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Fiat Club Track Day at Luddenham Raceway.



Vale Warren Smith

Warren Smith was one of the most significant Club and Committee members in the past 20 years or so. We are deeply saddened by his passing. Warren was such a huge part of the Club and an enormously popular character, with so many friends and club colleagues, and he gave such an amazing contribution and selfless service over many decades.

No doubt his Family could reflect on how big a part the Fiat Club was in Warren's life at home and indeed the life of their Family generally – the countless hours he spent on all the work he did for the club, but Warren has distinguished himself as a constant and undeniable part of the Fiat Club's history, and not just in NSW but with all Fiat Club's around Australia where he was well known and well respected. Warren's office at home is a veritable treasure trove of our Club's history. Not only was he an avid club event photographer, but he had copies of every club magazine going back to the dawn of time, as well as other countless articles, records of committee meeting minutes, resolutions, correspondence far and wide, trophies, and memorabilia. Warren had a true passion to chart and preserve



the club's history in every way imaginable. He was considered, thoughtful, precise and had an eye for detail. Future generations of committees will be reminded many times over of Warren's efforts in creating a repository of our Club's history as they thumb through the past to make decisions for the future.

Warren was a major influence on the Club and the way it was run. There weren't too many club events, luncheons, concorsos, monthly meetings or competition events that Warren missed. Warren's presence in the club was undeniably large. Most of us would agree he was one of the Club's icons, and will be forever recorded as having been awarded Life Membership, the Club's highest recognition.

We believe Warren went on to own some 30 odd Fiats in his time, including race cars and motorkhana specials. Warren was a very proud Fiat owner, and all his cars were kept to the highest standards and an example to all.

Warren's dedication, involvement and contribution to the Club cannot be overstated. Warren was entwined in the very fabric of the Club – for decades, occupying every executive position on the Committee, including President for many years. He was instrumental in the workings of the Fiat of Italy Cup from its early days in Dubbo to its later manifestation as the Fiat Nationals. A natural born leader and organiser, Warren was always up to his armpits in helping pull together one event or another.

Warren was also dedicated to the gift that is Ansell Park, a wonderful legacy betrothed by an earlier generation of Club members, Warren spent a lot of time on top of the club tractor slashing fields or trimming trees or working bees just building stuff at Ansell Park making it ready for the next event so others could enjoy themselves. Warren was also a fierce competitor achieving many results behind the wheel but when came the time to hang up his helmet, Warren stayed involved either prepping the vast Scuderia of Smith race vehicles or indeed standing in paddocks at Club motokhanas or Fiat Nationals, or pit walls at Bathurst, Winton or SMP with a stopwatch in hand ensuring others could enjoy their motorsport.

To Diane, Glenn, Mel and the wider Family – the Committee and Members of the Fiat Club of NSW express their sincerest condolences for your loss of a wonderful individual, and above all we will be forever grateful to Warren for his time, efforts and dedication to the Club.

Dave Filipetto

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Cover; The Fiat Club of New South Wales is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year with special events including the track day held at Luddenham in April. The cover shows club members negotiating the back of the circuit. Stay tuned for details of the next track day. (Photo; Lorenzo Aventi)

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| • Wal Gladding | • Alan Steele | • Kevin Halliburton | |
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- | | | | |
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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
July 2024		
Sun 14th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - The Grid Cafe (Oran Park)	Yes
Sun 28th	XMAS in July / Cavallino (Terrey Hills)	Yes
August 2024		
Sun 4th	Motorkhana - practice for the Fiat of Italy Cup	Yes
Sun 11th	FIAT Club Burger Break - Chubby Buns Burgers, Ryde	Yes
Sat 24th	FIAT of Italy Cup Motorkhana - Ansell Park	Yes
Sun 25th	Shannons Sydney Classic - Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek	Yes
September 2024		
Sun 8th	FIAT Club Drive Day, TBC	Yes
Sun 15th	FIAT Club NSW Annual Concorso 'd' Eleganza, Gough Whitlam Park, Earlwood	Yes
Sun 29th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - 4T7 Cafe (Ermington)	Yes
October 2024		
Sun 13th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - The Grid Cafe (Oran Park)	Yes
Sun 27th	FIAT Club Fish'n'Chips Break - Chubby Fish, Allambie Heights	Yes
November 2024		
Sun 3rd	2024 Fiat Club NSW Motorkhana Championship Rd 7	Yes
Sun 10	Cherry Picking - George & Sues Cherry Farm - 7 Melrose Drive, Raglan, NSW	Yes
Sun 24th	FIAT Club of NSW 75th Anniversary Lunch	Yes
December 2024		
Sun 15th	FIAT Gelato Break - The Gelato Factory, Bundeena	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).

Upcoming Events

TUESDAY 2nd JULY 2024. LUNCH: MOUNTAIN HIGH PIES, WENTWORTH FALLS

NOTE* We will not be meeting at Wentworth Falls Lake for morning tea as I had suggested. This is now a major construction site & is very congested including temporary traffic lights on Sinclair Cres. "THE COUNCIL HAS NOW INTRODUCED PAID PARKING AT THE LAKES. ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS BY PHONE OR CARD ONLY" That rules me out.

MEET: McDonalds, Penrith Leagues, Mulgoa Rd. Cnr Panthers Place, Penrith or you may wish to go directly to the Pie Shop.

TIME: From 10.30 am **DEPART:** 11.30am **RIGHT:** Mulgoa Rd. **RIGHT:** M4 & Continue on Great Western Hwy. To Wentworth Falls **RIGHT:** Mitchell St. at lights. (TAFE & Pie Shop are on your right just before lights) **RIGHT:** Through large gates into carpark. You may wish to read about the history of the Pie Shop & what they are doing for the environment. Well worth reading. www.mountainhighpies.com.au

AUGUST 6th. Meet McDonalds Narellan 10.30am Lunch: Campbelltown Golf Club. *BOOKINGS REQUIRED BY 30.7.2024*

SEPTEMBER 3rd. Meet McDonalds, Penrith Leagues 10.30am onwards. LUNCH: Mulgoa. *Bookings required by 27.8.2024*

OCTOBER 1st. LUNCH: North Richmond. *BOOKINGS REQUIRED BY 24.9.2024*

NOVEMBER 12th. Second Tuesday Remembrance day. Concord West. Local Club Lunch. *Booking required by 5.11.2024*

DECEMBER 3rd. CHRISTMAS LUNCH. Kellyville Ridge. *BOOKINGS REQUIRED BY 26.11.2024*

DON'T FORGET TO FILL IN YOUR LOG BOOK IF YOU ARE ON CONCESSIONAL REGISTRATION

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President's Report

Greetings to all – I am pleased we are publishing a magazine this month to reflect on many events over the last 2 months but also make members aware of what the rest of the year holds.

Before I go on, I would like to make a brief mention of the sad passing of Club stalwart – Warren Smith. There is a more detailed Vale elsewhere in the magazine but on a personal note, I would like to pass on our condolences to his Family. Warren was a good mate to me, helping me in so many ways, and his contribution to the Fiat Club of NSW is immeasurable. A great man who will be sorely missed.

It has been a busy time recently and the magazine is chockful of write-ups of recent events – lunches, coffee breaks, gelato runs, chestnut picking, burger breaks and even our first track day in many years. There was an event for every member's interest, and I am proud that we continue to provide a wide variety of opportunities for members to derive value from. A special mention to Giovanni Ciampa who works tirelessly behind the scenes to organise this smorgasbord of wonderful events. The Committee hopes that there is something for every member to enjoy – which is the essence of belonging to a Car Club. Please see the write-ups elsewhere in the magazine and keep an eye on the club calendar for when the next batch are happening and come on out and say hi.

We have so much happening in the next 5 or 6 months and I will highlight many of the larger events below.

The Fiat of Italy Cup – a fun weekend of social and motoring activity will be hosted by the Fiat Club of NSW on the weekend of the 24th of August. This event was founded by the NSW and Victorian Clubs many decades ago, and in fact we celebrate its 60th anniversary this year. A motorkhana event will be held on Saturday 24th August at our Club grounds – Ansell Park, along with a BBQ and static car display. This is a day not to be missed by any member and we expect that a strong contingent of Victorian Fiat Club competitors will make the trek to Sydney to compete and help us celebrate this momentous milestone event. Either come along and compete, it is on soft dirt and quite sympathetic to road going cars, or simply come along and put your car on display and mingle with members over a BBQ sandwich. That evening, we will move to a local tavern close to Ansell Park for a wonderful pub dinner and more time for socialising. On the following day – Sunday, we have reserved many spots for our members and interstate members at the CMC Shannons Sydney Classic. Please contact Giovanni to secure your spot. The Committee has

kept this event deliberately simple this time around, and we've not incorporated a speed event (as in the larger Nationals format), instead electing to host another track day later in the year (see below).

The Club Concorso is scheduled for the 15th of September, again at Tempe with our friends from the Alfa Romeo and Lancia Clubs. This is a tremendous day with hundreds of cars, food stalls and a wonderful atmosphere of Italian vehicles in a beautiful setting. There are categories for all types of modern and older vehicles, so mark your calendar to be a part of this massive annual event.

Given the success of the last one, we will be hosting another Track Day at Luddenham Raceway later in September or early October – date TBC but keep an eye out. We had a wonderful array of cars and drivers at our



last event, and this one will be even bigger. You don't have to have a race car or be a Max Verstappen – in fact, we will have several instructors on hand to sit beside you and help you around the track if you've never done such a day before. It is all done safely and within the limits of drivers and their cars, and it certainly helps improve the way you drive generally. We had many first timers last time around and they went away with huge smiles on their face,

and no doubt picked up important skills that they can translate into their normal driving on the road.

The Club's 75th Anniversary luncheon will be held at Le Montage restaurant in Lilyfield on the 24th of November. This will be a gala celebration event, again not to be missed – with a mouth-watering menu and a chance to display your car. The Committee has offered a special subsidy for our financial members. You will need to have renewed your membership no later than this month of July to be eligible for a \$100 discount on an adult meal, with only \$50 left to pay for a magnificent 3 course meal and beer/wine/soft drinks included. This applies to partners on a joint membership and children's prices are also discounted. This offer is limited to the first 100 members and places are filling fast and we are almost at our numbers. So, get in quick – renew your membership and pay the balance of \$50 per adult to secure your spot. Details elsewhere in this magazine. We will be also providing 3 x free memberships in a lucky draw for members who are attending. It doesn't get any better than this.

That's all for now. Don't forget – Fiat of Italy Cup, CMC, Concorso, Track Day and the 75th Luncheon, as well as the 'usual' gelato runs, coffee breaks and lunches. No excuse not to see you at an event real soon.

Dave.

New Members

A warm welcome to the following enthusiasts:

Daniele Paci – 1958 Fiat 500N



Expression of Interest -Ansell Park Pty Ltd

Board of Directors

Applications are sought from people with suitable qualifications and experience for the role of Non-Executive Director. This is a voluntary position.

Interested people should submit a short, concise CV or their questions to the email below.

Closing date Friday 8th December.

2024-25 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

FOR ALL THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE ALREADY RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIPS – THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR PROMPT RENEWAL.

THIS REMINDER IS ONLY FOR THOSE MEMBERS YET TO RENEW.

All memberships are due for renewal as of 1 July, 2024 (**excepting those new members who have joined recently**).

Renewal is particularly important for those taking advantage of the Club's Historic Vehicle Registration. If you aren't a financial member of a registered car club, your car insurance/registration may not be valid.

Membership fees remain unchanged – Full, Joint, Family (intended to help 18+ year olds studying and living at home, Junior (12 – 17 year olds), Life & Honorary Members.

When renewing your membership, please ensure that you use the updated 2024-25 Membership Form which you will find at the back of this magazine. The form is also available on our website www.fiatclubnsw.com.au.

As usual, please email the completed and signed form to membership@fiatclubnsw.com.au, or mail to PO Box 3034, Bangor, NSW. 2234. Payment is via EFT or cheque. We do not have credit card facilities for payment at this stage.

All information required for renewal is printed on the membership form.

We thank you for your past membership and support of the Fiat Club NSW.

Any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Cheryl Sandrin

Membership Registrar 2024

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Competition

Provisional Motorkhana Results, 25th May 2024 - FIAT Car Club NSW R2

Day / Night Motorkhana

	Class	#	Entrant	Club	Class	Big Eyes	Waltz Clover	Fluer de Lis	Accordian	Bowler	Top Hat	Square Slalom	World Tour	Total
1	1	3	Travis McGeorge(J)	FCCNSW	D	61.72 F	31.00 F	21.21	38.29	30.03 F	27.05	29.34	36.62	275.26
2	1	9	Chris Stevens	FCCNSW	C	56.88	27.43	22.21	43.78	27.66	29.75	32.35	36.81	276.87
3	2	18	Glenn Smith	FCCNSW	D	55.25	26.38	22.16	62.94 dns	24.72	27.62	28.47	36.44	283.98
4	3	5	Martin Gallard	FCCNSW	D	61.09	27.63	24.00	43.53	28.66	33.85	30.56	38.25	287.57
5	2	14	Phil East	FCCNSW	C	63.19	26.56	22.22	62.94 wd	26.47	29.09	30.75	39.66	300.88
6	4	2	Naomi McGeorge	FCCNSW	D	67.53	31.15	23.46	42.85	26.38	29.25	38.00	42.59	301.21
7	3	17	Cameron Brown	WSCC	C	69.63	30.41	25.22	48.53	29.31	31.50	33.72	40.68	309.00
8	5	1	Michael McGeorge	FCCNSW	D	78.18 wd	26.03	22.07	39.75	23.87	38.85 wd	28.16	53.75 wd	310.66
9	4	4	David Hussey	WSCC	C	67.13	29.15	26.19	47.54	30.66	32.48	34.78	44.47	312.40
10	5	16	Mitchell Brown(J)	WSCC	C	65.37	29.84	24.78	48.72	31.37	31.94	37.25	53.75 wd	323.02
11	6	6	Rebecca Gallard	FCCNSW	D	68.91	28.59	26.75	47.37	40.04 wd	33.72	36.56	45.75	327.69
12	1	11	Peter Jakrot	FCCNSW	A	69.90 M	42.38 wd	26.13	49.78	31.53	31.31	38.87 F	40.93	330.83
13	6	19	Greg Jones	WSCC	C	64.88	34.78 F	25.15	62.94 wd	29.53	29.79	33.32	53.75 wd	334.14
14	7	15	Ben Brown	WSCC	C	66.43	33.63	24.21	52.84	37.15 G	38.85 wd	37.97	53.75 wd	344.83
15	2	23	Brad Matthews	FCCNSW	F	73.18	30.84	25.16	53.44	35.04	39.69 G	36.78	53.75 wd	347.88
16	8	8	(J)	FCCNSW	C	78.18 wd	32.75	27.19	52.54 F	33.18	38.85 wd	35.47	53.75 wd	351.91
17	1	10	Russell Matthews	FCCNSW	F	78.18 wd	32.47	26.85	56.03 F	31.78	38.85 wd	46.63 G	43.93	354.72
18	9	20	Charlotte Hussey	WSCC	C	78.18 wd	34.97	29.00	52.12	34.63	38.85 wd	43.16	43.82	354.73
19	7	12	Hayley	FCCNSW	D	78.18 wd	33.65	27.66	59.15	38.69	35.59	42.88	43.75	359.55
20	8	7	Abbie Gallard(J)	FCCNSW	D	78.18 wd	35.41	28.44	62.94 dns	38.19	36.00	34.91	46.69	360.76
21	3	22	Savannah Cohen	FCCNSW	F	78.18 wd	37.38	31.18	57.94	34.35	38.85 wd	44.06	48.75	370.69
22	10	13	Kevin Halliburton	FCCNSW	C	68.71	37.25	28.38	62.94 dns	40.04 dns	38.85 dns	49.06 dns	53.75 wd	378.98
23	4	24	Marius Migdalski	FCCNSW	F	78.18 wd	42.38 wd	34.75	62.94 dns	40.04 dns	38.85 dns	49.06 dns	53.75 wd	399.95
24	9	21	Ella Gallard(J)	FCCNSW	D	110.84	48.35	50.09	87.28	55.81	47.50	61.78	97.59 G	559.24

Provisional Motorkhana Results 26th MAY 2024 FIAT Car Club NSW R3

	Class	#	Entrant	Club	Class	Cross Over	Double Bone	Spiro Slalom	Fluer-de-Lis	T Garage	Accordio n	Butterfly	Star	Total
1	1	16	Paul Ellis	MCCNSW	C	57.15	34.10	28.47	21.54	35.56	35.56	27.53	27.50	267.41
2	1	1	Michael McGeorge	FCCNSW	D	58.35	40.62 F	29.82	21.50	36.63	35.62	26.42	27.00	275.96
3	2	3	Travis McGeorge(J)	FCCNSW	D	59.06	39.38	30.37	21.59	37.78	35.44	28.40	27.68	279.70
4	2	20	John Walker	SSCC	C	62.62	36.22	29.28	22.43	36.87	37.60	28.32	27.28	280.62
5	3	18	Glenn Dorrenboom	MCCNSW	C	59.41	38.06	31.00	22.88	38.19	37.90	28.38	28.35	284.17
6	4	23	Phil East	FCCNSW	C	62.63	39.03	29.16	22.31	38.54	37.46	29.68	27.22	286.03
7	3	5	Martin Gallard	FCCNSW	D	61.62	41.75	31.12	20.59	38.40	37.40	27.60	28.19	286.67
8	5	19	Luke Dorrenboom	MCCNSW	C	61.12	43.65	30.25	22.78	38.60	38.06	29.50	28.34	292.30
9	6	15	Ben Brown	WSCC	C	62.57	40.47	31.56	24.03	41.28	39.41	32.88	30.16	302.36
10	7	6	Brad Bassett	SSCC	C	70.41	40.38	31.93	23.47	41.22	39.90	30.37	28.13	305.81
11	8	10	David Hussey	WSCC	C	69.40	39.34	32.72	25.22	43.44	39.28	31.22	30.19	310.81
12	9	14	Cameron Brown	WSCC	C	68.53	43.06	34.85	23.81	41.63	39.13	31.22	30.16	312.39
13	10	9	Graeme Bailey	FCCNSW	C	61.57	41.18	32.59	23.60	40.87	53.94 wd	34.63	28.81	317.19
14	11	28	Warren Degnam	SSCC	C	68.97	39.44	31.53	24.09	43.75	39.03	31.47	41.03 wd	319.31
15	1	11	Peter Jakrot	FCCNSW	A	70.25	49.06 F	33.72	24.90	41.50	39.53	33.16	30.91	323.03
16	12	13	Mitchell Brown(J)	WSCC	C	69.09	44.32	32.38	24.16	41.19	41.41	38.88 F	31.75	323.18
17	13	8	Luke Bailey(J)	FCCNSW	C	77.10 f,g	39.93	44.50 wd	22.78	42.28	38.87	32.16	28.03	325.65
18	14	21	Allan Ross	SSCC	C	69.88	45.91	32.53	24.56	43.13	47.06	34.03	31.06	328.16
19	15	24	Joanne Jones	SSCC	C	70.19	46.91	32.75	27.28	48.78 G	45.50	35.69	31.56	338.66
20	16	27	Samantha Curry	SSCC	C	79.69 wd	45.41	35.25	24.87	45.47	43.28	36.35	31.41	341.73
21	17	26	Kymberlee	MCCNSW	C	68.22	41.84	38.85	32.28 wd	46.09	53.94 wd	34.66	32.66	348.54
22	4	4	Hayley McGeorge(J)	FCCNSW	D	70.57	49.12	37.50	25.53	46.19	46.00	38.50	37.16	350.57
23	5	7	Abbie Gallard(J)	FCCNSW	D	72.53	46.03	34.57	33.31	45.10	49.57 F	45.44 wd	33.84	360.39
24	1	25	Dennis Walker	sscc	B	79.69 wd	47.16	34.84	25.53	48.03	53.94 wd	40.44	32.75	362.38
25	18	2	Greg Jones	WSCC	C	69.85	41.43	44.50 dns	32.28 dns	42.13	53.94 dns	45.44 dns	41.03 wd	370.60
26	19	29	Austin Carter(J)	FCCNSW	C	79.69 wd	45.40	33.22	24.10	45.65	57.47 2F	45.44 wd	41.03 wd	372.00
27	20	12	Charlotte Hussey	WSCC	C	79.69 wd	50.81	39.50	26.78	58.31 F	48.94	39.66	36.03	379.72
28	1	17	Gavin Crank	SSCC	F	74.69	44.78	44.50 dns	32.28 dns	46.03	53.94 dns	45.44 dns	41.03 dns	382.69
29	21	22	Trent Jones(J)	SSCC	C	93.00	61.63	39.21	28.53	68.22	57.28	43.00	37.72	428.59
30	6	30	Ella Gallard(J)	FCCNSW	D	96.00	71.69	53.84	42.91	87.53	71.14	65.22	57.22	545.55

2024 Fiat of Italy Cup Motorkhana August 24

The 2024 FoIC Motorkhana is a go, and its time to get ready for a weekend of friendly interstate rivalry, and most importantly, fun! To celebrate 60 years of the Fiat of Italy Cup Motorkhana. This years event will be returning back to its roots with a dirt event out at the grounds of Ansell Park. Not just for competition specific motorkhana cars, there are classes for all years and model Fiats to enter. If you haven't been out to Ansell Park to try a motorkhana, now is the time to do it!

The Fiat Club of NSW has a long history of involvement in this event and we would really love to see all those drivers and their awesome cars pulled out of hibernation and brought back to life to compete this year.

The day will be supported with a lunch BBQ out at Ansell Park, and a presentation dinner in the evening at the local tavern. Extra tickets for the Shannons CMC Classic on the 25th have also been purchased as we would like to display as many Fiats as possible as part of our celebration.

All information can be found at www.fiatnationals.com.au, with plenty more to come. Further details can be found on the next page.

Best Regards,

Martin Gallard.





Fiat of Italy Cup Motorkhana

1964

2024



60

Years

To celebrate 60 years of the Fiat of Italy Cup, the Fiat Club of NSW invites all states to join us at Ansell Park for a special running of the FoIC Motorkhana. The event will be followed by a relaxed evening and award presentation.

As part of the weekend there will also be a drive out to the CMC Shannons Sydney Classic display day on the Sunday morning, where we will be displaying the Fiat of Italy Cup amongst some of the cars from various states.

Please mark your diaries for August 24-25, and stay tuned for more details to come shortly!



CMC Shannons Sydney Classic

Sunday 25th August 2024

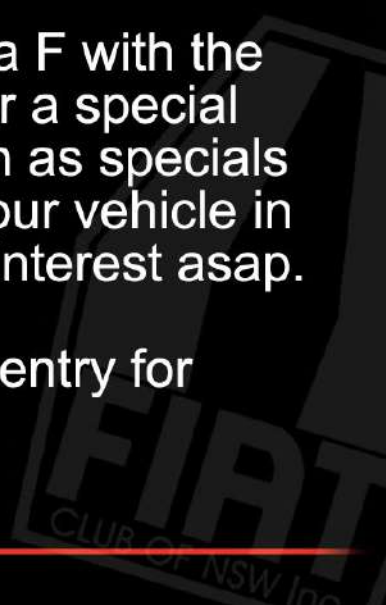
Sydney Motorsport Park

Ferrers Road, Eastern Creek NSW 2766

As part of our 60 years of the Fiat of Italy Cup celebration, the Fiat Club of NSW is inviting our interstate friends to join our display at this years CMC Shannons Sydney Classic.

We have 10 spots available for display in Area F with the Fiat Club of NSW cars, along with 8 spots for a special display of Fiat of Italy Cup orientated cars such as specials or rails in Area E. If you would like to display your vehicle in either of these two options, please RSVP your interest asap.

Cost per ticket is \$25, which covers event entry for all the vehicle occupants.





75th Anniversary Lunch

Sunday 24th November 2024

Le Montage

38 Frazer St, Lilyfield NSW 2040

(start time: 12:00pm / finish time: 4:00pm)

The FIAT Club of NSW would like to invite all club members to celebrate its 75th Anniversary together at Le Montage while enjoying a spectacular 3 course lunch with all drinks included (beer / wine / soft drinks / tea & coffee)

the afternoon will provide many surprises, gifts and give aways, like 3x free memberships for 2025, all while reflecting on our clubs beginnings, reminiscing its transformation over the decades and revealing future ambitions...lets celebrate!

ticket pricing: (adults) **\$150pp**
(kids) **\$79pp** (2-12yrs)

special offer - the club will subsidize the cost of a ticket by \$100, leaving members to pay the difference of **\$50**
this discount only applies to the first '100 members'
to secure your subsidy, please pay your balance as a deposit by 30th June 2024

account name: FIAT Club of NSW BSB: 082-067 Acc. 03 665 7020

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coffee Break!

come join like minded **FIAT** enthusiasts over breakfast and a coffee celebrating our clubs 75th Anniversary



When: Sunday 14th July 2024

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

Time: 8:30am - 10:30am

THE GRID CAFE & RESTAURANT



Lunch Break! - Xmas in July

come join like minded **FIAT** enthusiasts enjoy lunch celebrating our clubs 75th Anniversary



When: Sunday 28th July 2024

Where: Cavallino
Cnr McCarrs Creek Rd & Yulong Ave,
Terrey Hills NSW 284

Time: 12:00noon - 3pm



Burger Break!

come join like minded **FIAT** enthusiasts enjoy a burger celebrating our clubs 75th Anniversary



When: Sunday 11th August 2024

Where: Chubby Buns.
48 Victoria Road,
Ryde NSW 2112

Time: 6pm - 9pm



Concorso d'Eleganza

Sunday 15th September 2024
Gough Whitlam Park, Bayview Ave, Earlwood NSW 2206

The FIAT Club of NSW would like to invite all members to bring their FIAT's (of all models road or race) to this years Concorso d'Eleganza (cars of any standard welcome)

NOTE: Featured Models celebrating an anniversary are:
FIAT 850 (60yrs) / FIAT 131 (50yrs)

entry free for club members

cars to be on display by: 9:30am
judging commences: 10:00am
trophy presentation: 2:00pm



lunch break (write up)

9th June 2024

Silverwater Hotel @ Silverwater



This FIAT Club of NSW club lunch was held on the Sunday of the King's Birthday Long Weekend. Many Sydneyiders having chosen to escape the city during this period, left a few FIAT club members with traffic free roads to enjoy a catch up at the Silverwater Hotel.

This is a great family friendly club overlooking a park by the Parramatta River banks with plenty of off street private parking.

Our members enjoyed the club food and finished off by hanging out in the carpark talking about all things FIAT related.

A popular car to check out was Ross's 600. Very cute but tuff at the same time with the engine and exhaust upgrades.

We thank all who attended and look forward to seeing many more members with their families at future events to celebrate our 75th Anniversary.

Ciao **Giovanni Ciampa**
(social events co-ordinator)
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coffee break (write up)

26th May 2024

By the Bay Cafe @ Carrs Park



Our coffee break at By the Bay Cafe in Carrs Park is a great location for families to catch up for breakfast. The bay provided a stunning back drop while the park has fantastic kids facilities, so next time I'll be bringing my family along.

It's always nice to catchup with fellow club members, but the highlight is obviously hanging out in the carpark after our coffee and chatting about our cars. The standout car that you don't see a lot on our roads is fellow club member Tony's Lancia Integrale Finale Edition.

It is refreshing to have club members invite friends to join in our events. David invited his close friend who brought his very original Mazda RX7. This was a time warp experience, both inside and out.

We thank all who attended and look forward to seeing many more members at future events to celebrate our 75th Anniversary.

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FIAT Club of NSW Track Day – Luddenham Raceway

The Fiat Club NSW track day held on Saturday April 20 at the Luddenham Raceway was well attended by club members and invited guests. The track is tight and twisty but well suited to the drivers and their cars with some of the more powerful vehicles getting up to some impressive speed. Around 40 drivers made their way out to the track and by all accounts they thoroughly enjoyed it with many looking forward to the next track day planned later in the year.

Thanks to Giovanni and the team for organising the event, to Mastertouch Automotive for lunch and to all the members and drivers who turned up to drive or watch the proceedings.



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FIAT Club of NSW Track Day – Luddenham Raceway





gelato break (write up)

28th April 2024

Gelato Messina HQ @ Marrickville



Gelato always seems to be a popular draw card for our club members. Messina Gelato HQ provided a great place to hang out amongst our cars and enjoy amazing refreshing gelato flavours.

We had an interesting array of cars turn up, both FIAT and non FIAT.

The highlight, definately was one of our club members driving in their beautiful FIAT 500 with suicide doors. The colour on this car you could almost taste... it looked beautiful in Pistacchio!

We thank all who attended and look forward to seeing many more members at future events to celebrate our 75th Anniversary.

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coffee break (write up)

14th April 2024

Cafe 4TY7 @ Ermington



A great turn out of club members with their families turned up for coffee and breakfast at Cafe 4TY7 in Ermington.

The variety of FIAT models parked in front of the cafe drew alot of attention. One member even drove up in a Lotus Elan Sprint! Many curious people stayed to look around and asked us many questions about our cars and our club. It really created an exciting vibe.

The highlight for me was seeing my 3 year old son enjoying himself, walking around the cars and taking 'extra close' detail photos of each car.

We thank all who attended and look forward to seeing many more members at future events to celebrate our 75th Anniversary.

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Chestnut Picking (write up)

24th March 2024

Nutwood Farm @ Mount Irvine



A small group of club members braved the early morning start to drive 88kms for the 1hr 35mins cruise up the Bells Line of Road to Mount Irvine to visit Nutwood Farm for some Chest Nut picking.

For those that haven't experienced this before, it is a great way to enjoy the company of friends out in green open fields collecting fallen chestnuts which then need popping out of their husks and placing in your bucket to later enjoy at home.

Chestnuts taste great roasted on an open fire!

We hope those who attended enjoyed the drive and the light work involved with collecting these delicious natural treats.

We look forward to seeing many more club members at future events to celebrate our 75th Anniversary.

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burger break (write up)

10th March 2024

Chubb's Brookvale @ Brookvale



This burger break saw us change venue at the last minute due to the previous venue closing down permanently!

Lucky for us this replacement venue was up the street in the same suburb.

We had a great turn out of club members in a variety of FIAT models. One member drove their ALFA Mito, which looked awesome under the street lights.

The highlight of the evening was the 500 restomod. This car has a very unique paint colour which pops in day light and sparkles in the evening stars.

Thanks to everyone who came along. We look forward to seeing more of our club members at future events celebrating this milestone year together!

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Those who attended the **FIAT 123** event
had a great time. Join them this for this one.
And hear more of the plans for 2026

The event will be based at Tuncurry Memorial Hall

Proposed program

Fri 8th: Welcome and Registration
Evening social gathering

Sat 9th: Coffee and meet at the Event Hub
Assemble for drive and lunch
Afternoon free time/beach?
Evening display under lights

Sun 10th: Coffee and meet at the Event Hub
Assemble for drive and lunch
Event dinner and awards

Mon 11th: Coffee and meet at the Event Hub
Remembrance Day Service
Event closing ceremony at the Hub



New 2025 Fiat Grande Panda revealed

Carsales.com

Longer, wider, taller take on the Fiat Panda to be offered with electric and petrol power

Fiat has unwrapped its all-new 2025 Fiat Grande Panda that will eventually replace the long-serving third-generation Panda city car, which was discontinued in Australia in 2015 but has been on sale globally for more than 12 years.

Named the Fiat Grande Panda to reflect its increase in size, the small Italian SUV is 450mm longer than the current Panda at 3990mm in overall length.

Based on parent Stellantis' STLA Smart Car platform, the new Grande Panda will be heavily related to the Citroen e-C3, with the electric version built to a price of just €25,000 (\$A40,400).

It will also have much in common with the new 2027 Jeep Renegade announced last week.

To be offered first in Europe, Africa and the Middle East, the compact five-door has not been confirmed for the Australian market but could possibly do well here if it had low pricing to go with its SUV styling.

Inspired by the Fiat Concept City Car that was shown off earlier this year, the boxy front-end design pays tribute to the first-generation Panda built from 1980 until 2003.

The production version of the Grande Panda adopts an updated take on the show car's pixelated front fascia, while the headlights feature an X-shape made up of 11 LED pixels.

The X theme is repeated on the 17-inch alloy wheels, while the higher ride height, black plastic wheel-arches and roof rails suggest that the model we're

looking at could be a rugged replacement for the current Panda 4x4.

No interior pictures have been released yet, but it's expected to have a more conventional design compared to the sparse cabin of the 2024 concept, picking

up where the latest Fiat 500e left off.

The Grande Panda will be available with either full-electric powertrains or conventional combustion engines with mild-hybrid assistance.

The latter is expected to include a 1.2-litre three-cylinder PureTech petrol engine that alone produces 100kW but also combines with a 21kW electric motor, a six-speed dual-clutch transmission and a small battery.

The electric version, meanwhile, could replicate the Citroen's powertrain with a front-mounted e-motor good for 83kW – and a 44kWh lithium iron phosphate

(LFP) battery that should provide a range of up to 320km.

Later on, cheaper EVs versions could follow that will downsize the battery for a more modest 200km

range.

It's expected a proper all-wheel drive version will also be available that will mimic the set-up used by the latest Jeep Avenger 4xe hybrid.

If so, expect a 100kW 1.2-litre turbo-petrol engine to combine with a six-speed dual-clutch auto and two 21kW electric motors – one on each axle.

Incredibly, Fiat has already announced that instead of pensioning off

the current Panda it will continue building the already ancient hatch under the Pandina name until at least 2030.

Pricing and launch timing for the Fiat Grande Panda have yet to be announced, but the new SUV is expected on sale in Europe before the end of this year.



How sweet is this little roofless version of the Fiat Topolino?

Story by Greg Potts (topgear)

www.msn.com/en-gb/cars/news

Fingers crossed those Fiat Topolinos that were seized by Italian customs in May have been released, because we



want our one to be transformed by coachbuilder Castagna Milano. Never before has a set of renders melted so many TG hearts in one go.

Fiat Topolino Castagna Milano Top Gear© Provided by Top Gear

The Italian coachbuilder has form in this department – it recently chopped the top off an electric Fiat 500 and added much wood, but the Topolino makes for an even cuter little *spiaggina* vehicle. Well, it does if you live within around 20 miles of said beach since its 5.5kWh battery only provides a maximum of 47 miles of range.

Fiat Topolino Castagna Milano Top Gear© Provided by Top Gear

Castagna Milano has said that it'll build short and long versions of its decked out Topolino, with the short transformation starting at €25,000 and the longer, yacht-like one at €35,000. We'd go for the extended version with room for a bucket



and spade in the back.

"Topolino puts on his favourite wood and goes to sea in short and long version. Finally a Spiaggina for everyone," says the coachbuilder's press announcement. Too cute.

(photos by Topgear)

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Rare Flat bonnet **1970, 1600cc Fiat Spider**, Leather upholstery, Chromadora mags, fully restored to original condition. Has won Fiat Club Concorso twice as well as second place.

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For Sale

I'll be putting up my late father's Red 2017 Abarth 124 for sale soon. 45,000km, Manual, Immaculate condition, always garaged and factory Recaro seats. Looking at about 40k.

If you're interested let me know.

Contact Glen Smith;

email - gts85r@gmail.com,

mob - 0415345208



For Sale

A set of 5 - genuine Cromodora CD5 wheels in good condition. Suitable for Fiat 124, 125, 128, 850 etc... 13s x 5". Rare and becoming difficult to find. Pick up only, or postage / courier at buyers cost. Tyres are to be discarded, no bolts.

Open to reasonable offers. Call Nick Filippetto Mob: 0431 365 256



2024-25 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ARE DUE FOR RENEWAL AS OF JULY 1 2024

Renewal is particularly important for those taking advantage of the Club's Historic Vehicle Registration. If you aren't a financial member of a registered car club, your car insurance/registration may not be valid.

Membership fees remain unchanged.

When renewing your membership, please ensure that you use the updated 2024-25 Membership Form which you will find at the back of this magazine. The form is also available on our website www.fiatclubnsw.com.au.

As usual, please email the completed and signed form to membership@fiatclubnsw.com.au, or mail to PO Box 3034, Bangor, NSW. 2234. Payment is via EFT or cheque. We do not have credit card facilities for payment at this stage.

All information required for renewal is printed on the membership form.

We thank you for your past membership and support of the Fiat Club NSW.

Any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Cheryl Sandrin

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