



BARTREAD



WARTIME VEHICLE CONSERVATION GROUP
SOUTH AUSTRALIA



Welcome to this special edition of "BARTREAD". The executive wish you and yours a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year. At this special time of the year please remember when the world is once again on the brink of conflict. We would like to remind you of brother's in arms who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Remember and say a prayer for our troops now serving in operations around the world.



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A COLLAGE OF OUR DIGGERS OVERSEAS IN ALL CONFLICTS OF WAR



DUTCH FRIGATE EVADES JAPANESE BOMBERS

Sometimes in life the guy with the so crazy it just might work ideas hits one out of the park and saves the day. This is what happened in 1942 aboard the HNLMS Abraham Crijnsen, the last Dutch warship standing after the Battle of the Java Sea.

Originally planning to escape to Australia with three other warships, the stranded minesweeper had to make the voyage alone and unprotected. The slow moving vessel could only get up to about 15 knots and had very few guns, boasting only a single 3 - inch gun and two Oerlikon 20 mm cannons making it a sitting duck to Japanese bombers that circled above.

Knowing their only chance of survival was to make it to the Allies Down Under, the Crijnsen's 45 crew members frantically brainstormed ways to make the retreat undetected. The winning idea. Turn the ship into an island. You can almost hear crazy idea guy anticipating his shipmates' reluctance: Now guys, just hear me out.

But lucky for him the Abraham Crijnsen was strapped for time, resources and alternative means of escape, automatically making the island idea the best idea. Now it was time to put the plan into action.





Now a camouflaged ship in deep trouble is better than a completely exposed ship. But there was still the problem of the Japanese noticing a mysterious moving island and wondering what would happen if they shot at it. Because of this the crew figured the best means of convincing the Axis powers that they were an island was to truly be an island by not moving at all during daylight hours.

While the sun was up they would anchor the ship near other islands, then cover as much ocean as they could once night fell praying the Japanese wouldn't notice a disappearing and reappearing island amongst the nearly 18,000 existing islands in Indonesia. And, as luck would have it, they didn't.

The Crijnssen managed to go undetected by Japanese planes and avoid the destroyer that sank the other Dutch warships, surviving the eight - day journey to Australia and reuniting with Allied forces.

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A VISIT TO RICKS FARM

A recent visit to Rick's farm by some of the members had a good time followed by a nice BBQ Lunch. Thanks' to Fiona our chef for the day. More work was done on the main door to the new building. The timber cladding was fixed into place using heavy timber, 60cm wide x 14cm thick, approx. The timber was fixed into place on the ground before raising into place. Some photographs were taken to show what was done by the hard working crew.





PHIL'S HOT JEEP PROJECT

Phil HOADLEY' Project is coming along nicely and he wishes to share his work with our members. Here are few images on progress on my Jeep. The current works in progress, include steering box overhaul and clearance modifications for both the engine block and exhaust. The exhaust headers are being modified specifically for this application. For those who are interested in the specifics, they are matt finish stainless steel VE Commodore V8 headers with the Commodore head plate removed and replaced with a Ford 289 head plate and extended up and away from the steering and chassis by the addition of 3" long 45 degree bends. Also close to finish is the new diff. A Dana 44 from a CJ5 Jeep with 11" finned drum brakes and a new Eton Tru-trac LSD now at 3.07 to 1. The new diff is essential to the project as it lines the centre up with the new drive train and it's a fairly straight forward to bolt in with only an inch or so extra at the wheels. New 2.5" lowering blocks are currently being made for the rear to match the front and new U-bolts have already been made for this. The .30 Cal Colt, has a new mount with travel bar and a new ammo can.☺





PHIL IS PLEASED TO
SHARE THE WORK
DONE FAR SO ON HIS
HOT WILLY'S MB JEEP.
HE WILL CONTINUE TO
KEEP OUR READERS UP-
DATED ON FUTURE



Dana 44 limited slip and 65mm lowering blocks plus finished stainless modified Commodore Headers on a 289.



INTRODUCING NEW CLUB MEMBER PETER FOOTE

The WVCG welcomes Peter FOOTE via Murray Bridge as our latest Club Member. Peter has a beautiful 1981 Humvee he purchased in the USA and bought back to Australia, which in itself was another adventure. Peter has supplied the following photographs of his vehicle which will surely add to the club members vehicles used in various wartime conflicts over the years. The vehicle will certainly be of interest to members of the public viewing our club outings.



ITEMS FOR SALE



Phil HOADLEY has the above 1942 Jeep Rear Axle for sale. Best offer. Contact Phil HOADLEY.

Mob; 0400 083 996. or Email: goketsu@adam.com.au



Australia Army Trailer For Sale. Has some small alteration made and easy to restore back to original condition. Overall in good condition.

for the age. Asking Price is \$400. Contact, Kevin TIPLER.

Mob; 0403 267 294 or on Email; kevintipler.kt@gmail.com

FOR SALE NOTICE

SHOULD MEMBERS HAVE ANY ITEMS FOR SALE THEY WISH LISTED IN BARTEAD. PLEASE FORWARD DETAILS WITH A PHOTOGRAPH BY EMAIL TO THE EDITOR AT; gumbrae44@tpg.com.au REMEMBER IT IS YOUR MAGAZINE SO USE OUR FACILITIES.

TYRES FOR SALE

FOUR TYRES 700 X 16 s/h FIRESTONE BRAND \$200 FOR THE FOUR.

CONTACT FRANK; MOBILE; 0418 828 747

Tony Van Rhoda. Editor

ITEMS FOR SALE

KEVIN TIPLER HAS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR SALE

2 X JEEP CRANKSHAFTS (NEED A GRIND) FOR \$40 EACH

IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED PLEASE GIVE KEVIN A CALL.

MOBILE: 0403 267 294 or EMAIL: kevintipler.kt@gmail.com

A SPECIAL REQUEST

DON'T THROW AWAY THOSE OLD USED JEEP BARTREAD TYRES. RICK SHEARMAN WILL TAKE THEM OFF YOUR HANDS. IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE WHAT CONDITION THE TYRES ARE IN AS LONG AS THEY ARE NOT HOLED OR CRACKED.

CALL RICK SHEARMAN on 0408 835 018 or EMAIL: rickshearman@bigpond.com

Extra Special Items For Sale

It is not often that we get to propose a deal to our members so exciting as this special for sale deal. We have a buyer wishing to; **Purchase a WW2 Willy's or Ford Jeep**. In this sale we have options that could suit a variety of prospective buyers. As I said, options, actually there are, Three;

1. The seller is prepared to trade all 3 motorcycles for \$12,000 as part payment towards purchasing a Jeep and will pay the balance in hard cash.
2. To sell all 3 motorcycles as a bulk purchase to any buyer for \$12,000.
3. To sell each motorcycle individual to any buyer. The BMW \$8,000 The Kawasaki \$1,800 and the Honda \$2,200. Photos enclosed;



1998 BMW
R1100 GS \$8,000
Showroom Condition
with all extras
Well worth the
price for a reliable
motorcycle.





1999 HONDA 250cc \$2,200
IN SHOWROOM CONDITION

Collection of motorbikes for trade as follows: \$8,000 BMW (1998) R1100 GS - \$8,000 BMW (1998) R1100 GS - Showroom condition with all extras; \$1,800 KAWASAKI GT 750 (1983) Shaft (Z750P) cosmetically restored, NO rust, motor needs work; \$2,200 HONDA 250CC (CB250) (1999) showroom condition. All bikes in the collection are not registered. and are sold "AS IS" - Inspection invited. Priority to preferable trade as package. ALL to be traded for \$12,000 - against the Swap and purchase either or of a (1942) to (1945) US Army WW11 Jeep Willys MB and Ford GPW - Cash will be upon agreed difference in Swap.



1983 KAWASAKI GT 750—SHAFT (Z750P) \$1,800

COSMETICALLY RESTORED, NO RUST, MOTOR NEEDS SOME WORK

THIS MUST BE ONE OF THE MORE INTERESTING ITEMS FOR SALE WE HAVE HAD. NOT ONLY ARE THE MOTORCYCLES FOR SALE BUT THE SELLER IS WISHING TO ALSO PURCHASE A WW2 WILLY'S OR FORD JEEP. THE SELLER HAS ADVISED THE BIKES ARE SOLD AS IS; INSPECTION IS INVITED, PRIORITY TO PREFERABLE TRADE AS A PACKAGE—ALL TO BE TRADED FOR \$12,000 AGAINST A SWAP AND PURCHASE OF A WW2 JEEP. CASH DIFFERENCE WILL BE UPON AN AGREED DIFFERENCE IN THE SWAP.

CONTACT BOB; (08) 8587 6102 OR EMAIL; maccloughlin@gmail.com

WVCG CHRISTMAS DINNER

The annual WVCG Christmas Dinner was held on Sunday 10 December 2017 at the Kersbrook Tavern, Kersbrook and was well attended by a good number of members. A short Committee Meeting was held prior to the lunch. The company was good, the food was good and the Club contribution was excellent. Photos were taken of some of the members and wives. For those that could not attend, they missed a good time, where members and wives could relax and mingle.







WVCG SPECIAL EVENS FOR 2018

WVCG MONTHLY MEETINGS

ARE HELD AT THE TOWER HOTEL, MAGILL SA ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH - START - 1900 HR'S MEALS AVAILABLE AND SERVED IN THE MEETING ROOM

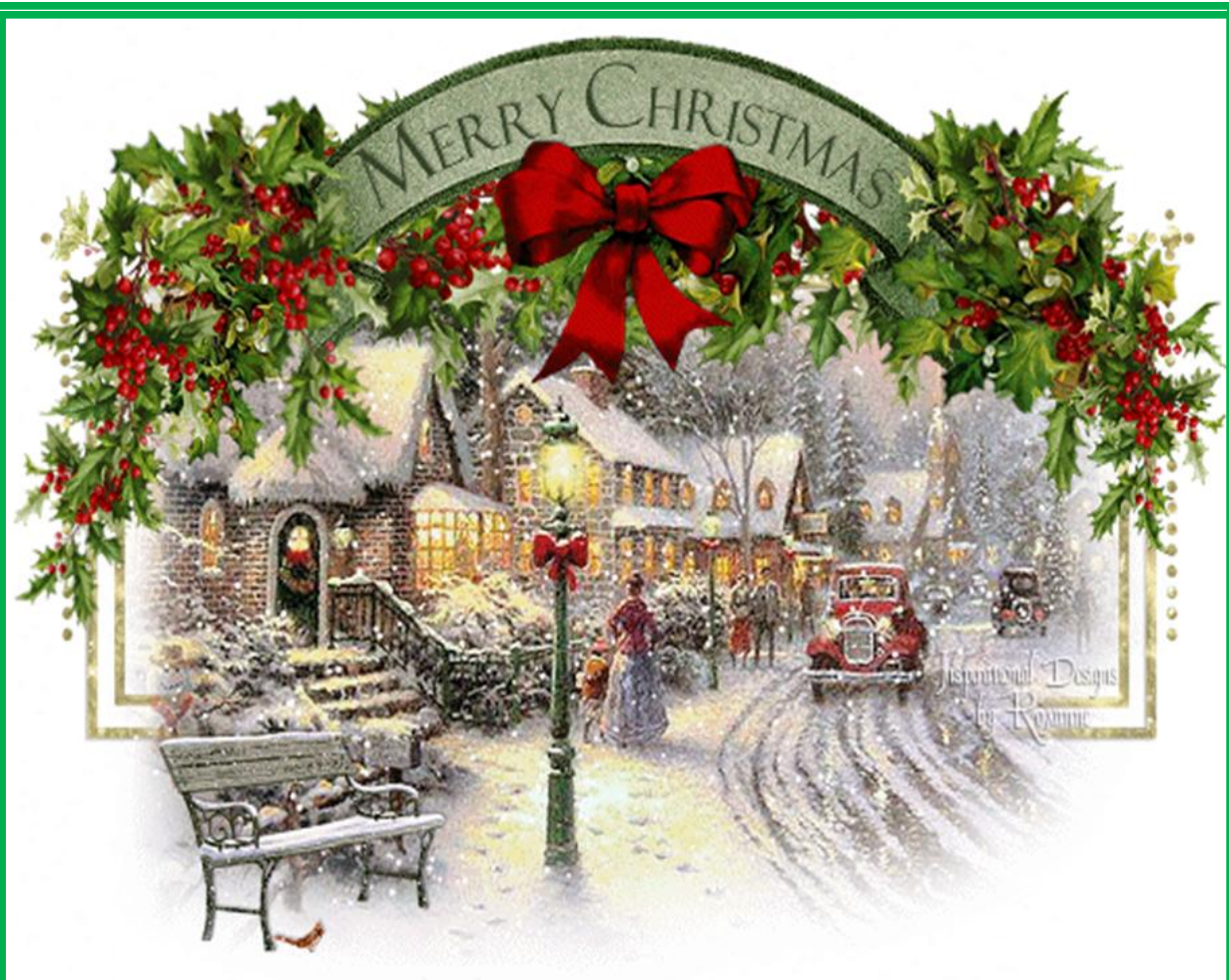
CLUB RUN TO RICK'S FARM

SATURDAY, 13th JANUARY 2018 THE CLUB WILL BE HOLDING A CLUB RUN STARTING AT THE MT TORRENS HOTEL TO RICK'S FARM VIA THE BACKROADS THROUGH THE ROLLING HILLS FINISHING UP AT RICK'S FARM AND FOLLOWED BY AN EVENING BBQ and CLUB MEETING. PARTICIPANTS ARE TO MEET AT THE MT TORRENS HOTEL FOR LUNCH AT 1300 HR'S. THE RUN WILL LEAVE FROM MT TORRENS AT 1430 HR'S FOR THOSE WISHING TO PARTICIPATE. OR MAKE YOUR OWN WAY. FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME. *DIRECTIONS TO RICK'S BELOW;*

ON THE MT TORRENS TO TUNKILLO ROAD, TURN RIGHT INTO HARROGATE ROAD (DIRT). 9.5 KM FROM MT TORRENS, TURN LEFT INTO COLLINS ROAD, THEN LEFT INTO BRINKWORTH RANGE ROAD. VEER RIGHT INTO BRINKWORTH ROAD DRIVE OVER DAIRY CREEK. RICK'S FARM IS UP TO THE TOP OF THE HILLAND TRUN LEFT THROUGH THE GATE. FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME TO CAMP OVERNIGHT IF THEY WISH. *CONTACT RICK or MICK JENNER IF YOU PLANING TO ATTEND.*

AUSTRALIA DAY PARADE

THE AUSTRALIA DAY PARADE WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 26th JANUARY 2018. WE WILL BE FORMING UP AS USUAL WITH OUR VEHICLES AS "THE WVCG GROUP", FOR THOSE WISHING TO JOIN THE PARADE. ADVISE RICK SHEARMAN or MICK JENNER IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING. WE HAVE AQUIRED 10 PERMITS FOR THE PARADE. SO PLEASE DON'T LEAVE IT TO THE LAST MINUTE
Tony Van Rhoda Editor.



The WVCG executive and committee would like wish all members and their families a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe 2018 a and Happy New Year.



KVE News

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



Khaki Vehicle
Enthusiasts Inc.

COROWA SWIM-IN CELEBRATES 70 YEARS OF THE LAND ROVER



YEAR OF THE

**39th Annual Corowa Swim-In &
Military Vehicle Gathering**



12th to 18th March 2018 - Corowa, NSW
All ex-military vehicles welcomed