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Cover; Derrick De Silva's Abarth 500 at the recent FIAT Club of NSW AGM.

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INVITED EVENTS

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

East Hills Charity Car Show - Kelso Oval, Panania, Sunday 18 June.

Euro Motorfest 2023 - Hunter region, Sunday 18 June, details to follow.

CLUB COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS

(Please note the new Committee and their new email domain addresses below)

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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

- | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| • 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
March 2023		
Tues 7th	Oasis run to Valley Heights Rail Museum	No
Sun 12th	Fiat Club Coffee Break - The Grid Café, Oran Park, 8.30 am to 10.30 am	Yes
Sat 18th	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Championship Rd 1 - Ansell Park (Day/night event)	Yes
Sun 19th	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Championship Rd 2 - Ansell Park	Yes
Sun 26th	Fiat Club Burger Break - Originals Burger Co. 1/34 Winbourne Rd Brookvale, 5.00 pm - 7.30 pm	Yes
April 2023		
Sun 2nd	Auto Italia, Queanbeyan	Yes
Sun 9th	Fiat Club Coffee Break (TBA)	Yes
Sun 30th	Fiat Club Coffee Break (TBA)	Yes
May 2023		
Tues 9th	FIAT Club NSW Social Dinner	Yes
Sun 14th	Fiat Club Coffee Break (TBA)	Yes
Sun 21st	FIAT Club NSW Motorkhana Championship Rd 3 - Ansell Park	Yes
Sun 21st	National Motoring Heritage Day	Yes
Sun 28th	Fiat Club Coffee Break (TBA)	Yes
August 2023		
Sun 20th	Shannons Sydney Classic	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 details.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 7th MARCH 2023; Run to Valley Heights Rail Museum 17b Tusculum Rd. Valley Heights.

Meet up at McDonalds Windsor, cnr. Groves Ave & Windsor Rd. McGraths Hill to be ready to LEAVE there by 9:00am. The plan is to arrive at the rail museum at 10:00, to get there we will need to leave Maccas at 9am. There is a lookout on the way, but there will not be much time for stopping at it. This is a suggest program from the museum

10:00 Arrival - array vehicles in front of roundhouse (NB usually oldest 10, then others on forecourt and surrounds)
 10:15 Introduction/induction/history in roundhouse; then split to two groups (A/B)
 10:30 Devonshire tea or heritage train ride
 11:00 Devonshire tea or heritage train ride
 11:30 Split into three groups (1/2/3) for guided tour
 12:30 Depart

Cost for the above package is \$30 per person

We will leave the museum and go to the Springwood Sports club, 83 Macquarie Rd. Springwood for lunch. Please let me know if you are going to attend this run.

Contact Murray Irwin, mcix19@outlook.com, Mob 0449896008

President's report

Greetings to all members. I am pleased to be back at the helm as President of this fine Club and appreciate the confidence which has been placed in my capabilities to set a strong and steady course for the years ahead. I've been a member for about thirty five years and some of you would remember that I last served on the Committee a bit over ten years ago - seven years in total before that and with three as president.

I would like to welcome and thank all of the new committee for putting up their hands to help manage the Club and help navigate the path ahead. Volunteers are largely undervalued for the work they do - much behind the scenes, and the vast amounts of time we spend, essentially making things better for all of the members. The greater majority of members see and appreciate this - because they know that without our volunteer committee, they would not have a club or be able to enjoy all of the benefits being a member of the Fiat Club NSW provides. Indeed one important focus of the 2023 Committee will be to drive even greater member value. Your membership costs much the same as a case of Italian beer these days, and at its core - the Club is about bringing like minded Fiat-lovers together in a friendly way in all sorts of social and sporting activities. With over 300 members, your needs are many and quite varied - from historic vehicles to modern vehicles, from Concorsos to cafes, gelato runs to testing runs, lunches, magazines and books, but mostly having a good old natter while standing around our cars. We hope to provide many events for all members to participate in over the next 12 months.

With significant changes to corporate governance over the past decade, I'll be looking to modernise the way we run and administer the Club as well. Items like refreshing the Constitution, improving fiscal management, improving communications across the board and then reviewing the interface and relationship with Ansell Park Pty Ltd will be high priorities for the Committee.

Lastly I'd like to make special mention of Adrian Sandrin - our Webmaster, for the work he has undertaken in the past few weeks changing and modernising our website and domain names. There have been some changes that all members should be aware of and they are detailed elsewhere in the magazine. Thank you Adrian for all of your time and efforts - and also to Dom Squadrito who also provided valuable assistance.

Dave.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF INTERNET DOMAIN NAME - EFFECTIVE NOW, - fiatclubnsw.com.au

Dear Fiat Club Members,

Due to developments outside of our control, the Fiat Club of New South Wales Inc. no longer has use of the previous internet domain name fiatclub.com.au, which we have used for the past 14 years.

As a result, we have moved our internet presence to a new domain name fiatclubnsw.com.au

So please ensure you update your email applications, address book and any filtering / Junk / Spam rules to use the new address for emails to/from the Fiat Club of NSW Inc.

The Fiat Club of NSW web site address is now www.fiatclubnsw.com.au

Our Facebook Page remains the same <https://www.facebook.com/groups/fiatclub>

Our Instagram Page will be back online shortly.

Please be aware that any emails sent to @fiatclub.com.au will be redirected for a period of time, however after that period has elapsed they will be received by a third party.

The new eGroup email address is egroup@fiatclubnsw.com.au

Committee members can be emailed on the new email addresses, i.e. secretary@fiatclubnsw.com.au

If you have any questions or concerns please email me at webmaster@fiatclubnsw.com.au

Fiat Club NSW – Annual General Meeting, Ansell Park – 12 February, 2023.

Welcome:

Richard Dalziel and Lorenzo Aventi opened the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Apologies:

Apologies: Gary Oliver, Martin Gallard, Rebecca Gallard.

Previous Minutes: accepted.

President's Report:

Report prepared and read by Richard Dalziel (copy of report attached to these minutes).

Treasurer's Report:

Copy of financial statements provided to members.

Membership numbers steady for the year.

Grants received from Motorsport Australia applied to purchase of shade sails for use at club events.

Advertising revenue was \$300 (thanks to our advertisers).

Social function costs for end of year lunch at Panorama House.

AP costs – maintenance of grounds in preparation for events/hirings.

Costs of annual concorso were high due to an alternative venue used for 2023 (original venue unsuitable due to heavy rains at the time).

Membership year moved from calendar year to financial year (i.e. July to June).

Net surplus \$2,937.97. (Copy of financials attached to these minutes).

General Business:

Membership dues and benefits were discussed during the meeting at the request of a member.

Warren Smith noted that the club subsidises numerous events over the year so that benefits are provided to those members who participate in Club activities.

Questions were asked about the reduction of Public Liability costs of the past years, Public Officer and other members highlighted the fact that the Public Liability for all events, both social and motor sport are now covered under our affiliation to Motorsport Australia (formerly CAMS).

Discussion continued highlighting costs of Council of Motor Clubs affiliation fees; the fee is based on number of Club members.

Suggestion from the floor that members holding Historical registration should pay a premium on membership fees.

The new committee will participate in a review of Fiat Club and Ansell Park administration and governance.

Member Tony Studans discussed the Ansell Park property, and its use.

Presentation of Trophies:

Dot Tory Trophy;

1st Susan Halliburton

2nd Chris Gorman

3rd Cheryl Sandrin

George Simmonds Trophy;

1st Richard Dalziel

2nd Maurizio Puglisi

3rd Kevin Halliburton

Patron's Trophy awarded to Graham Mumby.

Stirrer's Spoon presented by the previous year's holder, Dean Ryan, to Adrian Sandrin.

RD declared all committee positions are vacant and asked Dean Ryan to chair the election as Returning Officer along with Lorenzo Aventi,

Election of Office Bearers. Refer to Committee Nomination and Election form.

The following members were elected;

President - David Filippetto

Vice President - Domenic Squadrito

Secretary - Warren Smith

Treasurer - Susan Halliburton

Competition Secretary - Michael McGeorge

Editor - Lorenzo Aventi

Webmaster - Adrian Sandrin

Membership Registrar - Cheryl Sandrin

Social Event Coordinator - Giovanni Ciampa

General Committee person 1 - Adrian Sandrin

General Committee person 2 - Ian Sinden

General Committee person 3 - Tony Studans

Nominations were received for the following sub-committee positions, which the new committee will review and appoint as deemed appropriate.

•Assistant Competition Secretary -Martin Gallard

•Merchandising - Kevin Halliburton

•Web Technical - Kevin Windsor

•Historic Plate Registrar - Richard Dalziel

•Assistant Historic Plate Registrar – Maurizio Puglisi

•CMC Delegate - Ian Sinden

•Ansell Park Coordinator -Michael McGeorge

•Librarian - Lorenzo Aventi

The following positions (current appointee shown) will be reviewed by the new committee.

Public Officer - Warren Smith

Club Patron - Mr. Nat Zanardo - OAM

Election of new committee completed at 12.29 p.m.

Richard Dalziel closed the meeting at 12:30 pm

A PRESIDENTIAL SUMMARY FOR 2022

(Presented at the 2023 FIAT Club of NSW AGM)

How time flies, and memories fade, this time last year we were still dealing with Covid restrictions in many settings (facemasks, social distancing, QR entry codes), as well as flooding at Ansell Park which caused us to abandon the AGM at this venue.

I think we all hoped 2022 would be the “recovery year we needed to have”, and while it was for our social functions, our motorkhana programs were decimated again when the grounds flooded for potentially the fourth time. Take a second to look up and imagine 6m of water over this field. Better luck this year as they say.

Events co-coordinator Giovanni managed to keep us motivated to get out and use our cars by arranging regular coffee breakfasts, lunches, gelato gatherings, plus burger and pizza nights. These activities were held in different areas in, out and across the Sydney basin to cater for the diverse residential spread of our membership. Hopefully there was an event near you, and you could attend.

Apart from food related activities, we were finally able to attend some displays this year, including Auto-Italia, CMC – Shannons Sydney Classic (to showcase the 127 and X1/9), Norton St AutoFesta, and the annual Concorso (although limited in size at the last minute due to poor ground conditions).

The X1/9s participated in an anniversary weekend run to Eden, a couple of members attended the Fiat 123 Anniversary event in Bendigo (which was organised by the Victorian club), and a couple of members participated in the Lap of the Lake (Macquarie) event organised by CIAO.

Motorsport activities did happen thankfully, with some hill climb events (Huntley & Mt Panorama), some bitumen motorkhana events (Nirimba, Ringwood Park, SMP Skidpan) with several junior family members participating which was great to see. The club also fielded a team at Winton for the AROCA 6 hour (or did that become 12 hour), so there was still some friendly competition with the “Vics”, given the Nationals were not held in 2022, fingers crossed for 2023. A club group also participated (in terrible conditions) at sadly one of the last events (for now) at Wakefield.

Editor Lorenzo provided a great magazine each month, with regular and interesting commentary including the latest on the electric Fiats, as well as picking up the secretary’s role.

Membership Secretary Cheryl presided over the change of membership year from calendar to financial, which gave us all 6 months bonus membership. Membership levels remain good with a total of 329 members (211 full, 17 life, 59 joint / family, 42 junior).

The Website / Facebook admins Mark, Adrian & Marty, monitored content and improved the electronic distribution of the Fiat Focus magazine. Mark also introduced online ticketing as a trial for the Concorso event. Facebook followers were up around the 1500 level last time I checked.

Vice President Murray managed the monthly Zoom committee meeting hook ups, and also attended and organised some of the mid-week OASIS runs which we promote for those who can attend.

Treasurer Susan has maintained the accounts for another year and ensured our bills were paid on time.

Committee Person Adrian has picked up a number of tasks this year, and we thank him for his efforts.

The AP sub-committee headed by Michael continued to monitor the impacts of the flooding in the Richmond area with regular inspections, and rectified any issues, so the site remained secure and clear of debris, including removal of animal carcasses. The grounds have recovered as you can see here today.

Historic registrations have remained steady with around 133 members (over 60% of full members participate) with 198 cars on HVS, which is a significant administrative task for the club, with those members receiving excellent value from their membership, in the form of discounted registration and CTP costs.

Finally, I would like to thank our advertisers & sponsors, all the committee and members for their continued support of the club.

Richard Dalziel

On behalf of the 2022 FCNSW Committee, 12 Feb 2023

Photos from the FIAT Club of NSW AGM & Picnic day ...



Photos left to right; George Simmons Trophy winner-Richard Dalziel; The merchandising stall open for business; Steve Gorman accepts the Dot Tory Trophy awarded to his wife, Chris Gorman; Volunteers manning the BBQ for a hungry crowd; Below, Nick Puglisi hands out the Gelato treats.



Council of Motor Clubs - General Meeting – January 31, 2023.

Key points from the meeting:

- **Business arising from previous meeting;** CMC 60th anniversary lunch, Sunday March 5, at Wentworthville Leagues Club. Discussion on the need for another Registrar Information Day, to be held Sat 27th May 2023.
- CVS update; 1934 vehicles as at 21/1/23.
- The new CVS checklist form is now compulsory from 1st January, 2023.
- **Secretary Report** - delegates are to remind their club members to allow 2 weeks turnaround for their (HVS / CVS) paperwork to return. If not received after 2 weeks, then contact the CMC.
- CMC has requested that each club nominate one person on the affiliation form who will be responsible for passing on all information to members and the CMC.
- CMC has two post boxes. The North Rocks PO Box is for general CMC use. The Bexley PO Box is only for CVS paperwork. If you send it to the wrong address it will take longer before it is redirected to the correct destination.
- **National Motoring Heritage Day - 21st May, 2023.** Both Berry & Kurrajong, May 20 & 21 confirmed.
- **Shannons Sydney Classic (SSC)** - Affiliation forms handed out to delegates. 20 vehicle limit for each club. Allocation is on a first in basis.
- **Events & Tours.** For enquiries for Mudgee or Europe tour, please contact Lynelle. Also, **Sussex Inlet**, March 26, Classic Car Bike Truck and Boat Show. For more information, contact Lynelle at tickostours@gmail.com.au
- **General Business**—Auto Italia in Queanbeyan 2nd April
- The current CMC held its first Show-n-shine at Warwick Farm in 1964. 2024 will be the 60th anniversary of that first event, which after became the Shannons Sydney Classic. More to come on how we will celebrate this event.

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Competition

Club Motorkhana Championship.

The wait is over! The 2023 FCNSW Motorkhana Championship kicks off with a Day/Night Motorkhana for Round 1, this is at Ansell Park March 18th. Drivers will tackle 4 tests in the late afternoon, with another 4 tests in the evening once the sun has completely set. Driving in the dark is a real test for all competitors, and is a huge amount of fun too. Several of us will camp the night at AP after the event, which is a great opportunity to relax and spend time with your fellow club members around the campfire.

Round 2 will be held the following day (March 19th), this will be a standard day event.

The tests will be great practice for the Fiat Nationals, which will be held at some stage late 2023. If you have been wanting to start or get back into club Motorkhana, this is the perfect opportunity to get stuck back into it. You are more than welcome to compete in any vehicle, and the wide space Ansell Park offers is a great opportunity to get the kids into this entry level motorsport from an early age.

NSW Hillclimb Championship

Mic & I have again entered the 2023 NSW Hillclimb Championship, with Rounds 1 & 2 seeing us tackle Mt Panorama March 4th & 5th. This event has always been a great battle for us, and we can't wait to blow the dust off our 127's and reignite the battle. They might not have all the horsepower of all the other cars, but they still put on a hell of a show. If you are out and about for a weekend drive, don't forget to bail us up for a chat!

Best Regards,

Martin Gallard

Motorkhana Schedule & Junior Clinic for Sat. 18 March & Sun. 19 March:

No club cars available due to the floods, however, I will set up and hold a clinic on our second paddock if parents are happy to bring and be passengers in their own cars, or, allow our instructor to passenger with the junior in the your car. This will only be available on the Sunday Motorkhana.

On Saturday night, the juniors will run with the main field event for 2 runs.

Saturday

15:00 Registration Opens

15:00 Scrutiny Commences

15:15 Officials Briefing

15:30 Drivers Briefing & Sign-on

15.45 Commencement of PM events

18:00 Dinner break

20:00 Drivers Briefing

20:15 Commencement of PM events

22:00 Close of event.

Sunday

9:00 Scrutiny Commences

9:30 Officials Briefing

9:45 Drivers Briefing & Sign-on

10:00 Commencement of AM Events

12:30 Lunch break

13:15 Drivers Briefing

13:30 Commencement of PM Events

16:00 Close of Event.

Please note that all times are approximate and may change depending on weather conditions, number of Officials and Entrants present.

Fiat Nationals 2023 – Update

An issue outside of our control at the Wodonga Tafe Logic Centre in Barnawatha has meant that we must cancel our bookings and look for a new venue for the Nationals.

This situation is extremely disappointing and frustrating for the organising group, but we are committed to running the event and propose to reschedule it in Springtime 2023 at a new venue. We will get the basics of this organised as soon as possible and advise date and location promptly.

We appreciate your understanding of this situation and look forward to announcing the new details.

FCCV Nationals Committee: 29 January 2023

Best Regards,

Competition

Huntley Hillclimb, Sunday February 20, 2023.

Hi all. I haven't had to do this for a while as there weren't to many events on over the past couple of years, but now we seem to be back in the swing of things again.

The latest event was the Huntley hill climb at Dapto which saw Graham Bates in his 850 sports and junior competitor Travis McGeorge giving the hill a try out.

Graham had a couple of Solid runs first up but the 850s alternator decided it was not happy and unfortunately lead to a early end to the day for Graham. (Sorry this next part might be a bit biased) However, Travis McGeorge got his first taste of 2nd gear in a car and no adult passenger as Travis has been competing the last 2 years as a junior in motorkhanas. He is now 14 and begging dad to let him drive the mc fiat super swift. And yes dad reluctantly gave in.



Graham Bates 850 Sports at the Huntley Hill-



Travis McGeorge showed steady improvement in times for his first Hillclimb.

Trav did a great job on the day, not only driving up the hill but showed common sense and great responsibility in moving the car around in the Marshalling areas. He started the day with 2 runs at 55 sec with the instructions to use 2nd gear and place the car in the middle of the road. Then with a 3rd run excitement echoed from the event commentator in the tower;

"That's 7secs off his last run wow."

From here the paddock started to cheer and follow Travs runs . As his forth run saw another cheer with a 6 sec faster run. By the end of the 6 runs was down to 41sec

Personally, I would like to thank Wollongong sporting club for the day and all their members who came up to Trav with tips and words of encouragement, and I don't mean "just plant your foot". it was things like "take it easy, tidy up your start", or, " go a bit wider here and then turn in"

All things he took on board over the day.

It was great to see not just my son out there but a junior who has come through our motorkhana clinic and now taking the next step.

Hope to see you at our next motorkhana or come out to the state hill climb on the first weekend of March at Bathurst. (Photos courtesy of Michael McGeorge)

Till then,

Talk soon, Mic Mac.

DATE	EVENT AND LOCATION	Point score
March 2022		
Sat 5th - Sun 6th	NSW Hillclimb Championship - Rd 1 & 2, Bathurst	No
Sat 19th	FIAT Club Motorkhana Championship Rd 1 - day / night event	Yes
Sun 20th	FIAT Club Motorkhana Championship Rd 2 including President's Motorkhana	Yes
Sun 27th	NSW Motorkhana Championship - Awaba	No
April 2022		
Sat 9th	NSW Motorkhana Championship - Armidale	No
Sun 10th	Huntley Hillclimb - State Round	No
Sat 16th	Supersprint - SMP, GP Circuit (SSCC)	No
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 Championship Rd 3	Yes

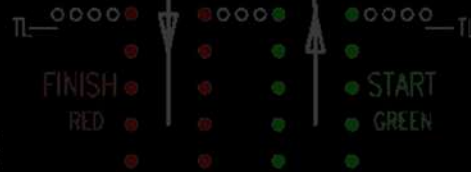


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Day / Night Event



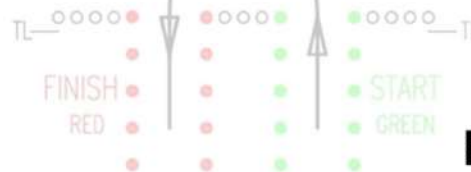
Round

March 18th - 3pm



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2



Round

March 19th - 9am

Ansell Park - Percival St Richmond

Come join your fellow club members and test your skills in the 2023 FCNSW Motorkhana Championship. All skill levels welcome, and the perfect opportunity to get your practice in for the 2023 Fiat Nationals.

For extra fun, bring a tent to Round 1 & stay the night!

Coffee Break!

come join like minded **FIAT** enthusiasts over breakfast and a coffee...



this month's location

When: Sunday 12th March 2023

Where: **The Grid Cafe**
5 Peter Brock Drive,
Oran Park NSW 2570

Time: 8:30am - 10:30am

THE GRID CAFE & RESTAURANT



Burger break!

come join like minded **FIAT** enthusiasts enjoy a burger at sunset...



the location

When: Sunday 26th March 2023

Where: **Originals Burger Co.**
1/34 Winbourne Rd,
Brookvale NSW 2100

Time: 5pm - 7:30pm



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coffee break (write up)

29th January 2023

Roastville Cafe @ Marrickville



This coffee break was held at the Roastville Cafe in Marrickville. A small coffee roasting business which sells their own variety of coffee blends to the public as well as hold classes on the coffee bean roasting process.

Another great turn out of club members showed up with their families and friends. Always nice to see a mixed age group come together.



The highlight of the morning was waiting to see what cool cars other club members roll up in. On this occasion of particular interest was the red ISO Grifo. A very rare car in Australia.

Looking forward to seeing what other cars turn up to the next event.



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





lunch break (write up)

26th February 2023

Cavallino @ Terrey Hills



The lunch break at Cavallino was a fantastic spot to meet up with other club members in a very relaxed alfresco setting.



A really nice mix of cars turned out, but the highlight was the number of partners that came along. In total there was 7 couples. Nice to see the ladies enjoy themselves as much as the guys did.



The enjoyment level went up a notch when we surprised Tony with a gelato cake from Messina Gelato to celebrate his birthday. Thank you Maurizio for organising this.

Looking forward to seeing what other cars turn up to the next event.

Ciao Giovanni Ciampa
(social events co-ordinator)
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Australian New Car Sales Results for 2022

Edited from carexpert.com. Article by Mike Costello.

For the full comprehensive report, go to

VFACTS: Australia's new car sales results for 2022 | CarExpert

New vehicle sales grew 3.0 per cent in 2022 despite widely publicised supply issues, finishing up at around 1.08 million units for the calendar year.

Annual sales data (VFACTS) shows that 1,081,429 new cars, SUVs and commercial vehicles were delivered in 2022, making it the best result since 2018 when 1,153,111 vehicles were sold.

Toyota was dominant. The Japanese carmaker sold a total of 231,050 cars, SUVs and commercial vehicles locally during 2022, lifting sales by 3.3 per cent. One in five new vehicles delivered last year was a Toyota.

The brand achieved a new record for hybrid vehicles too, selling a total of 72,815 petrol-electric models. This is 31.5 per cent of all Toyota vehicles delivered in 2022, and thus if Toyota Hybrid was a separate franchise, it would rank sixth in the market.

Second place finisher was Mazda despite a 5.3 per cent drop in deliveries, ahead of an impressive Kia in third spot (up 15.3 per cent).

The Korean brand edged out Mitsubishi which itself had nearly 14 per cent annual growth, and banished its sibling brand Hyundai into fifth spot.

Smaller-volume brands that spiked in percentage terms included Ram (up 52.8 per cent), GWM/Haval (up 36.2 per cent and finishing 13th overall), SsangYong (up 32.4 per cent), Porsche (up 26.6 per cent), Renault (up 24.7 per cent), Suzuki (up 23.5 per cent), Chevrolet (up 23.4 per cent), and Volvo (up 18.7 per cent).

TOP 20 SALES BY MODEL

Rank	Brand / Model	Sales
1	Toyota HiLux	64,391
2	Ford Ranger	47,479
3	Toyota RAV4	34,845
4	Mitsubishi Triton	27,436
5	Mazda CX-5	27,062
6	Toyota Corolla	25,284
7	Isuzu D-Max	24,336
8	MG ZS	22,466
9	Hyundai i30	21,166
10	Toyota Prado	21,102
11	Mitsubishi Outlander	19,546
12	Kia Sportage	18,792
13	Hyundai Tucson	17,870
14	MG 3	16,168
15	Mazda CX-30	13,891
16	Toyota LandCruiser Wagon	13,152
17	Mazda BT-50	12,937
18	Toyota Kluger	12,562
19	Kia Cerato	12,354
20	Mazda CX-3	11,907

RANK	BRAND	SALES	% CHANGE	RANK 2021
1	Toyota	231,050	3.30%	1
2	Mazda	95,718	-5.30%	2
3	Kia	78,330	15.30%	5
4	Mitsubishi	76,991	13.70%	6
5	Hyundai	73,345	0.60%	3
6	Ford	66,628	-6.70%	4
7	MG	49,582	27.10%	9
8	Subaru	36,036	-2.60%	10
9	Isuzu Ute	35,323	-1.20%	11
10	Mercedes-Benz	31,281	-5.30%	12
11	Volkswagen	30,946	-24.10%	8
12	Nissan	26,491	-35.80%	7
13	GWM Haval	25,042	36.20%	14
14	BMW	22,696	-8.80%	13
15	Suzuki	21,578	23.50%	16
16	Tesla	19,594		N/A
17	LDV	16,269	7.10%	18
18	Audi	14,732	-7.90%	17
19	Honda	14,215	-19.10%	15
20	Volvo Car	10,715	18.70%	21
21	Renault	8855	24.70%	23
22	Lexus	7089	-23.70%	19
23	Jeep	6658	-14.20%	22
24	Skoda	6502	-29.20%	20
25	Ram	6149	52.80%	26
26	Porsche	5608	26.60%	25
27	Land Rover	4348	-32.70%	24
28	SsangYong	3943	32.40%	28
29	Mini	3002	-16.10%	27
30	Chevrolet	2614	23.40%	30
31	BYD	2113		N/A
32	Peugeot	2087	-25.60%	29
33	Polestar	1524		N/A
34	Fiat	1161	-42.40%	31
35	Cupra	1111		N/A
36	Genesis	1039	41.60%	33
37	Jaguar	700	-42.70%	32
38	Maserati	594	6.10%	35
39	Alfa Romeo	571	-7.60%	34
40	Citroen	296	69.10%	38
41	Bentley	203	-7.30%	36
42	Ferrari	203	4.60%	37
43	Lamborghini	176	34.40%	41
44	Aston Martin	132	-5.70%	40
45	Chrysler	79	-53.50%	39
46	Lotus	62	-12.70%	43
47	McLaren	61	-30.70%	42
48	Rolls-Royce	60	25.00%	44
49	Alpine	4	-85.70%	45
50	Caterham	2	100.00%	47
51	Morgan	0		46

Fiat's new electric small SUV taking shape

Fiat's next SUV will offer electric power and a more modern interior, but its styling closely resembles the moribund 500X.

By William Stopford, carexpert.com.au



The Fiat 500X is set to be replaced by a new SUV that will offer the option of an electric powertrain, and it's been spied testing in Europe.

The exterior styling appears to be an evolution over the outgoing 500X, with a similar shape and 500-inspired design elements retained like the big round headlights and rectangular tail lights.

However, the interior is quite a bit different from the outgoing SUV. There's a large, circular instrument cluster – shades of Mini – along with a rectangular, tablet-style touchscreen sitting atop the centre stack.

The new crossover is expected to share its platform with the recently revealed Jeep Avenger, as well as other Stellantis models like the Citroen C4 and Peugeot 2008.

It's set to enter production at Stellantis' plant in Tychy, Poland alongside the Avenger and an upcoming entry-level Alfa Romeo crossover.

Judging by the advanced state of this prototype, a reveal could take place this year.

It's unclear just how large the Fiat SUV could be. The Jeep Avenger measures just 4.08m long, while a Peugeot 2008 is 4.3m long. The outgoing 500X is somewhere in the middle at 4.24m long.

While all vehicles on the Common Modular

Platform are front-wheel drive, Jeep has previewed an all-wheel drive version of its Avenger.

If the Fiat follows its Jeep sibling, it will use a 115kW/260Nm electric motor and a 54kWh nickel manganese cobalt lithium-ion battery.

Claimed electric range in the Avenger is 400km on the stricter WLTP cycle, while it has a 400V electrical system and supports DC charging at up to 100kW.

In markets like Italy and Spain, the Avenger is also offered with a turbocharged 1.2-litre three-cylinder petrol engine with 74kW of power, mated with a six-speed manual transmission.

Peugeot recently revealed a new mild-hybrid 1.2-litre three-pot to replace this engine in its

vehicles, and given Stellantis' propensity for platform and part sharing and Fiat's plans to offer combustion power until 2030, it could filter into other models.

The 101kW/230Nm Miller cycle turbo three-pot is paired with a 21kW/55Nm electric motor, which can provide an extra 9kW of power to the engine under full acceleration.

The motor, inverter, and ECU are all housed in the electrified six-speed dual-clutch gearbox. The 48V lithium-ion battery is installed under the front left seat.

Peugeot says there is completely electric

driving capacity, albeit only to "start, manoeuvre and drive at low speed in heavy traffic", which Peugeot says still accounts for more than 50 per cent of urban driving. The car can also coast with the petrol engine off.

While the Fiat 500X is still offered in markets like Europe and the US, it was axed locally in 2021 as the brand "refocused towards consumer preferences".



Fiat now sells only the ageing 500 city car and large Ducato van, though it will finally gain a new model this year with the electric 500e.

The 500X is Fiat's only SUV in Europe, unless you count versions of the Panda and Tipo with plastic cladding affixed.

In Latin America, where Fiat enjoys a strong presence and a wider range – it's the number one brand in Brazil, for example – it also offers the Pulse and Fastback 'coupe SUV'.



Jeep Avenger



Fiat Fastback



Fiat 500X



Abarth Pulse

2023 Fiat 500e electric car: \$52,500 Australian pricing confirmed

Two years on from its global debut, the new electric 500 is heading Down Under – and, as some might have expected, it won't be cheap

By Jordan Mulach, Henry Man,
www.whichcar.com.au

UPDATE: Fiat 500e pricing confirmed ahead of July launch.

The all-new Fiat 500e electric city car will be priced from \$52,500 before on-road costs, according to an industry pricing guide.

Only one flagship 'La Prima' variant in a three-door hatchback body style will be offered at launch, when it lands in July.

Full local specifications will be detailed from March, but expect the Italian-made compact EV to house the largest available 37.3kWh usable battery delivering around 315 kilometres of driving range.

It will also likely debut active safety assistance systems for the first time, boasting a 10.25-inch UConnect touchscreen with wireless Apple CarPlay and wireless Android Auto, and LED lights.

The spicier Abarth 500e electric hot hatch will arrive in late 2023.

If the pricing guide proves correct, the Fiat 500e will undercut its closest rival on price, the three-door Mini Electric Classic which costs from \$55,650 before on-roads, and sits

just above the BYD Atto 3 Extended Range small SUV at \$51,011 before on-roads

(ed; For the full article, go to [2023 Fiat 500e electric car: \\$52,500 Australian pricing confirmed \(whichcar.com.au\)](https://www.whichcar.com.au))

Fiat To Launch Two All-New EVs In 2023

The new models will likely be a supermini and a small SUV.

By Thanos Pappas, www.carscoops.com



While the Fiat lineup is fully electrified in Europe, it currently only includes a single pure EV offering – the 500e – as all the other models are hybrids. However, this anomaly is about to change as the Italian brand has confirmed the launch of two all-new EVs in the second half of 2023.

The announcement was included in Stellantis' presentation of the full-year financial results for 2022. While the presentation didn't provide any details about the bodystyle of the EVs, earlier comments made by Fiat CEO

Olivier François, as well as various reports from European media, offer more information about the upcoming launches.

Last year, the Fiat CEO confirmed four EV additions by 2027, including a supermini and three crossovers. The former will be a successor to the Fiat Punto and is one of the two launches that are expected in 2023. The yet-unnamed model will slot above the 500e in the Fiat range and share its underpinnings with the already available Peugeot 208 and Opel Corsa siblings, as well as with the next-gen Citroen C3 and the upcoming Lancia Ypsilon. As with the aforementioned models, Fiat will reportedly offer both electric and mild-hybrid powertrain options for its new small hatchback.

The second EV launch that is expected for 2023 is the long-rumored Fiat 600. This high-riding model will compete in the hugely popular B-SUV segment, combining a compact footprint with more practicality than conventional hatchbacks. The Fiat 600 is expected to be closely related to the Jeep Avenger and will be produced in the same factory in Tychy, Poland, again offered in ICE-powered and EV forms. Note that this is a different model from the next-gen Fiat 500X which is rumored to grow in size.

Fiat will bring the fully electric 500e to North America in the first quarter of 2024, four years after its original debut in Europe. The urban EV is offered in hatchback, cabriolet, and 2+1 bodystyle flavors, while last year the Abarth 500e joined them as the performance-focused variant and the first fully electric hot hatch from the scorpion brand.



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(02/23)

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