

FIAT focus

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THE JOURNAL OF THE FIAT CLUB OF NEW SOUTH WALES Inc. (Est. 1949)

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



Social Meetings sponsored by the Bankstown Sports Club



70th Anniversary Lunch

Sunday 17th November 2019

(11:30am for a 12noon start - finish 4pm)

Cavallino Ristorante Pizzeria
Yulong Avenue, Terrey Hills NSW 2084

The Fiat Club of NSW would like to invite club members and family to celebrate the club's 70th Anniversary

\$45 per adult / \$15 per kids (up to 12yrs)

lunch includes:

3 course banquet style menu

Antipasti (chef's selection of cured meats / olives / cheese / fried calamari / homemade bread)

Pasta (2 dishes served on platters to share)

Pizza (selection of 4 pizza types, served with mixed salad)

Dessert - 70th Anniversary cake

(For any special dietary preferences please advise before the day)

note: all drinks (wine / beer / soft drinks, water, tea and coffee) to be purchased individually at the bar

Please RSVP by Friday 1st November 2019

PAYMENT: we ask members to pay the full amount via direct debit to
FIAT Club of NSW Inc, BSB 082-067 Acc No. 03-665-7020 no later than Friday 1st November
This is necessary because the full amount is to be paid to the venue prior to the function.

PARKING/ACCESS: the venue has its own private outdoor carpark.

Giovanni Ciampa (m. 0410 336 987)
social events coordinator
FIAT Club of NSW Inc.

Club Plated cars please use event number: CE911171



501



FIAT
128



FIAT
130



Concorso d'Eleganza

NEW DATE Sunday 3rd November 2019
Gough Whitlam Park, Bayview Ave, Earlwood NSW 2206

The FIAT Club of NSW would like to invite all members to bring their FIAT's (of all models road or race) to this years Concorso d'Eleganza (cars of any standard welcome)

NOTE: Featured Models this year are: 501 (100th) / 128 (50th) / 130 (50th)

entry **free** for club members

cars to be on display by: **9:30am**

judging commences: **10:00am**

trophy presentation: **2:00pm**

Club Plated cars please use event number: CE919022



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WANTED - EDITOR FOR FIAT FOCUS MAGAZINE

The Fiat Club is looking for a motivated individual to take over the very rewarding role of **EDITOR** for its monthly magazine, FiatFocus, in 2020 due to the retirement of the current editor. Laptop, software and support supplied. Contact the committee if you are interested in this exciting role.

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Historic Vehicle Use - always remember to carry the following 4 items.
Club Run - carry a "paper, not electronic" copy of the club calendar with the event listed.
Personal Use - fill in your RMS log sheet before you leave - as fines & points apply.
Certificate of Approved Operations (purple A5 sheet issued by the RMS).
FCNSW membership card - to confirm your financial status.

DATE	EVENT AND LOCATION	HVS code	Pointscore
November 2019			
Sun 3rd	Fiat Club Concorso D'Eleganza	CE911130	Yes
Sun 10th	Coffee Break - Kollector Cars & Coffee, Leichhardt (see page 19 for details).	CE911101	Yes
Tues 12th	Oasis run - Armoury train Tour - Booked out.	CE911121	No
Tues 12th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club (see below for details)	CE911121	Yes
Nov 17th	70th Anniversary Lunch - Sunday 17th Nov 2019 (Cavallino - Terrey Hills)	CE910171	Yes
Sun 24th	Coffee Break (TBA)	CE910142	Yes
December 2019			
Sun 1st	Fiat Club NSW 2019/20 Motorkhana Championship, Round 1	CE912110	Yes
Tues 3rd	Oasis run - Christmas Lunch, Nepean Rowing Club (see page 8 for details).	CE912130	No
Sat 7th	Coffee Break (TBA)	CE912170	Yes
January 2020			
Tues 14th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	CE021041	Yes
Sun 26th	Australia Day Carnivale - Parramatta Park	CE021062	Yes
Fri 31st Jan— Sun 2nd Feb	Liquid Moly 12 Hour race at Bathurst	CE021013	No
February 2020			
Tues 11th	Fiat Club NSW AGM & Trophy presentation, Bankstown Sports Club	CE022011	Yes
Sat 15 th- Sun 16th	Gnoo Blas Classic, 60 years of touring car racing; Orange NSW	CE022051	Yes
March 2020			
Tues 11th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	CE023011	Yes
Sun 29th	Auto Italia, Epic Arena, Mitchell, ACT.	CE023092	Yes

INVITATIONS EVENTS—Oasis Club

10.11.2019 Linwood House Open Day & Car Display, 28 Byron Road, Guilford. Craft Stalls, Sausage Sizzle, Coffee Cart, Brass Band Etc. Gates open from 8.30am for display area. Inspection of Linnwood House \$3.00 11.00am to 4.00pm.

For details, contact **Les H:9838 8063 M:0418 973 866**

Competition Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	HVS code	FCC Points
November 2019				
Sun 17th	Huntley Hillclimb	Dapto (contact the comp. secretary)	CE911142	Invited
December 2019				
Sun 1st	Fiat Club NSW 2019/20 Motorkhana Championship, Round 1	Ansell Park	CE912110	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 located at 2 Percival Street, Clarendon, on the corner of Percival Street and Hawkesbury Valley Way.

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Advertising rates for Classifiats;

Club Members-free.

Non Members \$10 for 30 words and photo, Items wanted—free. Classifiats are run for three editions. Contact the Editor or any member of the committee to place an ad.

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Hello all, yes, I'm back from my trip to Europe and looking forward to catching up with you all. The trip went very well and consisted of a drive around southern England, a river cruise on the Rhine and Moselle rivers and another drive through Switzerland and northern Italy. I can report that I saw lots of Fiats in all places with most of them being the modern Fiat 500 in many variants. I saw very few older model Fiats, but I did see a dark blue 850 sedan, a bright green 128 4-door, lots of Bambinos, a black Ritmo Cabrio and a red Coupe 20V Turbo (same as my old one). Mostly I was unable to take photos as I was travelling or in a bus. The cars I drove were a Seat Arona 5 speed manual in England (2WD SUV) and a VW Passat wagon auto diesel AWD from Basel to Milan. They both did the job but I was glad to get home to my 500X!

My long time friend and fellow club member Alan Steele and his wife Diane were over in England at the same time and we had loosely arranged to try to meet up one day, but I didn't know Al's phone number and he had tried to ring me but had no luck, so it was a complete fluke that we bumped into each other at Dover Castle! We were leaving and they were just arriving so we only had a 10 minute chat to compare notes.

I won't bore you with all the touristy places we visited, but a couple of standouts were the HMS Victory at Portsmouth and the Ramsgate Tunnels in England, Montreux and Zermatt in Switzerland and of course Lake Como and Lake Maggiore in Italy. We topped off the trip with a visit to the Volandia Museum which is located only a matter of metres away from Terminal 1 at Malpensa Airport (Milan). This houses the Bertone Collection, consisting mostly of prototypes created by the Bertone design studios over many years. There are 70 cars to see but being an X1/9 fan of many years standing, I headed straight to all the X1/9s with my absolute favourite being the "Runabout". The lighting inside the building left something to be desired and in the X1/9 area there were no lights turned on



at all, so getting decent photos was pretty difficult (impossible!). Nevertheless, you can see on this page a couple of my attempts.

Our club's attendance at the Norton St Auto Festa on October 27 was very disappointing this year. Besides myself, there was Anthony Suttor and Jenny Eade, who made the long trip down from Orange in their 125 Special, Joe Catena in his 131, Tony Studans in his Abarth 500, Tony Castiglione and Pina Pollicino in their recently restored 500 Bambino, Joe DiMarti in a 124 AC and Greg Haywood with his beaut Bertone X1/9. There were a smattering of members who turned up without cars, but I must admit to being embarrassed

that our club, with 350 members could only bring 7 cars. The other clubs put us to shame. We need to have a chat at the next social to determine whether we support this event in future.

Coming up on November 17th is the club's official 70th Anniversary Lunch which I hope will be well attended, especially by some of the long-time members from times past. I look forward to seeing you all there. Cross those fingers for a nice day weather wise!

Don't forget too that next April our club is organizing the 2020 Fiat Nationals. It is being held at Goulburn, which is only a 2 to 3 hour drive from Sydney so there is no excuse for FCNSW members not to come and join in the fun.

While I was away, our club members again competed in the AROCA 12 Hour Regularity Race at Winton in Victoria and finished a creditable 22nd, just pipping the Victorian Fiat Club. They were probably more pleased though that this year they had NO car breakdowns! Some good preparation there guys. Congratulations.

Warren Smith
2019 President

Secretary's Report

Fiat Club NSW – Social Meeting – 8 October

Welcome: Domenic Squadrito opened the meeting at 7:34pm and welcomed members to BSC.

Apologies: Warren Smith, Giovanni Ciampa, Robert Todarello.

New Members & Visitors: Nil attending. Vito Tozzi has just joined with a 1924 Fiat tourer.

Secretary's Report: Received the Pugilist magazine. Previous minutes published in Fiat Focus – no business arising.

Ansell Park Report: Camera #1 has had its battery recharged. Camera #2 due to be installed. Water meter valve repaired & line has been isolated, leak being investigated.

Competition Report:

Recent Events: FCNSW Day/Night Motorkhana R5 & R6 at AP was enjoyed, but down on numbers.

Next Events: Sat 12 & Sun 13 Oct – AROCA Regularity at Winton Vic.

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

Social Events:

Recent Events: Australian Motor Life Museum run, and Burger night both well attended.

Next Events:

Fri 11 – Sun 13 Oct - Motor Classica Melb – featuring Abarth

Sat 12 Oct - Coffee breakfast at The General & Co.

Sun 27 Oct – Norton St AutoFesta

Sun 03 Nov - Rescheduled annual Concorso.

Sun Nov 17 – 70th Anniversary lunch at Cavallino at Terrey Hills.

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

Communications: Editor – Lorenzo is looking for someone to take over the Editors role.

Website – Nothing to report.

Facebook & Instagram going well, with over 610 members.

President's Report / 2020 Nationals Update:

2020 Nationals – The FB page and website have been updated. Show & Shine venue tbc.

Fiat Fixations & ClassiFiat: Richard Dalziel discussed the cost of small shipments via UPS from overseas (min Euro 40).

Murray Irwin pleased with the tappet reset on his X1/9 – as done by Mastertouch Automotive.

CMC Report: Norm Mitchell provided a report for Sep which was published in FF – next meeting Nov AGM.

General Business: Historic Plates update - we have 126 members with 180 cars on HVS-CVS. The 60 day log book scheme is now permanent.

Membership – 352 total.

Meeting Closed / Next meeting:

Social meeting closed at 8:03 pm for a FiatChat or Coffee & Gelato downstairs.

The next social meeting will be 12 Nov 2019 – 7:30pm at the Bankstown Sports Club.

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 Club's magazine or website for the HCRS permit number applicable to the event.

OASIS RUN 12th November, 2019 (2nd Tuesday)

REMEMBRANCE DAY RUN (or close to it) *DISARMED AT THE ARMORY TRAIN TOUR*

Bookings are now closed as the maximum number of seats have been taken.

MEET: By 9.45am Newington Armoury, Jamieson Street, Sydney Olympic Park (Silverwater, off Holker St.). 3hr parking at Blaxland Riverside Park. No onsite parking at the Armoury, Kiosk & Café access from car park.

TOUR STARTS: 10.00am. Sharp, 2 hrs duration. **LUNCH:** 12.30pm (venue to be confirmed).

This is a pre-booked & pre-paid event at a cost of \$640 & is restricted to 40 persons. *THAT IS THE MAXIMUM

COST: \$16.00p.p. *NON REFUNDABLE* Please bring correct money.

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OASIS RUN 3rd December, 2019

CHRISTMAS LUNCH, NEPEAN ROWING CLUB 12.00 noon. The Regatta Room has been hired & paid for (\$100.00) so once again we will be passing the hat around to cover costs.

OASIS RUN TUESDAY 7th January 2020 Venue & Lunch T.B.A

OASIS RUN TUESDAY 4th February 2020 Short run & lunch to Lynwood Country Club. Pitt Town.

OASIS RUN TUESDAY 3rd March 2020 Picnic Day, Bobbin Head & Apple Tree Bay.

OASIS RUN TUESDAY 7th APRIL 2020. By popular demand we will be returning to Panorama House at Bulli Tops. Depart: McDonalds Picton 10.30am. Details Bill Robertson H:4681 8767 M:0408 064 153

New and Returning Members

A warm welcome to the following enthusiasts:

Vito Tozzi - 1924 Fiat Tourer

Chrissy Potamianos - 2019 Abarth 595 Competizione

AROCA 12 HOUR Regularity Race – Winton Raceway

October 12 – 13, 2019. by Matthew Rowe

The Fiat Club of NSW competed in the 2019 AROCA 12 Hour Regularity at Winton Raceway in Victoria over the weekend of 12 and 13 October. With a team of six drivers and a great support crew, we achieved a slightly disappointing 22 place out of 36 teams, although we beat the Fiat Car Club of Victoria, so that counts as a win!

Drivers this year were 5 regulars: Mic Mac and Martin Gallard in their 127s, Iain Shannon in his 695 race car, Justin Matthews in his Lotus Elise, and Glenn Smith kept his tradition of bringing a different car every year - this time in a new Abarth 124 bought as a repairable write-off. I rounded out the sixth position, with my first time in the 12 Hour, and first time at Winton, in my Elise.

We had a great management and support team with Keith Gallard as Team Manager to handle the official business; Andrew Matthews running strategy and coordinating drivers, the garage and pit lane; Wayne McGeorge, Roger Malcom and Kevin Halliburton on timing and Bathurst-watching duties; Russell Mathews helping with lunches and timing on the wall and Travis McGeorge helping out around the garage; and everyone pitching in where needed. Of course, the weekend wouldn't have been the same without Naomi McGeorge with help from Susan Halliburton and Amanda Konarkowski providing catering support and generally just being organised!

All up we had 17 people this year, which really helped the weekend run smoothly, even if it did mean the accommodation arrangements ended up being a bit cramped, with wild allegations of snoring being thrown around from cabin #1.

The test session this year was moved to the Thursday before the race, which made it a bit more difficult to attend. For me, never having driven Winton before, getting three 20 minute sessions in on Thursday afternoon was worthwhile time spent to learn the circuit - even after a six and a half hour drive from Sydney! The McGeorges were already in the region on the tail end of a holiday, with everyone

else expected to arrive on Friday.

Scrutineering opened Friday afternoon this year, and being down there already with Mic made it a much more relaxed Friday - breakfast, wash my car, prep Mic's trailer and arrive leisurely around midday to get set up for 2pm scrutineering start.



The 'team'

As others started arriving, the garage setup took shape with facilities that would make a Formula 1 team envious - espresso machine courtesy of Martin, TV from [???], a Bathurst live stream, tea, toasted sandwich makers, fridges, drinks and snacks.

Scrutineering took much longer than expected, with a lot of standing around doing nothing, after which we returned to the cabins at Glenrowan Caravan Park where the traditional barbeque/fire was held around the main cabin, and strategy for the weekend was discussed.

The weather until this point had been wonderful, sunny, not too warm, and while there was a small storm expected for Friday night, the rest of the weekend looked clear.

Saturday we awoke to rain.



There was a sense of anticipation in the drivers' briefing at 8 am, and surprisingly, few stupid questions were asked.

Although wet, everyone was keen to get under way with the practice sessions starting shortly after. Each driver needed a minimum of three timed laps in during practice to qualify, and then we needed

to nominate our times by 11:30 for a 12:00 race start. The rain was still coming down as practice was starting, but, mid-way through the session it was starting to lift. Practice in the rain was a lot of fun, and a boon for the 127s as everyone was slowing down enough that they weren't being passed all the time! The track was starting to dry up by the end of practice and we managed to get our times in.

Nominating a time is much harder than it sounds. Just drive quickly and that's your time, right? Well not really. This was an area

several teams made a mistake in as they nominated wet times - even though the organisers declared a dry race a bit after 11am. Mic and Marty had put wet tyres on their 127s, so didn't get a clear idea of what they would be doing in the race.



For me, who doesn't have much experience, my times from the Thursday practice had come down from 1:55s to consistent 1:45s so it was a question of how much more would they improve over the weekend? *Continued next page.*



AROCA 12 HOUR Regularity Race – Winton Raceway

As a first-timer it took me a little while to get my head around the scoring system - hit your target time or 1 sec slower, that counts as 2 laps; slower than that it counts as 1 lap; but if you go faster than your time the lap is broken and doesn't count. You are then scored against how many laps you completed versus a theoretical maximum, with some sort of mysterious multiplying factor to stop you from coasting around. Your nominated time needs to be quick enough that you will be able to hit it driving hard, but be able to maintain that consistently for a 45-minute stint on the track.

Glenn was volunteered as our first driver to start. The race starts under the safety car and runs for 5 hours on the Saturday. Our plan on the Saturday was for each driver to do 45 minutes on-track, with a bit of time to pit and an out lap would take us up to the end of the day.

45 minutes is a long time to drive at the limit, and as a rookie who had only ever done track days and supersprints it was intimidating - being able to keep focused and consistent driving for extended periods is certainly a skill that takes some developing. My first race session I found I had to develop these skills very, very quickly - with 35 other cars on the track (in close proximity) at all times, and with a wide range of lap times there's a lot of jostling for position. After having a minor heart attack the first time where an MX5 bombed me in to the hairpin, I started getting used to racing with traffic and learned where and how to safely overtake. This event seems closer to wheel-to-wheel racing than a supersprint, but most of the drivers were respectful, with the slower cars waving people past, and the marshals doing an excellent job on the blue flags to warn when there was a car close behind. Some of the drivers were a bit too courteous, a few times I was waived through in place that there was no chance whatsoever I could try a move! This was all old-hat to Glenn, Marty, Mic, Iain and Justin, but as a first timer I was blown away - the adrenaline was pumping. I think I was some sort of state of shock for half an hour after!

45 minutes had sounded like a long time,

but it went in a flash. No timing equipment is allowed in the car, and the only communication with the pit wall



garage is a through the pit crew holding a board to show you your previous times or when it is time to pit. The pit wall crew is made up of one person with the stopwatch and another operating the board. Aside from the support crew, the drivers would perform tasks at the pit wall when not driving.



The 'other' big race was at Bathurst

The end of the Saturday finished uneventfully with no real standout performances other than Iain putting in some solid bonus laps in the 695. A barbeque, fire, good dinner and an early night set us up for day 2.



Justin Matthews Lotus

Sunday there was no rain in sight, the conditions were much more favourable. The track really came on as the morning

progressed, and we started breaking our nominated times a little too often! it's a very conflicting experience - you don't want to break as the lap will not count, but there is something immensely satisfying, as a driver, seeing 2FAST being flashed at you from the pit wall! A few of us had most of our broken laps during the morning. As we all calmed down a bit, the afternoon saw us get the bulk of our bonus laps. The learning experience continued for me. I found cars that were a few seconds slower to be the most challenging - they were the least likely to want to give up position, and fast enough that passing them was difficult. By the end of the race I was much more comfortable passing other cars, and if I wasn't driving my car home probably would have been more adventurous. The race finished uneventfully, although I did have an off in the last lap! No damage though and I did get back on to cross under the chequered flag.

Packing up is quite an activity with that much gear to put away. After the awards ceremony we headed back to the caravan park for a well-earned dinner and relax with a few drinks. What a great weekend. I can't wait to be back next year.

Matthew Rowe



Matthew Rowe and Wayne McGeorge

2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

All 2019 memberships are due for renewal as at 31 December, 2019 (excepting those new members who have joined recently). Membership fees remain unchanged.

When renewing your membership, please ensure that you use the updated 2020 Membership Form which you will find included in this issue of Fiat Focus, or on our website www.fiatclub.com.au. Please email the form to membership@fiatclub.com.au, or mail to PO Box 3034, Bangor, NSW. 2234. Payment is via EFT or cheque. We do not have credit card facilities for payment at this stage.

PLEASE NOTE: Members turning 18

We currently have five types of membership - Full Member, Joint (Family) Member, Junior (12-18 years), plus Life and Honorary Member.

In the past Junior members turning 18 were expected to become Full Members (and pay the \$60 fee). Understanding that this age group in general is studying, and usually have very little money, the Fiat Club has decided to allow over 18 year old dependents of a member family to remain within the family group, and renew as a Family Member (at the lesser amount of \$10).

Kind regards

Cheryl Sandrin – Membership Registrar 2019

Notice of Annual General Meeting of the Fiat Club NSW Inc.

Dear Members,

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the FIAT Club of New South Wales Inc. will be held at 7:30 pm **Tuesday 11th February, 2020, at the Bankstown Sports Club, 8 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown, NSW 2200.**

Remember the success of any Club is based on its members participation, the Club and Committee is always looking for new people, new committee members, new ideas more social events and an understanding of what you the general membership want from the Club so far as events etc. (Social event, Drive Days, Family Picnics, Movies Nights, Outings to Restaurants)

All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

All committee positions will be declared open and nominations for all positions are sought.

Nominations may be sent to the Secretary (secretary@fiatclub.com.au) prior or made from the floor on the evening.

Nominations must be accepted by the nominee and seconded.

All members who attend and vote must be a 2020 financial member on the night, (1/1/2020 – 31/12/2020).

Send your nominations in now and avoid the rush.

Positions available for nominations are as follows:

PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
TREASURER	COMPETITION SECRETARY	ASST. COMPETITION SECRETARY
EDITOR MAGAZINE	WEBMASTER	MERCHANDISING
PUBLIC OFFICER	HISTORIC PLATE REGISTRAR	MEMBERSHIP REGISTRAR

Norton Street Autofesta

Sunday October 27, 2019

Last weekend saw the Norton Street Festival provide some Italian Flavour to the inner city on what was a glorious sunny Sydney day. A number of club members attended the Autofesta, some of whom put their treasured pride and joys on display for the public to see.



Photos - above; Joe Catena's 131 next to Tony Suttor and Jenny Eade's 125 and Warren Smith's 500X next to them; Victorian member Greg Haywood's X1/9 and Joe DiMartì's 124 Sport (which is currently for sale, see the classifiats). Below - Tony Studans Abarth 500; Tony Castiglione and Pina Pollicino's very nice Bambino; Italian classics can also be found with two wheels.



Other members that were in attendance at Norton Street were Robert and Vince Polito, Roger Malcolm, as well as Roger and Karen Machin. As usual, large crowds flocked to the event to sample the Italian fair and entertainment. There was even a classic Sydney icon from the nearby Bus and Truck Museum on show as part of the local heritage of the area.



Many thanks to Warren Smith and Tony Castiglione for the above photographs.



Coffee break (write up)

12th October 2019
The General & Co Cafe



Last weekend it looks like I missed out on a great turn out of club members and their cars at the General & Co.

A big thank you to Mark for taking photos and sharing with the group on our clubs Facebook page.

It's fantastic seeing so many of our club members still enjoying each others company and cars at these social catch ups.

We particularly liked the Aston Martin that was on show...very impressive machine and a fine piece of automotive art!

Can't wait to see what our club members bring to the next social catch up and thank you for continuing being FIATfanatics!



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



MOTORCLASSICA

The Australian International Concours d'Elegance & Classic Motor Show

The 2019 Motorclassica event brought some high expectations for lovers of high performance, small capacity, Fiat engined Abarths as this marque was to be commemorated at the show with a display of significant vehicles from the Abarth stable. A collection of more than one original historic Abarth in Australia is cause for rejoicing and there were some fine examples at Motorclassica in Melbourne last month. The Fiat Club of Victoria were also there with some of their best doing the Fiat marque proud.

I was not able to get there again this year but a few of our members did make the journey south and were thoughtful enough to supply the following photographs for us to enjoy. Thanks to Mark Weinberger, Nick Puglisi and Maurizio Puglisi for their contributions.

Lorenzo Aventi.



*Photos clockwise;
Abarth Bialbero
(Double Bubble);
131 Abarth Rally of
Maurie & Janelle
Potzrebo from QLD;
Abarth Formula car;
124 Abarth Spider of
David Judd;
The one and only
Fiat X1/9 Abarth
Stradale of Michael
Miller;
850 TC;
A work in progress.*



MOTORCLASSICA

The Australian International Concours d'Elegance & Classic Motor Show

Some of the Italian cars on display in Melbourne, many of which are owned by Fiat Car Club of Victoria members who attend each year.





Day 1.

When: Friday April 3rd

What: Supersprint

Where: Wakefield Park Raceway

Cost: \$210 entry

Woodfire Oven Pizza Welcome Dinner

Mercure Hotel

Adults \$10 / Kids 5-12 \$5 / Under 5 Free

Day 2.

When: Saturday April 4th

What: Fiat of Italy Cup Motorkhana

Where: Sutton Road driver Centre

Cost: \$50 entry

Saturday Night Roast Buffet & Mega Raffle

Mercure Grand Regent Room

Adults \$20 / Kids 2-12 \$10

Day 3.

When: Sunday April 5th

What: Show & Shine

Where: Montague Street Goulburn

Cost: \$20 entry

Presentation Dinner

Mercure Grand Regent Room

Adults \$50 / Kids 2-12 \$10

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THE BOOKING CODE IS: G-2007 – FIAT CAR CLUB NSW

A valid credit card will be required at the time of booking. Cancellation fees will apply after 2pm the day prior to arrival date. (This time frame will also apply if anyone needs to reduce their stay).

Fiat Fixations, Fiat 600 Misfire

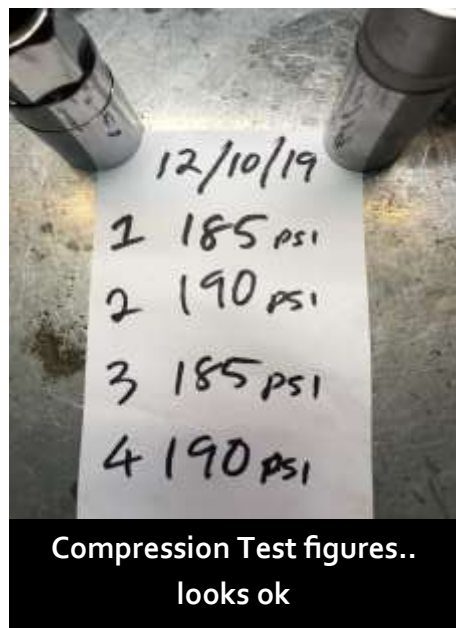
12th October 2019

By Ross Di Bartolo

I was on my way to the Fiat Coffee Break at The General & Co, Lilyfield on 12th October when my 1964 Fiat 600 started running on 3 cylinders as I rounded the last corner and pulled into the car park.

I ordered a coffee and chatted to fellow club members while letting the engine cool before sticking my hands into the hot engine bay. Checking for obvious issues such as loose spark plug leads, revealed nothing so I drove all the way home with the engine still running on three cylinders, although it did burst to life every now and then with 4 cylinder action. My dash mounted air fuel ratio meter was registering a lean condition which is consistent with excess oxygen present in the exhaust gas due to one of the cylinders not firing there by pumping fresh air into the exhaust.

When I got home I started the trouble shooting by swapping the spark plugs for new ones and doing a compression test at the same time. Spark plugs didn't look bad and compression test showed good compression on all cylinders varying by only 5psi across all four. Hence I could assume my misfire was electrical in nature.



Compression Test figures..
looks ok

The engine was still running on 3 cylinders so I thought I would track down which one using my non-contact thermometer to determine which of the exhaust header pipes was cooler than the others. Bingo, number 3 cylinder was

150 degrees cooler than the other 3 cylinders. The affected cylinder did not change when I swapped the spark plug leads so I started looking further upstream for the cause.



Checking the Header temperature

My 600 runs a waste spark system meaning that I have no distributor but instead have two double ended coils driven by homemade ignitor electronics. One coil fires cylinders 1 and 4 while the other fires 2 and 3. My next test was to swap the leads on the coil firing cylinders 2 & 3. Using the non-contact thermometer again I could tell that number 2 cylinder was not firing now so it had something to do with one of the outputs on the second coil.

Removing the coil from the firewall I examined the back and saw that the epoxy encapsulation has cracked (see area circled in red in the photo above right) which was most likely the cause of the output going bad. I got a new coil (my supplier was open on Saturday afternoon) and replaced the damaged coil.

Starting the engine again the misfire was still present but now intermittent. Is it possible I had two problems? Did one cause the other? Enough for today so I slept on it determined to start again on Sunday.

Moving further upstream I



Bad coil

thought I may have burnt out a power transistor in my homemade coil ignitor circuit. Sunday morning I pulled out the ignitor box so I could test it on the bench but when I picked it up it rattled. Opening it up I found an M3 nut and washer had come loose and was rolling around on the circuit board. I assume the nut and washer had been randomly shorting out parts of the circuit board causing the intermittent fault and possibly causing the coil to fail by allowing current to continuously flow through it.

A drop of Loctite on all the M3 nuts in the circuit box should now keep them in place and the car is now running as well as it ever has.



Ignitor Box





Simon Scholtens ventured to **Jamberoo** on the weekend for a car show and posted some nice photos of his concorso winning 500 on the club facebook page.

It looks like there was a large turnout of cars as some 500 vehicles and



4000 visitors at the event with a mixture of vintage, classic and modified hot rods. Simon's car was the only Fiat on display, however, as the photos show it looked very good indeed. We hope to see Simon at the concorso next Sunday.



Club registrar, **Richard Dalziel**, and I were talking at the last coffee break at General & Co by the bay at Lilyfield. Richard mentioned that he was at the Sandown race meeting where the new **S5000 open wheel race car category** was introduced to the Australian public.

The programme included the new TCR (Touring Car Racing) category for 2 litre turbo-charged touring cars as well as GT3 sports cars. He took some photos at the event and when he later had a look at them he realised that the former Formula One driver, **Reubans Barrichello** had photobombed his shots!



He also noticed that the AGI team had one of the S5000 cars on the grid with ace Australian driver, John Martin, driving for them. The AGI team seem to have the enthusiasm and ability to try anything in motorsport (even rallying). By the way, Joh Martin won all S5000 races.

Coffee break!
come join like minded **FIAT** enthusiasts over breakfast and a coffee....



this month's location

When: Sunday 10th November 2019
Where: **Kollector Cars & Coffee**
7A Norton Street
Leichhardt NSW 2040
Time: 8:30am - 10:30am



Fiat Chrysler, Peugeot owner PSA in talks to combine: source

Reporting by Dominic Roshan K.L. in Bengaluru; Editing by Maju Samuel, Richard Chang and Dan Grebler

(Reuters) - Fiat Chrysler and Peugeot owner PSA are in talks to combine in a deal that could create a \$50 billion automaker, a source familiar with the matter said on Tuesday.

Fiat Chrysler shares rose sharply after news of the talks and ended up more than 7.5% in U.S. trading. The companies and the French government had no comment.

The Wall Street Journal first reported the discussions.

If a combination of Peugeot and Fiat Chrysler succeeded in overcoming political, financial and governance hurdles, the new enterprise would still face substantial challenges. Global automakers face the prospect of a slowdown in global demand coinciding with the most dramatic technology changes in a century.

Peugeot Chief Executive Carlos Tavares has predicted "ten years of chaos" for global automakers as regulators demand a switch to electric vehicles to reduce emissions linked to climate change.

Investors have speculated for several years that Fiat Chrysler was hunting for a merger partner, encouraged by the rhetoric of the company's late chief executive, Sergio Marchionne.

In 2015, Marchionne outlined the case for consolidation of the auto industry and tried unsuccessfully to interest General Motors Co in a deal. Fiat Chrysler earlier this year broached a merger with French automaker Renault

SA that ultimately collapsed.

Created when Fiat, under Marchionne's leadership, bought control of Chrysler out of a U.S. government-backed bankruptcy in 2009, Fiat Chrysler has one of the global auto industry's most profitable franchises in the Jeep sport utility vehicle brand and a money-spinning North American pickup and commercial van operation in Ram. Both would boost Peugeot, which does not sell vehicles in the U.S. market.

Peugeot and Fiat Chrysler could over time share engines and vehicle architectures, reducing capital spending and freeing up cash to invest in electric vehicles and emissions reduction technology required in Europe, China and other global markets.

Fiat Chrysler is under increasing pressure to invest in clean car technology. The company disclosed earlier this month that it faces a \$79 million fine for falling short of U.S. fuel efficiency standards. Fiat Chrysler agreed to pay U.S. electric car maker Tesla Inc for credits to help it comply with European emissions standards until 2022.

Evercore analyst Arndt Ellinghorst in a note on Tuesday said a combination of Fiat Chrysler and Peugeot "should ignite more rational industry behavior around allocation of capital and this particular merger makes materially more sense than a potential FCA-Renault merger."

Peugeot and Fiat Chrysler had discussed a combination earlier this year, before Fiat Chrysler proposed a \$35 billion merger with Renault. At that time, Fiat Chrysler said a deal with Renault offered

more advantages than a combination with Peugeot.

Fiat Chrysler Chairman John Elkann broke off talks with Renault in June after French government officials intervened and pushed for Renault first to resolve tensions with its Japanese alliance partner, Nissan Motor Co.

Following the collapse of the Renault merger plan, Fiat Chrysler CEO Mike Manley left the door open for talks with would-be partners. But he said the Italian-American automaker could go it alone despite mounting costs to develop electric vehicles and comply with tougher emissions rules in Europe, the United States and China.

Along with Jeep and Ram would come Fiat's Italian operations, which have struggled in recent years. Fiat's Mirafiori assembly complex in its home city of Turin has run below 50% capacity, with thousands of workers on temporary layoffs.

Overall, Fiat has 58,000 workers in Italy, where the government has long resisted mass lay-offs by large employers. Peugeot's Tavares dismissed the idea of a combination with Fiat Chrysler during a discussion with reporters at the Frankfurt auto show last month.

"We don't need it," he said when asked whether he was still interested in a deal with Fiat Chrysler.

Tavares has moved aggressively to expand Peugeot, acquiring German auto brand Opel from General Motors Co for \$2.6 billion in 2017. Since then, he has overseen a turnaround at Opel. Fiat Chrysler already has a commercial vehicle partnership with Peugeot.

WANTED - EDITOR FOR FIAT FOCUS MAGAZINE

The Fiat Club is looking for a motivated individual to take over the very rewarding role of **EDITOR** for its monthly magazine, FiatFocus, for next year due to the retirement of the current editor. Laptop and software and support supplied. Contact the committee to express your interest.

FOR SALE

2018 FIAT RITMO SPORT

- I have had this car since brand new and it has travelled 147000 highway kilometres between Sydney Wollongong and Bowral and has only just been fitted with it's third set of Michelin Sport tyres.
- I have fully documented complete service history books, and factory trained technicians at Brian Foley Automotive have worked on the car since new.
- The car has had the cambelt, front and rear brake rotors and pads, lower control arms, and water pump replaced and a full service in the last 9000 kms.
- It has a full leather interior and also rear parking sensors and is registered till mid September 2020.
- All the paintwork is completely original.
- The only time the car has let me down is when I had to replace the battery in July 2011, I should also mention in 11 years it hasn't leaked one drop of oil on the garage floor.

Please send me an email if you want more information on the car. The Ritmo Sport is well optioned and is a great performer. Price \$8000.

Contact BRIAN FOLEY briangta@bigpond.com



FOR SALE

Fiat 124 AC Coupe for sale. Original condition, Sound body. On club plates (not transferrable). (10/19)

Asking \$12,000.

Contact Joe Di Marti **Mob. 0415 038 818**

Email joe.dimarti@telstra.com



FOR SALE

I have my "Polizia" Fiat 500 car trailer I've owned for 21 years that I now wish to sell. it is a handmade trailer with no chassis number, so it needs a blue slip. The brakes rotors were replaced, good 124BC callipers and pads, new master cylinder and flex brake lines.

lights were all working. I have a new jockey wheel i can include. Comes with Alloy ROH 5.5"x 13. 98PCD

looking around \$1000 or \$1100 with the 131 momo's.

Suit 500, niki, 600. measurements are shown in the photos. Let me know can only sell it once.

Regards, Tony Rinaudo @ Fairfield Heights NSW. Mob 0409 188 627



FOR SALE

FIAT 20V RACE CAR

1997 Broom Yellow LHD Japanese Import

2 Litre, 5 Cylinder Turbo, 5 speed - Turbo has bigger turbine 360 degree thrust - Rechipped computer.

2 and a half inch exhaust system; Front struts - Alfa GTV6; Front Springs - Eibach; Brembo 4 pot front brakes - new pads - brake bias controller; WRX intercooler; Stainless exhaust herder manifold; Alfa independent rear suspension, strut brace; Sparco race steering wheel; Dyno tested 225HP at front wheels.

Fiberglass bonnet plus mould; 6 x standard rims, 7 x 16.

200 kilos lighter than standard model; AGI fully welded 6 point roll cage; Alloy fuel tank with Bosch fuel pump.

Just Serviced, new cambelt, new fan belts, new engine oil and filter, etc..

Last race at Fiat Nationals at Easter Creek in 2014 - 2nd outright against 42 Fiats. (08/19)

PRICE \$14,000.00 ono. Contact Steve Gotch **0408 89 1950 (after hours).**



Fiat 500 engine; Getting rid of surplus bits collected over the decades. First up is a Fiat 500D engine complete for all bits except the top air filter tin ware. Engine turns over, clutch plate looks new etc As you can guess I cannot post it so its pick up only at Pennant Hills. Sell for \$500.00, feel free to ask any questions or PM me on FACE BOOK. (11/19)

Dean & Sarah Ryan H) 02 9484 2346 email: dean.sarah1@optusnet.com.au.



FOR SALE

I have an Autotecnica 13" polished wooden steering wheel and matching gear lever knob for sale. Both in good condition, but will need an Autotecnica wheel boss kit to fit a Fiat unless you have one already. See autotecnica.com.au, located in Melbourne. (11/19)
\$110 for both. Pickup from Berkeley Vale or I can post them out.

Email Remmert de Vroome at remmdevroome@gmail.com



FOR SALE

124 ac sport for sale -- has some rust as per normal-- has been converted to 132 engine possible 1800 -- the major problem is it was restored at one time and it had been sprayputted , this is lifting in places. I have other projects to do and at my age they are more important to me. It also needs a new windscreen but the rest is pretty well complete-- supplied is a new dash cover to be fitted and some other new bits. All I am after is \$3000 ono. (11/19)

Please contact me by email or phone **0423940791**.

Neil thrift Email: neil_t51@yahoo.com

FOR SALE

Fiat 500D bonnet and 500F engine lid. They are over 50 years old.

Not brand new. Not perfect. Expect a few small dings due to storage but no rust. Surface rusted in a few areas as was in a shed for over 30 years.

They are both SOLID. \$100 each. Reasonable offers. (11/19)

Mob **0432077432**





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FOR SALE - Fiat 132 GLS

My car is a 1976 Fiat 132 GLS. 1.8 litre manual sedan. Paintwork, tyres and upholstery all very good. Registered and goes well. One owner since new. I read that this car is very rare with only 2 or 3 in the U.K. I don't know how many are in Oz. I am asking \$8500 O.N.O. Regards Allan. (10/19)

Contact Alan; arodjaco@gmail.com



Fiat 124 Parts

I was a proud Fiat 124 Sports AC owner for over 20 years. I ended up selling it but I still have a range of spare parts under my sister's house in the Blue Mountains. I plan to be cleaning these out soon. Rather than just throwing them out, I thought I would see if they are of use to someone. They are free to a good home - just need to pick them up. I am not sure what is there but can check soon. (10/19)

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FIAT TOPOLINO 500A All the new parts needed to fully restore a Topolino cabin imported from Topolino Casagrande Switzerland:

Inner and outer sills (rocker panel set and cover set)	\$870	Rubbers to damper doors	\$60
Door lower inner and outer panels	\$360	Front windshield rubber	\$165
Door lock cylinder and key	\$127	Rear window rubber	\$165
Outer door handles	\$135	Door rubber	\$120
Inner door handles	\$225	Front window rubber	\$165
Door striker plate with rubbers and brackets	\$185	Side window rubber and u-profile set	\$215
Door check straps	\$135	Vertical aluprofile hold the rear fix window	\$54
Door windows locks	\$165	Set window surrounding	\$270
500A cabin in primer – stripped by Redi-Strip	\$1,320	All glass, either excellent condition or new	

The front parts of the body were beyond repair as were the wheel.

The motor and gearbox were also pretty well past it and were taken by a 500 fancier. \$4,736

I also have the chassis, which I want to retain, but would let go if its going is essential to all the parts going. The chassis and cabin owe me \$3000. I am open to sensible offers and want to offer these bits to Fiat people before I advertise the cabin in hot circles, where they are highly prized and sought after. (8/19) Contact **Adrian Walmsley** adrian@fewwordspography.com.au

Travel days for FCNSW Regional & Interstate club events – HVS vehicles

The FCNSW holds most of its events in the Sydney area, however members also attend events in regional NSW and interstate, and regional members travel to Sydney to attend major Sydney events.

It is not always possible, practical or even wise to travel to, attend the event and return home during the listed day of the event, as we have aging cars, and in some cases, aging members.

As such, members need to be able to attend regional & major local events under full HVS conditions, traveling immediately before, and returning immediately after the event.

Travel days have always been considered to be part of the event for HVS vehicle use.

Travel days are not considered to be personal use by the FCNSW, they are clearly part of attending the listed club event, specifically,

- regional or interstate events for Sydney members, and major Sydney events for our regional members.

To confirm this situation for members, the FCNSW calendar will define an appropriate event duration for regional & major events for HVS purposes, which will include any necessary travel days.

These travel days will be either side of the event date and will apply whether members are traveling individually, or as part of an organized convoy.

Not everyone will want to, or need to take advantage of these travel days, but the option needs to be available to members, and formally identified in the club calendar.

A regional Sunday event could include the Sat & Mon as travel days.

A full weekend event with overnight stay, could include the Fri & Mon as travel days.

The interstate based FIAT Nationals might require 2-3 days either side for travel, given some older classic vehicles are not capable of being driven continuously at full motorway speeds.

For the FCNSW, these events would typically be,

- NMHD (Berry venue)
- AutoItalia (ACT)
- Extended weekend trips with overnight stays
- Interstate FIAT Nationals

Sydney based Shannon's Sydney Classic, and the annual club Concorso.

The club calendar will include a statement in the event description such as,

"The duration of this event for HVS purposes is (date) to (date), which includes the necessary travel days."

If a member with an HVS vehicle wishes to extend his journey outside the defined HVS event duration, there is no problem, but this use then becomes personal use and the additional days should be entered in the RMS log book.

Richard Dalziel

FCNSW – Historic Plates Registrar

May 2019

Historic Vehicle Use - always remember to carry the following 4 items.

Club Run - carry a "paper, not electronic" copy of the club calendar with the event listed.

Personal Use - fill in your RMS log sheet before you leave - as fines & points apply.

Certificate of Approved Operations (purple A5 sheet issued by the RMS).

FCNSW membership card - to confirm your financial status.

The Back End ...

Reflecting on the annual October Bathurst enduro...

I received the following information from our dear friend from the Lancia Motor Club of New South Wales, Tony Kovacevic. These were the days that some of the name drivers in the country would consider what was available in the market that would make a very useful mount at the annual enduro at Bathurst. Bob Forbes was one of the highly ranked drivers and preparers of effective salon racers who chose the Fiat 125 to challenge all comers at Bathurst. The words are by Peter Findlay.

Lorenzo Aventi, editor.



Licence plated race cars.

Here is the Grenville Motors owned and entered cream Fiat 125 which Bob Forbes and I drove in the 1969 Bathurst 500. Delayed by the schemozzle on Skyline on the first lap, Bob had to pit to have the fire extinguisher reattached as he had taken it out on the top of the mountain thinking that the race would have been stopped. We battled with the Warren Gracie (recently passed away RIP) and Ron Gillard Cooper S and the Z&R Fiat 125 driven by Gerry Lister and the now late Ron Kearns.

Although we led the class at 12.30 pm, regular pit stops and driver changes put us back a bit until the finish where we ended up just 30 seconds behind the class winners Gracie and Gillard. Certain elements concluded that we had a limited slip diff but the idiotic charge was dismissed by a CAMS Tribunal appeal headed by the now late George Murray. Our budget for the entire event was \$600.00 and we drove the 125 to and from the meeting. We didn't need to change tyres or lift the bonnet.

Joyce Forbes and my wife, Gaye, were the lap scorers while Darryl Adams, John Waldoek and another friend did the refuelling from five gallon drums fitted with plastic delivery and breather hoses. It took 21 seconds to empty a drum of Ampol fuel. Bob elected to run racing tyres rather than the road radials used by the other Fiats. Clearly a terrific advantage, not evident to those who doubted our legitimacy.

Prior to the race in order to run in the engine and to give me some seat time in the Fiat, I drove a big loop around eastern NSW. Starting at Five Dock I drove to Narooma then across to Cooma and Berridale where I overnighted at Mum's house. Then over to Orange (stayed at the Canobolas Hitek and Bathurst where I was able to arrange a TV interview. A lap or two of the circuit and back over the Mountains via Bells Line of Road. On the road to Cooma I wore my helmet to accustom myself to wearing it in the sedan..... no Cops around, thankfully.

(PF)

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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.

Bankstown Sports

Enter via carpark entrance on Mona Street, Bankstown.

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FIAT LANCIA CLUB of WA

2020 TWO OCEANS TOUR

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CALLED FOR

After running successful TWO OCEANS TOURS in 2016 and 2018, the Fiat Lancia Club of Western Australia is contemplating running a third TWO OCEANS TOUR in October 2020.

Tentatively, this event would run from Sunday 25th October to Friday 30th October 2020.

Preliminary discussions have indicated that the tour may start in Esperance and then proceed along the south coast to Albany before heading up to Perth via the Margaret River wine country. The tour would most likely depart Esperance on the Monday morning after a welcome and registration function in Esperance on the Sunday night.

We are looking to couple the tour with the annual ALL ITALIAN CAR DAY In Perth that may be held on the first week-end in November and follow up with several site-seeing short drives around Perth that would avail visitors to Perth the opportunity to see a number of the more popular tourist attractions within the Perth metropolitan area.

In order to give the organizers the confidence that this tour will be well supported and to identify sufficient accommodation along the planned route, it would be appreciated if anyone proposing to attend the tour would send an email with an expression of interest to Rob Rowbottam at pininfarina@fiatlancia.org.au . This does not bind you to enter and failure to express an interest at this time does not exclude you from entering when entry forms are released early in 2020.

PLEASE BLOCK THE ABOVE DATES OUT IN YOUR 2020 CALENDAR.

2020

FIAT CLUB OF NEW SOUTH WALES Inc.

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FORM 2020**



Existing Membership number (if known) ->

Full Member & Family Member Names (Family member includes dependents over 18)		Annual (12 months) January – December			2 nd Half of Year (6 months) July 2018 to December 2018		M'Ship Number
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PLEASE – ALWAYS POST OR EMAIL THIS FORM SO WE CAN PROCESS YOUR MEMBERSHIP
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Postal Address:		Suburb	
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		Country	
Phone		Mobile	
Email Address (Please print clearly)		For Club eGroup email updates and to receive the FIATFOCUS magazine	

Member Motor Vehicles

Member Cars	Year	Model	Type	Colour	Rego
Car 1					
Car 2					
Car 3					
Car 4					

PTO – to continue on back of page for additional cars. (Rego number mandatory for Historic Plated cars)

Member to Sign _____	DATE / /
(Acceptance of the Terms and Conditions of the Constitution of the Fiat Club of NSW Inc. on the Club webpage www.fiatclub.com.au or a copy available on request)	

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For Junior Membership (12-18 years) when the Parent or Guardian is not a full member, please contact the Membership Registrar for a Junior consent form, available via email at membership@fiatclub.com.au

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