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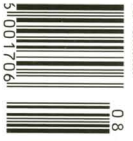
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**W**HEN she's not studying for her Master of Architecture qualifications, 22-year-old architectural drafts-person Linda Bennett is spending time and money on her 1973 Lotus Torana GTR XU-1 replica.

Since Summers 2007, the LX wasn't for sale but I put my business card on the screen. The following day I drove it back to Sydney I paid \$8000 and it's my only car. My first was a 1971 LC which I owned for about the years. I've never owned any other make of car.

**What condition was it in when you got it?**  
Pretty good. Being a student, I decided to pay more than buying one that needed a lot of work. This had been restored and provided a perfect platform for me to work from. The body was straight though mechanically it needed a bit of work and the interior was messy but original. I'm not into modifying a car to the point where it becomes dissociated from its history.

**What's in it now?**  
A reconditioned 202 with a ported and polished Vella Tera head, V-T roller rockers, triple Weber side-draught carbies, lightened flywheel, performance headers and straight-through 2 1/2in exhaust, four-speed M21, XU-1 pack and original Globe Sprintmasters. Interior has a genuine XU-1 dash, steering wheel and seats.

**Do you do much work on it yourself?**  
I've spent \$10,000 on it, mostly on the engine. I added the headers, recapped the interior, sprayed the engine bay, and fitted a new clutch. I was more hands-on with the LC because the components were stock and easier to learn, get hands-on when I can as it's one of the most rewarding aspects of the work.

**Is your family into cars?**  
They don't have much interest but I get a lot of support. They allowed me to take over their garage for an extended period and I take my younger brother to events. I'm interested in the Torana's racing history and I developed my curiosity in older cars around the age of 14 when I read a few Torana mags.

**Do you go to many events?**  
I go to summer events because they fall in my uni breaks. I appreciate spending time with people who have similar interests and can respect mine and I take the opportunity to learn as much as I can.

**Do you want to run a time at the drags?**  
Maybe in a couple of years but with different car. This doesn't run smoothly enough at the moment for good times, and I have an incredibly competitive nature. I aim to have the LX for at least another five years. I have future plans for it and I'm really attached to the car, so I guess next time I'll probably start a collection rather than sell. I love the fact that this car is my daily driver.

