



 A temporary 'ghost bike' memorial in Mike Hall's honour has been set up at the crash site.

A P-plater thought he had hit a kangaroo when his car struck ultra-endurance cyclist Mike Hall, killing the respected British rider.

A three-day inquest into Hall's death is set to continue in Canberra on Tuesday.

Hall was riding in the inaugural Indian Pacific Wheel Race - a single-stage unsupported 5500km event from Fremantle to Sydney.

The opening day of the inquest heard evidence Hall was difficult to see, as he competed in the race in darkness in the early hours of March 31 last year.

The driver, Shegu Bobb, told police he thought he had struck a kangaroo when he hit Hall at 100km/h.

The star long-distance rider died from massive head, spinal and abdominal injuries at the scene south of Canberra.

The court heard Mr Bobb, who was 19 at the time of the incident, had suffered significant distress over Hall's death.

No charges have been laid.

While police re-creations showed the bicycle was hard to see, documentary footage of Hall competing at night showed he was visible to a car tailing him.

Mr Bobb saw a truck parked in an unusual way before refocusing on the road and glancing an object he thought was an animal.

The extreme race was likened to the "Hunger Games on wheels", with competitors not allowed to seek help during the event.

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