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



## Notice of Annual General Meeting of the Fiat Club of New South Wales Inc.

Dear Members,

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Fiat Club of New South Wales will be held at Sunday 6th February, 2022 at the Fiat Club's grounds, Ansell Park, at 2 Percival Street, Clarendon, on the corner of Percival Street and Hawkesbury Valley Way. The event will also include the 2021 FIAT Club of NSW Concorso (a little delayed but something for members to look forward to this summer at the glorious Ansell Park grounds). Lunch is to be provided.

Remember that the success of any club is based on its members participation. The Club and Committee are always looking for new people, new committee members, new ideas and an understanding of what you, the general membership, want from the Club.

All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

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

Nominations may be sent to the Secretary (secretary@fiatclub.com.au) prior to the event, or, be made on the day of the meeting. Nominations must be accepted by the nominee and be seconded by a member.

All members who attend and vote on the day must be a 2021 financial member of the Fiat Club of New South Wales (Note that your current 2021 membership has been extended to June 31, 2022).

Send your nomination in now and avoid disappointment.

#### Positions available for nomination are listed below

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Many thanks to all those who contributed to this edition of Fiat Focus.

**Cover Photo;** This month's cover is of Vince Bruzzese's 124 Coupe. Vince and his 124 regularly attend FIAT club events.

FIATFocus Magazine is available from the FIAT Club of New South Wales website. If you are after any of the issues from 2019 to the present just go to the club's website at www.fiatclub.com.au,click on the 'Magazine' tab and download the magazine you are looking for.

Disclaimer: The views expressed in advertisements and articles published in this magazine are not necessarily those of the FIAT Club of NSW.

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.



Historic Vehicle Use - always remember to carry the following 4 items; 1. Club Run - carry a "paper, not electronic" copy of the club calendar with the event listed, 2. Personal Use - fill in your RMS log sheet before you leave - as fines & points apply, 3. Certificate of Approved Operations (purple A5 sheet issued by the RMS), 4. FCNSW membership card - to confirm your financial status.

DATE	EVENT AND LOCATION	Pointscore
	January 2022	
Tues 4th	Oasis Run - Brunch on the Beach, Mcmaster's Beach (see next page)	No
Sun 9th	FIAT Club Lunch - ENZO's Cucina Camden (see page 10)	Yes
Tues 11th	Social Meeting by Zoom	No
Sun 30th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Art of Gelato, Carramar (see page 11)	Yes
January	Australia Day CARnivale - date TBA	No
February 2022		
Tues 1st	Oasis Run - details TBA	No
Sun 6th	FIAT Club of New South Wales Picnic Day (free sausage sizzle) Annual General Meeting & 2021 FIAT Club Concorso	Yes
Tues 8th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club TBC	Yes
Sat 12th	Gnoo Blas Classic Car, Truck & Bike Show	No
Sun 13th	NSW Motorkhana Championship - Awaba	No
Sun 20th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Kokoda at Concord	Yes
Sun 20th	Huntley Hillclimb Rd 1	No
Fri 25th - Sun 27th	Bathurst 12 Hour Race	No
March 2022		
Tues 1st	Oasis Run - Glenalvon House Campbelltown	No
Sat 5th - Sun 6th	NSW Hillclimb Championship - Rd 1 & 2, Bathurst	No
Sun 6th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Cavallino's at Terry Hills	Yes
Tues 8th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club TBC	Yes
Sat 19th	FIAT Club Motorkhana Championship Rd 1 - day / night event	Yes
Sun 20th	FIAT Club Motorkhana Championship Rd 2 including President's Motorkhana	Yes
Sun 27th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Pasticceria Massimo Papa, Fairy Meadow	Yes
Sun 27th	NSW Motorkhana Championship - Awaba	No
April 2022		
Sun 3rd	Auto Italia	Yes



#### **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). 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.

#### ALL SUBJECT TO ANY RESTRICTIONS THAT MAY BE IN PLACE

#### **Upcoming Events**

**4 January 2022,** Brunch on the Beach, Barefoot Café, 100 Marine Parade, Mcmaster's Beach. Meet at McDonalds, 513-517 Pacific Highway, Mt Colah at 10:00 am for a 10:30 am departure. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** Due to current or any future Govt. restrictions venues are now requesting numbers of guests who are attending their venues. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Details Allana Flynn-O'Neile MOB: 0417 709 470

**1 February 2022.** TBA Details Les Phone 9838 8063., MOB: 0418 973 866, Email: mumspalace@hotmail.com

**1 March 2022.** Visit Historic Glenalvon House Campbelltown. Lunch: Campbelltown RSL Club. Cost: \$10.00 per person for Morning Tea and Tour

NB – Total Cost of Morning Tea and Tour is the number of persons booked in x \$10.00 with NO REFUNDS.

"BOOK NOW!" With Les \$10.00 cash per person in advance—No \$10:00 payment - No morning tea — No tour

No IOUs accepted! **BOOKINGS CLOSE: 15 February 2022.** Late bookings and Walk-Ins will not be accepted.

**5 April 2022.** Central Coast – TBA – Details Les

3 May 2022. Lynwood Golf Club, PITT TOWN, Details: Murray Irwin - MOB: 0449 896 008

#### **INVITED EVENTS**

First Sunday of each month; Cars 'n' Coffees at St Ives Showground - 8am to 11 am.

**East Hills Charity Car Show** - Sunday 6 March 2022.

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#### **BANKING DETAILS:**

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#### **SOCIAL MEETINGS**

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#### **Life Members** Hank Breen Tony Bray • Steve Gotch • Ian Allison Pauline Gotch • Kevin Halliburton Doug Tory Susan Halliburton John Godfrey Tony Studans Warren Smith Wayne McGeorge Graham Mumby Michael McGeorge Wal Glading Naomi McGeorge • Alan Steele



Wow!... Christmas time again, eh? It must be my age, but despite Covid lockdowns the years still seem to just zip by. If you are a young person, I suppose the months drag by.

Nevertheless, I'd like to wish you all the very best for this festive season and for the New Year. Let's hope that we can all get to meet up at some of our usual events really soon. Speaking of which, I was intending to have a Social Meeting in January at Bankstown Sports Club, but although meeting at that club is allowed, they have not yet approved our application for the sponsorship of the meeting room, which we have enjoyed for quite a few years now. The BSC committee which approves these applications doesn't meet until late January, which is a bit late for us. Hopefully we will have approval in time for a February meeting.

So, instead of a face-to-face meeting, we will again try a ZOOM Social Meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm. No formalities – just you the members who determine what is discussed!

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Your FCNSW committee has decided that we will again hold the AGM at Ansell Park. This will be held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> of February and will also incorporate the 2021 Concorso d'Eleganza. Because of this, we will try to make the AGM as short as possible, even for the first time NOT holding the usual February Social Meeting formalities; the main purpose of which is to present the annual trophies. As we have not had any events, no trophies need to be presented (perhaps just the Stirrer's Spoon?) Just like the last Ansell Park AGM, we will also be putting on a FREE LUNCH for all members. For those who wish to stay on later, there will also be a Day/Night

Motorkhana starting around 3.00 pm. Something for everyone on that day.

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So, in regard to the aforementioned AGM at Ansell Park, it would be remiss of us to not have a plan in case of poor weather conditions. Therefore, if the day has to be cancelled, we plan to hold the AGM on the following Tuesday night, 8<sup>th</sup> February, at Bankstown Sports Club.

If this happens and it is decided that there are not enough members in attendance, we will again postpone the AGM to the following month, 19<sup>th</sup> March, which is also a Day/Night Motorkhana. Keep those fingers crossed that we can get it done the first time!

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As the Club Year is drawing to an end, I'd like to thank all our 2021 Committee Members for their efforts during the year. Even though we had very few events and you may think we all had an easy time of it, there are always still things that need doing, bills that need paying, etc. etc. Our Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Historic Plates Registrar especially still have a big workload and the Editor's big workload hardly changed at all. Thanks everyone.

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Recuperation from my November operation is going slowly, so I missed the Gelato Run to Bundeena on December 12<sup>th</sup>. To all members and their families, my wife Diane and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Warren Smith 2021 President

#### **New Members**

#### A warm welcome to the following enthusiast:

Elizabeth De Angelis and Kenneth Swan - 1975 Fiat Fiesta 850T Campervan

Please note that the next edition of FIAT Focus will be out in the last week of January 2022.

#### **Hello Fiat Club Members**

It is that time of year when I'm usually sending you an email reminding you to fill out a current membership form and send your annual payment to the Club.

#### Not this year though.

This is just a reminder **NOT** to send your annual payment to the Club, yet!

You hopefully recall that the Committee decided some time ago that for those members who were current financial members at the beginning of 2021, that we would extend their membership by 6 months for free. This was in consideration of the fact that due to the COVID-19 restrictions, so many of our Club activities had to be cancelled during 2020/21.

At the same time, we have changed the date to renew your membership. Our membership year will now run as follows:

Twelve month memberships will now fall due on 1 July each year and expire on 30 June the following year.

Six month memberships will now fall due on 1 January to 30 June each year.

The lead up to Christmas and the New Year is a busy time of year for everyone and the Committee decided on this change of membership year so that members weren't being asked to fill out their form and send their money during the hectic holiday season.

From now on, you will receive your reminder to renew in June each year.

Due to this extension of membership until 30 June 2022, we won't be issuing new membership cards to current members, until the new renewal due on 1 July 2022. This will mean that your current membership card will have the incorrect year and expiry date on the back of the card, for the first 6 months of 2022.

This should only affect HVS members and motorsport competitors, who must be able to prove membership of a car club, if requested.

#### **HVS MEMBERS AND MOTORSPORT COMPETITORS**

I am happy to send you a separate email, confirming that you are a financial member of the Fiat Club until 30 June 2022, which you can carry in your car, in case you need to prove your membership. I'm sure that this would serve as enough confirmation of membership.

If you have any queries regarding this information, please don't hesitate to contact myself or a Committee member.

Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Fiat Club NSW.

Kind regards

**Cheryl Sandrin**Membership Registrar 2021



The COVID restrictions of 2021 had placed a big stop to any social events, especially for motoring clubs. During the down time we all kept our classics in running order, itching for the day to get out for social drives again.

December saw the restrictions in NSW being lifted considerably, just in time for Summer. What better way for our club to celebrate and wrap up the year by arranging a drive for gelato.

The rainy weather leading up to the weekend cleared to present a glorious morning for a casual drive in our classic cars through National Park to the sleepy beach side town of Bundeena for a gelato and catchup with other club members.

Thanks to all who attended, It made for a great event! We look forward to the new year and your continued support of our club.

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



## Lunch break...westside!

come join like minded **FIAT** enthusiasts over an Italian lunch by a vineyard

the location

When: Sunday 9th January 2022

Where: ENZO's Cucina

3 Argyle Street,

Camden NSW 2570

**Time: 12noon** - 2:00pm

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December 2021

#### FIAT NEWS

#### Fiat [U.S.A] Ain't Dead Yet: **Ailing Brand Will Get New Models, Says Boss**

Historic brands like Dodge, Chrysler, and Fiat—yes, even Fiat—deserve respect, per Stellantis.

By Alisa Priddle, motortrend.com

Don't count out Fiat in the U.S. quite yet. Yes, you can count sales of the 2022 Fiat 500X—the brand's lone remaining product in America—using your fingers and toes right now, but there are exciting new models in the works and Stellantis CEO Carlos Tavares thinks the Italian brand has a future on this side of the ocean.

"We can bring something to the U.S. market if we don't disregard the U.S. market," Tavares says, adding he thinks there are customers who would enjoy the small cars, perhaps as a third family vehicle, if appealing new models were brought to market in an innovative way.

Again, the 500X is the only model Fiat now sells here, the brand

having discontinued other models (including the iconic 500) after the 2019 model year after they failed to resonate

in the market. But a wider portfolio continues to sell in Europe, including the all-electric Fiat 500e.

"We are working hard on a plan to revitalize Fiat in the U.S.," Tavares told a small group of media in Detroit. Fiat has not shown its future products publicly, but they "are very exciting," he says. "I'm extremely optimistic."

Tavares said he thinks the cute 500e would sell in California, as would new trendy, fashionable Fiats. He acknowledges that the 500 was not a success in the U.S. in the past, and he has no intention of repeating the past practice of selling the car at a loss. But he does not rule out future, profitable models.



Survival Of 14 Stellantis Brands

The merging of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles and PSA Group in January created Stellantis, a big automaker with 14 brands to wrangle, each with individual managers.

structure at Stellantis. He has given each of the 14 brands a 10-year window with funding for the core models to work with. Every brand already has some projects approved. Tavares says he expects to reach a conclusion on the viability of each

brand in 2024 or 2025.

There is respect for the history of many of the storied names and Tavares says he cannot ignore the fact some have been in existence for more than a century. Many have survived difficult moments, neardeath experiences, and many owners. Brands like Chrysler and Dodge, Jeep and Ram mean

something in America and deserve respect.

The reason for 14 brand CEOs is because it is difficult to love 14 kids in the same way, Tavares says of the corporate





Today, all brands are working to bridge the past and the future. They must define themselves with a clear vision that can be summed up in a single word, such as "freedom" for Jeep. and "work" for Ram. They must present a clear vision of how they should change with societal evolution, the value of the brand, its customer profile, and overall business plan.

"I'm not here to destroy. I'm here to build," Tavares said.

Stellantis is investing heavily in software which it sees as a strategic advantage for the automaker as a whole, but also a way to differentiate each brand and generate passion. Let's see how that plays out for





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#### **Historic Vehicle Registration Scheme**

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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.

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

members@fiatclub.com.au

#### **FIAT Club NSW Library**

The FIAT Club of New South Wales LIBRARY has a range of FIAT and general interest themed motoring books, magazines and workshop manuals available to members to borrow. A list of publications is included on the Club's website at

https://www.fiatclub.com.au/copy-of-club-regulations.

Contact the Club Librarian at Secretary@fiatclub.com.au for details.

#### **Advertising with the FIAT Club**

#### Package 1 @ \$100 a year

- Quarter page in FIAT Focus club magazine.
- Small logo on the FIAT Club website.
- Post about your business on the FIAT Club NSW Facebook group 4 times a calendar year.
- You can also reply to comment suggesting to use your business if relevant .

#### Package 2 @ \$150 a year

- Half-page in FIAT Focus club magazine.
- Medium logo on the FIAT Club website.
- Post about your business on the FIAT Club NSW Facebook group 8 times a calendar year.
- You can also reply to comment suggesting to use your business if relevant.

#### Package 3 @ \$200 a year

- Full page in FIAT Focus club magazine.
- Large logo on the FIAT Club website.
- Post about your business on the FIAT Club NSW Facebook group 12 times a calendar year.
- You can also reply to comment suggesting to use your business if relevant.

Contact the editor to place your advertisement.

#### FIAT Club of New South Wales Social Media



FIAT Club of New South Wales
Facebook:

facebook.FiatClub.com.au



The FIAT Club of New South Wales social media sites can now be accessed by scanning the QR code shown below instead of typing the address.

#### **Facebook**



#### Instagram



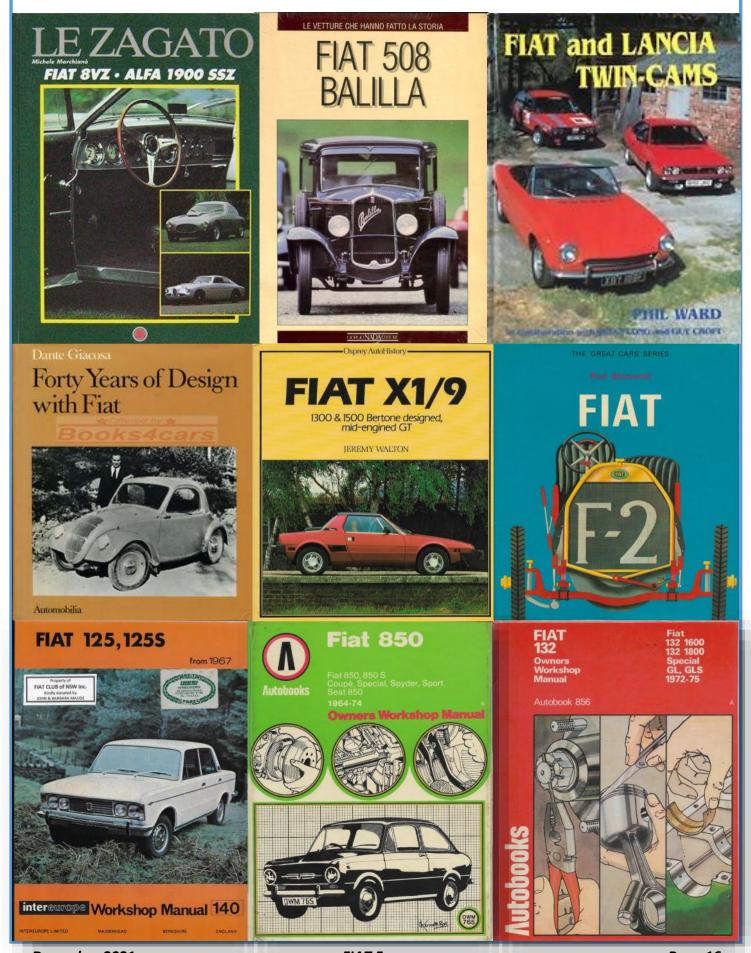
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#### FIAT books available from the FIAT Club Library.

The Fiat Club has a range of books, including histories, memoirs and workshop manuals, available for free loan to club members. Contact the editor (editor@fiatclub.com.au) or the secretary (secretary@fiatclub.com.au) for details. A full list of books available from the FIAT Club library can be found at;

https://www.fiatclub.com.au/copy-of-club-regulations.



#### The Back End

From the newsletter produced by car enthusiasts and their recently launched website in Australia, "historicvehicles.com.au", comes the article below. Note, this is a highly recommended website for all classic car enthusiasts.

#### The FIAT by Mitsubishi.

Mitsubishi's automotive origins date back to 1917, when the Mitsubishi Shipbuilding Co, Ltd introduced the Mitsubishi Model A, Japan's first series-production automobile. A handbuilt, seven-seater sedan, based on the Fiat Tipo 3, it proved expensive compared to imported American and European mass-produced rivals and was discontinued in 1921, after only 22 had been built.

In designing the Model A, Mitsubishi engineers dismantled a Fiat and made drawings of its components. The engine was cast iron; the chassis of beaten sheet steel and the bodywork was made by experienced coach builders, using lacquered steel panels over white cypress.



The interior trim used luxury English worsted fabric.

The Model A was displayed at the Fukuoka Expo in 1919, beside an aircraft engine also manufactured at the Kobe Shipyard.

Article taken from the Historical Vehicles (Australia) website.

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#### Wanted

FIAT 125 Special, Series 2. Would prefer a complete, original example, however, all vehicles may be considered including cars that may require some work. (05/21) Contact **Anthony Suttor** on **02 6366 0138.** 

#### **For Sale**

2008 FIAT Ritmo Emotion. 1.4 Turbo about 88,000 km. Unregistered but in good condition.

\$3,000

(05/21)

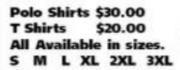
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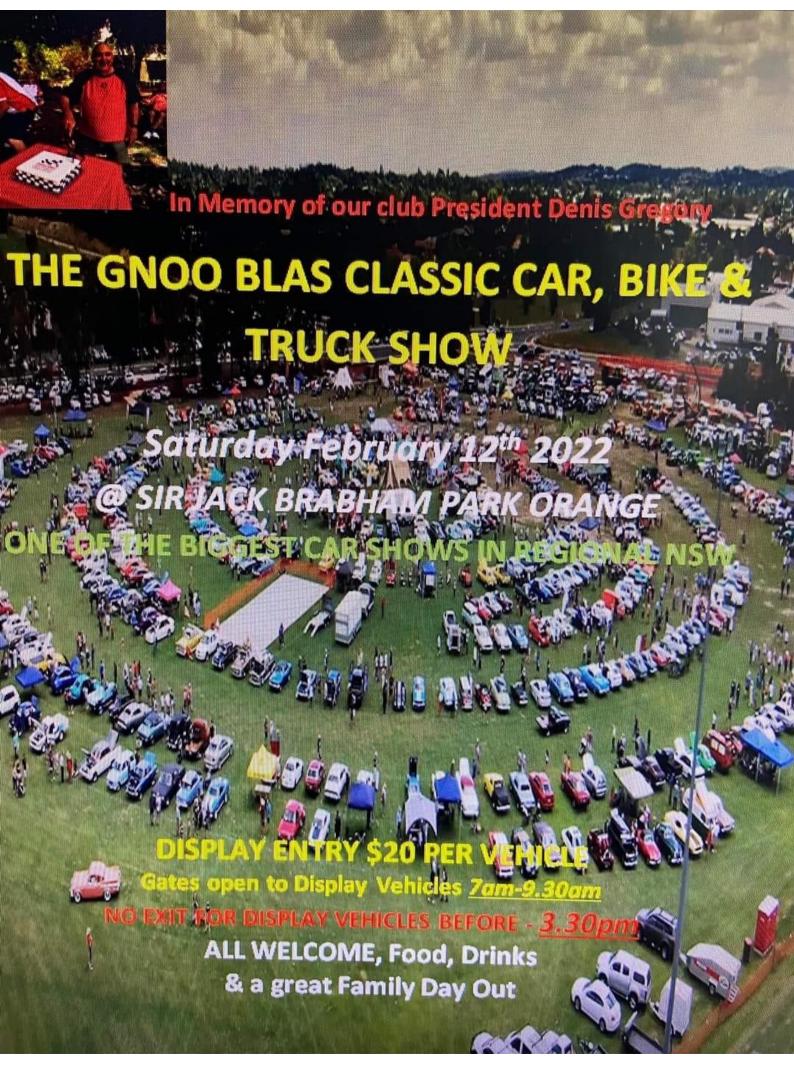












# KELSO OVAL PANANIA EAST HILLS CHARITY

CAR SHOW

**SUNDAY 6TH MARCH 2022** 



The East Hills Charity Car Show is a community based event which attracts car lovers from all over NSW. Prizes are offered in a wide range of categories.

A great family day out with the goal of the event to support a different charity each year.



This year the East hills Charity Car Show is extremely proud to be supporting the Crohn's & Colitis Australia

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