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OASIS REMINDER TUESDAY 2nd JUNE 2026

MEET: Dolcettini Patisserie 10/829 Old Northern Rd Dural
(Park in Quarry Rd) from 10:00am

MORNING TEA: Dolcettini Patisserie.

LUNCH: Asquith Golf Club Lord St Mount Colah
from 12:00 Noon

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Cover: Competitors and visitors line up for the first event of the FIAT Nationals 'weekend', the Mastertouch Supersprint at Pheasant Wood race track (photo from 2026 FIAT Nationals Facebook).

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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.

2026 FIAT CLUB NSW EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT AND LOCATION	Point score
June 2026		
Tues 2nd	Oasis Club run - Dolcettini Patisserie 10/829 Old Northern Rd Dural from 10.00am	No
Sun 14th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - The V Bar, Marrickville	Yes
July 2026		
Tues 7th	Members Social Meeting - Maggie Sports, 46 Hampton St, Croydon Park	Yes
Sun 12th	Port Stevens Car Show	No
Sun 12th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Cherry Beans@ Rydalmere	Yes
August 2026		
Tue 4th	Members Social Meeting - Maggie Sports, 46 Hampton St, Croydon Park	Yes
Sun 9th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Saddles @ Mount White	Yes
Sun 16th	Shannons Sydney Classic (90th Anniversary Fiat Topolino, 60th Anniversary Fiat 124)	Yes
September 2026		
Sun 13th	Fiat Club of NSW Concorso 'd Eleganza	Yes
October 2026		
Sun 25th	Norton Street Festa, Leichhardt	Yes

2026 FIAT CLUB NSW COMPETITION CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT AND LOCATION	Point score
June 2026		
Sun 6th	NSW Hillclimb Championship, Grafton Rd 4	No
Sun 14th	NSW State Motorkhana Championship - Nimimba	No
Sun 21st	Huntley Hillclimb "Come and try Day"	No
Sat 27th	2026 Fiat Club NSW Motorkhana Championship Rd 3, Day/Night - Ansell Park	Yes
Sun 28th	2026 Fiat Club NSW Motorkhana Championship Rd 4, Ansell Park	Yes
July 2026		
Sun 19th	NSW Hillclimb Championship, Tamworth Rd 5	No
Sun 26th	NSW State Motorkhana Championship - Nimimba	No
August 2026		
Sun 9th	NSW Hillclimb Championship, Ringwood Rd 6	No
September 2026		
Sun 5th	Huntley Hillclimb	No
Sun 13th	NSW Hillclimb Championship, Apex Dr, Gunnedah Rd 7	No
Sat 19th	2026 Fiat Club NSW Motorkhana Championship Rd 5, Day/Night - Ansell Park	Yes
Sun 20th	2026 Fiat Club NSW Motorkhana Championship Rd 6, Ansell Park	Yes
October 2026		
Sat 10th	AROCA 6 hour Relay	No
Sun 11th	AROCA 6 hour Relay	No
November 2026		
Sun 15th	2026 Fiat Club NSW Motorkhana Championship Rd 7, Ansell Park	Yes

President's Report

President's Report – June 2026

Hello members,

As we settle into winter, it's a great time to reflect on what has been a truly enjoyable and successful period for the Fiat Club of NSW.

The **2026 Fiat Nationals in Goulburn** were a standout event. We saw strong participation from our NSW members, along with a fantastic showing from interstate clubs, all contributing to a great atmosphere across the weekend. The weather kept things interesting — dry overall, with a few patches of rain and certainly on the cooler side — but it did little to dampen enthusiasm.

The program delivered across the board. The **SuperSprint** and the **motorkhana** provided plenty of action and fun, while the **Show & Shine in Canberra alongside Auto Italia** was a real highlight, showcasing an excellent range of vehicles in a well-supported setting. The social side was equally impressive, with great attendance across events and a particularly enjoyable **final function**, which was a fitting way to close out the Nationals. A sincere thank you to everyone who contributed — organisers, volunteers, and participants alike. These events only succeed through collective effort, and this was a great example of the club at its best. We look forward to 2027 and the Fiat Club of Victoria as organisers.

A quick reminder that **membership renewals are due at the end of June**. Please ensure you renew promptly. For those on **historic registration**, this is particularly important to maintain compliance and keep your vehicles legally on the road. It's a simple step that avoids unnecessary headaches later.

Looking ahead, the **7th of July Members' Meeting** is shaping up to be another excellent evening and is certainly **not one to miss**. These meetings are always a great opportunity to reconnect, share knowledge, and enjoy time with fellow members. As always, joining the committee for dinner beforehand makes for a relaxed and enjoyable night. See elsewhere in magazine for full details.

Fiat Club 'Concorso' rules 2026 – Member Input Invited

With the **Annual Concorso in September** approaching, the committee has begun reviewing how we structure **classes and judging** for the event. Over time, it's become clear that some areas could benefit from refinement. Sometimes vehicles fit multiple categories, making comparisons difficult—especially between restored cars, originals with patina, and the growing range of modern and modified vehicles.

Rather than making assumptions, the committee is approaching this as a **consultative process**, and

we're keen to hear from members.

Some of the areas we are currently thinking through include:

- How do we best define **clear and fair class boundaries**, particularly where vehicles may overlap categories? i.e. the 'historic' class?
- Should there be a more distinct separation between a **true "Concorso" class** (for exceptional or highly prepared vehicles) and easier or broader **Show & Shine categories**?
- What thresholds should guide when a vehicle moves from **standard to modified**, or into a **competition classification**?
- How should we approach the balance between **restoration quality and originality**, ensuring both are appropriately recognised? Are these separate categories of the same class?
- Would the introduction of a **Club Technical Steward** on the day help provide consistency in decision-making for borderline cases?
- Do we nominate and **train people as judges**, rather than merely picking a few available hands on the day?

Do we do a **"people's choice award"**?

The goal is not to overcomplicate the event, but to ensure that it remains **fair, transparent, and enjoyable for all entrants**, while reflecting the evolving nature of the vehicles within our club.

We know many of you have deep experience — whether through restoration, motorsport, judging, or long-term involvement — and your insights will be invaluable. I encourage you to share your thoughts with the committee over the coming months as we work toward a balanced and practical approach.

I reinforce we are not looking to turn the judging requirements for the event on its head or make it too serious - but perhaps move towards a few sensible "tweaks" So, we'd be keen to hear members' views. Please submit your ideas to the email below by the **30th of June 2026**, so we can review and decide by the end of July and provide feedback to the members before the event in September.

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Finally, it's been interesting to see the **Fiat 500e gaining attention with recent pricing adjustments**, making modern and electric Fiat ownership more accessible and adding another dimension to the marque locally.

Thank you again for your continued support and enthusiasm. I look forward to seeing you at the July meeting and as we build toward another great Concorso.

Best wishes,

Dave

2026 FIAT Nationals

The 2026 FIAT Nationals was held from Friday April 10 to Sunday April 12 and organised by the Fiat Club of New South Wales. This year's format included the Mastertouch Automotive Supersprint run at the Pheasant Wood circuit in Marulan on the Friday, the Fiat Australia sponsored Fiat of Italy Cup Motorkhana at One Raceway, Goulburn, on Saturday. The last event was Quattro Stelle Show 'n' Shine held in conjunction with Auto Italia in Queanbeyan on the Sunday. Members from Fiat Car Clubs around the country arrived in numbers to be part of this year's social and sporting events. Concern about fuel supplies due to international events did not impact the event as much as was feared, however the higher fuel prices added significant travel expense for attendees, especially those travelling from interstate. The Fiat Club of NSW truly appreciates your support for a dedication to being part of this "long weekend".

A scenic and winery tour was organised for those not competing in the Motorkhana. A coach was arranged to conveniently pick them up from One Raceway, stop for lunch then visit Kingsdale Wines and return them to the circuit later in the afternoon. By all accounts this turned out to be very enjoyable trip.

Friday evening's welcome function was well attended with a large selection of salami, ham, cheese and savouries, sponsored by Quattro Stelle Salami smallgoods, for all to enjoy, though the cooler weather in the region had us grabbing our jumpers and jackets. Saturday night was the Pizza Party with a large selection of Pizza toppings to choose from. Dozens of prizes, which including confectionary and other food goods, automotive products and vouchers redeemable at local businesses, were won from the raffle draw. The food kept coming and by evening's end, once everyone had their fill, the boxes of Pizzas remaining did not go to waste as some hardy volunteers drove through the night donating the food to the local police station and medical centres for some appreciative late shift workers.

The presentation dinner on the Sunday night capped off an excellent three days and was well attended with around ninety people from the various clubs attending. Throughout the evening the various winners and place-getters were announced and trophies awarded. The FIAT of Italy Cup results were counted down from 44th to 1st place with a cheer for each competitor as their name was read out.

For the record, the FIAT Club of NSW team won the Fiat Of Italy Cup with Glenn Smith winning the Motorkhana outright by the barest of margins, just 0.22s over eight events against his perennial challenger, Paul Freame. Chris Dall'oste was fastest in the Supersprint in his Lancia Stratos replica. Dean Ryan in his Fiat Abarth 695s and Sabrina Sgro in her Fiat 131 Rally Car were joint outright winners of the Show 'n' Shine. Martin Gallard once again won the Iron Man award with Mike and Alison Rucket winning the couples award. Full results appear with each event report over the next few pages.

Congratulations to the Fiat Club of NSW, especially Martin Gallard and his band of volunteers, in organising another successful Fiat Nationals. It was clear that the event was thoroughly enjoyed by competitors and visitors as they gave the Nationals a big "thumbs up". Sincere thanks to those volunteers who assisted over the weekend, many from interstate who helped set up events, provided marshalling and admin assistance and judged for the Show 'n' Shine.

Next year the event will be organised by the Fiat Car Club of Victoria. It seems that most of those who attended this year said they would be back and look forward to the 2027 FIAT Nationals. *(Words - Lorenzo Aveni, photo - FIAT Nationals Facebook)*

To view photos and videos from this year's Nationals, go to the FIAT Nationals Facebook page at;

www.facebook.com/FiatNationals



2026 FIAT Nationals - Summary of results

Fiat Australia FoIC Motorkhana

Fiat of Italy Trophy

Rank	State	Competitors	Score
1	NSW	21	63
2	VIC	15	51
3	QLD	2	9
4	SA	3	4
5	ACT	2	0



The Fiat of Italy Cup

Outright

1st	Car	Score	2nd	Car	Score	3rd	Car	Score
Glenn Smith	Fiat Rail	210.29	Paul Freame	Fiat Rail	210.51	Travis McGeorge	Fiat 127	225.05

By Class

Class	1st	Car	Score	2nd	Car	Score	3rd	Car	Score
A	Terence Ledger	Fiat 124 Spider	306.45	Nick Filipetto	Fiat 131	321.01	-	-	-
B	Gary Spencer	Fiat X1/9	257.25	Ian Maud	Fiat X1/9	263.63	Andrew Coles	Fiat X1/9	266.34
C	Mike Ruckert	Fiat Punto	252.32	Ruth Freame	Fiat Punto	277.04	Roger Malcolm	Fiat Punto	283.45
D	Rob Jorgensen	Fiat 500	258.00	Phillip East	Abarth 595	258.42	Gavin Tory	Fiat 500 Pop	259.67
E	Travis McGeorge	Fiat 127	225.05	Martin Gallard	Fiat 126	234.04	Michael McGeorge	Fiat 127	235.14
F	Glenn Smith	Fiat Rail	210.29	Paul Freame	Fiat Rail	210.51	Debra Judd	Fiat Rail	237.65
Novice	Hayley McGeorge	Fiat 127	297.64						
Junior	Hugo Suine	FSM Niki	308.53						

2026 FIAT Nationals Ironman Results

Place	Name	Car	Score
1	Martin Gallard	Fiat 126	28
2	Mike Ruckert	Fiat Punto	26
3	Chris Dall'oste	Lancia Stratos	26
4	Nick Filipetto	Fiat 131	25
5	Erin Freame	Fiat Punto	23
6	Andrew Coles	Fiat X1/9	23
7	Ian Maude	Fiat X1/9	22
8	Greg Shultz	Fiat X1/9	21
9	Phillip East	Abarth 595	21
10	Alison Ruckert	Fiat Punto	19
11	Mark Freame	Fiat Punto	18
12	Adrian Sandrin	Abarth 500	18
13	Kieth Ellis	Fiat X1/9	17
14	Mike Lowe	Fiat Abarth Berlina Corsa	16
15	Andrew Gamblin	Fiat 500	16
16	Marisa Gangemi	Abarth 500	14
17	Donovan Suine	FSM Niki	10

Mastertouch Automotive Supersprint Class Winners

Class	Car #	Driver	Car	Fastest Lap
1ST Outright		Chris Dall'oste	Lancia Stratos	01:01.4
RS1	91	Martin Gallard	Fiat 127	01:08.0
RS2	135	Greg Schultz	Fiat X1/9	01:05.2
RS3	126	Martin Gallard	Fiat 126	01:09.3
RS4	66	Glenn Smith	Abarth 124	01:02.2
MS1	64	Mike Lowe	Fiat Abarth 600 Berlina	01:09.4
MS2	811	Andrew Coles	Fiat X1/9	01:07.6
MS3	112	Ian Maud	Fiat X1/9	01:02.9
MS4	5	Chris Dall'oste	Lancia Stratos	01:01.4
SS2	46	Michael Suine	Fiat X1/9	01:07.2
SS4	4	Ross Di Bartolo	Abarth 124	01:11.3

Couples Award - Mike & Alison Ruckert, Fiat Punto

Quattro Stelle Show 'n' Shine Class Winners

Outright Winners: Dean Ryan (Fiat Abarth 695S) and Sabrina Sgro (Fiat 131 Rally Car), both scoring 131 points.

Class Winners

P2 - 1960 to 1975	Ross Di Bartolo	Fiat 500	P5 - 2009 to current	Chris Dall'oste	Lancia Stratos
P3 - 1976 to 1990	Sabrina Sgro	Fiat 131 Racing	P6 - Competition	Martin Gallard	Fiat 127
P4 - 1991 to 2008	Mike Ruckert	Fiat Punto			
	Alison Ruckert				

2026 FIAT Nationals

Mastertouch Automotive Supersprint

The Pheasant Wood circuit in Marulan, about 25 minutes north of Goulburn, was the venue for the Supersprint on Friday, a venue new to the FIAT Nationals and a short track with tight corners a long sweeping bend, including banking, a thrilling downhill section just after the crest and a straight long enough to require some hard braking before the turn 1 hairpin. A good track for our smaller nimble Fiats.

Friday turned out to be a bit cool with some rain in the morning providing a damp track for the first group to go out. After the morning sign-on and scrutineering a parade lap for competitors and visitors culminated in the photo shoot of every one on the circuit.

The track provided good views for spectators on the main straight viewing platform to see the action, especially around turn one where some heavy braking was required at the end of the uphill straight. There was some skilful driving out there as the sprinters negotiated complex corners, at times between some major concrete barriers. Despite this, the track was till wide enough to maintain some reasonable speed throughout each lap.

Tyre squealing, locked brakes and understeer could be heard as drivers sought to improve on their times. Improve, they certainly did as times tumbled as each driver was becoming more familiar with the track. There may have been the occasional spin, however it seemed every one was able to keep their cars on the bitumen and out of harms way despite the fast guys really putting in some very quick driving. In the end there was a mere 16 seconds separating the quickest to the least fastest times. Pretty close considering the various levels of 'tune' each of the vehicles were in.

Fastest time of the day went to Chris Dall'oste driving his recently completed Lancia Stratos replica followed closely by Glenn Smith in his Abarth 124 and Ian Maud in his X1/9. Full results are listed on the next page. *(Words & photos, Lorenzo Aventi)*



2026 FIAT Nationals

Mastertouch Automotive Supersprint Results

Place	Car #	Class	Class Place (Fiat Group)	Driver	Car	Fastest Lap	Gap
1	5	MS4	1	Chris Dall'oste	Lancia Stratos	01:01.4	
2	66	RS4	1	Glenn Smith	Abarth 124	01:02.2	00:00.8
3	112	MS3	1	Ian Maud	Fiat X1/9	01:02.9	00:01.5
4	174	MS4	2	Stuart Hocking	Fiat 124	01:04.5	00:03.2
5	177	MS3	2	Nick Filippetto	Fiat 131	01:04.6	00:03.2
6	695	RS4	2	Jerry Martino	Abarth 695	01:04.7	00:03.3
7	33	MS3	3	Donovan Suine	FSM Niki	01:05.2	00:03.8
8	135	RS2	1	Greg Schultz	Fiat X1/9	01:05.2	00:03.8
9	163	Nonfiat		Richard Caller	MGB GT	01:05.3	00:03.9
10	11	MS4	3	Ian Jorgensen	Abarth 595	01:05.7	00:04.3
11	14	MS4	4	Nicholas Puglisi	Abarth 595	01:06.2	00:04.8
12	77	MS3	4	Dave Filippetto	Fiat 131	01:07.0	00:05.6
13	199	MS4	5	Mike Ruckert	Fiat Punto	01:07.1	00:05.7
14	46	SS2	1	Michael Suine	Fiat X1/9	01:07.2	00:05.8
15	811	MS2	1	Andrew Coles	Fiat X1/9	01:07.6	00:06.2
16	91	RS1	1	Martin Gallard	Fiat 127	01:08.0	00:06.6
17	1	MS4	6	Nadine Jorgensen	Abarth 595	01:08.6	00:07.2
18	13	Nonfiat		Luke Hinchelwood	Subaru Impreza	01:08.7	00:07.3
19	48	RS2	2	Graham Bates	Fiat 850 Sport	01:08.8	00:07.4
20	7	MS2	2	Rob Jorgensen	Fiat 500	01:09.1	00:07.7
21	126	RS3	1	Martin Gallard	Fiat 126	01:09.3	00:07.9
22	64	MS1	1	Mike Lowe	Fiat Abarth 600 Berlina	01:09.4	00:08.0
23	99	MS4	7	Alison Ruckert	Fiat	01:09.5	00:08.1
24	12	RS1	2	Travis McGeorge	Fiat 127	01:09.5	00:08.2
25	85	RS2	3	Keith Ellis	Fiat X1/9	01:10.6	00:09.2
26	28	MS4	8	Marisa Gangemi	Abarth 500	01:11.0	00:09.6
27	4	SS4	1	Ross Di Bartolo	Abarth 124	01:11.3	00:09.9
28	127	RS1	3	Michael McGeorge	Fiat 127	01:11.4	00:10.0
29	16	SS2	2	Andrew Gamblen	Fiat 500	01:11.5	00:10.1
30	49	SS4	2	Adrian Sandrin	Abarth 500	01:12.4	00:11.0
31	165	SS4	3	Erin Freame	Fiat Punto	01:12.5	00:11.1
32	27	MS2	3	Paul Freame	Fiat Punto	01:12.8	00:11.4
33	6	SS2	3	Mark Suine	Fiat X1/9	01:13.2	00:11.8
34	24	RS4	3	Phillip East	Abarth 595	01:13.7	00:12.3
35	9	RS1	4	Abbie Gallard	Fiat 127	01:13.9	00:12.5
36	2	Nonfiat		Lorenzo Aventi	Mazda 2	01:14.5	00:13.1
37	68	Nonfiat		Robert Sales	Mazda 1500	01:17.6	00:16.2

Class Structures.

- SS Street specification
- MS Modified specification
- RS Race specification

Sub Class 1. Up to 1050cc.

Sub Class 2. 1050cc to 1650cc.

Sub Class 3. 1651cc to 2000cc.

Sub Class 4. Over 2000cc.



Two stunning vehicle competing in the Supersprint, Chris Dall'oste's Lancia Stratos replica and Jerry Martino in his Abarth 695.

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Fiat Australia - Fiat of Italy Cup Motorkhana

Saturday April 11 saw the 60th running of the Fiat of Italy Cup which was conducted on the concrete skid pan at One Raceway, Goulburn (formerly Wakefield Park). One Raceway had been substantially improved by its new owners. The track had some modifications to a few corners so that races could be conducted in both directions. The skid pan was previously the gravel car park behind the pit garages on the main straight. Incidentally, as One Raceway was also running a track day on the main circuit, this was the first time that they ran two events concurrently.

Competition throughout the day was hot which contrasted with the very cold and windy conditions encountered. Volunteers were busy chasing the flag cones being blown about by the wind gusts in between marshalling competitors into place and timing each run.

NSW fielded the largest team with 20 competitors from a total of 44. Victoria had a strong contingent of 15 drivers looking to retain the Fiat of Italy Cup with teams from Queensland, South Australia and the ACT also competing. Aside from which team would win the Cup, there was also interest as to whether Glenn Smith would be able to take first outright for the eleventh time. He would be up against 17 competitors in the Rails and Specials classes.

In the road going classes, modern Fiats made up most of the numbers with Abarth 500s and Spiders along with Fiat Puntos and the non turbo 500s as well as the usual assortment of the quick and well handling X1/9 model. A number of classics came to play as well with Terrance Ledger doing well in his 124 Spider, Ross Di Bartolo giving it a go in his recently restored 500, Chris Dall'oste from Victoria in his sensational Lancia Stratos replica, Mike Lowe from South Australia in his Fiat 600 Abarth and Nick Filipetto with his impressive blue 131 who's spectacular loose was videoed and posted on the web. Another car that was interesting was the mid engine Niki of Donovan Suine from Canberra. There were plenty more cars there doing well who could also rate a mention, check out the FIAT Nationals Facebook site for photos of the event.

Generations of long time family competitors are becoming a regular feature with the NSW McGeorge and Gallard families fielding seven drivers over 3 cars, The Freame family with five drivers in their rail and Punto and four of the Jorgenson family spilt competing for NSW and Victoria.

Despite the windy conditions, the day went very well as the organisation of the event and the support from the volunteers was exceptional. In addition to the competitors, there were a number of interested spectators which included the Mayor of Goulburn, Ms Nina Dillon, coming specially to see the event (the Goulburn Mulwaree Council was a sponsor of the weekend). Others who popped in for a look in on the event were on their way to Queanbeyan for Auto Italia the next day.

In the end it was the Fiat Club of NSW who won the Fiat of Italy Cup defeating the current holders, the Fiat Car Club of Victoria. Congratulations to Glenn Smith on winning the Motorkhana outright for the eleventh time. It was a close thing as he beat Paul Freame by the barest of margins, 0.22 seconds. Has it ever been closer?

That is all from the Fiat of Italy Cup for 2026. The day would not have been a success without the organisation from Martin Gallard and Michael McGeorge and the invaluable assistance for the volunteering officials, scrutineers, marshals and time keepers who also make this event happen for the competitors. *(Words & photos unless otherwise credited, Lorenzo Aventi)*

Notable results for the NSW drivers; 1st outright and 1 class F - Glenn Smith (Fiat Rail).

Class E: 1st - Travis McGeorge (Fiat 127); 2nd - Martin Gallard (Fiat 126); 3rd - Michael McGeorge (Fiat 127).

Class D: 2nd - Phillip East (Abarth 595); 2nd - Gavin Tory (Fiat 500).



Photo - left; Glen Smith in the Fiat 128 engine Rail, outright winner in the motorkhana for the 11th time

Photo - right; Paul Freame was a very close second outright by a mere 0.22 seconds over the eight motorkhana tests



Fiat Club of NSW - 2026 Fiat of Italy Cup winners (photo-FIAT Nationals Facebook)



Fiat Australia - Fiat of Italy Cup Motorkhana Results

Class	Class Rank	O/R	Name	Car	Club	Total Time	Double Bone	Gables	Crossed 4 Point	Crazy Square	Accordion	Square Slalom	Oh What A Feeling	Plumb Crazy
							Adj Time	Adj Time	Adj Time	Adj Time	Adj Time	Adj Time	Adj Time	Adj Time
A	1	36	Terence Ledger	Fiat 124 Spider	NSW	306.45	47.66	52.68	27.01	23.99	54.32 G	34.09	36.99 WD	29.71
A	2	38	Nick Filipetto	Fiat 131	NSW	321.01	57.82	56.37 2F	25.91	22.98	43.59	39.09 DNS	31.99	43.26
B	1	11	Gary Spencer	Fiat X1/9	VIC	257.25	38.52	48.68	23.64	21.42	38.01	29.47	30.12	27.39
B	2	17	Ian Maud	Fiat X1/9	VIC	263.63	36.72	45.70	30.81	23.47	40.81	30.28	29.94	25.90
B	3	18	Andrew Coles	Fiat X1/9	SA	266.34	36.51	55.53 WD	24.85	21.45	39.06	33.31 F	30.04	25.59
B	4	19	Keith Ellis	Fiat X1/9	VIC	268.79	41.35	45.25	26.31	21.72	42.95	30.62	30.80	29.79
B	5	20	Chris Dall'oste	Lancia Stratos	VIC	271.43	40.55	46.89	29.73	20.66	49.93 WD	28.38	29.52	25.77
B	6	32	Mike Lowe	Fiat Abarth Berlina Corsa	SA	305.29	44.85	49.69	36.94 WD	24.68	44.93	36.24 WD	35.74	32.22
B	7	34	Greg Schultz	Fiat X1/9	SA	305.53	45.36	50.53	36.94 WD	29.68 WD	49.93 WD	31.24	33.49	28.36
B	8	42	Ross Di Bartolo	Fiat 500	NSW	330.22	50.36 DNS	55.53 DNS	31.94	29.68 DNS	49.93 DNS	36.24 DNS	40.74 DNS	35.80
C	1	9	Mike Ruckert	Fiat Punto	QLD	252.32	38.16	46.05	23.30	21.64	38.65	27.88	30.50	26.14
C	2	22	Ruth Freame	Fiat Punto	VIC	277.04	39.75	46.95	26.52	23.84	41.85	32.13	37.18 WD	28.82
C	3	24	Roger Malcolm	Fiat Punto	NSW	283.45	42.72	48.84	25.95	23.33	46.12	31.32	37.18 WD	27.99
C	4	27	Erin Freame	Fiat Punto	VIC	292.23	46.02	53.29	28.44	23.40	46.81	33.62	32.18	28.47
C	5	30	Kevin Halliburton	Fiat Punto	NSW	299.13	43.82	50.36	26.57	26.96	51.81 WD	32.18	37.18 WD	30.25
C	6	31	Alison Ruckert	Fiat Punto	QLD	300.95	41.22	50.40	26.44	22.83	42.62	32.43	37.18 WD	47.83
C	7	41	Mark Freame	Fiat Punto	VIC	329.08	51.02 DNS	58.29 DNS	28.03	31.96 DNS	51.81 DNS	38.62 DNS	37.18 DNS	32.17
D	1	12	Rob Jorgensen	Fiat 500	VIC	258.00	34.50	41.34	37.52 G	21.91	38.04	26.72	30.59	27.38
D	2	13	Phillip East	Abarth 595	NSW	258.42	41.84	47.08	22.36	21.80	38.91	29.44	30.16	26.83
D	3	15	Gavin Tory	Fiat 500 Pop	NSW	259.67	42.22	44.22	24.91	21.70	37.82	27.81	31.75	29.24
D	4	16	Ian Jorgensen	Fiat Abarth 595	NSW	262.48	39.32	48.21	23.71	21.03	41.51	28.66	30.34	29.70
D	5	21	Lorenzo Aventi	Fiat 500 Pop	NSW	276.24	41.12	45.22	26.74	23.55	45.35	31.54	32.32	30.40
D	6	23	Marisa Gangemi	Abarth 500	VIC	279.03	41.70	46.52	24.69	22.71	40.90	33.52	41.23 WD	27.76
D	7	25	Andrew Gamblen	Fiat 500	ACT	287.40	43.01	54.15	25.72	23.08	41.90	32.72	41.23 WD	25.59
D	8	26	Ben Jorgensen	Fiat 500	NSW	289.98	42.28	50.55	32.92 WD	23.45	43.25	34.37	33.24	29.92
D	9	28	Nadine Jorgensen	Fiat Abarth 595	NSW	292.56	43.45	54.47	27.92	28.55 WD	41.78	32.71	36.23	27.45
D	10	33	Adrian Sandrin	Abarth 500	NSW	305.33	43.78	59.47 WD	26.29	23.41	43.75	32.02	41.23 WD	35.38
E	1	3	Travis McGeorge	Fiat 127	NSW	225.05	31.57	37.27	21.92	20.16	35.99	23.87	28.30	25.97
E	2	4	Martin Gallard	Fiat 126	NSW	234.04	32.50	41.86	21.63	20.26	35.44	24.45	30.65	27.25
E	3	5	Michael McGeorge	Fiat 127	NSW	235.14	31.78	40.61	22.00	19.77	41.09	24.54	29.08	26.27
E	4	7	Tony Russell	Fiat Panda	VIC	237.75	30.00	54.06 WD	21.73	20.06	34.02	23.45	28.45	25.98
E	5	10	Martin Drake	Fiat Panda	VIC	253.73	39.57 F	40.69	31.67 WD	21.12	36.75	24.53	32.93	26.47
E	6	29	Hayley McGeorge N	Fiat 127	NSW	297.64	38.23	49.06	26.67	33.05 WD	46.09 WD	32.25	33.53	38.76 F
E	7	35	Luke Hinchelwood	Fiat 126	NSW	306.18	47.58	54.06 WD	25.23	33.05 WD	46.09 WD	37.25 WD	32.27	30.65
E	8	37	Hugo Suine (J)	FSM Niki	ACT	308.53	52.58 WD	55.93	31.67 WD	24.77	46.09 WD	32.62	35.05	29.82
E	9	39	Abbie Gallard (J)	Fiat 126	NSW	321.34	52.58 DNS	54.06 DNS	27.29	33.21 G	46.09 DNS	37.25 DNS	38.53 WD	32.33
E	10	40	Donovan Suine	FSM Niki	ACT	321.39	51.68 G	46.13	36.67 F G	28.05	68.04 F	25.51	29.66	35.65 WD
E	11	43	Ella Gallard (J)	Fiat 126	NSW	344.80	71.36 F	60.52	29.16	27.38	43.79	35.74	42.99	33.86
E	12	44	Guther Suine (J)	FSM Niki	ACT	363.45	54.09	61.92	37.53	29.59	55.88	49.02	39.77	35.65 DNS
F	1	1	Glenn Smith	Fiat Rail	NSW	210.29	31.64	34.24	20.36	17.96	32.11	21.55	27.83	24.60
F	2	2	Paul Freame	Fiat Rail	VIC	210.51	30.71	34.30	20.38	18.24	31.40	24.08	26.49	24.91
F	3	6	Debra Judd	Fiat Rail	VIC	237.65	35.05	39.30 WD	23.92	19.69	36.04	26.23	29.93	27.49
F	4	8	Robert Judd	Fiat Rail	VIC	239.51	33.25	41.34 F	21.62	18.89	42.23	24.09	29.45	28.64
F	5	14	Bill Freame	Fiat Rail	VIC	259.35	33.89	39.30 WD	24.28	24.69 WD	50.54 F G	26.04	33.31	27.30

2026 FIAT Nationals

Fiat of Italy Cup Motorkhana Photos



Photos above from left to right: Classic Fiats are never to old to compete; Fiat Rails from Victoria; the Suine Niki from the ACT was sensational to watch all weekend as was Chris Dall'oste's Lancia Stratos replica.

Photos below, the NSW team, from left to right: The McGeorge family ran three drivers in their 127 special with Travis achieving 3rd outright; Roger Malcolm achieved 3rd in class C in the Punto of Kevin Halliburton; Nick Filipetto was spectacular throwing his 131 around the track; Terence Ledger was back this year in his 124 Spider and managed to come first in class A.



More photos of the NSW team, above from left to right, : Glenn Smith gave it everything to gain fastest time overall; The Jorgensen's are known for travelling vast distances from North Queensland to participate in the Nationals. Ian, Nadine and Ben were there again this year; Ross Di Bartolo gave his restored Nuova 500 a run; Adrian Sandrin in his Abarth 500.

Photos below from left to right: Gavin Tory managed to win 3rd class D and 15th overall in his Fiat 500 Pop proving that you don't need a huge amount of power to do well; Martin Gallard was a busy man preparing three cars for the Nationals (including his two motorkhana 126s) for himself, daughters Abbie and Ella and also Luke Hichelwood; Motorkhana veteran, Phillip East in his Abarth 500 is always competitive and managed 2nd class D and 13th outright.



Interstate competitors, above from left to right: Mike Lowe from South Australia in his Abarth Berlina Corsa; Long tome competitors and supporters of the FIAT Nationals are Mike and Alison Ruckert from Queensland; Tony Russell and Martin Drake competed in the Specials class with a Fiat Panda. Tony had previously been an outright winner with this car back in 2023; Fiat X1/9s from interstate made up the majority of class B.

2026 FIAT Nationals

Quattro Stelle Show 'n' Shine

Sunday was day three of the FIAT Nationals and time for the event's Show 'n' Shine which for this year was held in conjunction with Auto Italia in Queanbeyan. Auto Italia would be one of the largest annual events for Italian automotive machinery in the country with displays of motor cars, rare, modern and racing version, along with a similar selection of motorcycles.

A cool morning welcomed the early bird Nationals entrant who had chosen to display their car, even earlier for those who put in a little bit of last minute detailing in the a hope of improving their point score. The weather warmed up throughout the morning making it a very pleasant day for inspecting the exotic vehicles on show.

Cars were displayed in make and model groups. This meant you would see collections of Fiat X1/9, classic Fiat 500 and other models sharing a similar stretch of lawn. As usual, there would be a number of enthusiasts displaying their recently restored or acquired machine along with the seasoned entrants and cars that are regular participants. Some of the notable vehicles were the Ferrari prototype sports racer, a similar Alfa 33 as well as trio of Abarth competition cars such as Lancia 037 and Delta Integrale as well as a 131 Abarth.

This year's winner of the FIAT Nationals Show 'n' Shine was shared by Dean Ryan in his Fiat Abarth 695S and Sabina Sgro with her Fiat 131 Rally Car. Congratulations to them both and all the participants who made it to Auto Italia this year.

(Words & photos , Lorenzo Aventi)



Above, Dean Ryan (Fiat Abarth 695S) and below, Sabrina Sgro (Fiat 131 Rally, seen just behind part of her special 131 collection), joint winners of the 2026 Nationals Show 'n' Shine



Results for the Quattro Stelle Show 'n' Shine

Outright Wiiners: Dean Ryan (Fiat Abarth 695S) and Sabina Sgro (Fiat 131 Rally Car), both scoring 131 points.

Class	1st	Vehicle	Score	2nd	Vehicle	Score	3rd	Vehicle	Score
P2 - 1960 to 1975	Ross Di Bartolo	Fiat 500	130	Alyn Vincent	Fiat 2300S	129	Kevin Lemm	Fiat 2300	127
P3 - 1976 to 1990	Sabrina Sgro	Fiat 131 Racing	126	Sabrina Sgro	Fiat 131 Superbrava	120	Nick Filipetto	Fiat 131	118
P4 - 1991 to 2008	Mike Ruckert Alison Ruckert	Fiat Punto	118.5	Erin Freame	Fiat Punto	56.5	Mark Freame	Fiat Punto	50
P5 - 2009 to current	Chris Dall'oste	Lancia Stratos	126	Frank Newton	Abarth 695 Comp	94	Adrian Sandrin	Abarth 500	93
P6 - Competition	Martin Gallard	Fiat 127	125	Martin Gallard	Fiat 126	122	Jerry Martino	Abarth 695	113



Photos, clockwise from top: Gavin Tory's 124 cc Coupe with Sabrina's brown 131 in the background, Ian Sinden and his X1/9, Graham Bates 850 Coupe race car, Richard Dalziel and his 'one owner' 850 Coupe, Martin Gallard's 127 race car, Sabrina Sgro and her Fiat 500.



2026 FIAT Nationals

Auto Italia Photos



The 2026 Fiat Nationals was an absolutely massive weekend. I hope everyone had a great time.

There are so many people to thank for helping get this weekend not only up and running but also for stepping in over the weekend to help ensure it was the success that it was. To every single person that volunteered your time in any manner, from waving flags, cutting salami, setting up rooms, timing and scribing, officiating, signing of entries, and about another 100 ways, I personally thank you for your support and generous offer of your time.

I would like to thank the committee of the Fiat Club of NSW for taking on the financial risk of running the event, and for the committee and club members who assisted with the organisation of the weekend. I never thought we would be in the middle of a fuel crisis when we first planned the weekend, but we did it!

A big shout out to Ollie for organising the winery run, I hope everyone had a great time. Thank you Ollie!

Our incredible event sponsors Mastertouch Automotive, Fiat Australia, Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Quattro Stelle Salami, Echoes of the Past, Brookes Engraving & Signs, Kingsdale Wines, Penrite Oil, Paragon Cafe, Pure Bendigo Gold Honey, Snap Print Solutions Homebush Bay, Sydney Automotive Paints & Equipment, NGK SPARK PLUGS Australia, Greywood Roasthouse, ITALY2U, & Motorsport Connections Australia, thank you. Your generosity is major part of making this event a success. I insist all entrants take the time, and support the businesses that support us.

Tony & Sue from Echoes Of The Past did an amazing job with the merch, and the photographic tribute album just looks amazing. Please ensure you show your support by heading over to <https://www.echoesofthepast.biz/fiat-nationals-2026-merch>

Congratulations to all who snagged a trophy, but just as importantly, thank you to every single person who participated in the event. I hope you had a memorable weekend, please take the time to brag about it to your fellow club members who did not attend. They missed an absolute ripper.

Got some images to share? We are looking for images of our event from all angles, these are for our Facebook page, a 2026 event book and to show our sponsors. If you would like to share your experience, please send to fiatnationals@yahoo.com.au

The 2027 will be in Victoria, and I can't wait to see what team FCCVIC put together. Get those cars ready!

Ciao, for now, **Martin (Marty) Gallard**





coffee break (write up)

17th May 2026

Maggio's Cafe @ North Ryde

Maggio's

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A great turn out of club members attending the Maggio's coffee break at North Ryde. This event coincided with the National Motoring Heritage Day activities.

Our club members were encouraged to drive their historic cars on the day to celebrate all things motoring. Our coffee break would be the starting point for those choosing to hope to different events spread across the state.

The highlight was meeting a new club member called Emily and learning about her skid pan activities in her red FIAT 500 and listening to her plans to modify and personalise her car.

We thank all who participated and enjoyed themselves and we look forward to seeing you all at the next events.

Ciao **Giovanni Ciampa**
(social events co-ordinator)
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slot car racing (write up)

1st May 2026

The Slot Shop @ Panania



Victor Fenech a club member kindly invited the FIAT Club of NSW members to a slot car racing evening at The Slot Shop in Panania. Members attending could have dinner next door at Enzos restaurant at 6pm before the main event kicked from 7pm when the flag dropped for slot car mayhem!

An electrifying atmosphere (no pun intended!) was had by all who participated.

For those who missed out, keep a look out for email reminders for the next events.

A big thank you to Victor again for hosting and inviting our club members!

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coffee break (write up)

19th April 2026
Wildpear Cafe @ Dural

Wildpear



A fantastic group of club members turned up for breakfast at Wildpear Cafe in Dural. A picturesque location set amongst a nursery created a calm and peaceful environment to enjoy a Sunday morning.

Many of those present had also attended the recent FIAT Nationals and it was a treat to hear the many stories about their experiences.

The highlight of the morning was seeing the array of club members cars in the carpark. We had everything from a FIAT 500 classic to a Maserati Grand Turismo!

We look forward to seeing you all at the next social events.

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Members Meeting WRITE UP

following the Tuesday 7th April 2026 members meeting



Tony Studans (guest speaker)

At our last members meeting, we were very lucky to have present Tony Studans, a long standing club member with a huge knowledge of all things FIAT. He is very passionate about our club and its history. In particular for its involvement with the FIAT Nationals.

Tony spoke on the night with heart felt emotion of the FIAT Nationals and what a great event it is. In particular about the many memories, experiences and stories he now enjoys recalling. Most importantly, the fantastic long lasting friendships he has forged from it. He presented a curated book as a tribute to the FIAT Nationals. A collection on hundreds of photos recording the first Nationals and the subsequent years. This is available to purchase from the following link:

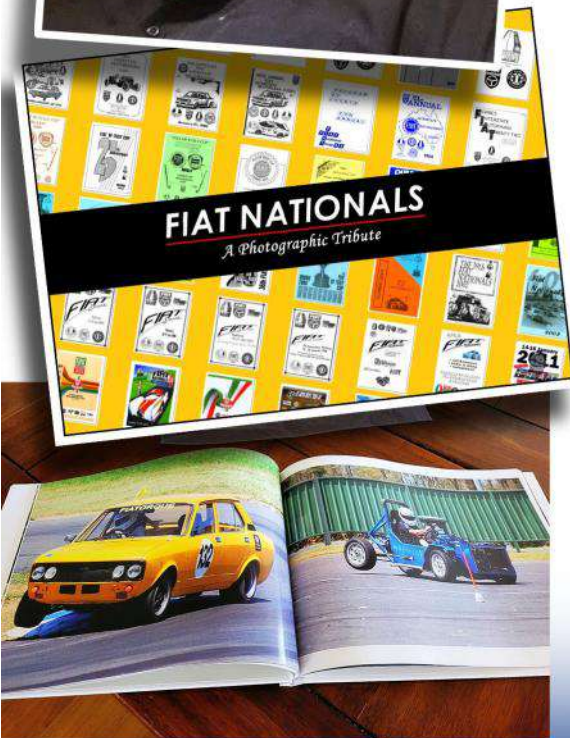
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We thank Tony and our club members for their time, it made for a really enjoyable evening together with like minded people.

We look forward to seeing many more club members at the next Members Meeting.

ciao

Giovanni Ciampa
social events coordinator
FIAT Club of NSW Inc.



NEXT MEMBERS MEETING...

Tuesday night (7pm) 7th July 2026

Venue: Magpie Sports Club
46 Hampton Street,
Croydon Park NSW 2133



UPCOMING EVENTS

Coffee Break!

come join like minded FIAT enthusiasts enjoy a coffee/breakfast catch up.



When: Sunday 14th June 2026

Where: The V Bar & Cafe
Shop 6b/10 Carrington Rd,
Marrickville NSW 2204

Time: 8:00am - 10:00am



Coffee Break!

come join like minded FIAT enthusiasts enjoy a coffee/breakfast catch up.



When: Sunday 12th July 2026

Where: Cherry Beans
62 South Street,
Rydalmere NSW 2116

Time: 8:00am - 10:00am



Coffee Break!

come join like minded FIAT enthusiasts enjoy a coffee/breakfast catch up.



When: Sunday 9th August 2026

Where: Saddles
20 Ashbrookes Road,
Mount White NSW 2250

Time: 9:00am - 11:00am



(note: members are welcomed to enjoy signature pastries and craft coffee from The Caravan by the dam)



CMC Shannons Sydney Classic

Sunday 16th August 2026
Sydney Motorsport Park
Ferrers Road, Eastern Creek NSW 2766

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 CMC Shannons Sydney Classic (cars of any standard welcome)

limited tickets available per club
[only 12 spots allocated to FIAT Club of NSW]
cost per ticket \$30

please RSVP and pay for your ticket as soon as possible
contact: Giovanni Ciampa (events@fiatclubnsw.com.au)

cars to be on display by: 10:00am



Concorso d'Eleganza

Sunday 13th September 2026

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 Topolino (90yrs) + FIAT 124 (60yrs)

entry free for club members

cars to be on display by: 9:30am

judging commences: 10:00am

trophy presentation: 2:00pm





Sunday July 12 2026

If you are proud of displaying your Fiat at car shows, and you want to try something different in a wonderful location, then the Port Stephens Car Show 2026 will be a memorable experience for you.

Last year's show had over 400 cars on display, with the usual cavalcade of Aussie V8s and American classics mixed in with Ferraris, a McClaren, movie replica cars like the Ghostbusters ambulance and a Batmobile, and a quirky mix of British, Japanese and a few Italian cars. Really, there is something for everyone.

Because I am attending as a Trade Stall operator with my 500 Abarth, I can act as our members' liaison with the event so that members can attend with the confidence of knowing exactly what to expect on the day.

The show is located around the main street of Nelson Bay CBD and the surrounds of the d'Albora Marina overlooking Nelson Bay and Port Stephens. This year that view will include an aerobatic display by Matt Hall, a former RAAF Top Gun fighter pilot and now Red Bull Air racer and stunt pilot. If you want to make a weekend of it, there is a charity auction dinner hosted by legendary race driver John Bowe, and on Saturday there is an entrant's cruise around the town, with lots of spectators lining the sides of the roads.

The show runs from 9am-2pm, and I think 5 hours might not be enough to see everything. There is an entry fee of around \$45, which is the entrant's donation to the Mark Hughes Foundation. Entrants will receive a tote-bag of goodies from the many sponsors of this great event, plus raffle tickets for multiple prizes in the Entrants'-only raffle, and loads of discount vouchers from the many cafes, restaurants and businesses in and around Port Stephens.

I also hope to group all the Italian car exhibitors together. I am approaching the **CIAO** (Combined Italian Auto Organisation) Car Club in Newcastle, as this is a very local event for them, plus a number of Fiat Facebook groups, so there will be a chance to make the acquaintance of new Fiat people from other places.

So for something a bit outside of the usual club activities, why not come and give this event a go.

For more show information, and to book your exhibitor ticket, go to www.portstephenscarshow.com.au

If you want to contact me, then my email is studans@gmail.com or phone 0478676596



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Frid 23rd October - Gala Dinner

Sat 24th October - Formal Ceremony

Sun 25th October - Italian Car Clubs
Pasta Run and departure

To register your interest or any questions:
president@fiatclub.org.au 0400 177278



“The Crossing” News May 2026

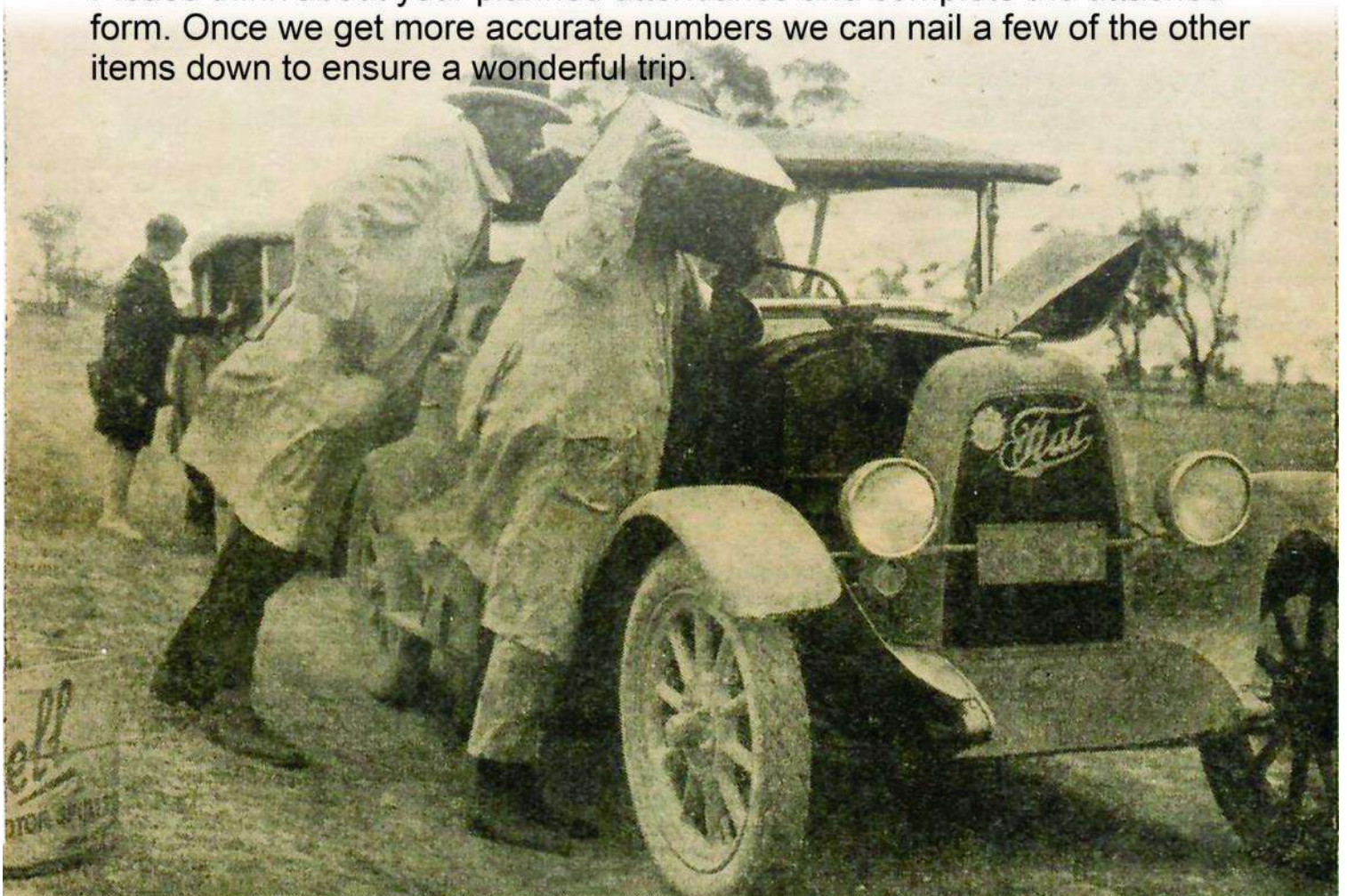
May already, 5 months to departure. Time to get serious

Many of you have replied previously to expression of interest requests and for that I thank you. Globally, things seem to have changed over the past few months and a few people have been asking about fuel prices and availability for the trip.

Currently it seems that the prices might be a little higher than they were but supplies are holding up. Those with vast distances to travel will be conducting their own calculations. We are still going to run the event, even if we have a smaller group than originally planned to attend. The same happened in 1926 when a few dropped out due to health and other reasons close to the departure date.

The Fiat Lancia Club of WA, the current incarnation of the original Fiat Club of WA who conducted the event are looking for more accurate numbers around attendance to aid in organising Perth based events for the days prior to departure. We are also trying to get an accurate number to target the best sized bus to accompany us.

Please think about your planned attendance and complete the attached form. Once we get more accurate numbers we can nail a few of the other items down to ensure a wonderful trip.



Please complete and return the form below. I know you may have done so before but it's getting close.

SERIOUS EXPRESSIONS OF INTENT



Name

 Contact

 Vehicle (if applicable)

 Is your accommodation arranged?

Contact/Inquiries:
 Roger Beattie 0400 177278
 president@fiatclub.org.au

	How travelling	How Many
	Own car Vintage
	Own Car Classic
	Own Car Modern
	Catch the Bus
	Take a Camper
	Fly One Way

We don't want to call on these guys to rescue us!



Fiat's Pandina Replacement Has Three Seats And The Driver Sits In The Middle

The Italian brand gears up for a major product offensive, focused on urban mobility and affordable family transformation

BY THANOS PAPPAS



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Stellantis has revealed its future product roadmap, and Fiat carries a heavier load this time around. The Italian brand is committing to 13 launches across multiple regions under a strategy called “The Sunny Road to 2030,” an unusually large bet on a marque that has spent the last decade leaning almost entirely on the 500 and the Panda.

Starting with Europe, the big news is a new compact SUV duo named the Fiat Grizzly. The model will be available in Fastback and SUV body styles serving as the big brother of the Grande Panda. It is designed for “affordable family transformation”, targeting rivals offerings Dacia and Skoda.

While the official debut of the Grizzly is scheduled for the Paris Motor Show in October, Fiat has shared the first official renderings and they are quite revealing.

The face is upright and squared off, with LED headlights running into an illuminated grille and chunky bumper intakes flanked by ribbed fender cladding. From the A-pillar back, the two body styles share doors and glasshouse, with the differences confined to the rear. The Fastback gets

a sloped roofline that almost certainly trims rear headroom and cargo space, while the SUV keeps the upright tail and roof rails for buyers who actually need to use the thing.

The Grizzly duo will ride on the Smart Car architecture, which already underpins the Fiat Grande Panda, Citroen C3, C3 Aircross, and Opel

Frontera. The powertrain lineup is expected to include the mild-hybrid 1.2-liter engine and fully electric options.

The other pillar of the Fiat brand in Europe is Urban Mobility. The Topolino will be joined by a second heavy quadricycle dubbed the Quattrolino. The new model looks like a spiritual successor of the original Multipla from the '50s, featuring a single-box silhouette and retro styling touches. While it has two doors, it's name and silhouette hint at a four-seater layout.

Besides the existing 500 and the Tris tricycle, Fiat has also unveiled a rendering of another urban EV. The yet-unnamed model looks like a concept but could preview a future production offering riding on the STLA City architecture and serving as a replacement for the aging Pandina. It has a toy-like stance with a grille-less face and boxy LED headlights sticking out of its short nose. The interior appears to have three seats with the driver in a central position.

As for South America, Fiat targets to remain the best-selling brand in Brazil and Argentina which are crucial markets for its global sales numbers. The automaker will freshen up its

lineup with an emphasis on localisation and affordability.

The headline act is the new generation of the Argo, which is the South American version of the European Grande Panda. The subcompact hatchback with the crossover stance will be joined by three new SUVs. Two of them will likely be the successors of the Pulse and the Fastback, while the third one remains a mystery.

Fiat will also double down on its pickup lineup. The Strada and the Toro unibody pickups are getting new generations, joining the larger Titano.

Fiat CEO announces 5 new electric vehicles – here's what to know

Story by Steve Fowler msm.com

Fiat is planning a family expansion, with a new Grizzly SUV, a bigger version of the tiny Topolino and what sounds very much like a new baby Panda-style electric car all on the way.

Speaking at Stellantis' Investor Day, Fiat CEO Olivier François set out a future line-up intended to give the Italian brand more cars at both ends of its range, while sticking to its traditional focus on small, affordable models.

“Europe is not one market. It's many markets, different driving cultures, different needs, different realities,” said François. “So, it's complicated maybe, but that's exactly our edge, our advantage.”

His argument is that Fiat does not need to follow one formula across every country. “One size fits all does not win in Europe,” he said. “The winning formula is a handful of distinct brands with the right synergies underneath.”

At the larger end of the Fiat family will be the new Grizzly, a bigger sibling to the Panda and Grande Panda. François showed two shadowy silhouettes of the newcomer, which is expected to appear in a practical SUV shape and a sleeker, more swept-back version.

“The new Fiat Grizzly. And you see two silhouettes. Why? Because again, it's designed for three regions of the world,” he said. *Continued next page...*

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“It completes the Panda and Grande Panda family. Same DNA, still built on Smart Car, but it’s a big animal.”

That means the Grizzly will share its basic underpinnings with the Grande Panda and other affordable Stellantis models. Full details – including engines, electric range, prices and a UK launch date – have not yet been announced, but the new car is expected to be revealed in full at the Paris motor show later this year.

For Fiat, the Grizzly is intended to do more than simply add a larger model to the line-up. François said: “It will not just elevate the market share, it will elevate everything. The mix, the revenue, the margins, the brand.”

But the bigger bear is only part of the plan. François said Fiat would remain “big and small, committed to urban mobility”, with more compact models joining the current Topolino, 500, Pandina and Grande Panda.

The tiny Topolino, based on the Citroen Ami, which François described as “a tremendous success so far”, will gain a larger sister model with two doors and four seats. Fiat is also preparing a new three-wheeler commercial delivery vehicle which, in François’ words, will be in a “typically Italian spirit”.

Most intriguing of all is a new small electric Fiat, teased in sketch form during the presentation. François said the images were created with Fiat designers and students as they explored ideas for the future of city transport.

“Trust me, the final design, the real design is stunning,” he said. “It’s not a revival of an icon. It’s literally the next icon.”

That is a bold promise from the company behind the original Fiat 500 and Panda, but François made clear that the brand’s next generation will not be limited to looking backwards.

“Bottom line, five all-new cars, three mobility devices,” he said. And with the Grizzly at one end and a new small electric Fiat at the other, Fiat showrooms are about to become much busier places.

2026 Fiat Scudo price and specs:

HiAce rival returns to Australia as Peugeot twin

Amid a record sales year in Australia with its full-size Ducato, Fiat Professional has returned to the mid-size delivery van segment after an 11-year hiatus.

By [Jordan Hickey](#) Drive .com

Fiat has revived its Scudo van in Australia after an 11-year hiatus, with the latest model – a twin to the Peugeot Expert – due in local showrooms next month.

The Scudo will be the latest offering in the mid-size van segment, which declined 12 per cent in 2025 and remains dominated by the Toyota HiAce, with its Peugeot twin being the slowest-selling diesel model, only ahead of the electric Volkswagen ID. Buzz Cargo.

However, its arrival follows an all-time high for the Fiat Professional brand in Australia, with 1541 examples of the larger Ducato van reported as sold last year, beating its previous record of 1487 in 2016.

Fiat Professional outsold the Fiat 500 and Abarth 500 small cars, which recorded 411 sales in 2025.

Priced from \$48,490 before on-road costs, the 2026 Fiat Scudo costs \$500 less than the Peugeot Expert in short-wheelbase guise with a 110kW/370Nm 2.0-litre turbo-diesel and an eight-speed automatic.

It will also be available in a long-wheelbase configuration, with both

sizes offered in two grades: Scudo and Scudo Primo.

The long-wheelbase Fiat Scudo Primo tops out at \$52,990 – with \$990 premium paint and a \$700 glazed rear tailgate as extra-cost options – compared to \$54,490 for the Peugeot Expert Premium Long.

Standard features include a 10-inch infotainment touchscreen, wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, a heated driver’s seat, a 10-inch digital instrument cluster, and automatic halogen headlights.

The Scudo Primo adds keyless entry and push-button start, full-LED headlights, a wireless smartphone charger, a heated steering wheel, dual-zone climate control, and LED lighting in the load compartment.

Dating back to 2016, the current-generation van is sold in Europe as the Citroen Jumpy, Peugeot Expert, Fiat Scudo and Opel/Vauxhall Vivaro within the Stellantis group, along with the Toyota ProAce and Iveco eJolly.

Fiat will not offer the all-electric E-Scudo in Australia, unlike Peugeot, which sells the e-Expert for \$79,990 before on-road costs with a 75kWh battery and an NEDC-rated 330-kilometre driving range.

Combined fuel consumption is rated at 6.3 litres per 100 kilometres across all Fiat Scudo grades, equivalent to the diesel Peugeot Expert, with a 69-litre fuel tank.

Fiat Professional vehicles are covered by a five-year, 200,000-kilometre warranty in Australia, along with five years of roadside assistance without the need to service at a dealer to retain the coverage – also equivalent to the Peugeot Expert.

2026 Fiat Scudo price in Australia
Scudo short-wheelbase 2.0-litre turbo-diesel automatic – \$48,490

Scudo long-wheelbase 2.0-litre turbo-diesel automatic – \$50,490

Scudo Primo short-wheelbase 2.0-litre turbo-diesel automatic – \$50,990

Scudo Primo long-wheelbase 2.0-litre turbo-diesel automatic – \$52,990

Note: All prices above exclude on-road costs.

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" After decades of photographing the Fiat Nationals, Tony Studans has compiled a book about The Fiat Nationals, "*FIAT NATIONALS, A Photographic Tribute*".

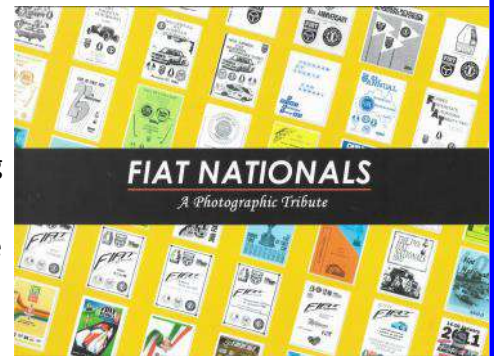
Combining a huge number of Tony's photos including photos of the first Fiat of Italy Cup event held in 1964, plus clippings from various Fiat Club magazines, the book is shaping up as a great recollection of memorable moments in Fiat Nationals history."

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.

A number of copies have been purchased so far and the book has met with plenty of approval by the buyers.

Cost is \$59 plus \$14 postage. To purchase this book click on the "Echoes of the Past" icon on the Fiat Nationals homepage, fiatnationals.com.au , or go to www.echoesofthepast.biz and click on the Fiat Nationals button to order.



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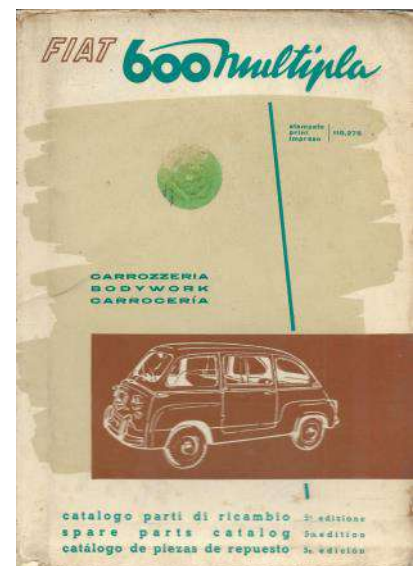
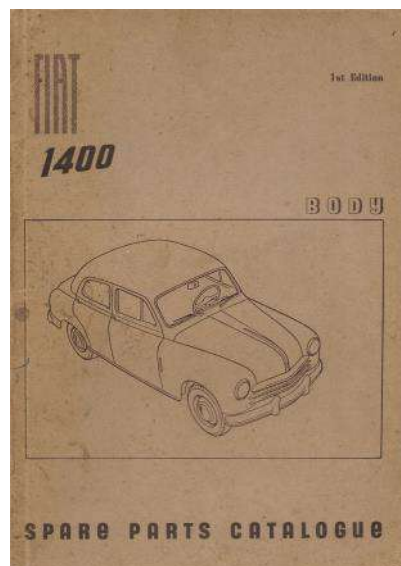
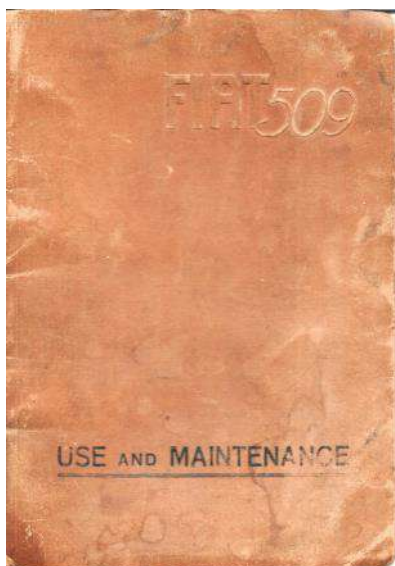
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The Club Library has recently received old and rare instruction books, owner's manuals and parts catalogues that are available for use by members. Some of the tile are shown below.

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The Back End ... More photos from the FIAT Nationals and Auto Italia





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