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Stay tuned to the website at fiatnationals.com.au for information and developments as they come to hand.

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Cover: Ross Di Bartolo's recently restored 1964 Fiat 500 on display at the Fiat Club Concorso d'Eleganza held at Gough Whitlam Park, Tempe, in September. (Photo by Martin Gallard)

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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
December 2025		
Sun 14th	FIAT Club Fish and Chip Break - Chubby Fish @ Allambie Heights 6.00 - 9.00 pm	Yes
January 2026		
Sun 11th	FIAT Club Gelato Break - Messina Gelato HQ @ Marrickville	Yes
February 2026		
Fri 6th - Sun 8th	Gnoo Blas Classic - Orange (<i>go to https://gnooblas.com/2026-gnoo-blas-classic/ for details</i>)	No
Sun 8th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Nouli's Café @ La Perouse	Yes
Fri 13th - Sun 15th	Bathurst 12 Hour, Mount Panorama, Bathurst	No
Sun 22nd	FIAT Club of NSW AGM, Maggie Sports, 46 Hampton St, Croydon Park.	Yes
April 2026		
Fri 10th - Sun 12th	FIAT Nationals - Marulan, Goulburn, Queanbeyan	Yes
Sun 12th	Auto Italia - Queanbeyan	Yes

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fish'n'Chip Break!

come join like minded FIAT enthusiasts
enjoy hot fish n chips together.






When: Sunday 14th December 2025
Where: Chubby Fish
 7/141-151 Allambie Road,
 Allambie Heights NSW 2100
Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm



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President's Report

Greetings to all, and with the year closing quicker than a Fiat twin cam with twin sidedrafts in the rear-view mirror, one pauses to reflect what 2025 has offered and what 2026 will bring.

Top of the charts that has started a real buzz amongst us all is the **2026 Fiat Nationals** for which the Fiat Club of NSW (us) are the event hosts. Scheduled for the 10th to 12th April 2026 in downtown Goulburn, this will bring together our members with those from other interstate Clubs such as Canberra, Victoria and Queensland – and we also hope that Clubs further afield also make the trek. Many of you know about the event or indeed have participated in previous years (please see elsewhere in the magazine where club stalwart Tony Studans gives a great summation on what it is all about). Essentially this is an event that is a mix of social, display and competition elements that bring together Fiat enthusiasts from many parts of Australia with historical significance dating back some six decades.

The 2026 event will be centred in Goulburn and dovetail in with the *Auto Italia Display Day* held in Canberra on Sunday 12th April. This is a huge combination of these two events and a wonderful way to be a part of both. (This will also comprise the official Fiat Club of NSW stand at the Auto Italia event as well). There will be a speed event on the Friday at the Marulan track and a motorkhana on the Saturday at One Raceway (Wakefield Park). There will be numerous social functions each day and sidebar touring events for folk who are not competitively minded but like to drive to destinations like wineries and the like, and join back up with the group each night.

And to make our members who haven't been to this event before feel at ease, it is not just a competition focussed event, and you don't need a race car or a specially prepared car. Indeed, we encourage those members with historic vehicles to come and take part in as many of the social and touring events as they can. You don't need to attend for the whole three days either if you don't wish to; you can select those parts of the event that interest you and your Family. Goulburn is an easy drive and achievable as a one-day drive down and back for most people.

But please look to participate in some or all this

event, it is conveniently placed the weekend after Easter but still in the school holidays and we have a great accommodation package organised with one of the better hotels in Goulburn. We are also looking for helpers and officials to help run our competition events, so even if you're not driving – you can still be a part of the action, drop Marty Gallard a line if this might be you, he'd love to hear from you and explain how you can help.

The Club's **Annual General Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday 22nd February 2026 at the Magpie Sports Club in Croydon Park. The outgoing Committee would like to invite all financial Members to join us for a complimentary luncheon commencing at 12pm. The AGM will commence promptly at 1pm. We encourage all members to consider nominating for a position on the 2026 Committee and request nominations to be made seven (7) days prior. Similarly, nominations for Life Membership are to be submitted to the President 14 days prior for deliberation.

Now working backwards – relying mostly on memory on the many good times throughout 2025. I'll start with the last first. The Club's **Christmas Party** in November was a huge success and enjoyed by many of our members. Held at the Ryde Leagues Club, a traditional Christmas roast and dessert were enjoyed along with good company and friendly banter. We had special parking on one of the top floors and the array of members Fiats – new and older, was excellent. Thank you to those that came along.

Our revived for 2025 **"Members Nights"** were also well received throughout the year by members and were well attended. Held every few months at the Magpie Sports Club – they always started with a delicious free pizza buffet. The last two meetings included special features with the July meeting providing a distinguished guest speaker of motoring journalist fame in Michael Stahl. The October meeting saw members test their knowledge and contest the honours of Club Champions at the Club Trivia Night. These were special social gatherings and again as I said, enjoyed by all who participated. These will be a quarterly feature of next year's Club Calendar as well.

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President's Report

The **Club Concorso** in September was another fantastic turnout of our members and their cars. Held in conjunction with the Alfa Romeo, Lancia and Italian Made clubs – it was a veritable smorgasbord of Italian automotive excellence. Our Club display was of high numbers and even higher quality this year and the members who displayed their cars are to be commended for keeping the Fiat marque alive and kicking. The passion walking around and chatting with our folk was on clear display.

A big shout out and thank you to our events coordinator Giovanni Ciampa who kept providing our members many options of **one social event after another** to choose from. Breakfast runs, luncheons, gelato meets, and the like filled the calendar and were attended by a good cross section of members each time. These events are great opportunities for members who access historic registration through our Club to pop out and connect with other like-minded people as well as give their pride and joy a nice quick run.

Also contact Giovanni if want some of our **new merchandise** (shirts, hats etc...) as we will be doing another run either just before or just after Christmas.

Get onto Gio now – might make a nice Christmas gift for that special person in your life, or maybe just shout yourself something for working so hard all year!

Not forgetting a bunch of **motorkhanas** organised by Michael McGeorge kept our competition folk nice and happy as well.

I was also busy improving the governance of Ansell Park Pty Ltd and assembling a small board to help move that asset into an even better state. More to do on that in 2026 and further engaging shareholders in that effort will be a big feature of modernising how Ansell Park is managed well into the future.

That's about it for now. I'd like to thank the Club Committee for its tireless efforts again this year. We all juggle jobs, family and life but they turn up each time to help make the Fiat Club of NSW a special place to be.

Merry Christmas to all Members and their loved ones, stay safe and drive carefully.

Best wishes

Dave

New Members

A warm welcome to the following enthusiasts:

Chris Solomons –1966 600D Multipla, 1962 Fiat 500

Russ Olsen - Abarth 124 Spider

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Competition

Fiat Club of NSW Day/Night Motorkhana - Ansell Park, Saturday November 1st.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent Day/Night Motorkhana and Social Evening. We had a fantastic turnout, with plenty of action, friendly competition, and a great time all round.

It was especially nice to see some juniors getting involved and mixing it up with the field.

The atmosphere was awesome throughout the day and into the night — and the pizza dinner halfway through the event was the perfect way to re-fuel, relax, and catch up with everyone before heading back out for more fun.

It was also great to welcome some new faces. We hope you enjoyed the event and will join us again soon.

A special mention to David Hussey and his LED artwork Ford Fiesta — BEST EVER so far!

Thank you all for your support, enthusiasm, and teamwork in making the day such a success. We're already looking forward to the next one!

Warm regards,

Mic Mac.



Provisional Day/Night Motorkhana Results Day/Night, 1st November 2025 FIAT Club NSW

O/R	Cls	#	Entrant	Club		Gate Slalom Adj Time	Double Loop Adj Time	Cloverleaf Adj Time	Bowler Adj Time	Gables Adj Time	Square Slalom Adj Time	Accordion Adj Time	Total
1	1	7	David Hussey	WSCC	C	37.24	45.32	38.19	30.23	55.34	35.68	51.91	293.91
2	1	1	Michael McGeorge	FCCNSW	D	37.19	49.03 F	37.79	29.59	55.38	35.75	50.10	294.83
3	1	6	Cameron Brown	WSCC	B	38.13	49.1	36.03	28.65	59.34	39.53 G	53.43	304.21
4	2	3	Travis McGeorge(J)	FCCNSW	D	38.75 G	59.06 2f	33.81	2.53	55.47	39.15 F	50.50	305.27
5	2	8	Ben Brown	WSCC	B	36.93	57.59	36.38	33.31	57.87	36.22	52.56	310.86
6	2	10	Chris Bolton	WSCC	C	37.69	62.59 wd	43.50 F	38.31 G	55.25	36.10	50.69	324.13
7	3	12	Robert Polito	FCCNSW	B	41.78	49.5	41.28	37.34	60.22	41.84 F	57.28	329.24
8	3	11	Gavin Tory	FCCNSW	C	43.55	50.69	41.06	35.06	66.41 f	36.34	57.06	330.17
9	3	4	Hayley McGeorge(J)	FCCNSW	D	47.17 F	47.44	37.74	43.59 wd	61.62	38.41	57.81 F	333.78
10	4	14	Graham Bailey	FCCNSW	C	39.19	44.90	44.44	43.59 dns	76.31 dns	53.81 dns	54.09	356.33
11	4	9	Martin Gallard	FCCNSW	D	45.21	52.75	41.38	36.81	71.31	48.81	61.23	357.5
12	5	2	Abbie Gallard(J)	FCCNSW	D	48.61	58.34	49.44 wd	43.59 wd	76.31 wd	40.40	53.62	370.31
13	1	5	Luke Hinchelwood(J)	FCCNSW	F	41.44	62.59 wd	40.00	43.59 wd	68.16	43.10	100.20 wd	399.08
14	4	13	Vince Polito	FCCNSW	B	59.50 F	52.00	44.19	38.59	70.94	43.41	116.00	424.63

Penalties:

F = Flag Down

G = Garage Penalty

WD = Wrong Direction - WD, times were calculated using "Double Fastest" method or slowest time plus 5 sec whichever is faster.

M = Mechanical

DNS = Did Not Start - DNS, slowest time plus 10 seconds regardless of the "double the fastest"

DNF = Did Not Finish - DNF, slowest time plus 10 seconds regardless of the "double the fastest"

Classes:

- A SWB Rear wheel drive
- B LWB Rear wheel drive
- C Front wheel drive
- D Specials
- E Rails
- F 4WD

Competition

Fiat Club of NSW Motorkhana - Ansell Park, Sunday November 2nd.

What a fantastic day! A huge thank you to everyone who came along and took part in our recent Motorkhana. The turnout was excellent, and it was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, friendly rivalry, and plenty of smiles all around.

It was especially great to see some junior drivers out there having a go and mixing it up with the rest of the field — awesome effort!

The BBQ lunch was a real highlight too, giving everyone a chance to relax, chat, and recharge before heading back out for the afternoon runs.

We also loved welcoming some new faces to the event — we hope you enjoyed the day and that we'll see you again at future motorkhanas.

Thanks once again to all the clubs, helpers, and competitors for your time, energy, and support. You're what makes these events so enjoyable.

That's a wrap for 2025 — see you all next year for more fun, friendly competition, and great company!

Regards,

Michael McGeorge.

Provisional Motorkhana Results 2nd November, 2025 FIAT Club NSW

O/R	Cl	#	Entrant	Club		Arrow-head	Atom	Fleur de Lis	Triangles	Top Hat	Straight Slalom	Square Slalom	Tiger Moth	Total
						Adj Time	Adj Time	Adj Time	Adj Time	Adj Time	Adj Time	Adj Time	Adj Time	
1	1	14	John Walker	SSCC	C	42.41	41.81	25.88	36.75	25.90	26.00	27.69	28.31	254.75
2	1	1	Michael McGeorge	FCCNSW	D	46.72	45.59	28.35	43.50	27.40	25.93	31.72	32.22	281.43
3	1	7	Peter Jakrot	FCCNSW	A	46.50	46.15	29.09	39.68	27.69	27.62	30.97	34.56	282.26
4	2	12	Phil East	FCCNSW	C	46.53	43.78	28.50	40.41	27.59	32.94 F	30.09	32.50	282.34
5	2	3	Travis McGeorge(J)	FCCNSW	D	52.94 F	45.47	27.34	39.19	26.38	27.09	30.53	35.87 G	284.81
6	3	27	Brad Bassett	SSCC	C	49.15	47.87	29.34	41.79	28.16	29.28	34.22	34.25	294.06
7	3	24	Glenn smith	FCCNSW	D	53.75	67.00 wd	27.09	38.68	24.87	25.22	27.47	30.00	294.08
8	4	5	David Hussey	FCCNSW	C	53.00	49.50	31.13	42.04	26.96	28.25	31.12	33.00	295.00
9	1	8	Ben Brown	WSCC	B	49.28	52.75	29.40	42.31	27.69	28.41	39.01	33.10	301.95
10	2	23	Cameron Brown	SSCC	B	48.25	54.32	28.88	40.85	27.68	34.22 F	36.25 F	34.65	305.10
11	5	15	Tony Glynn	SSCC	C	52.00	50.25	31.09	43.57	30.41	30.56	35.19	39.00	312.07
12	6	26	Allan Ross	SSCC	C	49.00	47.19	31.37	50.03	41.56 wd	31.56	34.78	36.44	321.93
13	7	11	Chris Bolton	WSCC	C	77.59 wd	54.25 F	32.75 G	41.25	27.25	29.03	29.84	32.90	324.86
14	8	9	Gavin Tory	FCCNSW	C	51.50	52.31	31.81	68.12 wd	29.75	31.22	33.03	35.03	332.77
15	1	16	Gavin Crank	SSCC	F	52.91	58.28 M	32.78	45.69	31.75	35.31	39.06	42.32	338.10
16	9	10	Greg Jones	WSCC	C	62.44 F	55.13	29.18	42.10	41.56 dns	30.09	47.05 dns	35.94	343.49
17	4	2	Abbie Gallard(J)	FCCNSW	D	55.66	59.44	34.50	68.12 wd	29.47	28.47	39.22 G	34.10	348.98
18	3	21	Jason TRACEY	SSCC	B	64.59	56.53	38.60	48	31.59	34.03	35.31	41.53	350.18
19	5	4	Hayley McGeorge (J)	FCCNSW	D	53.13	67.00 wd	33.37	68.12 wd	30.47	32.06	35.47	35.47	355.09
20	10	6	Dennis Walker	SSCC	C	53.40	67.00 wd	31.62	68.12 wd	31.72	32.31	35.06	37.00	356.23
21	11	18	Kevin Halliburton	FCCNSW	C	54.10	67.00 wd	34.37	68.12 wd	41.56 dns	32.97	35.66	38.19	371.97
22	2	17	Mitchell Brown	WSCC	F	77.59	60.03 F	31.50	68.12 wd	41.56 wd	27.69	32.03	34.88	373.40
23	4	13	Will Goodwin(J)	SSCC	B	63.22	67.00 wd	36.50	57.16	44.69G	38.03	40.59	44.60 G	391.79
24	12	25	Oliver Farrugia(J)	GUEST	C	83.85 2F	60.22	33.00	51.97	26.56	42.31	42.09	56.78	396.78
25	3	20	Ruby Bain	GUEST	F	68.47	67.00 wd	34.18	68.12 wd	32.97	42.94	47.05 wd	42.81	403.54
26	13	19	Michael Broomham (J)	GUEST	C	77.59	67.00 dns	37.34	57.75	39.40	34.03	35.31	56.62 wd	405.04
27	5	22	Emily TRACEY	SSCC	B	72.59	62.00	40.40	63.12	36.56	45.75	42.05	51.71	414.18

The Fiat Nationals 2026 - A guide for newbies.

OK. You own a Fiat. New or old, its awesome. Its fun to drive. But there must be more to Fiat life.

I'm here to tell you that there is such a thing.

Its called **The Fiat Nationals**. And the next one is just a few months away. April 10-12, 2026.

What's the deal, you ask?

How about three days of wall-to-wall Fiats of all shapes and sizes? You get to meet new Fiat owners, also of all shapes and sizes. Its a 3-day Fiat party. And the upcoming Nationals are in our own backyard, a couple of hours drive away in Goulburn.

Here's a brief history of the event.

It started way back in 1964, when the gauntlet was thrown down for a motorkhana challenge between the NSW and Victorian Fiat Clubs, and the battleground was a paddock outside Wagga Wagga.

Motorkhana, you say? Think of it as a sort of a slalom around marker flags against the stopwatch. But that wasn't the most important thing about the event. We came to party. And party they did. I have the photos! Bringing home the Fiat of Italy Cup became important in later years.



After a few annual events in Wagga, the Queensland Fiat Club also wanted to join in. So the event was moved to Dubbo in the 1970s, being close to the mid point between Brisbane and Melbourne on the Newell Highway.

After some years in Dubbo, with occasional events being held in Orange (the Woollies carpark, no less!) and Forbes, we ended up at Bathurst in 2005...and added Hillclimb and show 'n' shine events to the proceedings. Now the party was three days, the form it has taken today. We now see the addition of Fiat Clubs from the ACT, South Australia and occasionally Western Australia, making the event truly National.

This century it was agreed to take the Nationals on rotation between host states. Now The Fiat Nationals is a road trip AND a three-day party. We have converged on Willowbank Raceway in Ipswich, Qld, Winton Raceway in Benalla, Vic, and Tailem Bend in South Australia. NSW and the ACT Fiat Clubs share One Raceway in Goulburn or Pheasant Wood in Marulan but we have also held the Fiat Nationals at Sydney Motorsport Park in 2014.

Now, dear Fiat owner, the question that arises out of this little history summary is.....I don't do motorsport, I just like to drive my car and occasionally show it at cars 'n' coffee days. How are the Fiat Nationals relevant to me if I am not into motorsport?

Well, if you read between the lines here, I use the word "party" a bit. And by a bit, I really mean a lot.

The Fiat Nationals is the greatest gathering of Fiat enthusiasts in the country. That should be enough to get one excited.

No matter which Fiat you drive, everyone appreciates the effort one makes to get there.

The social part of the event is the drawcard for me. I used to be a motorkhana demon but now I take lots of photographs of the competition events and of the people. I have been attending, on and off, since 1978. Others have been going longer than me. There is an amazing spread of ages, equal to the variety of cars that show up.

The Fiat Nationals is the friendliest, most fun thing you can attend as a Fiat owner.

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The Fiat Nationals 2026 - A guide for newbies.

This year I have made it my mission to encourage lots of Fiat owners from both within the Fiat Clubs, but also Facebook Groups and other non-competition Fiat Clubs and associations to come on down.

The BIG drawcard for non-motorsport Fiat enthusiasts is conducting our traditional Show 'n' Shine event within the annual Auto Italia event in Queanbeyan on the Sunday. Auto Italia has been running since the 1980's, and is the biggest gathering of Italian cars of all makes, and many of us go there every year for the weekend.

It will be a fantastic experience (to add to all the other fantastic experiences of the Fiat Nationals) to be part of the Fiat Nationals convoy from Goulburn to Queanbeyan, and then arrive en masse in our dedicated Fiat Nationals area.

Planning is underway to especially cater for those who are not into competition, particularly those whose cars are on historic plates that don't get out that much. There are optional drives and sightseeing routes to enjoy whilst "the noisy ones" stress and strain for the sake of competition.

What I do know is that everyone who attends this annual Festival of Fiat Fun will welcome you all with open arms, you will make new lifelong friends like we regulars have done for years.

We really look forward to seeing new faces and new cars, and this year in particular we are improving the event to create as wide an appeal for all types of Fiat cars and enthusiasts.

I can't imagine the Fiat founder, Giovanni Agnelli, in 1899 would have had any idea that a 126 years later, a bunch of crazy Aussies on the other side of the world would have so much fun with the brand he founded.

But, that's the Aussie way. Let's do this. If you have never attended before, THIS IS YOUR YEAR!

Tony Studans.

Fiat Nationals Book for release January 2026!

" After decades of photographing the Fiat Nationals, Tony Studans is compiling a book about The Fiat Nationals.

Combining a huge number of Tony's photos with photos of the first Fiat of Italy Cup event held in 1964, plus clippings from various Fiat Club magazines, the book is shaping up as a great recollection of memorable moments in Fiat Nationals history."

The book is due for release in mid January, and all proceeds from the sale of the book will go towards assisting the funding of Fiat Nationals next year and beyond.

There is enough material for a book about 120 pages in full colour. The size of the book is 11 inches x 8 inches or 280mm x 203mm, which is about A4 size.

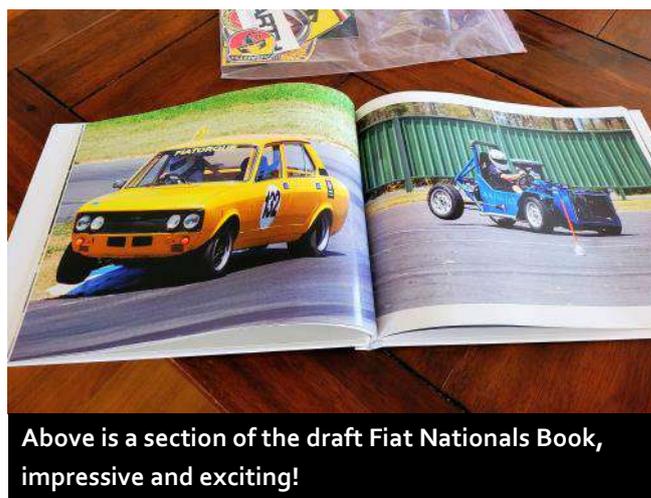
The prototype book I produced was shown around at the Club Xmas lunch, and it met with heaps of approval.

What will add more dimension to this book is for any Nationals veterans who have any stories or anecdotes or (incriminating) photos, should take this opportunity to immortalise these stories in this book.

If you have anything that you feel should be considered for The Fiat Nationals book, you can forward it to Tony Studans at studans@gmail.com before the end of December 2025.

I look forward to receiving anything that adds to the legend and history of The Fiat Nationals.

Tony Studans



Above is a section of the draft Fiat Nationals Book, impressive and exciting!

2025 FIAT Club of NSW - CONCORSO D'ELEGANZA

by Lorenzo Aventi, photos by Martin Gallard and Lorenzo Aventi

A good turn up of Fiat Club members and guests enjoyed a great spring day for the Concorso held Sunday September 28 at Gough Whitlam Park, Tempe. Over 200 cars from four clubs provided a great show for the enthusiasts with the usual food and coffee carts, merchandise tents and model car stalls providing entertainment.

This year the featured vehicle was the Fiat 600 which celebrated 70 years since it was first released and some fine examples were on display including the sedans of Ross Di Bartolo, Luca Bartolomei and Saul Sher and the 600 Multipla of Jodie King. Ross also debuted his recently, fully restored Fiat 500.

A pleasant surprize was the arrival of nine Fiat 131 sedans for the Concorso, all in a very high standard of presentation. Sabrina Sgro, a regular at the concorso, entered three 131s from her collection including two door Racing version of the model rarely seen in Australia. Frank Vasile displayed his stunning 131 Abarth

replica which attracted much interest from spectators. This car won Best Fiat Sedan at Auto Italia earlier this year.

There was also a large contingent of modern cars this year, mainly Abarth 500 and Abarth 124 Spider with a 500X thrown in for good measure. It is good to see more owners of these moderns coming out to the show. In addition to members cars, local dealer, McCarrolls, displayed a couple of

new Alfas (Hybrid and electric) as well as a new Fiat 500E.

Congratulations to Kerry Moroney for winning outright in his immaculate Fiat 850 Coupe, a small car that is always immaculately prepared and very hard to fault. Congratulations to all winners and many thanks to the judges on the day and also to all those how came to display their Fiat and also to those came and enjoyed the day.

Results from the concorso appear on the next page.

70 years of the Fiat 600 at the 2025 Fiat Club of NSW Concorso d' Eleganza



Fiat 600s on display from left to right: Ross Di Bartolo' 1964 model 600; Jodie King's 1956 600 Multipla; Luca Bartolomei's 1960 model 600; Below, middle is Saul Sher's 1960 Fiat 600.

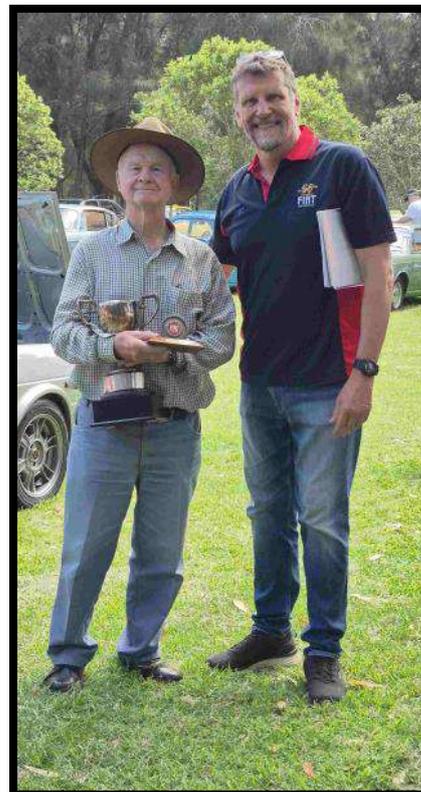


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FCNSW 2025 Concorso Results

Outright Winner - Kerry Moroney, Fiat 850 Coupe

CLASS	PLACE	ENTRANT	MODEL
Sedan	1st.	Bruno Napoli	Fiat 131
	2nd.	Sabrina Sgro	Fiat 131 Racing
	3rd.	Robert Polito	Fiat 131
	4th.	Sabrina Sgro	Fiat 131
	5th.	Marc Rinaudo	Fiat 131
	6th.	Nick Puglisi	Fiat 131
Coupe	1st.	Kerry Moroney	Fiat 850 Coupe
	2nd.	Daniel Sullo	Fiat 124 Coupe
	3rd.	David Heyworth	Fiat 2300S
	4th.	Gavin Tory	Fiat 124 Coupe CC
Convertibles	1st.	Dean Martin	Fiat X1/9
	2nd.	Justin Berthold	Fiat 124 Spider
Modified	1st.	Frank Vasile	Fiat 131 Abarth replica
	2nd.	Joe Catena	Fiat 131 Superbrava
Modern	1st.	Nick Puglisi	500 Abarth
	2nd.	Susan Halliburton	500X
Historic	1st.	Ross Di Bartolo	Fiat 500
	2nd.	Luca Bartolomei	Fiat 600D
	3rd.	Saul Sher	Fiat 600
	4th.	Jodie King	Fiat 600 Multipla
	5th.	Ross Di Bartolo	Fiat 600D
Competition	1st.	Martin Gallard	Fiat 127



Kerry Moroney, outright winner and Coupe class winner for 2025 with his immaculate Fiat 850



Shown above are Some of the class winners from left to right, Alex Napoli (receiving the award for 1st place, Sedans on behalf of his brother Bruno, Fiat 131); Dean Martin - 1st Convertibles, Fiat X1/9; Nick Puglisi - 1st Modern, Abarth 500; Ross Di Bartolo - 1st Historic Vehicles for his Fiat 500.

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The winning smiles above from left to right belong to David Heyworth, Fiat 2300S Coupe; Sabrina Sgro owns a few Fiat 131 including a rare 2-door racing model; Susan Halliburton, Fiat 500X; Frank Vasile, 1st in Modified with his 131 Abarth; Robert Polito, Fiat 131.

Below, left to right; Luca Bartolomei, Fiat 600; Saul Sher, Fiat 600; Joe Catena, Fiat 131; Daniel Sullo, Fiat 124 Coupe; Justin Berthold, Fiat 124 Spider.



Above left to right: Dean Martin's X1/9; David Heyworth's Fiat 2300S Coupe; Susan & Kevin Halliburton's modern Fiat 500X.

Below, Giovanni Ciampa's X1/9; Richard Dalziel's one owner 850 Coupe; Martin Gallard's highly modified Fiat 127 race car.



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*Abarth 500s above left to right: Saul and Giulia Giulietta; Michael Tozzi and Nick Puglisi.
Below, 124s modern and classic; Dave Filipetto, Abarth 124; Tony Halcrow, 124 AC Coupe; Russ Olsen, Abarth 124*



Above left to right: Daniel Sullo, Fiat 124 CC Coupe; Joe Auciello, Fiat 124 CC Coupe; Gavin Tory, 124 CC Coupe.

Below, some variety added to the event with club members John Murn bringing his Iso Lele coupe and Antonio Carnevale his Lancia Delta Integrale. A couple of more Abarths joined in ...



2025 FIAT Club of NSW - CONCORSO D'ELEGANZA



We had a great attendance from the Fiat 131 owners. Above left to right: Bruno Napoli, Nick Puglisi, Joe Catena.
Below: Sabrina Sgro brought along two cars from her collection including a rare two-door model; Mark Rinaudo's blue Mk3.



Frank Vasile's Fiat 131 Abarth replica, also a winner at Auto Italia earlier this year.

Robert Polito's Fiat 1982 131, a restoration project completed recently.



THE FIAT NATIONALS



WANTS YOU

The 2026 Fiat Nationals is heading to Goulburn NSW April 10-12, and the Fiat Club of NSW needs your help.

Events like these take a small team to make happen, as well as the generous help of businesses that can assist by way of sponsorship or supply of goods needed for the event.

If you are a club member looking to step up and take on a task for the weekend, please let me know so we can start to put our team together.

The weekend features three core events in the Sprint, Motorkhana & Show & Shine, and whilst we have now received two fantastic sponsors step for our Sprint and Show & Shine, we still have an opportunity for a naming rights sponsor for our Motorkhana.

If you happen to own a business that you feel may be able to make a contribution to the running of the event such as financial or material to be included for raffles, printing of programs, entrant packs, trophies and many more, please let me know so we can start seeing what we can do together, and help promote your business in return.

There's a lot to do in a short time, but I can't wait for FCNSW to put on an amazing weekend for our members and interstate friends. Please don't hesitate to be a part of an amazing event if you are able to help!

Martin Gallard.

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gnooblas.com/2026-gnoo-blas-classic

Photos from the Fiat Club NSW Christmas Lunch

This year's Christmas lunch was held at the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club and was well attended by club members, partners, children and grandchildren. It is always a great event to catch up on some of those we don't get to see often and conversations continued well on into the afternoon. Displays of club memorabilia was an added interest for those at large and dedicated car spots in the carpark for members vehicles added to the festivities. Many thanks to the committee for organising the lunch

Below are some of the photos from the day. The Fiat Club's next event will be on Sunday December 14 for a Fish and Chip Break.

Until next year, the Fiat Club wishes everyone a safe and merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. (LA)

(photos by Giovanni Ciampa and Lorenzo Aventi)



Fiat Club Members Trivia Night

It has been some time since a trivia night had been held so the Club conducted a trivia night for members on the evening of Tuesday October 14.

Five teams competed for prizes and answered questions on topics on Fiat, The Fiat Club of NSW, general knowledge and a round named "Mix Bag". In addition the team were given two sheets that they were to answer before the end of the final round; one sheet had head or taillights of Fiat models that were to be identified and the other sheet required the teams to match the engine bore and stroke to the correct Fiat model!

The teams for the evening were "the Chiches", X-Factor, Cinquecento, The Old Farts and the "850 Twins.

Congratulations to the X-Factor for winning the quiz (by only half a point from Cinquecento).



For those who were not there on the night, a number of questions from the evening are listed below for your enjoyment.

Trivia Questions:

- 1. What does the acronym FIAT stand for?**
- 2. Why was the Fiat factory in Turin called "Lingotto"?**
- 3. What was the name of Fiat's first mass-produced car in 1912?**
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- 5. In what year was the Fiat Club of NSW originally founded?**
- 6. What formula One designer and race car constructor was a special guest at a Fiat Club social meeting?**
- 7. What was the name of the Club's newsletter before Fiat Focus?**
- 8. Who designed the Mini?**
- 9. What model Fiat is this headlight from?**



Answers at the back of the magazine in "The Back End".

URGENT, Editor required

FIATFocus editor required for 2026 and beyond

FIATFocus has been the Fiat Club of NSW's magazine for the past 50 years and is an important in providing club members information on upcoming events, reports on club activities as well as articles related to the Fiat marque.

The new editor will have the assistance of committee members who provide quality monthly reports and articles. The magazine is to be published bi-monthly, only six editions are to be produced each year.

For anyone interested in taking on the role please contact the club President at president@fiatclubnsw.com. or any member of the committee and let us know of your interest.

Please consider taking on this enjoyable and rewarding role in the club.



coffee break (write up)

14th September 2025

Cherry Beans @ Rydalmere



The Cherry Beans is a new venue for our coffee break. It provided a great open space to gather together. Many club members turned up, probably one of our biggest get together!

The highlight was seeing so many of our club members mixing together. The variety of cars was truley eye watering to see in the one place. We had it all, from a FIAT 850 sedan, to a Lancia Delta Integrale Final Edition, to an ISO Grifo Rivolta.

We thank everyone who came along and brought their family, and freinds. It really made for a fantastic morning catch up.

We look forward to seeing many more members at the next events.

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

12th October 2025

Maggio's Pasticceria @ North Ryde



We as a club have attended many times previously, Maggio's at Cammeray. This is our visit time to their new additional venue in North Ryde. A much bigger location with large covered outdoor area with plenty of options for parking. It's very popular with the locals. The venue was humming with people enjoying the freshly made Italian food.

The highlight was seeing the size difference between the new 500e parked next to a 500 classic! A modern small car isn't really small these days!

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NEW Fiat Club Merchandise Range

Hi fellow FIAT Club of NSW members,

We are very excited to announce the long awaited launch of a NEW refreshed look for our club merchandise.

Please refer to the attached flier with the full range on offer, from tees, caps, hoodies and more!

If you want to be part of the first print run, we will need your order no later than Friday 5th September. This first order run will be available to collect at this year's Concorso on the 28th September 2025.

Kindly place your order by replying to this email with the following details:

- your name & mobile number
- clothing item code/s (size/s and quantities)

Please provide your payment directly into our club account, details below:

Bank: **NAB**

BSB: **082-067**

Account Number: **03 665 7020**

Account Name: **Fiat Club of NSW**

Ref: **NEW LOOK (membership number)**

We look forward to seeing you at the Concorso to pick up your NEW Club Merchandise.

Thanks again for your continued support of the FIAT Club of NSW and being a FIAT fanatic!

Ciao

Giovanni Ciampa

The full range of merchandise is presented over the next couple of pages.



NEW Fiat Club Merchandise Range



\$35

Polo [code: 5411]

MEASUREMENT	SML	MED	LRG	XLG	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
Body Width (cm)	49.5	53	56.5	60	63.5	67	70.5	74
Body Length (cm)	73	75	77	79	81	83	84	85



\$54

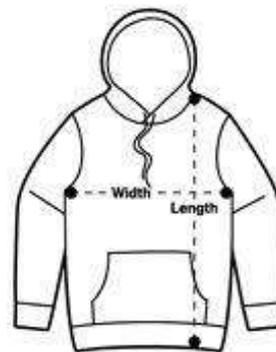
Shirt [code: 5401]

MEASUREMENT	SML	MED	LRG	XLG	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
Body Width (cm)	53	55.5	58	60.5	63	65.5	70	74.5
Body Length (cm)	78	80	82	84	86	88	87.5	88

Hoodie [code: 5102]



\$65



MEASUREMENT	XSM	SML	MED	LRG	XLG	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
Body Width (cm)	49	52	55	58	61	64	67	70	73
Body Length (cm)	65	71	74	77	79.5	82	84.5	86	87.5

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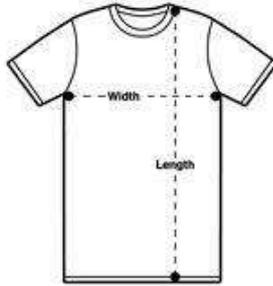


white



grey

NEW Fiat Club Merchandise Range



\$30



MEASUREMENT	XSM	SML	MED	LRG	XLG	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
Body Width (cm)	43	47	52	56.5	61	64	68	75	80
Body Length (cm)	66	71	75	78.5	82	85.5	89	87	99

Male Tee [code: 5001]

Female Tee [code: 4024]

Kids Tee [specify age] **\$22**

MEASUREMENT	XSM	SML	MED	LRG	XLG	2XL
Body Width (cm)	45.5	48	50.5	53	55.5	58
Body Length (cm)	65	66	67	68	69	70

Cap [code: 1160] **\$25**



MEASUREMENT

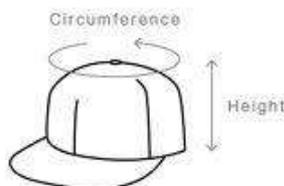
Circumference (cm)

Height (cm)

ONE SIZE

59.5

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\$90

Jacket [code: 5508]

MEASUREMENT	XSM	SML	MED	LRG	XLG	2XL	3XL
Body Width (cm)	51	54	57	60	63	66	69
Body Length (cm)	74	76	78	80	82	84	86

FIAT SHORTS

2026 Fiat 500 Hybrid detailed overseas

By Alexandra Lawrence carsales.com

- Production to begin mid-November
- Not confirmed for Australia

The Finer Details

The 2026 Fiat 500 Hybrid is due on sale in Europe mid-2026, where it'll sell alongside the battery-electric 500e with which it shares its underpinnings.

Instead of the 87kW all-electric powertrain used in the 500e, the new mild-hybrid will be powered by an electrified 1.0-litre three-cylinder turbo-petrol engine producing just 48kW (petrol engine).

The Italian carmaker doesn't list a combined petrol-electric power figure. However, the 500 Hybrid's claimed 0-100km/h acceleration time of 16.2 seconds would suggest the small electric motor doesn't add much zest. For context, the 500e does it in a claimed 9 seconds.



Pint-sized city car gains mild-hybrid powertrain with production to begin this month

The News

The 2026 Fiat 500 Hybrid has been detailed in Europe as a reworked version of its electric 500e cousin, intended to replace the aging petrol model. However, the new mild-hybrid variant is yet to be confirmed for Australia.



The Road Ahead

Although production of the 500 Hybrid will begin this month, a Stellantis spokesperson – Fiat's Australian importer – told carsales it has "nothing to confirm" regarding the mild-hybrid Fiat 500's local arrival.

The Key Details

- Fiat 500 gains 48kW/92Nm hybrid powertrain overseas
- Offered in three body styles: hatch, 3+1, and cabriolet
- Three variants: Pop, Icon, and La Prima (plus special Torino launch grade)



FIAT 1500 For sale



FIAT 1500 Mk 3, light blue in colour, Good condition. Currently on historic registration, not transferrable. Located in Sydney.

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The Club Library has recently received old and rare instruction books, owner's manuals and parts catalogues that are available for use by members. Some of the tile are shown below.

The FIAT Club of New South Wales LIBRARY also has a range of FIAT and general interest themed motoring books, magazines and workshop manuals available to members to borrow. A list of publications is included on the Club's website at <https://fiatclubnsw.com.au/library.html> .



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The Back End ...

Answers to trivia questions

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8. Who designed the Mini? **Sir Alec Issigonis**
9. What model Fiat is this headlight from? **Fiat Samantha**

More Club photos: Cherry Beans Cafe



Concorso



Maggio's Pasticceria

