

DRIVE TO HISTORY: Geoff Mitton shows off a 1904 De Dion Bouton to Stephanie Rinaldi.

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MORE than 80 veteran, vintage and classic vehicles will roll into Rundle St on Sunday for the launch of the Bay to Birdwood motoring cavalcade.

The special event from 10am-4pm will take passers-by back in time with historical cars · and motorbikes, music, swing dancing and fashion from the 1900s.

National Motor Museum director Paul Rees says the launch is a great way to get young children involved.

"History can take you down a path that will lead you to really fantastic, intimate stories about families, owners and their relationships with vehicles," Mr Rees says.

"This will be the second year we've done a separate Rundle Street event and it'll be a great teaser of what's to come on September 25 when the official Bay to Birdwood takes place."

The display - expected to attract up to 10,000 visitors will feature vehicles such as a 1926 Rolls Royce, 1952 Bentley and 1936 Chrysler.

Geoff Mitton will show off his 1904 De Dion Bouton 8hp Tonneau - the oldest vehicle in the Bay to Birdwood - on the day. It was purchased by his grandfather in 1933 and has been a prized family possession ever since.