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Photo—Mark Weinberger

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

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

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DATE	EVENT AND LOCATION	Pointscore
July 2021		
Tues 6th	Oasis Run - CANCELLED	
Sun 11th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - CANCELLED	
Tues 13th	Social Meeting, CANCELLED	
Sun 25th	FIAT CLUB CHRISTMAS IN JULY, POSTPONED	
August 2021		
Sun 1st	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 4	Yes
Tues 3rd	Oasis Run - St. George area Hotel Lunch TBC	No
Sun 8th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Coffee Break (Kokoda cafe)	Yes
Tues 10th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	Yes
Sun 15th	Shannons Sydney Classic - Sydney Motorsport Park	Yes
Sat 21st	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 5 - Day Night Motorkhana	Yes
Sun 22nd	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 6	Yes
Sun 29th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Maggio's, Cammeray	Yes
September 2021		
Tues 7th	Oasis Run - MOUNT ANNAN BOTANICAL GARDENS	No
Sun 12th	FIAT Club NSW Concorso	Yes
Tues 14th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	Yes
Fri 17th - Sun 19th	FIAT Nationals, Goulburn & Canberra, NSW	Yes
Sun 26th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - The Gelato Factory, Bundeena.	Yes
October 2021		
Tues 5th	Oasis Run TBC	No
Sat 9th - Sun 10th	Bathurst 1000	No
Sun 10th	Coffee Break - The Lobby, Frazer Street, Lilyfield	Yes
Tues 12th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	Yes
Sat 16th - Sun 17th	AROCA regularity relay	No
Sun 31st	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Maggio's, Cammeray	Yes
Sun 31st	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 7	Yes

INVITED EVENTS

East Hills Charity Car Show POSTPONED TO Sunday 18 July- for details see flyer at the back of this magazine.

Sunday October 24: Sydney Classic Bicycle Show. For details, go to -

[Sydney Classic Bicycle Show – Neo Cycling Club](#) .

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

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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

July 6th - CHRISTMAS IN JULY — **CANCELLED**

August 3rd - HOTEL LUNCH *BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL* *SUBJECT TO ANY CONDITIONS*

MEET: Wiley Park, cnr King Georges Rd. & Canterbury Rd. Wiley Park. Entry via Edge St. or Clio St.

TIME: From 10.30am onwards **BRING:** A plate of "Goodies" to put on the table for a shared morning tea. Also bring your thermos, chairs, tables etc.

DEPART: 11.45am

LUNCH: *THE PEAKHURST* 705 Forest Rd. Peakhurst. VEG. VG. GF. Meals available

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: For Hotel to set up chairs & tables. Subject to any conditions in place

BOOKINGS CLOSE: Tuesday 27th July 2021. **NO BOOKING = NO SEATING**

PLEASE: NO WALK INS ON THE DAY OR LATE BOOKINGS

DETAILS: Les Watton ph: 9838 8063 m: 0418 973 866

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

October 5th - T.B.A.

November 9th - REMEMBRANCE DAY RUN TBC (SECOND TUESDAY)

December 7th - CHRISTMAS LUNCH. Sydney Inner West. Club Lunch. Waiting for confirmation.

DETAILS: Les Watton ph: 9838 8063 m: 0418 973 866.

INVITATIONS

SEPTEMBER 18th & 19th 2021. CLARENDON CLASSIC, Machinery, Truck & Hobby Show

Details, Steve Muscat m: 0418 453 203

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Life Members

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



Fiat Nationals

With the Fiat Nationals fast approaching (17-19 September), the Supplementary Regulations and entry forms are now available and it is time to seriously think about getting your entry in and arranging your accommodation. You can do this via the Fiat Nationals website <https://www.fiatnationals.com.au>

At our last Fiat Nationals Committee Meeting we decided that it would be prudent to create a **deadline** for entries to be submitted and this date is **Friday 13th August**. This is because we need to have enough entries (especially for the Super Sprint) to at least break-even financially. In other words, if people don't want to attend because of the Covid-19 situation, we need a month's notice to be able to cancel the event without penalty.

So please get your entries in soon. If we have to cancel, we will refund as much as we can and FYI, when you book a room at the Mercure, you do not have to pay anything up front. You only pay upon check-in, so you at least don't have to fret about that aspect.

Bottom line is, "not enough entries, no Nationals!"

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You should have already received notification that we have cancelled the July Social Meeting.

This is because of the latest all-Sydney lockdown which ends on the 9th July. As Bankstown Sports Club is closed, we can't contact them about holding the meeting, so it is better to cancel to be on the safe side.

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Also cancelled (possibly only postponed), is the planned Christmas in July at Enzo's Cucina, Camden. At the time of our June Committee Meeting, we had only had 5 bookings anyway, but because of the current more serious Covid situation we felt that we had to play it on the safe side. Perhaps by November we can plan with more confidence.

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At this stage, the Concorso d'Eleganza on September 12th is still planned and I'm holding my breath about the CMC Display Day on August 15. If they are able to hold THAT big event, then our little Concorso a month later should be fine!

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Concorso perpetual trophy holders please remember to bring them to the Concorso or arrange with me a time and place that I can get them from you.

Warren Smith

2021 President

New Members

A warm welcome to the following enthusiasts:

Eric McVey – 2014 Abarth 595 Turismo

Secretary's Report

Fiat Club NSW – Social Meeting Minutes – Bankstown Sports Club

Tuesday June 8, 2021.

Welcome:

Warren Smith opened the meeting at 7.35 p.m. and welcomed members to the Bankstown Sports Club.

Apologies:

Norm Mitchell, Cheryl Sandrin, Adrian Sandrin, Steve Gorman.

Previous Minutes – Business Arising:

Nil.

Secretary's Report/ Correspondence:

Received the following electronic magazines; Il Topolino (South Africa), FIAT Lancia Mania Western Australia), Piston Slap Magazine, Micro Car & Scooter Club.

A copy of The Pugilist was received in the mail.

Correspondence received from KCK Lubricants – special offer members on racing fluids

Correspondence from Bundanoon Hotel – consider them for club run. We have used them before.

Correspondence from Gearshifter.com – online swap meet – automotive items for sale.

Classic Car Magazines available for members to peruse and take home.

Ansell Park Report:

About 12 volunteers arrived to help at the last working bee (May 23rd). J Matthews brought along Dingo to assist with moving debris, much work was done and a lot achieved. Rubbish removed, grounds mowed, pressure washing of containers, chairs & tables, relocated dud cars.

Working bee Wednesday 16 June where we will test a Kabuta tractor..

Competition Report:

Nil.

Next Events:

Motorkhana on June 20, come & try day. All members encouraged to come to Ansell Park.

Social Events:

Past Events;

Grid Café, Oran Park was visited recently.

Next Events:

The Lobby Sun 13th June.

CMC Day in August, Tickets available, only 6 left.

Follow up with FIAT 127 owners whether they are coming to display their vehicle in pit lane.

Christmas in July. Invitations to be sent out to members.

Communications:

Editor.

Reprint of magazine article on the FIAT 127 were complementary of the car.

Website.

On line merchandising to be considered.

President's Report / 2020 Nationals Update:

Nationals committee meeting last Saturday. Supp regs due out soon.

Event will be based around the Mecure Motel in Goulburn.

Cutoff for registration is 30 days prior to event, requirements with Wakefield Supersprint If not enough entries will need to cancel for Friday 13 August.

Fiat Fixations.

Thermostat housing for 850, after many years the aluminium corrodes and can leak. Good idea to replace this at the same time you replace you replace the thermostat. Good idea to replace hoses and other parts for the cooling system as well.

CMC.

Tickets for Shannons Classic available – most of the tickets have been spoken for.

General Business:

Members 137, cars 200.

Discussion had on the regulations for HVS/ CVS period permissible accessories. Most common issue is wheels. Owners can put their car onto CVS if they want to run with larger wheel rims.

No cars on CVS in the club, all are on HVS.

Discussion on electric cars – pros and cons, especially on available infrastructure for recharging batteries.

Cars N Coffee at St Ives, many attendees. Occurs on the first Sunday of each Month.

Harry's garage is one of many interesting car shows on Youtube.

Meeting Closed / Next meeting –

Meeting closed @ 9.27 p.m.

The next social meeting for July has been cancelled.

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Competition Calendar

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Sun 18th	NSW Hillclimb Championship - Tamworth	No
Sun 25th	State Round Motorkhana - Nirimba	No
August 2021		
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Sun 8th	NSW Hillclimb Championship - Ringwood	No
Sat 21st	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 5 - Day Night Motorkhana	Yes
Sun 22nd	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 6	Yes
Sun 29th	State Round Motorkhana - SMP	No
September 2021		
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Fri 17th - Sun 19th	FIAT Nationals, Goulburn, NSW	Yes
October 2021		
Sun 31st	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 7	Yes

Council of Motor Clubs (CMC) Meeting - Tuesday 25th May, 2021

Below is a summary of the minutes of the CMC's last General meeting.

President's Report;

- CVS update—5489 vehicles @ 25th May 2021 (CMC has 1000 vehicles).
- CMC has applied for an Approved Organisation status for CVS regos.
- Reports received on a Service NSW processing incomplete and incorrect paperwork for conditional registrations.

Treasurer's Report;

- 214 clubs are affiliated (with CMC) with a further 2 more to be voted on tonight.

Judging Pool - Terry Bettington reported that the Judging Pool had its first event since 2019, at Berry on the NHMD. Concourse Entry forms were included in the envelopes with Shannons Sydney Classic (SSC) tickets and the cut-off date for entry is 23rd July. *(FIAT Club of NSW members who have requested tickets to display your car, please note, if you would like to have your vehicle judged for the SSC Concorso you will need to fill in the form that is included with your tickets and return it to the CMC by July 23).*

National Heritage Motoring Day held on 16th May.

- Fagan Park venue—estimated \$5.5 million worth of cars on display.
- Representative from Magic Metal expressed his appreciation to all those that made the trip to Kurrajong.
- Patrick Marshal McCormack read and tabled a report on Berry's show listing all the winners.

Shannons Sydney Classic - 15th August, 2021

- Most tickets availed for collection on the night.

- Construction in area D has impacted on the number of spaces available this year. A new area, E2, will be open directly across the road from area E.
- Calls for volunteers for the day, contact Karen Symington at the CMC.

Affiliations

Lester Gough read and tables extensive reports on the two Clubs for affiliation -

- Wheels of Glory Social Club
- Pitt Street Classic Car Association

Both Clubs were voted on and declared unanimous, both Clubs welcomed to the CMC.

General Business

- Two invitations were circulated to members for events at Linwood House, "Big Day at Linwood" 14 Nov 2021 and Independent American Day—14 July 2021.
- "Austins over Australia" set for Aug / Sept 2022 (biannual) and is open to anyone with and Austin.
- 2023 marks the 60th anniversary for the CMC.
- Hot Rod Show is on 1st August at Rosehill racecourse.
- Mini Car Club is holding their 60th Anniversary of 'Mini Manufactured in Sydney' on 1st August.
- "Back to the Track" open to all military vehicles, meeting in Alice Springs on 1st August
- Holden Car club show at Rooty Hill on 7th November.

Meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 27th July starting at 7.30 p.m. at the Strathfield Event Centre, Weeroona Rd, Strathfield.

FIAT Nationals News

Entries for the 2021 Fiat Nationals are now open! Head over to www.fiatnationals.com.au to download the latest version of the supp regs, and the entry form.

We understand one of the largest issues we still face is the continual impact of COVID-19. Keeping Fiat Nationals entrants COVID safe is front of mind for our organising committee, and we have several policies in place to help ease any hesitations you may have surrounding entering our event. We understand concerns you may have regarding financial exposure for entering, and hope the following helps provide you some comfort surrounding bookings, refunds and event safety.

The Super Sprint, Motorkhana & Show "N" shine will all be run to Motorsport Australia guidelines and action plans. These have been running across all club, state and national motorsport events for nearly a year already, and have already proven effective at allowing motorsport enthusiasts to return to the track in a safe environment.

The social aspects of the weekend held at the Mercure Goulburn will all be under the COVID plan of the hotel. All meals and social spaces will follow current NSW state guidelines, and you will be asked to fill in a COVID declaration as part of your check-in.

Our Fiat Nationals 2021 refund policy is now on our website, and goes into detail regarding your entry refund, timings, and your accommodation refund. Please check the website and read the policy as part of your event entry.

Please also understand that the cut-off date for entries is 13/08/2021. This timing ensures the organisers can check that the event is financially able to be run. The event does require a minimum number of entries to run, and receiving your entry early greatly helps us understand if we are able to avoid another postponement. This date is also in line with cancellation or postponement deadlines with our suppliers.

I hope the above information gives you enough confidence to enter the event. Our 2021 Fiat Nationals committee has done a huge job getting this event into action, and we look forward to spending the weekend celebrating our passion for all things Fiat. As always, please don't hesitate to contact the committee with any questions you may have.

Now get those entries in!

Best Regards,

Martin Gallard.



Historic Registration News & FAQs

I attended the CMC organised historic registrar's seminar recently, which was aimed at educating and updating new and existing registrars regarding their responsibilities to their fellow members and their club. Some highlights and frequently asked questions follow.

The Schemes - HVS and CVS

The historic vehicle scheme (HVS) is essentially available for "as factory built" vehicles.

They can be fitted with Period Options, Accessories and Safety Upgrades" as per the RMS document with the same title. This document (which was published late last year) is currently in draft form and subject to review, as while it is a comprehensive list, a few items have been deemed to be unrealistic, or inconsistent with full registration requirements. The RMS are undertaking a review following approaches by organisations such as the CMC. Do not worry about having a CD or later entertainment or Bluetooth connectivity systems in your HVS vehicle – this condition is being reviewed.

The classic vehicle scheme (CVS) is for "modified" vehicles. The initial establishment requirements are slightly different, but it has the same benefits as HVS.

Modifying your HVS vehicle

If you have a vehicle on HVS and you decide to make some modifications, remember to check the RMS document titled VSI No.6, as it lists the modifications which require engineering certification and those that are essentially bolt on, and do not need certification. If your modification requires engineering certification, your vehicle will need to move from HVS to CVS, which requires the establishment of a new registration. I understand an engineering certification can cost upwards of \$2000. Be especially diligent when selecting sizes and styles for wheels & tyres, as these are highly visible to the general public (other HVS users), when your vehicle is on the road or at a display.

Who can drive an HVS or CVS vehicle?

Anyone with a current driver's licence or learner's permit. They do not need to be a member of the particular car club or any car club. However, the vehicle owner (called the operator) does need to be and remain, a financial member of an RMS recognised car club.

Logbook entries for multiple drivers

Only the "first" driver on any given calendar day needs to make the entry in the 60 day logbook.

Official date for establishing a vehicle is 30 years old

The "factory build or despatch date" is the earliest acceptable date you can use to establish your vehicle is 30 years old. If you can establish this from factory records, you can use it to your advantage, as some imported vehicles did not have compliance plates fitted for some time after they were built.

Richard Dalziel

Historic Registrar

May 2021



CMC Shannons Sydney Classic

Sunday 15th August 2021

Sydney Motorsport Park, Ferrers Rd, Eastern Creek NSW 2766

Club Plated cars please use event number: CE128051

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 CMC Shannons Sydney Classic
(cars of any standard welcome)

limited tickets available per club
[only 15 spots + 5 pit lane spots allocated to FIAT Club of NSW]
cost per ticket **\$25**

please RSVP and pay for your ticket as soon as possible
contact: Giovanni Ciampa (events@fiatclub.com.au)

cars to be on display by: **10:00am**



coffee break (write up)

30th May 2021
The Grid Cafe @ Oran Park



The Grid Cafe out at Oran Park, continues to provide our club with a great opportunity to catch up with other club members and mingle amongst our cars in the massive public and free car park.

The colder weather has tested our club members commitment and this morning saw a small group of our devoted club members make the trip out to Oran Park.

A variety of cars were on display...ranging from 'boxy' classics to 70's 'wedges' and modern plastic! (future classics)...

We love all our club members cars and look forward to seeing more cars and members, family/friends at the next events.

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



coffee break (write up)

13th June 2021

Cafe Lobby @ Lilyfield



The Queen's birthday long weekend saw a great mix of old and new club members turn up at Cafe Lobby in Lilyfield. Unfortunately the large carpark which last time was open to us, was closed. We all managed to park along the picturesque bay and enjoy the morning sun and view of our cars.



The highlight of the morning was meeting a new club member, Salvatore in his newly refurbished 124 CC. The metallic blue paint really 'popped' in the morning sunshine.



The diversity of FIAT cars on display definitely drew a crowd. Joggers and walkers of the Bay Run constantly stopped to admire our vehicles.

Thanks to all who attended, It made for a great catch up!

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FIAT 127 HATCHBACK here!

NEW RELEASE

AUSTRALIA'S economic climate hasn't yet brought the small car to the fore as it has overseas, but most manufacturers and importers are preparing themselves . . . Fiat is one of the first to join battle with the big guns with its 127 hatchback, released in Australia this month.

THE BIG Australian mini-car battle is about to hot up. Fiat's release of the 127 Hatchback will inject new life into this competitive class and is the first of the new breed of small European hatchback-equipped cars to land here.

This market sector could eventually become as hotly-contested in Australia as it is on the Continent. We are yet to see the VW Golf, Renault 5LS, maybe a new Mini from Leyland and in 1976 we'll probably see the Ford 'Bobcat'. GM also have a mini-car on the blocks which will be released through

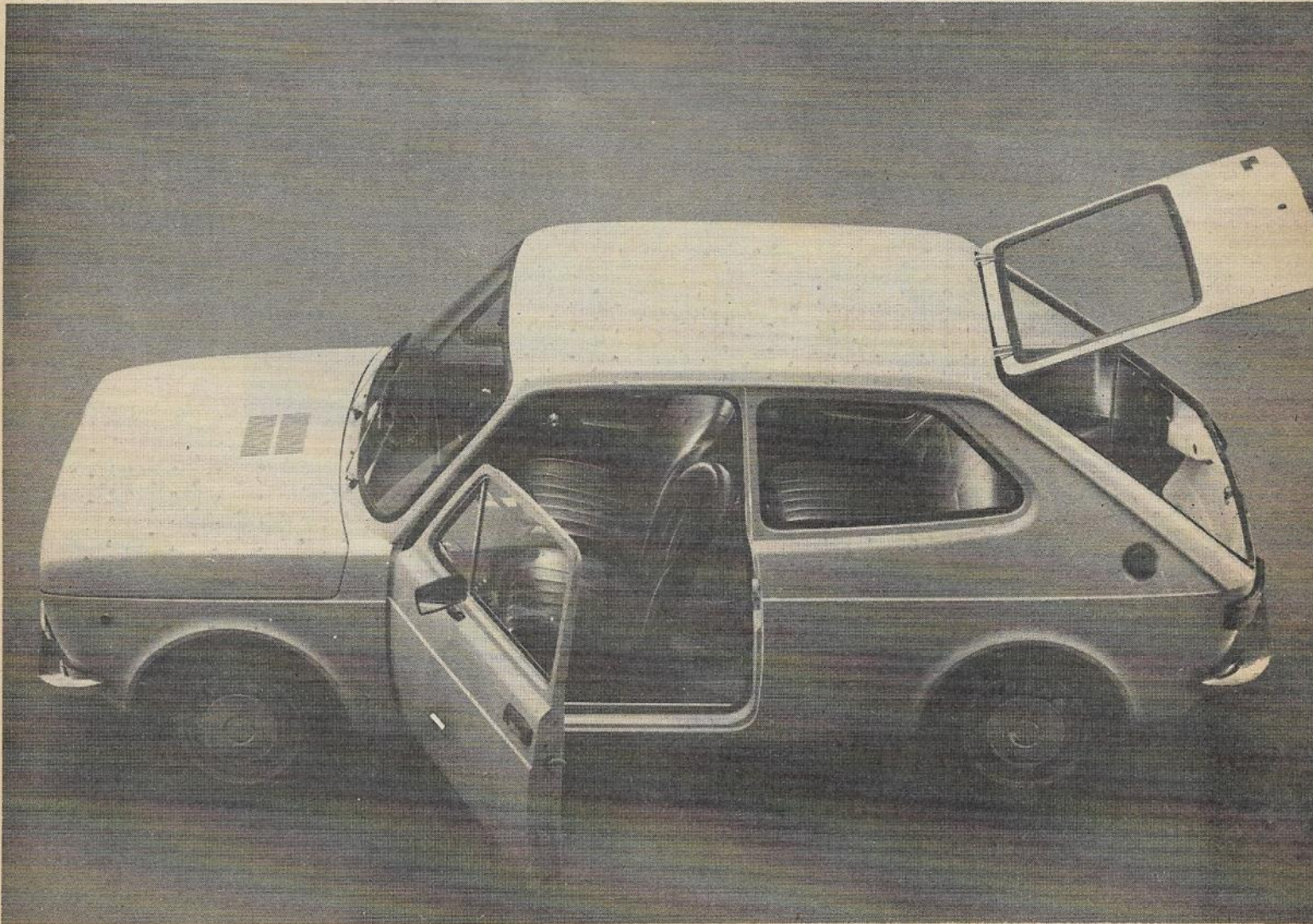
Vauxhall in the UK and Opel in Germany, but it's unlikely we'll see that for some time.

Some market forecasters say the small car class will rise to new heights of penetration toward the end of this year and Fiat are first on the bandwagon down under.

Sydney-siders first saw the 127 at the '74 Sydney Motor Show and the car attracted a lot of attention. The decision to release the three-door version was very wise and no doubt the hatchback concept will greatly boost the car's appeal.

Powered by the 903cc, transverse-mounted four cylinder engine, which Aussies will remember from the Fiat 850 range, the little 127 is good for a top speed of 140km/h and a petrol consumption of around 6.9 litres/100km (41mpg). The 35.1kW (47bhp) engine has a cast iron block with a light alloy cylinder head and is fed by a single-throat Weber carburettor. Cooling is by a thermostatically-controlled electric fan.

The gearbox is four-speed, all-synco with a light, easy shift and it will run up to 80km/h in 12.3 seconds and cover the standing 400M in just over 20 seconds. Suspension is MacPherson strut at the front with independent rear suspension by wishbones and



FIAT 127 HATCHBACK

transverse leaf spring. The front disc brakes are 22.7cm in diameter with a pressure-limiting device fitted between front and rear circuits. The 127 3-door weighs 710kg and has a power-to-weight ratio of 15.1kg/hp (33.2bhp/ton).

The big news with the Australian 127 is the extra load space gained by folding down the rear seat. With the rear seat *up* boot space is 12.89cu ft and with the rear seat *down* there's room for 35cu ft of luggage!

Price will obviously be a hot potato for Fiat because naturally the cars will be fully-imported and will initially

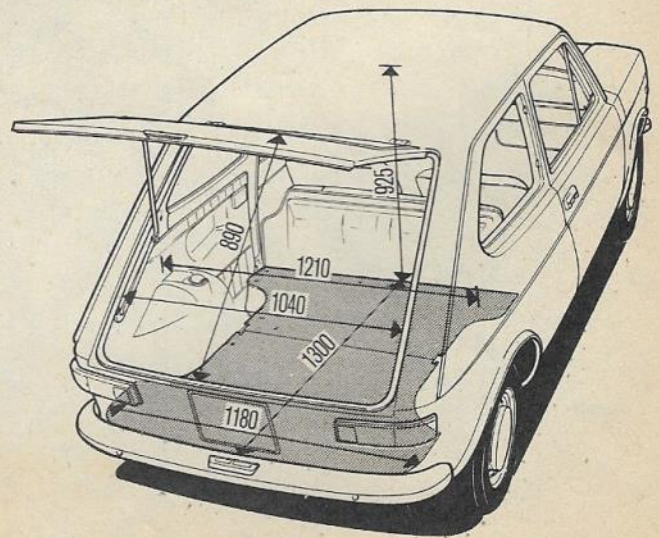
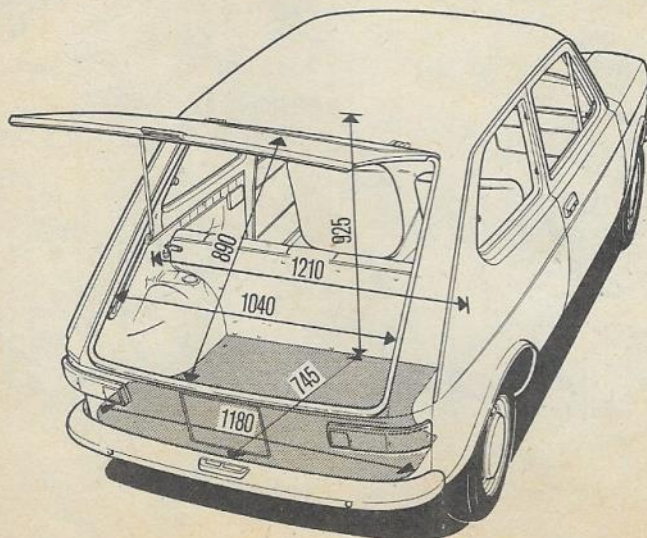
compete directly with Honda's super-successful Civic three-door 1200. Fiat hope to release the 127 at around \$3400, complete with 135SR/13 radial ply tyres and electrically-heated rear window. This compares with around \$2800 for a similarly-equipped Honda. There may well be changes in both prices in the next few months, but it is obvious that Fiat will try very hard to price the brilliant little 127 as close as possible to its rivals.

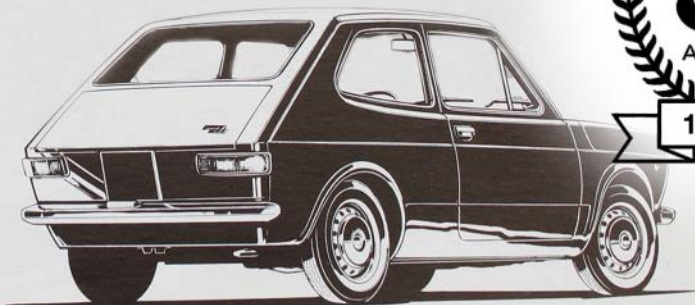
The Fiat will appeal to those people who appreciate the sophisticated engineering and handling which has been a long-standing European, and especially Fiat, trademark.

The 127s which MM staffers have driven have impressed with their good performance, good handling and total practicality. There is a definite place in the Australian market for this car and given attractive pricing and the normally good Fiat finish this little baby will do well. The initial shipment is 600 cars and Fiat Australia have already made plans for advance ordering of about 200-220 units a month thereafter. Well over 100,000 units have already been produced in Italy, so it's not hard to understand Fiat's confidence in the 127 Hatchback.



LEFT: The hatchback 127 is practical, economical, and relatively attractive. It is the forerunner of an expected Australian trend towards small, "useable" cars. **BELOW:** The hatchback design offers practicality at little or no expense. With the rear seat in place (left) it has a spacious boot and seating for four or five. With the seat folded down (right) there is a large luggage or load space with easy access through the big tailgate.





Concorso d'Eleganza

Sunday 12th September 2021

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 Model this year is the FIAT 127

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: CE1211??



Citroen designer to lead Lancia renaissance

Neglected Italian brand gets new design boss and green light to finally introduce fresh models.

By John Mahoney (carsales.com.au)



Stellantis has appointed former Citroen stylist Jean-Pierre Ploue to spearhead the revival of its famous Lancia brand. Ploue is already well respected within the 14-brand car-making group following his spell as design boss of the struggling Citroen brand, where he led the transformation of its image with striking models like the Citroen C4, C5, C6 and DS 3.

Later on, he repeated the same feat with Peugeot, overseeing the design of the SR1 concept that helped signpost the future styling direction of the fellow French brand's future products.

Currently serving as a chief design officer for Stellantis, Ploue's new gig could be his toughest yet as Lancia – once seen as a BMW rival – has in recent years had its line-up slashed to just one model: the decade-old Fiat 500-based Ypsilon supermini.

Commenting on his appointment,

Ploue said: "Lancia's renaissance is a truly exciting challenge. Lancia is an iconic brand which will be restored to its central historical position in Europe, leveraging on its huge potential."

Helping Ploue turn around Lancia will be a "lean and focused" team that is claimed to consist of young designers.

No further plans have been made public, but it's thought future Lancias will be based on Alfa Romeo platforms and powertrains, with some commentators suggesting that Lancia will mirror the DS/Citroen positioning that already exists in

the Stellantis group.



Fiat to go fully electric by 2030

By VIKNESH VIJAYENTHIRAN , (motorauthority.com/news)

Fiat is the latest automaker to announce plans to go the fully electric route. Fiat CEO Oliver Francois made the announcement on Friday during a live-streamed discussion in Milan, Italy, about how to make cities greener, stating that Fiat's lineup will

gradually become electric only between 2025 and 2030. The 2030 date is when some countries, such as the United Kingdom, plan to ban the sale of cars powered purely by internal-combustion engines. Other established automakers committed to selling only electric vehicles by the end of this decade include the likes of Bentley, Jaguar, Lotus, Mini and Volvo, while most other automakers see the transition being completed within the next decade.

Fiat's transition has already started with the arrival last year of a redesigned 500, a model offered exclusively with battery-electric power. It currently isn't available in the United States.

Additional variants of the electric 500 like replacements for the 500X and 500L are possible. Another possibility is a production version of Fiat's Centoventi electric crossover concept from 2019. The production version is tipped to arrive in 2022 alongside a baby Jeep (and possibly a baby Alfa Romeo). Sadly, the 124 Spider, which bows out after 2021, is unlikely to be reborn as an electric sports car, at least anytime soon.

During the discussion, Francois also said that Fiat will convert the famous roof-mounted test track of its former Lingotto factory in Turin, Italy, into a large hanging gardens hosting over 28,000 plants. The plant today is a shopping mall and the test track had been preserved as a cultural icon.



Fiat Concept Centoventi

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1982 124 Spider. 5 speed manual gear box, 84,500 miles, 2.0ltr Fuel Injected engine

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VIN ZFAASOOB1C5000040

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FIAT Club of New South Wales Social Media

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The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with links for Home, Magazine, The club, Memberships, Events, Car registration, Motorsport, and Contact us. Below the menu, it states "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". A collage of images includes car interiors, exterior views of various models, and a group of people at an outdoor event. At the bottom, it lists sponsors: FIAT FORGE, Bankstown Sports, X1/9 AUSTRALIA, and MASTER TOUCH AUTOMOTIVE. The footer contains the copyright notice "© 2020 Fiat Club of New South Wales Inc." and the date "Updated 08/04/2020".

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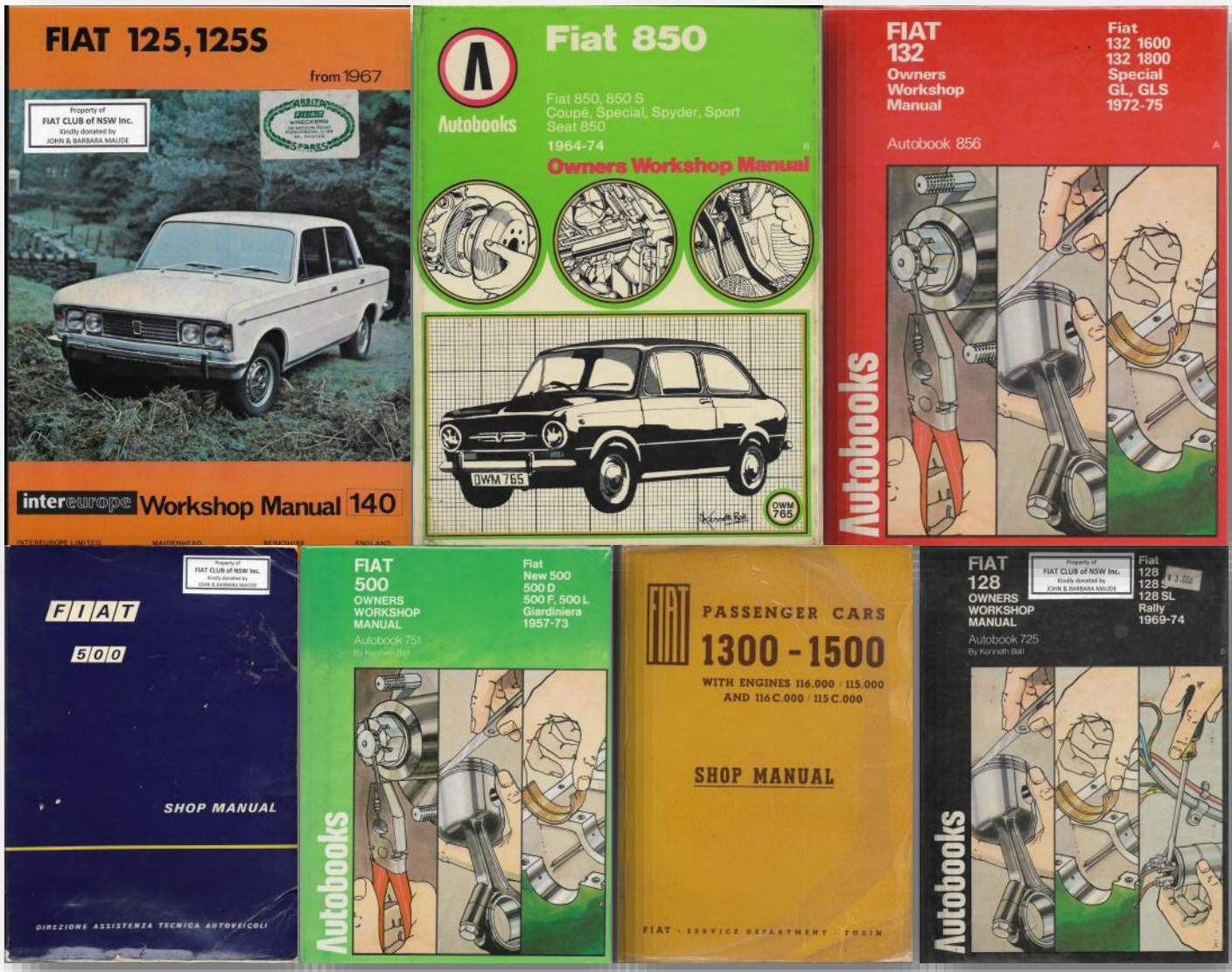
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Christmas in July



Xmas in July Lunch

**POSTPONED TO
SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER**

Enzo's Cucina

3 Argyle Street, Camden NSW 2570

The Fiat Club of NSW would like to invite club members and family/friends to celebrate Xmas in July

**COST: Club members \$45 per adult / Non members \$55 per adult
Kids (up to 10yrs) \$17**

lunch includes:

3 course banquet style menu

Antipasto Platters / Garlic & Cheese Pizza / Garlic Prawns (platters on tables)

Pasta - Linguine Boscaiola / Penne Melanzane (served alternate)

Mains - Crumbed Beef Cheek / Barramundi (served alternate)

Dessert - Club 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

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 16th July
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 Clampa (m. 0410 336 987)
social events coordinator
FIAT Club of NSW Inc.

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Postponed to
Sunday 18 July

2021



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July 2021

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