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Newsflash – Ron Tauranac - Vale

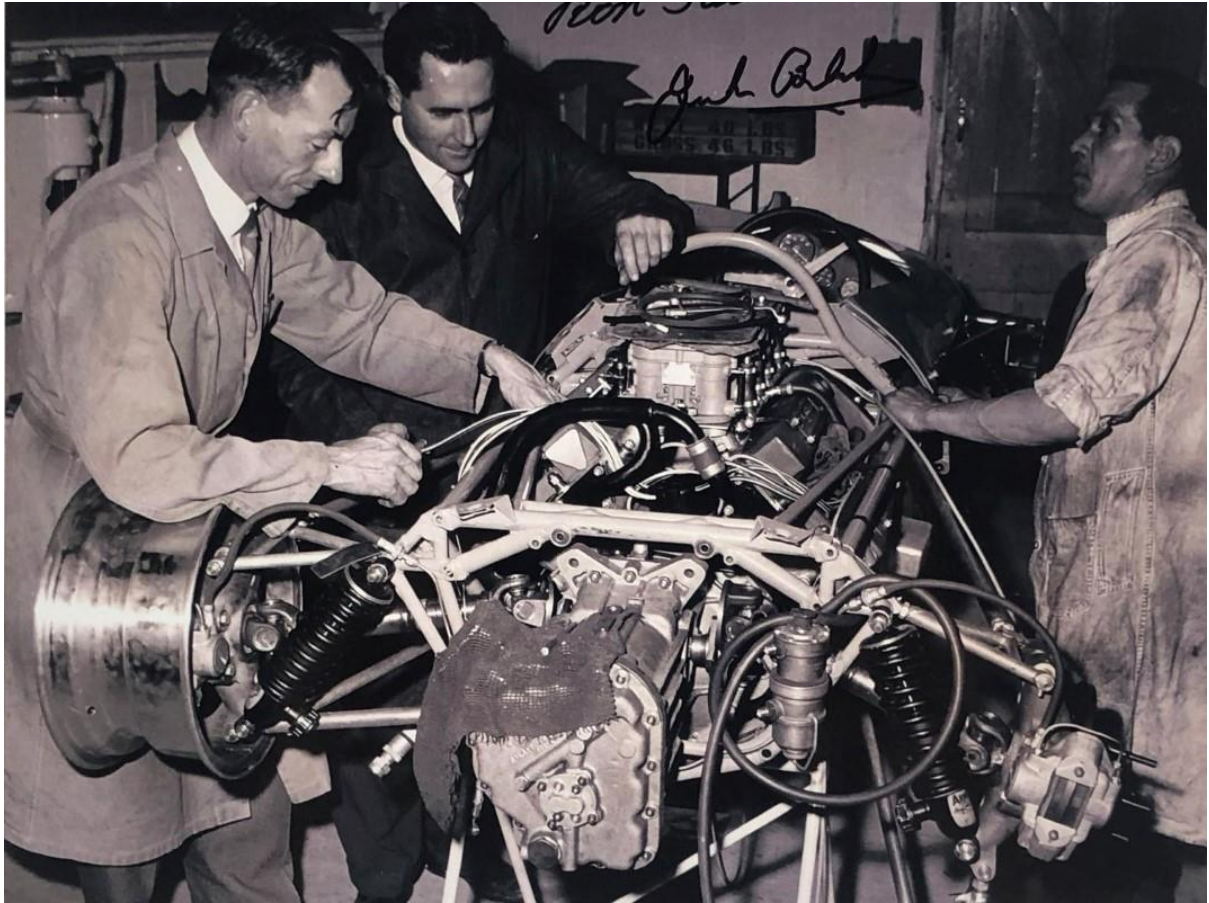
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It is with a heavy heart that I wanted to inform you and members that legendary motorsport designer and engineer Ron Tauranac passed away yesterday in his sleep at home at the age of 95. Ron was considered not only Australia's best open-wheeler race car designer, but possibly the best of 20th century. Ron designed every Brabham/MRD car from inception in 1962 to 1972 when he sold the race team to Bernie Ecclestone. He also of course founded the highly successful marquee Ralt.

Daughters Julie and Jann Tauranac said;

*"He led an extraordinary life. Active, healthy, and independent until the end, he felt the need to constantly achieve something and always had the next goal in mind. He was never one to rest on his laurels, with his sharp engineering mind always engaged. We are both incredibly proud of what he achieved and deeply saddened by his loss."*

It is a sad passing for the international motorsport community, who have lost an incredibly talented and humble man. When I brought Ron down to Melbourne some six years ago to talk at the VHRR clubrooms, it brought the largest crowd the clubrooms had ever seen. This was testament to the respect the motoring community had for such a brilliant mind.



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