



**GARY OBRIEN**







Gary O'Brien is a classic and muscle car man.

Having raced for nine seasons in NC and then Touring Car Masters where he won the 2011 Class B Championship in his original 1972 Holden HQ GTS - Gary was awarded Sportsman of the Year.

In 2012, Gary decided he wanted to take his TCM motor sport to the next level. With a passion for classic Australian muscle, it was decided to design and build a 1974 Holden LH Torana SL/R 5000 to debut in the Touring Car Masters.

Gary's business Bendigo Retro Muscle Cars built and runs John Bowe's Torana, which won the TCM Championship on debut in 2015 and continued winning in 2016 and 2021. John placed Runner Up four times in that timeframe. Gary is currently building a 1979 Torana A9X Hatchback, VB Commodore and - a HQ 350 GTS Coupe for Touring Car Masters 2024.

Gary owns Bendigo Retro Muscle Cars (BRMC) and the parent company is Bendigo Accident Repair Centre (BARC)

Gary won the Bendigo Business Excellence award in 2014.

Come and meet Gary online or in the paddock!

## ***FOUNDATION ROLE***

Gary's role with the foundation is significant for all who stay at the retreats. Not only is Gary a Director - he is also head of the mechanic and drive school - an intricate part of the foundation. Learning to build a car - learning to drive will be under the guidance of Gary and his hand-picked team.





# RACING HIGHLIGHTS

- 2007 Built TCM HQ Monaro
- 2008 Debut HQ GTS Monaro. Won 5LTRE Championship
- 2009 Runner up in TCM 5LTRE Championship
- 2010 TCM Sportsman Award
- 2011 TCM 5LTRE Championship
- 2012 TCM Technical Advisory Panel
- 2015 Bendigo Retro Muscle Cars and John Bowe Racing establish a working relationship to prepare and deliver the SL/R race car for the Touring Car Masters Championship.
- 2015 Unique Cars build HQ GTS Race to Road
- 2015 Debut SL/R 5000 and winning the Pro Master Championship
- 2016 Pro Masters Champion - John Bowe SL/R 5000
- 2017 Runner Up Pro-Master Champion - John Bowe SL/R
- 2018 Runner Up Pro-Master Champion - John Bowe SL/R
- 2019 Runner Up Pro-Master Champion - John Bowe SL/R
- 2021 Pro Masters Champion - John Bowe SL/R 5000
- 2022 Runner Up Pro-Master Champion - John Bowe SL/R

