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CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF THE **FIAT CLUB OF NSW**



Vaucluse House Coffee Break

Social Meetings sponsored by the Bankstown Sports Club



Coffee break (write up)

31st March 2019

Vaucluse House - Tea Room



Our club breakfast at Vaucluse House happened to coincide with the VCC (Vaucluse Car Club) car show. The picturesque grounds of the venue provided a great back drop for the cars on display. It was a very impressive turn out by the VCC with many rare and very expensive cars on display.

We had 32 of our club members and family/friends turn up in 19 FIAT's. We however parked in the carpark.

The extra people on the day may have affected the usual quality of service from the Vaucluse House staff. This aside we still had a great day catching up with each other.

A huge thank you to all our club members and their family and friends who came along. It was a fantastic way to start your Sunday.

Giovanni Ciampa
(social events co-ordinator)
FIAT CLUB of NSW Inc



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National Motoring Heritage day, Museum of Fire, Penrith.

Old Photos from the Fiat Club of New South Wales Archives.



1969 Car Club Show, Roselands



1965 Concorso - Harbour Bridge

DATE	EVENT AND LOCATION	HVS code	Pointscore
April 2019			
Sun 7th	Auto Italia Canberra	CE914070	Yes
Tues 9th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	CE914090	Yes
Fri 12th - Sun 14th	Fiat Nationals, Tailem Bend, South Australia	CE914021	Yes
Sun 14th	Weekend Away - Broke (coinciding with the Broke Italian Festival, details page 14)	CE914041	Yes
Fri 19th - Sun 21st	NSWRRC 6 Hour Regularity Relay - Sydney Motorsport Park	CE914091	No
Sun 28th	Ansell Park 40th anniversary BBQ Lunch - 2 Percival Street, Clarendon, on the corner of Percival Street and Hawkesbury Valley Way (details page 15)	CE914090	Yes
May 2019			
Tues 7th	Oasis run - Mid week lunch cruise (see page 5 for details)	CE915070	No
Sun 12th	Gelato Run to the Bundeena Gelato factory	CE915021	Yes
Tues 14th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	CE915041	Yes
Sun 19th	National Heritage Motoring Day	CE915091	Yes
Sun 26th	Fiat Club Run to Superior Burger	CE915062	Yes
June 2019			
Sat 8th	Coffee Break - The General & Co, Rozelle	CE916080	Yes
Tues 11th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	CE916011	Yes
Sun 16th	Fiat Club 2019 NSW Motorkhana Championship, Round 3	CE616061	Yes
Sun 30th	Drive Day to Bowral (coinciding with the local Pie Festival)	CE916003	Yes
July 2019			
Tues 9th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	CE917090	Yes
Sun 14th	Coffee Break (TBA)	CE917041	Yes
Sun 28th	Fiat Club 2019 NSW Motorkhana Championship, Round 4	CE917082	Yes
Sun 28th	Coffee Break (TBA)	CE917082a	Yes
August 2019			
Sat 10th	Coffee Break (TBA)	CE918001	Yes
Tues 13th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	CE918031	Yes
Sun 18th	CMC Shannons Classic, Sydney Motorsport Park	CE918081	Yes
Sun 25th	Coffee Break (TBA)	CE918052	Yes

SOCIAL MEETINGS are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Bankstown Sports Club, 8 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown, starting at 7.30 pm.

ANSELL PARK is the Club's Motorkhana Grounds allocated at 2 Percival Street, Clarendon, on the corner of Percival Street and Hawkesbury Valley Way.

HISTORIC PLATES REGISTRAR - CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

If you need to contact me (Richard Dalziel), please use my historic plates email address (not the secretary). The correct email is, **histrego@fiatclub.com.au**.

If you are bringing HVD forms to a club meeting or event for signing, please bring a second copy for the club records.

For a quick turn around, either pdf scan and email me, or post HVD forms to my home address.

Regards,

Richard Dalziel,

Historic Plate Registrar.

OASIS RUN DETAILS

The OASIS runs occurs on the first Tuesday of each month (note that there is no run in January and the November run occurs in the second week of the month to avoid clashing with the Melbourne Cup festivities). Note that details are not usually available until just before each event, however, consult the Secretary's email notification, your magazine or the website for the HCRS permit number applicable to the event.

OASIS RUN 7th May 2019

MID WEEK LUNCH CRUISE; Bass & Flinders Georges River Cruise

MEET: By 11.00am Sans Souci Wharf at Sans Souci Park off Rocky Point Rd. **CRUISE DEPARTS:** 11.30am **SHARP**

CRUISE RETURNS: 2.30pm **COST:** \$39.00p.p. for minimum of 40 persons. **CLASSIC LUNCH:** Details closer to date

BOOKINGS: Brian Heaton. ph. 9525 6119 email: heatonbrian@bigpond.com

"BOOK NOW" with Brian & make arrangements for payment before Monday 8th April 2019

Please don't leave it to the last minute as Brian has already paid a deposit & full payment is required in advance for our booking. Regards Les

New and Returning Members

A warm welcome to the following enthusiasts:

Rob Brizzi & Luke Brizzi - 1962 Fiat 500

Cristian Garcia - 1973 Fiat 128SL Coupe

Pete Armstrong -1981 131 Super Brava

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Many thanks to Warren Smith, and Giovanni Ciampa and Mark Weinberger for their contributions to this edition of Fiat Focus.

Cover Photo; Fiats, old and new(er) at the Historic Vacluse House Tea rooms last Sunday.

Photo, Lorenzo Aventi

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As you receive this month's Fiat Focus, there are two big events coming up. First is Auto Italia in Canberra on Sunday April 7th and the Fiat Nationals in Tailem Bend, South Australia on April 12 to 14. As I am going to SA, I will not be attending Auto Italia this year so I would appreciate feedback from club members who do attend the new venue of the Canberra Showground. Hopefully the access in and out is better than last year's location.

For members going to the Fiat Nationals, I would like them to know that in SA they also have a law that you must slow down if an emergency vehicle has its lights flashing, but unlike NSW, I believe that the speed you must slow down to is 25 km/h. Please be careful – I read one story of a NSW lady with a campervan who fell into the trap and had her licence confiscated so she had to have the van trucked back home!

For members who ordered our 70th Anniversary T-shirts, they are now available. Contact Giovanni if you haven't got yours yet. A big thank you to Lachlan Rae from Fiat Car Club of Victoria for making them and thanks also to Giovanni for the design. Let's wear them at every event possible this year.

Another big thank you is due to Life Member Tony Bray, who came to the lunch at Cavallino and gave us some photographic slides (about 75) from the early days of our club. I would say that they would be from the late 1950s and possibly early 1960s. Some of the film stock used was poor quality and has not stood the test of time with bad fading evident as well as mould damage. However, other film stock has lasted very well (notably the Kodak stuff) and after scanning and a bit of manipulating those photos look pretty darn good. When Lorenzo gets his hands on them you will likely get to see the pictures in Fiat Focus, but before that I want to ask Tony if he can fill me in on dates taken and members' names. Tony also gave us a couple of badges, one of these apparently being a metal grille badge from the ASCC (Australian Sporting Car Club) which belonged to club founder and first Secretary George Simmonds. I contacted the ASCC to see if they could shed any light as to the reason that there is the number 446 stamped into the back of the badge, but the current club has no records from those days.

I also must thank the partner of deceased Life Member John Braid, Fay Harrison, who has donated a number of badges (metal and stick-on plastic), and some of John's old trophies. We will be able to recycle a lot of the trophies or at least the cars on top. Speaking of John Braid, his ashes have now finally made it to his sister's place in Warwick, QLD thanks to Kevin and Susan Halliburton, who volunteered to drop them off on their way to Toowoomba a few weeks ago. Good one guys.

New Life Member Wayne McGeorge has also donated lots of his old trophies (the type with a car on top) which will be

recycled as well. Thanks Wayne.

Another 'new' car has found a home at Ansell Park. This time it is a twin cam manual Hyundai Excel which will join the Ka and Corolla hatch in the Junior Clinic with the Laser and Corolla sedan being for use by you, the member in the main motorkhana event. Why not come up next time and have a go?

At the time of writing this we have yet to finalized details for a little celebration day at Ansell Park (see page 15..ed). Sunday 28th April marks exactly 40 years since the official opening of Ansell Park, so it is fitting that we celebrate the day. Please keep an eye on your emails for details.

I mentioned last month that we now don't know from month to month which room at Bankstown Sports Club we will be allocated for our Social Meetings. Those that came along last month found that we were on the 2nd floor instead of the 1st and this looks like continuing as they will only tell us on the night where they have put us! When you enter the club you should ask at the desk which room we are in or look on the electronic "What's On" screen near the lifts (wait for it to cycle through a few pages). If you can't find us please ring myself, Susan, Kevin or Domenic and we'll come and get you.

Warren Smith. 2019 President



Secretary's Report

Fiat Club NSW – Social Meeting – 12 March, 2019

Welcome:

Domenic Squadrito opened the meeting at 7:45pm and welcomed members to BSC.

The original meeting room is being renovated, so we have been moved to another function room.

Please check the electronic board near the lift when you arrive to confirm meeting room location.

Look for the Fiat Club banner outside the room.

Apologies:

Warren Smith, Robert Todarello, Dean Ryan, Norm Mitchell, Lex Bongers.

New Members & Visitors: Nil.

Secretary's Report:

Sydney Water bill received for Ansell Park, plus the Pugilist magazine.

Previous minutes published in Fiat Focus – no business arising.

Ansell Park Report:

The grass is recovering but patchy in places – needs more rain.

Wayne McGeorge & Kevin Halliburton have been mowing. Second security camera has been purchased and is being tested offsite.

Competition Report:

Recent Events:

Sun 10 Mar – FCNSW MK R2 at AP.

Bathurst Hill Climb – Marty Gallard & Michael McGeorge attended. Marty was 3rd in 2 events.

Next Events:

Refer to Fiat Focus & the website calendars for full details of upcoming events.

Social Events:

Recent Events:

Sun 24 Feb – Superior Burger – sunset run to Wakeley – extremely well attended.

Sun 10 Mar – Lunch at Cavallino's at Terrey Hills was well attended, 26 people, 13 cars.

Next Events:

Sun 31 Mar – Coffee Break at Vacluse House tea rooms.

Various activities, including drives & overnight stays are being planned for the 70th club year, including runs to Bowral (Pie Festival), Aust Motorlife Museum (Kembla Grange), Broke Italian Festival and Hunter Valley Winery & Cydery.

Refer to Fiat Focus & the website calendars for full details of upcoming events.

Communications:

Editor – Copies of other club magazines at the rear of room.

Next magazine is underway, maybe a bit thinner than usual. Lorenzo is looking for someone to take on the Editors role next year, having done it for a number of years, it is time for someone else to take it on. Talk to Lorenzo, and get involved now, to learn the ropes.

Website – Nil to report.

Facebook & Instagram going well, with 484 members.

President's Report / 2019 Nationals Update:

2019 Nationals – A number of NSW club members & family are attending.

AutoItalia will feature a different judging plan this year. Three cars are to be selected by the individual club, with the best car put forward for judging by a number of invited judges, using Pebble Beach type points off system. Cars will be judged on appearance only on this occasion. Entry is \$15 per car including occupants, or \$5 per visitor.

Fiat Fixations & ClassiFiats:

Details displayed for a Fiat 2300S for restoration - details to be sent via the eGroup email system.

Domenic Squadrito discussed a replacement oxygen sensor for his Punto, which was very expensive in Australia, but half the price from the UK.

Ian Sinden asked about sources for carpets for his X1/9.

CMC Report:

No meeting.

General Business:

Membership – as renewals are now well overdue, those who have not renewed have been removed from the eGroup circulation and will not receive FiatFocus till they become financial. All HVS users are now financial.

T-shirts for the 70th anniversary will be available for collection from next week at meetings & events.

A "crusade" is being planned for those attending AutoItalia – if you don't drive an X1/9, you can just hide at the back!

Meeting Closed / Next meeting:

Social meeting closed at 8:25 pm for a FiatChat or Coffee & Gelato downstairs.

Why not join us next month for dinner prior &/or a post meeting coffee or gelato.

The next social meeting will be 09 Apr 2019 – 7:30pm at the Bankstown Sports Club.

Competition

Hello all.

Last month saw 3 sporting events run during the month starting with a round of our motorkhana championship on the 10th of March. We were lucky as the bad weather held off and we were able to run 6 tests on the day. With the Nationals coming up between April 12 to 14, we setup the same tests that we will be doing at the event in South Australia. We all ran each test twice which made for good practice for all of us.

This day also saw the club's latest asset appear at Ansell park with our second dual control training car now in action at the junior clinic. A big thanks to club members Justin Mathews, Garth Bransgrove and the committee for their sponsorship to the club.

Our new dual control car gives us 2 cars for training with the new Corolla being an auto and its little brother, the Ford Ka, a manual. The clinic now has two great vehicles for the kids to learn in a very safe environment with our instructors being able to brake the car from the passenger seat.

There were 11 kids taking part on the day aged from 12 and up. The grins were from ear to ear as they all had a go of the new car.

There was also a Huntley Hill Climb event on Sunday March 17 which only saw one club member, Graham Bates, running his Fiat 850 on the day. His little beast sounded great as it went up the hill. Shame it was a wet day for all entrants who braved their hand at the course, however as there were no mishaps it ended up being a good day out.

Another event that was on was the State Hill Climb round at Bathurst on March 2nd and 3rd. This was a two-day event where on the first day we went up the Esses at Mt. Panorama and on the second day we went up mountain straight.

This was a great event as our little 127s took on the mountain over the 2 days with Martin driving well and taking out 3rd in class on both days. A great result as this was the first time he competing there.

Our next event will be the Fiat Nationals at Tailem Bend in South Australia where I hope we all can catch up for a weekend of FIAT fun.

Cheers

Mic mac



Competition

FIAT Club Junior Clinic - Sunday March 10, 2019							
Morning runs	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Run 6	Run 7
Brock Imerson	51.84	43.28	38.94	35.19 F	37.34	35.90	
Jayden Imerson	41.03	39.53	31.85	32.03 F	32.28	35.38	
James Mallyon	34.06	32.50	31.07	29.13	29.47 F	30.63	
Liam Mallyon	36.59	37.88	33.85	34.88	29.31	32.65	
Edmond McDonagh	51.69	46.72	36.53	32.57	38.68	39.82	
Isaac Hansen	39.03	36.07	31.22	34.72	30.62		
Jesse Hansen	41.65 WD	38.28	40.32	41.57	39.93 WD		
Adrian Hundleby	32.00	29.09	27.50 G	29.44 F	38.66	28.54 F	27.37 F
Annabel Downie	58.25	52.53	53.31	43.19	41.75		
James Polito	36.60	31.21	33.56	30.31	27.47	28.07	
Ryan Berg	42.56	41.66	37.66	35.53	34.90	34.28	

afternoon runs	Run 8	Run 9		Run 10	Run 11		
Brock Imerson	51.65	52.90		71.12	64.40		
Jayden Imerson	48.97	47.31		69.28	71.28		
James Mallyon	41.66	41.25		59.12	56.35		
Liam Mallyon	38.63	42.50		65.16			
Edmond McDonagh	48.00	48.06					
Isaac Hansen	32.22	43.30 3xF		60.50	56.50		
Jesse Hansen	47.65	43.34		86.72	70.22		
Adrian Hundleby	36.56 F	34.21 F					
Annabel Downie	63.07	55.22					
James Polito	38.90	32.35		56.97	54.62		
Ryan Berg	57.97	51.69		71.75	68.15		

Provisional Motorkhana Results, 10th March 2019, Fiat Club of NSW Championship, Round 2

O/R	Class	#	Driver	Club	Class	Atom 1	Atom 2	Tiger Moth 1	Tiger Moth 2	Fluer-De-Lis 1	Fluer-De-Lis 2	Arrowhead 1	Arrowhead 2	Triangles 1	Triangles 2	TOTAL
1	1	7	Glenn Smith	FCNSW	D	41.82	37.50	28.91	34.03 f	23.22	23.04	39.78	42.72	35.84	36.75	343.61
2	1	1	Robert Polito	FCNSW	B	42.78	40.00	31.62	30.60	24.40	23.32	40.50	41.72	37.15	44.68	356.77
3	1	6	Michael McGeorge	FCNSW	C	44.56	41.25	34.00	30.69	23.85	24.66	41.38	49.19 wd	36.03	36.78	362.39
4	2	3	Vince Polito	FCNSW	B	42.78	41.57	33.34	32.22	25.28	24.50	42.19	43.88	40.03	38.34	364.13
5	2	2	Adrian Sandrin	FCNSW	C	55.40 wd	39.94	30.65	31.29	25.10	23.28	45.78	44.19	37.47	37.97	371.07
6	3	16	Scott Pentland	JDCA	C	50.40	42.75	36.09	34.75	26.33	25.63	52.35 f	51.87 f	40.06	49.68 wd	409.91
7	4	8	Kevin Haliburton	FCNSW	C	55.40 wd	42.44	33.82	31.66	26.00	26.15	43.85	49.19 wd	54.88	49.68 wd	413.07



Competition



Wayne and Travis McGeorge with a view from the mountain; The Fiat 127 race cars for Martin Gallard and Michael McGeorge



The pits at Mount Panorama, Bathurst; Lamborghini, the McGeorge 127 and a Go-Kart on steroids



Above: The Bathurst Hillclimb was a two day event so camping on the mountain top made this a weekend away.

Above right: Michael across the top of the mountain.

Graham Bates competed at the "wet" Huntley Hillclimb a couple of weeks ago. He managed 1st in class.



Competition

2018 President's Motorkhana Feb 3,2019.				FCNSW Competition Pointscores		
Place	Entrant	Club	Adjusted Time	FIAT Club NSW Member	Eric McDonald (all comp)	Ted Ansell (Motor Khana Outright)
1	Glenn Smith	FCNSW	30.94	Robert Polito	20	18
2	Michael McGeorge	FCNSW	31.32	Glenn Smith	19	18
3	Robert Polito	FCNSW	31.91	Michael McGeorge	18	14
4	Rebeca Gallard	FCNSW	32.41	Adrian Sandrin	19	13
5	Adrian Sandrin	FCNSW	32.91	Vince Polito	18	12
6	Lorenzo Aventi	FCNSW	34.25	Martin Gallard	10	10
7	Vince Polito	FCNSW	37.28 F	Kevin Halliburton	15	6
8	Martin Gallard	FCNSW	37.90 F	Rebeca Gallard	7	4
				Matthew Rowe	9	3
				Lorenzo Aventi	7	1

Competition Calendar				
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	HVS code	FCC Points Status
April 2019				
Sat 6th - Sun 7th	State Motorkhana Championship	Armidale	CE914060	Invited
Fri 12th - Sun 14th	Fiat Nationals	Tailem Bend, South Australia	CE914021	Yes
Fri 19th - Sun 21st	NSWRRC 6 Hour Regularity	Sydney Motorsport Park	CE914091	FCC Team event
May 2019				
Sun 5th	Interclub Round 3 - SSCC	Sydney Motorsport Park - GP	CE915050	Invited
Sun 19th	State Motorkhana Championship	Nirimba	CE915091a	Invited
June 2019				
Sun 2nd	State Motorkhana Championship	Nirimba	CE916020	Invited
Sun 9th	Interclub Round 4 - WRX	Wakefield Park	CE916090	Invited
Sun 16th	Fiat Club 2019 NSW Motorkhana Championship, Round 3	Ansell Park	CE616061	Yes
Sun 23rd	State Motorkhana Championship	Nirimba	CE916032	Invited
July 2019				
Sun 7th	Huntley Hillclimb	Dapto (contact comp secretary)	CE917070	Invited
Sun 7th	State Motorkhana Championship	Nirimba	CE917070a	Invited
Sat 20th	Interclub Round 5 – NSWRRC	Sydney Motorsport Park - North	CE917020	Invited
Sun 28th	Fiat Club 2019 NSW Motorkhana Championship, Round 4	Ansell Park	CE917082	Yes
August 2019				
Sun 11th	State Motorkhana Championship	Sydney Motorsport Park	CE918011	Invited
September 2019				
Sat 8th	Interclub Round 6 - RDTC	Sydney Motorsport Park - Amaroo	CE919080a	Invited
Sat 14th	Fiat Club 2019 NSW Motorkhana Championship (day/night), Round 5	Ansell Park	CE919014	Yes
Sun 15th	Fiat Club 2019 NSW Motorkhana Championship, Round 6	Ansell Park	CE919015	Yes
Sun 22nd	Huntley Hillclimb (State Round)	Dapto (contact comp secretary)	CE919022	Invited



DRIVE DAY

Sunday 14th April 2019

A little bit of Italy in Broke



It's time again to get out your driving gloves and prepare your FIAT for a drive to the wine region of Broke in the Hunter Valley NSW. The region is holding its 15th Annual 'A little bit of Italy in Broke' festival. So for those members not venturing off to compete in the FIAT Nationals this year. We would like to offer an alternative social drive in convoy to Broke and have lunch at the Nightingale Wines Vineyard.

Travelling time is estimated about 2hr 30mins (160kms).

Starting point:

The General & Co. Cafe, Fraser Street Lilyfield for Breakfast and coffee (8:00am)

Departure time:

9:00am

Destination: Nightingale Vines

1239 Milbrodale Road, Broke NSW 2330.



We will have lunch at Nightingale Wines. For those keen to explore other vineyards in the region you are welcome to do so, otherwise we will head off home at a leisurely pace.

We hope to see as many club members, family and friends come along!

Ciao

Giovanni Ciampa

(social events co-ordinator)
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BBQ Lunch

Sunday 28th April 2019

40th Anniversary of Ansell Park Opening

To celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Ansell Park, the FIAT Club of NSW would like to invite all our club members, young and old, their family and friends to come along for a club BBQ lunch. For those new to our club, Ansell Park is a club facility for holding motorkhana's as part of the many competition events held during the year and junior clinics to help teach our kids motoring car control.

On the day we'll provide a BBQ lunch and drinks. We'll also be serving gelato kindly donated by Mastertouch Automotive. Some activities and a demonstration of a typical motorkhana for those who have yet to see one.

It will be a great way to meet fellow club members and find out a little more about our amazing club history!

Venue:

Ansell Park
2 Percival St. Clarendon/Windsor,
the corner of Percival St. and Hawkesbury Valley Way (old Richmond Rd)

Time:

12noon till 4pm

We hope to see as many club members, family and friends come along!

Ciao **Giovanni Ciampa**
(social events co-ordinator)
FIAT CLUB of NSW Inc





Coffee break (write up)

10th March 2019

Cavallino Ristorante Pizzeria



What an awesome venue Cavallino is to host our clubs lunch break last weekend. It was simply 'fantastico'!

The sun was out and we all enjoyed our drives out to Terry Hills.

The food, 'bellissimo'! The FIAT Club members company, 'perfetto'!

We couldn't ask for a better way to spend a relaxed Sunday afternoon.

The club truly thanks all members who came along and brought their family or friends.

Thank you to all! (Grazie a tutti!)

Ciao **Giovanni Ciampa**
(social events co-ordinator)
FIAT CLUB of NSW Inc



THE EARLY YEARS (part 2)

1949 - 1979

Compiled by Warren Smith

With acknowledgement to: George Simmonds, John Godfrey, Graham Chegwidden

THE 1960's..

1960 saw a busy club calendar. Strong support was received from Turin Distributors, who provided the means for producing the club magazine, the venue for the committee meetings and support for events. The latest model of the day was the 1800, and in the June 1960 edition of Jottings and Gossip, David McKay was congratulated on his success in the recent ASCC Southern Mountain Trial. David drove a perfectly standard Fiat 1800 supplied by Dr. Candello of Fiat (Australia) in the trial which was very fast and arduous. Only 3 cars finished in the stipulated time.

In the same edition of Jottings and Gossip, Fiat Australia were reported as having brought out a Nardi 600 (750cc) for David McKay to use at hillclimbs. The car was reported to have developed 46 bhp at 6000 rpm.

In 1961 the venue for club social meetings was changed to Stanmore Scout Hall. The following year saw another change of venue to the Sydney Building Information Centre in Elizabeth Street, Sydney. 1962 also saw the arrival of the 1500 and the first one mentioned in club results belonged to Colin Crampton, who came eighth outright in a Motorkhana and second in the Best Kept Car competition.

Sadly, George Simmonds passed away on October 3rd 1962.

Other news from October 1962 was that the club's current President, Dr. Vince Higgins would be sailing to Europe as ship's doctor on the S.S. Vardic in November. Christmas of 1962 was when the first parcel of "goodies" arrived from Fiat. Older members will remember these fantastic gifts which were given to the club every Christmas and Easter. The gifts were distributed by giving each member a numbered ticket, and as the

numbers were drawn, each member got to choose an item from the parcel as his or her name was drawn. This tradition continued for many years.

1963's new President, Colin Crampton, announced to members in January that a new perpetual trophy was to be awarded each year to the most proficient club member. This trophy was to honour the memory of the Late George Simmonds and since that time it has been the ambition of every serious club member to win the George Simmonds Trophy.

In early 1963 more 1500's started coming into the club. The consecutive registration numbers of CWK701 and

Wagga Wagga, NSW. The winner was the Fiat Club of NSW, with Vice Captain Allan Phillpot taking out the fastest individual performance.

Ted Ansell was awarded membership of Veteran Motorists Organisation of Australia in 1966 for 60 years of driving with no accidents and no convictions.

Tuesday 27th February, 1968, saw the club's committee attend the official preview of the Fiat 125 at the invitation of the club's Patron Mr. Adolph Galleotti, Managing Director of Fiat Motors of Australia. The following is from Editor Wal Glading's report .

"The preview was held at the Tivoli Theatre, Sydney, where guests from all facets of Fiat's activities assembled to watch a very entertaining show called 'The Fiat 125 Preview Revue', which was presented by Bobby Limb and Frank Ward who were assisted by the ... delightful Fiat ballet girls.

After screening the 125 film, which was just a little disappointing when compared with the excellent 850 and 124 test films, Mr. Galleotti made a short speech in which he briefly outlined the features of the Fiat 125 and the interest Fiat of Italy is taking in this country. Mr.

Galleotti then introduced the Italian Ambassador, Dr. Mario Majoli, who went on to underline Mr. Galleotti's thoughts on the close relationship between Australia and Italy and the way Fiat was helping to balance the trade deficit between the two countries. Afterwards, guests were invited to come up on stage and be introduced to the three 125's of 'Deitz' blue, 'Campion' white and ivory during which cocktails were served.

Besides those already mentioned, other dignitaries present on this evening were delegates from New Zealand as well as many from foreign embassies.

(continued next page)..



Victorian Club's Ian Kay presents NSW's Allan Phillpot with his trophy

CWK702 on 1500's belonging to Allan Phillpot and Ian Fulton were among them.

In July, the President told members that he had had discussions with the Fiat Car Club of Victoria regarding an interstate competition at Wagga Wagga. These discussions led to the Interstate Motorkhanas, firstly just between the NSW and Victorian clubs, and later the other clubs also joining in, which have been held annually ever since.

In January, 1964, the first Interstate Motorkhana between our club and the Fiat Car Club of Victoria was run at

THE EARLY YEARS

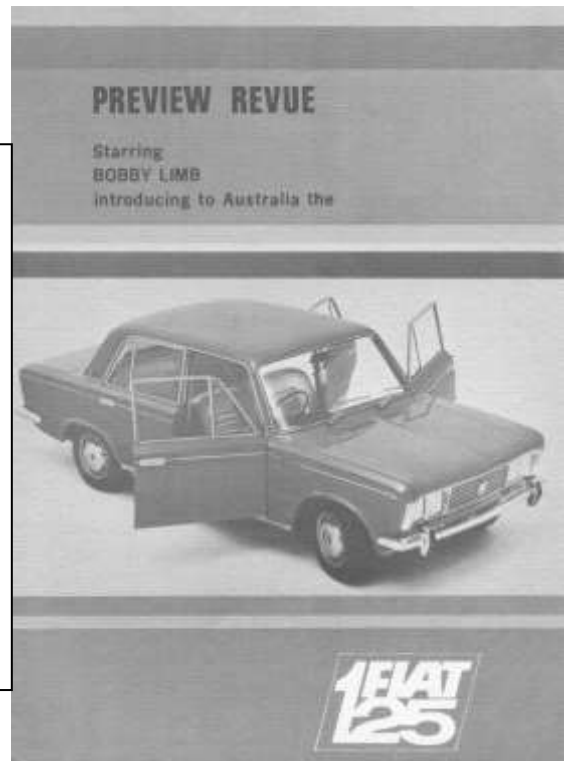
Another guest who was known to club members was Mr. David McKay, motoring journalist, who spent some time with committee members discussing the pros and cons of Fiats. Graeme Shephard and Dick Carlson of the Victorian Fiat Club were also there..... All of us, without exception, enjoyed themselves on this evening and were impressed by the way Fiat presented their new model which has been voted in Europe the International Car of the Year."

In June 1968 the club had 89 members.

In December 1968 past President Jack Galbraith passed away.



The inside of the programme featured this photograph of a very young looking Bobby Limb and the words to the FIAT 125 song, reproduced below. If you know the tune, you can sing along to it – in private, preferably!



FIAT, FIAT, FIAT 125

(To the tune of "Funiculi Funicula")
The World of Modern Motoring's
applauding,
They all acclaim,
The Fiat name!
It's here – the car created with an
eye to
The Family Man
A new sedan!
Designed for speed and comfort,
style and safety,
So step inside,
Enjoy the ride!
And now, the manufacturers of Fiat
Present with pride
THE 125!

FIAT, FIAT, FIAT 125
FIAT – See it -
Take it for a drive!
You'll love the feel
Behind the wheel
You'll be as fresh when you arrive
As when you started out
Aboard the FIAT 125!
Richly handsome, tons of extra
power,
Speed exceeds a hundred miles per
hour!
Just like a song
She purrs along
Throughout the longest, roughest
drive!
Here's the car to get you there:
The FIAT 125!

Softly, smoothly, FIAT 125!
Without a sound
She hugs the ground
The safest family car to drive!
"International Car of the Year"
The FIAT 125!

FIAT, FIAT, FIAT 125
FIAT – See it -
Take it for a drive!
And like a song
She purrs along
Throughout the longest, roughest
drive!
Here's the car to get you there:
The FIAT 125!

Softly, smoothly, she's a joy to drive!

THE EARLY YEARS

THE 1970's

It was noted by the President, Allan Phillpot, that during the year of 1971, attendances at Social meetings were always very high, never falling below 60 or so and reaching about 120 at the annual Wine and Cheese Night! Allan

also thanked Fiat of Australia and Grenville Motors for their assistance and especially to Miss Rubiolo of Fiat of Italy for sending all club members Christmas and Easter gifts.

The club has never been big on rallies but we were invited to one organised by the New South Wales University Car Club in on 1st July 1972 and 9 teams from our club

entered, the best placed team being Kevin Halliburton and Wayne McGeorge who came 4th Outright.

The October magazine reported that the next motorkhana was to be transferred from Leppington to Liverpool Speedway. New motorkhana grounds were again found at Silverdale off Taylors Road in November 1972 but in early 1973 the grounds were changed again to Pacific Park near Maroota. All this was sowing the seeds of an idea to purchase our own grounds.

Mr. Mario Ardoino Chairman and MD of Fiat of Australia became Club Patron in February 1973. NSW won at Wagga Wagga in January 1973 and in May the first of Alan Steele's famous Fiat cartoon calendars appears.

1974 was a big year for club activity and changes, beginning when the committee decided in March to change the name of the club magazine to "Fiat Focus". The club's badge was also changed to reflect more modern times. The design was

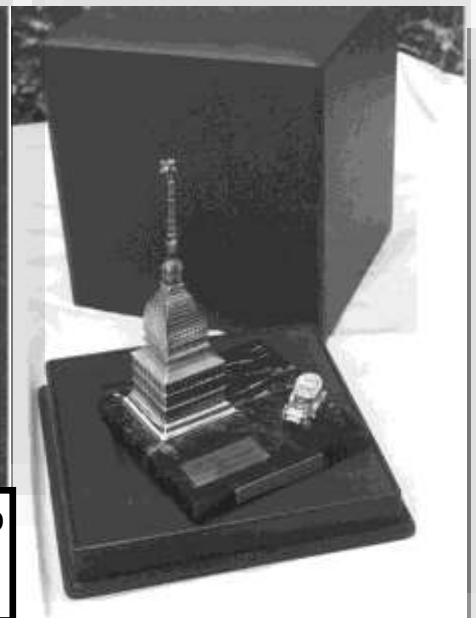
done by Fiat Australia at a time when the company logo was changing to the more modern four box rhomboid shape and it was thought that a new club badge would bring the club up-to-date as well. The first issue of Fiat Focus with the new badge proudly displayed on the cover was in July 1974.

mirror-backed display case to commemorate our 25th Anniversary.

The decade was complete when in April 1979 the club's own motorkhana ground was officially opened by Ted Ansell himself and named in his honour. Ansell Park continues to be a great motorsport asset.



"Mole Antonelliana" model given to the club by Fiat for our 25th Anniversary.



The club's 25th Anniversary Dinner was held on the 6th of April 1974 at the Barclay Lounge in Bexley. The Fiat company in Italy sent us a gift of an 1899 Fiat model on a marble base with a model of the "Mole Antonelliana" (an historic Turin building) as a memento – suitably engraved of course, and in a presentation box.

On the 13th of April, 1974, 41 members and friends left on a combined Fiat Clubs Tour of Europe. 41 Fiat enthusiasts, led by Wal Glading set off on a coach tour of the continent with a stop in Turin at the Fiat factory a special highlight.

In July 1974 Ted Ansell presented the club with a collection of model cars in a glass,

Dedicated to the many unselfish members, past and present, who have given so much of their time and effort to make the Fiat Club of NSW such a success. Thank you all.



Tony Bray, Ted Ansell and Wal Glading

NATIONAL HERITAGE MOTORING DAY VENUES FOR SUNDAY MAY 19, 2019.

Berry Showground, Berry, Hosted by the Shoalhaven Historic Vehicle Club

35 Alexandra Street, Berry. 7.00 am to 3.30 pm. Enquiries - Michael Lipscombe, 0425 223 590
Cost; vehicles \$5.00, Spectators \$2.00, children under 12 are free. **See the back of Fiat Focus for details.**

The theme this year is a Salute to European Vehicles however all owners of Vintage, Historic and Classic vehicles of all years and marques are welcome. Vehicles of special interest are also invited to come on Sunday, 19th May to enjoy the day with us.

The Day is open to clubs and individuals alike. Entrants are asked to register their vehicles for them to be displayed. The Gates will be open from 7.00 am and the Day will finish at 3.30 pm.

Refreshments will be available, with Gerringong Lions providing a sausage sizzle, and other vendors supplying food, coffee, ice cream and soft drinks.

Judging will take place from 9.00 am to 12 noon

Awards will be presented at 12.30 for the: Best Theme Car and Runner up; Best Car in Show and Runner Up; Best Bike in Show and Runner Up; plus a number of Merit Awards for Outstanding Presentation

The Campbelltown Steam & Machinery Museum, 9.00 am to 3.00 pm

86 Menangle Road, Menangle Park. Ph **0417 215 513**, website www.csmm.com.au

Admission:- Adults \$12.00, Children & Pensioners \$6.00, Family (4) \$28.00

Museum of Fire, 1 Museum Drive, Penrith. 9.30 am to 3.00 pm.

See the back of Fiat Focus for details.

Spectators, Free Entry to the Museum Grounds [Museum entry not included].

East Kurrajong Hobby and Motor Show.

Saturday 18th MAY & Sunday 19th MAY 2019, 9am to 3pm.

East Kurrajong School of Arts, Stanley Park, East Kurrajong. Entry: Adults \$5.00, Kids under 15 are Free.

The Sunday coincides with National Motoring Heritage Day. Trophies will be awarded for Best Vehicle, Best Restored, Best Original, Best Commercial Vehicle, Best Farm Vehicle. Judging at 2pm.

The Hobby Show will feature many exhibits, some of which include Classic & Vintage Vehicles, Antique Tools and Machinery, Architectural & Military Miniatures, Local Artists, Candle & Soap Making, Crafts, Dungeons & Dragons, Family History, Jewellery Making, Lego Display, Metal Art, Militaria, Plants, Retro Kitchenalia, Rocker Cover Races, Stamps & Coins, Vintage Toy Trucks, Woodworking.

On Saturday morning at 9am the Tractor Trek will arrive, having travelled from Freemans Reach.

Homemade cakes and slices & BBQ.

Click Website: www.eastkurrajonghall.com; or contact: Ann 02 4576 5031 or Donna 0412 931 971

email: eksa@ozemail.com.au

Village Green, Toukley, Yaralla Road, Toukley. 9.00 am to 2.00 pm.

Step back in time with this static display of Classic Cars, Chrysler's, Fords, Holden's, Vintage Motorcycles, all ages from 1948 to mid 1980's and much more to explore. Hosted by the Central Coast Historic Car club.

When the Fiat Nationals Came to Ansell Park

Fiat Nationals, Ansell Park, Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd of May, 1999

Later this month the Fiat Nationals will be visiting South Australia for the first time and the event is scheduled to be held at the new Tailem Bend circuit. We wish all competitors and visitors the best for the weekend.

A new venue for the nationals was also visited twenty years ago in 1999. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Fiat Club of New South Wales the Nationals were held at their very own grounds at Ansell Park. A lot of work from volunteers and the committee went into making the event a success. For 1999 a Show and Shine was to be introduced and held on the Saturday with the Fiat of Italy Cup to be held on the Sunday. Camping was available at Ansell Park and a spit roast dinner for the Saturday night was to be arranged.

Saturday threw a bit of a spanner in the works as it rained quite heavily through the day causing the grounds to be soggy. Despite this, some 60 or more cars lined up for the Show and Shine with Domenic Ardino's 1967 Fiat Dino Spyder being the star of the show. That night, 150 people



huddled in a very large tent to enjoy the spit roast dinner that was served. The tent also served as a shelter from the inclement weather.



The skys did however clear for the Sunday motorkhana and once the grounds dried out some very competitive times were achieved. Sixty drivers from five clubs competed on the day. The Fiat of Italy Cup was won by NSW and in the process denied the Queensland club an eight straight victory. In addition to the Fiat Club of New South Wales and the Fiat Car Club of Queensland, competitors from the Fiat Car Club of



Victoria, Fiat Club of the ACT and the Fiat Lancia Club of South Australia were entered and ran at the event.

The outright individual winner was Robert Judd from Vitoria in his 2 litre



Fiat 126 followed by Michael McGeorge from NSW in his 500 special and 3rd to Danny Impellizzeri in his 127. The full results page can be found in the "Back End" on page 26.

The weekend had been a resounding success, no doubt due to the hard work put into the event by the Club's members and also to the many who travelled from around Australia to be part of it. Club President at the time, Ian Allison and Club Captain, Steve Gotch acknowledged and thanked all those who had helped make the day the success it turned out to be. To this day you will still hear about the day that the Nationals came to Ansell Park.



By Lorenzo Aventi, (information sourced from Fiat Focus, May 1999 - articles by Ian Allison, Club President, Steve Gotch, Club captain and Warren Smith, Editor).

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SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH

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To stay up to date on launch of Supp regs etc.

Vaucluse House Classic Car Show

Sunday Mar 31st.

Vaucluse House last Sunday had a little bit extra on for those who went there for the club breakfast. The Vaucluse Car Club were having a display in the morning which provided an interesting variety of vehicles for the public to see. A wide collection of cars were there with makes ranging from Porsche, Ferrari, Jaguar, Range Rover, Lamborghini, Maserati, Mercedes to the more mundane Subaru, VW Golf and Beetle. There were some classic Austin Healys and a few motorbikes as well including a vintage MV Augusta. A selection of photos from the day are presented below for your enjoyment.



Jottings and Gossip (Fiat Club of NSW news) by the editor, Lorenzo Aventi

For those of you who have noticed that the room for the club's monthly social meeting keeps changing, please take note that as you enter the main foyer of the Bankstown Sports club, there will be a screen that shows what is happening at the club for the night and where the event is being held.

A couple of **Shannons auctions** occurred during February and March earlier this year. Vehicles of interest that were sold

included at the Melbourne auction a yellow 1963 **Fiat 500 Giadinera** that sold for \$15,500.

In Sydney, the following sales were made;

1965 **Fiat 2300 Wagon**, Grey, \$20,500.

1965 **Alfa Romeo Giulia Sprint GT**, \$70,000.

1966 **Alfa 2600 Sprint**, \$58,000.

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Engine: Featuring a strong Fiat 2Ltr twin cam and 5 speed Borg Warner gearbox, the following modifications will help widen the smile: Twin 45mm Webers with ram tubes, jetted and tuned perfectly for the current spec, Fiatorque Intake manifold, Fiatorque extractors, Fiatorque cams, Baffled sump.

Body and suspension tuning includes: A full 6-point AGI welded in roll cage with additional roof cross brace, door braces, rear cross brace and ‘A’ pillar gussets along with harness mounting points. The roll cage is serial numbered by AGI and can be CAMS approved if new the owner desires, Strut brace, Koni shocks, Fiatorque H/duty springs front and rear, Rolled guards, Adjustable rear panhard rod and other suspension tweaks including camber bolts, etc.

Wheels: 5 of 15x7 Performance alloys in excellent condition with used slicks to get you going. 4 of 14x5.5 Momo alloys with a set of used tread tyres as the wet option.

Interior has been stripped out however the dash board remains in place, inside you will find: Leather sports steering wheel, Autotechnica race seat, 4-point Race harness, Window net, Battery shut off key

With room for further development such as weight reduction, replacing all factory glass with Lexan and replacing the metal boot, bonnet and guards with fiberglass panels, the sky is the limit as the body is very ridged and in sound condition and would easily handle more hp.

This 131 would suit anyone looking to do club racing but didn't want to take on a project as it's ready to jump in, turn the key and race.

\$7500 ono (04/19)

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FOR SALE



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Rare Fiat 130 Coupe 1973 Silver 5 speed

manual :This vehicle is in good condition, rust free and is one of a handful in Australia that has a manual gearbox fitted. Car is straight and obviously quite unique with 5 speed manual runs well. \$25,000 or nearest offer.



Fiat 124 1974 Magpie 1800 : This was Paddy's first race car engine completely built by Ross Smith. Has twin Webers, racing clutch etc. paint work is ordinary and not much of an interior as Paddy stripped it out. Is running but could do with TLC. \$8,000 or nearest offer. (12/18)

Please call Dave Martin 0409743506.

For sale

diff to suit Fiat 124 BC / CC Coupe, 4.3 ratio, good condition. Contact Steve Gotch - 0408 891 950 (10/18)

For Sale - workshop manuals and other ..

Alfasud workshop manuals—#1 1974 to 1988 models, excellent condition \$15. #2 1972 –77, good condition \$10. Fiat 128 Sport, Specifications and Feature, parts list, \$10, 2 x Fiat 128 workshop manuals, a bit rough but in tact and very useable, \$6 each. (03/19)

Contact Lorenzo Aventi at lorenzo.aventi@yahoo.com, or Mob 0425 374 014

Clear Out Sale

I'm having a big clean out at home, so far shed number one has yielded the following Fiat parts that I have no need for.

Fiat used parts, some FREE.

- 131 SB driver's door electric window regulator. FREE
- 131 SB driver's door central locking solenoid. FREE
- 132 exterior front door handles left and right, V.Good but no keys. FREE
- 124 CC window winder crank handle V.Good. \$10
- 124 CC interior chrome door opener levers, left and right including base shrouds. V.Good \$20pair
- 124 CC sniper button plastic shroud, has been painted black however is complete and has no cracks. \$10
- 124 CC interior A pillar trims left and right. Black, good. FREE
- 124 CC Bonnet grille. Chrome band will polish up nice. FREE

124 CC Intake manifold, single plane type. Good. \$20

These items are available for collection from Canterbury.

If any club members are interested in anything please email Con on constant247@hotmail.com

Con Catena (02/19)

FIAT focus



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SOCIAL MEETINGS are held at 7:30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Bankstown Sports Club, 8 Greenfield Parade Bankstown, NSW, 2200

ANSELL PARK is the Club's Motorkhana Grounds located at 2 Percival St, Clarendon/Windsor, the corner of Percival St and Hawkesbury Valley Way (old Richmond Rd).

The venue for social meetings is at the.

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Fiat 1500, 1800, 2100 & 2300 owners and enthusiasts. There is a small but well formed group of like minded enthusiasts meeting in Bathurst NSW from the 12th to the 14th April.

Come along even if your car is not on the road, you are more than welcome to join us and meet some of the other members. If you can only spare a day or two that's OK as well. Family is also welcome. I'm sure you will be able to get a ride in a few 2300's over the weekend.

We have a full weekend of activities planned. With plenty of time to simply discuss the finer points of our cars.

Contact Warren Buckingham for further information

0428 938 338 or cie2345@bigpond.com



NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY

Sunday 19th May 2019

Berry Showground, Berry

7.00 am – 3.30 pm

Theme – Salute To European Vehicles

**Displays of Vintage, Historic & Classic Vehicles
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Entry

Vehicle \$5.00

Spectators \$2.00

**Children
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