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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**



Drive day to Motorlife Museum
The NSW Fiat Club, 1925
Final rounds of the Motorkhana Championship
Fiat Nationals Newsletter



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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





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

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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 for next year due to the retirement of the current editor. Laptop and 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
October 2019			
Tues 8th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club (see below for details)	CE910180	Yes
Fri 11th - Sun 13th	Motorclassica - Melbourne, Victoria	CE910111	No
Sun 12th	Coffee Break - The General & Co, Lilyfield (see page 6 for details).	CE910121	Yes
Sat 12th - Sun 13th	AROCA Regularity, Winton Victoria	CE910121	No
Sun 27th	Norton Street Autofesta, Leichhardt. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm (see details, pg 15)	CE910172	Yes
November 2019			
Sun 3rd	Fiat Club Concorso D'Eleganza (see page 2 for details)	CE911130	Yes
Sun 10th	Coffee Break - Kollector Cars & Coffee, Leichhardt (see page 6 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) (see page 3 for details)	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 6 for details).	CE912130	No
Sat 7th	Coffee Break (TBA)	CE912170	Yes
Sun 15th	TBA -XMAS Picnic (Ansell Park) - TBC		
January 2020			
Tues 14th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	CE021041	Yes
Sun 26th	Australia Day Carnivale - Parramatta Park	CE021062	Yes
February 2020			
Tues 11th	Fiat Club NSW AGM, 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			
Sun 29th	Auto Italia, Epic Arena, Mitchell, ACT.	CE023092	Yes

INVITATIONS EVENTS—Oasis Club

13.10.2019 Burwood Classic Car Club Show & Shine Burwood Park. Details from Oasis Club member
George Fahd. M:0412 207 419

10.11.2019 Linwood House Open Day & Car Display, Guildford. Details.
Les H:9838 8063 M:0418 973 866

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.



When: Saturday 12th October 2019
Where: The General & Co. Bayside Cafe
 38 Frazer Street
 Lilyfield NSW 2040
Time: 9:00am - 11:00am

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



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.

LES 9838 8063 m: 0418 973 866

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. Details. Murray Irwin

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

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Cover Photo; The Sea Cliff Bridge is part of the Grand Pacific Drive and the route taken for the visit to the Motorlife Museum in September - (photo by Mark Weinberger).

Advertising rates for Classifiats;

Club Members-free.

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Secretary's Report

Fiat Club NSW – Social Meeting – 10 September

Welcome: Domenic Squadrito opened the meeting at 7:35pm and welcomed members to BSC.

Apologies: Warren Smith - OS, David Nigro

New Members & Visitors: Nil.

Secretary's Report: Previous minutes published in Fiat Focus – no business arising. Other club magazines received.

Ansell Park Report: Cutting / trimming trees and mowing lawns. Wayne & Kevin trimming trees and mowing lawns for the MK this weekend.

Competition Report: Motorkhanas coming up this weekend.

Recent Events: n/a.

Next Events: Sat 14 & Sun 15 Sep – day/Night MK R5 & R6 at AP. Refer to Fiat Focus & the website calendars for full details of upcoming events.

Social Events:

Recent Events: Wollongong run was a success.

Next Events: September Concorso 22 September. 29 September – burger break. A few October events. GC will advise the club

Communications: Stunning auction result for Fiat Dino at Shannons auction. Renault & FCA merger still in the news. Fiat is investing in factories in Italy to gear up for electric cars & hybrids. New MD for Fiat Australia. Historic sales figures for Fiat in Australia have been up and down over the past 100 years.

President's Report / 2020 Nationals Update:

2020 Nationals – Michael is looking for assistants, e.g. IT for all the events. Date to be advised. Should know date in about a weeks time. Looking for sponsors.

Fiat Fixations & ClassiFiats:

Fiat Fixations & ClassiFiats: Fiat Ritmo sport for sale. It will be advertised in the Classifiat. Petrol 1.4 – owned by Brian Foley about \$8,000 – immaculate.

Maurizio and RD was at Fathers Day event at St Ives show ground. There was a 1949 Ferrari owned by Les Miller.

The Oasis run was up to a Wiseman Ferry drivers shed. He had a collection of 1920's Chevs and Toyota's. the last Sunday of every month the Eastern Classic club gets together in Centennial Park.

CMC Report: next meeting in September.

General Business:

Richard D – historic plates 125 members with 179 cars. Richard has contacted the two club members with borderline cars and advised them that they need to make changes. RD has asked for engineers reports and move them away from the HVS to CVS.

The RMS has said that clubs have to be incorporated to be able to have HVS. That should remove small and non compliant clubs.

Judges for Concorso required - There is a form for people that can help out with the judging.

Meeting Closed / Next meeting: Social meeting closed at 8:20 pm for a FiatChat or Coffee & Gelato downstairs.

The next social meeting will be 8 October 2019 – 7:30pm at the Bankstown Sports Club.

CMC Meeting 24th September, 2019. Delegate – Norman Mitchell

CMC Committee

189 Clubs registered with CMC.

Finance

\$99,150 Total

Affiliations

Central Coast Old Skool Auto Club inc.

Judging Pool

Judging pool active at many events.

Events

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd November, 2019 – Cooma Motorfest.
- 22nd – 27th March 2020 – AHMF Rally in Albury
- 17th May 2020. Motoring Heritage Day. Check on CMC website for suggested destinations.
- 26th January, 2020 – CARNivale at Parramatta Park.
- 2021 – Proposed Tour of Europe – more details to come to hand.

16th August, 2020 – Shannon's Sydney Classic.

Shannon's Sydney Classic - 18th August, 2019

SSC was a huge success.

Robert Shannon Foundation

No report.

Australian Heritage Motoring Federation

AHMF AGM was held in Melbourne in July, minutes were not presented at this meeting.

Tram Museum – No report

ACMC – www.acmc.com

Brake testing is being carried out at Sydney Dragway.

HVS (previously HVRS - Historic Vehicle Registration Scheme)

- An announcement will be made today (26/9) on the future of the 'Log book' scheme. 'H' suffix have expired and HVS plates will now be issued suffixed by the letter 'J'.

General Business

- RMS is in the process of issuing an 'Historic and Classic Newsletter'. To subscribe to this newsletter, go to the CMC website Homepage to register.
- John Flower and his 2ic announced that they are implementing some improvements for the comfort of entrants to CARNivale.

CMC website – www.councilofmotorclubs.org.au

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 26th November, 2019. This will be an AGM.

Competition

Hello all

Last month saw our annual day night motorkhana on Saturday 14 followed by another round the next day. It was great to see some new faces having a go. The night was a low key social event and everyone had fun trying to navigate under a full moon. Martin Gallard brought out his highly anticipated turbo upgrade to his 126. After a minor bad start with a water line blowing off, a quick fix and he was away again. With the turbo dump valve in full noise during the night he was having a ball of a time out there.

We stopped for dinner and a great feed was had by all from a local pizza shop. This was followed by a piece of Susan Halliburton's famous pavlova. The food was a hit.

The kids then had fun riding their push bikes around the lights while the adults sat back by the fire for a chat with a few of us camping at the grounds for the night.

Sunday was another relaxed day with some new faces trying out a motorkhana for the first time. As there was not a big turnout in entries we decided to run 4 tests twice. There was also a nice surprise with a visit from long time member Graham Mumby who came out to help time keep and have a look around.

Our next khana has had to be moved from the 3rd of November and **will now be held on the 1st of December**. Please note that down.

Also on the 14th / 15th of October a team of us will be heading down to Winton, Victoria, to compete in the AROCA 12 hour regularity. Our team consists of

Manager	Drew Carter	
Driver	Martin Gallard	Fiat 127
Driver	Justin Mathews	Lotus
Driver	Michael McGeorge	Fiat 127
Driver	Mathew Rowe	Lotus
Driver	Iain Shannon	ABARTH 695
Driver	Glenn Smith	Abarth 124 Spider
Volunteer	Wayne McGeorge	
Volunteer	Andrew Mathews	
Volunteer	Roger Malcom	
Volunteer	Naomi McGeorge	



The scene at a night motorkhana.

Oh and Travis and Hayley McGeorge (will get in trouble if I don't mention them).

Till next month Mic Mac.

Competition Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	HVS code	FCC Points
October 2019				
Fri 4th - Sat 5th	Australian Motorkhana Championship	Bendigo Livestock Exchange, Huntly, Bendigo Victoria	CE910140	Invited
Sat 12th - Sun 13th	AROCA Regularity	Winton Victoria	CE910121	FCC Team event
Sun 20th	Interclub Round 7 – NSW RRC	Marulan	CE910102	Invited
November 2019				
Sun 17th	Huntley Hillclimb	Dapto (contact comp secretary)	CE911142	Invited
December 2019				
Sun 1st	Fiat Club NSW 2019/20 Motorkhana Championship, Round 1	Ansell Park	CE912110	Yes

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

Competition - Motorkhana Results

Provisional Motorkhana Results 14th September 2019 FIAT Car Club NSW R5

O/R	Class	#	Entrant	Car	Club	Class	Serpentine Adj Time	Trefoil Adj Time	Bullseye Adj Time	Square Slalom Adj Time	
1	1	7	Glenn Smith	FIAT rail	FCNSW	D	27.78	37.25 F	36.22	26.47	
2	1	6	Michael McGeorge	Club Car	FCNSW	C	30.38	31.50	41.87	30.63	
3	2	9	Martin Gallard	FIAT 126 turbo	FCNSW	D	26.47	27.31	41.44	31.12	
4	2	12	Wayne McGeorge	Club Car	FCNSW	C	31.31	31.07	41.34	32.07	
5	3	10	Naomi McGeorge	Club Car	FCNSW	C	36.71	36.50 dns	42.44	39.18	
6	2	11	Rebecca Gallard	FIAT 126 turbo	FCNSW	D	32.31	36.50 dns	45.46	36.97	
7	4	6	Kevin Halliburton	Club Car	FCNSW	C	39.93	36.50 dns	43.32	44.18 dns	
							Gables Adj Time	Tee Slalom Adj Time	Double Bone Adj Time	4 X Points Adj Time	Total
1	1	7	Glenn Smith	FIAT rail	FCNSW	D	47.06	21.59	39.10	23.28	258.75
2	1	6	Michael McGeorge	Club Car	FCNSW	C	50.56	23.93	41.10	27.50	277.47
3	2	9	Martin Gallard	FIAT 126 turbo	FCNSW	D	60.35	24.06	45.72	23.44	279.91
4	2	12	Wayne McGeorge	Club Car	FCNSW	C	52.75	23.75	43.72	26.94	282.95
5	3	10	Naomi McGeorge	Club Car	FCNSW	C	59.28	28.25	51.44	32.50 dns	326.30
6	2	11	Rebecca Gallard	FIAT 126 turbo	FCNSW	D	64.91	33.37 F	46.06	32.50 dns	328.80
7	4	6	Kevin Halliburton	Club Car	FCNSW	C	69.91 dns	25.93	56.44 dns	32.50 dns	348.71

Provisional Motorkhana Results 15th September 2019 FIAT Car Club NSW R6

O/R	Class	#	Entrant	Car	Club	Class	Butterfly 1 Adj Time	Butterfly 2 Adj Time	Bullseye 1 Adj Time	Bullseye 2 Adj Time	
1	1	7	Glenn Smith	FIAT rail	FCNSW	D	29.22	30.97	38.37	37.75	
2	2	9	Martin Gallard	FIAT 126 turbo	FCNSW	D	33.34	32.38	43.69	41.81	
3	1	6	Michael McGeorge	Club Car	FCNSW	C	31.32	35.72	43.78	43.19	
4	2	8	Naomi McGeorge	Club Car	FCNSW	C	40.41	37.66	47.72	45.34	
5	3	11	Rebecca Gallard	FIAT 126 turbo	FCNSW	D	36.13	35.22	44.91	62.84 WD	
6	1	12	Robert Polito	FIAT 131	FCNSW	B	39.59	33.22	60.44 F	56.25 2F	
7	2	13	Vince Polito	FIAT 131	FCNSW	B	40.31	37.28	49.15	57.84	
8	1	10	Danny Ganwalla	mx5	FCNSW	A	40.03	41.07	54.15 WD	49.94 G	
							Crazy Square 1 Adj Time	Crazy Square 2 Adj Time	Plumb Crazy 1 Adj Time	Plumb Crazy 2 Adj Time	Total
1	1	7	Glenn Smith	FIAT rail	FCNSW	D	22.00	21.50	27.84	28.06	235.71
2	2	9	Martin Gallard	FIAT 126 turbo	FCNSW	D	26.75	23.47	28.94	29.35	259.73
3	1	6	Michael McGeorge	Club Car	FCNSW	C	27.03	26.82	31.06	30.81	269.73
4	2	8	Naomi McGeorge	Club Car	FCNSW	C	27.62	27.66	36.75 G	32.16	295.32
5	3	11	Rebecca Gallard	FIAT 126 turbo	FCNSW	D	28.19	25.72	30.72	41.10	304.83
6	1	12	Robert Polito	FIAT 131	FCNSW	B	27.70	25.97	31.50	31.31	305.98
7	2	13	Vince Polito	FIAT 131	FCNSW	B	29.32	28.37	31.25	32.59	306.11
8	1	10	Danny Ganwalla	mx5	FCNSW	A	31.04	30.44	36.5 WD	42.94	326.11

Penalties: F = Flag Down; G = Garage Penalty; WD = Wrong Direction; M = Mechanical; DNS = Did Not Start; DNF = Did Not Finish.

WD, times were calculated using "Double Fastest" method or slowest time plus 5 sec whichever is faster.

DNS, DNF slowest time plus 10 seconds regardless of the "double the fastest"

- Classes**
- A SWB rear wheel drive
 - B LWB Rear Wheel Drive
 - C Front Wheel Drive
 - D Specials
 - F Four Wheel Drive

The Focus Editorial

As Warren Smith is currently overseas in Europe, there is no President's report this month. At least he will be back in time for the rescheduled Concorso, and we look forward to his tales of his European holiday.

As far as club events are concerned, we can look forward to a busy couple of months ahead. Later this month is the annual **Norton Street Festival and Autofesta on Sunday October 27**. Contact the Events Coordinator, Giovanni Ciampa, if you would like to display your vehicle at the event, otherwise, you can visit us in Leichhardt Park on the day and enjoy the atmosphere.

As most of you are aware, the **Concorso d'Eleganza** was called off last month due to the weather and has been **rescheduled to Sunday November 3**, a week after the Norton Street Autofesta. Let's hope the weather is much more favourable and we have a big roll up of club members and their cars on the day just as we have had in recent years.

Next up is that main event of the year, the **Fiat Club of New South Wales 70th anniversary dinner on Sunday November 17 at Cavallino's in Terry Hills** (see page 3 for details). If you still haven't booked your place please contact Giovanni Ciampa to confirm your attendance.

As a result of the Concorso being rescheduled to November the **first round of the Fiat Club of New South Wales Motorkhana Championship has had to move to Sunday December the 1st**. All would-be competitors and junior clinic attendees please take note.

I have written and included an article on an early **NSW Fiat Club** that existed in the 1920s and 1930s. Thanks to the National Libraries of Australia archive website, 'Trove', I have been able to piece together some of the activities of this club from 1925.

This was a pretty interesting exercise, so much so that I took a few lunchtime walks to various sites in the city where the club held a number of activities. The site of Bateman's Hotel, where they held a number of meetings, is still there, however it exists as offices nowadays, though it looks like it remained a pub until the 1980s.

The firm of Garratt's, who sold Fiats at the time and were an early supporter of the club, were situated on a block opposite Hyde Park. The block fronted 173-175 Elizabeth Street and the rear entrance backed onto 148-150 Castlereagh Street. The sites are still there but the buildings, of course, are long gone.

One of the curious activities they conducted was a "rolling test" behind St Mary's Cathedral down to the intersection of Cathedral Street and Sir John Young Crescent. The Hill is still there and is a short but steep decline down to the edge of Woolloomooloo. You would expect that this area is very different nowadays compared to what it was like 94 years ago.

Finally, **the club will have a team of drivers and cars competing at the AROCA 12 hour regularity event at Winton Raceway in Victoria on the weekend of October 12-13**. We wish them all the best for a great result.

Lorenzo Aventi, Editor.



FIAT CLUB OF N.S.W.

The rolling test held by the **FIAT Club** last Saturday, at the rear of St. Mary's Cathedral, was a great success. The following were the winners: R. Fenneck 1, W. J. Hitchcock 2, and M. Lowe 3.

Messrs. F. Finlay, G. Craig, and W. Powell were the judges, and Mr. A. K. Leeder, starter.

The above **club** intends to hold their next outing shortly. The date, time, place of meeting, and route will be published in these columns.

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 if you are interested.

The hill behind St Mar's Cathedral for the rolling conducted 94 years ago! Next to it is a contemporary article on the event; Top left, the intersection of Cathedral Street and Sir John Young Crescent today.

OASIS Run Sep 2019 – Wiseman’s Ferry

The OASIS Run occurs on the first Tuesday of each month, and the September run took us on a run to Wiseman’s Ferry.

Club members attending included Vince & Linda Bruzzese (124 BC), Murray Irwin (X1/9), Richard Dalziel (850 SC), and Andy Anderson (modern – his X1/9 carbies are playing up).

We met at Hungry Jacks Dural, and rapidly filled the car park. By the time we reached our destination, we had over 60 people and almost as many cars.

It was a beautiful sunny day, perfect for a run along the undulating and twisty Old Northern Rd.



At Wisemans we detoured to a private property on the side of the Hawkesbury River and enjoyed a walk around the big shed, which contained seven cars, a number plate collection, auto books & memorabilia. The cars were an interesting mix of 1926/28/33 Chevrolet’s, a 1950’s Ford Prefect and relatively modern Toyota collection, comprising a Celica, MR2, and a panel van. Surrounding the big shed, there were multiple garages, carports, covered areas and the like, filled with cars ripe for restoration, with remnants of cars and parts to assist the process, and a workshop area with hoist, welders, and lathes. All resting peacefully amongst the gum trees.

Clearly nothing is thrown out, because it may just be useful one day! The delights of rural space and a very, very understanding wife. Oh, did I mention the vintage fire engine, ready to spring into action!

Rob the host, a delightful fellow, engaged with visitors all morning, explaining enthusiastically what he had done to each car – and yep, all the completed cars run, and he does it pretty much all himself.



Rob had arranged for a group of his fellow club members to bring their cars along to boost the display, this included a line-up of more mid 1920’s Chevrolets, plus the obligatory 57 Chev, a 1950’s Plymouth and a 1934 Vauxhall. These vehicles complimented the wide variety of vehicles driven by the OASIS group, who come from many of the CMC affiliated clubs and beyond.

Seeing what some people can achieve just makes you feel inadequate, so we adjourned to the Wiseman’s Ferry Bowling Club to lament on how good we could have been.

Richard Dalziel.





DRIVE DAY (write up)

Motorlife Museum

8th September 2019



It was a very windy spring morning for our club drive down to Wollongong to visit the Motorlife Museum. A great mix of cars turned up ranging from FIAT X1/9s, 124 Coupe BC, Abarth 500s, Abarth 124 spider and then to the cool BMW JS, Lotus Elan S2 and a Ferrari 612.

The convoy from Tom Ugly's Bridge went through the National Park and stopped along the way to enjoy the view of the coastline and ocean road ahead.



On arrival at the Motorlife Museum, the venue is set amongst a very tranquil park with a beautiful mountain backdrop. Inside there was so much motoring memorabilia to see that it is too much to absorb in one visit. The highlight was seeing two rare Fiats. One was being restored in the back workshop with coachwork being wrapped in leather...we can't wait to see this finished and on display!

A big thank you to all that came along and continue to support our club, it made for great day out!



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





Burger break (write up)

29th September 2019

Superior Burger



Superior Burger is definitely the 'Best in the West' when it comes to burgers and fries. A great mix of club members and friends turned up, 30 in total in 19 really cool cars.

Owner of Superior Burger, David Sullo, provided T-shirt giveaways. One went to 'his favourite Fiat car on the park'...this went to David Heyworth's red 850 Coupe. Another went to Robert Petrone for 'furthest drive' coming all the way from Wollongong.

Thank you to all for coming especially Maurizio and Nick from Mastertouch Automotive for helping me out with my clutch problems and Enrico for providing clutch fluid so I could get home. Just shows the great people in the Club!

See you at the next social on Tuesday October 8.

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





Norton St. Festa
 Sunday 27th October 2019
 Norton Street, Leichhardt NSW 2040

The FIAT Club of NSW has been invited
 to be part of a static car display
 at this years Norton St. Festa
 (cars of any standard welcome)

if you are interested in displaying your car
 please RSVP your interest to attend
 and the vehicle you will be bringing

cars to be on display by: **9:00am**

contact: Dominic Squadrito (vicepresident@fiatclub.com.au)



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Fiat Focus



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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 Early New South Wales Fiat Club from 1925.

We are aware that before the Second World War a club for Fiat car owners and enthusiasts, but unrelated to our current Fiat Club of NSW, was established around the middle of 1925 and looked to have flourished throughout the rest of that year. With the introduction of digitalizing many of the archives held in libraries around the country, there are more and more articles of historical significance that can be accessed by academics, researchers and the humble interested party, such as a car club member and enthusiast. This includes information available on this early Fiat Club. From a number of newspaper reports at the time we can find out a little on the formation of that club and the activities they conducted in their first six month of existence to the end of 1925.

The club came into being around the middle of 1925 when a number of Fiat owners could see the benefits of starting a club for like-minded people that appreciated the Fiat brand of motor vehicle. The idea was to form a social club that conducted drives around Sydney, arranged activities including some competitive motoring events as well as offering its members advice and training into the technical aspects of Fiats to help them get the most out of their car. As reported in 'Truth' on July 26, 1925, "This has been brought about by a number of Fiat owners, who were of the opinion that by this means a society of mutual help could be established that would prove a boon to many motorists".

A meeting was held around June/July 1925 where the New South Wales Fiat Club was inaugurated. The founding members were A. Leeder, R. Bales, C. M. Glynn, J. Lachmund, Jones, Knispel, Woollard, C. Craig, Grey, F. Beck, F. Finlay, and Frank Watts. At their first meeting, Mr C.M. Glynn was elected president, Frank Watts as secretary and "Paddy" Bales as treasurer. The committee comprised of Mr A. Leeder (chairman), Gregory, Knispel, Gordon Craig, R. F. Oliver, J. Lachmund, H. F. Jones, S. Hitchcock, Herb. McCrae, J. Dugmore, and W. McLeod.

The first meeting of club members was held at the Bateman's Hotel, 432 George Street, Sydney, on Thursday August 27. About 60 people turned up with a many apologies from other members who could not make it. There was certainly an enthusiastic response to the formation of the club. Rules were distributed to those who were there and a vote of thanks was passed to Garratt's Ltd (the Fiat dealer and distributor located a short distance away in Elizabeth Street) for their past assistance in establishing the club. In reply, the general manager of the firm, Mr F.M. Beck, confirmed continued support for the Fiat Club and invited members to attend talks on the Fiat car to be held by Garratt's. An invitation by Mr. Worth,



manager of the Motor Efficiency School, also invited all Fiat owners (club members or not) and their friends to a special lecture evening to be held in the lecture room, 48 Reservoir Street, Sydney, on Tuesday September 8 to hear a talk by Mr. J.A. Broadbent on Fiat cars, their maintenance and construction.

The 'honorable and worthwhile' objects of the club were stated as;

1. Promotion of goodfellowship amongst Fiat owners.
2. Promotion of School of Instruction, lectures and advice to Fiat owners on their cars.
3. Holding of competitions amongst Fiat owners.
4. Organising periodic outings for poor children, hospital patients, etc'.
 - a. Holding of social evenings and dances.
 - b. Formation of cricket, golf, tennis clubs, etc.
7. Supply of a special Fiat Badge for members automobiles and coats.
8. Holding of special outings occasionally.
9. Adoption of method of incorporating all Fiat service stations throughout N.S.W. to become members and give special privileges to members visiting their town.
10. Renting of rooms or premises for members to gather at any time.
11. Arrangement with trade houses to supply tyres, accessories, oils, etc. to members at a special discount.

From the abovementioned aims it is no wonder the club was a popular one to become a member of.

At this rather full and busy meeting, the first outing for the club was confirmed and was to be a drive to Windsor on Sunday, September 6. Meeting at the [Sydney] University gates at 9.30 a.m. they were to travel to Windsor Road and then just follow it to Windsor Town. I am not sure how much of the road was sealed but either way this would have been a bit of a distance to travel. I expect, however, that this was probably quite the drive the members would have looked forward to. Interestingly to note that these days a similar route to Windsor is driven by members going to Ansell Park so it is a little coincidental that they decided to make this destination the club's first 'run'. To get there I would guess they may have cruised at about 25 mph and despite the less developed road network at the time, I wouldn't think that it would have taken them much longer to get to Windsor compared to nowadays given the little traffic they would have encountered at the time.

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The site in George Street where the Bateman's Hotel existed. Here, the first meeting of the NSW Fiat Club was conducted

The Early New South Wales Fiat Club from 1925 (continued)

As it turned out the event was a resounding success with 70 Fiats in attendance. 70! This is an astonishing figure as the Club had only been formed a couple of months earlier and they may well have had everyone that owned a Fiat join the club. It suggests that the Fiat did sell well back then and to an enthusiastic clientele. The activities on that day consisted of a fine luncheon upon arrival followed by some games and sporting activities. They left the venue at 3.30 p.m. and stopped at Parramatta Park on the way back for afternoon tea.

Around this time, and probably before the first club activity, a social committee was formed comprising of the following members; Messrs. M'Crae, Sherwood, Kent, Donaldson, Kelly, and Mallon. Also, word had already spread to regional areas with a number of members from country towns joining up. In fact, a number of club 'centres' were formed in the country seeking affiliation with the Sydney club.

The next event was to be a competitive event. There was to be a "Rolling Test" to be held behind St Mary's Cathedral at the intersection of Cathedral Street and Sir John Young's Crescent. This was to be on Saturday 19 September. I am not sure what the 'Rolling Test' was about but I expect that some minor skill was required. I suppose that an event on Saturday afternoon around the Cathedral could work back then but a re-enactment nowadays would be pretty hard to achieve. The results of the test were as follows; 1st-R. Fenneck, 2nd-W. J. Hitchcock, 3rd-M. Lowe. "Messrs, F. Finlay, G. Craig, and W. Powell were the judges, and Mr. A. K. Leeder, starter".

The next social meeting was held again at the Bateman's Hotel on Thursday October 1st, where friends of the club members contributed some musical entertainment for the pleasure of all. Has anyone heard of the entertainers, J. Graham, Herman Tremayne, and Misses Jessie Webster, Marjorie Pilgram, and Marie Gillan?

A drive to Camden on Sunday October 11 was next. Again, quite a drive to the country in those days. The club continued to outdo itself as it was reported that over 80 Fiats attended. Lunch followed by some games made this another enjoyable day. Also noted was that the Fiat Club badge had been distributed to members and many of the vehicles proudly displayed this stylish piece of membership status on the front of their car.

By November the Club's membership had grown to 150 including many enthusiastic "lady members". I suppose that there were a lot of Sydney siders looking for entertainment on weekends and the Fiat club offered them the opportunity to participate in social events with other well off automobile owners! It was even reported in the 'Labor Daily' newspaper that total membership had reached 300 including country members!

Next, of all things, the Fiat Club was challenged to a cricket match by the Ford Club. The game was to be held at Mona Vale on Sunday November 12. Instructions were to be at the Spit Bridge, Mosman, at 9.15 a.m. sharp to arrive at the cricket ground, either to participate in the match or in another scrumptious luncheon. Games and races were also included for children and adults. A large turn out of 120 cars made sure that there were enough players for the teams. The Daily Telegraph reported that the Fiat Club won the cricket match by

10 wickets.

The last event for the year was to be held at the North Rocks Cricket Ground and that the organizers wanted to make this the biggest club event so far (how many more Fiats could they expect to find in Sydney?). Instructions were to meet on Sunday December 6 at the Vauxhall Inn, Parramatta (Cnr of Parramatta Rd and Woodville Rd) at "11 o'clock" and proceed to the grounds for an afternoon of fun including novelty driving tests, musical chairs, peg driving and potato races (I am guessing potato sack races as potatoes are not noted for their speed, or any movement under their own power at all).



Fiat Truck belonging to Tooth & Co in front of Garratt's Sales and Service, Elizabeth street Sydney, 1914

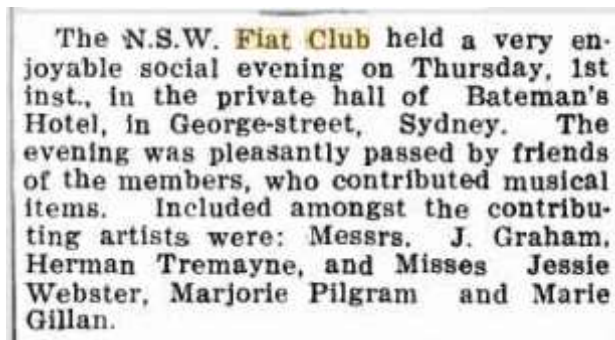
And so brought an end to the first six months of that early enthusiastic NSW Fiat Club. It looked like a very busy and enjoyable time. Thanks to the work of club secretary, Frank Watts, ensuring reports were sent to the press, we can learn about the early history of this club that we have been aware of but did not know a great deal of. At the moment I have not been able to find out any more about the club after 1925. It may have been so successful that they no longer need to report or advertise in the general press to attract new members. Did the depression years cause the club to

curb its activities or was it the commencement of the war later on that made such leisure pursuits less viable with rationing, especially for petrol supplies. I hope to get some answers in due course. In the meantime, I can only imagine what it was like to drive around in the 1920s in a Fiat for a day trip to Winsor, Mona Vale or Camden, back when the roads were not as numerous or as developed as they are now. Interesting to think that many of our Club's runs nowadays are to these same towns and venues.

Lorenzo Aventi.

The initial office bearers of the NSW Fiat Club were; President - C. M. Glynn, Secretary- Frank Watts, Treasurer- "Paddy" Bales. The committee comprised of Mr. A. Leeder (chairman), Gregory, Knispel, Gordon Craig, R. F. Oliver, J. Lachmund. H. F. Jones, S. Hitchcock, Herb. McCrae, J. Dugmore, and W. McLeod.

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Above - One of the newspaper clippings from 1925

FCA to spend 1 billion euros on new models – Fiat 500 EV, Panda hybrid for 1H 2020; Tonale 1H 2021: report

By Mick Chan, Paul Tans Automotive News.

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) will invest nearly 1 billion euros (RM4.62 billion) towards the start of production for the forthcoming Alfa Romeo Tonale SUV and the Fiat Panda hybrid at the Pomigliano manufacturing plant, unions have said according to *Reuters*.

This investment move is the latest part of a plan in which FCA plans to spend 5 billion euros until 2021, which is aimed at helping the group of companies launch its first batch of hybrid and electric models, as well as to maximise capacity utilisation at its production plants, the report said.

Construction of the Tonale's production line will commence at the beginning of next year, metal mechanic unions FIM, UILM, FISMIC, UGLM and AQCF said in a statement, which was then confirmed by an FCA spokesperson to *Reuters*. The investment for the forthcoming two models would be 'closer to 1 billion than 500 million euros', the spokesperson noted.

The spokesperson said that alongside the electrified Panda, a premium compact SUV will be produced at the southern Italian Pomigliano plant though without referring to it explicitly as the Tonale, the report said. This manufacturing plant already produces the standard internal combustion-engined Panda. Production of the hybrid Panda is expected to start in 1H 2020, with the Tonale following suit in 2021.

The group of automotive brands said earlier this year that it was investing 700 million euros for the construction of a new production line in Mirafiori, Turin for the Fiat 500 BEV, production of which will start in the second quarter of 2020, following the group's failed bid to merge with Renault.

Further afield within the group, the Jeep Renegade and Compass will spawn hybrid versions as well, as will the Maserati Levante, all expected to arrive on the market some time next year, the report added.

Fiat Chrysler to test vehicle-to-grid technology in Italy

GIULIO PIOVACCARI, reuters



TURIN -- Fiat Chrysler Automobiles will set up an experimental fleet of up to 700 electric

cars in Europe to test vehicle-to-grid technology, which allows power grids to use energy stored in car batteries to meet demand during peak hours.

FCA signed an agreement with Italy's national grid operator Terna to jointly test a technology enabling electric vehicles to interact with the grid, through charging infrastructure.

The project will include a feasibility study to launch an experimental demonstration fleet of cars connected to the grid via V2G infrastructure to be built in FCA's Mirafiori plant in Turin, the two companies said in a [statement](#) on Thursday.

FCA's Europe chief, Pietro Gorlier, said the automaker will start with the 500 electric car.

"The project will kick off in the coming months, we plan to reach 600-700 test vehicles by 2020-21," he said.

FCA will start producing a full-electric version of its 500 minicar in Mirafiori by the second quarter of next year.

Hybrid plug-in versions of the Jeep Compass and Renegade, a new plug-in Alfa Romeo compact SUV, the Tonale, and a mild-hybrid Panda compact car, are also expected in 2020.

FCA is taking its first steps into electric mobility as the automaker moves on from its failed \$35 billion bid to merge with Renault, a pioneer in electric vehicles.

Fiat 500 Axed in North America

Ciao, tiny retro cars—we can't say you'll be particularly missed

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles press release

Ciao, Fiat 500! Instead of giving it a much-needed refresh, Fiat Chrysler is pulling the cute two-door car out of the North American market after the 2019 model year, including the adorable 500 convertible, 500e EV, and mighty-mite 500 Abarth models. Here's the official statement from the maker:

"Fiat will discontinue production of the current-generation Fiat 500 and 500e in North America. Current inventory of the 2019 Fiat 500 and 500e will last into 2020. In North America, Fiat will continue to offer the new Italian-designed, fun-to-drive Fiat 500X all-wheel compact crossover, the Fiat 124 Spider roadster and the five-passenger Fiat 500L utility vehicle."

The retro 500 has been offered in the U.S. since 2011 as a 2012 model; the car initially launched in Europe in 2007. Sales were good at first, with nearly 47,000 sold in 2012. But the numbers began a precipitous slide soon thereafter, and just 1,692 were tallied for 2019 through June. The 500 joins the VW Beetle, Smart brand, and Audi TT among the recent dead, either globally or in the U.S.

This news is yet another sign that America's taste for bigger cars and trucks continues with no end in sight. The 500's 1.4-liter

turbocharged engine got a power bump from 101 to 135 hp and 97 to 150 lb-ft of torque last year, but it was a case of too little, too late. Per FCA's statement, if you still want to buy a 500, there should be plenty of inventory on dealer lots until 2020, and we'd recommend trying to find a deal on an Abarth with a five-speed manual—that's the variant we'll miss.

New Fiat Panda Trussardi limited edition revealed

By David Kirby, [carbuyer.co.uk](#)



Fiat and Italian fashion brand Trussardi collaborate to create style-focused limited edition model

Fiat has unveiled the Fiat Panda Trussardi, a limited edition version of the car designed in collaboration with Trussardi, an Italian fashion brand. Trussardi logos feature throughout and the car comes in a matt 'Caffè Italiano Brown' with contrasting black accents. The Panda Trussardi uses a 68bhp 1.2-litre petrol engine and has a price of £14,060.

The limited edition has been created with style in mind, with the Fiat and Trussardi designers working together. The Trussardi Greyhound logo features on the rear quarter light, alloy wheel centre caps and on the side mouldings.

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Other exterior details include black roof bars, mirror caps, 15-inch alloy wheels and skid plate. The Caffè Italiano Brown is available in either a matt or metallic finish but you can also choose from several other paints if the brown colour isn't to your liking.

Inside, Trussardi branding is embellished on the floor mats, seat belts, door cards, as well as on the leather seat upholstery. The black techno-leather seats have contrasting brown stitching while the dashboard also sports a new Caffè Italiano Brown finish.

The Panda Trussardi uses the familiar 68bhp 1.2-litre petrol engine and a five-speed manual gearbox. City Brake Control, available as an option, is a system that detects obstacles in front of the car and automatically applies the brakes if the driver does not respond when the vehicle is travelling under 18mph.

The new Panda Trussardi starts from £14,060 and is available to order now.

New 163bhp Abarth 595 Pista announced for 2019

Luke Wilkinson, *autoExpress UK*

Fiat's performance sub-brand introduces a new mid-range version of the Abarth 595, named the Pista

Abarth has revealed yet another hot Fiat 500 derivative - the new 595 Pista. It's a better-value, better-equipped version of the 595 Turismo automatic, introducing a range of previously optional performance and cosmetic upgrades as standard. Prices start from £19,135, representing a £1,060 saving over the equivalent Turismo.

The 595 Pista is powered by the same turbocharged 1.4-litre four-cylinder petrol engine as the Abarth 595 Turismo, albeit with the addition of a revised Garrett turbo. Abarth's active Record Monza exhaust system is also included as standard – a feature which isn't available on the Turismo. Power and torque figures stand at 163bhp and 230Nm respectively.

- New Abarth 595 Esseeesse review

The engine sends its power to the front wheels via a five-speed manual gearbox as standard, although Abarth's MTA five-speed paddle-shift transmission is offered as an optional extra. Manual-equipped models have a 0–62mph time 7.3 seconds and a top speed of 135mph.

The new addition to the Abarth line-up is finished in a unique matte grey paint, with green highlights for the front splitter, mirror caps and rear diffuser. Buyers also get a set of 17-inch, ten-spoke, satin black alloy wheels and adaptive Koni dampers for the rear axle. The Pista is also fitted with a set of drilled and ventilated disc brakes, measuring 284mm on the front axle and 240mm on the rear.

Inside the 595 Pista is finished with a pair of

heavily bolstered, cloth-trimmed bucket seats (as opposed to the Turismo's more accommodating, leather-trimmed chairs), a flat-bottomed sports steering wheel, a seven-inch digital instrument binnacle and a seven-



inch infotainment screen with support for Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

There's a Red Scorpion on the Hood of This Fiat 124 Abarth



Daniel Patrascu autoevolution.com

Fiat is not exactly the go-to manufacturer for high profile cars, but the Italians do get some things right from time to time. Like the 124 Spider, one of the most exciting and at the same time affordable two passenger roadster.

Sure, that may be because the 124 is essentially a rebodied Mazda MX-5, the most successful roadster of all time, and it is even

produced by the Japanese, but still there's a certain Fiat-allure to it that other of the company's cars lack.

In 2019, the Italian carmaker celebrates its 120th anniversary, and its performance division Abarth turns 70, so a special version of the 124 Abarth has just been presented.

Abarth's image has been for years a scorpion, an arachnid that is well represented on the company's logo. But as of now, an even larger scorpion can be fitted in the hood to properly mark the celebration.

The Fiat 124 Spider usually starts at \$25,390, but for an extra \$395 you can get a scorpion hood decal, and side stripes in Rosso red. These minor modifications are pompously called Scorpion Sting Appearance Group.

"Every Fiat 124 Spider comes standard with turbocharged open-air fun," said in a statement Tim Kuniskis, FCA head of Alfa Romeo.

"The Scorpion Sting Appearance Group gives the roadster head-turning presence and yet another way to customize the fun-to-drive Fiat 124 Spider Abarth."

Other than that, nothing changes in the 124 Abarth. Under the hood is the same 1.4-liter MultiAir Turbo four-cylinder engine that develops 164 horsepower and 184 lb.-ft., and

controlling it is the same choice between a six-speed manual or a six-speed automatic transmission.

There are now three variants of the 124 on the market, namely Classica, Lusso and Abarth, each with its own particular appointments.

As a side note, Abarth's logo was chosen as a nod to its founder, Karl Abarth, whose astrological sign was Scorpio.

FOR SALE

I have had the Ritmo Sport since new and it has been serviced by the same Fiat mechanics over the past 11 years. It has travelled mainly on the highways between Bowral, Sydney, and Wollongong, the first two sets of Michelin Sports each having travelled over 70.000 kms. (10/19)

Information on the car is as follows.

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Contact Brian at briangta@bigpond.com



FOR SALE

Fiat 124 AC Coupe for sale. Original condition, Sound body. On club plates (not transferrable) Asking \$12,000.

See attached photos. (10/19)

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

Email joe.dimarti@telstra.com



FOR SALE - Fiat 132 GLS

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)

Name: Neil Anderson

Email: neiland1959@outlook.com

My car is a 1976 Fiat 132 GLS. 1.8 litre manual sedan. Paint-work, 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)



FOR SALE

1980 FIAT 131 PANORAMA CL – 1600 5 Speed “Climatizzata”

ONLY ONE PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED OWNER, WITH BOOKS

I bought this 131 Panorama CL a few years ago where it had been laid up for 23 years in a sealed garage in Sydney. I got it up and running, and towed it home with the intention of bringing it back to life as a family weekend cruiser. Since then, my circumstances have changed and unfortunately, I have to move it on.

With only one previously registered owner, this wagon represents a rare and wonderful opportunity for an enthusiast who is keen for something out of the ordinary. It is stock standard and intact, unmolested and in above average condition for a restoration base, or a tidy up and go.

Last registered in 1992 this 131 1600 5 speed is badged as a “Climatizzata” so it comes with factory air conditioning and is very much complete down to the original Fiat service log book and factory radio!

I took a video on the day I first moved it, and with a popular 32,000 YouTube views it can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z50Q6KaIYxI>

The work I've had done includes a new water pump, a brake service with new seals and wheel cylinders. New intermediate and rear exhaust sections. An oil and filter service, genuine plugs, leads and other service items using OEM parts where I could. All work carried out by Joe Catena.

As mentioned, it is in above average condition, not perfect condition. It needs a new clutch although it's still good enough to move the car around as is. There is some rust as to be expected (not terminal), and a few spots about which have been treated but need repairing. A good second hand guard and door will be sold with the car as part of the deal. The interior is in good shape, dash has no cracks, carpet is good, however the driver's seat swab has some stitching separate. The sale will also include some spare parts.

The Fiat 131 Panorama has become a bit of an elusive model now days as not many have survived, especially an untouched example like this one. It was truly a stroke of luck when this car was unintentionally entombed and preserved for a couple of decades, prior to that it was meticulously maintained and log booked.

I'm offering up my Panorama to the Fiat Club NSW membership first as it would be great to see it around at future events and retained within our club. An offer around \$3,900 will see it sold. (08/19)



Located near Canterbury, Sydney. Call me to arrange an inspection, **Con Catena - 0410 459 954** .

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

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For Sale

Up for sale I have my Very rare 1925 Fiat 501 Roadster. Fully restored and roadworthy. Car is on club registration and not transferable. Comes with original books and restoration photos. Great collectors car . Only one in Australia of its body type. 5079 H

If you need more information or photos please don't hesitate to email or call me. (07/19)

Contact John Di Bella on **0416282248** or Charlie on **0403779884**; Email **itabella@optusnet.com.au**



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

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.

FIAT focus



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FIAT CLUB OF NSW Inc.

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EGROUP: Available to members wishing to receive emailed information from the Club and other Members.

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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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Key features for 2019 include the annual outdoor club sandwich activation, gourmet food and wine, VIP Lounge, tributes to Bentley, Alvis, Citroen and Abarth and special guest ambassador, Sandra Button, the Director of the prestigious and world-leading **Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in California, USA.**

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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@fiatlanzia.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.