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## *Heron MJ1*

The story of a New Zealand supercar and the man that created it

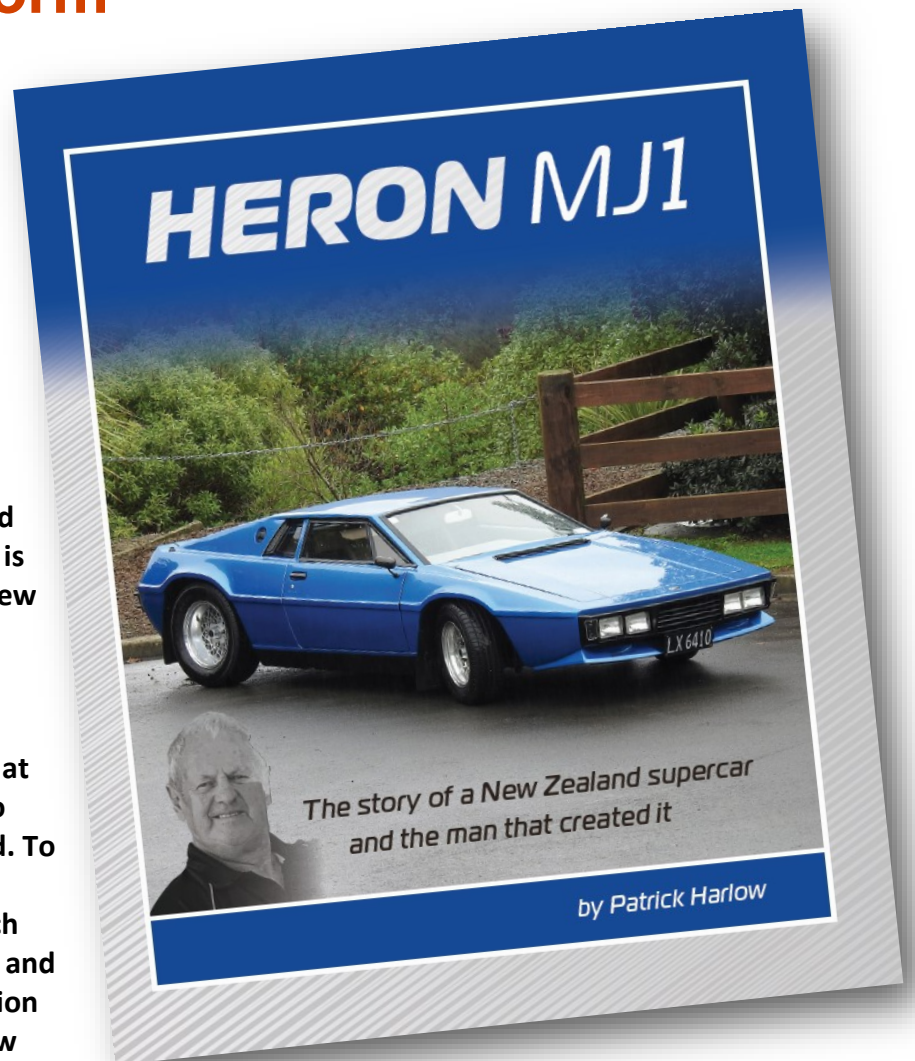
New Zealand's local car industry is widely unknown and generally unreported in this country. If push came to shove some Kiwis could probably tell you of the Trekka, a light truck, designed locally and manufactured for a short time in Auckland. However it is doubtful that many will have heard of New Zealand's home-grown and only mass produced supercar.

Ross Baker, a Rotorua A-Grade mechanic, had a look at the supercars that existed around the world and decided to design and build his own in New Zealand. To add more challenge he built it using fibreglass monocoque construction which stretched the boundaries of both design and materials. Despite only being in production for a short time it still ranks as being New Zealand's most successful turn-key factory produced supercar.

This book looks at the man and the wide range of cars he created and then focuses on the Heron MJ1. Despite less than 30 of them being produced, this car plays an important part in New Zealand's automotive history. The fact that the car got into production at all is a tribute to Ross, his vision, and his charisma. The '80s were an amazing time for small manufacturer car production. With today's multitude of regulations, it would cost millions to manufacture an equivalent car today.

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