



Photos by Glenn Evans

DANNY Kohl's penchant and passion for hot rods and street machines has its beginnings a very long time ago. Back in the eighties he worked as an apprentice with Andrew Levine who is the brother of ace customer painter Steve Levine. At the time Danny hacked around in an HQ Holden and was perhaps the poor relation of workmates and acquaintances who were members of North Shore R&CC. Since then he's owned dozens of cars and tried his hand at upholstery before switching to mechanical repair and fabrication and starting Kohl Rod & Custom some 15 years ago. Today it's a very much a family run business with six employees, and they've spent their spare time in the past year to bring this '56 Chevrolet back to life.

The two-door Tri-Five started its life as a new NZ RHD four-door sedan. Around 1980 Allan Willers from Hamilton Hot Rod Club spent ten years converting it to a two-door sedan and finishing it off to a show standard. In 1991 it was sold to fellow club members Paul & Lee Corbett and it was featured in NZHRM's July 1991 issue under the heading Silverado. Photography was by Albert Clarke and the cool feature layout

was by Art Director Owen Campbell.

The car was bought and sold a few times but languished in storage for the past 15 years before being acquired by Danny Kohl. The 327ci smallblock had been removed but a fresh 350 crate motor came with the car. Some humidity bubbling had affected the paint so most of that was stripped back to bare metal and some body repairs carried out. A change of colour was considered but Danny says the car is in such good condition he decided to complete the repaint

in the same silver and pewter colours as featured in the mag back in '91.

The red Drayton interior was in mint condition, so it was reinstalled making the car a time warp. Under the hood the 350 crate motor was hooked to the stainless headers and exhaust system the car had in '91. A TH350 trans and 9" diff complete the drivetrain while an HQ Holden front end and Corvette wheel combo smooths out the ride.

It's great to see this super Chevy Silverado has kept its class thanks to Danny and his dedicated family.

