



# The Spoke'N Word

BATHURST HISTORIC CAR CLUB

NOVEMBER 2023

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**The Presidents message.**  
**Another month gone; Christmas is looming sooner than you think.**  
**Dave White organized a fantastic trip to Kandos and Rylstone for the October run what a fabulous day's outing. The museum at Kandos was very interesting and morning tea fabulous (scones with jam and cream with either tea or coffee.)**  
**Headed off to Rylstone for lunch purchased at the bakery and enjoyed sitting in the park in fine sunny weather. Thanks, Dave, for an enjoyable day out.**  
**Next on the engender is the voting on the change to the constitution, this is open to all financial members.**  
**You will find it in the magazine and on our club, site PLEASE READ DO NOT IGNORE IT.**  
**REGO DAY IS LOOMING MAKE SURE YOUR VECHILES ARE UP TO SCRATCH.**  
**Read notice in magazine**  
**Regards Bob Callender President.**

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**Who to contact if you need information for the club?**  
**Club information and daily running,**  
**The secretary, President acting secretary.**  
**About your subscription and accounts, contact the Treasurer, Paul.**  
**The Events for times and places or if you would like to do a tour. Contact the Events Director, contact Andrew.**  
**To update your personal information and car details, Plates Registrar, David.**  
**Details about your magazine call Ray**  
**To have your car inspection by one of the club inspectors, see list under inspectors.**  
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**Reliance BSB 882 000 Account Number**  
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## **BATHURST HISTORIC CAR CLUB**

### **17 OCTOBER 2023 MINUTES GENERAL MEETING**

**MEETING OPENED: 7.30 PM Charlotte Street Bathurst NSW**

**ATTENDANCE:** As per the Attendance Book.

**APOLOGIES:** As per attendance book

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Martin Whittall

**NEW MEMBERS:** Liam Farroway #3. To pay Membership Fees

**WELFARE & VALE:** NIL

**PREVIOUS MINUTES OF** 12 September 2023 as published in the BHCC magazine.

Moved: Al Peterson Seconded: Bill Lang that the minutes be accepted.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** NIL

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Received:** 10 emails other club magazines, CHMC Agenda & AGM Armidale 28/10/23, Wellington car club magazine, sample pen & torch set from Netherlands.

**Sent:** Margaret Gaal Yetholme thank you letter for hospitality Club run 13/8/23.

Bathurst Council thank you letter for assistance Swap Meet & 50% donation venue hire.

Moved: Dave McInroy Seconded: Peter Borland That the correspondence be received

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:** NIL

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Paul Finnerty reported on Club income and expenses for the month and Club account balances.

Moved: Lee-Ann Hagney Seconded: Hugh Metcalf that the Treasurer's Report be received.

**MAGAZINE EDITORS REPORT:** Ray Green nil to report.

**EVENT DIRECTORS REPORT:** Andrew Russ. Kandos/Rylstone run was an enjoyable day. Club car Registration Day 19 November 2023.

**2023 SWAP MEET SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT:** Lee-Ann Hagney advised the Holy Family School food van was not in a good position at the Swap Meet and resulted in poor sales compared to other food vendors. The Executive Committee agreed to pay Holy Family School \$500 for the hire of their loud speaker system the club used on the day.

**2024 GOLD COUNTRY TOUR:** Greg Tait, Paul Basha, Michael & Denise Basha, Andrew Russ & Lee Harris to meet and commence preparing next year's tour. Please advise Greg Tait if you wish to be on the committee and offer a little of your time.

**REGISTRARS REPORT:** Dave McInroy reported 283 cars, 158 members and 274 financial members on the Club records. Club registration day to be 19 November 2023 at Newman's Bus depot 37 Hampden Park Road Kelso from 8AM to 11AM.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:** NIL

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** Bob Callender confirmed Club Life Membership nominations are for individual members only, not family or joint memberships.

Ray Green suggested the Club arrange metal number plate frames for cars displaying "BATHURST HISTORIC CAR CLUB". Ray to investigate where they can be made and cost.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Ian Tooke circulated a paper and addressed the meeting to explain anomalies in the Club Rules and Constitution in regard to Member definitions. The paper recommended amendments to clarify a 'Member' as agreed at the 10 October 2023 Executive Committee meeting.

A notice will be distributed to all Members outlining the proposed amendments and advising a Special Resolution will be put to a vote at the 14 November 2023 General Meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.20 PM.

**GREG TAIT**

**Secretary**

## Special Resolution for voting

Hello members of Bathurst Historic Car Club. Attached you will find a copy of a Special Resolution to be voted on at our next club meeting. It seeks to clarify an anomaly that exists in our current membership rules and the Club Constitution with respect to Ordinary Members. It does not change our Associate or Life Member rules as they currently apply.

Regards, Ian Tooke. Public Officer

### Information for all members of Bathurst Historic Car Club

There is currently an anomaly in our Constitution with respect to how Membership is defined, and how this is applied to the legal requirements when registering a vehicle on the club lists. Membership for the purpose of registering a vehicle must be on an INDIVIDUAL basis, and cannot include partners or other family members. Partners or other family members need to have their own membership in order to comply with the registration eligibility requirements. The BHCC Committee have discussed this anomaly at length and recommend the following action:

**Constitution Part 3 - Clause 5 Membership needs to be amended to read:**

- (1) *Members will either be Ordinary Members, Life Members or Associate Members*
- a. *A person is eligible to be an Ordinary member of the Club if:*
- i. *The person is a natural person*
  - ii. *The person has been accepted for membership following the procedures set out in clause 6 and the Club Rules*

The BHCC Club Rules – Membership – Ordinary document needs to be amended by deleting the third and fourth sentences. These are:

*The BHCC offers a family Membership to cover an Individual and/or their Partner.*

*Each person of the Family membership will be considered a financial member.*

**In order to have this recommendation endorsed by the Club Members, a Special Resolution will be put to the General Meeting on Tuesday 14 November 2023. The Special Resolution will be “to accept the recommendation of the BHCC Committee with respect to amending the membership rules of the Club defining Membership of Ordinary members as being only for individuals.”**

**Notice is hereby given to all members of the Bathurst Historic Car Club of this Special Resolution.**

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**BATHURST HISTORIC CAR CLUB**  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting 10 OCTOBER 2023**  
**VENUE: 195 PEEL STREET BATHURST**

**THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED A QUORUM WAS PRESENT AND THE MEETING OPENED at 7.45 pm**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Peter Williams, Dave McInroy, Andrew Russ, Bob Callender, Greg Tait, Ray Green, Lee-Ann Hagney, Dave White, Paul Finnerty, Ian Tooke, Peter Borland.

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Nil

**WELFARE & VALE:** Nil

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Peter Borland requested amendments to the previous minutes in the Membership heading. Last paragraph delete the word “raised” and replace with “questioned.”

In the last sentence, “Life Membership to the Club can only be granted to a nominated individual.” Delete balance of sentence. Amended 1 June 2023 minutes attached.

It was Moved by Andrew Russ and Seconded by Ray Green that the minutes of the Committee Meeting of 1 June 2023 be adopted with the noted amendments.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** Nil

**AGENDA ITEMS FROM 12 SEPTEMBER 2013 GENERAL MEETING:**

- 1. Donations. Lee-Ann provided a statement in regard to the food vendors at the Swap Meet. See attached. Discussion about donations only to registered charities and taxation issues. It was agreed for Lee-Ann to ask Holy Family School to provide the Club with an invoice for \$500.00 for services rendered at the Swap Meet. Bob Callender to contact Elliott Redwind re past Club taxation discussions.
- 2. Agreed to confirm/register Facebook pages for Bathurst Historic Car Club Inc, Bathurst Historic Car Club Swap Meet and Bathurst Historic Car Club Gold Tour.
- 3. Discussion on Term Deposits and various interest-bearing accounts at Reliance Bank. Bob and Paul to visit the Bank to consider various options available.

**AGENDA ITEMS OTHER BUSINESS:**

- 1. Secretary. Noted.
- 2. Quorums to be based on total Membership Applications not Family Memberships.
- 3. Number plate badges. Ray Green to discuss with Norm Rutherford.
- 4. General discussion on the need for Family Memberships. Dave McInroy distributed by email a proposal paper to clarify Membership definition and a previous legal opinion from Coetsee Solicitors. Dave McInroy raised the issue of Transport for NSW regulations on vehicle registrations as there is not any provision in their regulations for Family Memberships for vehicle registrations. It was agreed by a majority vote of 10 Committee Members to remove Family Memberships from the Club Rules and the Club Constitution and have individual Memberships only.

Ian Tooke offered to prepare a Statement for a Special Resolution to be put to Members at the 24 November 2023 General Meeting. The Statement to be distributed to Members at the 17 October 2023 General Meeting

- 5. Life Memberships agreed to be granted to individuals only.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Paul outlined the healthy position of Club Finances and the financial success of the Swap Meet. Paul has also received Insurance renewals.

Discussion on Club premises. Greg Tait to investigate various options that maybe available for the Club to have its own facilities. Premises for Club rego day?

**URGENT BUSINESS:** Nil

**THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.32 pm.**

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**BHCC EVENTS PAGE..... “All BHCC RUN’S, Start and Finish from your home” UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. WE WILL THEN MEET AT MACCA’S TOWN LOCATION MEETING BY 9AM TO DEPART 9.30AM.” For Run Details call the person listed for Event. It is recommended you fill out the Log Book for your vehicle.**

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**Andrew is looking for members to put their hand up to do a run for the club as it is not his job to do it most of the time so, please see Andrew at the meetings.**

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**Ruth and I will be attending the Zig Zag Railway on Saturday 18th November 2023, as part of a Hillman Owners Club of Australia Run.**

**Tickets can be purchased online at [www.zigzagrailway.au/tickets/](http://www.zigzagrailway.au/tickets/) We are booked on the 12:30 ride. Prices – Child \$27.50, Senior concession \$27.50, Adult \$45.00, Family (2 adults, 2 children) \$120.00. While there are some facilities, we are treating the day as a self-sufficient Picnic style event.**

**If BHCC Members wish to join us, we will make a day of it and have a run before getting there, If you are joining Ruth and I, please let us know so we can all meet at Maccas at 9:00 for a 9:30 start. David McInroy**

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**The Club Rego Day will be held on Sunday 19NOV23, at Newman’s Buses premises, 37 Hampden Park Road, Entry off Michigan Road entrance.**

**Inspection Time between 8:00Am and 11:00AM**

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**The Club Christmas Party will be held on Sunday 10th December at the Robin Hood Hotel in Orange. More details will be available at the October meeting. If anyone needs to contact me, please ensure that you do so after 600pm and before 830 pm as I am at work during the day and am unable to answer the phone. I would also prefer SMS if replying to events. I can also be emailed on coolrussy@hotmail.com**

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**NOVEMBER WEEKEND TRIP TO QUIRINDI. Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> we will visit Bob's shed which is a museum focusing on 70's Holdens / 50's supermarkets & taverns along with large quantities of motoring memorabilia. Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> we will visit the rail museum at Werris Creek on the way home. Some members are planning to stay Sunday night to visit burning mountain on their way home. Should you wish to attend I suggest you book as soon as possible as accommodation in Quirindi is often booked out.**

**Accommodation options are: BEST WESTERN MOTEL 6746199  
SUNFLOWER MOTEL 67461777 HENRY'S QUIRINDI 67461166**

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**November ladies run will be pushed back a week to 2nd December. This will be our last run for the year! Meeting at McDonalds 11 for 1130.**

**Our first run in 2024 will be in February with more details closer to the time.**

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### **BHCC Inspector Committee meeting minutes. 23/ 10/2023**

Meeting Opened: 5:30pm

Present: David McInroy, Peter Williams, Peter Borland, Ian Hadson

Apologies: Daryl Aulisch, Ray Green, Jim Morrow

Absent: Nick Clancy, Ralph McKay

Visitors: Colin McInroy

Minutes from previous Meeting: Minutes from previous meeting 28MAY23 discussed.

Business Arising:

➤ The Meeting RECONFIRMED that post 1995 will require a Pink Slip for Historic Registration through the BHCC, due to complexities of modern vehicles. Eligibility Inspection for TfNSW Historic/Classic Vehicle Declaration Forms will still be completed by BHCC Inspectors.

WH&S: Nil

General Business:

- Discussion was held on upcoming vote for Membership clarification.
- Rego Day is Sunday 19NOV23, at Newman's Buses premises, 37 Hampden Park Road
- ✓ Entry off Michigan Road entrance.
- ✓ Inspection Time between 8:00Am and 11:00AM
- ✓ Bring Rego Form and completed Member Renewal & Verification Forms.
- ✓ Peter Williams to provide 3 x Tables and 12 x Chairs for the event
- ✓ David McInroy to provide 4 x Tables
- ✓ Vehicles to gather at Front of Open Bay ready to be called for inspection
- ✓ 3 x Inspection Points along LHS of Open Bay
- ✓ Vehicles to park at Rear of Open Bay after Inspections complete
- ✓ Membership renewal on RHS of Open Bay
- There was discussion on the importance of accurate documentation being supplied to the Registrar.
- Member Renewal and Vehicle Verification Forms to be completed by Members prior to attending rego day.
- Meeting Minutes, Member Renewal and Vehicle Verification Forms to be forwarded to Ray Green for inclusion in the next Magazine.

Next Meeting: When needed Meeting Closed: 7:45pm

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**Nanae Okamoto – Cinder lady.** *Story: Jim Scaysbrook • Photos: Peter White, Brian Darby and OBA archives*

Solo speedway is one of the few forms of motorcycling that has always been traditionally male dominated. This is the story of Japanese lady speedway rider Nanae Okamoto. Back in the pioneering days, Irish lass Fay Tylour learned race craft on English grass tracks before switching to solo speedway, where she was quite successful. Her battles with another speedway lady, Eva Askquith, were a promoter's dream. She also realised her worth and toured the world extensively, including several stints in Australia and New Zealand. But when women were



banned from motorcycle speedway in Britain in 1930, she switched to cars, as well as campaigning to break down the stigma that surrounded female participation in many sports, not just motor racing.

Giving the Kyokuto the berries at the Sydney Showground. Note the asymmetrical handlebars with the left side much higher than the right. Inset: Sydney Speedway Royale program featuring the up-coming appearance of Nanae Okamoto.

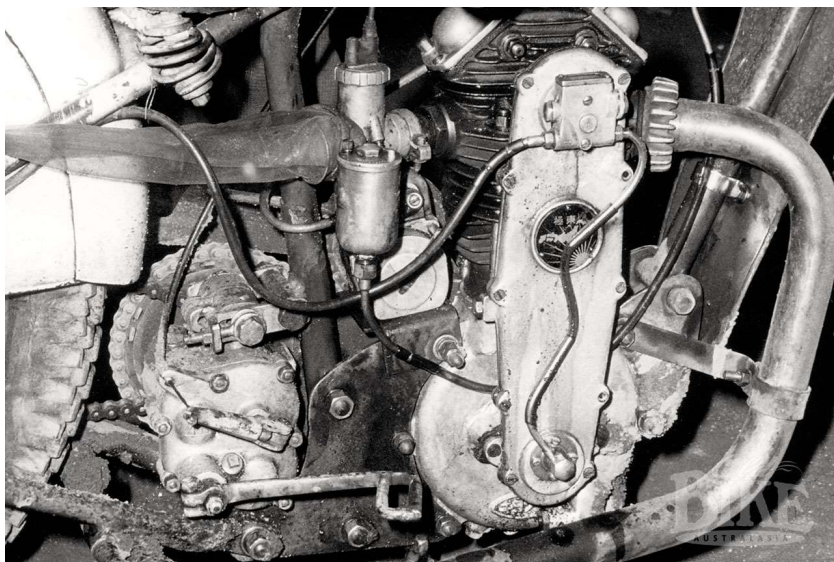
That stigma kept women off the dirt tracks for many years until the arrival in Sydney of the tiny Japanese lady racer Nanae Okamoto. She brought with her a Japanese-built Kyokuto 350cc machine (meaning 'Sunrise') built by the Honda family (no relation to Soichiro Honda). Unlike the rest of the field, the chain-



driven overhead camshaft Kyokuto engine ran on petrol rather than methanol. Kyokuto provided both 350cc and 500cc engines for Japanese speedway from the 1930s up till fairly recent times when the class was changed to mandate a special parallel twin engine specially made by Suzuki.

For the 1963/64 and 64/65 summer seasons, Nanae raced at the Sydney Showground Royale, where she worked her way back to the 40 yard mark in the popular handicap races. Showground promoter John Sherwood told the press that it was a major battle to get permission for Nanae to race. "The Speedway Control Board frowns on women competing, especially on motorcycles. We have to assure the board that the women have raced with success overseas and are skilled enough to appear against men rivals." In her native Japan, Okamoto was not the only female competitor, but most ladies preferred to compete on the tarred ovals known as Auto Race, where one competition class catered exclusively for females. Of more than 60 lady racers competing in the 'sixties in Japan, Nanae was the only one to regularly compete on the dirt ovals, which were all gone by the time the next decade rolled around. In both of these categories, where betting was firmly entrenched, riders were required to own their own motorcycles and carry out all maintenance themselves, so Nanae classed herself as an expert mechanic. Okamoto retired from racing in 1967, and no new female racers would appear until 2010, when a special training school was set up in Japan.

**Okamoto's 350cc Kyokuto in the Sydney Showground pits. The badge with the company's "Sunrise" motif is visible on the timing chest. Nanae holds the tight line at the Sydney Showground while Noel Thorley clips the fence and slides to earth.**



**During her season in Australia, Okamoto competed at Claremont in Perth, the Brisbane Exhibition Ground, and Rowley Park in Adelaide. The *Sydney Morning Herald* of January 27<sup>th</sup>, 1965 reported, "In her late twenties, Nanae, undisputed queen of the speedway circuit, is completely fearless when on the track, attired in her black riding suit. Nanae began speedway riding eight years ago at the Hamamatsu Speedway near Tokyo, and much to the surprise of many veteran riders, won her first race. Since then, she has risen to the top of the sport in Japan and now concedes starts of up to 100 yards to many of her male opponents."**

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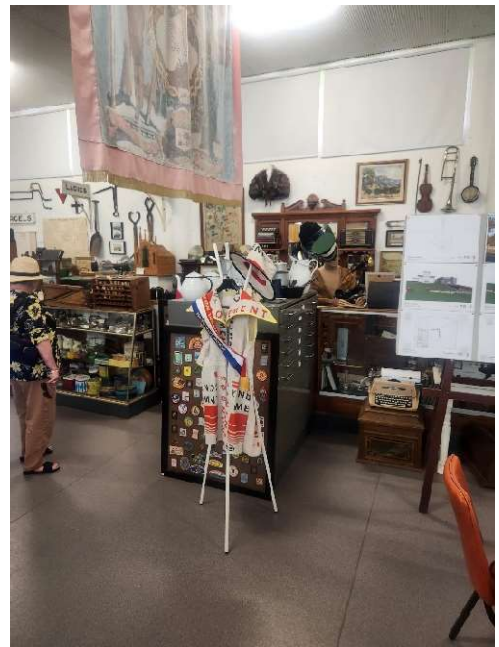
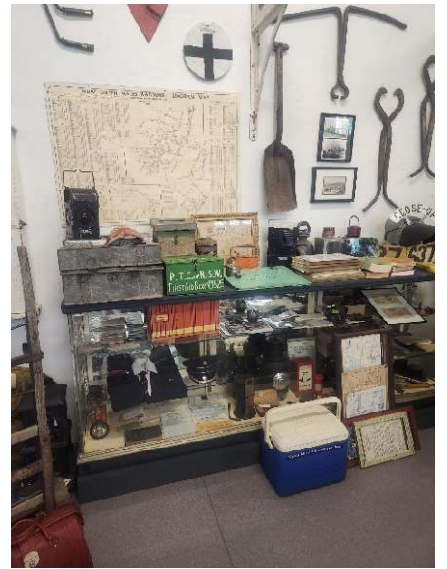
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### **October Club Run to Kandos.**

**Approximately 20 people left Mc Donalds Car Park on the 15th of October to travel to Rylstone. We travelled via Sofala and Illford and stopped at Kandos for morning tea and to look at the museum which was very interesting. After Kandos we travelled to Rylstone for lunch at the sports reserve where members either brought their own or purchased at the bakery or fish and chip shop. Many thanks to Dave White for organising the day and to all members who attended and made the day so enjoyable for all. Just a reminder to get names to Dave White for the Quirindi trip to be held on the weekend after the Rego Day and to let me know by the 1st of December by SMS or Email by the 1st of December. Also, just another reminder that if you need to contact me via phone, please do so between the hours of 600 pm and 800 pm as I cannot accept calls during the day.**







## FRANCIS BIRTLES, AUSTRALIAS GREATEST OVERLANDER.

**Francis Edwin Birtles** (7 November 1881 in Fitzroy, Victoria – 1 July 1941 in Croydon, New South Wales) was an Australian adventurer, photographer, cyclist, and filmmaker, who set many long-distance cycling and driving records, including becoming in 1927 the first man to drive a car from England to Australia. Birtles had set a speed record driving from Darwin to Melbourne the previous year.

### Life and career

Birtles was the third child of David Edwin Birtles, an English bootmaker, and Sarah Jane Bartlett. At the age of 15, Birtles joined the merchant navy as an apprentice, but after the outbreak of the Second Boer War, he jumped ship at Cape Town, Cape Colony in 1899, in an attempt to enlist with Australian militia. However, he was attached to the Field Intelligence Department as part of a troop of irregular mounted infantry until May 1902. After a brief period back in Australia, Birtles joined the constabulary in the a mounted police officer in the Transvaal, until his police service ended when he contracted blackwater fever.

Francis Birtles with bicycle loaded for marathon cross-country ride, ca. 1920.

Birtles in Arnhem Land Birtles returned to Fremantle, Western Australia, and on 26 December 1905 left to cycle to Melbourne, an achievement which attracted

widespread attention as it was the first west to east bicycle crossing of the country. After a short stretch as a lithographic artist, in 1907–08, he cycled to Sydney and then, via Brisbane, Normanton, Darwin, Alice Springs and Adelaide back to Sydney, where he based himself. In 1909 he published the story of his feat, "Lonely Lands", which he illustrated with his own photographs. That year he also set a new cycling record for the Fremantle to Sydney continental crossing. In 1910–11 he rode around Australia. In 1911, he was accompanied from Sydney to Darwin by R. Primmer, cameraman for the Gaumont Company. The resulting film "Across Australia" was released the next year. Birtles had continued on to Broome and Perth, then broke his previous records by riding from Fremantle to Sydney in thirty-one days. By 1912, he had cycled around Australia twice and had crossed the continent seven times.

In 1912, he became one of the first people to make a west to east crossing by car from Fremantle to Sydney in a Brush Runabout with driver Syd Ferguson. Clive Birtles at the wheel of the car with the dog, Wowser. c.1915

On 21 September 1912 Birtles with his brother Clive and bulldog 'Wowser' left Melbourne in a blue 20 hp Flanders touring car to drive to Sydney, Brisbane, Charters Towers and then to the Gulf of Carpentaria. From the Gulf he drove close to the Northern Territory border and he arrived back in Melbourne in January 1913.

On Saturday, 13 February 1915 Birtles left Sydney for a six-month-long motoring tour following Burke and Wills' track. Birtles took a movie camera and made a cinematographic record of the journey. Birtles reached Broken Hill on 25 February and Adelaide on 1 March, where he spent two weeks recovering from an illness, before driving to Burra, Port Augusta, Quorn, and Maree to Cooper Creek. Birtles reached Normanton on Saturday, 5 June 1915, and then drove to Melbourne via Cape York, Einasleigh, Hughenden, Tambo, Roma, Toowoomba, and Brisbane, arriving in Melbourne at the end of September 1915 having covered 7,000 miles in seven months. He then drove from Melbourne to Swan Hill and Menindee to finish the movie of the Burke and Wills' track. The film was called 'Across Australia: In the Tracks of Burke and Wills' and was released by The Co-Operative Film Exchange Ltd of Melbourne, and opened in Melbourne at Hoyt's Olympia Theatre on Christmas Day 1915.



Birtles' Oldsmobile 30 used for the Darwin to Adelaide overland speed record trip 1924

As a publicity stunt, Birtles was commissioned by Barlow Motors, the Melbourne agent for the Bean cars, to drive a modified Bean 14 car from Darwin to Melbourne. With his co-driver Alec Barlow, they left Darwin at 4 am on 23 October 1926 and completed the 5,440 km (3,380 mi) journey in eight days and 13 hours, a record.<sup>[5]</sup> The car was dubbed the *Sundowner* by Birtles.

Following this success, Birtles was asked to make an attempt at becoming the first person to drive from England to Australia. He departed from Australia House in London on 19 October 1927, farewelled by a crowd of well-wishers including the 1927 Miss Australia. In an era when there were few roads and gasoline supply sparse, the epic eight-month journey carried him across mountains, deserts and through tropical jungles and included a number of sea voyages – the last being from Singapore to Darwin. He travelled via Europe, Egypt, Persia (now Iran), India, Burma and Malaya.

The record-breaking *Bean 14*.

On arrival in Darwin, his car was seized by customs officials demanding import duty, until direct intervention by the Prime Minister Stanley Bruce averted the situation. He continued south via Brisbane and Sydney to the official finishing point of the journey at the General Post Office on Elizabeth Street, Melbourne on 25 July 1928. He was promptly asked to move on by a policeman for obstructing traffic. The journey was not repeated until 1955. Birtles had completed more than 70 transcontinental crossings of Australia by mid-1927, details of which were described in his book *Battle Fronts of Outback* (1935). In 1929, the *Bean* car was

presented to the Australian Government on condition that it be placed in the national museum. As there was no such museum at the time, the car disappeared for many years before being recovered in the 1960s and placed into the National Motor Museum in Adelaide in 1980 before moving to the National Historical Collection in the National Museum of Australia in Canberra in 2001. In 1933, Birtles travelled to Arnhem Land with a prospecting and mining expedition in search of gold, after having found some several years previously during one of his journeys. He subsequently sold his share in the mining stake and retired a wealthy man. Birtles also made several films of his encounters with the outback and indigenous Australians including *Across Australia with Francis Birtles* (1912), *Into Australia's Unknown* (1914) and *Coorab in the Island of Ghosts* (1929).

### **The best story from his travels. By Peter Kable Model T club of Australia.**

Great photos and story about Francis Birtles. I have often wondered why no one has made a film about him or at least a documentary. Some of the things he did were Truly amazing.

I was told a little side line about Birtles trip by one of our great T historians George Roberts. George only passed away a few months ago aged 99. ( 4 months short of his 100th).

George's father had a Ford agency in Ipswich Queensland during the teens and twenties.

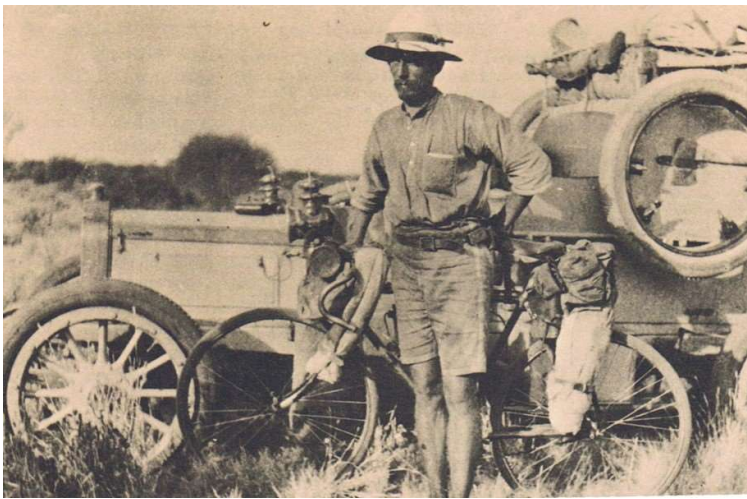
He sold a Model T touring to a customer who had to leave his Model T down the hill a fair way from his house. He came out one morning started his car and found it running poorly making noises and blowing smoke. he drove it to town and complained and when they looked at the T found the engine had been swapped. Upon further investigation they discovered that the motor was from Francis Birtles car and that he had passed through the area the day before. Seems Birtles saw the unattended car, knew he was in trouble and a long way from home to finish the trip he had been paid to do by the Ford distributors and took advantage of the situation.

I asked George if the car was actually put together. it would have been a lot of work to just get the good motor into his car but he assured me the car was put back together, they must have been a more gentlemen in those days.

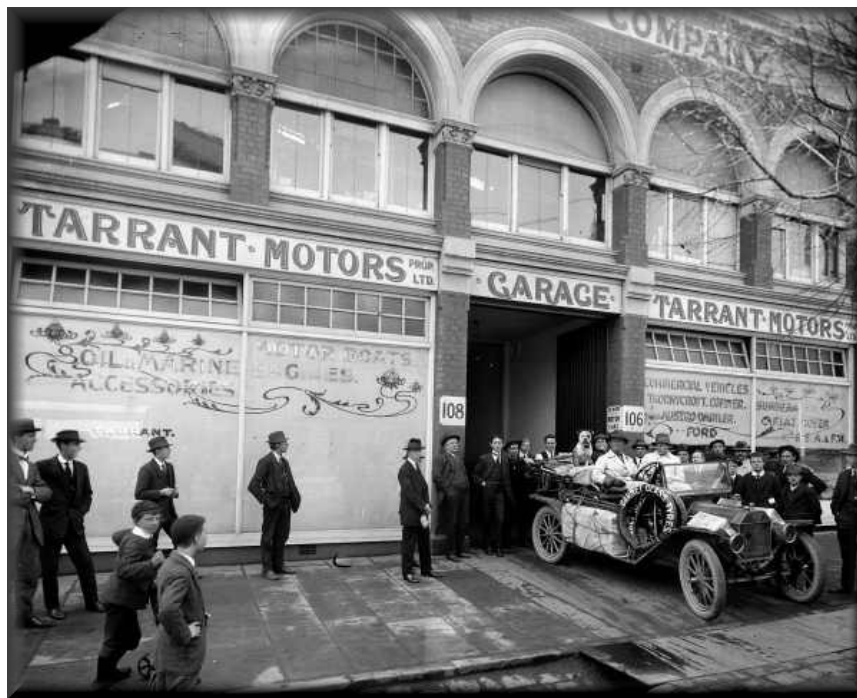
The incident was hushed up and the trip gave the

Ford distributors the publicity they were after. They even printed a booklet of the trip from Birtles diary.





Birtles and "Rex" the wonderdog.



The end of the trip. Great opportunity for a publicity photo with Rex at Tarrant Motors Pty. Ltd., the Victorian state Ford Distributor.

"Little cheap Ford beat the big English 1000 car. At one station Birtles bet some money on a race and won. Rex looks composed after his race win



**FOR SALE. T10 SUZUKI 2Stroke motor cycle. 250cc engine, 1964 model, good tyres, well looked after paint work. Mileage is 20346, new battery fitted, motor has been reconditioned with new rings, gaskets, seal and both barrels measured, honed and checked. The bike is sold as is and as seen. Asking price \$7500 firm. Contact Graham Clarke**



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**WANTED. XY Falcon Ute for Restoration**  
**If you know of one, please call Denis Woodford**  
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**Wanted. 1962 EJ Holden grille or the seven chrome slats that make it up. Please contact, Alan Peterson.**  
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**FOR SALE.**  
**For sale, parts to suit XW / XY and other falcon bits. Some new and some used. Doors and door skins, front blinker lights, XW tail lamps, radio, over riders, front grilles, ¼ windows in frames, door glass, front guard's l/h, r/h.**  
**For more details, please phone Gary on Gary.**  
**Photos can be supplied by contacting Ray the editor.**  
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**"FOR SALE" NEW TYRES and TUBES. 4 Straight wall Split Rim Tyres, 4.40 by 23 inch with new tubes to fit them, these were sent by mistake and will not fit the vehicle they were for. They will fit around 1924/25 Chevs. Vehicles and some Model T Fords. Please message call for details and price if you are interested, I can have them taken to Sydney for pick up. Ray Green.**



**For Sale. 1934 triumph motorcycle, 350cc, twin exhaust port head. Registered on club plates, older restoration, \$18,000 or near offer please, Located in Bathurst NSW. For more information call**  
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