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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.



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

DATE	EVENT AND LOCATION	Pointscore
DAIL	May 2022	Tomescore
Tues 3rd	Oasis Run - Lynwood Country Golf Club	No
Sat 7th	Pizza @ Narraweena	Yes
Tues 10th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	Yes
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Sun 19th	FIAT Club Motorkhana Championship Rd 4	Yes
Sun 26th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Skyline Drive-In Cinema, Blacktown	Yes
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Sun 10th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Break By The Bay, Carrs Park	
Tues 12th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	Yes
Sun 24th	·	Yes
Sun 31st	Christmas in July - ENZO's Cucina, Camden  Rain out date for FIAT Club Motorkhana	Yes
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Tues 2nd	August 2022 Oasis Run - Northern Beaches TBC	No
Sun 7th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Art of Gelato, Carramar	Yes
Tues 9th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	Yes
Sun 14th	Shannons Sydney Classic - Sydney Motorsport Park	Yes
Sun 21st	FIAT Club Coffee Break - The Lobby, Rozelle	Yes
Sat 27th	FIAT Club Motorkhana Championship Rd 5 - day / night event	Yes
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Sun 9th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - TBA	Yes
Tues 11th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	Yes
Sun 16th	FIAT Club Motorkhana Championship Rd 7	Yes
Sun 23rd	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Sunset Drive-In Cinema, St Ives	Yes
Sun 30th	Norton Street Festival TBC	Yes
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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 THESE EVENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO ANY RESTRICTIONS OR RULES THAT ARE IN PLACE AT THE TIME Upcoming Events

JUNE 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 \*CONFIRMED\* where: National Studebaker Museum of Australia.

**MEET:** 10.00am Curry Reserve, Camden Valley Way, Elderslie (Camden). **LUNCH:** The Oaks Hotel, 36 John St The Oaks. BOOKINGS: Please confirm with Les by Monday 30th May.

DETAILS: Les Watton Les Watton ph: 9838 8063 m: 0418 973 866 Email: mumspalace@hotmail.com

**JULY 5<sup>th</sup> 2022 \*CONFIRMED\*** for morning tea & a stroll around the park.

MEET: Wiley Park 10.30am. LUNCH: "The Peakhurst" Hotel. DETAILS: Les

AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022 \*TO BE CONFIRMED\* Northern Beaches. DETAILS: Les

**SEPTEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> 2022** Mount Annan Botanical Gardens. DETAILS: Brian Jubb ph: 9602 9591

OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup> 2022 \*TO BE CONFIRMED\* South Coast?

NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> 2022 Remembrance Day Run. Seven Hills R.S.L. Club. MEET: At Club before 11.00am

**DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> 2022** \*TO BE CONFIRMED\* Christmas Lunch

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### OASIS CLUB OUTING TO CANADA BAY MUSEUM 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022

At long last a beautiful sunny day for our visit to the Canada Bay Museum located in Wellbank St. Concord. This is another venue that Covid had put on hold for a couple of years. Finding parking in adjoining streets members & friends soon started arriving to view the wonderful display of local history in this museum. We did see the original rotary Mowhall lawn mower built in 1947 that inspired Mervyn Victor Richardson to produce the Victa Lawn Mower in 1952. Also on display was a working model of the Mortlake Ferry, Arnott's Biscuit display, Bushells Coffee, A Rider & Bell fireman's helmet along with many household items & other exhibits of interest.

One of our Oasis members was an apprentice tool maker at Rider & Bell & was unable

to attend but asked me for a photograph with the brass helmet which was donated





to the Museum by George Rider. The member sent me an Email about his time at Rider & Bell (and other family members) & has given permission for it to be published. Rider & Bell are still in business making mostly fish scalers, garden tools, hand tools as well as their Aussie Thriller Whistle that they have been making since the 1920's. My own Thriller Whistle is over 50 yrs old & is still in good working condition. With many photos taken it was soon time to depart for lunch at Powell's Creek Reserve which was very enjoyable in the bright sunshine. Photos, Bruce Keyvar

Story, Les Watton

#### **INVITED EVENTS**

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

# **CLUB COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS**

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#### **SOCIAL MEETINGS**

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

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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

# Fiat Club NSW – Social Meeting – April 12, 2022.

Welcome: Bankstown Sports Club.

Warren Smith opened the meeting at 7.36pm.

Apologies. Norm Mitchell, Ian Sinden, Gary Oliver, Robert Todarello.

New members & visitors. Nil.

Previous minutes – Accepted. Business arising-nil.

Secretary's Report / Correspondence.

Quattrruotte magazines offered to members.

**Ansell Park Sub-Committee Report.** 

AP flooded again. Expect that it will take a few weeks before grounds are dry enough for any maintenance to be performed.

**Competition Report:** 

**Recent Events:** 

Huntley Hillclimb last weekend (April 10) attended by Michael McGeorge & Martin Gallard.

**Next Events:** 

Supersprint invite April 16..

**Social Events Report:** 

**Recent Events:** 

Grid Café April 10. Visited a workshop afterwards. Entertaining & enjoyable morning.

Auto Italia April 3rd in Queanbeyan. Tour was conducted before hand, organized by MW. 33 members & friends attended. Good selection of Italian cars on display.

**Next Events:** 

Maggios, Sun April 24, 8 to 10 am.

Benzin Sun May 8.

NHMD Sun May 15. Berry event cancelled due to wet grounds. (refer to CMC list for venues).

Patio @ Putney, Sun May 29.

**Communications Update:** 

Editor - Il Topolino, Fiat Lancia Mania, Lancia Fancier, Piston Slap, Motor Life News, and Retroautos received electronically and distributed to members. Pugulist received in the mail.

FIATFocus is now issued by auto notification to members with a link to download the magazine.

Website - nil.

Presidents Report: Nil

Fiat Fixations & ClassiFiats:

RD 850 travelled down to Auto Italia and back with minimal problems (electrical & choke).

**CMC Report:** 

Minutes from March meeting received.

People with HVS running illegal plates. Fines are substantial.

Pink slips required for HVS renewals.

**General Business:** 

FIAT Nationals - Proposal for Nationals to be run by an independent team for the benefit of FIAT clubs and their members. Details to be clarified.

FIAT club bank accounts - Discussion regarding separate trading statements for Ansell Park & FIAT Club to show contribution to club funds each year. Proposal also put forward to have separate bank accounts for Ansell Park and FIAT Club.

Historic Plates Report; Members 144, cars 210.

Membership. Full 361 (full 238, joint/family 62, junior 44, life 17.

Meeting closed: 9.27 pm for election of 2022 committee.

The next social meeting be on the 10th of May 2022 – 7:30pm at the Bankstown Sports Club.

# Fiat Club NSW - Annual General Meeting - 12 April, 2022.

#### Welcome:

Warren Smith and Lorenzo Aventi opened the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

**Apologies:** 

As per the social meeting - Apologies: Norm Mitchell, Ian Sinden, Gary Oliver, Robert Todarello.

Election of Office Bearers. Refer to Committee Nomination and

**Election form**. The following members were elected;

President - vacant

Vice President - Murray Irwin

Secretary - Robert Todarello

Treasurer - Susan Halliburton

**Competition Secretary** - Michael McGeorge

Assistant Competition Secretary - Martin Gallard

Editor - Lorenzo Aventi

Webmaster - Mark Weinberger

Membership Registrar - Cheryl Sandrin

Social Event Coordinator - Giovanni Ciampa

Merchandising - Kevin Halliburton

Historic Plate Registrar - Richard Dalziel

Assistant Historic Plate Registrar – Maurizio Puglisi

General Committee person 1 - Adrian Sandrin

General Committee person 2 - Ian Sinden

CMC Delegate - TBA

Ansell Park Coordinator - Michael McGeorge

Public Officer - Warren Smith

Honorary Auditor - Rebecca Gallard

Club Patron - Mr. Nat Zanardo OAM

#### **Treasurers Report**

Covid has affected activities over the past 2 years affecting activities and income.

Membership income has fallen to around \$6k due to membership renewals extended to June 2022.

#### **Meeting Closed:**

AGM closed at 09:54 p.m. with election of the new committee.

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# Editorial

The **Annual General Meeting** was finally **held on Tuesday April 12** after some delays due the heavy rains that made hosting the meeting at Ansell Park impossible. It was however pleasing to see a good attendance on the night which was preceded by the April Social meeting.

Most committee positions were filled on the nigh, with a few exceptions (he list of elected committee members is included on page six along with the minutes of the social meeting). The FIAT Club would like to congratulate and welcome newcomers to the committee, Robert Todarello and Ian Sinden. Robert is returning to the role he held a few years ago and Ian has been an enthusiastic member of the club for many years and would be familiar to many of you as he regularly attends the Club's social events.

Many thanks must go to outgoing President, Warren Smith, who has served his role as president over the past eight years with all the hard work and dedication you would expect from him. Warren has spent most of his membership years with the club serving on the committee and his contributions have been very much appreciated. It will seem odd to not have him at the monthly meetings, however, the current committee should be able to carry on competently managing the club. On that note, the role of President is still open to apply for any members who are interested. It is a very rewarding role and provides you the opportunity to work with a like minded team in shaping the activities and direction of the Club for the benefit of its members. PLEASE contact any member of the committee to for details!...

Thanks also to Cheryl Sandrin and Susan Halliburton for their hard work to ensure that the membership register is up to date. Thanks to the other committee members who made sure we had activities and events to attend, kept the website up to date and help make sure your historic registrations applications were managed and processed efficiently.

A couple of events have been suggested for later in the year, it is just a matter of when they can be scheduled before any announcements are made (the events calendar can get very crowded towards the end of the year; note, the concorso is set for Sunday September 18!).

The National Heritage Motoring day will be on Sunday May 15. The FIAT Club will be heading to the Motorlife Museum (80 Darkes Road, Kembla Grange) and all members are invited to meet up at the Museum at around 9.00 a.m. Club Vice President Murray Irwin, has suggested turning it into a weekend drive for those who are interested. His suggested itinerary includes the following;

Saturday May 14 - Meet at Arnie & Co. Coffee Shop, 28 Wilson Parade, Heathcote at 9.00 a.m. Drive to the Nan Tien Temple (180 Berkeley Rd, Wollongong) for lunch. Check in to the Elsinor Motel (limited number of rooms available). Dinner at the Dapto Leagues Club. Visit the Motorlife Museum on Sunday morning then lunch and drive home. Final details are to be confirmed but it sounds like a plan. Contact the Vice President, Murray Irwin for details.

FIAT Car Club of Victoria are organising the 2022 FIAT Down Under 123 Anniversary Rally to be held over November 10 - 13 in Bendigo and you are all invited. See the details on **PAGE 13**.

**Vale, Steve Schmidt:** The FIAT Car Club of Victoria has sadly posted that Steve Schmidt had passed away suddenly this week. Fiat Nationals regulars may well remember Steve as Warren Smith noted, "Steve had competed at several Fiat Nationals events in Supersprints with his Fiat 124AC." The FIAT Car Club of Victoria post read as follows;

"Many people in motorsport and car clubs will know Steve Schmidt from Warragul: enthusiast, friend, editor and owner/driver of Cooper 'S;' Bugeye Sprite; FIAT 124AC coupe and Spyder. It is with great regret, shock and understandable sorrow that I am informing friends that Steve passed away suddenly at home last night. While Jenny appreciates your concern, condolences and kind thoughts, we ask you do not disturb her at this time -if you need further information, please contact Ian Maud. Funeral details, etc will be made available in the next week or so.

RIP, Steve: a good mate to many – no doubt pushing an FTD on his way to rest, taken far too early."

The FIAT Club of NSW sends its sincerest condolence to Steve's family and friends.



# Competition

Hi all,

Unfortunately we have to cancel our next motorkhana that was scheduled for the 22nd of May. Once we get ground back up and running the Club Championship we will run two rounds for each event for the rest of the year. This will be where we will run tests multiple times - the first run will be round 1 and second run round 2. Both rounds will count towards the Club Championship. Until then we are looking to have an Ansell Park working bee on the 22nd of May (TBC). Look out for Facebook and emails over the next week or two for a confirmation.

Until then there is another event that people may be interested in competing at - this is a "come and try day" on Sunday June 26 at the Huntley Hill Climb near Wollongong. The climb is a short road course that they shut down for the day around the back of Dapto. For those of you who have never tried a hill climb and want to know more, the Wollongong Sporting Car Club have posted these FAQs on their Facebook page. Some of the Questions and answers posted are as follows;

#### Q. What's the requirements for entry? (For car and driver).

A. wrist to Ankle non synthetic clothing, covered in shoes. A helmet (must be in good condition). Blue triangle to indicate where your battery is, some numbers on the back door windows (tape is fine), empty the boot and inside (no loose objects), general road worthiness and proof of registration. Off the top of my head that's about it for come n try I'm sure I'll be corrected if there's more.

#### Q. Do you need to fit a fire extinguisher?

A. come n try drivers will not require one.

- Q. (a) Two questions if you don't mind: I'm very interested in attending this day, however I am unsure if I need a motorsport Australia full license. I have a provisional license as of now due to the fact I haven't done my OLT, however I am looking at booking it in the near future. Also,
- (b) can I just come on the day and pay the entry fee, or do I need to be a part of the Wollongong sporting car club to attend. Thank you in advance for your time.

A. minimum license is L2s from MA. Entry forms aren't available yet but when they are I'll amend this event post. You need to be a member of a Motorsport Australia affiliated club (which the FIAT Club of NSW is). and fill out the entry form and pay online before the event.

All the details will be in the sup regs when it's all ready with the entry forms

Entry and other details

https://wollongongsportingcarclub.org/downloads/

If you have more questions please contact me via email.

Cheers, Michael McGeorge.



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# Competition

# NSW Hill Climb Championship rd 1

The wild weather of March resulting in the two rounds at Bathurst being downgraded to a club event, the return to Huntley Hillclimb on April 10th saw us competing at what is now counted as round 1 of the NSW Hillclimb Championship.

There was some wild weather leading right up to this event, with the noncompulsory Saturday practice being a day of drizzle for those who braved the conditions. All parking areas were a bog pit, with the grassed pit areas being just solid enough for entrants to set up.

The track is very much covered by trees, ensuring the first few runs of the day were

guaranteed to be on a bit of a wet setup. Most of Mics runs for the day were on wet tyres and with some solid runs down he switched over to slicks for his fourth run to punch out an impressive 35.59. I had moved over to the Formula Ford slicks a little earlier, but was still building up confidence clocking a 35.62 on my fourth run. Does it get any closer than that? At this point it was announced there would be a fifth and final run, and with the battle this close it was on!

I lined up first, nailed my start, perfect gear changes and hung on to it over the bumpy bits to punch out a PB of 34.61 in what I would still call damp conditions.

Mic was ready to make me work hard for it, but his engine ran extremely hot waiting for his turn to run, and he chose to roll out of it to look after his car. A very disappointing way to finish up the day, as I was certain there was more speed to come from Mic. The times of 34.61 vs 35.59 is still crazy close between these cars. Its amazing as similar as they are, they are so different yet create such close racing.

A class win and a PB was a great way to finish the day. Love when it comes down to the wire like this battling with Mic, that's what it's all about!

There is a come & try day at Huntley June 26th, and we would love to see as many FCNSW members there as possible. It's a great little location, so come on down and have some fun in your car!

Best Regards, Martin Gallard.

# NSW Motorkhana Championship, Sunday May 1st

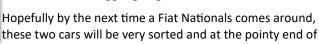
May 1st saw three FCNSW members head to Nirimba for the latest round of the NSW State Motorkhana Championship. The weather was perfect for some tarmac fun, with a wide variety of vehicles coming out to tackle the event.

Travis McGeorge spent the day getting some valuable seat time alongside Mic in the 127 Motorkhana Special, on what is only its second run since being build. The car ran

> perfectly all day, and there is still a huge amount of speed yet to come as Mic finds the mix of learning how to drive the car and making small adjustments.

I was finally able to take the yellow 126 Motorkhana Special out for a blast, and must say I am extremely happy with the way it ran for its first event in my ownership. Geez its got some power! It still needs a

lot of love, and a bigger going over front to back with some improvements to come.



At time of printing no event results were published, here is hoping we were in the mix.

Don't forget Motorkhanas are not just for high powered specialised vehicles, you can get out there and have fun in any vehicle

regardless of its make and model. It's a great way to learn more about your car, and a brilliant way to get your kids even more confident and capable long before hitting the roads.

So don't be a stranger, get out there and join us!







Best Regards, Martin Gallard. (Photos - Martin Gallard and Teddy Webber)

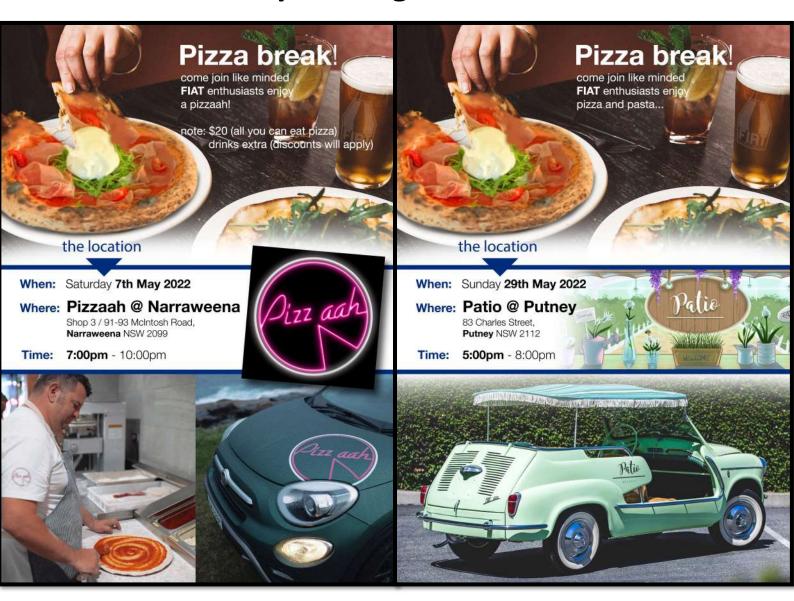


# Competition Calendar

DATE	EVENT AND LOCATION	Pointscore	
May 2022			
Sun 1st	NSW Motorkhana Championship - Nirimba	No	
Sun 15th	Supersprint - Pheasant Wood (SSCC)	No	
Sun 15th	NSW Hillclimb Championship - Kempsey	No	
Sun 15th	NSW Motorkhana Championship - Nirimba	No	
Sun 22nd	FIAT Club Motorkhana CANCELLED		
June 2022			
Sun 5th	NSW Motorkhana Championship - Nirimba	No	
Sun 12th	Supersprint - Wakefield Park (SSCC)	No	
Sun 12th	NSW Hillclimb Championship - Grafton	No	
Sun 19th	FIAT Club Motorkhana Championship Rd 4	Yes	
Sun 26th	Huntley Hillclimb - Come & Try day	No	
July 2022			
Sun 10th	NSW Hillclimb Championship - Tamworth	No	
Sun 24th	NSW Motorkhana Championship - Nirimba	No	
Sun 31st	Rain outdate for Club Motorkhana	Yes	
August 2022			
Sun 7th	NSW Hillclimb Championship - Ringwood	No	
Sun 14th	Supersprint - Wakefield Park (SSCC)	No	
Sat 27th	FIAT Club Motorkhana Championship Rd 5 - day / night event	Yes	
Sun 28th	FIAT Club Motorkhana Championship Rd 6	Yes	
September 2022			
Sun 4th	NSW Hillclimb Championship - Gunnedah	No	
Sun 11th	NSW Motorkhana Championship - Sydney Motorsport Park	No	
Sun 18th	Huntley Hillclimb	No	
October 2022			
Sat 1st - Sun 2nd	AROCA 6 Hour Regularity Race - Winton	No	
Mon 3rd	NSW Hillclimb Championship - Canberra (SDMA)	No	
Sun 16th	FIAT Club Motorkhana Championship Rd 7	Yes	
November 2022			
Sat 5th	Skidpan - SMP (SSCC)	No	
Sun 13th	Huntley Hillclimb	No	
Sun 13th	Supersprint - SMP, Druitt Circuit (SSCC)	No	



# **Upcoming Events!**





# Auto Italia 2022 - Queanbeyan



Auto Italia 2022 was held on Sunday April 3rd and a number of FIAT Club members made the trek down to Queanbeyan where they were joined by members of the FIAT Car Club of Victoria, and of course, FIAT Club members from the ACT. There was a terrific collection of Italian motor cars and bikes on show and there was also the opportunity to catch up with old acquaintances. The venue in Queanbeyan was again appreciated given the number of years a suitable venue was difficult to find for this Iconic event. One of the more pleasing aspects of the weekend was that Richard Dalziel had a most trouble free run back home in his 850 on the Sunday!

Please enjoy the photos on this page as we look forward to next year's event.

Photos courtesy of Vince Bruzzese.



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#### **Optional Return to Melbourne Tour**

For those so inclined an opportunity to explore a little further.

Sunday afternoon travel East through Nagambie and Euroa to overstay in Bonnie Doon

Monday we head off on a leisurely and interesting route back to Melbourne through the Black Spur.

These days are just about enjoying the cars and seeing the sights. We know you won't be ready to say goodbye.

The talk of the touring days will be the planning to meet up again for Fiat 125 in 2024 in NSW and the big one in 2026 when we travel to Perth for the drive back East in the footsteps(?) of the 1926 FIAT Club of WA adventure.

See you there ....

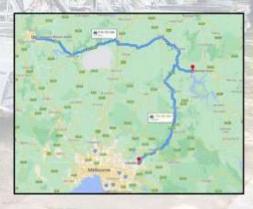
#### Payment details:

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#### **Tour Overview**



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#### **FIAT 123**

#### Anniversary Rally

A Social Gathering of FIAT Enthusiasts

Featuring

Dinner and "Parade Under Lights"



#### Bendigo Victoria

10-13 November 2022



#### Program

#### Thursday 10th:

- Afternoon Registration at the All Seasons Resort
- · Evening Catch up with Friends

#### Friday 11th:

- · Morning Run to Maldon
- · Evening Dinner and Parade Under Lights at Bendigo Harness Racing Club

#### Saturday 12th:

- Bendigo National Swap Meet or
- Day Run to The Great Stupa Buddhist Temple
- · Evening Run to Castlemaine and BBQ Dinner

#### Sunday 13th:

· "Coffee and Cars" display at Downtown Bendigo

#### Sunday 13th / Monday 14th:

· Optional Tour returning to Melbourne

#### The Event

- 3 Days (Optional 5 Days) of Organised Events including Drives, Displays and Socialization
- · 2-Course Dinner with Friends at The Bendigo Harness Racing Club
- BBQ Dinner in Castlemaine on Saturday evening.
- · Unique Evening Car Display
- "Parade Under Lights" with Commentary

Participants Showbag

- Awards and Presentations
- Event Merchandise

#### **Event Cost**

Children (U13)

Driver and Vehicle	\$100
Additional Adults	\$70
Children (U13)	\$40
Early Bird Registration (by	/ 1st August)
Driver and Vehicle	\$90
Additional Adults	\$60

(Friday 2-Course Evening Dinner and Saturday evening BBQ included)

\$40

#### Accommodation

Accommodation will be at a premium due to other events in Bendigo including the Bendigo Swap Meet.

We have been able to reserve 40 rooms close by at

The All Seasons Resort, 171 McIvor Hwy Bendigo. Phone (03) 5443 8166.

Please book directly with the Resort and quote the FIAT 123 Event for a cost of \$149.

The City is well served by accomodation providers including Hotels, Motels and private options from all the regular providers.



#### Cabin and Camping Options.....

Big4 Bendigo Parklane (03) 5449 3335 Big4 Bendigo Ascot (03) 5448 4421

Cancellations will be accepted for covid or like reasons.

The accommodation providers have their own standing policies and should be checked upon booking.



The roads were wet, but the skies were blue, and it was great to get the FIATs out on the road again.

Only a few members and their cars turned up at the Grid Café where we met up with other car enthusiasts, Ant & Dog, who arrived in a hotted up VW Beetle.

We were lucky enough to be invited back to their 'mancave' filled with cars, bikes and memorabilia. We hung out and admired the restoration works, chatted over the cars and did a few hot laps around the venue.

Special thanks to them both. It truly made the day and we hope to be invited back again next time.

P.S. Thanks to Mark for the write up and also to Vince Bruzzese for the fine photographs.

We hope to see you at the next event. Keep safe!

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











# coffee break (write up) 24th April 2022 Maggio's cafe @ Cammeray





Maggio's café in Cammeray provided a great alfresco atmosphere and was very accommodating to the growing number of club members turning up in a steady stream. We quickly needed to pull up four tables to cater for all of us.

Thank you to all who came along and made the occasion so enjoyable.

Thanks for being FIATfanaticos.



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







### **FIAT NEWS**

No doubt you would be aware that the FIAT NEWS section of the magazine looks to include articles on the old FIAT Group, and what is now Stellantis, that may be of interest to you. Some months there is an abundance of new information to report on. Other months don't have much to show for. This month I have come across a few article that hare described as "ROUMOURS"! Seeing that these "rumours" are repeated in a number of web page I though you may be interested to read what these journalists have to offer ... (ed)

# Fiat Topolino Electric (2023): Everything we know.

By Anjin Ravi; topelectricsuv.com

According to a report on Automotive News Europe, the Fiat Topolino name will be revived, but the car destined to wear this nameplate is a far cry from the 1930s iconic design. Instead, Fiat plans on selling a version of the Citroen Ami



electric quadricycle as the Topolino for the 21st century.

The report states that select Fiat dealers in Italy have already seen the Ami wearing the Fiat badge ahead of a 2023 market launch. This will be the third badge seen on the Ami as Stellantis group company Opel sells a version called the Rocks-e.

#### Fiat Topolino Design.

As far as the design is concerned, the Fiat Topolino should look identical to the Ami save for the Fiat badges and minor changes to select body parts, as seen in our artist's rendering. Automotive News quotes one dealer saying the Topolino looks "more refined" than the Ami.

In addition, Fiat would also offer a variant with a canvas roof, which would be a fitting tribute to the name since the original Topolino had the option of a convertible with a canvas roof too. This has been represented in our rendering.

Opel and Citroen offer passenger and cargo variants of the Rocks-e and Ami,

which could be followed by Fiat for the Topolino. The My Ami Buggy Concept is still a distant dream for the electric offroad enthusiast, which was shown last year as a rugged, off-road compact electric quadricycle.

#### **Interior & Features**

The Topolino is expected to mirror its sibling, save for the interior badging, floor mats, and maybe body-colored coordinated plastic trim. Citroen boasts that the Ami features a ride height comparable to other cars despite its compact size. The passenger variant has two seats, which reduces to one in the cargo variant. The passenger cabin is heated in both versions.

Users can store a small bag ahead of the passenger's foot on the passenger variant. On the cargo variant, the passenger seat makes way for a 260 liter

(9.1 cu. ft) compartment. Other features include a panoramic roof, a USB port, and the MyCitroen app, which gives out data such as available range, mileage, time remaining for a 100 percent recharge, and maintenance alerts on the user's phone. Expect these features to be available in the Electric Fiat Topolino.

Every part on the Ami is 100 percent recyclable, aside from the battery,

which is 85 percent recyclable.

Fiat Topolino Specifications (expected)

Aspect	Figure
Length	94.48 inches
Width	54.72 inches
Height	59.84 inches
Turning Diameter	23.6 ft
Weight	1,069.24 lbs
Battery Capacity	5.5 kWh
Charging Time	3 hours
Power	6 kW
Top Speed	28 mph
Range	47 miles
Price (In France)	Around 6,000 EUR (\$6,525)

#### **Price & Release Date**

We should receive an announcement from Fiat in the second half of the year regarding the launch and availability of the Topolino. Initially, the Topolino could launch in markets that the Ami already serves and those where Fiat has a stronghold, and the price would be in the vicinity of 6,000 EUR.

#### Fiat Topolino in the U.S.?

Last year, a mobility services company of Stellantis called Free2Move said that they would bring the Citroen Ami to the United States as part of their ride rental and sharing services. The company has already added the electric quadricycle to its fleet in several European cities, including Madrid.

In January, Citroen showcased the Ami at the CES 2022 (Consumer Electronics Show 2022) in Las Vegas. The Ami is certainly establishing its reputation as an inexpensive solution for individual use and bringing down carbon emissions.

That neatly brings us to whether the future Fiat Topolino would be considered for the United States. The Topolino name is also familiar to Americans. Either well-maintained examples fetch around \$20,000, or enthusiasts modify old Topolinos in tune with the hot-rod culture.

In addition, Fiat has a history in the country, and it has also sold 'fun' and youthful cars like the 500 series. This could be a perfect opportunity for Stellantis to leverage those aspects of the brand and offer the Topolino to young Americans living in busy cities looking for a safer alternative to a scooter.

# FIAT Multipla 2024: First Details & Photos

By Sarah Hoskins; autospias.com

The new Volkswagen ID.
Buzz, presented yesterday afternoon, has been enthusiastically received by the public. This electric van has managed to conquer the majority of Internet users thanks to its striking design, directly inspired by the classic "hippie" T1 of the 50s and 60s, something that can be seen in its proportions ("flat" nose, absence of overhangs) or your two-tone paint scheme.

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### **FIAT NEWS**

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However, it is no less true than the Volkswagen ID. Buzz will not be an affordable model: in the absence of official confirmation, its starting price in Germany is expected to be similar to that of the Multivan, so it should cost around 60,000 euros. Therefore, it will be a vehicle away from the general public.

All in all, the Stellantis group seems willing to offer a smaller and more affordable alternative for those looking



for a model with a similar approach. According to a report published by L'Argus, FIAT is working on a small electric minivan inspired by the 600 Multipla (1956-1967), considered by many to be the first MPV in history. The Multipla name was also used on a six-seater minivan sold from 1998 to 2010, which is still remembered for its peculiar aesthetics.

The new FIAT Multipla will be a spacious and affordable electric car

However, the use of an electric motor would allow the execution of a design closer to that of the 600 Multipla, which is why FIAT would have decided to take advantage of the Stellantis group's eCMP platform to develop its new minivan.

We must remember that, as of 2023, the current eCMP will be divided into two architectures: the eCMP Entry, for low-cost models, and the second generation eCMP, for more advanced proposals. According to the L'Argus report, FIAT will use the former, so the new Multipla (or 500 Multipla) will be produced in Trnava (Slovakia).

Since its new electric nature will free up a lot of useful space, the third-

generation FIAT Multipla could return to the six-seat (3+3) configuration of its 90year-old predecessor. At the moment it is not clear if it will measure like that (almost 4 meters) or if, on the contrary, it will use the longest version of the eCMP platform (about 4.40 meters).

It will have two LFP (lithium iron phosphate) batteries of SVOLT origin, one with a smaller capacity for those looking for a vehicle for urban use, and another larger one that will make it possible to travel in a somewhat more comfortable way.

Since you will be using the eCMP Entry platform and LFP cells, your rates should be relatively affordable.

Therefore, we will find ourselves before an electric car with a retro design, a spacious cabin, and a competitive starting price. Taking into account the enormous success that vintage "vans" enjoy today, are we facing a future best seller? Everything indicates that this will be the case.

# Fiat Uno 2023: All the Secrets of the New Suv

By Sarah Hoskins; autospias.com

Fiat wants to be reborn. The brand has already announced a new car for the B segment, and this could come in the form of an SUV based on the Opel Mokka. And it looks like it will be called Uno!

Between nostalgia and the future. This is how the automobile industry seems to be breathing, taking into account a good part of the news about upcoming launches. The list begins to be endless: Renault has confirmed its new R4 and R5; Opel, the new Manta; Lancia will make the Delta return; Honda, the Integra; Lamborghini, the Countach; Mitsubishi could recover the name Lancer Evo ... A true sum and follows which another great classic is pointing out today: the Fiat Uno.

And it is that, according to the first information available and advanced by international media such as Carscoops, the Fiat Uno could return to the roads, but not in the utility format that we knew, nor with its mythical and longed for Turbo version. No, also following the trend of the rest of the mythical cars that are back, it will return but transformed into a very modern car and, possibly, also electrified.

#### Return in the Form of an Suv

At the moment there is no official confirmation, but Fiat Uno could be the name therefore chosen to name the new SUV of the Italian brand. Because that is already announced: the new Stellantis Group, to which the brand already belongs together with Peugeot, Citroën, Opel, or DS, assured a few months ago that Fiat would launch a new model for the B-segment of utility vehicles in the year 2023.

As confirmed by Stellantis, this model would also become the first Fiat vehicle based on a common platform within the French group. Then not much more information was specified, only highlighting, yes, that the car would be offered with hybrid propulsion systems.

# Fiat Uno 2023: Platform and Possible Engines

Now, new spy images captured on the Internet already show this possible new model with SUV bodywork, great logic considering the high demand they have today in the market around the world. And what seems already evident also from its features is that it is developed under the group's CMP platform, from which the new Opel Mokka mainly comes out, with whom it will share a lot of technology and even aesthetic resemblance.

The new Peugeot 2008 and DS 3
Crossback also start from this same architecture, so we can speculate that this future Fiat Punto could have PureTech petrol versions of 100, 130, and 155 hp, as well as BlueHDi diesel of 110 and 130 hp. Of course, a 100% electric variant would also be viable, as the latest 2008, Mokka and DS 3 already show.

Other rumors pointed out weeks ago that the model could be called Punto, replacing the popular utility, but in recent hours the return of the name Uno has gained more strength. In any case, what seems certain is that next year we will start it to know in-depth. An important step for the rebirth of Fiat.



# **Jottings and Gossip**

Its's great to have our regular get together now that Covid restrictions have eased. Even the regular rainy days we have had in Sydney this year have not dampened the enthusiasm that much. Last Sunday's good attendance at Maggio's in Cammeray was very heartening.

The gathering earlier this month at the Grid Café in Oran Park provided a welcome surprise for those who attended. Two enthusiast, Ant and Dog, joined members for breakfast and the conversation turned to classic cars and restorations and before you knew it, everyone was invited to their workshop for a tour. This is purely a hobby for the two friends who seem to be living the dream. There are many enthusiasts in Sydney that have collections of classic motor vehicles where they occasionally invite clubs to visit and look at their cars. The Oasis group are often invited to such locations (see the Oasis Club calendar on page 4 to see what events they have organised).

Back to Ant and Dog. Theirs was not a chance meeting but they are friends with club member Vince Bruzzese who had invited them to the Grid Café to meet the FIAT Club members. Unfortunately I was not there as I have a prior commitment, however, I was fascinated with their facility and cars. I wish I could have been there. Any members who are thinking of attending any of our 'breaks', don't hesitate. Come along and spend some time with your fellow club members. You never know what pleasant surprises may turn up (see the calendar on page 3 for upcoming events).

Thanks to Ant and Dog for their generous invitation. Thanks to Vince Bruzzese for his wonderful photos (indeed, he has been a busy man this month) and thanks to Mark Weinberger for his write up of the event to share with us.

April was a big month for motorsport in Australia and a number of our members were out and about either watching

or competing in events. Maurizio and Nick Puglisi ventured to Melbourne for the Australian

Grand Prix and had a great time catching up with the members of the FIAT Car Club of Victoria. Each year a number of their members take part in

the classic car display and a parade lap at Albert Park. Maybe next year a few more of us may join Maurizio and make the journey down to Melbourne as well!



Thanks to Maurizio and Nick for the photos.

A round of the **NSW Motor Racing Championship** was held at Sydney Motorsport park on April 9 & 10 where club member Craig McLatchey competed in super sports and the AGI team had entered three cars in the Formula Car Championship races. I caught up with Steve and Pauline Gotch while the team were packing up at the end of the day. Steve mentioned that the team were running their F4 Mygales for a couple of up and coming kart races who acquitted themselves very well, especially in the wet race on Saturday where they came home 1st and second. Nathan Gotch won the two races on Sunday, however, the youngsters, Gianmarco Pradel and Costa Toparis made him work for his wins.



Craig's run in his Radical Supersports netted him a couple of midfield finishes as he steadily improves his times and accumulates more points in the championship. Look forward to hearing more about his season in the coming months.

Spotted one 'wet' Sydney afternoon when fuel prices soared

to near \$2.50 per litre ... someone's light hearted comment on the cost of living!





# **WANTED**

PARTS WANTED to suit 1959 Fiat 1100 103D.

Any DOORS, especially Right Front or Right Rear. Also boot lid.

I would also be interested in any other parts to suit the 1100 that members may wish to sell. (02/22)

Contact Con Catena - 0410 459 954



### For Sale

2013 VE Series 2 Commodore Berlina Sedan. Silver with black leather trim, tow bar, 140,000 km, 3.0 l motor, service records, rego Sept-22 (DD08LD), \$10,500, offers considered.

Parts for sale;

FIAT 1500 Mk1 & 2 Weber carburettors, Piston ring set 0.6 mm O/S, NOS, part piston ring set 0.6 mm O/S, NOS.

VW 1200 ring set 0.020 in O/S, NOS, same bore as 1500 but wider.

FIAT 125 hubcaps for steel rims, 2 Solex carbies for 125S, 4 door rubbers – used but good condition, diff brake hose NOS, side blinkers NOS, gearbox mount NOS.

Other items – 124 heater valve NOS, 124 tie rod end NOS, 124 speedo, twin cam belt tensioner bearing NOS, FIAT 1100 headlight glass, Morris Mini Minor heater valve NOS.

(04/22)

Phone Terry - 0403 030 909, Lake Macquarie



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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.

### **Historic Vehicle Registration Scheme**

Postal address and contact details for the FCNSW - Historic Plates Registrar;

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members@fiatclub.com.au

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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 .

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- 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.
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- Full page in FIAT Focus club magazine.
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- You can also reply to comment suggesting to use your business if relevant.

Contact the editor to place your advertisement.

# FIAT Club of New South Wales Social Media



FIAT Club of New South Wales
Facebook:

facebook.FiatClub.com.au



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

#### **Facebook**



#### **Instagram**



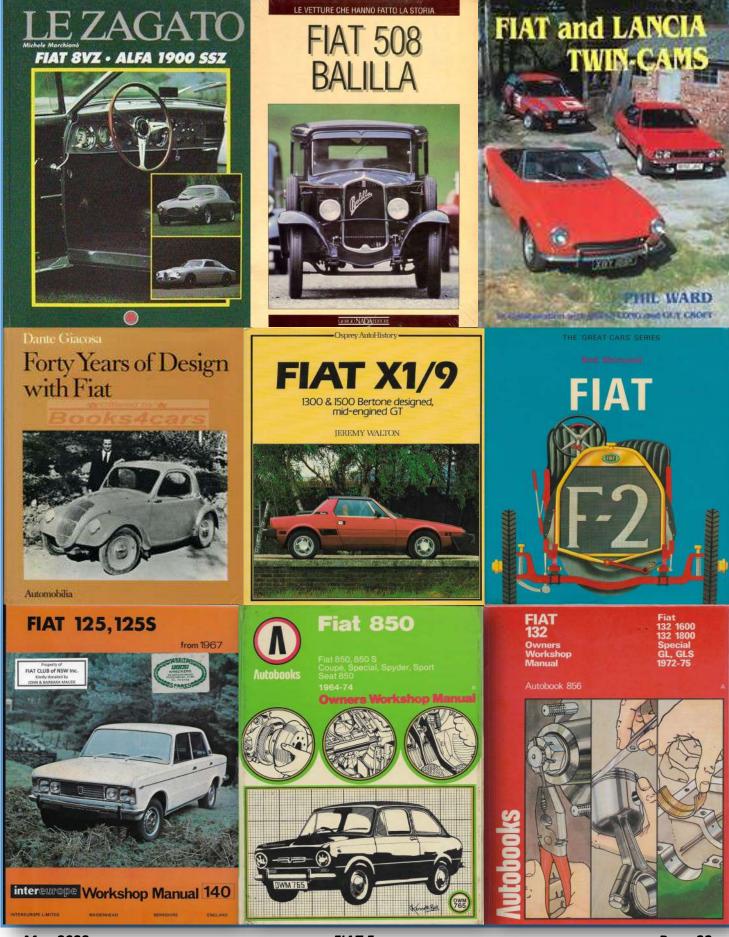
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# FIAT books available from the FIAT Club Library.

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

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# 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 2022 Sunday 19th 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 iashton7@bigpond.com prior to the event with approximate numbers of vehicles attending, no later than 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

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 26th 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 2022, on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at Newcastle Foreshore Park.

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