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



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#### FIATFocus acknowledgements;

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

Many thanks to Warren Smith & Mark Shagen (Club Lotus) for their contributions to this edition of Fiat Focus.

**Cover Photo;** 2 FIATs from the 1950s that were both innovative for the time. One was quite exotic - the FIAT 8V powered by a 2 litre V8 engine (FIAT's only V8); the other, very utilitarian - the FIAT 1400, the first FIAT with a monocoque chassis and the first FIAT that offered a diesel engine as an option.

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.

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

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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
September 2021	
Tues 7th	Oasis Run - CANCELLED
Sun 12th	FIAT Club NSW Concorso - POSTPONED, date TBC.
Tues 14th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club - Cancelled
Fri 17th - Sun 19th	FIAT Nationals, CANCELLED
Sun 26th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - The Gelato Factory, Bundeena. Cancelled
October 2021	
Tues 5th	Oasis Run TBC
Sun 10th	Coffee Break - The Lobby, Frazer Street, Lilyfield TBC
Tues 12th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club, TBC
Sat 16th - Sun 17th	AROCA regularity relay - TBC
Sun 31st	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Maggio's, Cammeray, TBC
Sun 31st	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Rd 7, TBC
November 2021	
Thu 4th - Sun 7th	Bathurst 1000
Tues 9th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club, TBC
Tues 9th	Oasis Run - REMEMBRANCE DAY RUN
Sun 14th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - The Bay Café & Grill, Carrs Park, TBC
Sun 28th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Kokoda Café, Concord, TBC
December 2021	
Tues 7th	Oasis Run - Christmas Lunch
Sun 12th	FIAT Club NSW Christmas Function (TBC)

#### **INVITED EVENTS**

**East Hills Charity Car Show POSTPONED FURTHER TO Sunday 31 October (TBC)** for details see flyer at the back of this magazine.

Sunday October 24: Sydney Classic Bicycle Show (TBC). 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. AFTER Sydney Covid restrictions have been lifted.

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Due to Covid uncertainty, contact a committee person to confirm that the meeting will be held on the night.

# **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

September 7<sup>th</sup> - MOUNT ANNAN BOTANICAL GARDENS. CANCELLED

October 5<sup>th</sup> - TO BE CONFIRMED

**November 9<sup>th</sup>** - REMEMBRANCE DAY RUN (SECOND TUESDAY), TO BE CONFIRMED

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** - CHRISTMAS LUNCH. Sydney Inner West. Club Lunch. Waiting for confirmation.

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

Please stay safe & healthy. Looking forward to being able to resume our outings. Regards, Les

#### INVITATIONS

#### **TBA**

### **HVS Registration processing on hold during Lockdown.**

Please take note of the following message from the Club Registrar, Richard Dalziel.

Dear Members with cars on historic registration,

Service NSW has confirmed that HVS registrations are not considered to be "essential", so we have to wait until after lockdown ends on 28 Aug to process our renewals in person.

We already have 3 months from the time our registrations expire until they are cancelled, so that should be enough time (one would hope!) to allow us to attend a centre after lockdown.

Obviously you can't drive your car after the registration expires.

New arrangements would be put in place if lockdown was to be extended.

They are renewing "normal full registrations" (which can be done online), by giving an extension of time to provide a pink slip, so you can "pay your money" on time, but provide the pink slip later.



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- ♦ CMC DELEGATE TBA
- ♦ HONORARY AUDITOR Rebecca Gallard
- ◆ ANSELL PARK CO-ORDINATOR Michael McGeorge; Ansellpark@fiatclub.com.au; 0414 965 425,
- ♦ FIAT CLUB LIBRARIAN Lorenzo Aventi; secretary@fiatclub.com.au

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PO Box 3034 Bangor NSW 2234 Australia

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# Life Members

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

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#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Committee has decided that because of all this lockdown wasted time with almost no value for your membership fees, that we will extend the current Membership Year by 6 months. That means you will not have to renew until 30 June 2022.

This will have an effect for members with Historic or Classic registration of not having a Club Membership Card showing that their membership is current, but we intend to email all of those affected in this way with a receipt stating the new date that their membership ends.

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With the Fiat Nationals cancelled you may be asking yourself "what have we got to look forward to?"..... Good question..... At the moment, the only date that has been scheduled is November 21<sup>st</sup> for our annual Concorso d'Eleganza. But of course, this may also be more of a wish than a reality. Thanks must go to the Alfa Club for their efforts in booking the usual grounds.

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Members who had accommodation booked at the Mercure Motel in Goulburn should have had their booking automatically cancelled and been notified of this fact. If you haven't, then don't forget to either phone or email the Mercure to cancel.

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The Club Committee has still been meeting during lockdown, but of course, via "Zoom". We have got so used to this that we may keep doing it this way in future as it saves so much time in traveling.

So, this raises the question of whether we should hold a Social Meeting or two in the same way. Vice President Murray Irwin will be sending out an email asking for expressions of interest in having a meeting in this way. I know that other clubs have already tried it successfully. Our thinking is that it will not have the usual formal format, but be entirely a social chat. Possibly with a "Fiat Fixations" segment for anyone to ask questions about their car.

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**YOUR PHOTOS** – Because of the lack of any big car shows this year, our Editor is left with not very many photos of member's cars to publish in Fiat Focus. So he would appreciate it greatly if you could all send suitable photos of your current Fiat and the best ones will even make it onto the front cover! He will still publish the rest on the inside pages. A short description would help too, and it might be a nice touch if you were also in the shot. Email all photos to the Editor or post them on our Facebook page.

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#### **CANCELLATIONS**

- the September Social Meeting has been cancelled.

#### **POSTPONEMENTS**

- CMC Display Day which was scheduled for August 15. New date to be advised.

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Warren Smith 2021 President



#### Vale Joe Di Marti.

We are very saddened to hear of Club member Joe Di Marti's passing recently. Joe was a regular at the annual Concorso and the Norton Street Festival. He

was always in good spirits and very enthusiastic about his cars and the club. I

would hear from Joe a few times a year, sometimes to obtain some information on the Club's activities or just to have a social chat (such as telling me about his time with the Carabinieri \* in Italy). I saw Joe in

Leichhardt early this year and he seemed very cheery and well considering he had been battling an illness. Joe is a character that I will miss but will not forget. The FIAT Club offers its condolences to Joe's family and friends. *Lorenzo Aventi* 





\*(The Carabinieri are the national gendarmerie of Italy who primarily carry out domestic policing duties.)

# **Old FIAT Publicity Photographs**

This month we show another selection of FIAT promotional photos from the past. Enter the 1950s, the Nuova 1100 introduced the latest version of FIAT's family car which began with the 508 / Balilla models from the 1930s and continued after the 1100 in the form of the front wheel drive 128 from 1969.

The photos depict the car buyers aspirational choice of vehicle being the modern FIAT 1100. At right, the amorous tennis

couple have a preference for the flannel white version to match their tennis kit; below, a young family admire their new, classy, mode of transport; young adventurous ladies will settle for nothing less that the deluxe version; the bottom photos show the top of the range, Gran Luce version (note that all doors are front hinged dong away with suicide doors for the driver and passengers in the front seat; finally, bottom right, the FIAT is the perfect car for horsing around, though, the two suited gentlemen are much more interested in the 1100 than the young lady on horseback.

Once again, thanks to Marc Shagen for sending the collection of photos to the FIAT Club.











# **Jottings and Gossip**

#### **Club car movements**

Here are some vehicles owned by members of the FIAT Club that everyone is familiar with. We see them at the Concorso every year where we admire their presentation and appreciate the time and money that their owners have put into them. Over the past year a number of these favourites have now moved on into the custodianship of a new owner. Steve Gotch has provided details of a few of these sales below.

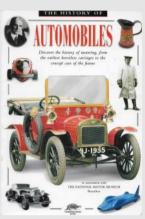
After 32 year, Tony Metcalf has sold his FIAT 600D, 1959 model. Slightly modified over the years with a 903cc motor, mild cam, 850 Coupe front brakes, 124 rear disc brakes, 32 DNTR Weber carby on a Arqadi manifold. Wheels were 13 x 5 Cromadoras with Alfasud stainless domes for centre caps. New owner now lives in Sydney.

Allen Steele has parted with his 500F, 1969 model after 25 years. Lots of mods, Niki motor, Panda head, 695 grind camshaft, alloy sump, Ansa exhaust,40 DCOE Weber carby, FRONT DISC BRAKES, Niki rear drums. The new owner, an 81 year old South Australian just loves the car.

Steve Gotch's red 20 valve LE Coupe, 1999 model, has been sold after 15 years of ownership. This was a 6 speed 220 hp 5 cylinder. Still in the garage, a 1970 FIAT 500F motorkhana special fitted with a 1500 X1/9 fuel injected motor. Its eastwest in the back seat. Another 20 valve Coupe, 1998 race car is still for sale. Waiting restoration, a 1966 FIAT Dino red Coupe. It runs a 2 litre V6 quad cam Ferrari Dino 206 motor.

Thanks Steve for the updates.

#### New books for the club library.

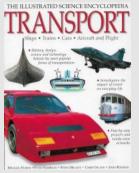


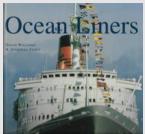
A few more
new books
have found
their way into
the FIAT Club
library. While
not FIAT books,
they are still on
transport with
a couple of
them being
children's

The books include a 30 page, short History of Automobiles, The Illustrated Science

educational

books.





Encyclopaedia
- Transport
and finally a
large coffee
table style
book on
Ocean Liners.

#### Paper Model cars.

Lockdowns due to the Corona Virus have been going on for a while now in Sydney and regional NSW. If you are looking for something to do to pass the time, hy not build your own model FIAT out of paper. At the back of the magazine are some templates for FIAT cars that will help get you started, but note, thicker paper or light card will work best.

There are plenty of templates available on the internet for various model FIATs, as well as other Italian makes, sports and racing cars, each with varying degrees of difficulty. The models include this month are the FIAT 131, Multipla, Uno, 124 wagon, 500 and 126 / Niki.

When you have built you model, why not post it on the Club's Facebook page or send a photo to the editor at

#### editor@fiatclub.com.au.

All you need is some scissors and glue (and some patience)!







# **FOR SALE**

Selling a blue FIAT Punto sport 1.9L turbo diesel; 2007 Fiat Punto Sport, multi- jet 1.9L diesel FIAT Punto Sport is a well presented and maintained car 2 owner with 121,675 km. Perfect first car / city car registration to February 22 Message me for my info or photos . (09/21)

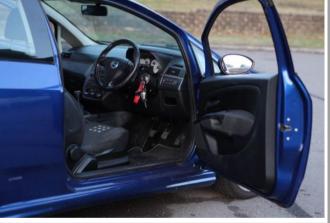
Contact Robert Polito - Email: rp.polito11@gmail.com Mob: 0474 101 466











#### Wanted

FIAT 125 Special, Series 2. Would prefer a complete, original example, however, all vehicles may be considered including cars that may require some work. (05/21)

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# Advertising rates for ClassiFIATs; Club Members-free.

Non Members \$10 for 30 words and photo, Items wanted—free. ClassiFIATs are run for three editions. Contact the Editor or any member of the committee to place an ad.

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

members@fiatclub.com.au

# **FIAT Club NSW Library**

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

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

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

# **Advertising with the FIAT Club**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contact the editor to place your advertisement.

# FIAT Club of New South Wales Social Media



FIAT Club of New South Wales
Facebook:

facebook.FiatClub.com.au



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

#### **Facebook**



#### <u>Instagram</u>



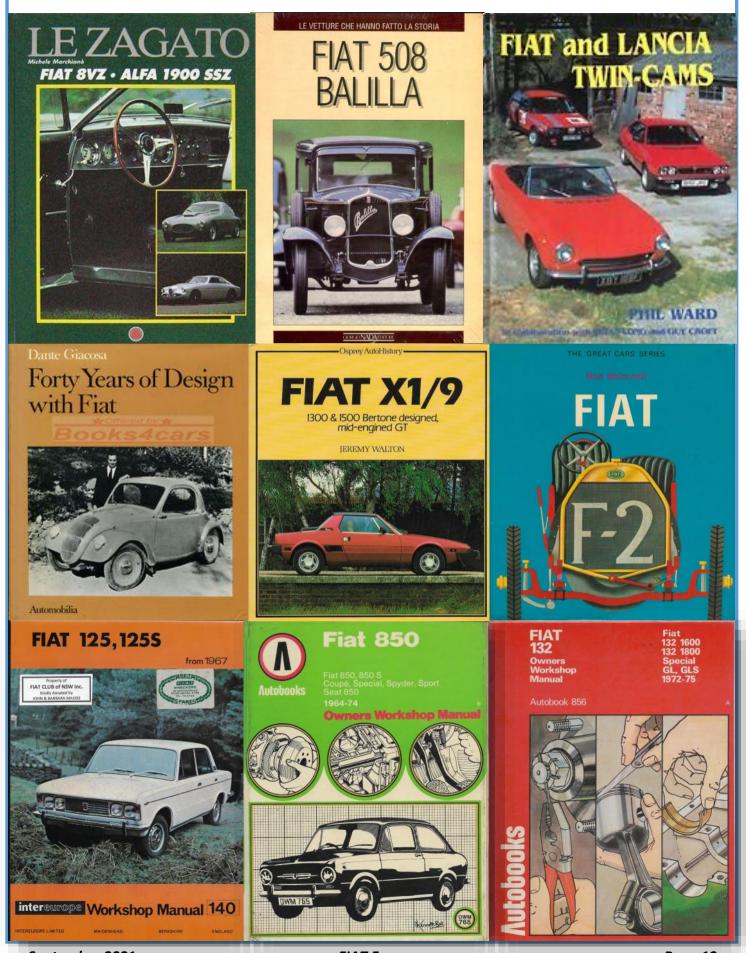
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#### FIAT books available from the FIAT Club Library.

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

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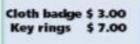




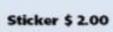
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The FIAT Club of NSW would like to invite all members to bring their FIAT's (of all models road or race) to this years CMC Shannons Sydney Classic ( cars of any standard welcome )

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 )





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??



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