

# NEW BRIDGE NAMED AFTER FORMER SHIRE COUNCILLOR

A new bridge one Over the Steavenson River at Marysville, which the Healesville Shire Council has named after Mr. Fred Barton, who serve as a Shire Councillor for more than 40 years, was officially opened last Tuesday afternoon.

The official opening ceremony was attended by all members of the shire council, and its two executive officers, the shire secretary, Mr. W.M. Oliver, and the engineer, Mr. N.H. Bailey.

Also present were interested local residents, and by special invitation former shire councillor, Mr. Fred Barton, who was taken completely by surprise when it was announced that the council had decided to name the bridge after him.

In addressing the assemblage, the shire president (Cr. B.S. Whitwell) said that the Baron family had given outstanding service to the district and to the municipality over a number of years.

It was therefore fitting that the bridge should be named after former shire councillor Mr. Fred Barton, who had served the shire and community for more than forty years as a member of the Healesville Shire Council.

The late Mr. Thomas Barton had been a councillor from 1893 to 1898, and his son, Mr. Fred Barton, from 1923 until he retired in 1961.

The council, in recognition of this splendid example of community service, had unanimously decide to name the new bridge, "The F.J. Barton Bridge".

Cr. R.J. Richards, in speaking in support of the shire president, also paid tribute to the splendid community service rendered by the Barton family and particularly by Mr. Fred Barton, as a member of the shire council over a period of many years.

The shire president then presented Mr. Barton with a pair of scissors and asked him to cut the ribbon to officially open the bridge.

Following the official opening, a cavalcade of cars in which were councillors and others who attended the ceremony, traversed the bridge, and later afternoon tea was enjoyed at the Marysville Hotel.

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