

## Expressions of Interest

### 1973 Ragno Sports Car – A unique piece of South Australian Motoring History

(Ragno – an Italian word for ‘spider’, pronounced ‘Runyo’)



Nick Davies completed building the Ragno sports car in his Seacliff garage in 1973 after a 2 year ‘ground-up’ project, taking influences from a previous European trip travelling to various race tracks and also from long time friend Garrie Cooper of Elfin fame. Nick later also built the Ragno Hillclimb special that the late Dean Richards campaigned.

I am essentially the 3<sup>rd</sup> owner/carer of this wonderful car, having bought it after my own European experience in 1982. It is a delightful car to drive with little or no vices, minimal body roll and a style that turns heads, even today. It was always built as a road car yet it is also no slouch. I recorded 40.0 sec at Collingrove and 1.30 at Mallala in the mid-80’s.

It has a space-frame chassis, fibreglass body, fabricated suspension with coil-overs, 4 wheel discs, mid-mounted Ford 1600 Kent engine, slightly worked with 2 X 40mm Webers, modified camshaft, larger valves and balanced. Heavy duty clutch and VW transaxle (4 speed), Enkei mag wheels and Yokohama tyres. The Ragno has always been registered in S.A. and has been on Historic reg. with the Sporting Car Club of S.A. for some years now.

The Ragno will also come with body moulds, some construction drawings (by Nick Davies) and an Audi 5-speed transaxle (some adaption would be needed if required)

I have recently spoken with Nick as we have kept in touch over the years and we both would like to see the Ragno go to a good caring home. We both would like to see it remain in S.A. but also to remain in its current configuration (ie, no shoehorning a V8 into it) There is always room for improvement and adding a personal touch.

But the time has come for someone else to enjoy the Ragno experience. My recent focus over the past few years has been racing the Tiga-Mazda Sports car in Historic Racing and the Ragno has taken the back seat under covers and securely locked away.

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#### Price:-

Of this I am unsure but 10 years ago a QANTAS pilot fell in love with the Ragno and wanted to write me a cheque there and then for \$50,000.00, I turned him down , several times.

If you love the Ragno and can fit my criteria, please phone me, Ken Stratton, on 0419861852 (needless to say – No Tyre-Kickers!)

CHEERS!