

FIAT focus

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FIAT Club Visit to Oran Park Town



Social Meetings sponsored by the Bankstown Sports Club

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FIAT Focus is now 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 www.fiatclub.com.au, click on the 'Magazine' tab and download the magazine you are looking for.

Cover Photo; *the Fiat Club visit to the Grid Café at Oran Park Town and then onto Grandstand Park which has been established on the site of the grandstand situated at BP Corner. Oran Park closed as a racing circuit 10 years ago and is still very much missed by drivers and fans. The development in the area, including nearby townships, roads and highways has made the surrounds almost unrecognisable to those who drove or trailered their cars to compete or spectate at one of Australia's most loved racing circuits. A few of us sat and reminisced about our old racing days. Apparently, we may have been the only car club to visit this park (so far). Photos by Warren Smith and Lorenzo Aventi.*

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FIAT Focus is the monthly journal of the FIAT Club of NSW. It is issued by email on the first Wednesday of each month.

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

New Members

A warm welcome to the following enthusiast:

Mitchell Walmsley

Henry Ryan

James Selff

Isaac Nigro

Davide Rosanella

Neville Paul Morton and his son Hugo

Giulia Lanza

Jihan Omar

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.

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	HVS code	Pointscore
January 2021			
Tues 5th	Oasis Run - GEORGE IV INN PICTON NSW	CE121050	No
Sun 10th	FIAT Club Pizza Break - Pizza + Pasta @ Patio	CE121001	Yes
Tues 12th	Social Meeting, CANCELLED	CANCELLED	
Wed 13th	Ansell Park Working Bee (at Percival Street, Clarendon, on the corner of Percival Street and Hawkesbury Valley Way).	CE121031	No
Sun 31st	FIAT Club Coffee Break (The Grid Cafe)	CE121013	Yes
February 2021			
Tues 2nd	Oasis Run TBC	CE122020	No
Sun 7th	FIAT Club of New South Wales Picnic Day (free sausage sizzle) and Annual General Meeting.	CE122070	Yes
Sun 14th	FIAT Club Burger Break (Superior Burger)	CE122041	Yes
Sun 21st	Rain out date for FIAT Club of New South Wales Picnic Day (free sausage sizzle) and Annual General Meeting	CE122012	Yes
Sat 20th - Sun 21st	Gnoo Blas Art Show - (see flyer on page 18)	CE122002	No
Sun 28th	Coffee Break - Benzin Café, Dural (then drive to Ansell Park)	CE122082	Yes
March 2021			
Tues 2nd	Oasis Run TBC	CE123020	No
Tues 9th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	CE123090	Yes
Sun 14th	FIAT Club Brunch Break (Cavallino), then drive to Ansell Park	CE123041	Yes
Sun 14th	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 1, President's Motorkhana TBC	CE123041a	Yes
Sun 28th	FIAT Club Coffee Break (Armory Wharf Cafe)	CE123082	Yes
April 2021			
Tues 6th	Oasis Run - Wollondilly Heritage Centre & Museum	CE124060	No
Sun 11th	FIAT Club Coffee Break	CE124011	Yes
Tues 13th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	CE124031	Yes
Sun 18th	Auto Italia Canberra	CE124081	Yes
Sat 25th	FIAT Club Coffee Break	CE124052	Yes
May 2021			
Tues 4th	Oasis Run TBC	CE125040	No
Sun 9th	FIAT Club Coffee Break	CE125090	Yes
Tues 11th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	CE125011	Yes
Sun 16th	National Motoring Heritage Day (various venues)	CE125061	Yes
Sat 22nd	FIAT Club Coffee Break	CE125022	Yes
Sun 23rd	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 2	CE125032	Yes
June 2021			
Tues 1st	Oasis Run - by popular demand we are returning to Mountain High Pies.	CE126010	No
Sun 6th	FIAT Club Coffee Break	CE126060	Yes
Tues 8th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	CE126080	Yes
Sat 19th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Northside	CE126019	Yes
Sun 20th	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 3	CE126002	Yes

DATE	EVENT AND LOCATION	HVS code	Pointscore
July 2021			
Sat 4th	FIAT Club Coffee Break	CE127040	Yes
Tues 6th	Oasis Run - CHRISTMAS IN JULY Nepean Rowing Club (TBC)	CE127060	No
Tues 13th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	CE127031	Yes
Sun 18th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Northside	CE127081	Yes
August 2021			
Sun 1st	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 4	CE128010	Yes
Tues 3rd	Oasis Run TBC	CE128030	No
Sat 8th	FIAT Club Coffee Break	CE128080	Yes
Tues 10th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	CE128001	Yes
Sun 15th	Shannons Sydney Classic TBC	CE128051	Yes
Sat 21st	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 5 - Day Night Motorkhana	CE128012	Yes
Sun 22nd	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 6	CE128022	Yes
Sun 29th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Northside	CE128092	Yes
September 2021			
Tues 7th	Oasis Run - MOUNT ANNAN BOTANICAL GARDENS	CE129070	No
Sun 12th	FIAT Club NSW Concorso	CE129021	Yes
Tues 14th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	CE129041	Yes
Fri 17th - Sun 19th	FIAT Nationals, Goulburn, NSW	CE129071	Yes
Sun 26th	FIAT Club Coffee Break	CE129062	Yes
October 2021			
Tues 5th	Oasis Run TBC	CE120150	No
Sat 9th - Sun 10th	Bathurst 1000	CE120190	No
Sun 10th	FIAT Club Coffee Break	CE120190a	Yes
Tues 12th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	CE120121	Yes
Sat 16th - Sun 17th	AROCA regularity relay	CE120161	No
Sun 24th	FIAT Club Coffee Break	CE120142	Yes
Sun 31st	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 7	CE1201123	Yes
November 2021			
Sun 7th	FIAT Club Coffee Break	CE121170	Yes
Tues 9th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	CE121190	Yes
Tues 9th	Oasis Run - REMEMBRANCE DAY RUN	CE121190a	No
Sun 21st	FIAT Club NSW Christmas Function (TBC)	CE121112	Yes
Sun 28th	FIAT Club Coffee Break	CE121182	Yes
December 2021			
Tues 7th	Oasis Run - TBA	CE122170	No
Sun 12th	FIAT Club Coffee Break	CE122121	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.

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.

Please note that due to the current coronavirus pandemic Oasis runs have been cancelled or suspended until further notice. We expect to be informed the Oasis group when activities will resume..

OASIS RUNS 2021

ALL SUBJECT TO ANY RESTRICTIONS THAT MAY BE IN PLACE

January 5th - George IV Inn Picton Details & Bookings Allana Flynn O'Neil m: 0417 709 470. Meet at 10.00am for 10.30am departure at McDonalds M4 West-220 Western motorway Eastern Creek-2766

Travel through rural village farm areas west of Sydney to lunch at the Historic George IV Inn built in 1835, it is one of Australia's oldest pubs in Picton

Bookings are essential due to the current Government restrictions. So please book early to avoid disappointment.

February 2nd - T.B.A.

March 2nd - T.B.A.

April 6th Meet: Wollondilly Heritage Centre & Museum 43 Edward St. The Oaks 2570

TIME: Arrive by 10.30am for morning tea & Museum Inspection

COST: \$10.00 per person

DEPART: 12.00 noon

LUNCH: 12.30 pm Wallacia Hotel 1590 Mulgoa Rd. Wallacia

BOOKINGS REQUIRED FOR CATERING

Bookings & Museum Les ph: 9838 8063 m: 0418 973 866

Wallacia Hotel Enquires Brian Jubb ph: 9602 9591

May 4th - T.B.A.

June 1st - BY POPULAR DEMAND WE ARE RETURNING TO MOUNTAIN HIGH PIES

MEET: Wentworth Falls Lake, Sinclair Cres. Wentworth Falls (New toilet block has been built)

TIME: Anytime from 10.30am onwards. Bring your own morning tea, chairs etc.

DEPART: 12.00 noon

LUNCH: Mountain High Pies 293 Great Western Hwy Wentworth Falls

July 6th - CHRISTMAS IN JULY Nepean Rowing Club (Subject to any conditions)

August 3rd - T.B.A.

September 7th - MOUNT ANNAN BOTANICAL GARDENS. Details Brian Jubb ph: 9602 9591

October 5th - T.B.A.

November 9th - REMEMBRANCE DAY RUN. Details Les Watton: ph: 9838 8063 m: 0418 973 866

December 7th - CHRISTMAS LUNCH. To be confirmed.

FIAT Club of New South Wales Social Media

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.



The screenshot shows the website's header with navigation links: Home, Magazine, The club, Memberships, Events, Car registration, Motorsport, and Contact us. Below the navigation is a status bar indicating 'All Fiat Club events suspended' and 'Latest wright up' with social media icons. The main content area features the text: 'FIAT Club of New South Wales Website: www.fiatclub.com.au'. Below this is a collage of images showing various Fiat cars and club members. At the bottom, there are logos for sponsors: 'FIAT FORGE', 'BankstownSports', 'X1/9 AUSTRALIA', and 'MASTERTOUCH AUTOMOTIVE'. A small copyright notice at the bottom left reads '© 2020 Fiat Club of New South Wales Inc.' and a date 'Updated 08/04/2020' is at the bottom right.

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FIAT Club of New South Wales
Facebook:
facebook.FiatClub.com.au

You Tube Channel

Take a look at our new Youtube channel. Please subscribe to see more historical footage and events.

youtube.fiatclub.com.au

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Well, what a year 2020 was for all of us! Club activities were seriously affected, so much so that we totally cancelled any club championships. 2021 is not starting off any better as we have had to cancel the January Social Meeting. The fact that Bankstown Sports Club had its own Covid scare and has had to instigate more stringent precautions (such as mask wearing) means we figured even less of you would want to attend.

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PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING...

We are still planning on having our annual AGM at Ansell Park on Sunday February 7th. This will be a short Election of Officers (with NO Presentation of Trophies) followed by a FREE LUNCH for Club Members with BBQ'd snags plus soft drinks, cake and gelato. Having the AGM outdoors provides a possibly safer environment Covid-19 wise and having it on a Sunday makes it easier for most members to attend. You also get to take your much loved Fiats for much needed exercise!

But..... please be aware that all Committee positions are declared vacant on the day and you can nominate yourself or any other MEMBER for any position. If you know you cannot make it on the day this does not exclude you from nominating anyone. You can send an email with your nomination (even if its yourself) to the Secretary (secretary@fiatclub.com.au) and I'm sure we can find a seconder on the day – or you can supply one.

JUST BE AWARE THOUGH THAT ALL MEMBERS VOTING AND THOSE BEING NOMINATED MUST BE CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS, SO PLEASE GET THOSE RENEWALS IN SOON!

(Members who joined the club recently do not need to join again as their membership is already good for all of 2021)

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Warren Smith
2020 President

From the Editor

Club Calendar for 2021.

Welcome to the January edition of FIAT Focus which includes the club calendar for the year, both for social and competition events. With so many events and activities for 2020 cancelled a fair bit of work has been done to arrive at the calendar of events presented in this edition of FIAT Focus with the hope that they are not severely disrupted as they were last year. Many thanks must go to Michael McGeorge and Giovanni Ciampa for preparing a list of activities for members to participate in over the next year. Unfortunately, the recent spate of cases in Sydney have already had an effect on the calendar as the first social meeting of the year for January 12 has been cancelled due to the additional restrictions imposed by the Bankstown Sports Club. While the restrictions are there to ensure the safety of all, the committee thought that the conditions would make the holding of a social meeting impractical. With this in mind, all events are subject to confirmation so keep an eye out on the Club's Facebook page, emails and FIATFocus for any updates. If in doubt about an event please contact a committee member to confirm whether the event is going ahead.

You will find the main club calendar on pages 3 and 4 of this magazine with a similar calendar of events for competition on page 10.

The Fiat Club NSW receives a number of club magazines from various sources.

You will probably be aware that the FIAT Club receives a number of magazines and newsletters from various car clubs and motoring organisations. These publications are made available to the club membership through the email group and contain a mixture of articles on club events, technical information, news on historic vehicle registration and usually include a classifieds section. Not all publications are monthly, but there is a bit of reading there if you are keen.

There are always photos of some very nice FIATs included in each of the publications which always provide entertaining reading.

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From the Editor, ... continued.

Below is a list of publications that are emailed out to members or are made available for members to download. Please let me know if there is an edition you have missed out on and I will see what I can do. For anyone who does not have access to a computer, let me know if there are any magazines you would like to read and I will see what I can do here as well!

- **FIAT Focus** - The magazine of the **FIAT Club of New South Wales Inc** (your club!). All upcoming events and a club calendar are provided as well as news relevant to the membership whether it be on new FIAT models or details regarding Historic Vehicle Registration. Pretty much all the activities the club is involved in is reported in the magazine including photos and results of competitions.
- **FIAT Avanti** - The official journal of the **FIAT Car Club of Queensland Inc**. News and photos of events, people and vehicles. This journal is produced quarterly which is followed up with a newsletter each other month.
- **FIAT Month** - The official journal of the **FIAT Car Club of Victoria Inc**. This is a bi-monthly journal and includes articles about events, members as well as special interest articles including a section dedicated to vintage FIATs.
- **FIAT Lancia Mania** - The magazine from the **FIAT Lancia Club of Western Australia**. A monthly publication reporting on Fiat news and club events. A good source of information regarding the Two Ocean Tours when they are run.
- **FIAT Lancia Car Club of South Australia** - a magazine is provided four times a year reporting on club events and it's members cars.
- **Fiat ACTION** - from the **Fiat Club of the Australian Capital Territory**. Produced bi-monthly and reports on club activities including *garage days!*
- **Lancia Fancier** - The official journal of the **Lancia Motor Club of New South Wales, Inc**. A bi-monthly publication reporting on club events and usually includes some detailed historical articles on various Lancia models.
- **Veloce Nota** - The magazine from **Club Motori, Tasmania**. General interest and club activities reported including motor sport activities from some keen members. Targa Tasmania is always a highlight.
- **Il Topolino** - The newsletter of the **Fiat Club Africa**. It is always interesting to hear from a FIAT Club from another country and the Club is every bit as keen about their FIATs as we are, and they have some nice classic FIATs amongst their membership as well!
- **The Preserve** - The newsletter of the **Council of Motor Clubs (the CMC)**. Affiliation with the CMC allows the FIAT Club NSW to be able to offer its members access to the Historic Vehicle Scheme (HVS). Their bi-monthly newsletter includes the latest information on HVS which is important to the club and members.
- **Piston Slap** - The monthly magazine of the **Thornleigh Car Club Inc**. The TCC is very much involved with motorsport at many levels. Many of our members, past and present, have participated in TCC events over many years.
- **Motorlife News** - The magazine of the **Australian Motorlife Museum**. This is a bi-monthly magazine of one of the few motor museums that are surviving in NSW and they report on their collection. They have a couple of veteran FIATs included that are on display.
- **Rally Directions** - The official organ of the **Classic Rally Club Inc**. A quarterly magazine reporting on the club's competition events that includes navigational rallies.
- **Micro Motoring Magazine** - The magazine of the **Micro Car & Scooter Club Inc**. Given the number of *very small* cars that FIAT has produced, this club contains a few of examples of the marque our own club celebrates. It is always interesting to read about the cheerful exploits of this club as well as some historical articles they publish.
- **The Pugilist** - The monthly magazine of the **Peugeot Car Club of NSW Inc**. A copy is posted to the club, though, over the past year, we have not had many social meetings where members could read this magazine. As with all things we hope for an improvement in 2021.
- **Speed Read** - The newsletter from Motorsport Australia (MA, formerly CAMS). This newsletter is produced monthly and is available to MA members and competition license holders.

Regards, from the editor, Lorenzo Aventi.

Competition

Michael McGeorge has put together the following competition calendar for members looking to enter some competition events over 2021. There is a good mixture of sprints, hillclimbs and motorkhanas to choose from. Please note that due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic that all events are to be confirmed and you should check with the organising club whether the event is still on. For the FIAT Club NSW motorkhana championship and the FIAT Nationals, please contact the FIAT Club NSW Competition Secretary.

DATE	EVENT AND LOCATION	HVS code	Pointscore
February 2021			
Sun 14th	State Motorkhana Round - Awaba	CE122041a	No
Sun 21st	Huntley Hillclimb Rd 1 TBC	CE122002a	No
March 2021			
Sat 6th - Sun 7th	NSW Hillclimb Championship Rd 1 & 2 - Bathurst	CE123060	No
Sun 7th	State Round Motorkhana - Awaba	CE123070	No
Sun 14th	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 1, President's Motorkhana TBC	CE123041a	Yes
Sun 28th	State Round Motorkhana - Nirimba	CE123082a	No
April 2021			
Sat 10th - Sun 11th	State Round Motorkhana - Armidale	CE124001	No
Sun 11th	NSW Hillclimb Championship Rd 3 - Huntley	CE124011a	No
May 2021			
Sun 2nd	NSW Hillclimb Championship - Kempsey	CE125020	No
Sun 23rd	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 2	CE125032	Yes
June 2021			
Sun 6th	State Round Motorkhana - Nirimba	CE126060a	No
Sun 13th	NSW Hillclimb Championship - Grafton	CE126031	No
Sun 20th	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 3	CE126002	Yes
Sun 27th	Huntley Hillclimb - come and try day	CE126072	No
July 2021			
Sun 18th	NSW Hillclimb Championship - Tamworth	CE127081	No
Sun 25th	State Round Motorkhana - Nirimba	CE127052	No
August 2021			
Sun 1st	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 4	CE128010	Yes
Sun 8th	NSW Hillclimb Championship - Ringwood	CE128080a	No
Sat 21st	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 5 - Day Night Motorkhana	CE128012	Yes
Sun 22nd	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 6	CE128022	Yes
Sun 29th	State Round Motorkhana - SMP	CE128092a	No
September 2021			
Sun 5th	NSW Hillclimb Championship - Gunnedah	CE129050	No
Sun 12th	State Round Motorkhana - Nirimba	CE129021	No
Fri 17th - Sun 19th	FIAT Nationals, Goulburn, NSW	CE129071	Yes
October 2021			
Sun 3rd	State Round Motorkhana - Canberra	CE120130	No
Sat 16th - Sun 17th	AROCA regularity relay	CE120161	No
Sun 31st	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 7	CE1201123	Yes
November 2021			
Sun 14th	NSW Hillclimb - Huntley	CE121141	No

2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

All 2020 memberships **were due for renewal as of 1st January, 2021** (excepting those new members who have joined recently). Membership fees remain unchanged.

When renewing your membership, please ensure that you complete the updated 2021 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. *Children under 12 do not need to be a member of the Club.*

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 2020

(Please find a copy of the membership renewal form at the back of the magazine)

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 10.00 am on Sunday 7th February, 2021 (Sunday the 21st February if the 7th is rained out), 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 a free sausage sizzle and picnic day for members.

Remember that 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 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 open 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 (1/1/2021—31/12/2021).

Send your nomination in now and avoid disappointment.

Positions available for nomination are listed below

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

COMPETITION SECRETARY

ASST. COMPETITION SECRETARY

EDITOR

WEBMASTER

MERCHANDISING

PUBLIC OFFICER

HISTORIC PLATES REGISTRAR

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRAR

ALL ITALIAN

SOLO LAP OF THE LAKE

lago di macquarie
12th DECEMBER 2020



Fiat Club members were invited to participate in an individual tour of Lake Macquarie on Saturday 12 December and drive their Italian Classic to savor the seaside sites as well as stop for a coffee or have lunch in any of the many townships that are located around the lake. The initiative for the event was by Geoff Boog and involved the local chamber of commerce to provide a covid safe event for enthusiasts to participate in and maybe help the local economy. The area has changed enormously since I drove through the roads to get to Taree back in 1980 and it impressed me as a place that would be good for a short holiday.

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A number of FIAT Club members took the opportunity to do the circuit and have provided the following photographs of the various people, cars and motorcycles that participated.



All Italian lap of the Lake - Lake Macquarie



Jottings & Gossip

Lap of the Lake, Lake Macquarie, December 2020.

One of the last events of the year was the Lap of the Lake, a drive around Lake Macquarie at your own pace. A number of Fiat Club members (about 20 club members and friends I believe) took the opportunity for a drive for the day. Photos they took were posted on Facebook and some are included in this month's magazine. Thanks to Warren Smith, Andrew Mason, Maxine Chivers and Lorenzo Aventi for the photos they took on the day.

X1/9 Australia You Tube Videos.



Mark Weinberger knows a thing or two about X1/9s and on his website, x19.com.au, you can get up to date with the vast amount of information on the X1/9 in Australia that Mark has researched and uncovered. He has also recently produced a series of excellent YouTube videos on his latest "Green Machine" acquisition. These are a series of short videos that describe the car and the work done. I highly

recommend viewing these videos for X1/9 fans and anyone interested in the process of restoration and upgrades. You can find these videos at

<http://youtube.x19.com.au>.

Club Members back racing in NSW at Sydney Motorsport Park

Motorsport returned to NSW late last year and so my officiating duties at SMP were required for a few months. Drivers, officials and spectators were all very happy to see circuit racing back again.

I had mention last month how the 127 twins, Michael McGeorge and Martin

Gallard got their 1 litre screamers back on the Hillclimb circuit, but there were a number of other current and former club members racing their machines while they could.

I bumped into Craig McLatchey who is now back in Australia and racing a new Radical sports racing car in the NSW Championships. On the day Craig had a few issues but has till managed to compete in a number of rounds in 2020 and capable of producing some respectable lap times.

Former members, the Gotch brothers, Adam and Nathan, may have thought it

was time to break the boredom of the covid restrictions with a blast around SMP with their Mygale Formula 4 cars. I caught up with the brothers for a bit of a chat as well as Nick Filipetto who was part of the team for the weekend (speaking of which, Mr Filipetto senior, Dave, has been preparing an Alfa proddy which we hope to cheer on in the near future). The Mygales performed well early in their races with the brothers high up in the placings (even leading some events), however, once the formula 3 cars had warmed up their tyres they were able to catch and overtake the Mygales, sometimes. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to catch up with their parents, Steve and Pauline Cotch who were visiting later in the day.

The final meeting of the year was the Historic Racing event where John Murn was competing with his Decca Major. Though I tried to catch up with him, our paths did not seem to cross over the week end (which was one of the hottest November weekend in Sydney for many years. However, by surprise, I bumped in to former member, Richard Caller. Richard had recently acquire an MGB GT for historic racing. While it is not a FIAT, it is still a nice little coupe that is in excellent condition (or it was until it was punted off the track in an earlier race).

FIAT Lancia Club of Western Australia.

One of the club magazines I enjoy reading each month is FIAT Lancia Mania form Western Australia. This year they will be celebrating 40years since they were formed. The Fiat Club of New South Wales congratulates them on achieving this milestone and we look forward to hear about their celebrations.

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coffee break (write up)

13th December 2020
The Grid Cafe @ Oran Park

Our last coffee break for 2020...and we tried a new venue called The Grid Cafe out at Oran Park. For those too young to remember, this suburb is called after the old race way Oran Park which saw some great motor racing events.

The Grid Cafe is perfect for a club catch up. There are two carparks directly next to the cafe. Fantastic to see so many club members turn up with some very interesting cars.

Of particular interest was seeing the very clean and neat 'street sleeper' of Nicholas Puglisi. This car has been slowly transformed over the year to become a very quick machine.

Thanks to all for making for a great morning.

Ciao Giovanni Ciampa
(social events co-ordinator)
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2021

GNOO BLAS CLASSIC

Art Show!

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We've had to cancel next year's Gnoo Blas Classic car and truck show because of the Covid 19 pandemic. It's very disappointing but we have a duty of care to keep everyone safe, entrants and spectators. Normally entry forms would be going out now and guests locked in for the dinner.

That was impossible to do because under present health restrictions we couldn't hold the show anyway and we can't predict what the restrictions will be like in February. Going ahead with plans four months out was not possible. So after 26 years it's off but we'll be back bigger and better than ever on February 12 and 13 in 2022. Put it in your diary.

In the meantime to keep interest alive we are turning 2021 into the Gnoo Blas Classic Art Show, a first we believe for a car club. We want you to paint, draw or photograph your car and enter it. All entries will be judged in the three different mediums and in car show classes. All entries will go on exhibition indoors on the original car show weekend of February 20 and 21 and will be open to the public under the health restrictions that apply then.

Prizes will be awarded in car show categories of: Best Holden, Best Ford, Best Sports Car, Best Ute, Best Truck, Best Motorcycle, Best Pre 1970, Best Post 2000, Best Modern, abstract and People's Choice.

All entries must be A3 size and not framed. They must be of your own car, truck or bike. Photographs can be colour or black and white. Entries should be mailed in suitable-sized envelopes or canisters to PO box 2521, Orange, 2800, and must be received no later than Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

If you want your entry returned, you must include return postage. If you would like to sell it at an auction at the exhibition, you can do that by letting us know with the club retaining 10 per cent commission of the sale price.

This will be a genuine art show to keep alive the Gnoo Blas Classic and we hope you will submit an entry and maybe come and have a look.



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Classic Car Club



I wish to enter the Gnoo Blas Classic art show at Orange on Feb 20 & 21. Entry fee \$10.

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Address.....

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Phone..... E-mail.....

Car..... Year model.....

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Entrants will accept sole responsibility and agree not to make any claim against the Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club Inc or Orange City Council for any loss or damage, howsoever caused.

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Key points:

Date: **February 20, 2021.**

Location: Paved car park overlooking golf club grounds, Braidwood Golf Club.

Modelled on *Pebble Beach Classic* focussing on classic and luxury vehicles.

Run by Wagging Tails Community Inc, a local registered charity focused on supporting mental health, based in Braidwood.

Funded by a seeding grant from QPRC plus sponsorship.

Starting with street parade of cars.

Quality judging and trophies.

Music and food stalls on grounds.

Immediate access to full club facilities incl a-la-carte restaurant.

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Proposed Categories of judging:-

1. Pre 1970 British & European
2. Post 1970 British & European
3. Pre 1970 American and Australian
4. Post 1970 American and Australian
5. Local crowd favourite

Braidwood Inaugural

Concours d'Elegance



Sponsoring Mental Health and General Community Well Being

Hi, My name is Tim Gearing. I am the owner/founder of "Wagging Tails Community" Inc., based in Braidwood NSW.

'Wagging Tails' is simply a process whereby people (men at this stage) within our community that perhaps are not travelling too well are able to come and share a coffee and light snack if so desired with others. There are no cost to participants – we rely entirely on external funding and sales from our parent business – "Mongarlowe Gourmet", a fully NFP organisation and other external grant opportunities.

Our goal is very simple, that is to have a black dog sufferer join in our friendly, safe, non-judgemental environment once a week to share simple conversation and a few laughs, getting their minds away from difficult issues for just a short time by stimulating a sense of increased self-esteem and less isolation, leaving with their tails wagging perhaps just a little more than when they entered.

This group has raised a desire to help put back into the Braidwood Community, who like many other rural communities has suffered greatly through recent drought, fires, floods and now the Covid implications and trading restrictions that this pandemic has delivered.

It is with this in mind we announce the **inaugural Braidwood "Concourse d'Elegance"** for February 2021. Of course not to the extreme top end of an internationally recognised Concourse d'Elegance, but we do want to make it more than just another "Show and Shine" by attracting higher than normal quality cars, judges and trophies, etc... and held in a scenic and pleasant environment.

Entry fees are \$30 only and are seen more as a donation to our Wagging Tails Group.

I can be contacted via email on tim@mongarlowegourmet.com.au, or phoned directly on 0457853921. The online entry form can be found at [Wagging Tails Community \(mini\) Concours' d'Elegance | TryBooking Australia](#)

Yours sincerely

Tim Gearing
Founder/Director
Wagging Tails Inc.

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