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**40th Annual Corowa Swim-In & Military Vehicle Gathering**



**40<sup>TH</sup>  
 COROWA  
 SWIM-IN  
 1980 - 2019**

**11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

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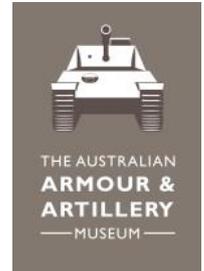
**Year of the Amphibian - Year of the Prototype**



**Come and join us for the 40th Annual Swim-In, full details inside**

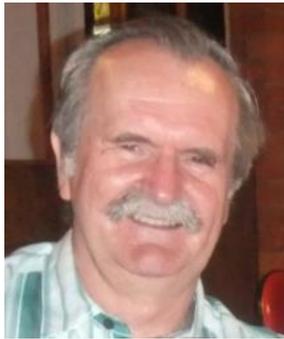
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 regarding Ball Park Caravan Park - please read it.**

*Thank you to all the supporters  
 of the Corowa Swim-In*

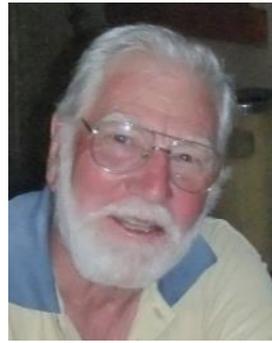




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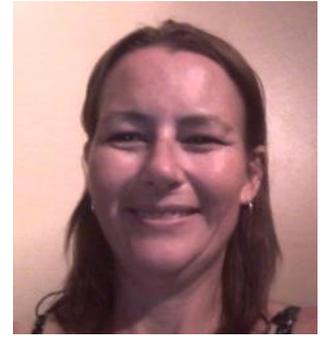
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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **REGARDING BALL PARK CARAVAN PARK THIS YEAR**

#### **Please read this;**

You may not be aware that the Ball Park Caravan Park is now under new management. It is still owned by the Federation Council, but has new managers from BelgraviaPRO, a company running the park on behalf of the council. The park is being upgraded and current fire and safety regulations are being put into place so there are likely to be a few changes to when you were there last time. The park has only ever had a licence for 80 unpowered camp sites and this is now being enforced. Camping has also been removed from the oval, to provide recreational space, however for our event the management are allowing some camping on the oval. Also there are boom gates by the park office, to make the site more secure.

The toilet and shower facilities for campers, disabled and families have been upgraded, and all of these are now fully open including the one that was near to the jumping pillow. There will be no camping under annual sites.

If you intend staying at Ball Park, you need to book in advance and pay a deposit, so if you have not done so already, you are advised to book your campsite as soon as possible.

The new managers are Anne and Peter George, their number is **(02) 6033 1426** and there is a new email address, which is **contact@ballparkcp.com.au** The KVE Committee have met the new management on two occasions so they are aware what our wishes and needs are to run a smooth event and they are keen to help us but at the same time we have to accept the new changes. We hope you will be considerate and understanding about this and appreciate the groundwork that has been done in recent months to make the 40th Swim-In a success.

The KVE Radar trailer and Site Office will be relocated to the grassed area opposite the Ball Park office adjacent to the row of cabins. This makes it outside of the boom gates as vehicles and participants not residing at Ball Park will not be able to pass this point. Limited parking will be available on the slip road on the left as you approach the Ball Park office for those coming to register their entries at the KVE Site Office, or alternatively you can park in Rowers Park across from the main entrance to Ball Park.

Every effort is being made to make the 2019 Swim-In a great event.

Thank you

from the Committee of KVE Inc.

**Please check the Corowa Swim-In Facebook site and our website for any updated information in the run up to the event in March**

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## 2019 The 40th Swim-In at Corowa

Something to Celebrate and the place to be with your Military Vehicle  
To recognise the origin of the event one of the themes will be Amphibians

### Year of the Amphibian



### Year of the Prototype



**All types of Military Vehicles are welcomed to enter**

**Register now so you don't forget!**

**ENTRY FORM AT BACK OF THIS NEWSLETTER**

**KVE have received event sponsorship from the Federation Council  
for the 2019 event, we thank them for their continued support of  
the Swim-In**



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COUNCIL**

## The President's Report

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Hi,  
I look back to see my first visit to the Corowa Swim-In was the 17th event, and this year we are celebrating the 40th event. I do recollect there were only about 40 vehicles present at the 17th. Back in 1982 a quarterly periodical aimed at military vehicle enthusiasts was launched in the UK, by a well known vehicle historian, Bart Vanderveen. The magazine was called Wheels & Tracks and I subscribed to it from Number One issue. We were starved of information on the world of military vehicle collecting in those days, with no internet or dedicated magazines, only the club magazine from the MVCG in the UK. So when W&T came out it immediately linked us with other like minded soles across the World. It was not long before owners of vehicles in Australia were corresponding in the periodical with photos of events, and something called the Swim-In caught my eye. Never in a million years did I ever think I would visit it ..... or even be involved in running it!

Back to 2019, as you will have read on a previous page, there have been a lot of changes and improvements at Ball Park since last March. Members of the KVE Committee have been liaising with the new managers Anne and Peter, so that we will have a smooth running event. Please be patient and understanding as it will be a learning curve for them having an event like ours on the site.

We hope as many people as possible who were present at the first Swim-In in 1980 will come along this year. There are some interesting trips out as well. Another reminder on the proposed book to celebrate 40 years of the Swim-In, please see the details in this newsletter and the form at the back. We would like to chronicle the event through the years, with stories on things that happened, vehicles that turned up, the whole lot, even if you have only been coming a few years I am sure you have a story to tell.

Once again we extend our thanks to the Federation Council for their sponsorship and support to the Swim-In and also to the Corowa RSL for their support. We very much appreciate it.

Whilst talking of support, if you are attending the Swim-In without a military vehicle please see if you can help with marshalling the parade on Saturday morning at Bangerang Park, if you contact John Oldenmenger (Dutchie) on 0425 253 253 he would appreciate any help.

Look forward to seeing you all at Corowa in March, have a good trip.

Best regards,

**Richard Farrant**

**KVE President (and Editor)**

## Secretary & Public Relations Report

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### Important information for people attending the Corowa Swim-In in March 2019

#### Secretary's / Public Relations Report

We need to remind enthusiasts that each year we have a theme but you are always welcome to attend with any ex-military vehicle you own or come along in your modern vehicle to be a part of the gathering. Not long now until our 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Swim-In and Military Vehicle Gathering. Things are proceeding well.

#### LATEST NEWS:

**Saturday night commemoration and presentations: Everyone is welcome to come along. Commemoration for those who attended the first event in 1980:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm at the Radar Van at Ball Park Caravan Park.

**Weapons:** Replica or deactivated weapons of any type will not be allowed at Corowa unless the correct NSW Firearm Permits have been obtained and presented to KVE upon arrival at Corowa. You MUST provide KVE with a photocopy of this for our records.

#### Helping while at the event:

If you are able to spare a little time while at Corowa to help KVE we would be very grateful of this. There are many people who have helped in many ways and their assistance is always appreciated. We don't expect you to be a member of KVE so please come along and offer some assistance.

Help is required for the following duties at Corowa:

Site office both during the week and people are desperately needed on Saturday while at the Showgrounds.

Marshals for the drive from Bangerang Park to the Corowa Showgrounds. Contact John Oldenmenger on **0425 253 253** if you would like to help.

Setting up the site office on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Cleaning up the site office on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March

#### Site office times:

Deborah Birrell is organising the Site Office roster for 2019. If you are interested in helping on the site office please contact her on **0428 742 440** or email: [deborah@dragnet.com.au](mailto:deborah@dragnet.com.au) We are looking for people who may be interested in helping out. You don't have to be a member of KVE to help with this or any other tasks we may need help with. 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. At this stage the office will be open at the following times:

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March: 9:00am-12pm and 3-6pm (Ball Park Caravan Park)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March: 9:00am-12:00pm and 3-6pm (Ball Park Caravan Park)

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> March: 8.00-11am, 11am-1pm, 1pm-3pm and 3-6pm (Ball Park Caravan Park)

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> March: 8.00-11am, 11am-1pm, 1pm-3pm and 3-6pm (Ball Park Caravan Park)

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March: 8.00am-11am, 11am-1pm, 1pm-3pm 3pm-6pm (Ball Park Caravan Park)

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> March: from 7.30-8.45am (Bangerang Park – Jan, Richard and Troy will be signing in by the side of the road): People who have arrived overnight or just for the parade should go straight to Bangerang Park. You will be able to get your package if you have pre-registered and receive your vehicle number. The Site office at the Corowa Showgrounds will be open from 8.30 to 12.30pm. Voting forms can be submitted up until 12 Midday at the Showgrounds Site Office.

To put your name down for a time contact Deborah on Email: [deborah@dragnet.com.au](mailto:deborah@dragnet.com.au) or phone: **0428 742 440**

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At the Site Office you are welcome to have a look at various boards and put advertisements up on the following boards:

- a) For Sale and Wanted advertisements: there will be a board for you to put advertisements on.
- b) Coming Events: If you want to advertise any future events you will be participating in then feel free to put a notice on the Coming Events board.

Articles on past Corowa Events: please give to Jan if you have any of these. There are a number of notice boards which have copies of articles from past Corowa events. Take a look when you have spare time as you might appear in one of more of these articles.

A whiteboard at the front of the Site Office will advise of 'Today's and Tomorrow's Activities'. Please check this daily in case of time changes.

### 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. We encourage you to provide us with the information.

### Entry Form for 2019:

If you haven't returned your Entry Form for 2019 please do so ASAP so it gives the organisers an indication of the numbers and types of vehicles along with the number of participants we are to expect. It only costs \$25 per vehicle to enter and if you **pre-register by 28<sup>th</sup> February** you will receive a participant pack upon arrival in Corowa. We have applied again for a Federation Council Community Grants 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.

### Program of Activities:

At some stage during the week there may be a group of GPA's who do a trip down the river from a location yet to be decided. It has been done before and Roger Ross will be the organiser.

Another event which will probably occur will be a photoshoot of Land Rover's at a location to be decided by the Land Rover owners. Details will be announced in the Daily Despatches news sheet during the week.

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March:**

8:30am departure from Ball Park Caravan Park: Trip from Corowa to Dookie via Mulwala, Tungamah, Devenish and Goorambat and there are some interesting sites to see on the way. Lunch will be at Dookie. Recommended lunch is at the Dookie Emporium, The Dookie Pub or the general store. At the completion of lunch the group will return to Corowa. The route to Dookie will take us to see Silo Art, we should arrive at Tungamah approx. 9.30, then on to Devenish at 10.15, where we will be given a talk on the silos. From there to Goorambat silos. Then past Dookie College and Tallis Wines. Here is some information on the Devenish murals:

The Devenish Silos were painted by Melbourne Street Artist Cam Scale and are officially the 19th Silos in the Australian Silo Art They were officially unveiled on Anzac Day in 2018 which coincided with the 100 year anniversary of the end of the First World War. The artwork depicts a stunning image of a WW1 nurse and a modern female military medic in the Australian Armed Forces. The mural also depicts the changing role of women in the military and society in general. Fifty young men and women from the Devenish Community enlisted in the military services in WW1. At the time, that was one in six residents from this very tiny town. Cam Scale also wanted to honour the seven Devenish diggers that never made it home. The mural took 11 days to complete. The Devenish Silos are now the second set of silos for Cam Scale, with Kimba in South Australia being his first.

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March:**

9am: Trip to Kel Baxter's property at Berrigan, here is some of the things we will see;

**Farming** - Corn crops with possible harvester demonstration - Cotton crops nearing maturity - Grain storage facilities - Large Farm machinery and a few items of old farm machinery on display - Old Woolshed.

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**Transport:** Road Trains and B Doubles and a couple of old trucks on display - Couple of old cars.

**Military:** The seven that go to Corowa and a couple that don't and the work they do on the farm and the chance of a surprise.

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March:**

7:30-9:30am: KVE BBQ at Ball Park Caravan Park

10:30am: Departure from Ball Park Caravan park to the Corowa South Primary School in the morning

2:00pm: Trip to Maurice Wilson's property on the outskirts of Corowa in the afternoon. (off-road bush track)

***From 5pm: Guest speaker will be Doug Draeger at the Corowa Footy Club: the club will provide a 2 course meal.***

7:30pm Parade Briefing & Doug Draeger will be the 2019 Guest Speaker. Please support the Footy Club who will be providing a 2 course meal for \$20 (2 courses) and drinks. No BYO

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March:** Vehicles will line up at Bangerang Park from 7.30am and participate in the parade at 9am to the Corowa Showgrounds where there will be a photo shoot and swap meet.

**12.00MD:** ensure your voting forms are submitted at the KVE Site Office at Corowa Showground/Racecourse.

**11.00am** – Group photos of people associated with various forums such as the KVE, MLU and REMLR. (Note change of time from previous years)

***From 1pm:*** Vehicle activities

### ***Saturday evening at Ball Park Caravan Park - Presentations:***

Come and support the Presentations on Saturday evening.

***7:30pm Sharp: Come to the Radar Van.*** All participants are invited to our commemoration and presentations. We are celebrating 40 years of this event and if you were there in 1980 we hope you can come along for a commemoration and group photo. Following this will be presentations and awards and if anyone wants to talk about organizing an event over the next few years we hope they will come along.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March:** KVE will have a General Meeting and an AGM, 10am, at [Bindaree Holiday Park](#), Corowa. Members and visitors are invited

***Sunday evening*** – from 6pm there will be a meal at the RSL Club.

### **Participant packs:**

Pre-registered participants will receive their Pack when they register in at the Site Office. There will be vouchers in it for local shops and businesses so make sure you collect your pack upon arrival in Corowa to make the most of these vouchers and to read the information provided.

You will be asked to put your name down on different sheets which will indicate what events you are planning to attend over the week. These will be as follows:

Wednesday trip to Dookie

Thursday trip to Berrigan

Friday KVE breakfast (Cut off date will be Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 12 MD)

Friday trip to Corowa South Primary School in the morning

Friday trip to Maurice Wilson's.

Friday night Footy Club meal with guest speaker and parade briefing (We need to provide expected numbers prior to the night.)

Names of people who attended in 1980 (The first Corowa Swim-In)

We received sponsorship from the Federation Council and have been able to put this towards some mementoes. Get your entry form in ASAP so you don't miss out.

Items include:

- Event details
- Complimentary mementoes including Special Edition book, a badge, cap and bumper sticker.

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- Voting form which gives you an opportunity to make suggestions on award winners and places to visit in 2020. Put completed forms in the Jerry Can at the Site Office.
- 2020 Entry Form
- Vouchers for local businesses

### Vehicle Numbers:

Upon arrival at Corowa you need to go down to Ball Park Caravan Park and register your vehicle. (Take note of the Site Office opening times.) *Vehicle numbers will only be given to people with an ex-military vehicle attending the event* (if you have been unable to bring your vehicle do not register it in as attending) 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.

For people attending with theme Vehicles:

Amphibious and Prototype vehicles will have an extra card to display so that Marshals will be able to spot and position them in the parade and line-up.

### Accommodation:

This is an important message for those who are wanting to book accommodation at Corowa for the Swim-In from 11-17th March.

Fortunately the music event 'A Day of the Green' doesn't correspond with our event. It is advisable to book your accommodation ASAP otherwise you may have to travel from other towns to get to Corowa.

This is always a busy time.

### Keith Webb's DVD's:

Since 2002 Keith Webb has done DVD's on our event. Copies of these will be available at the Site Office. The latest DVD will be covering 2018 – Year of the Land Rover. It will be available for \$35 each. Past Corowa DVD's will be for sale for \$30 each. Keith has also done some other interesting events so take a look at what is for sale. Keith has been talking about using other people's video footage so if you take any video footage please talk to Keith as he would like to incorporate this in his DVD's. Keith sometimes has difficulty getting to Corowa before Thursday so for those who attend for the whole week your coverage might help him make his video.

### Voting Forms

Our Suggestion Box is a painted Jerry can and this will be at the Site Office at Ball Park during the week and at the Site Office at Corowa Showground on the Saturday. This is what you will receive in your participant pack. Last year we were disappointed with the lack of Voting Forms that were returned. For the committee to make a fair decision on awards we rely on participants to let us know what has happened prior to or during the event. Sometimes there have been breakdowns we haven't been informed of during the event and whether you know of someone who you think deserves and award of even if it is yourself then please don't forget to put a form in the Suggestion Box.

### VOTING FORM FOR 2019

Please put this form in the Suggestion Box by 12 Midday on Saturday 16th March. At 1200hrs this box will be cleared and any forms received after this will not be included. We need time to count and organize the results for the presentations on Saturday night. Please give the person's name and the reason for them to be considered for an Award.

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.

Name:

Reason why:

2. Hard Luck award:

Name:

Reason why:

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### 3. Breakdown Award:

Name: Reason why:

### 4. Longest distance driven in a military vehicle:

Name: Vehicle: Number of Kilometres driven:

### 5. Encouragement Award:

Name: Reason why:

### 6. Vehicle - People's Choice For your favourite vehicle attending this year.

Vehicle rally number: Type of Vehicle:

### 7. Amphibian - People's Choice: For your favourite amphibious vehicle attending this year.

Vehicle rally number: Type of Vehicle:

### 8. Prototype - People's Choice: For your favourite prototype attending this year.

Vehicle rally number: Type of Vehicle:

Suggestions for places to visit in 2020:

### Daily newspaper:

Sam King will be organising the Daily Newspaper. If there is anything you would like included please bring to the site office. Ideally he would like reports on trip of the day and any stories participants would like to share. This will be handed out at the end of the day and we hope any children who would like to be involved could contact Sam on [0406 255 802](tel:0406255802) or email Sam at: [kingsmedals@yahoo.com](mailto:kingsmedals@yahoo.com)

### Swap Meet Stalls in Ball Park Caravan Park:

In past years there appeared to be a few problems with people setting up swap meet stalls in Ball Park Caravan Park. This was related to people who were not registered in for using Ball Park facilities. To keep the management at Ball Park happy we suggest if you do want to set up a swap meet site in their caravan park please call in at the main office and talk with management. KVE are not responsible for swap meet sites in the caravan park.

### Accommodation at Ball Park Caravan Park:

To obtain a powered or unpowered site at Ball Park you must pre-book and pay a deposit. There are a limited number of unpowered sites.

**Contact Anne and Peter George at Ball Park Caravan Park on (02) 6033 1426**

### Swap Meet Site holders at the Corowa Showgrounds:

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

There will be some stallholders open for business at the Showground on Thursday and Friday.

The official day of the Swap Meet at the Showground will be on Saturday. There will be covered and outside pitches available and it is requested that those who wish to book a pitch, do so in advance, to ensure they get their choice of Undercover or Outdoor.

Camping for stallholders only is available at the Showground from Thursday to Saturday inclusive \$10 per person/per night. Stalls can be open from Thursday to Saturday and charged per day as below.

Stall rates: \$15 for Outdoor site 6 x 3 metres (approx.)

\$25 for Undercover site 6 x 6 metres (approx.)

Double the rate for 6 x 6 metres (approx.), etc.

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Rules which the Showground Trust have requested we abide by:

Dogs will be allowed and must be on a leash at all times.

Only Swap Meet stallholders to camp on site.

Stallholders to remove their own rubbish from site, failure to do so will mean no stall there at future events.

Stallholders who are camping will be able to use the toilets which are owned by the Show Society. The Racecourse toilet block will be opened either Friday night or Saturday morning. There are no showers. The Swap Meet will be managed on behalf of KVE, Jan McKenna from the Show Society will be organising the sites and collecting all camping and stall fees. Her contact details are as follows:

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

Jan will have her own safety jacket.

Please Direct depositing fees: Hume Bank whose bank details are - BSB 640000 Account No 568163516

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

### Reminders for the Parade on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March

It is very important that participants stick their vehicle number onto either their front bumper bar or windscreen so it is visible for parade marshals as soon as you receive it. If you arrive overnight on Friday or first thing on Saturday morning be prepared to stop at the entrance to Bangerang Park and sign in. You will be met by people in fluorescent jackets and we will try and quickly register people in.

Once again John Oldenmenger will be organising the line-up of vehicles in the parade. There will be a driver's briefing on Friday night at the Corowa Football Club. John would like a few people to assist with marshalling the vehicles both at Bangerang Park and Corowa Showground. If you can help, please contact John on [0425 253 253](tel:0425253253)

### Themes for 2020, 2021 and 2022:

In 2020 we will have Year of the Motorcycle. 9th - 15th March 2020

In 2021 we will have Year of the Jeep. 8th - 14th March 2021

In 2022 we will have Year of the Heavy Metal. 14th -19th March 2022

For further information on the event in the future please feel free to give me a call on 0412 078 096 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.

### 40<sup>th</sup> year and 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations: 2019 and 2020

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 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. For this to go ahead we need a lot more contributions. Email: [kveinc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:kveinc@optusnet.com.au) or post to KVE Secretary, 9/1 Millett Rd, Mosman 2088. (2 forms and page numbers in newsletter)

### Contributions to our KVE Newsletter

We are after articles for our next newsletter so if you are a member or a participant and have anything you would like to contribute please forward to [kve.editor@btinternet.com](mailto:kve.editor@btinternet.com) This newsletter goes out to members of KVE along with past, present and future participants of the Annual GPA Swim-In and Military Vehicle Gathering at Corowa, NSW, Australia. Let's spread the word about this great event.

### Corowa Website and Facebook:

The Corowa website has been revamped to include more features and information. Take a look at [www.corowaswim-in.org](http://www.corowaswim-in.org). We are also on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/corowaswimin](http://www.facebook.com/corowaswimin) Please join and contribute. Any updates will appear on a regular basis.

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### 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. We will be having a General Meeting and an Annual General Meeting at Corowa on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March so you are welcome to attend. This will be held at 10am at Bindaree Holiday Park, Corowa. By joining KVE you will be given more of a chance to make suggestions for how the event is run in the future and to participate in the planning and running of the event and be able to vote on any matters arising at the General Meetings. What we expect is that you contribute some of your time and skills to carry out duties in association with the event, either during the year or at the event.

With only a few weeks until the event I hope the restoration of your vehicles is going well. If you don't quite make it there this year we look forward to seeing you there next year.

### Australia Day Event of the Year Award

A nomination for the 2018 Corowa Swim-in was sent to the Federation Council and we hope to receive an award for the second year. More details will be included in the Special Edition newsletter.

Until next time,  
Jan Thompson - Secretary



The photo above was taken at the 30th Corowa Swim-In in 2009. Those of you in the photo who were present at the first Swim-In in 1980 are invited to Corowa in March 2019 to celebrate our 40th Swim-In. If you know of anyone else who was at the first Swim-In and not in this photo, please let them know.

We look forward to seeing them.

Sadly, there will be some missing, but we will remember them.

## Safety Boat from the local VRA

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### Another item of interest.

As part of the continuous improvement programme for our Swim In, we have arranged for an additional safety measure regarding amphibians at the 2019 event.

Through contacts with the Corowa Volunteer Rescue Association, (the VRA), the squad will be providing us with a safety boat and two rescue operators in the lagoon on Saturday afternoon, the usual time for water based activities there.

All water craft will have an additional level of protection available from the VRA people and their equipment. If you are down there, say hello to the boat guys and thank them for their assistance.

With this year's theme involving Amphibians, we expect that there will be a bigger representation in March, and we are catering for perhaps a larger "fleet" than usual. The presence of the rescue boat will assist in keeping everyone safe.



Vice President.

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## Amphibious Information - Updated News

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With the forthcoming 40<sup>th</sup> Annual event and the themes for Amphibians and Prototypes, we wish to encourage maximum participation for the theme vehicles. With this in mind, our Governance Officer has provided the following update for owners of Ex-military Amphibious Vehicles.

[This information was updated on 14 January, 2019](#)

### AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLES SUPPORT FOR THE 2019 EVENT

KVE Inc. members and event participants will recall the comprehensive coverage on Amphibious Vehicle *registration* and *insurance* in the January Edition of KVE News. As previously advised, we have been proactive in identifying key requirements for registration and in reviewing the market for available, appropriate insurance policies. In this segment I will provide an update on the latest position. Members and participants may wish to refer again to the detail provided in the January Newsletter.

#### I. Registration of Amphibious Vehicles/Vessels

As previously noted, regulations will vary between States and Territories. Marine activities for the Corowa event occur in the Murray River, all of which is legally regarded as being in the State of NSW. Accordingly, the **NSW Laws and regulations apply** and will be covered here.

**Road use** – like all vehicles, an **amphibian** will need to have NSW registration as a vehicle (or equivalent from interstate) if it is to be used on a public road (including in Ball Park). Registration includes coverage for **Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance**. If a vehicle is not registered and the owner/operator wishes to operate it on the road (e.g., as part of the Saturday Parade) the vehicle must have a **NSW Unregistered Vehicle Permit (aka a Permit to Move)**. This can easily and inexpensively be arranged with NSW Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) via Service NSW Branches. The permit will cover a specific period. Most importantly it includes **CTP cover** for injuries to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties.

**Marine use** - Ex-military Amphibians operated in NSW are also required to be **registered as “vessels” - two registrations, one as a vehicle and one as a vessel. Registration as a vessel from another State/Territory will be acceptable.** The process for registration is not onerous and/or costly. I refer you to the article by Ron King in a previous Newsletter. Owners who do not wish to register the Amphibian as a vessel for Corowa, can seek from RMS an exemption for the period of the event. Deborah Birrell arranged such a waiver for her DUKW and GPA for the 3/2018 event. Again, this is not a complex and/or expensive process. Note, when a vessel is registered in NSW there is **NO CTP** included in the registration process.

Amphibian owner Craig Olsen advised that he has been in contact with a senior officer in his local Hunter RMS office. Craig has advised that the Officer has been most helpful in issuing an effective *waiver* from the requirements to register a GPA as a vessel. This is a good initiative from Craig. Those who own a **GPA** and wish to have exemption from registration as a *vessel* should contact Craig.

**It is strongly recommended that Amphibian owners consider their approach to registration for Road and Marine use, seek advice and take steps to be compliant prior to Corowa 2019. Our Committee aim to provide as much support as we can to owners however, we must recognise and obey the relevant laws and regulations regarding these special vehicles/vessels. Deborah Birrell has proven that temporary exemption from vessel registration is available. Craig Olsen through his initiative has facilitated a more permanent exemption for GPAs.**

#### II. Insurance of Amphibious Vehicles

We have performed exhaustive research and inquiries re. the availability of suitable insurance cover for Amphibious Vehicles. This has been a challenging and frustrating exercise which has involved widespread consultation with owners and the insurance industry both within Australia and internationally. The current status is summarised below.

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**(1) Road use** – As noted above, when registered for road use in NSW (either full registration; conditional “Club plate” registration; or a “permit to move”) the Amphibious vehicle **WILL be covered for CTP insurance. *Comprehensive insurance* covering loss of or damage to the vehicle when used as a vehicle is readily available.**

I have confirmed with Shannons, NRMA, and selected other insurers their interpretation of what a classification of “amphibian,” “amphibious jeep,” “Ford GPA,” or similar, means under their policies. By classifying a vehicle as an “amphibian” does not indicate that the insurer *also* accepts the risk regarding Marine use. One explained it to me with another example. If an owner insures a valuable historic race car, this does not mean that the insurer accepts the risk arising from entering the car in race events. Should you believe you are covered it is strongly recommended that you confirm the position with your insurer.

**(ii) Static display** – should your Ex-Military Amphibian or other Military Vehicle for that matter be unregistered and used as a “static display” only that is fine. In the event that a member of the public is injured whilst climbing on or off your vehicle whilst at a display like the Showground or School the **KVE Inc. Public Liability insurance should be available to cover any claim if negligence is proven.**

**(iii) Marine use** – for the present, my research indicates that **comprehensive and/or CTP insurance cover is NOT compulsory for vessels in NSW. I have not yet seen proof of any existing Ex-Military Amphibian that has either Comprehensive and/or CTP cover whilst operating in the water**, with the exception of Richard Sanders who has arranged for 3rd party insurance cover for his GPA whilst operating as a vessel (refer below).

I am aware of at least two commercial Amphibian operators who are covered for such liability through broad business style insurance packaged arrangements. One such vehicle, a DUKW is classified on the policy as a “fairground attraction”. When approached, the brokers for these businesses were not prepared to offer specific Amphibian cover.

**(iv) Comprehensive Insurance** - After extensive research and inquiry, including assistance from existing Amphibian and boat owners, detailed inquiries of Brokers and Insurers both nationally and internationally we have to date not been able to source an **economic *Comprehensive insurance cover*** for Amphibious Ex-Military Vehicles for marine operations in Australia. In conversations with several major marine insurers and underwriters I was specifically advised that the insurer did not accept marine risk on amphibians – period!

However, through a valuable lead provided from a proactive, long standing GPA owner, Richard Sanders, I spoke to a Broker who sourced a UK based cover from Lloyds of London. **For comprehensive marine use only, (no CTP, no road cover) the quote was \$3,300, hence the comment above regarding economic cover. This cost may be lower if several policies were taken up.**

**(v) Third Party Liability - Good news!** - More importantly, this same Broker has **sourced *Public Liability/Third Party*** cover for an amphibian for Richard Sanders from a US based Insurer with offices in Australia. This is most desirable to have local representation of the insurer and a local Broker. Richard has passed on the policy to me for review. It effectively covers **3<sup>rd</sup> party liability** to a level of **\$10 million** (including legal and investigatory costs). This policy would essentially meet the liability usually covered by CTP in case of a road vehicle. The policy also includes limited damages cover for \$250, 000. It excludes damages arising from pollution. **The quoted cost is just under \$1,000. Whilst not inexpensive, considering the absence of serious players in this form of insurance, the small population and limited experience with amphibians, the premium is reasonably competitive and presumably might be less for multiple policies.**

**(vi) “Event Insurance”** - I have also approached the market for some form of “blanket or event” cover. To date there is little interest in marine activities or those of a limited duration and specifically no appetite for our “event” as it relates to water activities. The key issue is that the water activities are “uncontrolled” in the sense of other events where the entrants are vetted, the venue is closed and all

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activity carefully monitored and controlled. This is not what we want for the marine activities at Corowa. Our existing Public Liability cover arranged through Brokers for KVE Inc. is set up for "motor club" style activities and risks and does **NOT contemplate marine activities**. Our existing Brokers indicated they **cannot offer coverage** that would include the Marine activities.

Their argument and that of different Brokers for AMVCS (a NSW Club that has operated for 43 years) is that the **Marine Risk** must be covered by the individual owner, just as a vehicle owner is responsible for CTP and comprehensive insurance on their road vehicles.

### III. Summary

For the present, insurance is not compulsory for vessels in NSW either CTP or Comprehensive. KVE Inc.'s insurance policy most likely will not cover a claim arising from marine activities.

Amphibian owners seeking CTP and or Comprehensive cover for their Amphibians for marine use will most likely find it is unavailable or at best prohibitively expensive. The Broker and insurer who have quoted cover for Richard Sanders as noted above at least have provided some hope that cover is available and in the case of Public Liability/Third Party at least is more attainable.

**\*\* KVE Inc. will not be requiring Amphibian owners to provide proof of marine insurance cover for the 2019 event.**

We will work closely with Amphibian owners to ensure our vehicles/vessels are operated safely and responsibly during the event. The procedures put in place for the 2018 went well and will be used as the basis for our 2019 planning which at present assumes that insurance has at best limited availability. We will keep owners apprised of any further developments. I wish to thank Richard Sanders on behalf of KVE Inc. for his assistance and advice on these matters.

Advice – owners wishing to share ideas or who are after further detail or advice are requested to contact John Gordon in the first instance. For further details on the Broker and insurer noted above, please contact John Gordon or Richard Sanders. In any event, it is important we know if others are interested to approach this broker who has worked so hard to source policies when others have lost interest.

As a new GPA owner, I will be bringing my vehicle to Corowa this year and look forward to meeting other experienced owners of GPAs and other amphibious vehicle types.

John A Gordon  
Governance Officer

## SAFETY FIRST

**For those who are attending the Corowa Swim-In and who intend to ride in an amphibious vehicle. It is advised that you bring your own lifejacket to use, in case the amphibious vehicle or vessel does not have a suitable one for you.**



Cartoon used with acknowledgement to Warren Brown

## *40<sup>th</sup> Year and 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations: 2019 and 2020*



**We are planning a celebration book to mark 40 years of the Swim-In at Corowa and need your help to make it something special.**

**Whether it is stories, anecdotes, photos, film or video. Anything that captured the spirit of the event. We all have something to tell. Also we would like personal profiles of those that attended over the years and of their vehicles.**

**We will combine this with reports through the 40 years.**



Jan Thompson-Creamer, Richard Farrant and John Gordon are planning to write the 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 will appreciate any assistance to provide us with photos and stories, no matter how small or large they may be.

**Jan has some stories from people but there may be many others who have stories to share so if you think you may have something of interest please start now to share this.**

**See form on page 38**

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

or post to: KVE Secretary, 9/1 Millett Rd, Mosman 2088.

With the original concept of the event being for amphibious vehicles we will be going back to that theme for 2019.

## Still a Lame Duck the Ford GPA in Australian Service

by

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*(An earlier version of this article was published in Command Reconnaissance, the magazine of the Military Jeep Club of Queensland, in the September 2016 edition. The article has been revised and updated in light of additional research by the author, and to include some information first published by Ian Grieve in the same issue of Command Reconnaissance.)*

The Ford Model GPA, also known by many names such as 'mini-duck', 'amphib' and 'seep', but officially termed in Australia the 'Trucks, ¼ ton, Amphibious (USA)', was an attempt to make the versatile jeep into an amphibious vehicle suitable for crossing waterways, navigating rivers, and for over-the-beach landings. The Australian Military Mission (AMM) in Washington first became aware of the GPA in early 1943, and placed several monthly bids with the British Purchasing Commission (BPC) for delivery to Australia under normal Lend-Lease arrangements. The BPC was the organisation that, once a monthly allocation of a particular vehicle type was made available by the US Lend-Lease authorities, the BPC would determine how many of that allocation would be released to each Commonwealth country.

The first allocation was just six vehicles which were shipped aboard the *Josiah B Grinnell* from California in early April 1943. The ship travelled independently, reaching Melbourne, Victoria on 8 May. By the time the ship departed for Sydney ten days later as part of Convoy OC.94, the first of the six GPAs was being unpacked at Ford's Geelong works.

On 22 July 1943, a telex message was sent to Land Force Headquarters in Melbourne, stating that because of certain deficiencies that had been reported from various operational areas, the AMM had stopped bidding for further allocations pending advice from Australia. The deficiencies listed included the GPA's susceptibility to leaks,

the weakness of the hull, excessive gross weight, poor ground clearance, the difficulty of emerging from streams and being underpowered on land. The cable also indicated that production had been stopped and a US military project commenced to correct the perceived faults.



A GPA from the the batch of six that arrived in May 1943, on display at Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, in mid-August 1943.

By that stage, two Contract Demands – CD E7026 and CD E7075 – for assembly, painting and testing had been issued to the Ford Motor Company of Australia and a further 155 GPAs had been allocated to Australia by the BPC. These were shipped for arrival during mid to late August, with 47 destined for delivery into Melbourne, and the remainder into Sydney. Spare parts were also shipped, with 33 cases of spares arriving in Sydney aboard the SS *Vito* on 10 October 1943, and a further 33 cases on 11 November aboard the SS *Goonawarra*.

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By early October 1943, there were 161 GPAs in Australia, with all further shipments cancelled due to the adverse performance reports from US authorities combined with local trials which revealed the GPA's unsatisfactory performance in surf and fast-moving streams.

As US authorities had initially committed to improving the vehicle's performance and rectifying the deficiencies, all further work on the assembly of the Australian GPAs was suspended pending the receipt of modification kits. The situation as at 7 October 1943 was that there were 108 GPAs at Ford's Homebush, NSW plant, of which 20 were assembled and ready for delivery, while the remaining 88 remained unassembled.



A GPA from 3 AOVP, North Ryde NSW, being tested at Lane Cove Park on 22 October 1943. Looks more like joy-riding with the AWAS than serious testing, although the officer in the back seems less than happy!



A batch were sent to 4 AOVP at Mt Gravatt, Brisbane, in early November 1943. The nearest one is ARN 130482



GPAs in storage at 3 AOVP at North Ryde, Sydney.

At least some of those already assembled must have been delivered shortly afterwards, as there are images of a GPA from 3 Aust Ordnance Vehicle Park (AOVP), North Ryde, NSW, being tested at Lane Cove Park on 22 October. By the beginning of November, a number of GPAs from Ford's Homebush plant had been sent to Queensland and taken on charge at 4 AOVP at Mt Gravatt. Of the 25 that were taken on charge in Queensland, ten are visible in an image taken on 5 November, 1943.

Ford's Geelong, Victoria plant, reported in October that 35 GPAs had been assembled and delivered, while the delivery of 14 more was held up pending the receipt of batteries and air cleaner hoses. The report totals 49 vehicles of the 53 landed into the Port of Melbourne and forwarded to Ford's Geelong plant, so it appears the other four had already been delivered. One of the four was displayed at Victoria Barracks, Melbourne on 14 August 1943. A further delay later in October was caused by the inspector detecting rust on belt pulleys, which necessitated removing, de-rusting and reassembly with new belts.

New Guinea Force Headquarters were then asked if trials and testing might be carried out on some of the assembled GPAs, but the answer was firm – 'not before they are modified'. Inquiries were also made as to their suitability for training, which received a similar answer. All work on GPAs was then supposed to cease, pending delivery of modification kits being developed in the USA. But on 14 January 1944, Australian authorities were informed that the US project to improve the GPA had been cancelled, and that the type had subsequently been declared obsolescent in US military service. The 'mini-Duck' was now little more than an embarrassing 'lame duck'!

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As a consequence, on 4 February 1944, a recommendation was made that the GPA be issued for 'normal ¼ ton jeep operations', that is, as a land-vehicle only, and that their issue be restricted to mainland Australia. Up to that date, Army had received 158 assembled GPAs from the contractors and some were already on issue to units.



A GPA transporting Brig Denzil Macarthur-Onslow, CO 4th Aust Armoured Brigade Group, and Lt Gen E Smart, the Aust Army Representative, London, during the latter's inspection tour at Southport, Qld, on 13 January 1944. The GPA is marked with the brigade's formation sign, and the unit sign '50' on a red background, indicating Brigade Headquarters.

The recommendation to restrict use of the GPA to mainland Australia appears to have been accepted, as there are no known images or reports of Australian GPAs being operated outside the country. The second part of the recommendation, however, was evidently not accepted or at least not adhered to, as several units had GPAs on strength and being used for water operations at various times during 1944-45. Headquarters, 4th Aust Armoured Brigade Group operated a GPA at Southport, Queensland during January 1944 as the brigade commander and visiting 'brass' were photographed in it during an inspection tour. Significantly, the image shows calm water. The 2/107 Aust General Transport Company had four GPAs during June-July 1944 when stationed at Noosa Heads, but these were withdrawn during August as they were considered to be too dangerous on the water. Nevertheless, the 1st Aust Tracked Amphibious Vehicle Platoon of 4th Aust

Armoured Brigade Group were still operating GPAs at Southport, Queensland in the second half of 1945, if only to take the lads on fishing trips. <sup>1</sup>

One, chassis number GPA9632, was later transferred to the RAAF and used at flying boat bases in Queensland and the Northern Territory. There are also a couple of reports indicating that the RAN were in possession of two vehicles with GPA-prefixed engine numbers, but the description indicates that these were more likely GPWs either fitted with GPA engine blocks or a simple clerical error in data transfer.



GPAs were also interesting novelties that were used for fund-raising. In Melbourne on 25 October 1944, civilians who had purchased bonds in the Second Victory Loan were treated to a ride along the Yarra River in Melbourne. The driver is a member of the AWAS.

In July 1946, the Director of Mechanization inquired if the GPA was going to be maintained in service for the post-war Australian Army. The answer from the Director of Staff Duties was a firm 'no!' The vehicles were subsequently turned over to the Commonwealth Disposals Commission and disposed of. The Victorian State Rivers and Water Supply Commission were one of the recipients of a number of GPAs, but not for amphibious operation. A common modification was to cut door openings in the sides and cut the bow section off the hull to provide better driver visibility.

### How Many?

Most records indicate that the total number of GPAs in Australia was 161, all issued to the Army, with one subsequently transferred to the RAAF. Table I lists the known registration blocks, and the number of GPAs in each block. The total is consistent with the numbers quoted in war-time correspondence, and in the Army's registration ledgers.

# GPA article by Mike Cecil -cont'd

However, in July 1946, the Director of Mechanization advised that ‘approximately 246 are held on the mainland, of which 50 are held in Ordnance Vehicle Parks, and the remaining 196 in the Vehicle Disposal Park.’ This is 85 more than the number consistently quoted in wartime correspondence. Were more delivered to Australia after the orders were cancelled in late 1943? The answer is most probably not. There are, however, images of US Forces using GPAs during training in Eastern Australia in September 1943. So it is intriguing to think that the additional 85 vehicles in disposal parks in July 1946 may have been left behind by US Forces departing Australia. After all, the type had been declared obsolescent by the US Army in early 1944, so local disposal of unit holdings in Australia is quite plausible.

**Table 1. Australian Military Registrations of the Ford GPA**

Registration Number Range	Number of Vehicles	Taken on Charge	Comment
55701 to 55724	24	NSW	Total 83, plus the 25 taken on charge in Qld, totals 108 – the number assembled at Ford Homebush.
58118 to 58143	26	NSW	
59327 to 59359	33	NSW	
126341 to 126346	6	Vic	The first six delivered to Melbourne in May 1943, plus 47 equals the 53 reported to have been assembled at Ford Geelong.
129944 to 129990	47	Vic	
130476 to 130500	25	Qld	130492, chassis number GPA9632, transferred to the Department of Air, ie RAAF. Used at flying boat bases in Queensland and the Northern Territory.
<b>Total Army Registrations</b>	<b>161</b>		
Chassis number range: GPA4749 to GPA10136			

<sup>1</sup>Ian Grieve (2016) *Thousands of Stories*. Command Reconnaissance Sept 2016, MJCQ. Ian has done considerable research on the GPA in Australian service, much of which is included in his Sept 2016 article.

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Above: A GPA operated by the US Army seen during water obstacle training somewhere in eastern Australia in September 1943. Was this, and other GPAs operated by the US Army in Australia, turned over for local disposal when the US Army departed Australia, thereby raising the number disposed of in Australia to ‘approximately 246’?

Right: On 30 October 1944, a GPA, significantly towing a non-amphibious bomb trailer, took part in the Melbourne ‘Miles of Munitions’ parade. The original caption erroneously stated the GPA was Australian made.



An AWAS driving a GPA at the I AOVP at Bandiana, Victoria in March 1944. The majority of GPAs spent their Australian military career in OVPs and nowhere near the front line. This is one of the GPAs assembled at Homebush, NSW, and taken on charge in that state.



**Corowa  
Swap Meet  
Saturday  
16th March 2019  
At the Showground**



The Swap Meet at the Showground will have covered and outside pitches available and it is requested that those who wish to book a pitch, do so in advance, to ensure they get their choice of Undercover or Outdoor. Stallholders only, will be able to camp at the showground from Thursday to Sunday, charges will be \$10 per person / per night. Stalls can be open from Thursday to Saturday and charged per day as below.

**Stall rates**

\$15 for Outdoor site 6 x 3 metres (approx.)  
\$25 for Undercover site 6 x 3 metres (approx.)  
Double the rate for 6 x 6 metres (approx.), etc.

**Rules which the Showground Trust have requested we abide by:**

- Dogs will be allowed and must be on a leash at all times.
- Only Swap Meet stallholders to camp on site.
- Stallholders to remove their own rubbish from site, failure to do so will mean no stall there in at future events.

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

**Jan McKenna** from the Show Society will be organising the sites and collecting all camping and stall fees.

Her contact details are as follows: [janandfrankmckenna@bigpond.com](mailto:janandfrankmckenna@bigpond.com)

or phone (02) 6033 1148 - Mobile 0427 331 148

**The Booking form is on page 36 of this newsletter**

**Advance enquiries to Jan McKenna as above.**

## Where to stay around Corowa

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

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Howlong Caravan Park	55 Hume Street	Howlong	02 6026 5304
Rivergum Holiday Park	386 Honour Avenue	Corowa	02 6033 1990
Bindaree Holiday Park	454 Honour Avenue	Corowa	02 6033 2500
Corowa Caravan Park	84 Federation Avenue	Corowa	02 6033 1944
<b>Motel</b>			
Arcadia Motor Inn	127-135 Federation Avenue	Corowa	02 6033 2088
Best Western Heritage Motor Inn	25 Edward Street	Corowa	02 6033 1800
Federation Motor Inn	330 Honour Avenue	Corowa	02 6033 2022
Corowa Golf Club Motel	Hume Street	Corowa	02 6033 1466
Corowa Motor Inn	69-73 Riesling Street	Corowa	02 6033 1255
Golfers Lodge Motel	71 Hume Street	Corowa	02 6033 1366
Golfers Retreat Motel	57 Hay Street	Corowa South	02 6033 2059
Greenacres Motel	91-99 Federation Avenue	Corowa	02 6033 2288
Howlong Golf Resort	194 Golf Club Drive	Howlong	02 6026 5321
Lone Pine Motel	17 Lone Pine Avenue	Corowa	02 6033 2966
Corowa Gateway Motel	203 Sanger Street	Corowa	02 6033 1566
Motel Menere's	146 Federation Avenue	Corowa	02 6033 1066
Motel Wingrove	147 Federation Avenue	Corowa	02 6033 2055
Riverside Water Front Motel	7-9 Cadel Terrace	Wahgunyah	02 6033 1177
Statesman Motor Inn	2 Edward Street	Corowa	02 6033 2411
Yarrowonga & Border Golf Club	Gulai Street	Mulwala	03 5744 1911
<b>Self Contained</b>			
Coromandel House	14 Tower Street	Corowa	02 6033 1001
John Foord Guesthouse	7 Braintree Avenue	Corowa	02 6033 5284
Kath's Place	15 Wanstead Street	Corowa	02 6033 1001
Murray Banks Holiday Units	76 Federation Avenue	Corowa	02 6033 2922
Murray Rest Cottages	43 Barkly Street	Wahgunyah	02 6033 3685
Oakliegh Hideaway	Piggins Road	Hopefield	02 6033 1814
Pete's Place	20 Gitchell Street	Corowa	02 6033 4495
Savernake Farmstay	Savernake Station	Yarrowonga	02 6035 9415
Terminus Holiday Units	Cnr Edward & Sanger Streets	Corowa	02 6033 4071
The Shanty Waterside Cottage	The Shanty, Spring Drive	Corowa	02 6033 3838
The Stable @ Riesling	1/51 Riesling Street	Corowa	0439 456 337
<b>B&amp;B</b>			
The Old Post Office Howlong	39 Hawkins Street	Howlong	02 6026 8278
<b>Hotels</b>			
The Royal Hotel	95 Sanger Street	Corowa	02 6033 0301
Hotel Australia	Sanger Street	Corowa	02 6033 1052

**With other events often occurring in the area at the time of the Swim-In, we have widened the area to include Rutherglen and here is some accommodation in that area. You can also search on [www.explorerrutherglen.com.au](http://www.explorerrutherglen.com.au)**

### Accommodation in Rutherglen

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

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

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**For the 2019 Corowa Swim-In after the Drivers Meeting at the Corowa Football Club on the evening of Friday 15th March, our Guest Speaker will be**

**Doug Draeger**

Doug was one of the participants in the Back To The Track event in 1995 and rode his 1942 Harley Davidson in the convoy from Alice Springs to Darwin.

In 2020 it is the 75th anniversary of the end of World War Two and plans are currently being made for another Back To The Track from Alice to Darwin. Doug is the man behind the organisation and will be talking about it, and no doubt there will be some anecdotes from the 1995 trip.

Doug will update us about the event in 2020 and a good number of the participants attending the Swim-In will be signed up for the trip so it will be a very interesting evening, especially for those that were not on the 1995 trip.



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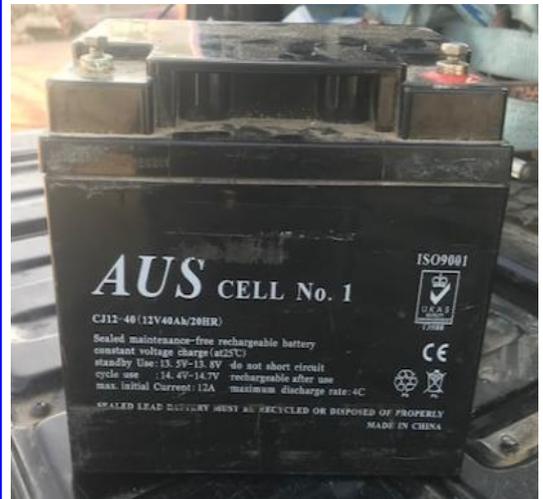
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### Past Times at Corowa

These photos could well be from the first Corowa Swim-In in 1980.

Thanks to Tim Vibert for sending them. Photo at bottom right, the person standing in the GPA looks very much like Geoff Denniss.



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## The Corowa 'Year of' series of DVDs

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### **2002 - Year of the Blitz**

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

### **2003 - Year of the Studebaker**

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

### **2005 - Year of the Carrier**

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

### **2006 - Year of the Armoured Car**

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

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

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

### **2008 - Year of the Tracked Vehicle**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## DVD's for Sale

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 2017 - Year of the International and Carrier 2 \$35

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

### LATEST DVD - 2018 Year of the Land Rover \$35 Will be released at Corowa in March

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



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

## Directory of Australian based Military Vehicle Groups

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

Mailing Address: 9/1 Millett Road, Mosman, NSW 2088 Contact : Jan Thompson 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/aussiemecs/>  
 'To encourage the ownership, preservation and use of historical military vehicles and equipment'

### Victorian Military Vehicle Corps (VMVC)

Address: PO Box 1209, Kensington, Vic 3031  
 Contact : Gordon Edwards Phone No: (03) 93768208 Email: [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)  
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<http://stephendenholm.wix.com/military-vehicle-tas>

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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
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Phone: 0423 943 010  
E-mail: kveinc@optusnet.com.au

### KVE Incorporated

Organisers of the Annual Corowa Swim-In

Commences on the long weekend (Victorian Public  
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Please visit our website for more info:

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

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Submissions for this newsletter can be emailed to:  
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See you at Corowa in March 2019.

**COROWA PASTORAL, AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC.  
PO BOX 190, COROWA NSW 2646**

**SECRETARY : Jan McKenna - 0427 331 148**

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**APPLICATION FOR TRADE SPACE FOR THE SWAP MEET AT THE  
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## KHAKI VEHICLE ENTHUSIASTS INC.

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

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

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## Annual Corowa Swim-In & Military Vehicle Gathering

### *40<sup>th</sup> Year and 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations: 2019 and 2020*

We are planning a celebration book to mark 40 years of the Swim-In at Corowa and need your help to make it something special. Whether it is stories, anecdotes, photos, film or video anything that captured the spirit of the event is welcomed. We all have something to tell. Also we would like personal profiles of those that attended over the years and of their vehicles.

At this stage we are looking for expressions of interest in this project. If you have participated in the Corowa Swim-In event at any time since 1980 to the present, then we would love to hear from you. This form is basically to see what you might be able to provide, be it a story, and event report from your club's newsletter, photos, etc.

Once we hear back from you we can then keep in touch to see what you can provide. This way we can work together. Any photos or documents could be scanned by you, or sent to us to scan and return to you. Photos need to be of good quality not blurred or shadowy in order to reproduce well on printing. Early photos pre-digital age can be a problem but they can be enhanced on the computer, so we can judge what is publishable.

No story or comment is too small or too large, nor too ordinary or unbelievable. Ensure you are part of the history of the Swim-In by taking part this project.

Please respond as we would like to hear from you. Once you have expressed interest, we will send a form with some questions on.

Name:.....

Address:.....

Contact phone no.(s): .....

Email address:.....

What years have you attended Corowa? .....

Can you provide stories or reports of any Swim-In events since 1980? .....

Can you provide any photos, home movie or video footage of Swim-In events? .....

**PLEASE RETURN this 'Expression of Interest' to the Team at:**

KVE Secretary, 9/1 Millett Road, MOSMAN, NSW 2088

Or contact by email:

**Jan Thompson-Creamer** [jan.thompson1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jan.thompson1@optusnet.com.au)

**Richard Farrant** [kve.editor@btinternet.com](mailto:kve.editor@btinternet.com)

**John Gordon** [jgor9364@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jgor9364@bigpond.net.au)

*We will respond directly to you, thank you from the Team*



1980 - 2019  
40 Years



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

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Held annually at Corowa, NSW

This is the 40th event and a celebration year, the themes are Amphibious vehicles, to go back to the origins of the Swim-In at Corowa, and Prototype military vehicles. We welcome all ex-military vehicles and enthusiasts are invited to attend our event. From Wednesday onwards we have organised activities, trips out to visit places of interest, etc. Friday evening, a Guest Speaker. On Saturday morning a Parade of Military Vehicles takes place through the town of Corowa and ending at the Showground. A static vehicle display takes place there as well as a very popular Swap Meet.

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

The themes are 'Year of the Amphibian' and 'Year of the Prototype'

### ENTRY FORM

Entrant / Driver:

Name:
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Address:	State:	Postcode:
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Number of extra Packs required at \$25 each:	Names of those, other than Entrant, requiring Packs:
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Contact phone numbers:

Home:	Work:
Mobile:	Fax:

Email address:	
Expected day of arrival:	
Member of the following clubs:	

Military vehicles entered: (*Trailer details not required*)

Year	Make	Model / Type	Registration/ Permit No.

Please read and complete page 2 of this form >

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### Disclaimer & Declaration – Please Read and Sign

#### Disclaimer

All members, entrants, participants, drivers, riders, passengers, volunteers, members of the public, groups, organisations, businesses, spectators, or others ("Event Participants") who may enter and/or participate in both organised activities controlled by KVE Incorporated (KVE) and other unregulated, ad-hoc activities during the Corowa event period, do so solely at their own risk. KVE takes appropriate steps to manage risk for the activities it controls. KVE provides guidance to Event Participants on the need to exercise care, observe relevant regulations and ensure the safety of all Event Participants. KVE does not monitor all ad-hoc activities that occur through the duration of the event including amphibious operations on the water. KVE, its members, officers, volunteers, sponsors, agents, organisers, promoters, suppliers and their employees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury suffered by an Event Participant or other party howsoever arising from negligence, contractual breach, act, or omission.

#### Entrant's Declaration (Amphibious Vehicle Entrants to complete both sections below)

In signing this declaration, I acknowledge that I have read, understood and accept the above Disclaimer, the Rules and Conditions of Entry. I certify that the **vehicle entered** complies with all relevant State/Territory regulations, the KVE Rules, has appropriate insurance cover and is roadworthy and safe to operate. **Unregistered vehicles** must have a NSW "Permit to Move". As applicable, **all Firearms** brought to the event must meet NSW Firearms Legislation. I agree to be bound by these requirements and by all NSW and Victorian roads, maritime, traffic management Laws and Regulations. I agree to show due courtesy and act responsibly toward all users of the roads and waterways during the Corowa event and in travelling to and from the event.

<b>Entrant's Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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#### Amphibious Vehicle Declaration

As applicable, all Amphibious vehicles that enter the water must comply with NSW Boating Regulations including registration as a vessel and appropriate safety equipment and the recommended 3rd Party and Comprehensive insurance. Whilst insurance is not compulsory, we strongly recommend that owners arrange suitable cover.

Please tick boxes below, as applicable:

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

(Note: Amphibious vehicles that do not comply with these requirements may still be entered if they are used for land based activities only. If the amphibious vehicle is to be used as a vessel and does not comply with these requirements, it cannot be entered in the Corowa event due to the potential risk to the owner, KVE, its members, officers and participants. Owners who cannot comply with these requirements, who wish to swim their amphibians do so at their own risk. KVE, its members or officers accept no liability for any loss, damage or claim howsoever arising as a result of this activity.)

<b>Amphibious Vehicle Entrant's Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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### ENTRY FORMS TO ARRIVE BY 28th FEBRUARY 2019

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

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

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

Entry Fee can also be paid straight into the Westpac cheque account for:  
"Khaki Vehicle Enthusiasts Incorporated" BSB: 032521 Account No. 162538  
**Please enter your bank deposit reference, date and amount in boxes below:**

<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Amount \$:</b>
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**Please ensure your name is on the Bank Deposit/Transfer form so we can easily distinguish who has deposited the money, and post or email this Entry Form to the above address.**