



Linley Hughes (left) and Campbell Balwell and the 130 mph Nagari . . . putting the locals to shame.

## Bolwell hits top gear

**BOLWELL CARS**, the only fully Australian-owned car company, is gearing itself for huge expansion moves.

The company, which hand-builds sports cars at Mordialloc, near Melbourne, is pinning its hopes on the \$6200 Bolwell Nagari — a sleek two-seater that puts many locally mass-produced cars to shame.

Run by Campbell and Graeme Bolwell and Linley Hughes, the firm is preparing to move into the lucrative English sports car market.

Managing director Campbell Bolwell says: "We have several people in Britain who will back us to set up a manufacturing plant. One of England's largest dealer networks has agreed to merchandise the car."

Showing cavalier disregard for the recent fate of several small British sports car companies, Bolwell predicts that initially a minimum of 400 Nagaris will be sold in Britain in a year.

The ultimate production target would be 1000 cars.

"Probably more than most people we've been socked pretty hard by the Government's anti-inflationary measures," he says.

The company, which has a capital investment of \$200,000 and employs 15 people, is in a position to produce 200 Nagaris a year in Australia.

Hughes confidently predicts that as soon as the economy picks up the company will be producing 4.5 units a week.

The Nagari was officially released in January last year, but underwent eight months proving development.

The Nagari is a true 130 mph GT which uses a fibreglass body and mechanical components from Ford Falcons and Cortinas. (Bolwell has a parts purchasing agreement with Ford.)

Research and development director Graeme Bolwell is the brains behind the one-piece fibreglass body.

The quality and finish of the Bolwell bodies has so impressed one large Australian manufacturer that it is keen to use Bolwell's fibreglass techniques for a car it has on the drawing boards.

