



KVE News

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

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The Corowa Countdown is on!!!

KVE would like to wish all the participants of the Annual GPA Swim In a Happy New Year.

With the countdown to Corowa now in full swing, it is important that you continue to send in your entry forms nice and early.

Entry forms can be found on page 3 of this newsletter if you **still haven't filled and returned one to us.**

We look forward to seeing you there!!



Corowa 2009 is 30 YEARS!!

Come March 2009, the Corowa event will reach a special milestone. **It's 30th Birthday!!!**

It's hard to imagine that for 30 years, the military vehicle enthusiasts of Australia have had a world class event like Corowa to attend.

Be it just socialising with old and new mates, swapping vehi-

cle parts, talking your favourite military vehicle speak, bringing the family along to enjoy the week, visiting wineries, trawling the antique and disposal stores **or just doing nothing, I'm sure that we all enjoy our time each year at Corowa.**

As it is a special year, KVE would like to have your registrations in ASAP. This will en-

able us to have your info pack ready for your when you sign in on arrival as well as enabling us to get a better idea of the numbers attending.

Forms and information on Corowa 2009 can be found on our website at

www.corowaswim-in.org

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- Special points of interest:
- 2009 is 30 Years of Corowa!!!
- Entry fee to the annual event is only \$10
- Corowa is the largest gathering of ex military vehicles in Australia
- We have a growing following on various international forums
- Every year we see an increase in vehicles attending
- Entries this year = 250 vehicles

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30th Annual GPA and Ex-Military Vehicle Gathering
Monday 9th to Sunday 15th March 2009

The theme for 2009 is 'The Year of the Amphibian and The Year of the Blitz 2'
 All ex-military vehicles and enthusiasts are invited to attend.

ENTRY FORM

Entrant/Driver Name

Address

Participants Names

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Contact telephone (H) (W) Mobile

Email address

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 through any circumstances. In signing this entry form 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. I agree to be bound by the rules, all roads and traffic management laws and regulations and agree to show due courtesy to all users of the roads. Any conditions not governed by the regulations will be adjudicated by the Committee whose decision shall be final.

Entrant's Signature Date

Entry Fee is \$ 10 per Entrant enclosed with Entry Form (2 pages).

Please complete and return both pages.

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

**Returned forms received prior to 28th February 2009
will receive a complimentary memento package.**

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PROGRAM OF EVENTS:

Monday 9th March:

Welcome participants

Tuesday 10th March: **Bandiana Military Museum**

From 1.00 pm at Bandiana Museum

Viewing of Tooles Disposals Warehouse

From 10:00am to 1.00pm

Wednesday 11th March: **School visit**

9.45 am Depart Ball Park

Viewing of Tooles Disposals Warehouse

From 10:00am to 12.00pm

Thursday 12th March:

Trip to Maurice Wilson's river bank property. BYO lunch

9.00 am: Amphibians depart Ball Park

10.00 am: Vehicles depart from Corowa Airport

11-11.30am: Amphibians arrive (depending on river level)

Viewing of Tooles Disposals Warehouse

From 10:00am to 12.00pm

6.00 pm: **Civic Reception at the Corowa RSL**

No of Adults No of children

Friday 13th March: 8.30 am: **Trip to Milawa**

Viewing of Tooles Disposals Warehouse

From 10:00am to 12.00pm

7pm: **Talk by Graham Docksey** at Corowa Airport

Saturday 14th March: PARADE through Corowa

- 7.30 am: Vehicles departing airport
 7.45 am: Formation of parade
 9.00 am sharp: Parade departs and goes to Corowa Airport
 9.45 am: **Swap Meet** at the Airport commences.
 (Corowa Rotary Club to run this event.)
 12.30 pm: Group photo shoot for **MLU & Yappy**
 Vehicle activities at Corowa Airport and Ball Park
 6.00 pm: **Rotary Club dinner at Ball Park**
 No of Adults No of children
 7.30 pm: **Presentations and Auction** at Ball Park

Sunday 15th March:

Farewell for people heading home. Vehicle activities at Ball Park

- 7.00 pm: Depart for Corowa RSL
 8.00 pm: **Carvery at Corowa RSL** \$18 per Adult & \$7.50 per child
 No of Adults No of children

Accommodation contact details

Ball Park Caravan Park, Bridge Road Corowa 2646 Ph (02) 60 33 1426 Sonia & Andrew Palmer

Corowa Airport, Redlands Road Corowa 2646 Ph 0415 704 748 Tabitha & Tim Hughes

Accommodation in Corowa can be difficult to find unless you are camping at Ball Park Caravan Park or at Corowa Airport. If you require other accommodation please contact the Corowa Tourist Information Centre on 1800 814 054 or via email corinfo@dragnet.com.au

They will be able to assist in organising your booking.





Guidelines for AFV's

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As mentioned previously, here are a set of guidelines that AFV owners/drivers need to adhere to. There is nothing overly out of the question here and most of them are basic common sense and safety requirements that are echoed in most clubs.

There are also a few guidelines included for the Carrier Pilots to read.

On behalf of the committee, we do not want to come over looking like control freaks or fun police. Remember that in this world of litigation and insurance, this entire week we enjoy, could become just a memory if we do not act on the side of caution.

1. No AFVs in Van Park
2. All vehicles are to be registered, on Club Plates or valid permit.
3. All vehicles to have third party cover.
4. No vehicle is to be driven on roads or paddocks without a crew commander for additional visibility.
5. All drivers and crew commanders are to comply with National road laws pertaining to alcohol consumption when operating vehicles.
6. No riding on top of vehicles at any time.
7. Lights must be on whilst on public roads.
8. Pedestrian traffic has right of way.
9. Working Intercom (IC) between driver and crew commander mandatory.
10. Any damages that occur are the responsibility of the vehicle driver.
11. All vehicles are to be driven at walking pace with a guide on foot approx 5 metres in front of the vehicle when driven in pedestrian areas and close environs. This is mandatory within the airfield and pedestrian areas.
12. Guides are to wear a high visibility vest or clothing at all times when guiding a vehicle and must be visible to the driver. Vehicle is not to proceed if guide is not visible to driver.
13. There is to be no AFV movement outside of designated areas without KVE approval.
- 14. Public access to AFVs should be at owners' discretion.**
15. All of the heavier tracked vehicles are to be co-located within the one area to minimise damage to park grounds and increase vehicle security.
16. No AFVs to use the track along the riverside near the Van Park.
17. No moving AFVs after dark.
18. AFV owners are to adhere to directions given by staff and committee.

In addition there should be rules for owners and drivers of LP Carriers. These should include:

19. All vehicles are to be driven at walking pace with a guide on foot approx 5 metres in front of the vehicle when driven in pedestrian areas and close environs. This should be mandatory within the van park and airfield areas.
20. No vehicle driven without crew commander.
21. Controlled access to riverside track area during daylight hours only.
22. Guides must wear high visibility clothing when in high pedestrian and close environs.
23. All vehicles are to be registered, on Club Plates or valid permit.
24. All vehicles to have third party cover.

As stated earlier, it may look a lot, but most is common sense and a requirement of most clubs anyway. It just looks a lot when put down all at once.



President's Report

Presidents Report No.2

Welcome to this second edition of the KVE NEWS. Corowa is almost upon us, only about 5 weeks away when you read this. The pre-registrations are rolling in and the event itself is coming together nicely.

I went to Corowa last week and had a one-on-one with both the Mayor and the Shire Engineer. Both were their usual helpful selves. We are so lucky to have such assistance available to us to help conduct what has become a major event for the Shire.

There is some concern about the newly sealed road surfaces around the town. **Skid Turns are out**, please make all turns as **gentle as possible**. This applies to all vehicles, not only tracked and heavies. It may well be as hot as last year, and the new surface may soften quite a bit.

Remember, the Committee of KVE Inc have the last say when it comes to rules and regulations regarding the running of this event, (That is after the State and Government Regulations have been adhered to), so, if you are asked, to do, or not to do something, please listen and take on-board our request.

Well everyone, Safe travelling both to and from Corowa.

There's plenty of water in the river for you all to enjoy. (There is also a large tree underwater right across the inlet not far from the boat ramp so be careful with that one.)

See You At Corowa – 30.

Regards President Rick

Secretary / Public Relations Report

Secretary's / Public Relations Report

This report contains some updated information. Please read carefully and contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you to the people who have sent emails and private messages regarding the first KVE newsletter. I would appreciate people passing on these messages to other participants. Many thanks to people who have contributed and particularly Ben Hemmings who has put the final product together. We are looking for articles from participants for our next newsletter which will go out in late April or May. For any contributions please send me an email kveinc@optusnet.com.au

Changes to the entry of Ball Park Caravan Park

There have been changes to the entry to Ball Park. If coming from Victoria you turn right at the bottom of the Bowling Club (where the original entry used to be) and if you are in NSW heading towards Victoria you turn left just after the Bowling Club.

Entry Forms:

Please send your entry form in ASAP including the second page which asks if you will be attending the meal functions. Please complete this with your entry form. We require numbers for some of our meal functions

Entry Fee - \$10 per vehicle

I now have over 80 official vehicle entry forms and a number of entrants who are still unsure of what vehicle they are bringing to Corowa this year. I would like to encourage all participants to send in a form with a \$10 entry fee as you will receive more than \$10 in return. We have organised mementos and you will also receive a discount meal on the Saturday night provided by the Corowa Rotary Club. Some people are not bringing vehicles but are keen to receive the package and mementos we will be handing out.

It is great to see people supporting the themes each year. **Currently entered are 3 GPA's and 1 Buffalo** in the Amphibious Section and in the Blitz section we have 8 Ford Blitzes & 14 Chev Blitzes. I am looking forward to receiving more entry forms over the next few weeks.

Group photo at 7.30pm Saturday 14th March of people who were at the first Corowa Swim-In in 1980:

It has also been suggested that a photo be taken of people who attended the first rally. If you were at the rally in 1980 please be at the Auction & Presentation evening on Saturday 14th March. We would like to take a group photo. The best time to take this would be at 7.30pm. Please advise me if you attended the first event in 1980. If you know someone who attended the first event please encourage them to come along this year. We will probably put up a list at the Site Office.

Important update on the Parade

At this stage we are unsure what the status will be with Tracked Vehicles in the parade. They will form up in Edwards St. The roads have been spray sealed and we are waiting on approval from the **Corowa Council. A driver's briefing will be held probably on Friday for people with Tracked Vehicles.**

There have been some changes to the roads especially the entrance to Ball Park so we have decided to commence the Parade from Bangerang Park / Bowling Club Carpark. Due to the large number of vehicles we are expecting, we will have them lined up in categories such as Jeeps, Champs, **motor cycles, Dodges, GMC's, Studebakers etc. We will require a person to be the leader of each group of vehicles.** The person will join the parade at the appropriate time and ensure the vehicles following line up at the Airport in the required places.

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Awards & Voting Form

In each person's participant pack you will receive a Voting Form. This will give you an opportunity to nominate people for awards and also suggest a theme for 2013.

VOTING FORM

Please put this form in the Suggestion Box by 12 midday on Saturday 14th 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 Favourite Choice: For your favourite vehicle attending this year.

Vehicle rally number: Type of Vehicle:

Suggestions for a Theme for 2013

Suggestions for places to visit in 2010

Auction:

Donations for the auction would be greatly appreciated. Please bring them to the Site Office at Ball Park and hand them to a KVE member. We have an auctioneer from town running the auction and this money goes towards our insurance and running costs of the event. We need your support to make this a special event for our 30 year celebrations.

Camping at Corowa Airport:

Tabitha at the airport would really appreciate people pre-booking their powered or non-powered sites so she knows how many people are staying. She is considering hiring more toilets and showers but she can only do this with knowledge of numbers.

Upon arrival at the Airport you must visit Tabitha or Tim in the Jump Shak before setting up your campsite. The Airport is located at Redlands Road Corowa. Contact Tabitha and Tim Hughes on 0415 704748.

The cost will be \$10 per person, per night for a powered site and at this stage she has some beds left in the Jump Shak for the same price. There is now air conditioning in the Jump Shak. Meals will be available but you must inform Tabitha ahead of time. Last year there were a few dogs at the airport. This year it will be STRICTLY NO DOGS. These rules apply at all airports.



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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 and with the increased interest for 2009 I would be getting in early.

Contact Sonia & Andrew Palmer on (02) 60331426

Entry Forms:

We have started putting together rally packs and appreciate if people can send back their entry forms ASAP. Please remember to send in your entry form & entry fee prior to the end of February so we have an indication of the numbers of vehicles and people attending. We will then be able to determine how many special mementoes to order. Please ensure you complete both pages of the entry form. You will realise that the second page asks for numbers of participants to the meal functions.

Site Office:

Please let me know when you are able to man the Site Office. There are many new faces and it is always a good opportunity to meet people. A list of duties will be provided so that anyone can help with this task. We do require a member from KVE to be on each shift and we would like to invite other participants to help out. The Site Office will be open from 8.00am until 10.00am, 12MD until 2.00pm and from 4.00-6.00pm daily. Upon arrival in town we would like you to come down to the Office and register ASAP.

Themes for 2010, 2011, 2012:

In 2010 the theme will be Year of the Jeep.

The theme for 2011 will be Year of the British and European Vehicles

In 2012 the theme will be Year of the 6X6.

Participants attending the event in 2009 will be able to make suggestions on the theme for 2013.

Tooles Disposals Warehouse – Open days

Tooles Disposals will be opening their Warehouse for the last time to our participants from 10.00am until 1.00pm on Tuesday, 10.00-12MD on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The address is Tooles Rd. Bandiana off the Kiewa Valley Highway.

For further information on the event please feel free to give me a call on 0423 943010 or send an email to kveinc@optusnet.com.au To ensure you are kept up to date with details send me an email to get on the database..

Ozamphibian Platypus

This vehicle will be in Corowa during the week. Take a look at the information on the vehicle further in this newsletter. There will hopefully be a demonstration and talk on Thursday and possibly at other times during the event.

'Classic Restos' interviews and filming on Tuesday and Wednesday

Mark Fletcher (otherwise known as Fletch) from Classic Restos on Channel 31 will be coming to Corowa on Tuesday 10th March and will be staying overnight to do a few interviews. His negotiated sponsors are American Autos Rare Spares & Valvoline. His company is called Itchybutt Productions

A little bit of history on Fletch:

Fletch's first gig was in 1969 at the age of 4 when he sang the song "I like aeroplane jelly" at the Rockdale Town Hall. He won his family "jelly" packs for 6 months.

Voice antics started for Fletch in 1985 when he used to carry out character voices for Sydney radio station 2UE. Over the years, right up until 2000, and even occasionally these days, the odd character



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voice on radio can be heard when called upon.

He has appeared on 'Hey Hey It's Saturday and many regional TV commercials and pilot shows on the Channel Nine Network. He has an established association with comedian Rodney Rude. In 2003 he toured regional NSW and parts of Queensland as Rodney Rude's son, performing his own show.

Fletch is heavily into the automotive scene. He has a fully restored 4 door Chrysler Regal sedan and is restoring a 1969 Dodge Coupe. He is the official presenter for the Summernats and Chryslers on the **Murray DVD's.**

Please contact Jan if you would like to be part of the interviews.

Volunteers are required for the following:

Site Office at Ball Park Caravan Park

Setting up the vehicle arena at Corowa Airport

Taking down the vehicle arena at Corowa Airport

Marshalls for the parade on Saturday

Speakers for the Wednesday school display

News on the Meal functions:

People must let me know whether to include them on the meal lists as catering is not an easy task.

On the Thursday evening the Corowa Shire Council are giving recognition for our event especially since we have been in their town for the past 30 years and will put on a Civic Reception from 6pm at the Corowa RSL Club in Betterment Parade. The RSL Club is providing finger food and we will **buy our own drinks. It won't be a long function so please come along.**

On the Saturday evening at Ball Park Caravan Park we have the Corowa Rotary Club providing **the meal for participants. We haven't done this for a few years as people tend to be blasé about** whether to attend or not but as this is our 30th Year, we would like to encourage people to come to our official presentations and auction. Come along and support the local Rotary Club. We have a local person doing the auction this year and Tim Scriven has organised a couple of marquees.

With your prepay Entry Fee you will be entitled to a 2 course meal for \$10 per person (Adult) and this includes any person you have nominated as attending on your Entry Form. KVE will subsidise the extra \$4.50. The fee for children under 13 will be \$2 if you have **pre-registered or \$14.50 (adult) and \$7(kids) if you haven't pre-**registered. We understand that people need to be fed at some stage during the evening so decided to have the Rotary Club start serving at 6pm. If possible it would be great if all who are attending could have eaten their main course by 7pm and then dessert will be served. We are aiming to commence the official proceedings at 7.30pm sharp. WE NEED NUMBERS attending so we can provide accurate numbers to the caterers prior to the event. You will be required to pay for this upon arrival and will be given tickets.

The Sunday evening Carvery meal at the Corowa RSL Club is always a great night. A booking has already been made but we need confirmation of numbers also. It is always good to encourage people to stay until the Monday so they can come along to this function. The cost at the moment is \$18 per adult and \$7.50 per child.



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Programme of events – updated information

Tuesday 10th March: Visit to Bandiana

Visit the Tooles Disposals Warehouse from 10.00am until 1.00pm

1.00pm: Visit The Army Museum Bandiana

Wednesday 11th March: School visit. The convoy will depart Ball Park at 9.45am

We are looking for a selection of vehicles to take to the Corowa Primary School at 10am. We have offered to give the children a chance to have a look at and hear some information from owners about your vehicles. There will be a list placed at the Site Office for participants to put their vehicle and name on so we get a selection of vehicles attend this event. If possible prepare a 5 minute talk on your vehicle and its use in the war.

Thursday 12th March: Trip to Maurice Wilson's property

We have been invited again to Maurice Wilson's property on the outskirts of Corowa. This would be an ideal location if the amphibious vehicles were able to do a trip down the river. The road run will depart from Corowa Airport at 10am. Feel free to pack some lunch. (Don't forget plenty of drinking water as well). Demonstration and talk on the Ozamphibian Platypus. Take a look at the website www.ozamphibian.com

Friday 13th March: Trip to Milawa:

The current agenda is as follows:

- 8.00-8.30 Depart Corowa
- 9.00-9.30 Arrive Milawa
- 9.30 Small parade through Milawa to primary school
- 10.00 Visit Milawa primary school – activities and answer children's questions
- 11.30 Cheese factory/art gallery - cheese tasting and grab a bite to eat
- 12.30 Mustard shop – taste different kinds of mustards
- 13.00 EV olives – taste olives and olive oils and bring a container to fill up if you want to buy some olive oil
- 14.00 Brown Brothers
- 15.30 Depart Milawa

Special thanks to Sue and Leon Heynders for organising the agenda.

Friday 13th March: Talk by Major Graham Docksey at Corowa Airport

Commencing now at 7.00pm instead of 5.30pm.

Graham will provide participants with information on various topics including:

- Practical Demonstration: with tac signs and weapons
- Information on the Army History Unit Australia
- Information on the Army Museum at Bandiana

Information on Graham's Tours of Gallipoli



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Saturday 14th March: Parade, Swap Meet and other activities

Saturday is the main day of activities commencing with a parade departing from near Bangerang Park at 9am sharp.

With the large number of vehicles likely to be present we may need more assistance with the line up of vehicles prior to the parade. To make things easier make sure you register in at the Site Office during the week and place your vehicle number on your front windscreen or bumper bar. This is the easiest way for us to get a vehicle list together after the event. For those arriving on the Saturday morning make sure you go directly to the line up and see me for your vehicle number. If you pay your entry fee you will receive a vehicle certificate of attendance.

After the parade, follow directions for parking your vehicle so we can obtain a group photo of the vehicles. We hope to have a number of marshals assisting us with this task. If you are able to help please let me know.

The Corowa Rotary Club will be running the Swap Meet again in 2009. Please abide by their regulations and do not start selling until 9.45am, once the parade vehicles have been displayed. It will cost \$5 per site and they will have lots of food available. It is advisable to bring along some shade if you are having a stall at the Swap Meet. KVE will have a site at the Swap Meet and this will be your last opportunity to complete your Voting Forms where you can nominate people for awards and make suggestions for the Theme for 2013 and the Friday trip in 2010. The arena will be set up again near the airport for vehicle activities.

Saturday 14th March: Dinner, Auction and Presentations

Come and support the Dinner, Auction and presentations on Saturday evening. The Corowa Rotary Club will be providing a 2 course meal from 6pm. Let me know ASAP if you are attending the dinner. **(Refer back to the section 'News on Meal Functions'.)** **The Auction and Presentations will commence at 7.30pm.** There is bound to be a combination of items of interest.

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

This newsletter is intended to go 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 to people throughout Australia and the world about how great this event is!

Joining KVE Inc

Be apart 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 meeting at Corowa on Sunday 15th March, and you are invited to attend.

With only 5 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.

Until next time,

Jan Thompson - Secretary

Corowa History By Ian Grieve

COROWA HISTORY

It was mid-1978 and I was on a month trip South from the Sunshine Coast to see as many military vehicle enthusiasts, particularly GPA folk, as I was able. My destination was to be Adelaide to visit Alan Newton. Alan was a name familiar to me, however, I had not had the pleasure of meeting him. He was a fellow GPA owner. Like any trip for me, it was Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne, with research, museums and people along the way. I got to meet Cameron Smith at Yass with his \$53 GPA, John Belfield and Eddie Bourke in Melbourne, then Alan at Valley View in Adelaide. I visited Don Wilson in Mildura on the way home. These were all GPA guys. There may have been others along the way.

Alan was, and still is, a great guy. I arrived at his home in the morning to be quickly escorted to the backyard to see a GPA, DUKW, ½ ton Command Car, Jeep and much other gear. That was heaven, all in a small suburban backyard. It was then a trip into town to visit the NOS spare parts men of old. Alan and I spoke about pulling GPA owners together from all across the country for a National get-together, a Swim-In. This was very exciting. Alan said he would muster up all the guys (and girls) from the South and I undertook to stir enthusiasm with the boys in the North. **There were very few GPA's in the North in those days, let alone any running. It was decided that March 1980 would be the most suitable time for the first meeting as a number of guys had their GPA's in various stages of restoration and that they would have approximately 20 months to prepare.**

Alan suggested Corowa on the mighty Murray River as a great meeting place. I travelled home via Corowa to check it out. It was perfect, the river looked great, Ball Park Caravan Park looked great, the town people were great, all was great. That was the humble beginning of a great event to follow. On arriving home I immediately started work on a GPA hull and chassis I had found in the Quilpie area of Queensland. Things progressed well until a major operation all but stopped me during 1979. The GPA work was forced to stop as well. What I was able to do was prepare a 40 page history of the GPA from information I had available at the time, draw up and screen print two large flags and smaller banners for the meet, and try to encourage Queenslanders to the event. I kept news of the booklet and the flags a secret until I reached Corowa. They were to be a surprise. Queenslanders were hard to encourage as distance was their excuse. I recall I was the only Queenslanders at that first event.

Seven GPA's arrived in 1980, the first being Peter Short from Sydney followed by Reg Butler, Roger Ross, Cameron Smith, Eddie Bourke, Bob Nicol and Alan Newton (possibly not in that order). Eddie arrived with his GPA on the back of a beautiful 2 ½ ton, 6x6, GMC. Alan arrived with his GPA on a trailer, not yet seaworthy, but with a determination to have it in the water. All vehicles swam by the weeks end. Trailers were towed in the water, trailers were negotiated across the backwater with paddles. Each sank by intent. It was all great fun. Other MV's arrived from Sydney, Melbourne and everywhere in between. It proved to be a brilliant inaugural meeting.

Eight GPA's arrived in 1981 and five in 1983. I was not able to attend in 1982. The additional vehicle was that of Tony Van De Ven. All eight vehicles swam. Corowa was a great place to be each March.

The early years were barely organized, but rather just happened. They were very informal, but great fun. Enthusiasts would turn up for up to a week and many yarns were exchanged under a tree or on the water. The street parade took place from the very first year. I think the town people wondered what was happening. The local newspaper highlighted photos and articles. Parts were also swapped on an informal basis. It was mandatory that visitors made the pilgrimage to the RAOC Museum at Bandiana, Plumb and Creighton's scrap metal yard at Wodonga and Upton's yard at Corowa. **Other treasure houses were also visited. It was asked if the event should take place each two years, however, popular opinion was that it had to happen annually. Annually won the day, and it has continued that way ever since.**

The Queenslanders became aroused after the success of the first couple of years. Slowly they caught the vision and took **GPA's and other MV's to Corowa. Distance became of lesser importance.**

Corowa History By Ian Grieve

My next visit was 1999 for the twenty year anniversary. It had been a long drought for me. It was exciting, amazing, to see **sixteen GPA's in a row, including "Half-Safe"**, even after several vehicles had gone overseas some years earlier. In hindsight, it is great to see these overseas vehicles have fallen into very good and thankful homes in Europe. I know other GPA's have visited Corowa in the years since 1999.

It has been exciting to see Corowa go on from strength to strength over 28 years. The gathering has become probably the biggest MV event in Australia today, and attracted visitors from all around the globe. I thank Alan for all he did in pulling Corowa together in those early years, and to Jan Thompson and committee for carrying on the hard work of organization and planning. I remember Jan was a very young school girl at that 1980 meet and just loved to be around those great trucks.

The historical side of the GPA is a passion of mine and I am particularly looking forward to 2009 for the 30 year anniversary for what will be another brilliant event.

Ian Grieve

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Immaculate International MK5 Wrecker on the banks of the Murray - **Maurice Wilson's Property 2008**

Memories of past Corowa's

By Richard Farrant

Hi, from one of KVE's furthest distanced members. Sadly, I am not able to get to this year's event, circumstances have worked against me yet again. Having been invited to write something for this newsletter, it set me thinking back. My first knowledge of the event was back in the early 1980's, when small reports appeared in that wonderful magazine, Wheels & Tracks.

In those days, we were starved of regular news of what was happening in the world of MV collecting, only the two main clubs magazines here in the UK, which came out quarterly. Then in 1994, I heard of an event that was to be later known as Back To The Track. This led to making contact with Dave Brown in Sydney and with thanks to him, he invited me to join him on the event in 1995. I met a good number of great people whilst taking part in that wonderful experience.

While doing so, the name, Corowa, kept coming up, so I decided to return in 1996, to see for myself and meet up with new friends again. Thanks again to Dave for all his help on this and subsequent visits, we had some good drives down, often taking a roundabout route from Sydney, I think the last time it was via the Snowy Mountains, stopping over, in Cooma.

The event was relatively small in vehicle numbers compared to over here in England, but with quite a number of different vehicles to what we have, it made it interesting. Being able to talk to other like minded people about the hobby we share was great. Over the years, I have been able to keep in contact with many and a number of you have come over to England for the show scene here. I have to say we are spoiled rotten here, for variety of vehicles to be seen, but the atmosphere at Corowa is part of what made me make four visits between 1996 and 2001, making it a very social occasion.

My first visit, we travelled down in Dave's Land Rover 2a, I had the pleasure of riding in Keith Adam's LP Carrier in the parade. On another occasion, **a drive of a Studebaker around the town, and a Ford Blitz F15 which I drove back to Yass. In 1999, when "Half Safe" came** to the event, I can say that I've travelled on it.....well sat on top while it was driven across the campsite.....I still cannot imagine what it would have been like bobbing about on the ocean.

The run out to Pucka to see the Army Transport and Tank Museums, and Driving School in '96 was a memorable day. Also going around North Eastern Wreckers and Upton's yards, nothing more interesting than a scrap or dealers yard. Must not forget going to Beechworth and sampling the delights of the Bakery! Had a brief visit to Bandiana museum, but I understand since then it has taken on collections from other Corps, so **this will be a "must do" on my next visit.**

The Saturday evenings were a great social gathering, once there was a Wiles cooker trailer in action and another time a local group (Lions maybe?) did the meals there, and the lights failed, just as the meals were served up! The first auction I saw there, I heard Bay, the auctioneer that night, say that they were expecting bids from overseas. I kept away and out of sight, but strangely, it appeared that I bid for a certain item and was highest bidder. I came home with a very expensive cardboard XXXX hat, signed by everyone, and ultimately paid for the DJ that night I think!

Good times.... and I look forward to coming back soon, but in the meantime, have a good week, and I might see a few of you later in the year, in my part of the world.

Richard Farrant



Bandiana Army Museum



Mission of the Army Museum Bandiana

The Army Museum Bandiana is committed to best practice in the preservation, management, storage and display of its collections in order to protect and preserve Army's heritage and to promote its history to the public.

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There is also a covered area with seating and three free electric BBQ's in the RAAOC Memorial Park.



Group Tours can be arranged.

Contact the Museum Tel:(02) 6055 2525, or Fax:(02) 6055 2886

Bandiana Army Museum



Major Graham Docksey, OAM
Officer Commanding the Army History Unit Bandiana, and Manager of the Army Museum Bandiana.

Welcome to the Army Museum Bandiana. This brief look at the Museum will surprise you on just how big the collection is and may encourage you to visit. You should allow several hours for the visit. This site provides you with background on the formation of the Museum and will give you a snapshot at sections of this diverse collection. The Museum is one of the largest and most diversified Army Museums in Australia. The Museum enjoys a close working relationship with the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. The collection covers The Australian Army's involvement from 1863 through to the present day. We are proud of having an extensive range of male and female uniforms on display. The vehicle collection is also extensive and includes many armoured vehicles. Many significant vehicles are on display, and can be seen up close and personal. On display also are anti-aircraft and field guns. I look forward to seeing you in the Museum.

Below are images of objects within the Army Museum Bandiana Collection.



Leopard AS 1 Medium Battle Tank



Turkish 75mm Krupp Field Gun

Bandiana Army Museum

Museum History

The original collection was first established in 1972, in the foyer of the Headquarters of the Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps Centre in Gaza Ridge Barracks at Bandiana Victoria.

In 1976 the Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps General Museum was established in its present location. The first curator of the Museum was Warrant Officer Class One Colin La Motte. The museum building is its self unique, in that, it is a WW11-era timber framed warehouse, with corrugated iron cladding. Very few of these once prolific structures remain.

The Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps Museum was formally opened by the Director General of Supply-Army, Brigadier J.A. Munro, AO on 31st of March 1976.

In 1997, the Royal Australian Corps of Transport Museum from Puckapunyal, the Australian Army Catering Corps Historical Collection from storage also in Puckapunyal and the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers' Historical Collection from storage in North Bandiana, were integrated into the RAAOC Museum.

These Museums and Historical Collections combined with the RAAOC Museum, to form the Army Museum Bandiana on the 1st of July 1997.

The Museum was officially renamed 'The Army Museum Bandiana' by the Deputy Chief of Army, Major General J.C. Hartley, AO on the 23rd of October 1997.

In 1988 the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps, the Royal Australian Army Dental Corps and the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps Historical Collections were also integrated into the Museum at Bandiana.



T34 Russian Tank



M113 Medium Reconnaissance Vehicle

Corowa - From the beginning

By Roger Ross

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It was some time in 1978.. or 9, that I got a phone call from a total stranger who asked if I had an amphibious jeep. When I answered in the affirmative he proceeded, in his gushing manner, to outline his plans for a meeting of amphibious jeep owners, with their vehicles, at a place called Corowa; **ad he hoped that I'd attend. We discussed our involvements with the vehicles and he promised to keep me informed as the plans progressed.** His name was Ian Grieve.

I didn't bother to ask him how he got my phone number; it didn't really matter because I had been restoring my vehicle in my father's workshop on the princes Highway, in Dandenong, on weekends, and during the 'business week' it was parked 'wherever', so thousands of customers knew of it. I'd bought it in 1956 from Albie Hammersley and Peter Civati, surplus jeep dealers in Flemington, much to my father's chagrin: he had visions of a dismantled vehicle being left in the back yard for him to clear up. I lived up to his expectations too, because in the early 60s, when the vehicle was totally stripped and scattered around the family home, I sailed for England on an engineering scholarship, never to be seen again...?

That's not really true, I did return, with undiminished enthusiasm...and other things. While I was in England I collected many GPA (and other) parts which I restored and carefully packed into trunks, and a fiancée whom I left in charge of the trunks (very risky, I know) to bring out to Australia when she emigrated. Meantime I completed the circumnavigation of the planet on my return journey.

My Dearly Belovered did finally arrive in Australia, complete with her 'trousseau,' much to the amazement of the customs people: "she's Welsh, you know," I offered as explanation!! Then, after getting a job, marrying, and finding a place to live we (wifey and self) started the restoration job in my father's workshop, to where the pieces had been moved, much ton father's relief.

When Ian contacted me, my vehicle was completely operational and had been used around the Dandenong area in dams and creeks for many years, but I hadn't taken it on any big jaunts, being busy with family, jobs and house swapping, so Ian's idea appealed.

Ian kept in touch as plans progressed. He told me about the search for a suitable location and why they'd chosen Corowa, about another bloke, named Alan Newton who lived in Adelaide, and who was helping him and that neither of them actually had a mobile vehicle...but they were working on them!! He was delighted that I would be coming to the event, which they'd decided to call a "Swim-In", because that's what amphibians did! He didn't know how many other GPA's would be attending, but that there would be others. Each time he rang he wanted reassurance that I would come.

I'd contacted my mate, Tony Vandervan, and he was also keen to attend the Swim-In. Tony had bought his GPA at Murray Slee's auction in Shepparton, conditional on my giving it the OK, which I did after we'd tried it in a pond in the town. We both had jobs and families to consider so couldn't attend for the whole time that Ian and Alan had planned for the event, but we'd get there as soon as we could; at least for the last few days.

I took the last two days of the week off and travelled up to Corowa on the Thursday; driving through the outer suburbs of Melbourne and exiting north along Mickleham Road, which in those days was through farmland but now is suburbia. We had our breakfast stop along Mickleham Road having saved this time before leaving home, to clear the city traffic early.

When we arrived at the nominated Caravan Park we were greeted by some of the other GPA owners, Peter Short and Cameron Smith, from memory, and after introductions I asked how far they'd travelled along the River. To my amazement they said that they had only paddled around in the lagoon; that the current looked too swift and they didn't want to risk being swept downstream!!

I unloaded and got set-up in our booked cabin, checked the bungs in the bottom of the GPA hull (I had fitted more, and bigger, strategically placed bungs during the rebuild) then headed off down to the lagoon and into the water. The others watched in wonder as I headed out into the current of the swiftly flowing river and proceeded to charge up and down with ease: needless to say they quickly followed and we all had a good play around.

More GPA's arrived during the following days and we all compared history's. The gushing Ian was everywhere (like that fly), and kept dashing off to greet new arrivals: one that he was expecting was that of his first born. Ian had left his very pregnant wife at home to cope with the birth while he dashed off on GPA business: I still haven't decided to make of him; it's for sure his timing needs attention! (the baby did arrive that weekend).

Other MV's were also arriving and the Park oval was slowly filling with the camps of owners. One fairly 'bitty' GPA came in on a trailer, the towing vehicle bore S.A. number plates. The owner quickly set up his family tent, pushed the GPA off the trailer, donned a boiler suit and proceeded to work on the GPA. This set several patterns for Alan Newton for most of his Corowa visits and it also set the stage for the first GPA line-up photo: all the other GPA's had to get in line with the immobile Newton vehicle and we had just enough space to fit all seven vehicles. The other two vehi-

Corowa - From the beginning By Roger Ross

cles, as well as those I've already mentioned, were owned by Bob Nichol and Eddie Bourke. We all hoped that more and more GPA's would attend as the years went by and the following year looked promising with the addition of Reg Butler's but then numbers declined with only one or two some years until 1999 with 16 attending to claim the World Record. However, total numbers of vehicles attending has steadily increased from the 2, or so, that all lined up suit Alan Newton's GPA in 1980, to the 160 (give or take a few) that attended in 2008 when the only GPA was Reg Butler's with grandson Mitch at the helm, as Reg was too ill to be there: sadly, Reg died the following month.

At first, the people of Corowa looked upon us as rabble, dressed in our daggy cloths and driving around town in old, drab green vehicles, but as the years went by they became used to us and started to welcome our gatherings. Our numbers were increasing, we weren't wrecking the town and we were spending money in the town, especially the pubs, at a time that was usually quiet. We certainly provided many things of interest in the town and the camp parks benefited handsomely from our presence. This acceptance of us grew to such an extent that in 1999 when we organised the GPA World Record attempt, for which, of course, I had to contact many of the townsfolk, the Corowa Council gave us a Civic Reception.

Over the years many friendships began at Corowa and survived with just that annual meeting: many of the children had great fun playing together: our two daughters met Barbara and Hugh Thompson's lovely girl Jan and Christine and Alan Newton's two beautiful little girls, all about the same age. New people came and went, others fell by the wayside; overseas visitors have attended on occasions but generally there was always a familiar face to be seen. Of the original GPA owners who attended in 1980, I'm the only one who still attends with a GPA. I haven't always brought a vehicle, I didn't when I was 'between GPA's' and in 2008 I trailed a jeep up instead, because of the low water level which left the lagoon just a pool isolated from the River. Will climate change end the Swim-In?

"Corowa," as the gathering became known world wide, got good coverage in magazines, especially in Bart Vanderveens Wheels and tracks; the issue after Corowa was always eagerly sought to get the report. The local papers usually made some mention of the event and included a photo or two and the local radio and TV stations gave it coverage. Our cruises down the river attracted much interest and featured on the local TV night news; unfortunately we'd be camped somewhere along the River and never got to see the coverage, we were told about it later. Half safe's part in the 1999 World Record attempt aroused much media interest, in Perth and Corowa. The TV coverage in Perth featured the vehicle being driven around the Guildford Grammar sports field, after it's resurrection by Bob Dimer, interviews with Bob and some film footage of Ben Carlin's world trip. Half Safe's action around Corowa, with extra footage, was covered by the local TV station.

Events at Corowa grew over the years; from casual ideas to huge organised events. A few vehicles drove up and down the main street, this led to a Grand Parade, with the street closed and police escorts: blokes swapped some items from their tents, this is now a full-on Swap Meet attracting professional hawkers for this only; museum 'backroom' visits are now arranged, from casual individual visits.

From its beginning in 1980, when some like-minded 'boys' got together to play with their toys and enjoy each others company, 'Corowa' has grown to become an international event with hundreds attending. This increased interest has, inadvertently but unfortunately, brought with it, totally unforeseen problems. Early 'Corowa's' just happened, no one organised anything, it took place in Ball Park caravan Park during the week following Victoria's Labour Day holiday and the weather was always fine? Well almost always! Heavy rain did fall the time I was hosting my two Dutch-couple friends and I had set-up out tents in my usual spot. All was well when we turned in for the night, but next morning the floor of my small tent felt 'funny'; it wobbled! Poking my head out to investigate, I beheld tent to tent water: I'd set up our camp in the park sump! Much drying-out ensued, including foreign bank notes, and a valuable lesson was learned. I digress!

As time went by, 'things' began to get organised: casual at first, to booking required, to pay when booking. Just to make an evening more friendly, word would go about the park that we'd be 'at' at the RSL or Star for a counter meal: or an afternoon winery visit, for those interested, would be suggested: nothing arranged, just go if you wanted. Then meals and visits started to be arranged and booked; no problems encountered except that definite numbers for the catered Saturday evening meal at the Park had to be known early: ditherers started to grumble. As more newcomers, who didn't know the 'ropes', started to attend, more grumblings festered and with dozens of 'odd' vehicles being driven about the Park, it was obvious, that sooner or later 'something' would happen. With the attitude of the 'general public' that there are no such things as "bad luck" or "my fault" and "who can I sue for my mishap"; someone, sometime was going to 'cop it, BIG time'. BEFORE this does occur steps are being taken.

All attendees will have to register and pay a fee so that insurance cover can be affected; this is necessary to protect those wonderful, hard-working folk, who now organize 'Corowa' to make it run smoothly. Most people wouldn't have a clue about the work and time involved: these good folk deserve our thanks, praise and congratulations.

'Corowa' from its humble beginnings, has, in its 30th year, come of age, in this litigation-happy resent with its greedy insurance premiums...thank you Osama!

Vehicle Profile Tim Scriven

M3 Halftrack Serial Number 6342 / USA
4019401

The Vehicle is a M3 Halftrack Serial Number 6342 / USA 4019401, it would have been built by Autocar in July, 1942

As far as I know this Halftrack was used by the Greek army, not sure if it saw WW11 action with them, but it and another large number were to be scrapped in the 80's luckily some got saved and were imported into Australia, by James Swan

It was used in the remake of the film 'Sahara' filmed in the Stockton beach area near Newcastle. I found the vehicle in 2005, just in time to do some work to get it to the celebrations for VE day. (A very quick paint job to camouflage the German unit marking that had been used for the Sahara filming)

It was missing the Hydro vac unit and the exhaust manifold was cracked. We sourced a Hydro vac unit for Corowa and got the engine running somewhat better. The track then sat for awhile, sourcing parts and motivation, the motivation came in the form of the Pacific miniseries, the producers needed a track, so several very busy weeks saw the vehicle cleaned, tuned, sandblasted and then undercoated. The day we first backed it out of the shed we broke one of the tracks, so we had to replace that straight away.

It was used on the Queensland set and the Geelong set, I was lucky enough to spend nearly a week at Geelong driving some of the vehicles, but never drove my own vehicle. Since getting the vehicle back we have done a few more jobs, the hydraulic lifters were removed and replace, we sourced a new inlet and exhaust manifold and fitted these, this made a vast difference to the vehicle, also the starter motor was replaced. We had the mine racks but had never fitted them, they were used on the Pacific set, but then taken off to be painted, so these were fitted only last week. The unit markings were also painted on last week, making the track look fairly complete, if that can every be.

The next step will be to work on the crew area in the rear off the vehicle, the Greek army had fitted a Anti aircraft mount in the rear, so some of the crew seats and chain lockers have been removed. A local engineer is going to make these; we will then fit some seats in the rear.

I am waiting on an original seat base to arrive so that we can get some more made. We are also waiting for some small armour panels for the rear of the track, around the taillights, these were missing, and we made up some ply wood ones for the filming, which surprisingly have survived quite well.

Tim Scriven



Vehicle Profile
Tim Scriven





Vehicle Profile
Tim Scriven



For Sale / Wanted

Hi All - can anybody help Dale with these parts - Barry Peterson said that GMC panels will fit but have more vents.

Graeme Person

From: rock4wd@bigpond.net.au

Hi everyone

Would anyone know of the whereabouts of any engine side covers for the 1942 military 4x4 Chevy we are building? Any leads at all – would be most grateful? Also, bumperettes!

Regards

Karen and Dale

WANTED – 2 pounder anti-tank gun parts.

Including sites, mechanisms, seat, ammo boxes, shell casings and projectiles.

Contact Tim Scriven 0419 307225

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- \$10,000 ONO Ph:02 46 84 2084 Dave Wolfe

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For Sale / Wanted

Ford F15A / ford blitz roof hatch lid. Plus- Australian body tailgate, anything considered.

Thanks Ian 0419 409 789.

Willys Trailer ring connection, Brett 0407 229 396.

For Universal Carrier, LP2A. Air Cleaner, Iron ration box, about 5x5x1022, flare box, choke and throttle cable, tail lights. Have parts to swap- see above. John Mackie, 02 6967 2241.

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WW2 Scammel 6x4 recovery vehicle information or where about of surviving trucks. Interest sought by a WW2 North Africa campaign veteran. Contact Bill Fenney. 02 4332 6945.

Austin Champ parts and information. In particular I need- oil filter cartridge. If you have a Champ, can you please contact me for some help. David Myers- 02 4365 3032, 0410 621 890. David is a new member of the AMVCS, and would like some help to **get his 1955 Champ running. If anyone can help him out, please don't hesitate to contact him**

40mm Bofors Mk IV Anti Aircraft (AA) gun. Location is Brisbane Australia (East Coast). Data plate is present and marked:

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RH & Co 1942

Reg No 64688 Elevates and traverses with ease, all movable parts (foot triggers, cocking levers, feed cover, barrel clamp, support legs, etc etc) are all unwelded and in working order. However Gun is deactivated in accordance with *section 73.(1) (2) & (5) of the Queensland Weapons Regulations 1996* and the completed Deactivation certificate Form 31 number 1506 will be transferred with ownership. This Bofors was obtained direct from Australian Defence Force (ADF) stock at Enogerra Army barracks in approx 1997. It is in excellent condition overall, missing only the sight bar which could be readily made, no rust, imperfections, and is a ready to display item. Scarce to find in unaltered and unwelded condition. This is not something recovered from a Returned Services League (RSL) club. As previously stated it was obtained direct from the ADF. Currently stored under cover.

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For further details contact:-

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Started in 2002, the Corowa Year Of DVD series encompasses DVDs of five of the years since then.

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The first in the series is Year of the Blitz where a massive effort saw 34 of these classic WW2 trucks gather to set a Guinness world record for the largest gathering of privately owned CMP (or Blitz) trucks since World War 2. We take you to Canada, the home of the CMP to see a rare prototype which has somehow survived.

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2003 - Year of the Studebaker

The 24th annual National GPA Swim-in saw 21 US6 Studebaker 6X6 trucks attend from all over Australia. Colourful and entertaining, this documentary covers both the history of the truck and the event, with stories from owners and coverage of trips with the gathering at Corowa Airport for the Guinness World Record event. A highlight of the program is an interview with North-South road veteran Alan Smith.

2005 - Year of the Carrier

This was the last of the Guinness World record attempts with a group of privately owned carriers traveling the 3.2 kilometer run from the town to the airport. The DVD also covers the history and development of carriers in Australia and features a visit to Canada to experience carrier driving in the snow. This is the first time the event has been filmed in widescreen high-definition.

2006 - Year of the Armoured Car

The 27th annual event saw a gathering of armoured vehicles of a wide variety including carriers, White Scout Cars, Daimler Dingo and Ferret and a half-track among the 123 vehicles attending. The DVD includes a trip to Precision Aerospace in Wangarratta, the Melbourne Tank Museum auction and an in-depth interview with military vehicle historian Mike Cecil.

2007 - Year of the Cycle and Staff Car

This dual theme year attracted over 30 bicycles and motor cycles, with a trip to the famed Tocumwal airport where the group heard about one of the largest WW2 air bases in Australia as well as the use of the base for disposal and scrapping of aircraft after the war. We also visit the Army Transport museum at Bandiana among the interviews and profiles of vehicles.

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