

# FIAT focus

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

## *2024 Fiat Nationals Report*



*Coming up;*

*Fiat Club Concorso, Sunday October 20*

*Fiat Club NSW 75th Anniversary Lunch, Sunday November 24*



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## Track Day 2

Sunday 17th November 2024

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8:00am check in / 9:00am start / 2:00pm finish

The FIAT Club of NSW would like to invite you  
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( all cars welcomed )

**cost: \$260 per driver**

please make payments to: FIAT CLUB OF NSW

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please also provide your RSVP: [events@fiatclubnsw.com.au](mailto:events@fiatclubnsw.com.au)

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- passengers / spectators are welcomed at a cost of \$20pp
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# 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**  
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thanking our members, past, present and future!

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**Cover; The Fiat Nationals were held in August and the winner of the Fiat of Italy Cup was Glenn Smith in his 128 rail. (Photo; Lorenzo Aventi)**

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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
<b>September 2024</b>		
Sun 29th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - 4T7 Cafe (Ermington)	Yes
<b>October 2024</b>		
Sun 13th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - By The Bay Café (Carss Park)	Yes
Sun 20th	FIAT Club NSW Annual Concorso 'd' Eleganza, Gough Whitlam Park, Earlwood	Yes
Sun 27th	Norton Street Italian Festa - Leichhardt	
Sun 27th	FIAT Club Fish'n'Chips Break - Chubby Fish, Allambie Heights	Yes
<b>November 2024</b>		
Sun 3rd	2024 Fiat Club NSW Motorkhana Championship Rd 7	Yes
Thur 8th - Mon 11th	Fiat 125 Rally (organised by the Fiat Car club of Victoria) - Forster Tuncurry, NSW. <i>See flyer and newsletter on pages 18-19 for details.</i>	no
Sun 10th	FIAT Club Gelato Break - The Gelato Factory (Bundeena)	Yes
Sun 17th	FIAT Club Track Day 2 - Luddenham Raceway (9.00am to 2.00 pm)	Yes
Sun 24th	FIAT Club of NSW 75th Anniversary Lunch - Le Montage (The Gallery), Lilyfield	Yes
<b>December 2024</b>		
Sun 15th	Cherry Picking / George & Sue's Cherry Farm (7 Melrose Drive, Raglan NSW)	Yes
<b>February 2025</b>		
Fri 7th-Sun 9th	Gnoo Blas Classic Car Show - Orange, NSW	no

### Invited Events

- **Two Oceans Tour, Western Australia** - 10 to 20 October 2024, organised by the Fiat Lancia Club of Western Australia.

[www.twooceanstour.org.au](http://www.twooceanstour.org.au)

Details at the back of this magazine.

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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 OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 \*BOOKINGS REQUIRED\*

**MEET:** McDonald's Garling Rd. Off 224 Sunnyholt Rd. Kings Park. **TIME:** From 10.30am onwards, or meet at venue.

**DEPART:** 11.15am. **LUNCH:** 12.15pm. **WHERE:** The Butlers Pantry, 41b Yobarnie Ave North Richmond.

LEAVING McDONALD'S LEFT: Sunnyholt rd LEFT: Old Windsor Rd. at lights

CONTINUE AHEAD: into Windsor Rd. to McGrath's Hill

LEFT: Groves Ave. (McDonalds corner) & continue into Hawkesbury Valley Way & Windsor St. to Richmond.

LEFT: at lights East Market St.

RIGHT: at lights March St. (McDonalds on the left) & continue into Kurrajong Rd. & Bells Line of Road.

CROSS: Richmond Bridge, Pass North Richmond Shopping Village, Aldi & Ray White.

NEXT LEFT AT LIGHTS: Grose Vale Rd. Continue through school roundabout.

RIGHT: at next roundabout, Yobarnie Ave. REDBANK on wall. & continue through flat roundabout (or over it) at lake.

LEFT: Village Lane (private rd) Opposite Caring 4 Kids. Venue & parking area on your left or on street parking .

#### \*CAUTION, VARIOUS SPEED ZONES\*

#### NOVEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>. Second Tuesday REMEMBRANCE DAY RUN. CONCORD WEST

Local Club Lunch. \*BOOKINGS REQUIRED BY 5.11.2024\*

#### DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>. CHRISTMAS LUNCH. Kellyville Ridge. \*BOOKINGS REQUIRED BY 26.11.2024\*

**JANUARY: 7<sup>th</sup> 2025** T.B.A. Details, Allana Flynn –O'Neile Ph: 0417 709 470 Email: al-lanaflynn17@gmail.com

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### Oasis Club Invited Events

**SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>** The Antique & Classic Motor Club invite you to join them on a visit to The Wollondilly Heritage Centre & Museum at The Oaks. Details, Kathleen Toovey ph: 0423 692 802.

**NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>** Linnwood House Open Day & Car Display etc. 25 Byron Rd Guildford.

Details: Dorothy : 0412 606 644 (or Les 9838 8063)

# President's Report

I find myself in the very fortunate position of attending the Singapore Grand Prix, a last minute consideration and offer from one of my children who lives and works up there to pop up for the weekend, and so I am literally writing this on the plane. I didn't need a lot of convincing. Firstly to see my Son up there and catch up with him but secondly because Oscar Piastrri has set the F1 scene on it's ear with his recent performances with a truly fantastic win in Baku last weekend. The Australian wunderkind is going to be a superstar with his driving talent - that is the generally held view and prediction, but I'm particularly impressed with his Kimi-style of behavior. Unlike some drivers who yahoo and scream into the car microphone if they win or do well, Oscar calmly thanks his team and points out what they might improve on next time. Its great to watch. (And ok a third reason is that Kylie Minogue is a headline act at the F1 on Saturday night...!).

Back to Fiat Club musings and my first item is an acknowledgement of the recently hosted "Fiat of Italy" Motorkhana Cup and "mini Fiat Nationals" weekend. We were fortunate to have some Victorian and South Australian Fiat Club friends attend and join us for the motorkhana competition, Saturday BBQ luncheon and evening dinner and prize giving. Strength in numbers across all classes (and no doubt good driving) saw NSW win the Cup back, with Glenn Smith at the top of the time sheets as the overall individual winner. Good work and thank you to all who helped organise and run the event - in particular Marty Gallard and Michael McGeorge, and their better halves Bec and Naomi.

Some notable events to look forward to in the coming months. The Concorso was postponed to the 20th October because of wet weather when originally schedule a week or so back, so mark the calendar and come on out on the day. Its a combined event with the Alfa and Lancia clubs and is a great day of Italian cars, Italian food and catching up with other club members and friends.

We have our second Luddenham Club Track day on Sunday the 17th of November. If you attended our last one a few months back - you no doubt found it a terrific day and will be bursting to get out there again. And if you didn't, do yourself a favour and participate this time. Normal road cars are all you need and we will have some driving instructors out there on the day to help show you around the track if you're a first timer.

And lastly our 75th Anniversary Luncheon on the Xxx. Special discounts apply for Club members and this has already proven very popular but we still have some seats available. So be quick to snap them up. This is going to be a Gala celebration event for this special Club birthday year - fine food, a car display and again mingling with like minded friends. One not to be missed.

Details for all of these events listed above along with our usual fare of events like gelato and Coffee runs are included elsewhere in the magazine.

All for now.

Go Oscar

Stay safe

Dave.

## New Members

**A warm welcome to the following enthusiasts:**

Nik Williamson & Emma Sheard - 1968 Fiat 500F

Nick & Angela Vlahadamis - 1969 Fiat 500

Michael & Julie Tozzi - 2017 Fiat Abarth, 1970 Fiat 125

Victor Fenech - 1963 Fiat Station Wagon

Cameron Beard - 2020 Fiat 500 Hatch

Frank Vasile - 1981 Fiat 131 Coupe

Garry Wilkinson - 2018 Abarth 124 Spider

Troy Workman

Cassie Smith

Jasper Lowe

Brittany Filipetto



thanking our members, past, present and future!

## Editorial

**The Fiat of Italy Cup** has been run for another year and it turned out to be quite a success. A good number of visitors from Victoria and a couple from South Australia came along for the weekend which included a motorkhana, a Saturday night dinner and the Shannons Sydney Classic on Sunday.

There were a large number of competitors in the Rails and Specials class, many of them being juniors that have come through the ranks. I thoroughly enjoyed competing in the motorkhana again and I found that I am keen to try some more events locally and also look forward to the next Nationals.

Many thanks to the volunteers and our interstate visitors who helped make the event a success.

**The Fiat Club of NSW Annual Concorso** has been rescheduled to occur on Sunday 20th of October. This is one of the most anticipated club events of the year and I look forward to seeing as many members showcase their classic Fiat on the day. This year is the 60th anniversary since the release of the Fiat 850 and the 50th anniversary for the Fiat 131. We would love to see any member who has these models to bring them along to the concorso.

We hope the weather remains favorable, unlike last month when rain caused the event to be cancelled. The weather is a common problem for clubs organising their display days as many events held on parklands have been cancelled over the years due to the weather.

The cancelled event did provide some opportunities to attend other events that day which included the rescheduled **National Motoring Heritage Day** at Berry. Some club members went to Berry for the day which turned out to be cold and windy even though the sun was out. Club member, Alyn Vincent was there in his Fiat 2300S Coupe and was pleasantly surprised to find that he had won the Outstanding Merit Award for his immaculate coupe. Congratulations to you Alyn.

A few members also attended the **All British Day** at Clarendon near Richmond. Again it was a bit cool and windy, however, for those who like looking at old, vintage, classic cars it was a chance to go to a show with some friends and chat with the various owners about their cars. I managed to catch up with a few friends from various car clubs while I was there.

**The second Track Day at Luddenham** organised by the club will be held on Sunday 11th of November and we are hoping to see as many members there on the day. The first track day attracted many drivers and a number of you said they would love to be part of the next one so here is your chance - don't miss out. If we get enough drivers on the day you can look forward to more such events next year. See the flyer on page 2 for details

**The Fiat Club of NSW 75th Anniversary Lunch** is on Sunday 24th of November and the club looks forward to commemorating this milestone with you. If you haven't confirmed your booking please do so as soon as possible. Tickets have been subsidised and are only \$50 each for members. Details on page 3.

**The Fiat 125 Rally**, celebrating 125 years of the Fiat Marque, is being organised by the Fiat Car Club of Victoria and they are inviting Fiat Club of NSW members to the event. This year it will be held in NSW Forster Tuncurry region from Friday 8 to Monday 11 of November so it is not too far away. Details and itinerary can be found in this magazine and even if you can't do the whole event try and make it on one of the days it is on and say hi! Some NSW members have already confirmed their participation and we look forward to hearing how it all goes.

**For all Fiat Club of NSW activities, check out the club calendar on page 6.**

# FIAT Nationals Report



The Fiat Nationals were held over the weekend of August 24-25 and hosted by the Fiat Club of NSW. The battle for the Fiat of Italy Cup was to be held on the Saturday at Ansell Park followed by a presentation dinner latter in the evening. On Sunday, interstate visitors were invited to join the NSW Fiat Club at the annual Shannons Sydney Classic display at Sydney Motorsport Park. The reduced event format was organised to ensure that some gathering of Fiat Clubs could be achieved and for the Fiat of Italy Cup to be contested.

It was 60 years ago in 1964 that the first Fiat of Italy Cup was contested between the Fiat Clubs from NSW and Victoria in the city of Wagga Wagga. In subsequent years other Fiat clubs from around the country have joined in from time to time with the event held every year since then except when Covid forced its cancellation from 2020 to 2022.

## Fiat of Italy Cup Motorkhana.

Saturday morning started off a little cool compared to the recent warm weather Sydney experienced for August. The



Fiat of Italy Cup motorkhana was to be held at Ansell Park for the second time. The first being in 1999 which coincided with the Fiat Club of NSW's 50th anniversary. This year the Club is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

A good number of competitors, officials and spectators attended the event with 32 drivers (20 from NSW and 12 from Victoria) vying for the Cup with another 6 joining in on the fun utilising the "come and try" day licence. The different classes consisted of Class F - Rails, 5 entrants; Class E - Specials, 11

entrants; Class D - FWD small, 6 entrants; Class C - FWD large, 9 entrants and one lone competitor in Class A (Fiat 124 Sport).

The day started off with sign-on, scrutineering and a drivers briefing before the 10.00 a.m. start, four tests in the morning and four in the afternoon following the lunch break.

Competition commenced on a damp and slippery surface making traction a little more difficult to maintain as the cars slid around the flags. After an hour or so, things warmed up and the track began to dry out as dust started to be thrown up by the faster cars.

Action was non stop over the two fields, Spectators and drivers

were entertained by the skills (or gallant efforts) displayed by the competitors. The morning had gone well with the banter at lunch time being about the fun we were all having as well as club members and friends catching up and newcomers getting introduced to the atmosphere good nature of the event.

Lunch over, a second drivers briefing and then everyone got back into it. The action continued for

old hands and novices alike with competitors trying to shave that extra tenth of a second of their time, looking at the map wondering how they achieved a wrong direction penalty or where that flag was before it was knocked down.

The day had become quite warm as the scream of revving engines could be heard through the clouds of dust that were thrown up. Just after 3 p.m., the final competitor had completed their run and it was time now to pack up, wash cars and drivers and prepare for the presentation dinner later that evening. In the meantime results would be tallied to find out who won trophies and which team would win the Fiat of Italy Cup.

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# FIAT Nationals Report

Congratulations to the Fiat Club of NSW in winning the Cup for 2024 and many thanks to the Fiat Car Club of Victoria for providing a strong team to make the contest a close run thing. FCNSW scored 50 points to the FCCVic 46 points.

Glenn Smith won the individual outright trophy for the ninth time. The class winners were as follows;

- Class A: Ian Maude, VIC, Fiat 124 AC Sport
- Class C: Nick Filippetto, NSW, Fiat Ritmo
- Class D: Nick Ellis, VIC, Fiat 500
- Class E: Martin Gallard, NSW, Fiat 126
- Class F: Glenn Smith, NSW, Fiat 128 Rail

The novice award went to Travis McGeorge. The Junior trophy went to Hayley McGeorge.

## Shannons Sydney Classic, Sydney Motorsport Park.

The third part of the weekend (after the previous days motorkhana and presentation dinner) was on Sunday at the CMC (Council of Motor Clubs NSW) Sydney Classic car show sponsored by Shannons. Our interstate visitors were invited to join us at this annual event and it was a pleasure to have them come along with their cars to display.

vendor stalls, entertainment and a couple of parade laps to boot

So ended another successful Fiat Nationals weekend. Despite the reduced format, it was enjoyed by everyone who attended. I certainly did.



Thanks must be given to those volunteers who helped with administration and officiating; Mike Coles, Alan Pickering, Ross Di Bartolo, Diane Smith, Graham Mumby, Steve Gorman, Lisa Carter, Sharon Bailey, Ian Allison, Lindsey Cox, Dean Martin, Greg Jones, David Hussey, Mick Arts, Ben Brown & Susan Halliburton. Thanks to The Wollongong Sporting Car Club for supplying the clerk of course, and a big thanks to Martin Gallard and Michael McGeorge organising the event so that Fiat Club fans could enjoy another Nationals event.

An many thanks to the Victorian and



Five cars from the previous day's event were on display in the second pit area, just across from the main Fiat Club display. These were a collection of the specials that competed the previous day and would have attracted some attention being purpose built racing machines.

It turned out to be another great day with fine autumn weather and lots to see and do including car club displays,

South Australian members who travelled to be part of the 2024 Fiat Nationals.

*Lorenzo Aventi*



# FIAT Nationals Fiat of Italy Motorkhana Results

## FIAT of Italy Cup

	State Club	No. of Entrants	Score
<b>First</b>	Fiat Club of NSW	20	50
<b>Second</b>	Fiat Car Club of Victoria	12	46

## Summary Provisional Results

Class/Place	First	Time	Second	Time	Third	Time
<b>Outright</b>	Glenn Smith	312.09	Robert Judd	319.66	Martin Gallard	330.51
<b>A</b>	Ian Maude	382.02	-	-	-	-
<b>C</b>	Nick Filipetto	354.94	Dave Flipetto	385.73	Tony Tyzack	390.41
<b>D</b>	Kieth Ellis	362.17	Rob Jorgenson	369.62	Drew Carter	373.13
<b>E</b>	Martin Gallard	330.51	Tony Russell	338.52	Travis McGeorge	340.44
<b>F</b>	Glenn Smith	312.09	Robert Judd	319.66	Paul Freame	335.12
<b>Couple</b>	R & D Judd	319.66	M & R Gallard	330.51	P & R Freame	335.12
<b>Novice</b>	Travis McGeorge	340.44	Drew Carter	373.13	Russel Matthews	381.02
<b>Junior</b>	Hayley McGeorge	406.07	Mark Freame	424.29	Abbie Gallard	429.88

## FIAT of Italy Cup 2024, Saturday 24 August, full provisional results

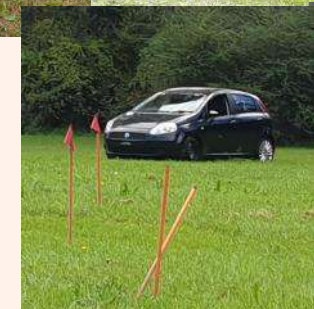
Outright	Class Place	Class	State Points	Entrant	Club	Car #	Total Time	Fluer-De-Lis	Tee Garage	World Tour	Accordian	Crossover	Star	Double Bone	Big Eyes
1	1	F	9	Glenn Smith	NSW	36	312.1	21.34	38.93	33.44	42.22	54.68	26.56	38.20	56.72
2	2	F	6	Robert Judd	VIC	37	319.7	22.85	37.53	35.41	45.78	52.59	27.46	37.65	60.39
3	1	E	9	Martin Gallard	NSW	22	330.5	21.99	38.32	33.03	51.53	52.13	27.76	38.21	67.54
4	3	F	4	Paul Freame	VIC	33	335.1	24.16	37.41	34.47	46.34	54.85	27.58	47.96 G	62.35
5	4	F		Bill Freame	VIC	38	337.4	25.72	38.00	37.10	44.97	56.40	28.91	39.85	66.45
6	2	E	6	Tony Russell	VIC	20	338.5	23.35	39.43	32.97	52.53	53.00	28.58	45.10 wd	63.56
7	3	E	4	Travis McGeorge	NSW	35	340.4	23.14	37.69	33.56	50.09	54.90	27.72	40.10	73.24 F
8	4	E	3	Michael McGeorge	NSW	21	342.3	22.16	40.13	33.15	58.97	52.82	27.40	37.69	69.99
9	5	E	2	Phil East	NSW	25	349.3	22.50	59.90 wd	33.50	49.50	54.41	28.50	37.89	63.09
10	1	C	9	Nick Filipetto	NSW	6	354.9	26.53	40.25	37.44	58.06	57.00	31.72	40.94	63.00
11	1	D	9	Keith Ellis	VIC	14	362.2	26.20	42.00	43.37	54.54	58.63	30.94	41.79	64.70
12	5	F		Debra Judd	VIC	32	363.7	24.88	43.75	37.82	50.00	62.28	31.07	42.44	71.45 wd
13	2	D	6	Rob Jorgensen	VIC	16	369.6	27.83	51.41	38.00	56.87	59.03	31.88	41.65	62.95
14	3	D	4	Drew Carter	NSW	13	373.1	27.52	41.00	41.85	61.82	59.06	33.83	43.29	64.76
15	4	D		Russell Matthews	NSW	23	381.0	25.16	46.44	38.69	58.75	59.40	31.77	43.57	77.24
16	1	A	9	Ian Maud	VIC	4	382.0	26.66	42.56	39.65	61.87	65.72 F	34.10	42.55	68.91
17	2	C	6	Dave Flipetto	NSW	1	385.7	24.90	47.69 F	38.19	56.28	61.5 F	45.48 G	41.69	70.00
18	6	E	1	Naomi McGeorge	NSW	26	389.6	25.60	41.38	37.31	54.18	58.53	29.92	39.40	103.28 wd
19	7	E		Rebecca Gallard	NSW	28	389.7	23.94	47.66	42.31 wd	63.03	56.06	37.99 wd	39.92	78.74
20	3	C	4	Tony Tyzack	VIC	15	390.4	25.32	42.19	38.10	56.50	72.37 wd	39.75 wd	49.18	67.00
21	4	C	3	Grahame Bailey	NSW	2	394.2	40.72 wd	42.31	40.03	58.38	58.50	34.75	43.72	75.76
22	5	C	2	Ruth Freame	VIC	7	399.5	28.10	59.62	41.50	58.91	62.57	32.77	46.30	69.76
23	6	C		Roger Malcolm	NSW	12	403.2	26.79	41.66	38.66	56.66	61.56	39.75 wd	57.00 wd	81.11
24	8	E		Hayley McGeorge(J)	NSW	30	406.1	27.01	47.34	40.65	58.72	66.91	34.8	47.66	82.98
25	5	D		Austin Carter	NSW	17	408.4	30.39	41.85	48.19	57.22	61.75	33.91	51.28 F	83.80 2F
26	7	C		Kevin Halliburton	NSW	10	409.2	29.09	43.44	46.50 wd	58.97	65.38	39.75 wd	47.51	78.6
27	6	D		Brad Matthews	NSW	31	410.4	26.01	51.69	40.25	56.63	66.75 wd	39.93	46.93	82.24 wd
28	9	E		Luke Bailey	NSW	29	414.6	22.89	54.90	36.09	59.66	57.91	32.99	51.92 F	98.28
29	8	C		Mark Freame(J)	VIC	3	424.3	27.90	45.27	44.31	78.40	72.37wd	33.98	49.00	73.06
30	10	E		Abbie Gallard(J)	NSW	34	429.9	26.79	59.90 wd	42.31 wd	72.10	63.72	38.21	45.84	81.01
31	9	C		Noel Tyzack(J)	VIC	11	441.9	35.72	53.84	46.50 wd	60.57	67.37	39.75 wd	52.52	86.11 wd
32	11	E		Ella Gallard(J)	NSW	24	585.0	37.67	92.50 F	62.93	76.38	96.28	49.85	66.31	103.05

### Other Drivers

Class	Entrant	Club	Car #	Time
E	Trent Malcolm	NSW	18	336.7
C	Lorenzo Aventi	NSW	8	372.5
D	Aaron Carter	NSW	9	376.4
D	Calvin Carter	NSW	5	412.2
D	Nick Keable	NSW	19	432.3
D	Lee Smetanin	NSW	27	434.3



# FIAT Nationals Photos





# coffee break (write up)

14th July 2024

Thr Grid Cafe @ Oran Park



This coffee break out at Oran Park is a popular spot due to its historic connection to motor sport in Sydney.

The weather was great for a drive, which saw a good mix of club members turn up. It's nice to see a mix of cars. In particular, Ross turned up with his earlier model RX7 rather than his well know 600.

My 3 year old son really enjoys coming along to these FIAT Club catch ups as he gets to take photos of the cars. Particularly close up detailed shots!

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)  
FIAT CLUB of NSW Inc



# lunch break (write up)

28th July 2024

Cavallino @ Terrey Hills



This years Xmas in July lunch event was held at Cavallino, out at Terrey Hills. A location we have attended many times before and very easy for parking our club cars.

The weather was great for a drive, which saw a group of 20 people attending, being a mix of club members with their families and friends.

After lunch many hung around the carpark enjoying the afternoon sun while admiring our cars and exchanging stories of our latest fixes or dreams of what we would buy next... if we had unlimited funds!

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**  
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Coffee Break!

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



**When:** Sunday 29th September 2024

**Where:** Cafe 4TY7  
47 Boronia Street,  
Ermington NSW 2115

**Time:** 8:00am - 10:00am



## Coffee Break!

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



**When:** Sunday 13th October 2024

**Where:** By the Bay Cafe & Grill  
07 Carwar Avenue,  
Carss Park NSW 2221

**Time:** 8:00am - 10:00am



## Fish 'n' Chip Break!

come join like minded **FIAT** enthusiasts enjoy hot fish n chips celebrating our clubs 75th Anniversary



**When:** Sunday 27th October 2024

**Where:** Chubby Fish  
7/141-151 Allambie Road,  
Allambie Heights NSW 2100

**Time:** 6:00pm - 9:00pm



## Concorso d'Eleganza

Sunday 20th October 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**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Gelato Break!

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



**When:** Sunday 10th November 2024

**Where:** The Gelato Factory by Charlie  
Shop 3 / 96 Loftus Street,  
Bundeena NSW 2230

**Time:** 10:00am - 12:00noon



**Cherry Picking**  
Sunday 15th December 2024  
George & Sue's Cherry Farm  
7 Melrose Drive, Raglan ,NSW 2795  
(travel time: 2hr 20mins / distance 166kms)

The FIAT Club of NSW would like to invite you to a family friendly drive day, **cherry picking** to celebrate its 75th Anniversary together

itinerary: 8:30am / meet up point: Prospect Hotel carpark  
( 3 Great Western Hwy, Prospect, NSW 2148 )  
9:00am / convoy drives off from meet up point to connect onto the M4  
11:00am / arrive at destination (George & Sue's Cheerry Farm )

everyone will be free to enjoy cherry picking (bring cash as eftpos may not work)  
also, please bring your own packed lunch to enjoy the green open grounds of the farm before driving safely home at your own pace



## Track Day 2

Sunday 17th November 2024  
821-849 Luddenham Road,  
Luddenham, NSW 2745

8:00am check in / 9:00am start / 2:00pm finish

The FIAT Club of NSW would like to invite you to a **Private Track Day** to celebrate its 75th Anniversary together  
( all cars welcomed )

cost: \$260 per driver

please make payments to: FIAT CLUB OF NSW

BSB: 082-067  
Acc. 03 665 7020

please also provide your RSVP: [events@fiatclubnsw.com.au](mailto:events@fiatclubnsw.com.au)

- note: if you choose to share your car with other drivers, we need to know so we can allocate each driver to separate track sessions to maximise your time on the track
- passengers / spectators are welcomed at a cost of \$20pp
- helmet hire is available at the track \$20pp



**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



# FIAT 125 YEARS

**Forster-Tuncurry NSW**

**November 8-11, 2024**

Enjoy a national social gathering of FIAT enthusiasts celebrating the 125th anniversary of the brand.

FIAT vehicles of any age and condition welcomed.

Drives, dinners and displays in a wonderful beachside location situated a few hours north of Sydney, a great drive to get there and plenty to enjoy in the area.

Register for updates:  
[fiatcentral.victoria@gmail.com](mailto:fiatcentral.victoria@gmail.com)



Accommodation: A full range available close to the Hub

Special rates will be published shortly  
for all tastes and budgets.

Register your interest to get on the update list.  
Roger Beattie (President, FCCV)  
email: [fiatcentral.victoria@gmail.com](mailto:fiatcentral.victoria@gmail.com)  
phone: +61 400 177278

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



## Fiat suspends production of electric 500 city car for ONE MONTH due to slump in demand for EVs

Story by Rob Hul [www.msn.com](http://www.msn.com)

Italian car maker Fiat has told the workforce on its electric 500 assembly line to down tools for a month due to lack of demand for the battery-powered city cars.

Its parent company Stellantis said on Thursday it would suspend production of the fully electric Fiat 500e for four weeks due to sluggish demand.

The 500 is made in Turin, the birthplace of the Fiat brand, at the historic Mirafiori plant.

The suspension of production will start on Friday, Stellantis said, adding it was 'working hard to manage at its best this hard phase of transition'.

As part of these efforts, the Franco-Italian group said it is investing €100million euros (£85million) in the Mirafiori plant to adopt a higher performance battery.

Changes to the factory are also afoot due to the decision to produce a hybrid version of the 500 electric model, starting between 2025 and 2026 - another reactionary move to tackle a slowdown in EV demand.

When Fiat discussed the reasons behind the decision to reintroduce a petrol-hybrid powerplant - something it originally said it would not do with the intention of the new 500 being electric only - it pointed to older drivers in particular not wanting to buy battery-powered vehicles.

Unions have long been asking Stellantis to relaunch the Mirafiori site, where output has slumped in recent years, including with the introduction of a new high-volume, cheap car.

'The Mirafiori complex is undergoing a deep transformation, with the aim of making it a true global innovation and development site, a key choice if we are to meet the challenge of the transition to sustainable mobility to which we are called,' Stellantis said.

Italy earlier this year launched a €1billion grant scheme to subsidise the cost of new EVs.

Fiat already has an e-Grant scheme of its

own in the UK, offering £3,000 towards the purchase of a new 500e, which starts from £21,995.

## Fiat Launches Tributo 125 Special Editions Across Brazilian Lineup

The Argo, Pulse, Fastback, Strada, And Toro gain special colors and finishes for Fiat's 125th birthday

by Thanos Pappas [carscoops.com](http://carscoops.com)

- All members of Fiat's Brazilian lineup are now available in Tributo 125 special editions.
- The Argo, Pulse, Fastback, Strada, and Toro gain unique colors and special badges.
- Brazil is one of Fiat's largest markets, with a local production of over 18 million units.

Fiat introduced "Tributo 125" editions of its entire model range in Brazil, as part of the celebrations for brand's 125th birthday in 2024. The models are based on the best-selling versions of the Argo hatchback, Pulse subcompact SUV, Fastback coupe-SUV, Strada and Toro pickups, enhanced with a special content package, new colors, and Tributo 125 emblems.



**Fiat Argo Tributo 125**

Interestingly, the local arm of Fiat describes the brand as "half-Brazilian, half-Italian", emphasizing the close ties with the South American country. Brazil is one of the most important markets for Fiat, something that is evident from the highly localized range and the fact that over 18 million Fiat vehicles have been produced in Brazilian factories over the years.

The special editions feature a white exterior (gray and black are also available), combined with a black roof, and dark-finished wheels. The pictured Alaska White shade with a pearlescent effect is offered for the first time in the Argo, Pulse, Fastback, and Strada.

Other unique touches include the darkened Fiat badges, the gold flag mounted on the grille, and the Tributo 125 emblems on the profile.

The interior is upholstered in genuine



**Fiat Pulse Tributo 125**

leather, with bronze inserts/accents and the Fiat flag finished in gold. Standard equipment is quite generous in all Tributo 125 special editions, including digital A/C and infotainment touchscreens (mostly the 10.1-inch unit).



**Fiat Strada Fastback Tributo 125**

The Tributo 125 models are already available to order in Brazil. Prices start from R\$93,990 (\$17,283) for the Argo small hatchback, R\$128,990 (\$23,719) for the Pulse subcompact SUV, R\$133,990 (\$24,639) for the Fastback coupe-SUV, R\$134,490 (\$24,731) for the Strada pickup, and R\$184,490 (\$33,925) for the Toro pickup.



**Fiat Strada Tributo 125**

This is not the first time Fiat celebrates an anniversary with special editions. Five years ago, the company introduced 120th editions of the Fiat 500, 500L, and 500X in Europe, with the small SUV also arriving in the US market.

## 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. **\$38,990.**

If you're interested let me know.

Contact Glen Smith;

email - [gts85r@gmail.com](mailto:gts85r@gmail.com),

mob - 0415345208



## Fiat UNO for sale

1992 Fiat Uno 70 SX 1.4 carbie model. Good condition, Has just had a brand new fuel tank fitted, new tyres this year. On Full NSW rego. Fun to drive.

I have no time for it so has to leave my care soonish.

**\$6500 ono**

Neal Vaughan

0418240786

View in North Sydney



## FOR SALE - 5 x OE FIAT 13 INCH WHEELS AND 4 MATCHING CHROME HUBCAPS

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**BANKING DETAILS:**

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**Historic Vehicle Registration Scheme**

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**Advertising rates for ClassiFIATs;**

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## Sponsor Advertising with the FIAT Club

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

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

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

- Half-page in FIAT Focus club magazine.
- Medium logo on the FIAT Club website.
- Post about your business on the FIAT Club of NSW Facebook group 8 times a calendar year.
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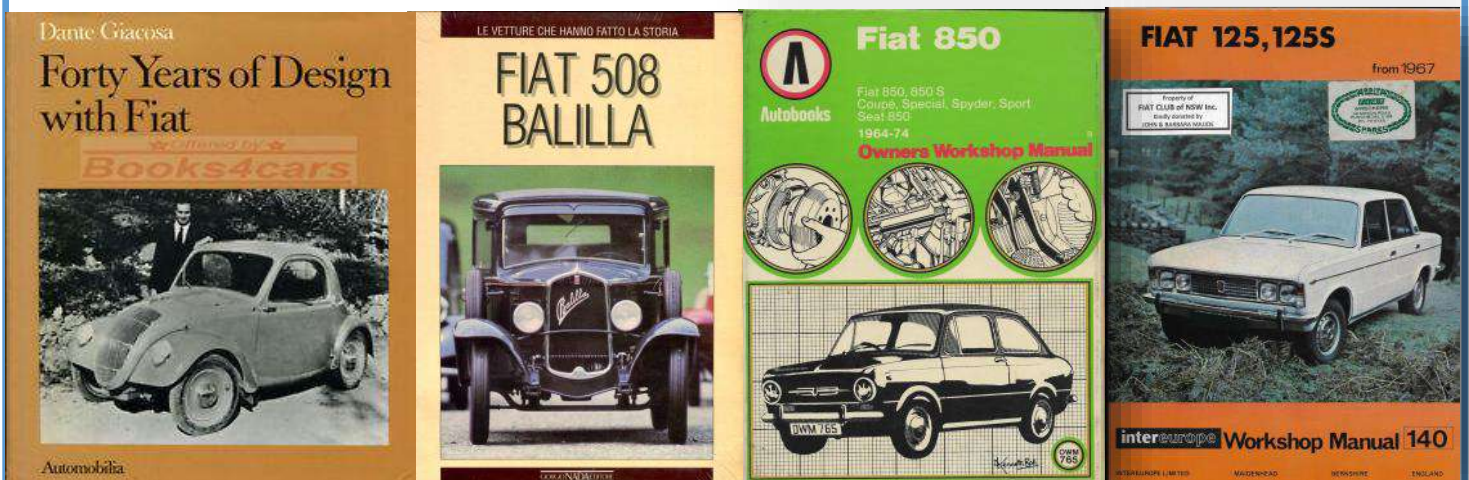
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- Large logo on the FIAT Club website.
- Post about your business on the FIAT Club of NSW Facebook group 12 times a calendar year.
- You can also reply to comment suggesting to use your business if relevant.

Contact the editor to place your advertisement.

## FIAT books available from the FIAT Club Library.

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I write to introduce you to the Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club Inc., more particularly to our Annual Classic Car Show to be held over three days, 7th 8th and 9th February 2025.

We are situated in Orange NSW and this event will be our 26th.

2025 we are celebrating 65 years of Touring Cars, which of course has its origin at our own Gnoo Blas Race Track.

Our Event is held over three days. Friday commences with a midday drive through town, to arrive at Mortimers Winery for an afternoon of wine tasting, and light snacks.

We return to Jack Brabham Park, at 6pm for a Free BBQ and Meet n Greet.

Saturday is our main event, with gates open from 0800.

We expect more than 800 vehicles of all descriptions to be on display, together with a wide range of Vendors and other attractions.

Saturday night we have a Dinner at the Orange Ex Services Club, commencing at 6pm. Our special guest for this year is Mr. Ray Berghouse, one of Touring Cars most respected Photographers, and past owner of Chevron Publishing.

Ray is going to share 65 years of Touring cars through his photos and stories.

Sunday see us meet at Cook Park in the middle of Orange, with a drive to Lake Canobolas for morning tea, and then back into town, to enjoy a pre-ordered lunch

at Waratahs Sports Club, where we will display our vehicles in their car park.

Glen Turner is our Events Coordinator, whose role is to oversee the Saturday event, taking responsibility for allocation of spaces for entrants and other participants.

It is a distinct advantage to pre-book for this event, and this can be completed through our website, noted below.

Please distribute this information to your members, it would be our privilege if you were able to participate and join with us as we celebrate our passion for the history not only of our Race Track but also share together our love for motoring.

Please do not hesitate to contact us by email if you have any questions about our City or this event.

([gnooblasclassiccarclub@gmail.com](mailto:gnooblasclassiccarclub@gmail.com))

Please find attached our Flyer for the 2025 Classic, together with a photo of our event held this year.

You can check out all of our current information on the clubs website - [www.gnooblas.com](http://www.gnooblas.com).

Looking forward to seeing you in 2025.

Bob Nash

Secretary

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