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DESIGNERS ARE NOW WORKING ON OUR OWN SUPER CAR



New Zealand may soon have its own supercar to match the likes of Ferrari and Maserati. And oddly, it's a collaboration between an enthusiast on the one side and a university on the other. Its name has been chosen to memorialise the Kiwi that won the Formula 1 championship in 1967, Denny Hulme.

Ex-Rolls Royce mechanic and motor sport enthusiast Jock Freemantle of Auckland is half the energy behind the project. And the head of industrial design at Massey University and his staff and students, Associate Professor Tony Parker, form the other side of the team.

Said Professor Parker: "We build the best yachts in the world, so why can't we build a supercar? Many of my students are more interested in cars than yachts. So we thought the Hulme F1 Super Car a worthy project."

Jock Freemantle loves motor racing and performance cars and could always see the prospect of a street version of a Formula One racer. The fact that it could keep the name of the late Denny Hulme alive was a bonus for him. The body is to be of carbon fibre. A 5 litre BMW V8 engine has been chosen. It will be mid-mounted and produce 335kW in the state of tune planned for it.

Given the car's lightness, it could get from 0 to 100 in 3.2 seconds. A prototype has been built, and the project team is now shopping for investment capital in the hope of building 100 of the cars a year.

Sale price could be as much as \$600,000. Top speed will be about 330km/hr. Whether it will ever see commercial reality is something that's yet to be seen.

But the design and specifications have certainly turned a few heads internationally. It's a case of Go Kiwi.

