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# Auto Italia - Queanbeyan

Sydney Motorsport Park 6 Hour Regularity Race

Social Meetings sponsored by the Bankstown Sports Club

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Many thanks to Peter Armstrong, Martin Gallard, Warren Smith & Mark Weinberger for their contributions to this edition of Fiat Focus.

**Cover Photo;** Auto Italia was back on this year, however, it was held down the road in a Queanbeyan and turned out to be a good event despite the cold weather. (Photo Warren Smith)

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

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# **New Members**

### A warm welcome to the following enthusiasts:

Joe Perricone & Kylie Fitzmaurice - 1980 Fiat 124 Spider

Alex Gorman Alfonso Piccioni - 1979 Fiat Spider 124

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DATE	EVENT AND LOCATION	Pointscore
	May 2021	
Sun 2nd	FIAT Club Lunch Break @ Cavallino's; Cnr McCarrs Creek Road & Yulong Ave, Terry Hills; 12.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.	Yes
Tues 4th	Oasis Run - Holroyd Gardens Nature Reserve (see page 4 for details)	No
Tues 11th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	Yes
Sun 16th	National Motoring Heritage Day - Flying Swallow café, Bonnet Bay; 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. (See other NHMD events on page 18)	Yes
Sun 23rd	Ansell Park working bee (Motorkhana has been cancelled)	Yes
Sun 30th	FIAT Club Coffee Break @ The Grid Cafe; 5 Peter Brock Drive, Oran Park, 8.30 to 10.30 a.m.	Yes
	June 2021	
Tues 1st	Oasis Run - Mountain High Pies, Wentworth Falls (see page 4 for details)	No
Tues 8th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club, 7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.	Yes
Sun 13th	Coffee Break - The Lobby, Frazer Street, Lilyfield; 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	Yes
Sun 20th	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 3 (TBC)	Yes
Sun 20th	Eurofest 2021 - Newcastle (see Flyer on page 27)	No
Sat 27th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Pie in the Sky, Cowan; 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	Yes
	July 2021	
Tues 6th	Oasis Run - Christmas in July - Nepean Rowing Club	No
Sun 11th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Benzin Café, Dural	Yes
Tues 13th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	Yes
Sun 25th	FIAT CLUB CHRISTMAS IN JULY, Enzo's Cucina - Camden	Yes
	August 2021	
Sun 1st	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 4	Yes
Tues 3rd	Oasis Run - St. George area Hotel Lunch TBC	No
Sat 8th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - The Armory Wharf Café, Newington	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

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.

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

May 4<sup>th</sup> - Holroyd Gardens Nature Reserve, Duck Pond, & Historic Brickworks Ruins.

**MEET**: Anytime from 10.30am onwards. Plenty of undercover seating available. Also learn about the proposal to move Luna Park to the old brickworks site in 1980.

**B.Y.O: Morning Tea & Lunch or buy lunch from the Magic Grill Food & Coffee Van** which is located just outside the rear gate of the park on your way to the Brickworks Ruins. Mention that you are with the OASIS Club & David will do a special deal for you. "HIGHLY RECOMMENDED" Spinach, Feta & Mushroom GOZLEME, also the Magic Grill Beef Burger. Order your lunch on the way to the ruins & pick it up on the way back.

### **June \mathbf{1}^{st}** - 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. Great range of pies & tarts including Vegan & Gluten Free.

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

WHERE: Nepean Rowing Club, 32 Bruce Neale Dr, Penrith

TIME: Regatta Room is Booked & Paid For From 12.00 noon to 2.30pm

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:** I need names by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 for Maze Catering who will organise with the Club to set up tables & chairs for those who are booked in.

PLEASE: NO WALK INS ON THE DAY OR LATE BOOKINGS (you will not have seating in the Regatta Room) BOOKINGS REQUIRED BY MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021"

August 3<sup>rd</sup> - St. George area Hotel Lunch. To be confirmed.

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

October 5<sup>th</sup> - T.B.A.

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

**December 7**<sup>th</sup> - CHRISTMAS LUNCH. Waiting for confirmation.

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

### INVITATIONS

MAY 16<sup>th</sup> 2021. NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY, Hobby & Motor Show 9.00am to 3.00pm. East Kurrajong School Of Arts, Stanley Park, 1090 East Kurrajong Rd. East Kurrajong. Details, Ann, ph: 02 4576 5031

SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 2021. CLARENDON CLASSIC, Machinery, Truck & Hobby Show Details, Steve Muscat m: 0418 453 203

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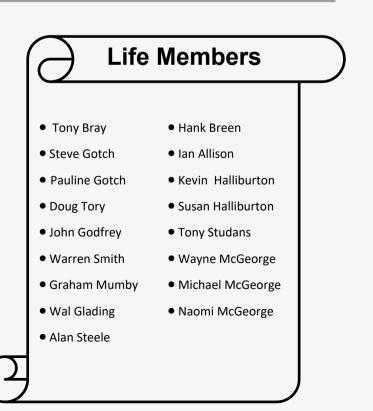
### **BANKING DETAILS:**

Bank - National Australia Bank (NAB) BSB 082-067 Account 03 665 7020 Account Name - FIAT Club of NSW Inc.

### **SOCIAL MEETINGS**

Held at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of the month at the Bankstown Sports Club, 8 Greenfield Parade Bankstown, NSW, 2200.

**ANSELL PARK** is located at 2 Percival Street, Clarendon, on the corner of Percival Street and Hawkesbury Valley Way.



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### **Ansell Park Report**

Since the flooding of our land in March, we have been able to get in to assess the damage and also to begin the clean-up. The first time we went up, we had to walk in from the access road as the ground was so slippery the 4WD was in danger of getting bogged! Even walking around was hazardous on the lower lying areas. At least all our containers were still in position, but of course some of the stuff in them didn't fare well. We had a cleanup day on April 29<sup>th</sup> where the men's side of the toilet block was cleaned, the shed and furniture cleaned and the office container emptied and a load taken to the tip. There is still much work to be done, but at least the place is now OK for lots of volunteers to come up and get stuck in. So please let us know if you can come up to help – I believe we are cancelling the planned Motorkhana on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and having a Working Bee instead.

### /////

We are now back to having regular monthly Social Meetings and even though attendance has been low, the April Social saw an increase in numbers, so I am hopeful that things will get close to normal soon, even though meetings have to be run in a Covid Safe way.

Speaking of an increase in numbers, the April Pizza Night had over 30 attendees, which also included about 8 ladies, which is encouraging.

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The CMC Shannons Sydney Classic at Sydney Motorsport Park will be held on August 15th, so please contact Giovanni if you want one of the \$25 tickets. We have 5 spots on pit lane that we want to dedicate to the Fiat 127 as this year sees its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, so if you have one, we may be able to squeeze you in.

### /////

Auto Italia was held on April 11<sup>th</sup> in Queanbeyan, and although I was skeptical that the park would be large enough, things seemed to go smoothly at this brand new venue. The Fiat and Abarth area was crammed with a very good range of cars from 1920s models to 2020s models, with a particularly strong turnout of X1/9s and 2300s. A contingent from our Victorian cousins even drove up for the show. I was roped in as an Honorary Judge so the day went far too fast. However, I thought that the presentations ended far too soon and therefore cars were leaving from 12.30 pm.

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Regarding the Fiat Nationals on September 17, 18 & 19, Supplementary Regulations should be available soon. We have been waiting on some other clubs replying to some submissions put to us about the running of the event. For instance, one of the suggestions was that a trophy be created for the winning club overall out of all 3 events. We already have the Fiat of Italy Cup for the winning club for the Motorkhana, but we think it to be a good idea to have a combined result for the Fiat Nationals overall champion club. It would only need a simple adding up of points scored in the top 3 places of every class, much like the Olympics medal tally.

Warren Smith 2021 President

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### Secretary's Report

### Fiat Club NSW – Social Meeting Minutes – Bankstown Sports Club

### Tuesday April 13, 2021.

**Welcome:** Warren Smith opened the meeting at 7.40 p.m. and welcomed members to the Bankstown Sports Club.

### Apologies:

Giovanni Ciampa, Norm Mitchell, Cheryl Sandrin, Adrian Sandrin.

### Previous Minutes – Business Arising:

Thanks to Susan for chairing last social meeting.

### Secretary's Report/ Correspondence:

- Received the following electronic magazines; Il Topolino (South Africa), FIAT Lancia Mania from Western Australia, Piston Slap Magazine, FIAT Avanti (QLD).
- Correspondence received from the FIAT 500 Club of Italy. The international FIAT 500 Festival will be held on line again this year as event cancelled due to covid.
- Classic Car Magazines available for members to peruse and take home.

### Ansell Park Report:

- Committee members visited Ansell Park to assess damage from flooding. Containers remained in place and did not go AWOL. Some plastic chairs & tables went missing. Ground still very soggy. Field was ok but Still a lot of water around. Too early to work on site.
- Richard picked up water tanks that can be used to clean up AP with a pressure cleaner.

Seek assistance from council for cleanup.

- Expect at least 3 weeks before we consider commencing remedial work.
- Containers seem ok except for tractor container which is coated in Diesel. If tractor is not serviceable consider a zero turn mower. Consider hiring a mower for a day to see if it would do the job. Possible to hire small tractor to test capability.
- Consider off site storage, however, very costly. Possibility of short term hire if relocation of equipment is needed.

Consider contingency where we remove equipment whenever there will be a high risk of flooding.

Expecting that club cars on are write offs.

No one to go to AP on their own as it would be too dangerous.

### **Competition Report:**

Huntley hill climb last weekend. Marty & Michael provided photos & videos on Facebook.

### Next Events:

Six hour regularity will be conducted this weekend and the FCNSW has a team entered. This will be held on Saturday with practice in the morning and the event to finish under lights at 10.00 p.m.

Round 2 of the FIAT Club's Motorkhana Championship will be held at Ansell Park on Sunday 23 May. Volunteers required to assist for the day, however, due to the flooding at Ansell Park, this event is TBC.

#### Social Events:

### Past Events;

Auto Italia held in Queanbeyan last weekend. WS regarded this year's event favourably. Venue seemed good, enough room but it was very cold (as it was also in Sydney that weekend).

WS busy with judging. Andrew Mason won award for best 124 Spider / Targa. 22 members from FCNSW attended.

#### Next Events:

Pizza & Pasta @ Putney, Sun Apr 25.

Lunch at Cavalino's changed to Sun 2nd May.

Christmas in July to be considered. Those present were in favour of the event. Enzo's Cucina at Camden, a venue we have previously attended, was considered to be the favored venue.

Giovanni has supplied list of 9 members who have requested tickets for the **Shannons / CMCV classic at SMP for August**. We appear to have 5 Fiat 127s for Pit lane. 11 Tickets remain.

Banner for 127s a possibility for CMC Classic at SMP

### Communications:

Editor.

Looking for Fiat 127 articles for its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Looking for a report on the SMP 6 hour regularity.

#### Website.

Nothing to report.

### President's Report / 2020 Nationals Update:

Hotel & venue bookings from last year have been retained. Wakefield Park and Sutton Road confirmed.

Due to be held Sept 17-19

- Has anything changed for sup regs? Martin & Mic to confirm.
- Recommence Nationals meetings with Nationals Committee.

### Fiat Fixations.

- Richard maintenance on his 850 and the joy of repainting FIAT 850 wheels, especially when the finished product is very good.
- Modern cars batteries give no warning when they conk out! Special batteries, which are rather costly, required for stop start systems.

#### CMC.

Tickets for Shannons Classic available to be picked up from the CMC at their next meeting.

#### **General Business:**

HVS Scheme - Members 137 with 200 cars on HVS. Facebook – over 1000 members.

### Meeting Closed / Next meeting -

Meeting closed at 9.32 p.m. Tuesday 11 May at BSC (TBC).

### Competition

## Huntley Hill Climb - Sunday 11 April, by Martin Gallard

The 127's returned to The Huntley Hill Climb April 11th for Round 3 of the 2021 Mantic Clutch Hillclimb Championship. The weather was perfect, and a field of 38 cars meant plenty of runs to be had.

The Huntley event runs instantly into a steep climb, so it's an event that really rewards high power vehicles more than anything. For some reason it's never been a great event for my 127, possibly a mixture of engine horsepower, gear ratios, car weight seems to make Mic's car make a massive leap on mine.



The first two runs is where I thought I would be with Mic instantly into the 36's & 35's as predicted, whilst my 127 struggled to keep up. With nothing left to lose, I decided to use two runs to



throw something different on the car. I removed the grippy but heavy slicks, and threw on a set of older but much lighter Formula Ford tyres. Whilst not instantly faster, the car felt much more predictable to drive as the slicks make the car track all over the place. This is not something you

want when trying to commit to a race line! With some usage on the tyres I was able to adjust the pressures for run 4 to really see if there was any change. I knocked out a PB of 35.83, just .4 behind Mic's best time of the day of 35.43. It was on!





Neither of us had anything to change on our cars for run 5, it was all to be decided on the track. Mic had a perfect run, punching out a new PB of 34.43. He found an entire second! I had a red hot crack and got as brave as I could, also recording a new PB of 34.99. He had done it,



stealing victory from me yet again by the most impossible of margins. I gotta be honest, I can think of no better way to lose to him either. The closeness in racing makes our battles real nail biters, congratulations Mic!

Round 4 heads to Mt Cooperabung Kempsey May 1-2, which is a long way to go for a couple of minutes motorsport. Mic & I have a gentleman's agreement to hold the battle till Round 6 in Tamworth July 11th. Till then, watch this space!

Marty

**FIAT Focus** 

# Competition

## NSW Road Racing Club Six Hour Regularity, by Martin Gallard

The FCNSW Competition Dept put together a team for the NSWRRC 6 Hour Regularity, held at Sydney Motorsport Park on Sunday April 17.

The one day event format was a very long day, with track entry from 7am leading up to practice from 8:40am – 13:40pm. Drivers had plenty of track time available during this period to get their cars dialed in, as lap time nominations had to be submitted by 13.50pm. Unlike a race which is determined by pure pace and laps, a regularity win is determined by drivers nominating a pre event lap time, and then circulating as close to this time as possible. Laps within one second of the nominated time attract bonus points, but faster than the nominated time see the lap not counted. Precision over pace you would say.



The team, from left to right; Iain Shannon, Glenn Smith, Nick Filipetto, Dave Filipetto, Michael McGeorge, Travis McGeorge, Justin Matthews, Martin Gallard and Ryan Clarke.

Our team consisted of David & Nick Filipetto in their new Alfa Giulietta, Justin Mathews in his Lotus Elise, Glenn Smith in his 124 Abarth, & Michael McGeorge & Myself in our 127s. All cars were able to put in some great practice laps, with Glenn Smith putting his 124 right to the event limit of a 1:50 lap. Event organisers do put lap time limits in for safety reasons, great to see Glenn finding the limits as usual. Unfortunately the Alfa was withdrawn with a steering sensor issue, being a brand new car, such small issues to come up. Luckily Nick was able to jump in the 124 thanks to Glenn. Dave helped take on some team strategies, forever the professional!

There was a small opportunity afterwards for drivers to take passenger laps, Travis McGeorge having the time of his life with both Justin Mathews in his Lotus Elise, as

well as some laps with his dad Michael in the McFiat 127. He was pretty quiet afterwards, and the fogged up helmet suggests



he had a great time on track.

Team cars starting the event hit the track at 15:50pm, and the team ran a faultless series of stints and driver changes right up to the 22:00pm chequered flag. The night time air is great for horse power, but the grip level certainly



very fast and consistent laps

falls away in the cool air making target lap times extremely hard to achieve.

With 37 teams on the track, there was certainly plenty of action with endless passing opportunities. The team with the highest amount of laps was set of Second Gen Racing with 151 laps, but even with so many laps they came in 16th with 264 accuracy points. Team FCNSW recorded the equal fourth highest count of 144 laps, but with a lower accuracy score of 175 points saw the team come in 29th. Team Phoenix racing took the win with 141

laps, and 440 accuracy points. (continued next page)...



# Competition



Photos, clockwise from the top: Waiting in the pit garage; Justin Matthews in the Lotus at Turn 1; the Filipetto Alfa getting in some practice; Martin Gallard is spot-on with his lap time.



A huge thanks to our team manager Iain Shannon, and assistants Paul Pana, Ross Di Bartolo, Ryan Clarke, Warren Smith & Travis McGeorge, it's your teamwork that makes the dream work! *Martin Gallard*.

# **Competition Calendar**

DATE	EVENT AND LOCATION	Pointscore
	May 2021	
Sun 2nd	Hillclimb - Kempsey	No
Sun 23rd	Ansell Park working bee (Motorkhana has been cancelled)	Yes
	June 2021	
Sun 6th	State Round Motorkhana - Nirimba	No
Sun 13th	NSW Hillclimb Championship - Grafton	No
Sun 20th	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 3	Yes
Sun 27th	Huntley Hillclimb - come and try day	No
	July 2021	
Sun 18th	NSW Hillclimb Championship - Tamworth	No
Sun 25th	State Round Motorkhana - Nirimba	No
	August 2021	
Sun 1st	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 4	Yes
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
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# Coffee Breaks & Activities for May & June 2021



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# **burger break** (write up) 28th March 2021 Superior Burger @ Wakeley



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Burgers are always a great draw card and Superior Burger, definitely is the place to go to hang out with our cars.

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A great turnout of club members with some awesome early model and late model cars turning up on display to compare.

With COVID restrictions continuing to ease it's great to catch up with members now not having to wear face masks.

We look forward to seeing many more cars and members at the next event. Keep safe!

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

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Our club pizza break at PATIO in Putney has proven to be a great venue with an impressive turn out of cars and club members. So many cars in fact that there isn't enough room here to display them all. Please refer to our website and Facebook page for more photos taken by various club members.

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It was awesome to see so many club members partners and wives attend. Provided for a great social environment. We hope this trend continues!

The highlight of the event was meeting Marco, the pizza chef at Patio who was so excited to show off his new FIAT 500 that we had to present him with a club window sticker. We look forward to welcoming him to the club.

To all our FIATfanatico's, keep safe. See you at the next event.

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



FIAT fanatico















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After the cancellation of last year's Auto Italia in Canberra there were many looking forward to this year's event and there was a lot of interest in how the new venue would work out. As Club President, Warren Smith noted in his report, "the event went very well with plenty of people and vehicles in attendance. A cold snap in the eastern part of Australia meant that if you did not prepare some warm clothing you were set to freeze".

A number of members travelled down for the event including Andrew Mason who won first prize for best Fiat Spider / Targa. The outright winner for "best in show" was a stunning blue Lamborghini Miura.

Congratulations to Andrew and thanks to all who participated in the event.













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# The National Heritage Motoring Day Events / Venues



# FIAT NEWS

Some of our members, like myself, may have received the following SCAMWATCH alert from the ACCC (Australian Competition & Consumer Commission). Fraud involving the selling of used cars is on the increase. The article below explains what type of scams are happening and how you can avoid being fooled into parting with your money for a vehicle that is not for sale.

### Losses to car ad scams climbing - a Scamwatch alert from the ACCC.

Australians have already lost over \$288,000 to vehicle scams in the first quarter of this year, more than all losses reported to Scamwatch in 2019, and scammers have now begun impersonating defence personnel to con their victims.

In a vehicle scam, scammers post fake online listings offering to sell in-demand cars at well below market value to lure potential buyers looking for a second hand vehicle. Scammers seek payment to secure the car for the buyer but never deliver the vehicle.

Vehicle scams are commonly hosted on sites such as Facebook Marketplace, Autotrader, Car Sales, Cars Guide and Gumtree.

"As second hand car sales increased during the pandemic, unfortunately so did vehicle scams. If current trends continue, Australians could lose much more to vehicle scams this year than the \$1 million lost in 2020," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

"We want to raise awareness of these scams to reduce the number of people who may be vulnerable to them."

A new technique we are seeing is scammers pretending to be defence personnel. In 97 per cent of reports received this year, the scammer claimed to be in the military (navy, army and air force), or to work for the Department of Defence, and said they wanted to sell their vehicle before deployment. This sought to create a sense of urgency with buyers and explained the unusually low listing price of the vehicles and why buyers could not inspect them prior to payment.

Email addresses that do not bear the legitimate the defence email format of @defence.gov.au may be an indication of a scam, but even the correct email format does not guarantee the car ad is not a scam, as scammers are able to spoof email addresses. It is best to look for all warning signs to avoid being scammed.

"A price that is too good to be true should be a warning sign for potential buyers. If a classified ad offers a vehicle at a very low price, the ad might not be legitimate. For example, one Scamwatch report noted a listing that advertised a car for nearly \$10,000 below its market value to entice buyers looking for a bargain."

Vehicle scammers often seek payment via a third party website. A large number of reports to Scamwatch mentioned the use of escrow agents, a third party who is supposed to 'hold' the money from the buyer until goods are received, before releasing the funds to the seller. Other commonly requested payment methods include eBay, direct bank transfer or international money transfers.

"If the seller claims to be unavailable and insists on payment before meeting the buyer or allowing them to pick up their new car, this should raise suspicions," Ms Rickard said.

"It is relatively common for scammers to claim that they are travelling or moving away to avoid meeting buyers before payment."

"Always try to inspect the vehicle before purchase and avoid unusual payment methods. If you have any doubts, do not go ahead with the deal," Ms Rickard said.

In addition to losing money to vehicle scams, around 20 per cent of consumers who reported vehicle scams have lost personal information, after providing their address, phone number and copies of their driver's license to the scammer. To protect your identity, never provide your personal details to someone you have only met online.

"Fortunately, over 80 per cent of people who reported vehicle scams to us managed to avoid losing money by identifying the scam early. We encourage consumers to trust their instincts. If something seems too good to be true, it probably is," Ms Rickard said.

Further help for consumers

If you have been the victim of a scam,

contact your bank as soon as possible and contact the platform on which you were scammed to inform them of the circumstances.

More information on scams is available on the Scamwatch website, including how to make a report and where to get help.

If you have experienced a loss online and believe the perpetrator is located in Australia, you can also report the scam to ReportCyber. ReportCyber triages reports and allocates them to the relevant law enforcement authorities for further action.

Victims of identity theft, or cybercrime can contact IDCARE, a free governmentfunded service that will work with you to develop a specific response plan to your situation and provide support. You can contact IDCARE on 1800 595 160 or visit www.idcare.org.

You can follow @scamwatch\_gov on Twitter and subscribe to Scamwatch radar alerts for more information about current and emerging scams.

#### Background.

Scamwatch received 346 reports of vehicle scams between 1 January and 31 March, with \$288,459 in losses reported during this period.

This compares to over 1,000 reports and more than \$1 million lost in 2020, and 330 reports and about \$245,000 losses in 2019.

People aged 18-24 have lost the most money to vehicle scams in 2021 so far, \$79,210, or 27 per cent of total losses. People aged under 35 lost 35 per cent of the total losses reported to vehicle scams so far in 2021. People aged 65 years and over reported lower losses than all other age groups.

New South Wales has the highest number of reports (114) and losses (\$97,297) to vehicle scams, while reporters from the Northern Territory and Tasmania have not reported any losses this year to date.

Some examples of the fake Department of Defence emails that have been used in recent vehicle scams include:

@airforce-raaf.org @royal-australian-defence-gov.com defence@royal-australian-air-force-govau.com



### FOR SALE

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

The car is in very good condition and I have spent significant money to bring the mechanical condition of the car to excellent condition.

I privately imported the car in 2018 from the USA and the car remains a left hand drive and largely original. Since importing the Car I have driven the car less than 500 miles. Full list of repairs done by leading Fiat expert Chris Obert in Santa Cruz California before the car was imported. The body is very straight with no rush issues, the paint is excellent, with only very minor chips on the bonnet area. VIN ZFAASOOB1C5000040

I have replaced the following parts with OEM parts. New Parts -

Brand new premium Haartz Cloth roof New 75amp Alternator Replaced both front suspension a- arms New tie rods New springs and KYB shock absorbers all round New EBC brake pads, brake braided steel lines and brake rotors New petrol tank and sender unit Cold air intake unit Free flow stainless steel headers. Full stainless steel exhaust with twin tip exhaust New Clutch and all gearbox seals replaced New timing belt and all new front engine seals New distributor.

The car is in excellent condition. Asking \$27,000

Contact Justin Harrison at livetosurf@hotmail.co.nz













### FOR SALE 1970 Fiat 124 SPORTS BC,



Red in colour, 57,000 km. 5 speed gearbox with a 2L twin cam engine from a 131 Super Brava. Unregistered / VIN 124BC0124377

Modifications include; 2L twin cam engine with a microtech MT-4 fuel injection system, rack and pinion steering conversion from recirculating ball complete with engineers certificate, wooden Boss steering wheel and 15 inch black and chrome BSA VW003 "Velocity" mag wheels with 195/50R15 tyres on the front and 205/55R15 tyres on the back.

Good condition with a few rust spots that need repairing for rego a small dent on the passenger side front wheel arch. The interior is neat. The engine is in very good condition. She loves to run at high speed for extended periods of time. Perfect for a project build or a restoration. Been in the family for 30 years a very well loved car and a head turner.

Sales Price \$33,500. Please call or text George on 0429 332 655 after 2:30pm weekdays







### For Sale:

FIAT PUNTO 2007, Silver, 5 door hatchback, Sunroof, Rego No. BCL 49U, Rego to July 2021, logbook

1.4l Manual, petrol, 99000 kms.

We bought this car from its first owner with the scratch, dent and scuff to the RHS back, and is now surplus to our needs. Would suit an enthusiast or young driver looking for a first car. \$2500 ONO.

Contact Darlene on 0407 456 671



# 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.



Contact Anthony Suttor on 02 6366 0138.



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PO Box 3034 Bangor NSW 2234 Australia

### **BANKING DETAILS:**

Bank - National Australia Bank (NAB) BSB 082-067 Account 03 665 7020 Account Name - FIAT Club of NSW Inc.

### **SOCIAL MEETINGS**

Held at **7:30pm** on the second Tuesday of the month at the Bankstown Sports Club, 8 Greenfield Parade Bankstown, NSW, 2200.

### Historic Vehicle Registration Scheme

Postal address and contact details for the FCNSW - Historic Plates Registrar; Richard Dalziel 12 Page Ave Wahroonga NSW 2076 P: 02 9489 3553 M: 0412 709 228 E: histrego@fiatclub.com.au

### **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



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

youtube.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.

### <u>Facebook</u>



<u>Instagram</u>



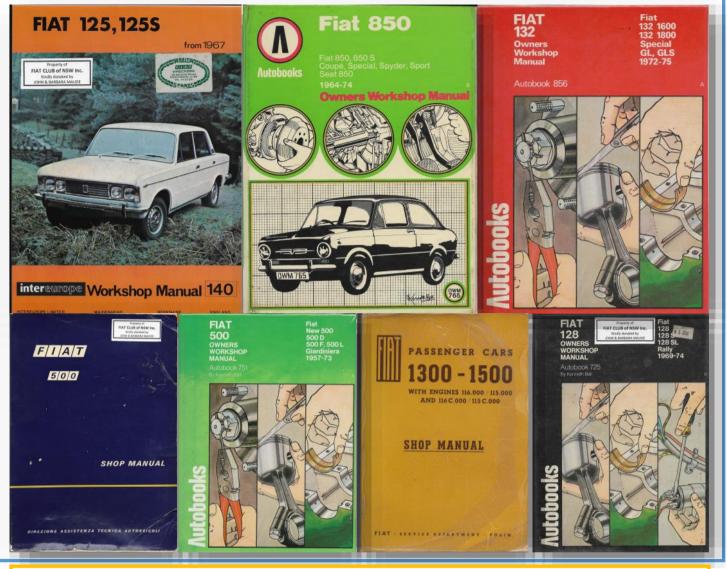
<u>You Tube</u>



# FIAT Workshop Manuals available from the FIAT Club Library.

The Fiat Club has a range of books, including 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 FIATClub library can be found at;

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THE Sports Balilla, forerunner of the current 1,100 touring car which has gone so fast and reliably when tuned and adapted by Gordini and others, was nearly unique in its period; a small sports car that gave the impression of having been designed as a unit and not just "developed." It was one of those rare machines of which the experienced driver says that the "chassis is faster than the engine"; a quality particularly uncommon in 1934 when the Balilla came out, for that was a time, in this country at any rate, when engine output had far outstripped road-holding amongst the cheaper cars.

As the picture shows, the lines of the Balilla suggested not the T.T. or Le Mans convention, but a car of grand prix background evolved for the Mille Miglia, and looking strikingly like the 12-cylinder G.P. 1,500 Fiat which Lane drew for the issue of November 28.

#### 1,000 Miles at 55 m.p.h.

Steering and cornering were to match; the amateur's dream of monoposto handling come true, and the gear ratios were chosen not for scrambling up freak gradients in the mud, but for fast main-road motoring; the engine gave its maximum output of 36 b.h.p. at a mere 4,000 revs., with plenty of power low down. Balilla performance was first shown publicly in the Mille Miglia of 1933-the year the new K3 M.G. Magnettes won the 1,100 c.c. class at 56.8 m.p.h.-for Monchetti and Ambrosini averaged 54.7 m.p.h. in their 995 c.c. o.h.v. converted 508 Fiat, without benefit of blower. Fifteen Balillas finished the 1,000-mile course, and British enthusiasts who heard the praise given the new Fiat by our own competitors in the Mille Miglia eagerly awaited a glimpse of the car at the 1934 Olympia. They were also a little startled when the actual Show exhibit was taken down to Brooklands by Wren and Dudley Froy, who, in rainy weather, averaged 55.11 m.p.h. for 1,000 miles on the Mountain course. Examples later did well in racing, trials, and rallies.

After all this emphasis on competitions, it must be admitted that the sports Balilla, although behaving as though it had been designed with racing in view, was in fact a development of the standard side-valve 508 which for several years had been the Fiat bread-and-butter line. A small saloon of short wheelbase, and good handling and springing characteristics, this 508 in its day was also the Italian army equivalent of the K.d.F. in Ethiopia. The only change to the power unit was the fitting of a new cylinder head giving a conversion to push-rod o.h.v., which increased the revs. from 3,400 to 4,000, and provided 36 instead of a mere 22 b.h.p. At the same time the sporting car was given a back-axle ratio of 4.3 to 1 instead of 5.1, and a close-ratio four-speed gearbox providing 20, 35, 60 and 70 m.p.h. at peak revolutions, which represented only 2,000 ft. per minute piston speed. It followed naturally that the car had no particular cruising gait, but could be driven as fast as its maximum and the roads allowed, with no respect for corners and wet roads. The brakes, Lockheed hydraulic, were magnificent, and the springing, by half-elliptics all round, gave road holding which, in the opinion of many, has never been rivalled by "independent" chassis.

Balilla performance came from clean design and good weight distribution, coupled with a slim silhouette and low all-up weight; even the saloon scaled only  $13\frac{1}{4}$  cwt. There was consequently no need to run the engine overfast, and the Italian motorist of the day did not share the British taste for mock Le Mans ironmongery and chromium plate; but it must be admitted that the sports 508, to use the official model number, was a very cold little car for an English winter, as the driver sat rather far from the screen, and low cutaway doors left both pilot and passenger rather exposed.

In specification the car was quite conventional, and can be summarized by a collection of dimensions and figures. Bore and stroke, 65 and 75 mm.; capacity, 995 c.c.; wheelbase and track, 7 ft. 6 ins. and 3 ft. 11 ins. respectively. Tyres were 4.00/17, on Rudge knock-on wheels, on all models except the very first. Turning circle was less than 30 ft., and the tank held 10 gallons of fuel. It was a car for serious, long-distance motoring.

#### **Fast Chassis, Slow Engine**

People will never agree upon what constitutes the ideal sports car. There is probably no such thing. The Balilla certainly was nearer to the Continental idea of sports car than to our own, although excellent value at £238. Perhaps it was a sort of scale effect which prevented it catching on more than it did, for despite the difference in size and price, the Fiat was in the same tradition of light, sporting, high-performance touring cars as the 30/98 Vauxhall. Fast but not fussy. A type of car more often found in the bigger horse-powers, but most certainly a thing to be encouraged.

There is no doubt at all that a fairly slow machine that steers, corners and stops like a racing car, whilst avoiding any hot-plug nuisance, is fundamentally a better vehicle than a fast, temperamental outfit which has more speed than the chassis can handle. So much is known nowadays about road holding and chassis layouts that no touring or sports car should feel unmanageable when flat out. The Fiat illustrated this 12 years ago. The moral is not hard to discover.



If undeliverable return to FIAT Club of NSW Inc. P.O. Box 3034 Bangor NSW 2234 - Australia





Photos from the NSW Road Racing Club's Six Hour Regularity at Sydney Motorsport Park.







# **CLUB MECHANDISE**











### An Invitation

Dear Fellow Motoring Enthusiasts,

In association with Shannons Insurance and in support of Variety—The Children's Charity and John Hunter Children's Hospital, the *MG Car Club Hunter Region* would like to invite your European car club to join us for

### *Euro Motorfest 2021* Sunday 20th June Foreshore Park, Wharf Road, Newcastle East

To assist with organization, we request that all European clubs wishing to participate pre-register their interest. Please email me, Ian Ashton at <u>iashton7@bigpond.com</u> prior to the event with approximate numbers of vehicles attending, no later than 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

A \$10 vehicle display fee will be payable on entry with the event commencing at 8.30am and finishing at 1.30pm. Coffee, food and drinks will be available on site and a raffle will be held.

In the event of wet weather, we will be postponing the event to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June at the same venue.

Visitors to Newcastle may choose to make a weekend visit to our great city by arriving in Newcastle on Saturday. There are plenty of accommodation options, sights to see as well as restaurants and clubs for your enjoyment and entertainment.

MG Car Club Hunter Region is looking forward to your participation in Euro Motorfest 2021, on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June at Newcastle Foreshore Park.

### Ian Ashton

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# 1° Fiat 500 World Wide Meeting

Dear Club,

in these difficult moments which, among other things, force our 500s to inactivity, and which will make us cancel (for the second time) the International Meeting of Garlenda, we thought that we must react and, rather than do nothing, ... **do a lot!** 

We invite you to participate to the 1° Fiat 500 World Meeting Mondiale on 2/3/4 July. July 4th, as you know, is also the 64th anniversary of the Fiat 500. On this occasion we thought of instituting the "World Day of the Classic Fiat 500".

The common element of the Meeting is the **welcome bag**, which will contain the **paper num**ber plate, sticker, t-shirt and ..... a customized Fiat 500 model made by Brumm.

In Italy the registration fee for the Meeting is 20 euros and numerous meetings will be held throughout the nation (we have local 180 trustees!). Obviously, it is not yet known what can be done during these meetings, compatibly with the Covid 19 rules that will be in force those days: **simple drive through, small meeting in a field or a real meeting?** However, it will be a good opportunity to ... take a ride in a Fiat 500!

# During the days 2/3/4 July we will organize streaming broadcasts, shows, talk shows and live calls with the whole world.

It would be very nice to have your Club participate. We will provide the welcome bag at the cost of 20 euros each. As you can easily verify, Fiat 500 Club Italia will not earn anything from this sale, on the contrary it has decided to contribute to the expense, to guarantee an attractive price.

As soon as possible we will send you pictures of the objects of the welcome bags. If you decide to participate, you will have to send us your orders **before June 15th**, earlier if possible. The shipping cost is not included. Please confirm your involvement as soon as possible. Obviously you can send us your specific requests later on.

# We are really looking forward to having you in the team: you and your members will be able to say: "I was there!"

**Best Regards** 

Alessandro Scarpa Director of the World Wide Meeting

Alessandro Vinotti Director of the Meeting of Garlenda





**FIAT Focus** 

# **1st Fiat 500 World Wide Meeting**

Dear Friends,

we thank you for joining the 1st Fiat 500 World Wide Meeting. At the moment we have the participation of 21 Countries:

The Netherlands, Belgium, Luxemburg, Malta, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, France, Monaco, United Kingdom, Ireland, Finland, Portugal, Greece, Hungary, Uruguay, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, Japan and..... Italy (with big Clubs, small Clubs and ... single participations).

Italian media have shown much interest on the 1st Fiat 500 World Wide Meeting and many news have already been published. Soon we will launch an international press release.

Covid 19 situation does not make it easy to plan events two months in advance. If you have not already done, **please send news about your planned activities: we will be glad to publish them on our "socials" and press releases.** 

In order to better plan the availability of t-shirts and of the Fiat 500 models, **we kindly ask you to send us within April a forecast of your welcome bags needs.** At the end May you can send your final request.

# For any information, do not hesitate to call: 0039 3316263880 - also WhatsApp

Best Regards





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 )

[ 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