



Media Release

Bolwell Nagari

– From Vision to Reality

Friday March 28, 2008. The Bolwell marque is an acknowledged legend in the Australian automobile industry and at the recent Melbourne International Motor Show, the company achieved a significant industry milestone with the official launch of the new Bolwell Nagari sports car.

The second public viewing of the breathtaking new Australian sports car was the recent Composites Australia and Composites CRC Conference & Exhibition in Melbourne.

In his presentation to the delegates of the Composites Conference, Bolwell Car Company Pty Ltd Managing Director Campbell Bolwell said, “At both events, the Nagari has been a resounding hit and has reaffirmed our commitment to this exciting and inspired project.”

“Our next milestone will be production of a limited number of the highly desired sports car for both the Australian and international markets.”

In many ways, the Nagari story is really a testament to the dream and vision of Campbell Bolwell to design and build an Australian sports car.

Nagari is an aboriginal word for ‘flowing’ and this was evident in the striking and eye catching design of the first Nagari that went into production in the late 1960s and the new version sports car at its debut at the Melbourne at the Motor Show and the Composites Conference and Exhibition.

Starting their business initially by building kit cars in the early 60s, brothers Campbell, Winston and Graeme Bolwell moved into full production of the Nagari in 1969.

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The sports car earned a unique position in Australian history and the marque was an embodiment to the entrepreneurial flair and commitment to a dream by a dedicated and inspired group of individuals.

Utilizing their knowledge and expertise, the Bolwell brothers produced over 200 Nagari's on a steel backbone chassis, a fibreglass body and powerful V8 as the heart of this all 'Aussie' exotic sports car coupe before ceasing production in 1974.

Campbell Bolwell continued, "However, 1974 was not the end of Bolwell as the lessons and knowledge we gained would be the foundation for the Bolwell Corporation's prominence as a quality composite manufacturer and reputation for innovative design solutions in the creative application of composite materials."

"Today, Bolwell Corporation is a supplier of composite mouldings to order for clients in the heavy transport industry; special purpose tanks; automotive mouldings and other industrial products."

Additionally, Bolwell divisions produce thermo mouldings and structural flat panels.

Although the first chapter of the Nagari story ended over 35 years ago, the Bolwell dream to design and build the all Australian sports car did not.

The launch of the 2008 Nagari was brought about as the result of the combined efforts of a dedicated team of Bolwell Corporation managers, designers, engineers and craftsmen.

"More than three years careful work by this committed group of professionals has resulted in the production of a spectacular two-seater sports car encased in a carbon fibre body and powered by a supercharged Toyota 3.5 litre V6 engine located behind the passenger compartment," said Campbell Bolwell.

The striking design is highlighted by dramatic air vents over the bonnet and along its flanks. The fared headlights recall a bygone era of Le Mans racers.

Incorporated into the design, the Nagari is able to function as an everyday driving vehicle – but the low gearing and light weight ensure scorching acceleration.

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The Nagari will accelerate from 0-100 km/h in 4 seconds and this has been achieved through an extensive use of composite materials, a strong rigid carbon fibre occupant capsule, tubular steel sub frames to support the engine, suspension and drive train – all combining to deliver light weight – under 900 kg – and the power of the supercharged Toyota V6 motor.

The heritage of the original 1960s / 70s Nagari styling has also been incorporated into the styling of the latest incarnation of this Australia automotive legend and icon with the distinctive tunnel back that opens to reveal the car's power plant, luggage area and spare tyre.

Full independent all-wishbone suspension also draws on classic concepts and delivers ultra-soft springing with ample control for large suspension movement and precise driving and handling.

A carefully designed leather trimmed interior with good access comfortably accommodates a driver up to 195cm tall.

Other design touches include a unique, custom-designed windscreen and compound-curved fully opening door windows.

The new Nagari is expected to go into limited production and it is likely to cost between \$230,000 and \$300,000 – depending on buyer options and on-road costs.

“The Bolwell name and brand will always be linked to the Nagari. The challenges, lessons and solutions in constructing the first Nagari led to the successful application of this knowledge into the Bolwell Corporation designing, tooling, developing and manufacturing of composite products successes – and now into the latest version of this all Australian motoring icon.”

“The Nagari has been a passion; a dream and journey that started in the 60's and progressed and evolved into the breathtaking 2008 model that is a testament to the extraordinary application of advanced composites and construction techniques,” concluded Campbell Bolwell.

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Notes to the editor:

Photos of the Bolwell Nagari sports car can be downloaded from the Bolwell Car Company website: www.bolwellcarcompany.com

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