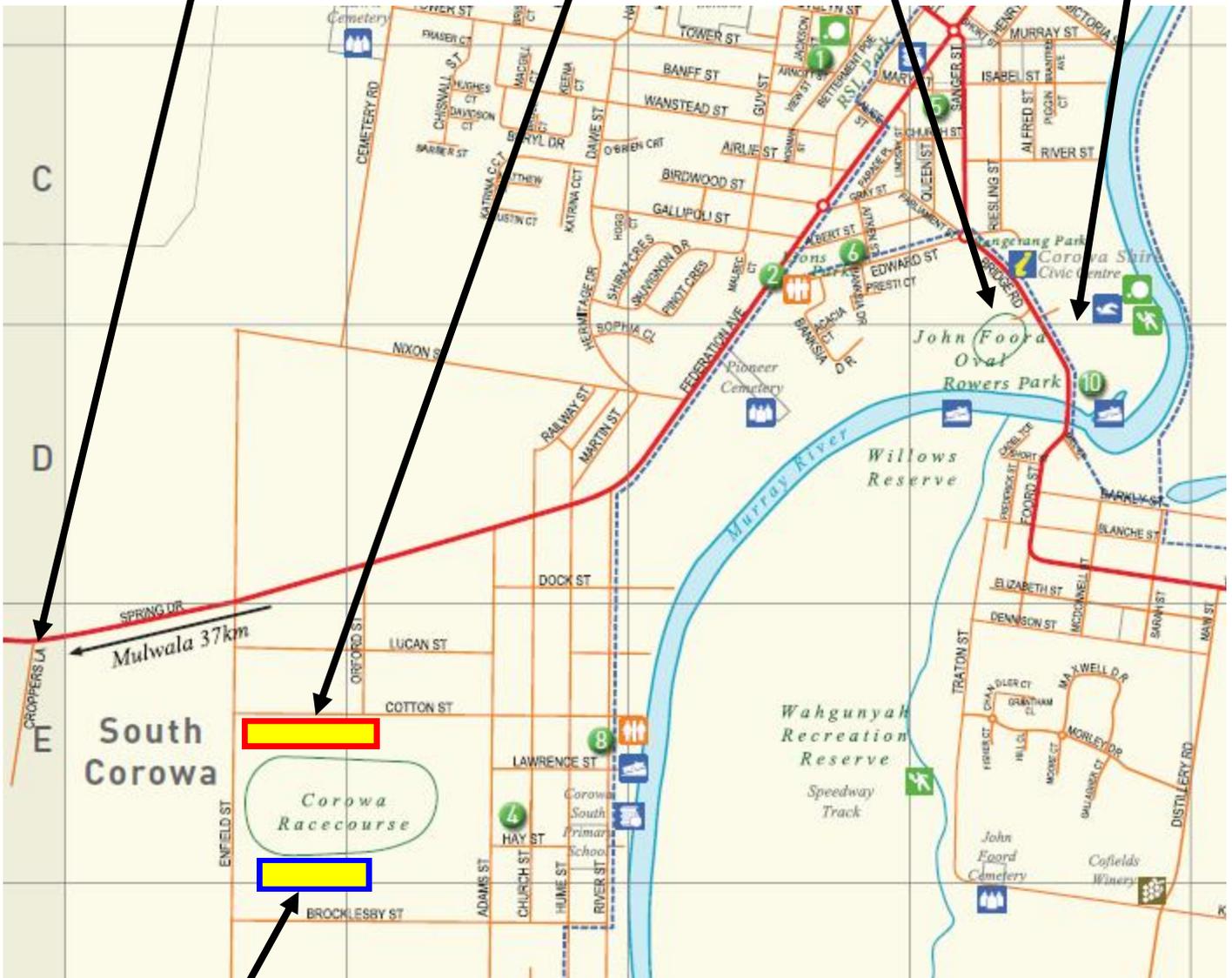
Swap Meet area and static vehicle display for photo shoot.  
Access via Enfield St., off Spring Drive

### Ball Park Caravan Park

Booking In - Start point for trips  
Amphibious activities, etc.

### Football Club

Drivers briefing & Guest Speaker



### Off Road Driving Area

(to rear of Racecourse)  
Proposed area for Carriers and other vehicles. The marked area is a guide to its location, more details to follow.

All activities could be subject to changes, due to weather, ground conditions, etc.

## CARRIER UPDATE FOR THE 2017 SWIM-IN

Hi everyone,

My name is Harvey Black, and I have been charged by the KVE Committee with leading the group that will be organizing the Carrier side of next year's Swim-In. Some of you might know me; I have been attending Swim Ins for many years, with Blitz, Dodge, Jeep and next year with my Carrier, 5672, and am a member of the KVE Committee. The theme for 2017 is of course the Year of the Carrier, and the Year of the International. Now is the time to be making plans if you have one of these vehicles and would like to be involved with a theme vehicle during the event.

**Off-road venues for Carriers located:** Drivers of carriers coming to Corowa for the 2017 Swim In will be probably looking for places for their vehicles to be run, and our sub-committee has investigated a number of suitable venues where this can happen. While all Carriers will have to negotiate some public roads to get to the places we will be utilizing, these distances are quite short and we believe the locations will fill the bill admirably.

**New venues obtained for Carrier activities:** KVE held a meeting in Corowa late last month, as part of the planning for next year's event, and the committee spent time before then meeting with various local organisations. A part of these meetings was focused on obtaining venues for us to be able to run carriers each day during the back end of the Corowa week. In this we have had considerable success, and there will be places to play with our toys for attending carrier owners next year.

**Liaising with Public Authorities:** Other points for consideration by the Carrier sub-committee in the coming months will be dealing with the road owners (Federation and Indigo Shires) re. what routes they are happy for us to use during our various forays. We will be discussing with the local Police what our plans entail, so that we do our very best not to fall foul of the law, and we need to liaise with RMS (Roads and Marine Services) re registration or permit requirements for carriers operating within NSW.

**Spread the word to the Carrier fraternity:** If you know someone else with a Carrier, or who is interested in Carriers', who hasn't received this note, please pass it on and notify me of his/her contact details so that we can add to our list. On the following page is a simple form that we would like emailed (or snail mailed) back to us. The more potential participants we can muster, the better our 2017 event will be. The Kiwis gathered a considerable number together a few years back, and it would be nice to better their effort. If we can't knock them off on the Rugby field, it would be a feather in our caps to be able to do it with our carriers.

In the meantime, we will keep everyone abreast of the developments affecting our Carrier programme with these news releases, and are always interested in any Carrier related stories; either true or possibly more likely, false.

**All participants need to complete an entry form and pay the fee so they are covered by KVE insurance.**

Many thanks, and please keep in touch.




[harveyblack@bigpond.com](mailto:harveyblack@bigpond.com) (for the Carrier Sub-committee)

### INFORMATION Re. CARRIERS FOR KVE 2017 EVENT

Please provide as much of the following information as you are able. Even if you do not plan on attending the 2017 Swim-In, we would like to get the information.

**NAME(s)**  
.....

**ADDRESS** .....

**POSTCODE** .....

**EMAIL ADDRESS**.....

**PHONE NUMBER(s) H:**.....

**Mob:**..... **Wk:**.....

### VEHICLE DETAILS

**CARRIER MODEL(s)** .....

**MADE BY** .....

**HULL NUMBER(S)** .....

**CONDITION (as found, under restoration, restored, spare parts machine, etc.)**  
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.....

**Do you hope to have your Carrier at Corowa in 2017?**  
.....

**Do you hope to attend Corowa next year without your Carrier?**  
.....

**Would you like to receive updated information and newsletters on the Corowa Swim-In via Email ?**  
.....  
.....

**If you are able to attach a photograph with this return, we would be pleased to receive it. In the event that you do not wish to fill out this form, would you tell us why? .....**  
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**Please return to the Carrier Sub-committee of KVE Inc. at the following addresses:  
harveyblack@bigpond.com or Harvey Black, PO Box 44W, Narrabri West, NSW 2390**

Many thanks,



**If you do intend bringing your Carrier to Corowa next year, please complete a Participants Entry Form (on back page of this newsletter). The form on this page is so we can judge what types of Carrier there are about and who currently owns them, details purely for event use only.**

## 2017 - Year of the International

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A new theme at Corowa for 2017 is the Year of the International. This was a majority vote on the Voting Forms at Corowa a few years ago. There have been a number of Inters' attending in recent years and it will be good to see a few from the Forties joining in as well.



If you intend to bring an International, please send your entry form in early so we can gauge the numbers and plan accordingly. It can be very difficult for organisers to plan if entries come in during the last few weeks before the event, or even on the day.

If you know a friend with an ex-military International, then encourage them to enter their vehicle, the more the merrier.



## 2017 Guest Speaker Profile

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### Guest Speaker - 2017 Deborah Birrell

Growing up in rural Victoria was quite some distance from Papua New Guinea, yet I knew about this country from an early age. My Grandfather Stan Bennie had served in the Kokoda Campaign in WW11. My Father, Jim Bennie and his Mother Ellen had lived with relatives in the Mitta Mitta Valley while Grandad was overseas. These stories, combined with the 'trench art' that Grandad had made were an introduction to PNG and Kokoda. It wasn't until I was much older that I would yearn to travel to this country and walk the Kokoda Trail.

What was my motivation? I had always wanted to pull on a pack and hike and this seemed like a great place to start. In the two years prior to my first visit to PNG, I had survived cancer twice. I felt I had walked the path others prescribed in those years and now it was time to walk the path I chose and to prove to all that I was once again well. Some thought I was quite mad. Nevertheless, I joined a group of like minded people and started training. I requested my Grandfather's military history to be made public and although it hadn't been researched prior to my departure, I still felt a connection. Another motivator for me was my Father's untimely death several months before I decided to walk. Mum (Jennifer) and Dad had wanted to walk the Kokoda Trail.

So as a wife, mother of three and a cancer survivor, I set to task to walk the Kokoda Trail in 2010. Since then I have returned twice. In 2015, I volunteered as a nurse and midwife in villages on the Central Track,

with my late husband, Bruce volunteering as a teacher. We were at Bomana War Cemetery for the dawn ANZAC service, a most humbling experience. I also travelled to Port Moresby later in 2015 to teach newborn resuscitation to staff at the hospital.

I will share with you the experiences and some of the stories I have learned about our neighbouring country, that was an External Australian Territory until it gained independence in 1975.



Photo at top;  
Kokoda sign in  
Oro Province



Photo left;  
Deborah under the arch  
at Ower's Corner



A grave of  
an Unknown Soldier

## KVE Event Survey results

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In the middle of this year we sent out survey forms to all on our database. Basically it was to gauge views on all aspects of the Corowa Swim-In in order to get statistics and feedback which we can build on. We thank all those who completed and returned their survey forms to us. After collating all the forms and going through all the comments we have worked out the statistics. So the following goes through each question with the results and findings on them.



**Q.1 *How many times have you attended this event?***

The total years were all added up and it averaged out at 11.78 years per respondent

**Q.2 *Which year did you last attend?***

As expected, the majority said 2016, a number were 2015 as they were unable to attend this year.

**Q.3 *Do you always bring a military vehicle to the event?***

A) Always 42.17% B) Sometimes 34.9% C) Never 18.1%

**Q.4 *How many days do you stay at Corowa?***

Adding the days up, it worked out at an average of 4.18 days per participant

**Q.5 *What type of accommodation do you use and where?***

Camping/caravan park: 68.68% ; Motel: 21.69% ; Pub or hotel: 4.82% ; B&B; 1.2%

Ball Park appears to be the most popular with approx. 62.6% saying they stayed there.

**Q.6 *Are you happy with the current format of the event?***

Very happy: 57.83% ; Reasonably happy: 31.33% ; Unsure: 1.2% ; Not happy: 6.02%

This was an important question and the results show how majority of participants are satisfied.

**Q.7 *Do your family members come to this event?* Yes; 50.6% No; 43.37%**

**Q.8 *If YES to Q.7 what things do they like to do?***

The main activities appear to be taking interest in the event, riding in the vehicles, looking at them. Visiting the area and socialising coming second.

**Q.9 *If you have children, what ages are they?***

These range from babies up to 40's or so. There seemed to be some misunderstanding in this one as some appeared to answer this even though they said their families did not attend!

**Q.10 *Do you Pre-Register as a participant when coming to the Swim-In?***

Yes 79.52% No 8.43% Register on arrival 6.02%

**Q.11 *Are you satisfied with the Participants Packs?* Yes 84.34% No 6.02%**

Comments such as 'never had one' came from people who did not bother to register. There were a small number, 4.8%, who gave negative comments on the 2016 caps. This was a trial that did not pay off, the reason for doing it was to get a better image of the Dodge, which was not possible with the embroidery, given the size of area they had to work with. Back to embroidered caps for 2017.

**Q.12 *Do you participate in the runs, trips and visits organised during the week?***

Yes 57.83% No 39.76%

**Q.13 *Would you be prepared to organise a trip or visit during the week?***

Yes 13.25% No 78.31%

**Q.14 *What do you consider was the best organised trip/visit you have been on at Corowa?***

Bandiana and other military museums were top of the list along with the vintage aircraft rebuilding at Wangaratta.

**Q.15 *If you have an idea of activities, please let us know here:*** These ranged from Treasure Hunt;

Schools; Maurice Wilson's property; Museums; Puckapunyal; Ladies run; Tooles; Bandiana; a Q&A session on specific vehicles; Off-road driving; drive along tracks on river frontages; Airworld; Bush or Riverside picnic;

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- Q.16 *Do you come to the Swim-In especially for the Swap Meet?* Yes 14.46% No 85.54%
- Q.17 *Do you have a stall at the Swap Meet?* Yes 12.5% No 86.75%
- Q.18 *If you have a stall at the Swap Meet, do you book it prior to the event?*  
Yes 9.64% No 7.23%
- Q.19 *Do you attend the Drivers meeting on Friday night?*  
Yes 34.94% Sometimes 27.71% No 34.94%
- Q.20 *If YES or SOMETIMES to the last question, is it?*  
Informative 34.94% Partially informative 21.69% Not informative 1.2%  
General opinion here was that they could not hear or understand clearly and visual aids on the screen should be used.
- Q.21 *If answer to Q.19 was NO, please state why you do not attend the meeting?* Comments include:  
Don't enter parade; Go to VMVC bbq; Don't drive; arrive on Saturday morning; Waste of time; Happy to line up and follow the flow; Other things to do; Not aware of driver's briefing.
- Q.22 *Do you listen to the Guest Speakers on Friday night?* Yes 72.29% No 22.89%
- Q.23 *If YES to last question, do you enjoy the talks?*  
Very much 46.99% Sometimes 26.5% Not at all 1.2%
- Q.24 *Which is the best speaker you have heard at Corowa?*  
In order of votes from the top, Bev and Lang Kidby, Mike Cecil/Tim Vibert (equal), John Belfield, Mike Stallwood.
- Q.25 *Name someone you would like to see as Guest Speaker.* Names include: Major Paul Handel; Dr. Brendon Nelson; HRH Prince Harry; Hugh Davis; Graham Docksey; Les Hiddins; Ben Robert Smith VC; Bevan Fenner; Bill Weston; A trade/tech talk similar to the MVPA event.
- Q.26 *Do you attend the Presentations at Ball Park on Saturday evening?*  
Yes 55.42% No 37.35%
- Q.27 *Any suggestions of what else could be added to the evening?* Incorporating a meal / food in it and bringing back the auction were the most popular suggestions. Others include: Short talks by persons of trips done or restorations; Screen films of past events; Sausage sizzle by Lions, Rotary, etc. we pay them; Better location, with meal; Best Vehicle Award, State by State; Best all up Display with Uniforms Award.
- Q.28 *Do you like the idea of annual themes?*  
Yes 93.97% No 3.61%
- Q.29 *What future themes would you like to see?*  
Motorcycles seem to be a popular suggestion. Other original suggestions were Korea and Vietnam Conflict vehicles; Marmon Herrington.
- Q.30 *Do you think there are any improvements needed in the format of the event?*  
Yes 37.35% No 42.17%  
Comments included: Produce map showing locations of activities, location of groups and clubs, etc.; Signage; Route chart for trips with CB channel and mobile number of trip leader; Saturday evening WW2 Dress night with dancing.
- Q.31 *Do you think there should be some activities on Monday and Tuesday?*  
Yes 7.73% No 71.08%  
This was a question that had to be asked and the consensus was a resounding No, and added comments said they used that time for settling in or having a drive around.
- Q.32 *Would you ever bring firearms (de-ac, blank, gas firing or replicas) to the Swim-In?*  
Yes 10.84% No 84.34%  
The added comments given to this question were an emphatic No to the need to bring them.
- Q.33 *Could you satisfy the full requirements of the NSW Firearms Registry?*  
Yes 19.28% No 48.19%  
Those that said Yes were NSW residents in general.

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Q.34 *If you were unable to obtain the correct firearms permits for NSW, would it affect your decision to attend the Swim-In?* Yes 2.41% No 45.78%

Some out of State participants thought that KVE should get the NSW authorities to grant permission. These are State laws and no way are they going to grant dispensation for this event. Other comments included: Swim-In is not about firearms; Why would you bring a firearm to a jeep/vehicle show?; No guns of any description please; Imitation guns are a dressing on the vehicle, not the be all and end all of it.

Q.35 *Do you look at the Corowa Swim-In website?* Yes 62.65% No 32.53%

Q.36 *Do you use the Corowa Swim-In Facebook page?* Yes 21.68% No 74.7%

Q.37 *Do you use Instagram?* Yes 3.61% No 91.56%

Q.38 *Do you look at or use the Corowa section on Maple Leaf Up forum?* Yes 25.3% No 68.67%

Q.39 *Do you read the KVE News magazine?* Yes 93.97% No 4.82%

With only one negative comment, 'too long - short and sweet', everyone else was complimentary and enjoyed reading it. Numerous comments such as, very informative, excellent, good reading, useful for news and sales items, good job.

Q.40 *Are you satisfied with the advice you receive when you contact KVE?* Yes 78.31% No 0%

A resounding Yes on this one and it would be predominantly Jan who answers the queries and gives advice.

Q.41 *Are you currently a KVE member?* Yes 45.78% No 53.01%

Q.42 *If you are not already a member, would you be interested in joining, or finding out more regarding membership?* Yes 14.46% No 32.53% Comments written in include words like 'maybe'.

Sex: **Male:** 93.97% **Female:** 8.43%

Age groups: **Under 18:** 1.2% **18-30:** 1.2% **30-40:** 3.61% **40-50:** 12.5% **50-60:** 19.28%  
**60-80:** 57.83% **Over 80:** 4.82%

We know there are all age groups who participate, but in general, it shows that many of the younger ones, say below 40, were not concerned about completing the survey. It appears to be the older and more conscientious of the participants who have taken the trouble to complete the survey.

States and Countries:

**NSW:** 51.81% **QLD:** 2.41% **VIC:** 33.73% **SA:** 4.82% **TAS:** 2.41% **NZ:** 1.2% **UK:** 2.41%

Once again, the Committee thank all those who have responded to this survey, the final consensus from it all, is that the vast majority are happy with the format and location other than a few small changes and improvements to some parts. We have gone through all the comments and there are some very constructive ones amongst them.



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## Overseas Deployment of Local Pattern MG Carriers

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The story of the design and production of the Australian Local Pattern Machine Gun Carrier has been well covered in books and articles, but perhaps an area that requires more research is how many were deployed to operational areas outside Australia. Fortunately, a combination of images and paperwork gives us some idea of 'what went where', but the coverage is far from comprehensive.

Shipping records show that 461 carriers left Australia during the 1940-41 period. These were all registered under the AIF registration scheme, and were sent to three areas of operation: the Middle East, Malaya, and the islands north of Australia.

The majority – 300 – were sent to the Middle East. Fifty were the LP1 model, which were dispatched from Australia aboard three ships: the *California Star* departed Australia on 27 July 1940 with 20 aboard, the *Westralia* left on 10 August 1940 with ten aboard, and the *Suffolk* departed on 8 October with 20 aboard. Of these, 15 from the *Suffolk* were subsequently lost during the disastrous campaign in Greece. The remaining 250 were all LP2 or 2A models, and were sent to the Middle East theatre during 1941 on several different ships. The largest single batch, and coincidentally, the last to be sent to the Middle East, was 60 aboard the *Thermopylae* which departed Melbourne on 22 November 1941. She travelled independently (that is, not in convoy and without escort) to Colombo, then Aden before discharging the carriers at the port of Suez on 22 December 1941.

Despite the number of LP2 and 2A carriers sent to the Middle East, the images of them being used are few and far between, with most images being of carriers supplied from British stocks which were apparently preferred by the Australians. There are, however, a few images of LP1 carriers in Egypt and Syria.

The remaining 161 AIF-registered carriers recorded as being sent overseas were sent to areas north of Australia. During 1941, 141 LP2 or 2A carriers were sent to Elbow Force in Malaya aboard several different ships. For example, 30 left Australia aboard the *Ombilin* on 14 July 1941, bound for Singapore. The last batch left Melbourne aboard a transport coded 'C2' on 8 January 1942 – doubtless arriving only a short time before being taken over by foreign owners!



AWM 008287/03

A LPI Carrier in Syria

The final 20 carriers, all LP2 or 2A model, were sent to various islands to the north of Australia. On 6 December 1941, the *Ruys* left Melbourne for Sydney, then on to Timor with 10 carriers destined for Sparrow Force, and ten days later, the *Bantam* departed Melbourne to deliver 10 carriers to Gull Force on the island of Ambon. Gull Force had only disembarked at Ambon on 17 December, so the carriers were no doubt a welcome addition, though the date of their arrival is open to question: *Bantam's*

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shipping schedule shows the ship in port at Sourabaya, East Java, on 20 December, then Balboa, at the entrance to the Panama Canal, on 24 January 1942. It is not known if the carriers were delivered before or after the ship's stop in East Java, but the more likely is after, when it was heading east. Ambon came under air attack from 6 January, and was invaded by the Japanese on 30 January. The surviving defenders surrendered on 3 February.

Two of the carriers deployed to Ambon, hull numbers 1022 and 1035, were used by the Japanese and found abandoned at the end of the war. One, hull number 1035, was repatriated to Australia and is held in the National Collection at the Australian War Memorial.



AWM 004819 ... and another LP1 in Egypt in company with an English carrier.

Shipping schedules for the Australian Military Forces (AMF) are not nearly so comprehensive as those for vehicles registered under the AIF scheme, so there is little idea of just how many carriers were sent overseas to New Guinea. Photographic evidence shows carriers in use in areas around Port Moresby with

39 Infantry Battalion, and there is the well-known debacle of five carriers being used on 5 December 1942 to support an infantry attack near Gona, on New Guinea's east coast. *'Within half and hour the five carriers lay abandoned; the leading infantry were shot to pieces and the whole American attack was halted. It proved impossible to prevent the exposed crews being picked off by snipers established in the trees. The loss of these brave and keen crews with their vehicles was as sad as it was misguided.'*<sup>1</sup> It was an abject



AWM 011303/11 LP2 and LP2A MG Carriers were deployed to Elbow Force – the Australian force sent to defend Malaya.

lesson in why open-topped carriers were simply not suitable for use in jungle warfare. Their use outside Australia for the remainder of the war was restricted to patrolling in rear areas around Port Moresby.

The end of the war, however, saw a resurgence, with the carrier deployed with infantry battalions to Japan as part of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOF). Photographic evidence shows carriers deployed to Japan included hull numbers 1360, 2065, 2696, 3093 and 3806.

The Australian carriers' 'last gasp' overseas was the Korean War in 1950. The 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR) deployed from Japan to Korea aboard the US transport *Aiken Victory* taking their LP2 and 2A carriers with them.

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Left:: Carriers were also sent to Gull and Sparrow forces (and possibly other 'bird' forces), but were quickly destroyed or captured by the Japanese as they battled southwards. This carrier was captured on Ambon and used for the duration by the Japanese.

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AWM 026132 Carriers were also deployed to New Guinea, but their lack of overhead cover made the crews vulnerable when operating in close jungle.



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Left: A carrier moving back into a camouflaged hide in the Port Moresby area.

The number of carriers deployed with 3RAR can be ascertained by their distribution within the battalion: two with each battalion and company headquarters (10); the Medium Machine Gun Platoon had four sections of three carriers (12); the 3-inch Mortar Platoon had seven carriers (7); the signal platoon had

two carriers (2); an unknown number of carriers equipped the Assault Pioneer Platoon, giving a total of at least 31 carriers. Identified hull numbers include 891, 1279, 1360, 1747, 2310, 3323, 3686, 3956, and 4962. The battalion advanced into North Korea as far as Chong Ju, only 100 kilometres from the Chinese border, before being pushed back by the massive Chinese advance. As one officer of 3RAR remembered it, *'the Battalion's path ... out of North Korea ... was marked by ..... the Bren carriers blown up ..... on the return journey.'*<sup>2</sup> The destruction was mostly by the unit themselves: mechanical breakdowns and the Chinese pressing close on their heels forced the progressive destruction of the carriers as they were abandoned, in order to deny them to the enemy. Based on 3RAR's experience, neither of the follow-up battalions deployed carriers to Korea.

Although the LP carrier soldiered on with CMF units in Australia for a few more years, their use during the early stages of the Korean War was the type's last operational deployment.

<sup>1</sup> Hopkins, *Australian Armour*, page 112.

<sup>2</sup> Marriott: *Aussie Cold War Carriers* in Tank TV No.24, January 2001. The references to 3RAR carriers in Korea are mostly derived from Marriott's article.

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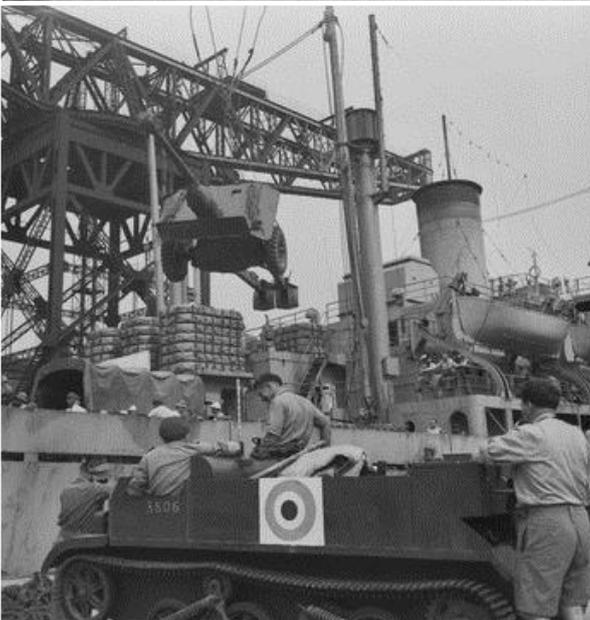


Left: AWM DUK3476

Carriers were deployed with Australian units to Japan as part of BCOF.

Below: AWM DUKJ 3497

Members of 3RAR exercising with their Carrier prior to deploying to Korea.



Left: AWM HOB1295 A carrier of 3RAR awaiting loading onto the *Aiken Victory* at Kure, Japan, for the voyage to Korea.

Right: AWM HOB1360

A carrier of 3RAR in Korea. The carriers were all painted with the large roundel on each side – makes a nice aiming mark!



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Left: AWM 146997

A 3RAR carrier fording a ditch in Korea. This one has had the roundel painted over. Note how the hull number is repeated in small numerals in the centre of the lower glacis plate.

Right: AWM HOB1440

Another style of roundel on the side of hull number 1744. In the background is the vehicle type that would replace all 3RAR's carrier's by the end of January 1951 – the ¼ ton truck.



Left: AWM HOB1724

Labouring over track repairs on hull number 891 on a Korean roadside. None of the more than 31 carriers taken to Korea by 3RAR survived the retreat from North Korea in late 1950.

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Nigel Hay (of Milweb) has kindly has sent this report for your interest. It is regarding a major auction of exhibits due to the closure of the Normandy Tank Museum. The bids were in Euros, so to make it clearer, the Australian Dollar equivalent is in brackets.



## FAREWELL TO ARMS

As the bidding for lot 7, a very nice 1944 Willys MB Jeep, reached 50,000 Euros, the assembled buyers gasped – then gasped again with every bid until the hammer finally went down at 77,000 Euros. Frankly we were all dumbstruck. Yes, 77,000 Euros (Aus\$112,786) Plus the 24% buyers fee. We just knew it was going to be an expensive day for the winning bidders from thereon. This was the Normandy Tank Museum auction at Catz, near Utah Beach on September 18th. Just three years earlier, Patrick Nerrant, with sons Olivier and Stefan had opened the doors of their outstanding collection of mainly US wartime vehicles, equipment and uniforms. It was the pinnacle of over 30 years of collecting and restoring. Most of the exhibits were runners and some of the tanks had been let out to attend events like Tanks in Town and of course the D-Day commemorations. This museum was a fabulous and refreshing addition the Normandy experience. Situated on the site of the former A10 Airfield, constructed by US Army engineers in June 1944, it was for the Nerrants the perfect setting – as Patrick and Olivier are both highly experienced professional pilots and operated a wartime Piper Cub and Boeing Stearman from the old A10 airfield – that was until a minor contretemps with a local farmer escalated and saw part of the runway suddenly ploughed up.



The Nerrant family can be justifiably very proud of what they achieved. This was not a museum of dug up Normandy relics, but some of the best restored vehicles you could imagine. Vehicles that were totally restored to running condition. It was clean and bright and had been meticulously planned to enthuse its visitors. The vehicles were cleverly displayed, with mannequins and artefacts, including tank engines, complementing the dioramas. Some very innovative signage using contemporary black and white images added to the ambience and theatre and it was impossible to come away anything less than impressed. With a large workshop to undertake full restorations, like the recently finished 88mm artillery piece, the museum employed local Englishman Graham Pipe, who has been restoring German vehicles for many years to keep everything in first class condition.

Running a museum is not easy however passionate and energetic you are. So if the premises rent is not far off the GDP of a small country, the local authorities don't support you – in fact make life quite difficult for you, and consequently visitor numbers don't reach a critical masse, it makes that job even harder. Add to that France's punitive social charges and taxes that make it very difficult to employ staff on anything beyond a temporary basis and therein lies a challenge. So having given it their very best, the Nerrant family decided, with very heavy hearts, to close at the end of the 2016 season.

It was on their part a very wise decision to engage Artcurial, a high end Paris auction house famous for realising high prices, to sell off all their exhibits under the auspices of Sophie Peyrache and her team. Artcurial produced a very high quality colour catalogue, with superb photographs and very detailed >

descriptions of each vehicle and item, aided by their technical expert “Mr Sherman”, Matthieu Dumias, who runs Military Classic Vehicles on the same business park as the museum. Once Artcurial’s professional marketing machine had swung into action, it wasn’t just the military vehicle world who were excited about the sale, but they had electrified their regular high net worth buyers into action who would perhaps normally buy classic cars and paintings and would never normally consider anything military.



The buyers were certainly there on the day – a gathering of the great and good of the military vehicle world from France, all over Europe and the UK, Russia and the USA. Plus Middle Eastern buyers being represented on the ground. In less than a day Artcurial transformed the museum’s workshop into an impressive “*salle de ventes*” with seating for 350 registered bidders, and around another 500 watchers or more who stood for the 4 hours the sale took to complete. After the initial shock of the Jeep, we saw a Dodge WC52 fall for 26,000 Euros (Aus\$38,064), followed by a Bantam Jeep trailer for 3,700 euros (Aus\$5,416). If we thought a pattern was emerging in this non reserve auction, the immaculate BMW R75 motorcycle combination sold for an amazing 130,000 Euros (Aus\$190,322). That was over 3 times the estimate and the normal market price. The IF8 Infantry trailer, which was estimated at up to 1500 Euros fetched 16,000 E (Aus\$23,424)!

The first armoured vehicle was the ex-Brazilian M3A1 Stuart – one of the few non runners in the collection which went to a new owner for a record 160,000 Euros (Aus\$235,139). Interspersed between the vehicle lots were display items, nearly all widely exceeding their estimates. A short wheelbase GMC at 33,000 Euros (Aus\$48,497) didn’t surprise us all, but the bargain of the day had to be the immaculate DUKW which sold to a young Russian buyer for a mere 45,000 Euros, which equates to Aus\$66,133.



The real shock of the day was the 1944 Cushman Scooter which soared to an unbelievable 115,000 Euros (Aus\$169,006) to a buyer from the Middle East. Nice as it was, that really was madness – at over 8 times the current market price – but there was of course an under bidder who also perceived its value at that.

The M8 Greyhound armoured car got tongues wagging when it reached 100,000 Euros – certainly the most expensive M8 in history (Aus\$146,962).

It was a Czech buyer who finally won the M7 Priest at a staggering 200,000 Euros (Aus\$293,924) and a Norton WD16H got a healthy 13,000 Euros (Aus\$19,105). Then the 1943 Harley Davidson WLA soared up to 54,000 Euros (Aus\$79,359), but the second Willys MB Jeep in the sale struggled its way up to a mere 60,000 Euros (Aus\$88,177) despite the efforts of Maitre Poulain the auctioneer, who seemed to expect it to surpass the record price set earlier in the afternoon.

Then suddenly it was my own turn to bid – for a genuine German beach anti landing obstacle – a Tetrahedra. I had always wanted one of these and saw the value at up to 800 Euros. No sooner had I raised my hand at 500 Euros it had bounced to 1500 Euros, but didn’t stop until it got 8,000 Euros – five times the guide price, (Aus\$11,757).



Many of us had expected the two Sherman tanks to get up around the 400,000 Euros mark – we were slightly surprised to see the 105mm M4 Sherman go for a modest, by this sale's standard, 239,000 Euros (Aus\$351,239) to, we believe, the family of Jeepest's Nicolas Georges. The Chrysler built M4A4 sold to a motivated American buyer for 280,000 Euros (Aus\$491,414). The Chaffee M24, which was Patrick Nerrant's first tank also went to an American buyer for 230,000 Euros (Aus\$338,012), as did the M5A1 Stuart for the same price – despite having the wrong engine – a single 5.9 litre V8 rather than twin Cadillac V8's - the tank with the two car engines!

At the very end of the sale the two rather tired FV432's raised 20,000 Euros each (Aus\$29,392)– sold unseen to a Middle Eastern buyer and it was all over. A total purse of 3,551,700 Euros (Aus\$5,219,653) including the buyers fees had been spent in an afternoon and people left the saleroom totally bemused at the high prices achieved.

But Normandy has just lost a major and absolutely unique museum, that needed to be positively supported as part of its tourist mix. The Nerrant collection has now been broken up and dispersed, which is frankly a pity – but as Patrick pointed out, storing such a vast collection back home in Paris would have been a very expensive and prohibitive exercise.

France has lost the only venue that offered tank rides. These were done in an ex Slovenian M36 Jackson or for those who wanted the budget "tank" experience in two FV432's. The tank rides and pleasure flights had become an important part of the museum's appeal.

For the Nerrants, it is, perhaps for now, the end of a dream that went way beyond a flirtation with museums. They raised the bar for military vehicle museums and certainly made their mark. But a philosophical Patrick said they still had ideas for another project sometime in the future, perhaps nearer their Paris homes – "We are not finished with military vehicles yet." And I really hope they do build another museum somewhere else. One thing is for sure, this is a father and sons team who really know how to do it and they deserve our applause for their efforts. And whatever Patrick, Olivier and Stefan do next, you can be sure it will be something special.

*Chapeau Nerrant et Fils.....*

Thanks to the Nerrant family for unprecedented access to the collection and to Artcurial for kind permission to reproduce their photographs.

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## Giving recognition to Ben Carlin and Half-Safe

by Jan Thompson-Creamer

Early in the year I was contacted by Alex Cullen from the Channel 7 Sunday Night program. He discussed his plans to give recognition to Ben Carlin, an Australian who circumnavigated the world in an adapted Ford GPA amphibian named '*Half Safe*' during the 1950's. He had been in contact with GPA owners and wanted to see if someone would build a replica *Half-Safe*. It would need to be able to float and go into the ocean for some footage Alex wanted on the program. Craig Olsen from Newcastle came forward and offered to do the project.

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August I had the opportunity of seeing the launch of the vehicle into the water at Palm Beach. It was an amazing day as I had been in the original *Half Safe* in 1999 when it was at Corowa. It was only able to be driven around. Bob and Jenny Dimer from WA organised for a Budget Truck to bring the vehicle over for the event from Perth where it is displayed at Ben Carlin's old school, Guildford Grammar. On Sunday the Channel 7 crew organised a hire boat so footage could be taken of the vehicle in the water so we were able to join them. I was also fortunate to get a ride in the GPA in Pittwater before it came back to shore.

The following is information I have from Craig.

### **How long have you owned the GPA?**

I bought the GPA in late 2010. I saw it for sale on the G503 forum, and bought it from near Boston in USA

### **Why did you choose to buy a vehicle such as a GPA?**

I think they are a beautiful looking vehicle with the lines and curves. A car/ boat is quirky too - which sums me up. I first got interested in amphibious cars when I saw my first in Amsterdam during a Contiki tour in 1980. There was a few Amphicars and I thought it was really neat you can have a car that goes into the water. Fast forward to 2005 and I looked at my first jeep when it was for auction. It was Mal Mackay's, (which I still bought and still own). Also at the auction was Mal's GPA. I never knew they existed, and I thought it was mad crazy. That GPA went for a princely sum to the USA and I never thought I would own one. When mine came for sale, it was well priced - affordable with a lot of rare parts thrown in. It took the 6 years to get the rest of the parts, save some money and find the right team to finish the project. I don't have many skills or time, so a couple of retired guys were able to do the body and most of the mechanics.

### **Where did it come from and what is the history of the vehicle?**

GPA 7228's date of delivery from the data plate was 2nd February, 1943 - the date that the German 6th Army in Stalingrad finally surrendered. Originally, it was one of about 100 GPA's that was sent to the British Army under Lend Lease to fight the Japanese in India and Burma. So this one saw active service and survived the war. I was able to dig up a couple of photos of it in Bangalore and the identification marks show it to be one and the same as what I now have. Notable English dealer Mike Stallwood imported *Un Safe* with another GPA to England. (*Un Safe* is my pet name for it during the *Half Safe* re-creation phase). *Un Safe* then went to the USA before travelling to Australia. So she is well travelled and has been to 4 continents. Its brother GPA from India now resides in Southern France.

### **What restoration had you done to the GPA before deciding to do a replica *Half Safe*?**

Just trying to get her to be as original as possible. We were about to put *Un Safe* together when I was approached, and that was what Channel 7 was looking for as they wanted to film it being put together. Channel 7 asked me to do the cabin like the second version of *Half Safe*. I thought it would be a great story, promote the WW2 vehicles and the hobby as well so I agreed to make it as a replica. I suggested to Channel 7 to paint it yellow, and they thought that was a good idea. The conversion is not difficult. We just lay the roof on and attach the bow. The extra bow is fitted through the existing holes already on the bow. No other drilling was necessary and a conversion back is easy. I must say that I thought the longer bow improved the performance in the water.

### What were the issues you have faced over the past 5 months?

Keeping to time was the big problem. GPA's are a more difficult restoration than I imagined. Just to get to some remote areas to work on demanded a good deal of contortion and patience. It makes it all the more remarkable that Ben Carlin could do difficult mechanical repairs in the ocean. The mechanic was 74 years old with bad legs, so he had to guide the body worker with what to do for the nether regions of the vehicle. If the body worker was unable to overcome his personal issues, then not much happened. Channel 7 wanted to go to air, and the body worker would tell me it would take a



week for the cabin to be finished. I said to Channel 7, "*We will be ready in a week*". But after four weeks - really no extra progress. So in some ways, it was like "herding cats" to get things finished. I reckon we were about 10 weeks late with what I told Channel 7. I was worried they would cut us from the show, and that is what almost happened. So due to time pressures with Channel 7 and the slow progress, the boys took a short cut and instead testing it by driving around on the chassis. They put the engine in, only to find there was no oil pressure. They had to pull the engine out again to find that a wasp nest ended up in the galleries which caused the problem. So trying to cut corners did not pay off - which is a lesson for any restorer. Another important issue was taking *Un Safe* into the salt water, and the concerns arising from that. However, the utmost in preparation was done for this, with thorough cleansing afterwards. I have no concerns that rust will be a factor in her future life.

### How were you feeling the day before the launch?

Stressed and "hopefully confident". Rob McShane an owner of a mechanic shop at nearby Telerah offered to help. We took *Un Safe* to his shop to make the most of our time. We knew the GPA was about there, but on any level, it was hard to get the body worker to meet deadlines. So Rob, Kenny Rutherford (my father-in-law) and I spent the whole day and well into the evening with finishing touches. I was just hopeful that nothing went catastrophically wrong...and it didn't.

### How did you feel after unloading the GPA?

It was a great feeling to be there on that beautiful day. The conditions were great, and we were all in the zone.

### What issues were you faced with on the day of the launch?

Due to the delays referred to above, and fears of us being cut from the show (after 3 previous days of filming the restoration), we had not had the chance to fully test out *Un Safe*. We had given her a water float test in the Hunter River, but not a swimming test. This was supposed to happen the Thursday before the filming, but the body worker was unable to get anything done. So actually, the first swim in 50-60 years or longer was during the Channel 7 filming at Palm Beach. So I was "hopefully confident" until that first launch.



### Who would you like to thank for their support?

The whole team, Rick Edwards, John Wilson, Rob McShane, Brendon Lynn, Kenny Rutherford, Wayne

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Whiteley, Jeff Nott, oh and most importantly, my wife Blair - who is the real owner. Having said that about the delays, without the body worker, the restoration may well have become a white elephant. He did a superb job with *Un Safe's* body and cabin. He really cared about his work, and came to love the vehicle.

### Any other comments you would like to add?

It was such a perfect day and to have it come together was a thrill. I am sure all those that were there on the day feel that it was great to have seen it. There were many spectators. It was certainly one of the more memorable days in my life. So much happened that day too, like getting stuck in the shallows due to driver error when we first went in, then breaking down on the beach, being towed down the beach in front of a doubting crowd, getting her started again, the spectacular re-entry to the sea, Maritime boat spooking us, *Un Safe* listing to port (was she sinking I thought?) - all classic moments, each with its own story. I guess that's what the hobby is all about, getting out there and making it happen. I think the Maritime Officer best summed it up when he yelled out to us, "Now I've seen everything".

I guess it might be time for Ben Carlin - The Movie.

**The program will be shown on Channel 7 in October. It will be on a Sunday night as part of their program Sunday Night.**



**Rob McShane of Telarah Service Centre undertook a lot of the restoration work for Craig:**

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## Carrier wheel re-rubbering

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We recently heard from Gerry Tyrrell, curator of the Bunbury RSL Military Collection, with something of interest to some of you Carrier owners:

"I was at the museum today and had a chance meeting with a sales executive from a company Big Tyre from Toowoomba, Qld. They make tyres, rubber tracks, etc. for heavy machinery and also re-manufacture the rubber road wheels for Bren Gun Carriers."

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This list is of accommodation in Corowa and surrounding area, for those wishing to come to the event next March. For further information, 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 and do it at [www.visitcorowashire.com.au](http://www.visitcorowashire.com.au)

Business Name	Location	City	Phone
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Greenacres Motel	91-99 Federation Ave	Corowa	02 6033 2288
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Murray Rest Cottages	43 Barkly Street	Wahgunyah	02 6033 3685
Oakleigh	Piggins Rd Hopefield via	Corowa	02 6033 1814
Pete's Place	20 Gitchell Street	Corowa	02 6033 4495
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Savernake Farmstay	Savernake Station	Yarrowonga	02 6035 9415
Terminus Flats	Cnr Edward & Sanger Sts	Corowa	02 6033 4071
The Shanty Waterside Cottage	The Shanty, Spring Drive	Corowa	02 6035 3838
The Stable @ Riesling S/Leggero	1/51 Riesling Street	Corowa	0439 456 337
<b>B&amp;B</b>			
Stableford House	22 East Street	Howlong	02 6026 8524
The Old Post Office Howlong	39 Hawkins Street	Howlong	02 6026 8278

#### Hotels :

**The Royal Hotel**, 95 Sanger St., Corowa. 02 6033 3760 [royalhotelcorowa@westnet.com.au](mailto:royalhotelcorowa@westnet.com.au)

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**Classic Restos at Corowa - DVD order form**



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The themes for 2016 were Year of the Chrysler 2 and Year of the Tank. There was a very good selection of Dodges, as well as a large number of other military vehicles. A welcome visitor to the Swim-In event was a WW2 German tank destroyer, a Jagdpanzer 38t from the Australian Armour and Artillery Museum at Cairns. Interviews include Neville Smith with his Carrier, Dave Mottram talking about his Dodge Command Car, David Furness and his Vauxhall 10, Phil Cockerill with his 101 Land Rover and 11 year old Aaron, a budding military vehicle enthusiast.

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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. Along the way we learn about the origins of these vehicles, their military and post-war service. 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. See the convoys through Corowa and Rutherglen and the attempt on a new Guinness World Record at the Corowa Airport. 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 a visit to Precision Aerospace in Wangaratta, 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 as well as taking you to see the tanks at Mons.

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

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

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

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

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

This DVD covers many of the highlights and stories of this fabulous event. There are 20 profiles of vehicles including German and British motorcycles, softskins and armour as well as an extended story on the star of the show, Rick Cove's 1916 Albion. There's also an interview with Richard Farrant from the UK, introducing him to a wider Australian audience. Also plenty of action footage around the riverside tracks, mishaps as well as pure enjoyment of being part of the largest event of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. Just about every vehicle attending is seen in the parade and assembly at the Corowa airport.

## DVD's for Sale

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### 2012 - Year of the 6X6

The Corowa "Year of the 6x6" 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 and talk to KVE President Rick Cove and organiser Jan Thompson. 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

The Corowa 2013 DVD features among other things, trailers and armoured vehicles. We take a close look at: A 'Barn Find' low mileage Canadian Military Pattern Chevrolet C60S towing a semi-trailer designed to carry folding boats; A British generator trailer; A Bofors gun from Tumut with a colourful veteran who used them in the 1960s; A rare 37mm anti-tank gun for the Dutch Army, as well as a range of other vehicles including 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.

### 2014 - Year of WWI - Year of the Ford

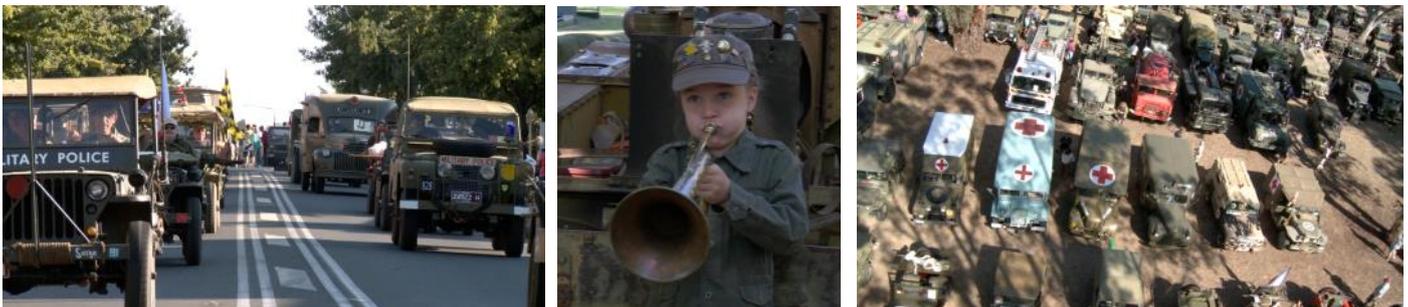
The 'Year of' series of videos has been produced since 2002. In 2014 the twin themes of World War One and Ford vehicles made for an interesting gathering of types, many of which are profiled on this DVD through interviews with the owners, restorers and helpers. This year there is a good selection of vehicles covered including Bob Schutt's magnificent restoration of a Ford C11ADF 'Woodie' station wagon, Ken Gehrke's recreation of a Model T Australian light patrol vehicle, Anthony Shorten with his WWI Dodge recreation and Perentie and many more. There is the spectacle of the parade of vehicles led by Rick Cove's WWI Albion, as well as the swap meet and display, and action on the Murray River. This program gives a real insight into the places, people and vehicles that go to make up the Khaki Vehicle Enthusiasts annual Corowa Swim In.

### LATEST DVD : 2015 - Year of the General Motors and Emergency Vehicle DVD \$35

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. The spectacular parade through the town of Corowa was enhanced by the full use of both sides of the road and with the camera viewpoint set right in the centre the viewer is right among the sights and sounds, with a cacophony of emergency sirens.

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' LPI machine gun carrier.

There's coverage of the action along the river as well as the parade, swap meet and Michael Cecil's excellent talk on his lifetime's experiences with military vehicles.

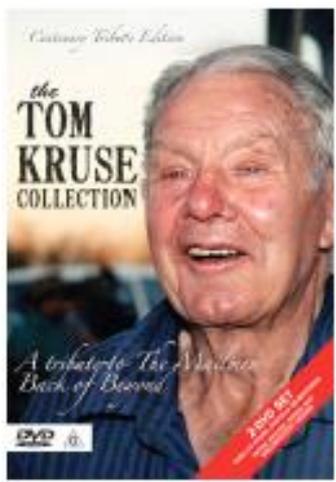


Some stills from the new 2015 DVD



## More DVD's for Sale

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### The Tom Kruse Collection DVD from Keith Webb, see previous pages

The 1954 Australian film classic **The Back of Beyond** introduced Tom Kruse and his 1936 Leyland Badger mail truck to a generation of Australians. Most never forgot the extraordinary images of the man and his battered truck doing battle each fortnight with sand and isolation along the Birdsville track - outback Australia's toughest mail run.

**The Mailmen Back of Beyond** is a result of 28 years of research by producer Ian Doyle. Ian and co-producer Keith Webb gained unprecedented access to the significant photographic collections of the Kruse, Heyer, Ding, Crombie and Teague families. In addition to the stills collections (available online at [www.tomkruse.com.au](http://www.tomkruse.com.au)), the documentary airs for the first time elements of movie footage filmed by the filmmaker and adventurer Colin Wagener. Colin is 96 years old and lives in the Adelaide Hills. He filmed in colour a trip he took on the Marree to Birdsville mail run with driver Monty Scobie in 1953 and again when the Cooper Creek flooded in 1956 and 1963. Tom Kruse was the key figure in the Australian docudrama *The Back of Beyond* directed by the Shell Film Unit's John Heyer. It was shot in black and white and remains one of the most critically acclaimed and awarded films ever produced in Australia.

**The Mailmen Back of Beyond** is one of two discs in **The Tom Kruse Collection DVD**

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

#### About Image Control

Headed by military historian and enthusiast Keith Webb, Image Control was established back in 1982 and today is one of Melbourne's best known multimedia production houses, working with a varied range of clients to produce corporate video, television and radio commercials, documentaries, sound production, graphic design and websites. Trained as a photographer, Keith is also a cinematographer and editor. In addition to running the business he has a keen interest in Australian military history, in particular Blitz trucks and aircraft. Current projects include work for the Temora Aviation Museum (where Keith is Director for the *Unsung Heroes* project), the RAAF Museum, Point Cook and Fleet Air Arm Museum, Nowra.



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## Frank Partridge VC Military Museum

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What a great weekend for an inaugural Military Muster organised by the Frank Partridge VC Military Museum at Bowraville. Not many people from other clubs turned up and not many vehicles but those that arrived with vehicles had a good time. There were 10 military vehicles and four cars from the Inverell RSM Falcon & Ford Enthusiast Club. On the Saturday morning a free bus took some visitors to Nambucca Heads to view the static display of Hot Rods (a yearly event in Nambucca). Saturday pm was spent visiting the Frank Partridge VC Military Museum in Bowraville. Warwick Lord, 'Scotty', Nigel Ward and one other were there to provide Swap entertainment for everyone that spoke to them, very enjoyable to listen to their stories, (especially 'Scotty's'). Visitors attended from the MJCQ Club, Guyra, Armidale, Bellingen, Urunga, Dunoon, Newcastle, Central Coast and Bunderberg.

The Museum are intending to hold another Muster in 2017 with the hopes that those that promised to attend (but didn't) this year will do so next year.



Report by Beth & Merv Kennedy

Photos from top left:

Steyr Puch Halfinger

Merv and Beth's Desert Jeep, we discovered that the jeep next to ours was only 24 numbers apart on the assembly line in 1942.



M3A1 Stuart tank, powered by a 7 cyl. radial engine. Used in Buna and Gona. Owned by Bill Weston, Armidale

Land Rover Workshop  
Gordon and his son drove 9 hours from Queensland for the show.



This Jeep, the Chevrolet C15 and the Austin Champ, all owned and restored by the museum.

British FV432 Mk2 with Rolls Royce K60 multi-fuel engine, currently running on cooking oil from Big Macca!  
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### Khaki Vehicle Enthusiasts Incorporated (KVE Inc.)

Mailing Address: 9/1 Millett Road, Mosman, NSW 2088 Contact: Jan Thompson Phone No: Mob. 0412 078 096  
 Email: [kveinc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:kveinc@optusnet.com.au) Website: <http://corowaswim-in.org>  
 Organisers of the Annual Corowa Swim-In & Military Vehicle Gathering

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

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

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

Mailing Address: Contact: Chairman Brian Thompson Phone No: 08 9257 3910  
 Email: [brianjthompson.@bigpond.com](mailto:brianjthompson.@bigpond.com)  
 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](mailto: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](http://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: [sierant@tpg.com.au](mailto:sierant@tpg.com.au)  
 Dates of Meetings: As required Locations of Meetings: As Required  
 Website: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/aussemecs/>  
 '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: [42ausjeep@hotmail.com](mailto:42ausjeep@hotmail.com)  
 Dates of Meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month Locations of Meetings: Rats of Tobruk Hall, Albert Park.  
 Website: [www.vmvc.org.au](http://www.vmvc.org.au)  
 "A military vehicle collectors club"

### WW2 Jeeps NSW

Contact person: Mitch Holland Phone Number: 0418 869 709 Email: [mitchtez@gmail.com](mailto:mitchtez@gmail.com)  
 Dates of Meetings: as required Locations of Meetings: can be anywhere  
 Website: Still under consideration as at January 2013 if we can find an enthusiastic webmaster!  
 WW2 Jeeps NSW is an "unofficial" Association of enthusiasts of the legendary WW2 Jeeps (41 to 45), however membership is open to anyone with an interest in Military history and not restricted to where you live. We are bonded together by a monthly newsletter sent out regularly to an email list and the only new membership joining criteria is a sense of participation for your and current members benefit.  
 Find us on Facebook: [world war2 jeeps nsw](https://www.facebook.com/worldwar2jeepsnsw) (fledgling group via this method with problems still being ironed out)

### Military Vehicle Group of Tasmania Inc.

President: Lou Hanslow, 758 Richmond Road, Cambridge, TAS 7170 Ph/Fax 03 6248 5159 [louhanslow@gmail.com](mailto:louhanslow@gmail.com)  
 Secretary: John Boucher Phone: 03 6273 8524 Email: [john.boucher46@bigpond.com](mailto:john.boucher46@bigpond.com)  
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### Wartime Vehicle Conservation Group SA Inc. (WVCG)

Contact: Rick Shearman Mobile No.: 0408 835 018 Email: [rickshearman@bigpond.com](mailto:rickshearman@bigpond.com)

Dates of meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month Location of meetings: Tower Hotel, Magill, SA

Organisation dedicated to preservation of military vehicles.

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

Mailing Address: PO Box 174, Salisbury, SA 5108

Contact: Dave Carmen (President) 08 8285 3011 Email: [secretary@military-vehicle-museum.org.au](mailto:secretary@military-vehicle-museum.org.au)

Dates of meetings: Last Tuesday of Month except December No Meeting. AGM in July.

Location of meetings: National Military Vehicle Museum, 10 Sturton Road, Edinburgh Parks, SA 5111

Website: [www.military-vehicle-museum.org.au](http://www.military-vehicle-museum.org.au)

The Military Vehicle Preservation Society of South Australia Inc., and National Military Vehicle Museum. Our Society has been in service for 37 years, and our Museum celebrated 20 years in August 2013.

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

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 172 Concord West NSW 2138 Contact email: [Secretary@LROC.com.au](mailto:Secretary@LROC.com.au)

Date of meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month from 8-9pm (exc. Dec)

Location of meetings: Denistone Sports Club Ltd., 59 Chatham Rd., Denistone, NSW 2114

Website: [www.lroc.com.au](http://www.lroc.com.au)

Description of the club: The Land Rover Owners Club (LROC) was formed in 1966 by a group of enthusiasts who shared an interest in four wheel driving and the great outdoors. It caters for all models from Series I.

### Australian Armoured Vehicle Association

Mailing address: Australian Armoured Vehicle Association Inc., ASIC Registration NSW Y2413247,  
PO Box 41, Newport Beach, NSW 2106 Contact: Mal French 0415 635 519

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.

### Military History Group Inc.

Mailing address: PO Box 6, Dallas, VIC 3047 Contact: Tony Jordan (President) (03) 9359 4687

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.

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

Website: [www.remlr.com](http://www.remlr.com)

Forum: [www.remlr.com/forum](http://www.remlr.com/forum)

The Registry of Ex Military Land Rovers was formed in 1996 to collect information about ex Army Land Rovers that people were restoring including colours, fittings and markings. The information and illustrations were all collated, and eventually incorporated in the website for all to see and benefit from the research done. The compendium of information on REMLR continues to expand and there are thousands of pages of information and manuals on the website. It includes the Australian Army, Navy and Air Force, as well as NZ Army vehicles. REMLR is not just Land Rovers, other vehicles are International trucks, Mokes, various other trucks, trailers, cars and bikes covered in the information pages.

There are 3 levels of joining REMLR:

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

**FOR SALE****FV433 Abbot self-propelled gun**

The Abbot is in pretty good condition, it had to be to get through customs and quarantine from UK. It does have one minor oil leak which is not of concern and if I needed to do a pack lift, I would fix it as that's where it is down below the pack. I've not been overly concerned but if a buyer was, then I'd fix it at the right price. It's road registered in the UK but haven't tried to re-register in Perth. Engine runs well, the turret operates and has some extras like MG replica for mounting when on display, a couple of 150mm shell tips (deactivated), leads, gloves etc.

I'm asking \$75,000 for her as is with all manuals and bits.

Contact: Murray Bloor (WA) **0408 923 366**

or email: [morganvalepark@hotmail.com](mailto:morganvalepark@hotmail.com)

**Notice to Clubs and Event Organisers:****Australian Military Vehicle Events Calendar**

It has been suggested to the KVE Committee, that our organisation's website would be the ideal portal for a countrywide military vehicle events calendar. This would not necessarily be confined to military vehicle only type events, but also vintage and steam events, etc. where military vehicles are invited.

KVE will not be the point of contact for enquiries, we receive the information and contact details from organisers or clubs, enter it into the calendar on the [www.corowaswim-in.org](http://www.corowaswim-in.org) website. The viewer can click on the entry to reveal all the information and make contact with the organisers direct.

The calendar is live on the website now, and a direct link to the page is here:

**<http://www.corowaswim-in.org/#!/show-and-event-calendar/tikmb>**

If you organise an event of this nature and would like to be included on the calendar, go to the above link and fill the online form in, it will come straight to KVE. We look forward to receiving the event details. This is a great opportunity to promote your events. If you need help or have problems with entering the details, please email to: [kve.editor@btinternet.com](mailto:kve.editor@btinternet.com)

N.B. KVE reserve the right to accept event details at their discretion

**KVE Inc**

Khaki Vehicle Enthusiasts Incorporated  
Entry forms can be sent to the following address:

Jan Thompson-Creamer  
9/1 Millett Rd, Mosman, NSW, 2088  
Phone: 0423 943 010

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

**KVE Incorporated**

**Organisers of the Annual Corowa Swim-In**

**Commences on the long weekend (Victorian Public Holiday) in March.**

Please visit our website for more info:

**<http://corowaswim-in.org>**

**Also see us on Facebook - corowaswimin**

**Submissions for this newsletter can be emailed to:**

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

**See you at Corowa in 2017.**

# 2017 Swap Meet booking form

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**COROWA PASTORAL, AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC**  
**P O BOX 190**  
**COROWA NSW 2646**

SECRETARY -

Jan McKenna - 0427 331 148

APPLICATION FOR TRADE SPACE AT THE  
**2017 COROWA SWIM-IN & MILITARY VEHICLE GATHERING**  
 TO BE HELD AT COROWA SHOWGROUND ON SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017  
 (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 –

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 .....

Costs: \$10 per day for outdoor 6 x 3 metres (approx)

\$20 per day for indoor 6 x 3 metres (approx)

Double the rate for 6 x 6 metres (approx)

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

Queries, contact Jan McKenna on 0427 331 148 or [janandfrankmckenna@bigpond.com](mailto:janandfrankmckenna@bigpond.com)

Camping at Showgrounds for Stallholders only, from Thursday to Sunday – Fee \$10 per night per camp site

**COST FOR YOUR SITE – (TO BE PAID BEFORE SHOW DAY)**

Camping @ \$10 per night .....

Inside undercover @\$20 per day.....

Outside site @\$10 per day .....

Total cost for site .....

Signed by Applicant ..... Dated .....

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

Hume Bank – BSB – 640000 – Account Number 568163516

Or pay by cheque to the above address



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 Website: [corowaswim-in.org](http://corowaswim-in.org)

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2016-2017

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

FULL NAME OF APPLICANT.....

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS .....

MAILING ADDRESS .....

(if different from residential address)

TOWN/CITY ..... STATE ..... POSTCODE .....

CONTACT TELEPHONE NO (H) ..... (W) .....

MOBILE ..... EMAIL .....

..... hereby apply to become a member of KVE Inc.  
 (occupation)

As a member of KVE, I agree to be bound by the rules of the Club at the time being in force.

**KVE Membership Fee \$ 30 per year**

**Family Membership Fee \$45 per year**

Amount Paid .....

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

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

### Membership period runs from 1st March 2016 to 28th February 2017

Lodge completed form, together with payment, with the Secretary.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Scott Rough**  
**PRESIDENT**

**Jan Thompson-Creamer**  
**SECRETARY**

**Robert Pearce**  
**VICE-PRESIDENT**

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

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017



**Year of the International**

**Year of the Carrier 2**

Held annually at Corowa, NSW

All ex-military vehicles and enthusiasts are invited to attend

## ENTRY FORM

Entrant/Driver

Name.....

Address.....

Number of extra Packs required at \$20 each:	Names of those, other than Entrant, requiring Packs:
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Contact numbers: (H)..... (W).....

Mobile.....Fax:.....

Email:.....

Expected day of arrival:.....

Member of the following clubs:.....

Vehicle Year..... Vehicle Make..... Vehicle Model.....

Registration/Permit No.....

### DECLARATION

All entrants, drivers, riders and participants enter and participate solely at their own risk. The organisers, promoters, sponsors, their agents or employees will not be liable for any loss or damage suffered by or to any entrant, owner, driver, rider or passenger under any circumstances. In signing this declaration I acknowledge that I have read, understood and accepted the Rules and Conditions of entry. I certify that the vehicle entered complies with the rules of KVE Incorporated. All firearms brought to the event must meet NSW firearms legislation. All vehicles or vessels that enter the water must comply with the NSW Boating Regulations. I agree to be bound by these rules and by all roads, waterways and traffic management laws and regulations. I agree to show due courtesy to all users of the roads and waterways. Any conditions not governed by the regulations will be adjudicated by the Committee whose decision shall be final.

Entrant's Signature..... Date.....

### ENTRY FORMS TO ARRIVE BY 28th FEBRUARY 2017

Entry Fee is \$20 per Entrant enclosed with Entry form

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