

John Bowe

Australian Motorsport Statesman

John Bowe (JB) is the only driver in Australian motor sport history to win four National Championships in three categories – a feat unlikely to be equalled.

Proclaimed by Team Vodafone's Principal, Roland Dane, as 'a visionary who has shaped the way motor sport has developed in Australia', John Bowe is one of the world's most highly respected motor racing identities.

With extraordinary experiences and an incredible list of record achievements over a career spanning four decades, John Bowe's stories and insights into national and international motorsport are both enlightening and inspirational.



More about John Bowe:

In a motor sport career spanning four decades, this legend of motorsport has won the Australian Drivers' Championship during the Formula Mondial era twice and secured an Australian Sports Car Championship, before winning the Australian Touring Car Championship in 1995.

John Bowe has achieved a record 225 V8 Supercar race starts and holds the record for the most race starts from one manufacturer (218 Ford starts). He twice won both the Bathurst 1000 (1989/1984) and the 12 Hour Production Race (1995/2010).

When John Bowe retired in 2007 following 22 seasons, his championships, round, race and Bathurst wins, pole positions and lap records were still standing at circuits round Australia. He has been the most loyal driver to any manufacturer, notably 218 race starts with Ford and a partnership of 11 years with Dick Johnson being amongst his achievements, and this will likely stand forever. He is universally considered the 'drivers driver' as Mark Skaife recently said "Bowie can do anything."

John Bowe's expertise has never gone unnoticed by car manufacturers – he has been Ford Performance Vehicle's factory test driver since 2003 working with the Engineering Team on FPV development. He commits time to his driver education programs with John Bowe Driving and a private Ferrari owners' group, a role he finds himself at one with. His knowledge and understanding of race cars and the required set up has him regularly at circuits assisting race car owners with their race car set up, and guiding tomorrow's young racing talent.

JB has regular assignments with Australia's leading motor sport publication for all matters motor sport and continues to provide expert opinion to publications including Unique Cars, Motor, Wheels, Australian Muscle Car just to name a few.

Since his retirement from V8 Supercars, John Bowe has maintained his involvement with many leading Australian companies in an Ambassadorial capacity. In this role he represents companies that include WesTracCAT, Wilson Security, Dunlop, Rare Spares, V8Race Experience, Flemming Golf, Protech Developments (VBOX), Sinclair Ford, Unique Cars, Gruffpuppy, Peter Lehman Wines, Australian Pure Water – Splitrock/Tiro and of course John Bowe Driving.

In 2009 John Bowe was inducted into the Hall of Fame for V8 Supercars. He has been recognized as the ABC Sportsman of the Year, the Caltex Sports Man of the Year, the Motorsport News Overall Motor Sport Champion of the Year and the Motorsport News Circuit Racer of the Year.

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