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## Great Journeys relived at the National Motor Museum

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Most Australians live on the edge of the continent. The outback is largely viewed as a huge, inhospitable and dangerous place. But for some it is a great challenge and an adventure in the waiting. *Great Journeys*, the National Motor Museum's latest exhibition relives stories of characters who have ventured away from the cities and into the great unknown. Each journey has been undertaken for different reasons - but whether undertaken for fame, adventure, family or from obligation, all the travellers have shown great courage and determination to meet their goals.

In 1908, Harry Dutton and Murray Aunger were the first people to drive a car across the Australian continent, from Adelaide to Darwin. Visitors to the exhibition will see their Talbot along with the truck from which Tom Kruse delivered the mail along the Birdsville track. Also displayed will be the Land Rover Mike and Mal Leyland drove across Australia, when they travelled from the westernmost to the easternmost point of the country. The exhibition will include these vehicles and more along with other objects such as photographs, books, letters, artwork, a tool box and clothing to give more of an insight into these journeys. *Great Journeys* will also tell some fascinating stories from Aboriginal Australians, whose land was traversed by the travellers whose tales are told.

Stories told and items on show in the exhibition will include:

- Dutton & Aunger's Talbot - the 1<sup>st</sup> car to cross the nation from South to North in 1908
- The Leyland Brothers' Land Rover in which they crossed the nation from West to East in 1966
- A 1977 Citroen 2CV - a tiny French car that was driven around Australia in the 1980s and 90s
- A 1949 Hillman Minx from Adelaide that has made 16 trips to and from Perth along the Eyre Highway
- Migrant Harry Monsoor's Hawkers van that did many runs through the Flinders Ranges, north to Marree and beyond, selling wares in the 1920s, 30s and 40s.
- An Adelaide postman's BMW motorcycle that has seen much of the world
- A Honda bike used for Salisbury postal runs from 1994-97
- The Badger Tom Kruse used for the mail deliveries along the Birdsville Track in the 1930s, 40s & 50s
- Ed Ordynski's Commodore that he drove in the 1992 Mobil Round Australia Rally
- A Toyota car door painted by famous Aboriginal artist, Emily Kame Kngwarreye
- Surveying equipment belonging to Len Beadell, who created more than 6000 km of road through inland Australia

**What** *Great Journeys* exhibition

**When** 24<sup>th</sup> September 2006 – late March 2007

**Cost** Museum Entry - \$9.00 adult, \$4.00 child, \$7.00 concession, \$24.00 family

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