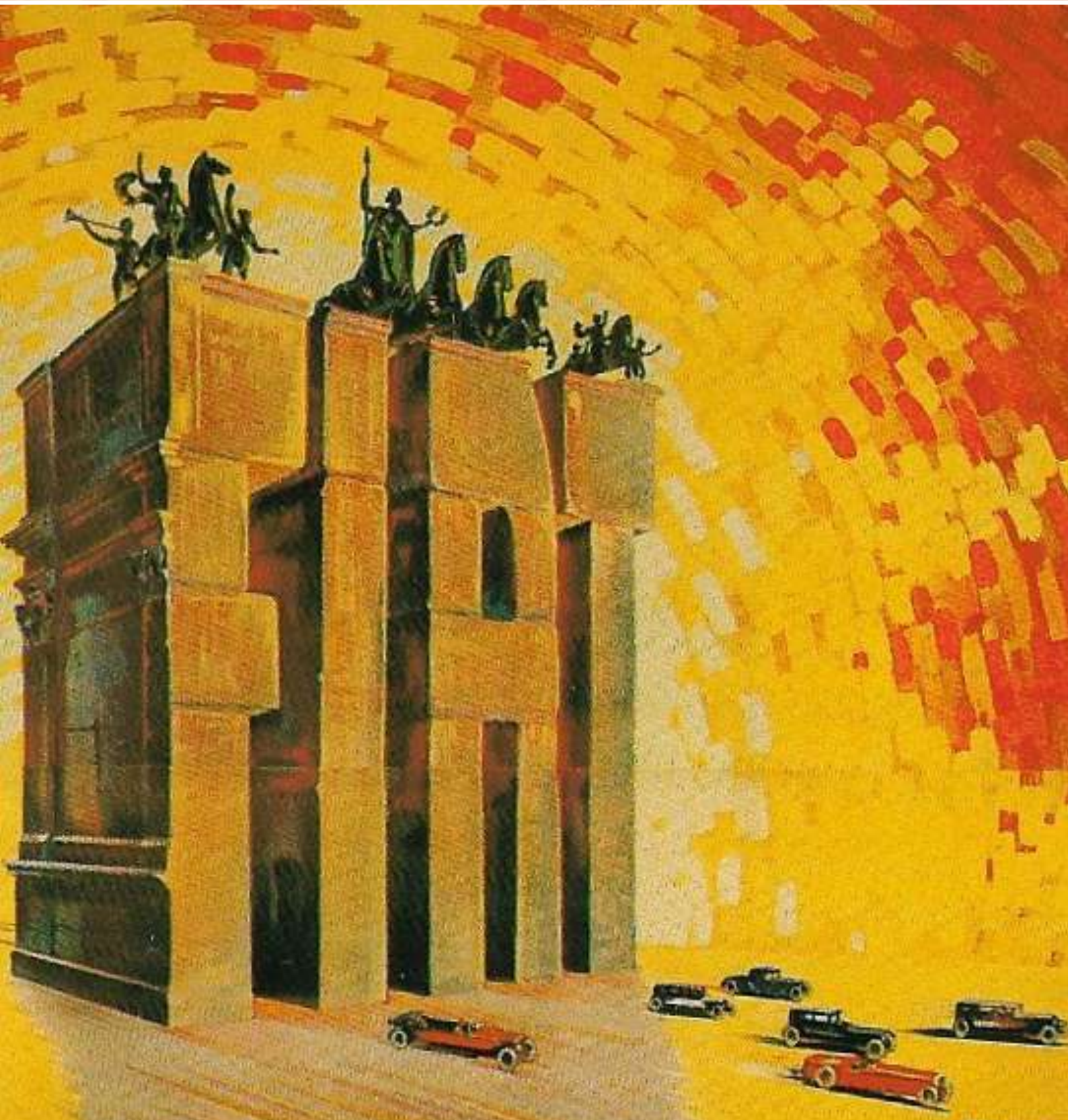


FIAT focus

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



Notice of Annual General Meeting of the Fiat Club of New South Wales Inc.

Dear Members,

Notice is hereby given that the **Annual General Meeting of the Fiat Club of New South Wales will be held on Sunday 12 February, 2023, at the Fiat Club's grounds, Ansell Park**, at 2 Percival Street, Clarendon, on the corner of Percival Street and Hawkesbury Valley Way. Lunch is to be provided.

Please note that **the club will need a new President as this position is vacant. The Secretary and Editor will not be seeking re-election either and these positions will also need to be filled by new members.**

All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

All committee positions will be declared vacant and nominations for all positions are sought.

Nominations should be sent to the Secretary (secretary@fiatclub.com.au) 7 days prior to the event, or can be made on the day of the meeting if there are no formal nominations received prior. Nominations must be accepted by the nominee and be seconded by a member.

All members who attend and vote on the day must be a 2022-23 financial member of the Fiat Club of New South Wales

Elected positions available for nomination are listed below

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

TREASURER

SECRETARY

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

EDITOR

WEBMASTER

COMPETITION SECRETARY

EVENTS COORDINATOR

ASSISTANT COMPETITION SECRETARY

ANSELL PARK CO-ORDINATOR

CMC DELEGATE

LIBRARIAN

HISTORIC PLATES REGISTRAR

ASSISTANT HISTORIC PLATES REGISTRAR

MERCHANDISE OFFICER

COMMITTEE PERSON

Fiat Club of NSW Inc.

Annual General Meeting, 12 Feb 2023

Nomination Form for 2023 Office Bearers and Committee

I, (print full name) :

of (print address) :

wish to nominate for a committee position with the Fiat Club of NSW Inc. as circled below.

Office Bearers: **President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Secretary**

Specific Committee: **Editor, Webmaster, Competition Secretary, Events Co-ordinator**

General Committee: **Assistant Competition Secretary, Ansell Park Co-ordinator, CMC Delegate, Librarian, Historic Plates Registrar, A/Historic Plates Registrar, Merchandise Officer, Committee Person**

Appointments: **Patron, Auditor and Public Officer**

Signed by the Nominee:

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

Please forward your signed nomination form to the club Secretary (secretary@fiatclub.com.au)

Nominations should be received 7 days prior to the advertised AGM meeting date.

The secretary can arrange for your nomination to be seconded by a club / committee member.

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

**SOCIAL MEETINGS are to be held every three months at a venue to be advised
ANSELL PARK is the Club's Motorkhana Grounds located at 2 Percival Street, Clarendon,
on the corner of Percival Street and Hawkesbury Valley Way.**

CLUB COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS

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- ◆ **FIAT CLUB LIBRARIAN - Lorenzo Aventi; editor@fiatclub.com.au**

Life Members

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

Former Life Members

- | | | | |
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| • Gladys Channon | • Adrian Phillips | • Peter Minett | • Tom Hay |
| • Margaret McIntyre | • Ted Ansell | • Colin Crampton | • Christopher Davis |
| • George Simmonds | • Nancy Simmonds | • John Braid | • Leonie Steele |
| • Pat Fletcher | • John Maude | • Eric McDonald | |

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	Point score
January 2023		
Sun 8th	Fiat Club Coffee Break (TBA)	Yes
Sun 29th	Fiat Club Coffee Break (TBA)	Yes
February 2023		
Sat 11th	Gnoo Blas Classic Car Show, Orange	No
Sun 12th	FIAT Club Picnic Day / AGM, Ansell Park, Clarendon.	Yes
Sat 18th	Gerringong Car Show (see flyer in this magazine)	No
Sat 25th	Supersprint invitation - SSCC, Sydney Motorsport Park, Amaroo circuit.	No
Sun 26th	Fiat Club Coffee Break (TBA)	Yes
March 2023		
Sat 4th & Sun 5th	NSW Hill Climb Championship, Bathurst, Rnd 1 & 2	No
Sun 12th	Fiat Club Coffee Break (TBA)	Yes
Sat 18th & Sun 19th	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Championship	Yes
Sun 26th	Fiat Club Coffee Break (TBA)	Yes
April 2023		
Sun 2nd	Auto Italia, Queanbeyan	Yes
Fri 14th - Sun 16th	FIAT Nationals, Albury, NSW	Yes
May 2023		
Tues 9th	FIAT Club NSW Social Dinner	Yes
Sun 21st	National Heritage Motoring Day	Yes

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.

Upcoming Events

TUESDAY 3rd January 2023; A tour of the outer North West

MEET: McDonalds Cnr Windsor Rd & Groves Ave McGraths Hill about 9.30 to 10.00 a.m. **DEPART:** 10.30am

DETAILS: Allana Flynn O'Neil, M: 0417 709 470

TUESDAY 7th February 2023; Mooney Mooney Club.

Drive to Hornsby on the Pacific Highway, at the intersection at the traffic Lights at Hornsby turn right, continue on the Pacific Hwy until you see Westfield Shopping Centre. Turn Left go over the railway bridge, turn right go through shopping centre.

At the end of shops you will see a large yellow sign on your left Hornsby Aquatic Leisure Centre. This is the start of the Garden Park. Go to the northern end. there are two bench seats and tables plus a toilet block. We will meet here for BYO morning tea at approximately 10.15am. We will depart at approximately 11.15am.

Parking on the Pacific Highway (2 hour Angle parking) you can park both sides of the road.

We continue on Old Pacific Hwy 25km to the Hawkesbury River Bridge. Continue straight over the bridge, approximately 850 metres. After the Bridge you will see the Mooney Mooney Club Sign on your right (ample parking some shaded).

We have asked to reserve tables for up to 30 people can you please advise if you intend coming.

Phone Gary Boyce M 0424 848 909 or Email. garyjude@ hotmail.com

NOTE: Pacific Hwy. through Hornsby now known as Peats Ferry Rd. **CONTACT Les Watton ph: 9838 8063**

INVITED EVENTS

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

Gerringong Car Show, Saturday 18 February, 2023

New Members

A warm welcome to the following enthusiasts:

Anthony Reardon - Volvo

Jean-Marc Parodi - 500C

Justin Berthold - 1980 Fiat 124 Spider 2000

Fiat Club NSW – Committee Meeting – November 22, 2022.

Welcome: LA opened the meeting at 7.45 p.m.

Attendance: MI, LA, GC, CS, AS, SH, KH, RD, MW, MP

Apologies: MG, MMG, MW, IS.

Previous minutes: From Oct 25, Accepted.

Current items:

Social dinners / meetings for next year are to be held quarterly commencing Feb (TBC) then May, Aug, Dec.

Secretary's Report / Correspondence:

Invitation received from the Lions Club of Gerringong to display vehicles at their car show on Sat 18 Feb 2023. Places to be booked by mid January (*see flyer at the back of this magazine*).

Fiat Nationals will be run from April 14–16, 2023 in Albury. The Club's secretary will not be standing for re-election next year. FIAT Club NSW will need a new secretary for 2023.

Ansell Park Sub-Committee Report:

KH WS WMG will conduct some maintenance prior to Working Bee planned for December.

Social Events Report:

Concorso attendance, 26 from FCNSW, 6 or 7 from X19. Pizza at Patio after concorso, attended by a few members. Norton st Festa had a few FCNSW attendees including WS. 123 Rally in Victoria was a success. Attended by a number of FCNSW members. (*Report in this magazine*). Events for next year; May 21st NHMD, Aug 20 - Shannons Classic, April 2 - Auto Italia April 2, Queanbeyan..

Competition Report:

Recent Events:

Nil

Coming Events:

FCNSW Motorkhanas at AP currently on hold pending improvement in ground conditions.

Hoping to have a MK before the end of the year if grounds are fit (either Dec or in Jan).

Membership Report:

Total members; Total 326; Full 208; Joint/Family 59, Junior 42, Life members 17.

HVS / CVS - 137 members with 202 vehicles on HVS.

Communications Update:

Editor - Received the following correspondence & magazines by email; Oasis Club, Il Topolino, Fiat Lancia Mania, Piston Slap, Retro Autos, Rally Directions. Pugilist magazine received through the post.

LA attended Shannons latest Auto Caffeine in November. 1959 FIAT 500 sold at auction for \$45500. There was also a Lancia Delta Rally car as well as many other classic vehicles on display.

AGM notice, Positions are vacant for PRESIDENT, EDITOR, SECRETARY.

Received FIAT 500, 1100-1200 workshop manual from 1950s kindly sent by John Millington. (*Available for loan to club members*).

Webmaster - Nil

Merchandising: MW discussed options to purchase caps & polo shirts. He has recently stocked similar items for X1/9 Aust. Items can have logos embroidered or printed / rubber embossed. Further details to be provided.

Presidents Report: Nil.

Nationals Report: There is some preliminary planning happening with the hope that an event can be held 14-16 Apr 2023 (*now confirmed*), at the TAFE Driver Training Centre Barnawatha. Details RE event & accommodation to be advised.

General Business:

Committee positions up for election with many vacant, **President, Editor, Secretary**. Nominations sought to fill these important roles are to be sent to the secretary - secretary@fiatclub.com.au.

Auto Rubber Supplier visit – KH & SH advised they visited a rubber parts supplier in the Penrith area. This may be a future venue option to the club for a Saturday next year.

Committee to list FIAT anniversaries to commemorated in 2023!

Attendance sheets to be compiled for insurance purposes. Discussion RE events run by the FIAT club to be notified to MA to ensure liability coverage.

Meeting closed: 9.22 p.m.

The next committee meeting will be on 24 Jan 2023, 7.30 pm (via zoom).

Gelato Break - Art of Gelato @ Carramar

10th December 2022



A good roll up of members and their families, one travelling from Wollongong, took

advantage of a hot Saturday afternoon to venture out and try some freshly made gelato at Art of Gelato in Carramar.

This was the club's second visit here and it certainly did not disappoint. We were given our own room to enjoy our treats and catch up with friends over an hour or two. The afternoon finished up with everyone wishing each other all the best for Christmas before purchasing some tubs of gelato to take home.

We all look forward to the next visit to Art of Gelato.



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FIAT 123 – BENDIGO – November 10-13, 2022 (Celebrating 123 Years of the Fiat Marque)

Despite the very bad flood situation and the worry about damaged roads, the FIAT 123 social weekend went ahead as planned. Well, not quite as planned because the Bendigo Swap Meet, which is a famously big one and has been held annually since 1975, was to be one of the FIAT 123 events, but had to be cancelled due to the Showgrounds being used to provide accommodation for people affected by the floods. This must have been a big disappointment for the organisers and stallholders, as it had also not been held for the 2 previous years because of Covid-19.

Anyway, the event started for Diane and I on Wednesday 9th November, because we left then in my Fiat 500X to stay overnight in Albury. We arrived in Bendigo on the Thursday afternoon after a bit of a circuitous route, driving all the way to Seymour on the Hume Highway, before turning north-west towards Bendigo. So instead of as straight a line as possible, my route looked



more like a fish hook. My reasoning was to find roads that had not been flooded for quite a while and also to travel on B roads for as short a distance as possible. I wanted to avoid as many potholed roads as I could. This worked fairly well as I only hit 3 bad potholes in the whole trip and one of those was on the Hume and one was on a road near Adelong.

So after checking in to the large hotel/motel, I wandered about to see who else had arrived and spent an hour or so chatting to some Victorian and South Australian enthusiasts. I have never seen so many SA club members before and it turns out they combined the Bendigo weekend with their annual road trip, fielding a total of 18 people. It rained during this get-to-know-you session and we had

heard a forecast which predicted very large amounts of rain during the weekend. Fellow NSW members Warren and Laurel

Buckingham also arrived in their beautiful dark blue Fiat 2300S Coupe. I must mention that besides the VIC, NSW and SA attendees was a lone Fiat 124 CC Coupe entered by a Canberra couple.

On Thursday night we had dinner in the hotel bistro with most of the other attendees where more new friends were made,

not to mention catching up with some old FCCV friends.

On Friday morning, everyone assembled and we set off in convoy for the country

town of Maldon, a 41 km drive south west of Bendigo, where we were free to wander the heritage protected town and attend the Remembrance Service at the town's War Memorial at 11 am (it was the 11th of the 11th after all). It was great to be able to swell the ranks of the attendees at the service and help out the RSL by buying poppies.

The ladies in our numbers certainly enjoyed the shops in Maldon and Diane came home with some items that she just couldn't live without! On the way back to Bendigo after lunch we visited the Mt Tarrengower historic Hillclimb, where the cars were arranged for a photo opportunity and most of the people opted to climb up the stairs of the communication tower for a better view of the surrounds. There was a fallen tree blocking most of the only road to the top. But we all managed to skirt around it without incident.



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We also drove north to the old Eddington historic street sprint track. We didn't stay long as there were lots of pools of water which are breeding millions of mossies. This is a bit of a problem after the floods, as even one of the shopkeepers in Maldon was complaining about them.

Back in Bendigo we either rested up or did a bit more chatting before heading off to the Harness Racing Club for dinner and a display of our Fiats on the track under lights. We even got to do a couple of laps of the track. Two more NSW club members arrived as well – Tony Suttor and Jenny Eade in the red Fiat 125 Special, after having a bit of trouble I believe in dodging the floods, as they live near Orange.

Saturday morning dawned fine and sunny, with perhaps a few clouds, but nothing like the weather we had been led to believe was coming. One report had said that 80mm of rain was expected! Diane and I had decided well before



the event that we wouldn't be going to the Swap Meet anyway (I don't think I'd find any parts for a 500X or an Abarth Spider!), so we drove out to Bendigo Pottery where the carpark was already half filled with Fiats! Between inspecting the wares produced there and chatting to fellow Fiat nuts, Diane also managed to buy a few items, one of which she told me is my Christmas present to her! Yay!... Sorted!

We then visited Bendigo Woollen Mill, where again the debit card got a workout. Then we had to find the clubhouse of the Bendigo Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Club, where their club members were putting on a BBQ lunch for us. Our numbers were about 80, so this was no easy task and they even served dessert.

Then it was back to our cars for a 54 km drive south to Castlemaine where we were to visit 2 motoring museums. The first was Hadfield's Hot Rod Museum, which had lots of interesting exhibits, including a Fiat Topolino with a VERY large engine fitted. I don't know how many cylinders it had, but there were 6 exhaust pipes on each side of the car!



After this it was off to a private motorcycle museum, where I was astounded to see just inside the door a 1953 Fiat 8V Zagato! The owner of the museum has apparently entered the car in four Mille Miglias, but the paintwork is still in very good condition. I shudder to think how much that car is worth. No need to mention that my camera ran red hot snapping away at that and a Lancia Aurelia B20, one



of my favourite Lancias, parked quite close by.

Oh, there were also some unusual motorcycles in there too, but I hardly noticed!

Dinner that night was in the beer garden of the Railway Hotel in Castlemaine. Luckily still no rain.

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The next morning was Sunday and the final day of the event and it had rained overnight, so everyone was out drying off their cars in preparation for the final car display. This was supposed to be in a carpark downtown, but was changed to the far corner of our hotel's carpark, which was empty and had plenty of room. My highlight from the morning was when I was filming David Wright's (FCCV member) 1911 Fiat Tipo 1 Spider, he asked if I would like a short ride in the car. Would I? Hell, yes! That's the oldest car I have ever been in and you can check out my video on our Facebook page ([facebook@FiatClub.com.au](https://facebook.com/FiatClub.com.au)).

A presentation of awards was held for fairly innocuous reasons, these being bottles of wine which had specially made event labels. One award for instance was for furthest distance travelled

to get to Bendigo, and I think Warren Buckingham or the South Aussies thought they were shoe-ins. Not so. The couple from Cambridge, England won that one!

I purposely haven't mentioned too many Fiats brought along as I thought that I would let the photos tell the story in that regard.

If you're wondering how we went with rain, then I can tell you there was very little while the event was on (Roger must know someone!). However, on the trip home we again stopped in Albury and it absolutely bucketed down while we were trying to get to a restaurant! This was the first time that our brollies got wet and, on the news, the next morning we heard that an evacuation order had been issued for South Albury which was not very far away at all from our motel. More heavy rain hit us along the Hume and at Adelong and Yass. We stopped 2 days in Canberra and the Tuesday was fine and sunny, but driving back home again on the Wednesday it came down again. I think we've all had enough of the stuff for a while.



Lastly, I would like to thank Roger Beattie, President of the Fiat Car Club of Victoria and all of the members of that club who had a hand in organising this excellent event. They did a great job of delivering a really relaxing, laid-back 3 days. My only regret is that it wasn't long enough to meet everyone who attended. Another event is planned for 2024 to be called, of course, the FIAT 125, which may very well be in NSW. I'm looking forward to it.

Warren Smith.



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Lap of Lake Macquarie

The 2022 Lap of the Lake was held on Saturday 10 December and was well attended by Italian Car clubs and enthusiasts. The event centred around Thomas Holtan Park at Croudace Bay and included an Italian Festival with Italian food, Italian musicians and of course Italian cars and motorcycles!

The park included a display area for vehicles on show and an overflow park for those who were visiting with the intention of continuing their "Lap of the Lake" and visiting the various towns around Lake Macquarie.

The day proved to be a success with organisers pleased with the turnout. Everyone is now looking forward to the event next year (including those who could not make it in 2022). *(Photos courtesy of Richard Dalziel & Lago Di Mac Facebook).*



Jottings and Gossip

A few years ago, **The Club visited the Motorlife Museum** at Kembla Grange, just past Wollongong. While there, the staff at the museum showed members a **rare and unusual vintage FIAT that was undergoing restoration. The unusual thing about this FIAT was that the body was clad in leather.** At that stage, the chassis had been restored, the engine fitted and the coachwork was being restored.

Late last year I visited the museum and was shown the progress made on the FIAT since the last visit by the club. The car now has much of the drive train and electrics in place, floor boards, windows and interior fitted and the most of the bodywork has been done. While there is still a bit to do to complete the car, you will be able to see from the photos how far the eager workers at the museum have come over the past 3 years.



The FIAT in 2019



The FIAT in 2022



The FIAT in 2019



The FIAT in 2022 showing the right and left hand sides of the leather body



The **FIAT Nationals** are on in April this year and a number of competitors are using this holiday season to start preparing their cars for competition. One club member making an early start is Martin Gallard who is currently working on his highly modified FIAT 126 motorkhana car. Martin is serious about competition and has won many trophies over the years at the Nationals. The yellow 126 is a relatively recent purchase but has a long and successful competition history at the Nationals. It would be



interesting to hear from other FIAT Club members about their preparations. Feel free to post on Facebook or contact me, the editor, to let people know about your comp entry.

Louis Theroux, The Anglo-American journalist and broadcaster had released a Tik Tok video in 2022 which was one of the most streamed videos of the year. What relevance does this have to us? Not much other than the appearance of a smart looking **FIAT 500 Bambino** that Mr Theroux refers to in his rap and drives around in the video, "Jiggle Jiggle (my money doesn't jiggle jiggle, it folds)". The FIAT is mentioned in the chorus;

***Riding in my Fiat, you really have to see it
Six-feet-two in a compact, no slack
But luckily the seats go back***

The song can be viewed on You Tube, just look for **Jiggle Jiggle, Duke & Jones & Louis Theroux.**



Thank goodness for Christmas otherwise I would not have known about the Lego version of the 1970 Ferrari 512 M Sports Racer which my dear children presented me as a gift. I can't say that I usually receive Lego gifts these days, however this kit was a treat. The instructions are very detail and it took about an hour to put together. The model looks quite good for one of the basic Lego toys. Many of you will be aware of the Lego car kits that have been on sale for some time, especially the classic FIAT 500 that many of you have admitted to purchasing. A number of other Ferrari sports cars are listed for sale in their on-line catalogue.



2023 Fiat 500e locked in for Australian debut.

Two years on from its international debut, the new 500 is heading Down Under.

Jordan Mulach (Wheels)
www.whichcar.com.au

The Australian Government's Road Vehicle Regulator (ROVER) has revealed approval documents for the forthcoming Fiat 500e electric city-hatch.



Only one larger 37.3kWh usable battery (42kWh gross) model will be offered in a three-door hatchback body style.

Using overseas specs as a guide, this means Australian-bound 500es will offer around 315 kilometres of claimed driving range from a single front motor producing 87kW of power and 220Nm of torque.

It can go from 0-100km/h in a claimed nine seconds, while charging capabilities are rated up to 11kW AC and 85kW DC.

The filings don't mention the Cabrio convertible and 3+1 'suicide door' body styles, along with the even smaller 21.3kWh usable battery packing up to 190km of claimed WLTP driving range available in Europe.

Fiat targets small cars as rival brands jump ship

Fiat 500e just for starters as Italian car-maker doubles down on city cars and other compact models.

John Mahoney www.carsales.com

Fiat will reconfigure its future line-up to focus heavily on small cars, bucking the trend as rival brands move away from city cars and other compact models in the micro, light and small passenger car segments.

According to Fiat boss Olivier Francois, who was speaking to Autocar, the Italian brand will seize on the "opportunity" created with the axing of former top-selling European cars like the Ford Fiesta.

Following the launch of the Fiat 500e, which will go on sale in Australia in 2023, Fiat will launch five new models over the next five years as it shifts eventually into a full pure-electric brand.

The new-model onslaught continues next year with a small hatch built on the CMP platform, which also underpins the Peugeot e-208.



Other cars rumoured include a production version of the well-received 2019 Fiat Centoventi electric concept that will replace the ancient 11-year-old Fiat Panda.

Prompting car-makers to withdraw from the small-car market is the upcoming Euro 7 emissions regulations that will make it harder for manufacturers to turn

a profit on smaller cars given the costs involved in meeting the new standards.

Volkswagen is also said to be considering axing the Volkswagen Polo.

In light of the rumours, Francois said: "What we are super-focused at doing is A, B, C [segment] cars but with the right engine, body and technology.

"The stuff the customer will really crave for in that moment. So small cars, but with a smart package.

"The fact that there is no Fiesta in the way or Polo in the way is just fantastic, because it is really where we belong. It's where people expect us to be.

"We have not done a new Punto since 2013 or something like that, but if you ask European customers to name their top B-segment brands, Fiat is in the top three.

"We need to own the B-segment again, and we need to keep owning the A-segment. We know why the others are leaving, and I understand: it is more challenging."

Francois admitted that the biggest challenge facing Fiat is making small electric cars affordable because of the "horribly high cost" of batteries.

That has prompted car-makers to position their small EVs as "super-premium". However, Fiat knows that's not a solution if it wants to attract traditional Fiesta and Polo buyers.

As a result, Fiat will leverage parent company Stellantis' economies of scale to produce small cars at an attractive price.

Francois: "Without Stellantis, we would not be in good shape. The Fiat business model or Citroen business model is based on economics of scale. When you trigger the synergies, it's like being a kid at Christmas, because everything becomes less scary."



Olivier Francois

Parts for sale

Fiat 131 Panorama: Rear bumper complete with rubbers, Tail lamps, Dash, Front upper door trims, Console, Cargo quarter glasses; Heater assembly, Plastic centre hub caps, Fuel tank and cap.

Fiat 124 AC: Rear bumper, Grill.

Fiat 500 (early): Fuel pump (NOS).

Fiat X19: Rear bumper complete (alloy).

All reasonable offers considered as they need to move out. (11/22)

Contact Ray Monaghan, mob 0411012539



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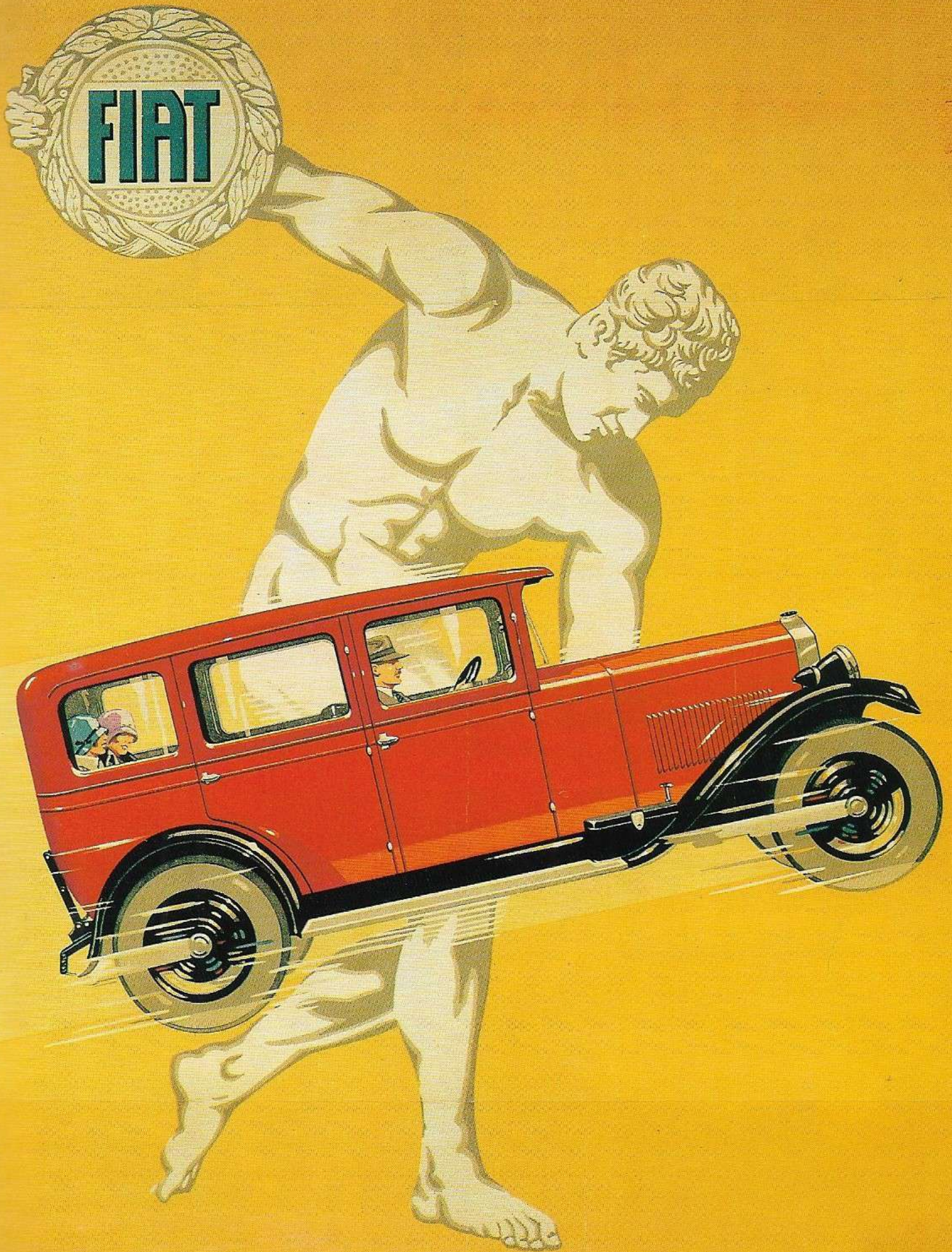
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