



**HISTORY REPEATS:** Mayor Keith Fagg and motorcade participants (left) re-create the image of former mayor Howard Hitchcock and Great Ocean Road Trust members on the steps of Geelong City Hall in 1930. The original image is below.

# Their great legacy

GEELONG Mayor Keith Fagg joined participants from the Great Ocean Road 80th birthday motorcade at the weekend to re-create a 1930 photo of the original trust.

President of the original trust was former Geelong mayor Howard Hitchcock,

who is often referred to as the father of the Great Ocean Road.

Fifty vintage cars valued at \$16 million formed a stunning motorcade from the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne to kick off the road's birthday celebrations.

The cars, which had stop-

overs in Geelong on Saturday and Torquay yesterday, included a 1928 Essex Tourer that holds the record for the longest taxi fare in the world. It travelled from Lorne to Darwin and back in 1930.

Other standout vehicles included a Scottish-made

1928 Arrol Aster, one of only two in the world, and a 1908 Isotta Fraschini, one of only four left.

More events are planned at towns along the route, with an opening re-enactment ceremony at Lorne's Grand Pacific Hotel today.

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