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2026 FIAT CLUB NSW EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT AND LOCATION	Point score
April 2026		
Tues 7th	Members Social Meeting - Maggie Sports, 46 Hampton St, Croydon Park	Yes
Thurs 9th -Mon 13th	Fiat Nationals - Marulan, Goulburn, Queanbeyan	Yes
Sun 12th	Auto Italia - Queanbeyan	Yes
Sun 19th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Wildpear Cafe @ Dural	Yes
May 2026		
Sun 17th	National Motoring Heritage Day TBC	Yes
Sun 17th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Maggio's @ North Ryde	Yes
June 2026		
Tue 2nd	Members Social Meeting - Maggie Sports, 46 Hampton St, Croydon Park	Yes
Sun 14th	FIAT Club Coffee Break - Nouli's Café @ La Perouse	Yes
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		
Tues 7th	Members Social Meeting - Maggie Sports, 46 Hampton St, Croydon Park	Yes
Sun 19th	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	Five Dock Festa	No
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
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
Sun 11th	Bathurst 1000, Mount Panorama	No
Sun 25th	Norton Street Festa, Leichhardt	Yes
November 2026		
Sun 1st	Interclub Supersprint - One Raceway, Goulburn	No
Sun 8th	Huntley Hillclimb	No
Sun 15th	2026 Fiat Club NSW Motorkhana Championship Rd 7, Ansell Park	Yes

Historic Vehicle Use - always remember to carry the following 4 items;

1. Club Run - carry a "paper, not electronic" copy of the club calendar with the event listed,
2. Personal Use - fill in your RMS log sheet before you leave - as fines & points apply,
3. Certificate of Approved Operations (purple A5 sheet issued by the RMS),
4. FCNSW membership card - to confirm your financial status.

President's Report – April 2026

Hello members, and welcome to what is shaping up to be one of the most exciting months of the year for the Fiat Club of NSW!

We are now **less than two weeks away** from the **2026 Fiat Nationals in Goulburn**, and the energy is really building. We would love to see as many NSW members as possible flying the flag proudly across all categories.

Whether you're a seasoned competitor, a first-timer wanting to dip your toes in, or simply keen to come along and cheer, **your presence makes a huge difference**. The Nationals aren't just about competition — they're about camaraderie, stories, laughter, and that unbeatable feeling of being surrounded by people who share a passion for Italian machinery in all its wonderful forms.

How you can get involved:

- Enter a competition category
- Put your Fiat on display
- Volunteer for one of the many small-but-important tasks
- Come along as a spectator and soak up the atmosphere

Bring a friend, partner, or family member and show them how good this event really is

Keep an eye on updates, details, and entry links via both the website and Facebook page. They're the best places to find schedules, announcements, and any last-minute information you'll need.

Facebook: *Fiat Nationals Australia*

Website: *fiatnationals.com*

If you've never been before, I promise you — **you won't regret it**. If you have been before, then you already know why we all look forward to this

weekend each year. It's always a fantastic blend of competition, great conversation, and the sort of atmosphere that keeps this club thriving.

Outside the Nationals, April is also shaping up to be a great month for socialising and reconnecting. Our next **Members' Social Meeting** is on **Tuesday, 7th April**, and we'd love to see a big turnout. Come along, join the committee for dinner beforehand, relax, talk cars, share a few laughs, and enjoy the simple pleasure of spending time with fellow enthusiasts. It's a perfect opportunity to meet new faces, bring along potential members, and hear what's happening around the club.

We also have several other social events in the pipeline for the coming months — drives, gatherings, display days and more. If you haven't joined one in a while, or maybe not at all, I really encourage you to jump in. These events are at the heart of what makes the club such a welcoming and enjoyable community to be part of.

As we charge toward the Nationals, I want to thank all of you once again for your enthusiasm, your participation, and the spirit you bring to this club. Let's make this year's Fiat Nationals one of the biggest, brightest, and most memorable yet. See you at a social event soon — and definitely in Goulburn!

Best wishes,

Dave

2026 Fiat Nationals, Marulan, Goulburn, Queanbeyan - April 10 - 12, 2026
Visit the website at fiatnationals.com.au for information on the event.

Vale: Adrian Richard Walmsley

The Fiat Club of NSW is saddened to hear of the passing of Adrian Walmsley who was a former member of the Fiat Club NSW.

The Fiat Club of NSW extends its condolences to Adrian's family on his passing.



Fiat Club AGM, February 22, 2026

The Fiat Club of NSW Annual General Meeting was held at the Maggie Sports Club in Croydon and was well attended by club members. A free lunch was provided prior to the meeting.

Formalities included the President's report on the club's activities for 2025. Afterwards the election of committee members was conducted and Life Memberships were awarded. Details of the AGM are included in the following pages.

Fiat Club of NSW Annual General Meeting Maggie Sports Club, 46 Hampton Rd Croydon Park NSW 2133 22 February 2026 – 1:00 pm

Summary Minutes of the Meeting.

Welcome: David Filipetto opened the meeting at 13:15 pm and welcomed the 21 members present.

Apologies: Martin Gallard, Rebecca Gallard, Michael McGeorge, Naomi McGeorge, Norm Mitchell, Peter Jakrot, Valerie Jakrot, Gavin Tory, Sue Tory, Kevin Windsor.

Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the 2025 AGM were published previously in March 2025 Fiat Focus, there was no business arising.

Accepted – Stephen Gorman, Adrian Sandrin.

President's Report: David Filipetto presented his report (copy attached).

Treasurer's Report: A copy of the 2025 Financial Statement was provided to members (copy attached).

Accepted – Kerry Moroney, Ian Sinden.

General Business:

Life Membership was conferred upon,

- Martin Gallard for his services to club motorsport activities including the 2026 Nationals,
- Lorenzo Aventi for his services as Editor / Librarian / Archivist,
- Adrian Sandrin for his services as Webmaster, and Corporate Governance,
- Cheryl Sandrin for her services as Membership Secretary for 13 years.

Club merchandise was available for purchase, both new look white and earlier versions at a discount.

Victor Fenech asked if members of the Micro Car Club could be invited to attend FCNSW coffee runs, as their members had Fiat 500 vehicles, plus Italian motor scooters, which may be of interest to our members.

Tony Studans promoted attending the Nationals to members highlighting it is not just a motorsport weekend – given it will be combined with social dinners, a drive day and the Auto Italia display.

Presentation of Trophies: This was held over to a later date.

Election of new Committee: David Filipetto declared all committee positions vacant and asked Susan Halliburton and Dianne East to chair the election as Returning Officers.

The following Office Bearers were elected.

- President** - David Filipetto
- Vice President** - Domenic Squadrito
- Secretary** - Kevin Windsor
- Treasurer** - Richard Dalziel
- Membership Registrar** - Cheryl Sandrin

The following Committee Members were elected.

- Competition Secretary** - *Vacant*
- Editor** - Lorenzo Aventi
- Webmaster** - Adrian Sandrin
- Social Event Coordinator** - Giovanni Ciampa
- General Committee person 1** - Adrian Sandrin
- General Committee person 2** - Dean Martin

The following Sub-Committee members were elected.

- Assistant Competition Secretary** - *Vacant*
- Merchandising** - Kevin Halliburton
- Historic Plate Registrar** - Richard Dalziel
- Assistant Historic Plate Registrar** – Maurizio Puglisi
- CMC Delegate** - *Vacant*
- Ansell Park Coordinator** - *Vacant*
- Librarian** - Lorenzo Aventi

The following positions were proposed and will be reviewed and confirmed by the new committee.

- Public Officer** - Adrian Sandrin
- Honorary Auditor** - Stephen Gorman
- Club Patron** - Nat Zanardo

The election of the new committee was completed at 14:30 pm.

David Filipetto thanked the outgoing committee, congratulated the new committee, and opened the floor to a general discussion (as recorded under General Business).

Ian Sinden also thanked the outgoing committee for their commitment during 2025.

Meeting Closed: David Filipetto closed the meeting at 14:45 pm.

President's Report for 2025 – Fiat Club of NSW

It gives me great pleasure to present the President's Report for the past year, a year that proved to be one of the busiest and most rewarding in recent memory for the Fiat Club of NSW. Our calendar was filled with an impressive variety of events, each offering members the opportunity to enjoy their prized possessions in the way they were meant to be enjoyed — out on the road, on display, or in spirited competition. From casual drives and social gatherings to motorsport and marque celebrations, the enthusiasm and turnout from our membership has been outstanding.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all members for your ongoing support, participation, and passion. The strength of this club has always been rooted in the sense of community we share, and this year has been a wonderful reminder of what can be achieved when that community is active and engaged.

To the outgoing committee, I offer my deepest gratitude. Your tireless work behind the scenes keeps the club running smoothly and ensures the events, communications, governance, and member services are delivered to a high standard. Volunteer commitment is the backbone of any successful club, and your dedication over the last year has been exceptional.

Looking ahead, 2026 promises to be just as exciting. We have another full program of events being finalised, with something for every kind of Fiat enthusiast — social, competitive, historic, modern, or simply passionate about the badge. Not least among these will be the upcoming Fiat Nationals in April, where we once again meet our interstate rivals. The Nationals remain a highlight on the calendar, combining friendly competition with great camaraderie and unforgettable social gatherings.

This past year I have been honoured to serve as President of this fine club. It has been a true pleasure and a privilege, and I remain committed to ensuring the club continues to thrive.

Regarding Ansell Park, we continue to provide careful stewardship of this important asset. We are actively working with the Ansell Park Board to progress the broader piece of work around its long-term direction and governance. At the same time, it remains essential that Ansell Park's activities continue to operate and fund themselves within the scope of the operations they provide, without drawing on consolidated member funds. This will ensure the site remains sustainable while protecting the financial integrity of the wider club.

This year, we also had the pleasure of awarding Life Membership to four individuals whose dedication to the Fiat Club of NSW spans many, many years. Congratulations to **Cheryl Sandrin, Adrian Sandrin, Lorenzo Aventi, and Martin Gallard**. Each has contributed immensely to the spirit, stability, and ongoing success of the club. Their commitment and service are deeply appreciated, and their recognition as Life Members is thoroughly deserved.

Thank you once again to all members for your support over the past year. I look forward to another successful and enjoyable year ahead for the Fiat Club of NSW.

Dave Filippetto

2025 President, Fiat Club of NSW

As mention in the President's report for 2025, Life Membership was awarded to the following Fiat Club of NSW members; Below left to right - Cheryl Sandrin, Adrian Sandrin, Lorenzo Aventi and Martin Gallard.



FCNSW TREASURERS REPORT – AGM 2026

The full Financial Report for calendar year 2025 was presented to members attending the 2026 AGM. A summary of the financial report follows.

Statement of Income & Expenses for the calendar year ended 31 Dec 2025

Income	\$ 15,542
<u>Expense</u>	<u>\$ 14,778</u>
Surplus from Club activities	\$ 764
Deficit from Merchandise sales	(\$ 125)
<u>Deficit from MK-AP Operations</u>	<u>(\$ 2,536)</u>
Net Deficit	(\$ 1,897)

Income from Ansell Park Operations was down due to a period of wet weather which prevented the running of a day/night FCNSW motorkhana, and a planned external MK hire. The combined shortfall from these two activities was \$2,440, which would have all but covered the AP operations shortfall.

The club is committed to running motorkhanas & other social events at the Ansell Park grounds on a self-funded basis, and we are well on our way to recovering the shortfall for 2025. The AP team has engaged with a dog agility group to hire the southern field on a regular weekly basis which will greatly assist with meeting the regular maintenance and administration costs.

The committee has also recognized two areas where we can reduce club costs, with cheaper club officials' insurance policy, plus a cheaper website and email package. We will also set up a term deposit with NAB to hold some retained funds which will generate some interest income.

Statement of Financial Position for the calendar year ended 31 Dec 2025

Current Assets		Comments
Cash at Bank – FCNSW	\$ 52,913	
Cash at Bank – AP P/L	\$ 8,000	Funds held on behalf of Ansell Park P/L
Cash - MK Float	\$ 100	
<u>Prepayments – Nationals exp</u>	<u>\$ 3,400</u>	2026 Nationals expenses paid in advance
Total Current Assets	\$ 64,413	
<u>Total Non-Current Assets</u>	<u>\$ 715</u>	Value of merchandise held as stock
Total Assets	\$ 65,128	
Current Liabilities		
Ansell Park funds held by FC	\$ 8,000	Funds held on behalf of Ansell Park P/L
<u>Prepayments – Nationals inc</u>	<u>\$ 3,700</u>	2026 Nationals income received in advance
Total Liabilities	\$ 11,700	
<u>Total Members Funds</u>	<u>\$ 53,428</u>	

I would like to thank club member Stephen Gorman for undertaking the audit of the club accounts for 2025. I am confident of a return to surplus for the calendar year 2026.

Richard Dalziel
FCNSW Treasurer
22 Feb 2026 (v2)

Competition

Provisional Motorkhana Results 15th March 2026 FIAT Car Club NSW

O/R	Class Plc	#	Entrant	Club	Class	Crossed Four Points Adj Time	Oh What a Feeling Adj Time	Double Bone Adj Time	Accordion Adj Time
1	1	28	Glenn Smith	FCCNSW	D	22.00	30.19	34.40	35.53
2	2	3	Travis McGeorge(J)	FCCNSW	D	29.40	30.87	35.91	36.78
3	1	13	John Walker	SSCC	C	23.62	40.18 F	34.72	37.09
4	3	9	Martin Gallard	FCCNSW	D	24.03	31.65	37.63	39.03
5	4	1	Michael McGeorge	FCCNSW	D	24.72	30.28	36.00	36.8
6	2	7	Chris Bolton	WSCC	C	24.10	31.53	35.66	38.22
7	3	23	Arran Ross	SSCC	c	25.62	33.19	39.00	39.60
8	1	8	Ben Brown	WSCC	B	24.72	32.31	38.06	41.25
9	4	24	Gavin Tory	FCCNSW	C	25.28	34.12	39.03	40.56
10	5	19	Liam Johnson	FCCNSW	C	25.44	39.59 wd	37.96	40.31
11	6	20	David Hussey	FCCNSW	C	24.00	39.59 wd	38.16	40.22
12	7	21	Warren Degnan	SSCC	C	24.75	33.53	41.78	44.62
13	8	11	Allan Ross	SSCC	C	27.03	32.03	40.75	43.19
14	1	16	Peter Jackrot	FCCNSW	A	26.69	33.59	43.25	43.50
15	9	6	Roger Malcolm	FCCNSW	C	33.56 wd	39.59 wd	40.84	43.18
16	10	25	Jeff Tynan	Guest	C	33.56 wd	33.94	39.72	61.22 wd
17	5	4	Hayley McGeorge(J)	FCCNSW	D	31.31 G	38.63 G	42.31	42.84
18	2	14	Owen Sentana	Guest	A	28.56	39.59 wd	42.35	43.43
19	3	15	Adrian Sandrin	FCCNSW	A	25.29	39.59 wd	42.56	61.22 wd
20	1	17	Gavin Crank	SSCC	F	33.56 wd	34.59	46.66	41.09
21	6	5	Ella Gallard(J)	FCCNSW	D	30.50	43.31	45.87	49.56
22	7	2	Abbie Gallard(J)	FCCNSW	D	25.50	39.59 wd	46.16 G	57.96
23	11	27	M'Jay Keane(J)	FCCNSW	C	32.06	39.44	47.50	51.21
24	12	26	Kevin Halliburton	FCCNSW	C	28.44	39.59 wd	43.97	51.75
25	13	18	Tony Glynn	SSCC	C	33.56 wd	39.59 wd	44.03	61.22 wd
26	2	10	Will Goodwin(J)	SSCC	B	50.09 F	35.28	49.31 G	45.10
27	14	22	Thomas Jackson(J)	SSCC	C	38.25	51.35	62.69	56.22

O/R	Class Plc	#	Entrant	Club	Class	Gables Adj Time	Crazy Square Adj Time	Square Slalom Adj Time	Plumb Crazy Adj Time	Total
1	1	28	Glenn Smith	FCCNSW	D	42.10	19.47	25.37	26.34	235.4
2	2	3	Travis McGeorge(J)	FCCNSW	D	41.40	19.75	25.78	31.01 F	250.97
3	1	13	John Walker	SSCC	C	41.53	21.21	25.78	27.12	251.25
4	3	9	Martin Gallard	FCCNSW	D	42.78	21.81	26.75	28.38	252.06
5	4	1	Michael McGeorge	FCCNSW	D	41.41	38.94 wd	25.88	26.41	260.44
6	2	7	Chris Bolton	WSCC	C	48.66	27.28 F	26.72	29.25	261.42
7	3	23	Arran Ross	SSCC	c	46.00	22.13	28.31	28.82	262.67
8	1	8	Ben Brown	WSCC	B	47.15	23.18	27.84	29.68	264.19
9	4	24	Gavin Tory	FCCNSW	C	48.16	23.47	29.12	30.25	269.99
10	5	19	Liam Johnson	FCCNSW	C	46.07	22.85	27.88	30.22	270.32
11	6	20	David Hussey	FCCNSW	C	45.28	22.97	29.34	31.56	271.12
12	7	21	Warren Degnan	SSCC	C	46.78	22.84	29.81	28.88	272.99
13	8	11	Allan Ross	SSCC	C	48.45	22.91	32.47	28.50	275.33
14	1	16	Peter Jackrot	FCCNSW	A	49.56	24.93	30.22	30.78	282.52
15	9	6	Roger Malcolm	FCCNSW	C	48.16	24.18	32.41	31.09	293.01
16	10	25	Jeff Tynan	Guest	C	47.43	23.90	27.75	32.03	299.55
17	5	4	Hayley McGeorge(J)	FCCNSW	D	52.34	33.65	30.65	30.13	301.86
18	2	14	Owen Sentana	Guest	A	48.09	25.96	30.20	52.68 wd	310.86
19	3	15	Adrian Sandrin	FCCNSW	A	48.41	34.32	32.28	28.62	312.29
20	1	17	Gavin Crank	SSCC	F	52.72	42.37	32.97	30.21	314.17
21	6	5	Ella Gallard(J)	FCCNSW	D	50.00	25.69	36.00	34.25	315.18
22	7	2	Abbie Gallard(J)	FCCNSW	D	49.25	31.13	40.41	31.22	321.22
23	11	27	M'Jay Keane(J)	FCCNSW	C	53.78	27.59	35.31	39.16 G	326.05
24	12	26	Kevin Halliburton	FCCNSW	C	68.25 wd	38.94 wd	33.50	31.19	335.63
25	13	18	Tony Glynn	SSCC	C	68.25 wd	26.21	33.36	31.25	337.47
26	2	10	Will Goodwin(J)	SSCC	B	60.22	38.94 wd	32.34	55.62	366.9
27	14	22	Thomas Jackson(J)	SSCC	C	63.25	30.16	37.75	47.88	387.55

Competition

Provisional Motorkhana Results 14th March 2026 FIAT Car Club NSW

O/R	Class Pic	#	Entrant	Club	Class	Bowler Adj Time	Top Hat Adj Time	Tee Slalom Adj Time	Pine Tree Adj Time	Diamond Slalom Adj Time	Butterfly Adj Time	Double Hat Adj Time	Square Slalom Adj Time	Total Adj Time
1	1	12	Corinne East-Johnston	RCCA	D	21.75	21.66	19.00	20.20	26.00	26.69	27.90	22.82	186.02
2	2	15	Glenn Smith	FCCNSW	D	21.88	22.88	19.62	20.72	27.28	28.62	28.38	24.44	193.82
3	3	3	Travis McGeorge(J)	FCCNSW	D	21.25	22.35	20.03	21.47	27.21	27.68	30.37	25.25	195.61
4	4	11	Phil East	FCCNSW	D	21.53	22.87	19.78	21.06	28.57	28.09	29.75	24.44	196.09
5	5	8	Martin Gallard	FCCNSW	D	23.56	23.78	21.87	23.47	29.44	29.75	31.19	26.25	209.31
6	6	1	Michael McGeorge	FCCNSW	D	23.32	24.84	19.91	22.12	29.18	33.44	31.15	25.53	209.49
7	1	13	David Hussey	FCCNSW	C	24.34	24.16	21.97	23.41	31.12	30.84	38.00F	28.81	222.65
8	2	10	Chris Bolton	WSCC	c	24.22	24.69	24.53	25.69	30.19	31.34	39.25wd	28.09	228.00
9	1	7	Ben Brown	WSCC	B	26.87	25.10	22.09	23.81	29.34	32.06	39.25wd	30.04	228.56
10	3	9	Liam Johnson	FCCNSW	C	25.53	30.09F	22.37	24.65	32.25	31.66	39.25wd	29.94	235.74
11	4	14	Gavin Tory	FCCNSW	C	30.54	29.5	25.97	24.09	37.28	35.22	34.25	29.66	246.51
12	7	4	Hayley McGeorge(J)	FCCNSW	D	24.68	27.19	22.03	31.56wd	33.75	35.53	36.94	37.88	249.56
13	8	2	Abbie Gallard(J)	FCCNSW	D	37.41wd	26.96	23.91	26.41	33.28	34.75	37.94	32.00	252.66
14	5	6	Jeff Tynan(J)	FCCNSW	C	26.18	36.04wd	24.15	24.85	31.56	44.53F	39.25wd	32.38	258.94
15	9	5	Ella Gallard	FCCNSW	D	32.41	31.04	27.62	29.37	36.69	38.38	36.97	35.40	267.88
16	1	17	Mark Hinchelwood	FCCNSW	F	37.41wd	36.04wd	26.37	26.56	33.56	39.62	39.25wd	37.47	276.28
17	2	16	Luke Hinchelwood	FCCNSW	F	32.22	36.04wd	26.90	33.03F	34.81	42.00	39.25wd	37.84	282.09

2026 FIAT CLUB NSW COMPETITION CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT AND LOCATION	Point score
April 2026		
Thurs 9th -Mon 13th	Fiat Nationals - Marulan, Goulburn, Queanbeyan	Yes
Sun 12th	NSW Hillclimb Championship, Huntley Rd 2	No
Sun 26	Supersprint Sydney Motorsport Park - Amaroo Circuit (WRX Club)	No
May 2026		
Sat 2nd	NSW Hillclimb Championship, Kempsey Rd 3	No
Sun 3rd	NSW State Motorkhana Championship - Nimimba	No
Sun 17th	Supersprint Sydney Motorsport Park - Druitt Circuit (SSCC)	No
Sun 24th	NSW State Motorkhana Championship - Nimimba	No
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
September 2026		
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

2026 Fiat Nationals/Auto Italia Update

Hello fellow members,

At last the 2026 FIAT Nationals are upon us.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage as many members as possible to get involved, even at this late stage.

Many are planning to attend Auto Italia, and if you've never been part of a FIAT Nationals before, 2026 presents a rare opportunity to get a taste for the FIAT Nationals on your way to Auto Italia.

We welcome all first timers to join us on Saturday 11th April for the late afternoon and into the evening Pizza Party at the Heritage Motel, 69 Sydney Rd, Goulburn. The Nationals will be conducting the FIAT of Italy Cup motorkhana from early in the morning until mid-afternoon, and then will all converge back at The Heritage for the party.

The following morning we head down to Queanbeyan for Auto Italia where a vast collection of Italian vehicles will be on display including cars from the Fiat Nationals and the visiting Fiat Car Clubs.

The elephant in the room is fuel supply. The organisers of Auto Italia tell us that there are three main fuel suppliers in Queanbeyan who are guaranteeing petrol supply for Auto Italia participants. I guess the proximity to our beloved government in Canberra kind of ensures supply.

The April 7th Social Meeting is the official launch of the Fiat Nationals Photographic Tribute Book. I have curated a selection of photos from the very first FIAT Nationals in 1964, and an interesting selection right through to recent times. There's quite a few members whose National's photos present, how would you say, a very "interesting" side to their personalities.

This book was created as a fundraiser for the Nationals, and there are also a number of T-shirts available for the event. All these are available via the FIAT Nationals Facebook page.

As part of the book launch at the Social Meeting, there will be lucky door prizes of FIAT-themed automobilia, signs and sticker packs. The Club is putting on pizza for the members, so it should be a fun and possibly outrageous night of tall tales and true from the annals (yes, I said annals) of the six decades of the FIAT Nationals.

Fiat Nationals Merchandise

A range of T-Shirts celebrating the 2026 Fiat Nationals is available from the Echoes of the Past Automobilia website. You can choose from Pheasant Wood Supersprint, Goulburn 2026 or Fiat Nationals 2026 shirts. There is also a shirt displaying a history of Fiat badges from 1899 to the present.



To order your shirt 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.

Don't forget that the Fiat Nationals Photo book is available from this site as well!



Oasis Club Outings

TUESDAY 7th APRIL 2026

WHERE: Auburn Botanical Gardens, Chisholm Rd. Cnr. Chiswick Rd. Auburn. Free admission mid week for non residents

MEET: From 10.30am inside gardens, pass through brick archway on your right & assemble near red bridge for morning tea

B.Y.O: Everything & chairs

DEPART: 11.50am

LUNCH: From 12.00 noon

WHERE: Auburn Tennis Club, 181 Chisolm Rd. Auburn

***** Please wait for Les & Gail to arrive before ordering meals & drinks. My membership card will be at the kitchen & Gail's card will be at the bar. Please mention this when ordering to receive members discount

VIEW: The gardens & zoo & also the aviary which is opposite the gardens. Also free entry mid week

TOILETS: 1. Inside at back of gardens. 2. Opposite the gardens within the Peacock Gallery Building (no art exhibition on display at the time of this Email)

3. On Chiswick Rd. near bend to car park

PARKING: Some council parking opposite gardens & plenty of parking around bend at end of Council Depot in Chiswick Rd.

BOOKINGS: By Thursday 2nd April 2026

DETAILS & BOOKINGS: Les Watton ph 9838 8063 Email: mumspalace@hotmail.com

TUESDAY 5th May 2026

MEET: Bunnings Redbank Rd Northmead

TIME: from 10:00am

MORNING TEA: B.Y.O. or buy at Bunnings cafe or Maccas nearby

LUNCH: Toongabbie Sports Club

TIME: 12:00 Noon

BOOKINGS: By Friday 1st May

Details & Bookings: Murray Irwin Email mcix19@outlook.com Ph: 0449 896 008

See map here for the drive <https://murcam.byethost5.com/OASIS/may26.html>

TUESDAY 2nd JUNE 2026

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

TIME: from 10:00am

MORNING TEA: Dolcettini

LUNCH: Asquith Golf Club

TIME: 12:00 noon

BOOKINGS: By Friday 29th May

Details & Bookings: Murray Irwin Email mcix19@outlook.com Ph: 0449 896 008

See map here for the drive <https://murcam.byethost5.com/OASIS/jun26.html>



coffee break (write up)

8th March 2026

Baccino Espresso @ Mona Vale



A small group of club members drove down to Mona Vale to Baccino Cafe by the beach. Not sure if the F1 weekend was what kept most away, but the casual beach vibe and awesome coffee and food was a real treat.

The highlight was seeing Ross's baby blue 500. Very tidy looking example which of course is very cute and drew a lot of attention by all the beach walkers stopping to look and take photos.

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

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





coffee break (write up)

8th February 2026
Nouli's Cafe @ La Perouse



The weather was wet again for our second social event for 2026, but not enough to cancel. A small group of club and committee members braved the wet roads to enjoy breakfast at Nouli's Cafe at La Perouse. A great venue with coastal views and loads of parking right out front. Great for a chat around our cars.

We hope the wet weather weekend trend stops for our next social catch up in March.

Thank you to all our members for making these social catch ups so much fun!

Ciao **Giovanni Ciampa**
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UPCOMING EVENTS



Members Meeting!

come join your club committee in a casual members meeting to have your say about all things FIAT club related...

When: Tuesday 7th April 2026

Where: Magpie Sports Club
46 Hampton St,
Croydon Park NSW 2133

Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
(free pizza for members on the night)



Coffee Break!

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



When: Sunday 19th April 2026

Where: Wildpear Cafe
658 Old Northern Road,
Dural NSW 2158

Time: 8:00am - 10:00am



Coffee Break!

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



When: Sunday 17th May 2025

Where: Maggio's Pasticceria
Shop 8/144 Coxs Road,
North Ryde NSW 2113

Time: 8:00am - 10:00am



AUTO ITALIA 2026



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1926 - 2026 The Crossing Centenary

Perth to Melbourne

Depart Perth October 25 2026

Fiats and owners of all eras welcome

**Cross the Nullarbor with support
(everyone wants to do it once)**

Various travel options:

Own Car (best option)

Borrow a car (possibility)

Get a lift (A real option)

Join the bus (with car trips)

Rent a Campervan

Melbourne to Perth in the week prior
for those that who need a lift or support

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” – Our Perth to Melbourne Adventure Update.

By Roger Beattie

There have been plenty of questions regarding “The Crossing” in October. Those of you who are planning to join us should be thinking about getting over to Perth in the days leading up to our formal start on October 23. Perth has plenty to offer, so why not enjoy a few days there before our event starts. There have been suggestions of participating in the annual ‘Bay to Birdwood’ event on the way across on October 19. Keep in mind that leaving Adelaide after the event will require a fair pace from there to arrive in Perth before the weekend.

In Perth, the Fiat Lancia Club of WA are planning a dinner on Friday October 23. We are planning to have some sort of Civic Reception on Saturday October 24, either at the original departure point or a suitable location nearby. We are also hoping to have some descendants of the original travellers come along to help us make a bit of a fuss of the event.

The stops on the way back are detailed below. There is accommodation available at all these destinations, but it is up to each participant to book or alternately accommodate themselves for the night. I envisage a fair amount of camping or just sleeping under the stars. This trip is meant to be a bit of an adventure as it was for the original group.

We are planning to have a small bus or minivan accompany the trip to provide seats for those who would like to participate, but cannot bring a car, and we expect that there will be plenty of opportunity for these people to experience sections of the tour in a variety of vehicle making the trip. As with all the events I arrange, there will be focus on the social side, so time should be spent in a variety of cars, sharing stories and experiences ... of which I expect plenty.

For those who haven't been made aware of this event, Roger Beattie, President of the Fiat Car Club of Victoria, is organising a Trans-Australia crossing from Perth to Melbourne to commemorate 100 years since the same feat was completed by members of the Fiat Car Club of Western Australia.

Roger has provided details on the event in his article and all club members are invited to participate in this adventure. (Ed, FCNSW)



An event for Fiats of all eras

Proposed Itinerary for “The Crossing”

- October 23: FLCWA Dinner
- October 24: Civic Reception RAC?
- October 25: Depart for Merredin (225km). Combined Italian Car Clubs Pasta Run at Mundaring?
- October 26: Merredin to Kalgoorlie (333km)
- October 27: Kalgoorlie to Fraser Range Station (289km)
- October 28: Fraser Range Station to Cocklebidy (335km)
- October 29: Cocklebidy to Eucla (272km)
- October 30: Eucla to Nundroo (340km)
- October 31: Nundroo to Streaky Bay (260km)
- November 1: Streaky Bay to Port Augusta (390km)
- November 2: Port Augusta to Adelaide (309km)
- November 3: Adelaide. Basically a rest day. Possible event with the FLCCSA.
- November 4: Depart Adelaide. Various parties are expected to “head home”. Some discussion of FCCV members continuing together to Melbourne via the coast. Details to follow.

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“The Crossing” - Our Perth to Melbourne adventure update.

Below are some of the providers at each destination for the Perth to Adelaide stretch. All places have campsites available as well as limited rooms.

Merredin:

<https://www.wheatbelttourism.com/where-to-stay/merredin/merredin-accommodation/>

Kalgoorlie:

<https://www.kalgoorlietourism.com/accommodation/hotels-motels>

Fraser Range Station:

<https://www.fraserrangestation.com.au/accommodation/>

Cocklebiddy:

Cocklebiddy Hotel Motel Service Station
(08) 90393462, and

Wedgetail Inn Hotel

Eucla:

<https://www.euclastay.com.au/eucla-accommodation/>, or

Border Village Roadhouse (12km further on the border)

Nundroo:

<https://nundrooaccommodation.com/>

Streaky Bay:

Multiple available - Check online

Port Augusta:

Plenty on Booking.com or other sites

Adelaide:

Still uncertain. There is a thought to stop at Gawler overnight to arrive in a group into Adelaide next morning for a group reception. Plenty of

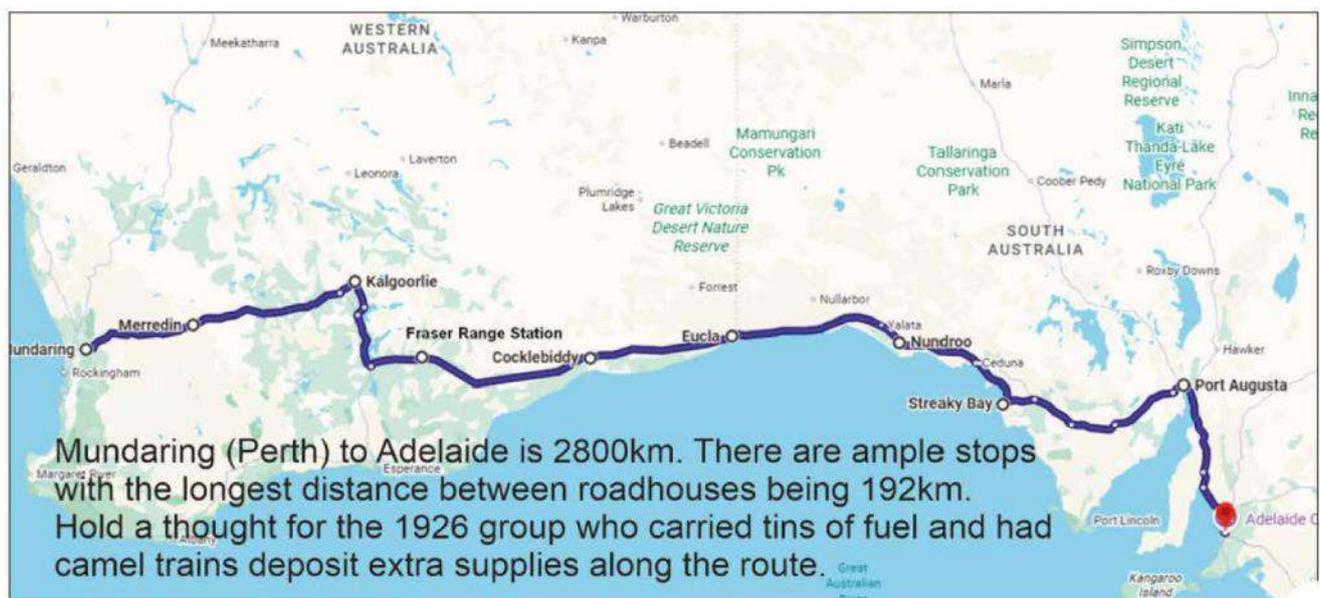
accommodation by this stage so further discussions will ensue.

As you can see from these details there is a great deal still changing depending on the participation level. We have a core group already committed and many people who have expressed interest, or are purely following to get a good laugh.

Some points to take on board:

1. Anyone wishing to participate in the Bay to Birdwood event on the trip across, please let me know and we will coordinate our plans.
2. I am happy to be the contact point for people planning how they will be travelling to Perth or sending their cars across.
3. If you are planning to be “ON THE BUS” please get in touch. Costs and itineraries will be kept up to date as number coalesce.
4. Think about your trip to Perth. We have people from Queensland and NSW who will group together to source transport or collective information.
5. WA, SA and VIC club members who are not planning to do the whole trip are most welcome to join us for a few days. For example, Perth to Kalgoorlie, Eucla to Adelaide or Adelaide back to Melbourne. This is an inclusive event and we want plenty of involvement.
6. Please let me know if you are planning on attending. There are many people that have shown interest and we are working to find as many ways as possible to have them join in.

Feel free to ask questions, email advice or contact me on fiatcentral.victoria@gmail.com or on my mobile 0400 177 278.



Route Map for October, November

Australian New car Sales for 2025

Readers will be aware that I include a report on vehicle sales in Australia for the previous year. There are some very detailed reports available that I shall include a web address if you want to delve into this further. For 2025, sales are up slightly but there are more manufactures from China that are being introduced to the local market.

The Fiat brand sold 1,952 vehicles in 2025, down from 2,005 in 2024, a fall of 2.6%. For 2025, the breakdown was 1,541 units for Fiat Professional (commercial vehicles) to 411 Fiat Passenger cars. Sales of other Italian makes from the Stellantis range included Alfa Romeo - 462 cars, down 17.5%, Maserati - 264 cars, down 30%.

One curious listing was the sale of Stellantis branded cars totalling 191 cars, up from 79 units in 2024. I have not yet been able to find out what these vehicle were. A table showing sales of all brands in Australia will be included after the article below.

For an very detailed analysis of the 2025 sales of vehicles in Australia, go to [RACV article; Australia's best-selling cars, utes and SUVs | RACV](#)

Australian new-car sales in 2025: Annual record broken for third VFACTS year running

Alex Misoyannis drive.com.au

A strong December for new-car sales has powered the third annual record in a row – but the top-selling Ford Ranger, Toyota RAV4, and Toyota HiLux are all in negative territory year-on-year.

Sales of new motor vehicles in Australia have defied warnings of a slowdown to – just barely – set an annual record for the third year in a row, at more than 1.24 million cars, SUVs, utes, vans, and trucks.

And the Ford Ranger ute held off challenges from the Toyota HiLux and RAV4 to remain the best-selling new vehicle for the third year in a row – the first Ford to do so in 37 years – while Toyota has topped the manufacturer charts for the 24th straight year.

Early forecasts at the start of the year pointed to a slide in new-car sales in 2025, from a record 1,237,287 vehicles in 2024, to between 1.17 and 1.18 million examples.

Data published today has proven the forecasts wrong, with sales of 1,241,037 in 2025 – edging ahead of the prior year's result by 0.3 per cent, and setting a new market record.

It is the slimmest margin since new-car sales grew by just 0.036 per cent in 2000.

Nudging the new-car market over the line was 1.9 per cent sales growth in December 2025 (101,513 cars), the fourth consecutive month in positive territory, and the second-highest December on record, behind only 2017's 102,820 sales.

The data, published by the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries (FCAI) and Electric Vehicle Council (EVC), is based on vehicle deliveries and registrations, respectively, rather than how many customers placed deposits on new cars in a given period.

Sales of cars to private buyers – excluding fleets, governments, rental companies, and business buyers purchasing with an ABN – are expected to be up year-on-year, once Tesla and Polestar sales – covered by the EVC – are factored into the FCAI's numbers.

Demand for new cars has cooled since its peak in 2022 – in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, when wait times were high, and stock was limited – but the long-anticipated slowdown has not arrived.

It has been fuelled by the arrival of new makes and models – most from China – and the rise of hybrid or electric vehicles; in many cases, in the same package.

China has overtaken Thailand as Australia's second-largest source of new cars, and three of its brands – GWM, BYD, and MG – have placed in the Top 10, with Chery catching in 13th.

Brands from China have chipped away at former favourites, with Mitsubishi down 17.9 per cent in sixth, Subaru down 3.9 per cent in 11th, Nissan down 21.6 per cent in 12th, and Suzuki dropping 27.7 per cent to 20th.

Toyota has reported its second-highest sales ever – 239,863 deliveries, between 2024's record 241,296 and 2008's 238,983 – to remain the country's top-selling new-car brand for the 24th year in a row.

The Toyota RAV4 family SUV – its top seller in 2024 and 2025 – fell back to 51,947 sales last year amid breaks in availability, and the easing of demand

since the highs of 2023 that saw wait times blow out to two years.

A late surge, however, allowed it to stay ahead of the Toyota HiLux ute – reporting 51,297 sales – which was a 10-year-old vehicle for most of the year, and only switched to a new generation in December.

Neither Toyota could beat the top-selling Ford Ranger, which clocked up 56,555 deliveries to lead the sales race for the third consecutive year, after ending the HiLux's seven-year winning streak in 2023.

It is the first Ford to lead the annual sales charts for at least three years in a row since the Falcon topped the tables for seven consecutive years until 1988.

All three top sellers failed to match the prior year's performance – down 9.6 per cent for the Ranger, 4.1 per cent for the HiLux, and 11.5 per cent for the RAV4 – despite a stable, if slightly growing, market.

However, Toyota is preparing for a run at the top spot with the new-generation RAV4 in March 2026, which it believes could become the number-one seller in the coming years, if not this year.

The RAV4's slump has not stopped sales of hybrid cars from setting a record – 199,133 – before the further 53,484 plug-in hybrids, up 131 per cent, are counted.

Electric-car sales returned to positive territory in 2025 – up 13.1 per cent to 103,270 vehicles – as growth for the likes of BYD, Zeekr, and Kia suppressed a 25 per cent slump for market leader Tesla.

The Isuzu D-Max claimed fourth place on the sales charts – down 11.1 per cent to 26,839 deliveries – ahead of the Ford Everest (26,161, down 1.3 per cent) and the Toyota Prado, up 166.3 per cent to 26,106, as the new model launched in 2024 settled into showrooms.

For only the second time in Australian motoring history, there were no traditional 'passenger cars' – hatchbacks, sedans, wagons, people movers, or two-door sports cars – among the Top 10 sellers for the calendar year.

Ford finished behind Toyota as the number-two brand in the country – reporting 94,399 sales – but its 5.8 per cent decline saw the gap to third-placed Mazda, which was only down 4.2 per cent to 91,923 vehicles, narrow.

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Kia beat sibling brand Hyundai yet again

– with 82,105 deliveries ahead of 81,787 – but missed its own forecast of about 90,000 vehicles, due in part to a slow start for the controversial Tasman ute, which has seen its lofty sales goal wound back.

Mitsubishi held onto sixth place – despite a 17.9 per cent slump – ahead of Chinese brands GWM, BYD, and MG, but

only the former two are in positive territory.

Sales of MG vehicles – once the most popular Chinese cars in the country – declined by 18.4 per cent, and its top seller, the MG ZS small SUV, dropped out of the Top 10 for the first time in five years.

Australian Car Sales 2025

Rank	Make	Sales 2025	Sales 2024	Var	% Var	Rank	Make	Sales 2025	Sales 2024	Var	% Var
1	Toyota	239863	241296	-1433	-0.6%	31	KGM	4116	5393	-1277	-23.7%
2	Ford	94399	100170	-5771	-5.8%	32	Chevrolet	4113	4303	-190	-4.4%
3	Mazda	91923	95987	-4064	-4.2%	33	Omoda Jaecoo	3721	0	3721	-
4	Kia	82105	81787	318	0.4%	34	RAM	3271	3852	-581	-15.1%
5	Hyundai	77208	71664	5544	7.7%	35	CUPRA	2830	2339	491	21.0%
6	Mitsubishi	61198	74547	-13349	-17.9%	36	Polestar	2373	1713	660	38.5%
7	GWM	52809	42782	10027	23.4%	37	Zeekr	1994	0	1994	-
8	BYD	52415	20458	31957	156.2%	38	Genesis	1602	1400	202	14.4%
9	Isuzu Ute	42297	48172	-5875	-12.2%	39	Jeep	1585	2377	-792	-33.3%
10	MG	41298	50592	-9294	-18.4%	40	JAC	1582	0	1582	-
11	Subaru	39005	40604	-1599	-3.9%	41	Fiat Professional	1541	1478	63	4.3%
12	Nissan	35511	45284	-9773	-21.6%	42	Peugeot	1350	1896	-546	-28.8%
13	Chery	34889	12603	22286	176.8%	43	Leapmotor	644	64	580	906.3%
14	Volkswagen	28970	36480	-7510	-20.6%	44	Jaguar	520	743	-223	-30.0%
15	Tesla	28856	38347	-9491	-24.8%	45	Deepal	481	0	481	-
16	BMW	26842	26341	501	1.9%	46	Alfa Romeo	463	561	-98	-17.5%
Mercedes-											
17	Benz Cars	22850	19989	2861	14.3%	47	Fiat	411	527	-116	-22.0%
18	Audi	16014	15333	681	4.4%	48	GMC	342	0	342	-
19	Honda	15383	14092	1291	9.2%	49	Lamborghini	272	273	-1	-0.4%
20	Suzuki	15378	21278	-5900	-27.7%	50	Maserati	264	377	-113	-30.0%
21	Lexus	14561	13642	919	6.7%	51	Ferrari	220	246	-26	-10.6%
Mercedes-											
22	LDV	14108	16022	-1914	-11.9%	52	Stellantis	191	79	112	141.8%
23	Land Rover	8339	7910	429	5.4%	53	Aston Martin	185	154	31	20.1%
24	Volvo Car	7239	8898	-1659	-18.6%	54	Foton	178	0	178	-
25	MINI	5485	3982	1503	37.7%	55	Bentley	150	183	-33	-18.0%
26	Porsche	5133	7029	-1896	-27.0%	56	Lotus	72	155	-83	-53.5%
27	Geely	5010	0	5010	-	57	McLaren	68	95	-27	-28.4%
28	Skoda	4808	5015	-207	-4.1%	58	Rolls-Royce	67	54	13	24.1%
Mercedes-											
29	Benz Vans	4731	4842	-111	-2.3%	59	Citroen	8	147	-139	-94.6%
30	Renault	4569	5556	-987	-17.8%	60	Denza	2	0	2	-
						61	Dodge	0	6	-6	-100.0%

It has been a busy couple of months on the Fiat news front. Stellantis having suffered on its decision to commit to electric vehicles which most other manufacturers have suffered as well!

Stellantis posted a \$37 billion loss for 2025, on the back of EV backflips

The parent company of brands like Jeep, Ram, and Peugeot has announced its first loss since forming in 2021.

Kez Casey drive.com.au

Multi-national carmaker, Stellantis, has published its 2025 full-year financial results.

The company's strategic shift away from developing new electric products resulted in a writedown that shifted balance sheets into the red.

Stellantis pinned the losses to "a strategic shift to put customer preferences and freedom-of-choice back at the heart of the company's plans," the brand said, in its media statement.

Stellantis reported net revenues of €153.5 billion (\$AU225.1b) for the 2025 calendar year, reflecting a 2 per cent decrease compared to 2024.

Losses of €22.3 billion (\$AU37.1b) stemmed from what Stellantis is calling "full year unusual charges", with the company incurring a €25.4 billion (\$AU42.2b) loss as it adjusted its electrification strategy.

The company is not alone in making sweeping changes to its electrification plans, as softening emissions targets in the USA, and reduced demand for EVs in overseas markets have seen brands like Ford, Honda, Mercedes-Benz, and Volkswagen, among others, make massive changes to their future EV portfolios.

Stronger second-half results and a forecast return to profitability in 2026 saw Stellantis stock rise by 6 per cent on the New York Stock Exchange.

"Our 2025 full year results reflect the cost of over-estimating the pace of the energy transition and of the need to reset our business around our customers' freedom to choose from the full range of electric, hybrid and internal combustion technologies." Stellantis CEO Antonio Filosa said in a statement.

The company reported an 11 per cent

increase in vehicle deliveries, based on a strong second half of the year. 2.8 million vehicles were shipped, an increase of 277,000 year-on-year.

North America was the biggest contributor to the group's vehicle count, adding 231,000 units, up 39 per cent compared to 2024.

"In the second half of the year we began to see initial, positive signs of progress with the early results of our drive to improve quality, strong execution of the launches of our new product wave and a return to top line growth. Filosa said.

"In 2026 our focus will be on continuing to close the execution gaps of the past, adding further momentum to our return to profitable growth."

2026 products from the automaker include the new-generation Jeep Cherokee medium SUV, returning after a three-year hiatus, with Jeep's first full 'closed loop' hybrid system.

Petrol-powered 'Six-Pack' version of the Dodge Charger (which launched as an EV), the return of V8-powered RAM 1500 models, and the South American Dodge Dakota mid-size pick-up are all expected to contribute to growth for the brand in 2026.

In Europe, Stellantis reports that electric versions of the Citroen C5 Aircross and Jeep Compass SUVs, and a mild-hybrid version of the Fiat 500 (launched as an EV initially) will "further strengthen the company's ability to meet the full range of its customers' needs."

Diesel joins V8s in Stellantis revival plans, electric-car U-turn

As Stellantis walks back its EV plans, diesel engines are set to be given a reboot, thanks to demand in Europe.

Kez Casey drive.com.au

Customer demand is poised to see the European brands under the Stellantis umbrella reintroduce diesel engines.

Brands including Opel, Peugeot and Citroen are set to see diesel options return, while Alfa Romeo and DS will retain their current diesel engines.

In a new report from Reuters, the news agency found a number of diesel models returned to showrooms by the company, despite no official announcement of the

return of the specific diesel models.

In a statement by Stellantis, the company said: "We have decided to keep diesel engines in our product portfolio – and in some cases – to increase our powertrain offering."

The change affects the European market, where the uptake of electric vehicles from Stellantis brands has not met expectations.

The company has already begun massaging its powertrain line-up, adding a mild-hybrid petrol-powered version of the previously electric-only Fiat 500.

Outside Europe, plans for an electric Ram pick-up have been cancelled, with a range-extender model to take its place, while petrol V8s, which were replaced by downsized turbo six-cylinder engines, have also been revived.

Stellantis confirmed that existing diesel engines in the Alfa Romeo Tonale, Stelvio and Giulia, and DS 7 would continue, in line with customer demand for those variants.

Reuters also found that the DS 4, Citroen Berlingo, Peugeot 308 and Rifter, and Opel Combo have all had their diesel engine options reintroduced without any fanfare from Stellantis.

Sales data released by the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA) reveals that in 2025, diesel accounted for an 8.9 per cent market share in Europe.

It was overtaken by plug-in hybrids with a 9.4 per cent share, electric vehicles represented 17.4 per cent of the market while petrol and hybrid led on 26.6 and 34.5 per cent respectively.

Despite the reintroduction of diesel engines for the European market, the move is unlikely to see diesel engines return to Stellantis vehicles in Australia.

Similarly, the US market, and by extension the US brands that would benefit from diesel engines, including Jeep and Ram, are likely to stick with petrol engines as the basis of future powertrains.

While diesel vehicles accounted for 28.5 per cent of total vehicle sales in Australia in 2025, including commercial vehicles, the passenger car segment recorded a 6.6 per cent share of diesel power, while diesel accounted for 16.7 per cent of SUV sales, on the strength of large ute-based models.

Fiat continues shift away from hybrids and EVs with manual-only 600 petrol

Story by Michael Gauthier
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Fiat introduces a 99 hp petrol 600 with manual gearbox only.

New entry model joins existing hybrid and electric variants.

Street Edition limited to 2000 units with black styling cues.

The Fiat 600 lineup is expanding to include a new entry-level option with petrol power. It joins the existing hybrid and electric versions, and is being celebrated with a new special edition.

Known as the 600 Petrol, the five-door hatchback was designed for “customers who enjoy a simple, direct and engaging driving experience.” The company was coy on specifics, but confirmed the model has an engine with a variable-geometry turbocharger, a silent timing chain, and a high-pressure direct injection system.

It produces 99 hp (74 kW / 100 PS) and is connected to a six-speed manual transmission. This sounds like the same powertrain as the Grande Panda, which implies a turbocharged 1.2-liter three-cylinder and a glacial 0-60 mph time.



The new petrol engine will be offered on all trims, which means we can expect an entry-level 600 Petrol Pop with LED lighting units and 16-inch steelies. The model should also have a relatively basic interior with a 7-inch digital instrument cluster, a 10-inch infotainment system, and an automatic climate control system.

Higher-end variants should offer 17- and 18-inch alloy wheels as well as chrome accents and tinted rear windows. Buyers can also expect to find ambient lighting, an auto-

dimming rearview mirror, a wireless smartphone charger, and optional leather seats.

600 Petrol Street Edition



To celebrate the car’s launch, Fiat has created a special Street Edition. It features a two-tone exterior with a gloss black grille, black door handles, and black badging. The model also has black 18-inch alloy wheels as well as “Street” lettering in red and chrome.

The dark theme continues inside with a black dashboard and headliner. They’re joined by black seats with “FIAT” lettering as well as white contrast stitching and 600 badging.

Production will be limited to 2,000 units, but there’s no word on pricing at this point.



STELLANTIS NEWS

FIAT launches the new Topolino Corallo: more color, more joy and a bigger family

www.media.stellantis.com

FIAT adds even more joy, personality, and color to its most iconic electric quadricycle. The Fiat Topolino, already a symbol of light, playful, sustainable mobility, now debuts two major updates: the vibrant new Corallo color and an all-new digital cluster, larger and clearer. Topolino embodies FIAT’s mission to transform cities into relaxing, playful spaces.

Orders open today, Friday February 13th, the day just before Valentine’s Day — a perfect moment to introduce a model that turns Italian micromobility into a color you can fall for with beauty, simplicity and a smile in every journey.

A More Colorful Family: the Topolino Range Expands

FIAT has always been the Brand of colors, and the new Corallo shade celebrates this identity with a warm, optimistic, sun-kissed tone that feels unmistakably Italian. Aligned with FIAT’s Color Strategy, the Corallo color brings a fresh emotional twist to the Topolino palette. A vibrant, joyful new expression designed to

make the city even brighter. By joining the beloved Verde Vita, the new Corallo marks the expansion of the Topolino family: 1 model, now 2 colors, each with its own joyful personality.

A New Digital Cluster: Simpler, Brighter and More Joyful

Topolino also becomes more intuitive with its brand-new digital cluster, evolving from 3.5” to 5.7”, with a full panel area of 8.3”. The new Topolino digital cluster introduces simplified graphics, enhanced readability, and a lighter, friendlier visual language.

A Market Leader Spreading Joy Across Europe

In 2025, the Fiat Topolino confirmed its unstoppable charm by securing its number one position in the European quadricycle market, with an impressive 20% market share. Its leadership comes naturally: ultra-compact, fully electric, designed for easy driving, effortless parking, low running costs and a design that brings a smile to every street.

Thanks to its compact length of just 2.53 meters and outstanding maneuverability, Topolino is perfectly adapted to the rhythm of the city. With a maximum speed of 45 km/h and a 5.4 kWh battery offering up to 75 km of range, it fits daily life beautifully, with simple at-home charging and free access to Limited Traffic Zones (ZTL) and historic city centers. Inside, Topolino surprises for its size: staggered seats and wide glass surfaces create a bright, airy interior that feels welcoming, open, and joyful.



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Fiat Nationals Book is now available!

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

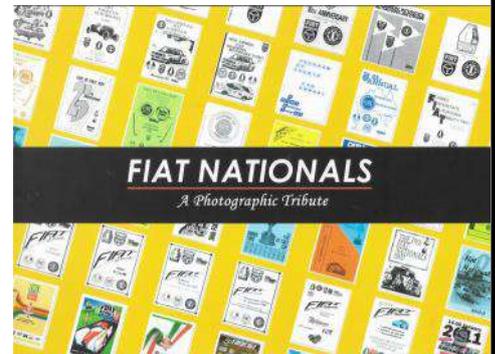
Combining a huge number of Tony's photos including photos of the first Fiat of Italy Cup event held in 1964, plus clippings from various Fiat Club magazines, the book is shaping up as a great recollection of memorable moments in Fiat Nationals history."

The book is due for release on the 15th of February 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.

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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Giovanni Ciampa

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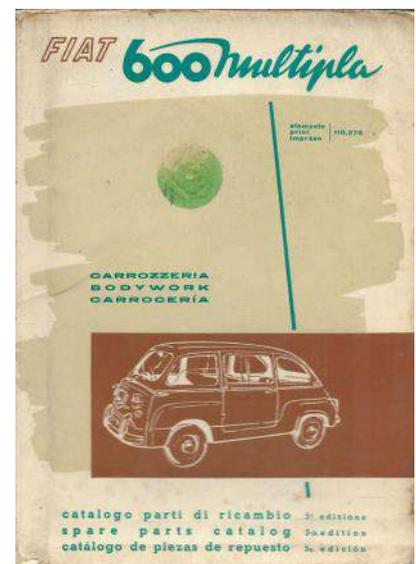
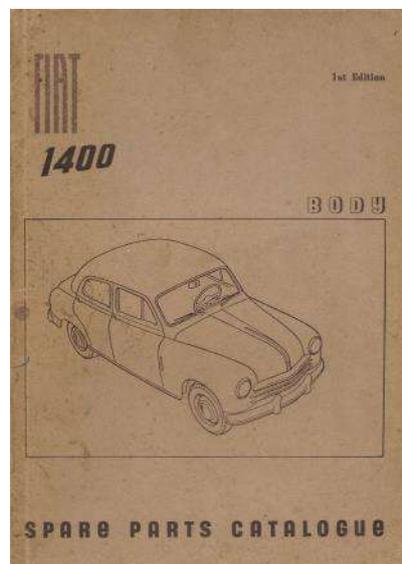
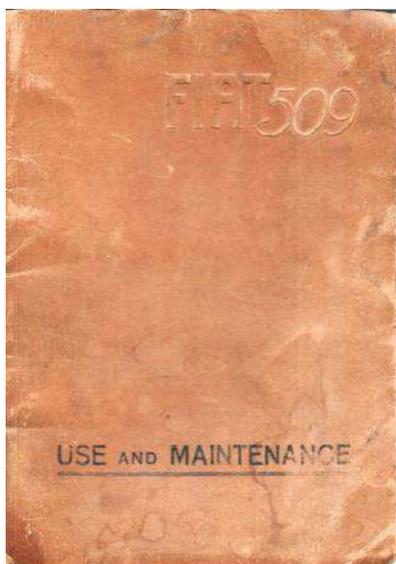
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Rare FIAT user manuals and instruction books available from the FIAT Club of NSW Library.

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> .



The Back End ... Fiat's innovative but unconventional "modern" Multipla.

In the lead-up to the Goodwood Member's race meeting later this month (a week after the Fiat Nationals in fact), you will find a number of interesting articles posted on their website - Members' Meeting | Event Coverage | Videos & Latest News. One such article is on the 1990s version of the Fiat Multipla!

Fiat's controversial Multipla at 30 | Axon's Automotive Anorak

Gary Axon www.goodwood.com

Most of the month of February and early March were lost to me after taking an unfortunate tumble while climbing some icy concrete steps outside the Retromobile exhibition complex in Paris.

For my first hospital visit, when a friend arrived to kindly take me there and back for some x-rays, they did so in an early Series 1 Jaguar E-type, probably kindly trying to cheer me up. And although the car was lovely, it proved to be less than ideal transport for a damaged soul with restricted manoeuvrability.



Thankfully, seeing how I'd struggled with the ride to the hospital, my multi-car-owning friend had the common sense to later pick me up for the run home in a more suitable vehicle: a Fiat Multipla.

Getting in and out of the upright Multipla was a breeze after the E-type, it being not too low unlike the Jaguar, but also not too high like most modern look-alike SUVs. With its clever Tardis-like interior, the airy Multipla was a pleasure to get into and travel in space with outstanding all-round visibility.

Helped by clever detailing, such as its futuristic sci-fi central instrument cluster with a high-rise gear lever to facilitate a totally flat floor space for the middle front seat passenger, plus easy-to-grab large oval interior door handles resembling a 1990s getto blaster, the Multipla was pure comfort, as opposed to the extreme discomfort caused by the cramped E-type.

The Fiat Multipla caused much debate and head-turning. It was first shown 30 years ago as a concept car at the 1996 Paris Salon to get the public used to the unusual looks of the compact MPV, with the little-changed production example of model introduced in 1998 to much shock.

The brave Fiat was instantly widely acclaimed by the media, it being especially praised by Jeremy Clarkson and named both Top Gear Magazine and TV's Car Of The Year, but unsurprisingly was largely ignored by the new car buying public who favoured the first of a then-new breed of smaller and lighter MPVs; the worthy but conventional two-box Renault Scenic and Vauxhall/Opel Zafira rivals. By comparison, the Fiat was truly radical in the face of its conservative, stereotypical opposition.

The Multipla's unexpected twin-module appearance was a radical departure from the sector norm, and recognising its love-or-hate nature, Fiat's UK importer displayed an uncommon sense of humour at the car's media launch by placing stickers on the rear windows of all press cars saying "If you think the back's ugly, wait until you see the front!"

The high and wide Multipla's unique styling featured deep side glazing made up for around 50 per cent of the car's side panels to provide a quite extraordinary view of the outside world. The odd bug-faced front end wore a pair of extra high beam driving lamps mounted up high at the base of the large, highly curved windscreen, with unusual colourful large heat-shaped rear lamp units. Power was adequate with a choice of 1.6 petrol or 1.9 diesel engines.

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The Back End ... Fiat's innovative but unconventional "modern" Multipla.

The space-efficient Fiat was unique in offering six passenger seats as standard, cleverly set out in just two rows, a crafty idea only copied later by Honda for its utterly conventional FR-V in 2004. Compact dimensions of just 399cm long, 187cm wide and 167cm high combined with six full adult-sized seats and up to 430 litres of luggage space, with the ability to reposition or remove the three rear seats, made with light weight alloy frames for ease of handling.

The Multipla had the footprint and pricing of a regular mid-size C-Sector hatchback, such as a VW Golf or Ford Focus, but with far better packaging and ingenious versatility. After initial success with a few more 'daring' new car buyers, in 2004 Fiat gave the Multipla a more conservative facelift, abandoning the awkward waist-high driving lamps with a more conventional front end. Though less popular with purists, the facelifted Multipla remained unique on the market and survived until 2010. The model has yet to be succeeded.



Love it or hate it, the incomparable Fiat Multipla is a guaranteed future classic, especially in its original Series 1 form. By now most surviving examples will have led a hard life, but they were surprisingly robust and seem to last well, although look out for worn transmission problems and electrical faults if searching for a used example.

Despite the original derision to the Fiat's characteristic styling, the Multipla seemed destined to become collectable as a distinctive modern classic as it is arguably the

most sensible and rational new car launched in the last three decades.

As for those hospital trips, the latest x-rays show that my shoulder seems to be healing well, and now thoroughly bored of living life in a sling I should be more on the mend by the time the 83rd Members' Meeting presented by Audrain Motorsport

Fiat Multipla designed for practicality!

The Multipla approach to the People Mover SUV varied to the approaches made by other manufacturers, as referred to in the article above, by making their car wider instead of longer . What the article did not include were photos of the



Six passenger seating - two rows, three abreast



Quirky dash, high mounted gear lever, funky door handle

unusual interior of the car. Included here are a few photos of the Multipla's interior.

P.S. While the 1990s Multipla was not made available in Australia, it was sold in New Zealand! Ed.