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this month's location

When: Sunday 13th December 2020
Where: The Grid Cafe
5 Peter Brock Drive,
Oran Park NSW 2570
Time: 8:30am - 10:30am



HSV code: CE022131



Back Cover, Fiat Club forms & Invited Events

Gnoo Blas Classic Art Show; All Italian Lap of the Lake; Braidwood Concourse d'Elegance

Fiat Club Membership Renewal Form

Fiat Focus is now available from the Fiat Club of New South Wales website. If you are after any of the issues from 2019 to the present just go to www.fiatclub.com.au, click on the 'Magazine' tab and download the magazine you are looking for.

Many thanks to Ian Sinden, Roger Shackleton, Warren Smith, Martin Gallard and Travis McGeorge for their contributions to this edition of Fiat Focus.

Cover Photo; Ian Sinden's X1/9 at the famous 'dish', Parke's Observatory, one of the many places Ian has visited with his 'X'. Ian's car is the subject of an article written by him which I you will find interesting.

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DATE	EVENT AND LOCATION	HVS code
December 2020		
Sat 12th	Lap Of the Lake - Lake Macquarie (see pages 16-17 For details)	IE022121
Sun 13th	FIAT Club Coffee Break (The Grid Café, see flyer on page 2)	CE022131
Wed 16th	Ansell Park Working Bee, Percival Street, Clarendon.	CE022161
January 2021		
Sun 10th	FIAT Club Pizza Break - Pizza + Pasta @ Patio	CE121001
Tues 12th	Social Meeting, Bankstown Sports Club	CE121021
Wed 13th	Ansell Park Working Bee, Percival Street, Clarendon.	CE121031
Sun 31st	FIAT Club Coffee Break - The Grid Café	CE121013
February 2021		
Sun 7th	Fiat Club of New South Wales Picnic Day (free sausage sizzle) and Annual General Meeting (see page 11).	CE122070
Sun 14th	FIAT Club Burger Break - Superior Burger	CE122041
Sun 21st	Rain out date for Fiat Club of New South Wales Picnic Day & AGM	CE122012
Sat 20 -Sun 21	Gnoo Blas Art Show - (see flyer on page 27)	CE122002
Sun 28th	Fiat Club NSW Motorkhana Rd1 & President's Motorkhana (TBC)	CE122082
Sun 28th	Coffee Break - Benzin Café, Dural (then drive to Ansell Park)	CE122082a

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The OASIS runs occurs on the first Tuesday of each month (note that there is no run in January and the November run occurs in the second week of the month to avoid clashing with the Melbourne Cup festivities). Details are not usually available until just before each event, however, consult the Club's magazine or website for the HCRS permit number applicable to the event.

SOCIAL MEETINGS are normally held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Bankstown Sports Club, 8 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown, starting at 7.30 pm. .

ANSELL PARK is the Club's Motorkhana Grounds located at 2 Percival Street, Clarendon, on the corner of Percival Street and Hawkesbury Valley Way.



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The Fiat Club of New South Wales social media sites can now be accessed by scanning the QR code shown below instead of typing the address.



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Christmas seems to have snuck up on us this year while we were all busy isolating and stocking up on toilet paper! I hope you are all able to enjoy a reasonably normal Christmas this year with lots of family around.

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A big thank you to the 9 members who attended the November Social Meeting. The room was twice the size that we normally have with one third of the usual numbers, so it looked a bit sparse! See photo.



This attendance level led your committee to worry that our annual AGM in February may be poorly attended, so, with a beautiful suggestion from Murray Irwin, we are going to have an AGM PICNIC DAY at Ansell Park on Sunday February 7th. This will be something like the Ansell Park 40th Birthday celebration we had last year. Yes, that's right, it will be a FREE LUNCH for Club Members with BBQ'd snags plus cake and gelato. Having the AGM outdoors provides a possibly safer environment Covid-19 wise and having it on a Sunday makes it easier for most members to attend. You also get to take your much loved Fiats for much needed exercise!

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We had another working bee at Ansell Park in mid November, but there were only 3 of us there and it would be great if we could get a few more volunteers along occasionally. It hasn't helped at all that we haven't been publishing a set date for each working bee, so the next 2 days should be in the Club Calendar. These are December 16 and January 13, both days being a Wednesday. I wanted to put them in the calendar so that if members want to bring their historic plated car they can use the club event instead of one of their 60 days. Obviously, a weekday does not suit all members, but it suits us older regulars. Any retirees out there whose better half wants them out of the house?

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We have a couple of invited events coming up soon, the first of which is on Saturday 12th December and is called the All Italian Solo Lap of the Lake. We were invited to join in by the Classic & Geared Scooters Newcastle group (see their QR link below) and they have also invited a bunch of other Italian vehicle clubs. The lake in question is Lake Macquarie on the Central Coast and the idea is that Italian vehicle owners or clubs can please themselves as to what time of the day they do "The Lap" (or more than one?). Because of the Covid situation mingling with other participants is discouraged, so there will not be a general meeting point. Our meeting point however will be at the **Myuna Bay Rest Area on Wangi Road at 10.30 am**. There is a small parking area with the lake on one side and the main road where other Italian cars will be passing on the other, plus there is a toilet block. The organiser has arranged for businesses like cafes and food/coffee/gelato vans to be available and has supplied maps for this purpose. I will be updating information about this using our E-Group and Facebook page.

The following is from the Classic & Geared Scooters Newcastle group Facebook page.

"A one-off driving and riding day to unite all owners of beautifully manufactured and designed Italian exotic, classic, historic and modern automobiles, motorcycles, and scooters around the gorgeous back drop that is Lake Macquarie. Lap of the Lake will be a "solo" event to comply with all local social distancing restrictions.

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We are maintaining a consistent message that this will not be a mass gathering event, however just because we're not driving or riding in a group, doesn't mean we can't all be connected with our love for all things Italian and admire each other pass by.

We will all be driving & riding on the same day around Lake Macquarie, but it will be solo. Socially distanced but connected by our passion for Italian design and engineering. Clubs are welcome to organise their own members meet points and maintain their own social distance responsibilities. There is no start point, start time, finish time, or end destination. The day is yours to plan and enjoy.

There will be "suggested" cafes/restaurants, maps, photographer locations, and other rest points of interest to perhaps drop a blanket and a picnic hamper and watch the day unfold.

Unbusy yourself & enjoy the day."

The other invited event is a "Concourse d'Delegance" style car show at Braidwood on February 20th, 2021. It is "not to the extreme top end of an internationally recognised Concourse d'Elegance, but we do want to make it more than just another "Show and Shine" by attracting higher than normal quality cars, judges and trophies etc. and held on the day in a scenic, quality environment." Entry fee is \$30 and is seen more as a donation to their 'Wagging Tails' Group (helping Black Dog sufferers).

The organiser, Tim Gearing, can be contacted via email on tim@mongarlowegourmet.com.au, or phoned directly on 0457853921.

This is not an official club event but is there if you are

interested.

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Don't forget the alternative Gnoo Blas "event", the Classic Art Show (February 20 and 21) that I mentioned last month. You will need to get that painting or drawing or photo done soonish to be able to enter.

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I'd like to offer another big thank you to member Kristan Cox, who has donated to the club an Abarth flag and banner, even dropping them off at my place! Thanks Kristan!



Lastly, we will have a Social Meeting on January 12th, so I hope to see you there.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all members and their families,

Warren Smith

2020 President

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Competition

Fiat Club members tackle the Ringwood Hillclimb!

Fiat 127 pilots, Michael McGeorge and Martin Gallard, again tackled the Ringwood Hillclimb for the final round of the NSW Hillclimb Championship on Sunday 1st of November, with Travis McGeorge ably assisting the team. Martin's report on the competition for bragging rights follows below;

"Yes, we tackled the final round of the NSW Hillclimb Championship November 1st.

The class record was 82.53, and Mic & I were certain we could get close to it. Unfortunately the weather was a complete mess, with light drizzle before every run. This pretty much robbed us of the chance to beat it, but both 127's ending up on two wheels having a red hot crack at it.

The final times of the day is what it is all about. Two mates having a crack at it, show me closer racing! 82.92 vs 83.00, the grey goose takes the win by the narrowest of margins!

Best Regards, Martin."

Congratulations to Martin for winning the class championship and to Michael for his 2nd place. Both drivers competed in each round of the State Championship.



Secretary's Report - Social Meeting Minutes

Fiat Club NSW – Social Meeting – Bankstown Sports Club – 10 Nov 2020

Welcome:

Warren Smith opened the meeting at 7:50pm and welcomed members to BSC.

Apologies:

Adrian Sandrin, Cheryl Sandrin, Steve Gorman, Chris Gorman, Ian Sinden.

New Members & Visitors: Nil.

Secretary's Report:

Previous minutes published in Fiat Focus last April for the March 10 social meeting.

Gnoo Blas art show to replace usual event. Art Works will be on display and can be viewed in Orange next January (refer to Fiat Focus for details).

Transport NSW has provided a list of period accessories that are acceptable for HVS. These will be listed on the Fiat Club website.

List of books available for loan from the Fiat Club library books are now on the Fiat Club website.

Ansell Park Report:

Mowing to be done this week.

Grounds are in good condition. Club cars were troublesome at the last event.

Competition Report:

Recent Events:

Juniors had a run at Ansell Park and included two novices.

Motorkhana was washed out.

Recent NSW Hillclimb attended by Marty & Michael.

Next Events:

TBA.

Social Events:

Recent Events:

Superior Burger, 23 people attended including visitors.

Next Events:

Sun 29 Nov – Armory Wharf, Newington.

Sun 13 Dec – Grid Café, Oran Park.

Oasis group are now running outdoor events, refer to magazine and calendar for details.

Communications:

Editor – Lorenzo Aventi latest edition of Fiat Focus circulated recently, many thanks to members who

contributed. Articles submitted were of high quality. LOOKING FOR MORE. Please consider submitting your own "Autobiography".

Website – Library book list added to Fiat Club website. List of acceptable period accessories to be included on Fiat Club website.

Facebook. going well with over 900 members.

President's Report / Fiat Nationals:

Email received promoting "a Lap around the Lake", an all Italian vehicle event around Lake Macquarie. Contemplating attendance. Details to follow.

The club noted the passing of Guy Croft, renowned producer of Fiat Technical and tuning books.

Fiat Nationals, now moved to September 2021, Wakefield Park.

Received correspondence from the Fiat Lancia Club of South Australia regarding suggestions for Fiat Nationals. Consider an award for the Fiat Club Team (State) that performs well in all competitive disciplines (Supersprint, Motorkhana, Show'n'Shine).

Also suggested a class for Non Fiat body with Fiat engine, & non Fiat engines in Fiats.

WS received a call from Fiat Club Vic re a 4WD class for Nationals (currently they are included in the specials class).

Fiat Fixations & ClassiFiats: Nil to report.

CMC Report:

CMC unable to negotiate a favorable deal with NRMA re roadside assistance (other states have more favorable and affordable services). Shannons are now advertising roadside assistance service.

General Business:

349 Financial Member made up of 231 full memberships and 118 other.

HVS - 131 members and 193 cars.

More books received for the library including a workshop manual for Fiat 1300 / 1500 which is available for loan to members.

Meeting Closed 9.40 - Next meeting: Tuesday 9 December.

Meeting Closed / Next meeting:

Social meeting closed at 9.50 PM.

Next meeting - Tuesday 12 January, 2021.

New Members

A warm welcome to the following enthusiast:

David Andrewartha - X1/9.

John Anderson & Janine Hannan - Abarth 124 Spider

From the Editor

There is a lot to mention and remind the membership of in this month's magazine (not surprising for December).

- **Club membership renewals are due** at the end of the month. See the renewal notice on the next page and a **membership form at the back of this magazine**.
- **Next Saturday** (December 12) is the **Lap of the Lake** event at lake Macquarie that has been mentioned on the club's Facebook page recently. For details go to pages 16-17 and 28.
- The day after Lap of the Lake (**Sunday 13 December**) there will be a coffee run to the **Grid Café**, Oran Park (see flyer on page 2, the contents page). Afterwards, there will be a short drive to the nearby park which commemorates the Oran Park Raceway which gave its name to the suburb of Oran Park.
- The Fiat Club's **Annual General meeting will be held on Sunday 7th of February** at Ansell Park, Richmond. The day will incorporate a Club Picnic Day and will include a free sausage sizzle and delicious gelato to be provided for all club members attending the event. Election for all committee positions will be held on the day (see AGM notice on the next page). If this date is rained out then the AGM will be moved to Sunday 21st of February.

In early November **we finally returned to hosting a social meeting** at the Bankstown Sports Club for the first time since March. While there was a small number of members present, many topics were discussed including invitations to events (see various advertisements in the magazine) and some questions and comments regarding the Fiat Nationals (please refer to the minutes of the meeting on page 9).

A bit of **grounds maintenance was held at Ansell Park** during the month and **thanks goes to Wayne McGeorge, Warren Smith and Kevin Haliburton**. While these "**working bees**" are held during the week, anyone's help is always appreciated. The next working bees will be held on Wednesday 16 December and Wednesday 13 January.



Thanks to Mark Weinberger for setting up some QR codes to simply accessing the club's social media sites, Facebook, Instagram and the Fiat Club NSW YouTube channel. Just scan the codes and you and you gain access. Easy, no typing. Go to page 4 for the QR codes.

I would also like to thank the members who have supplied their own "**autobiographies**" or stories of their cars. They have provided some interesting and great reading for all of us. I am still **looking for more articles from members** as I believe there is an endless number of stories that could be shared with other members by publishing them in the magazine. Please don't be shy. Contact the editor or secretary to submit your article..

Auction News. A surprise last month to see a **1955 Fiat 1900A Granluce** come up for auction at a Shannons Melbourne. This is a rare vehicle around the world, let alone Australia (where maybe 2 - 3 examples exist). Photos of the car on the Shannons website ([2020 Shannons Spring Timed Online Auction - 11/11/2020 - Shannons](#)) look to present the car well, though it seems like some repairs, including rust repairs, may be required. Bidding for the Fiat did not reach reserve so it was passed in.



The **Fiat 500E has made an appearance in the UK** last month where it was made available to journalists to provide some initial impressions prior to its release there in March 2021 (and hopefully in Australia not long after that).

Reading some of the press from these initial drives suggest that the **Fiat 500E is a great little car** where the electric powerplant suits it very well and it has received very favourable reviews. Some of the articles have been reproduced for you in the Fiat News section of the magazine.

Finally, the **Fiat Club has received some letters from former members**. One member from quite some time ago who was inspired to write after seeing Warren Smith's Nostalgic club photos from the 1950s and 60s. The other correspondence is an article by former committee-member, Lex Bongers, who has moved overseas recently. It is a pleasure to have received their correspondence and their letters are reproduced on page 22.

Lorenzo Aventi.

2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

All 2020 memberships are due for renewal as at 31 December, 2020 (excepting those new members who have joined recently). Membership fees remain unchanged.

When renewing your membership, please ensure that you complete the updated 2021 Membership Form which you will find included in this issue of Fiat Focus, or on our website www.fiatclub.com.au. Please email the form to membership@fiatclub.com.au, or mail to PO Box 3034, Bangor, NSW. 2234. Payment is via EFT or cheque. We do not have credit card facilities for payment at this stage.

PLEASE NOTE: Members turning 18

We currently have five types of membership - Full Member, Joint (Family) Member, Junior (12-18 years), plus Life and Honorary Member. *Children under 12 do not need to be a member of the Club.*

In the past Junior members turning 18 were expected to become Full Members (and pay the \$60 fee). Understanding that this age group in general is studying, and usually have very little money, the Fiat Club has decided to allow over 18 year old dependents of a member family to remain within the family group, and renew as a Family Member (at the lesser amount of \$10).

Kind regards Cheryl Sandrin – Membership Registrar 2020

(Please find a copy of the membership renewal form at the back of the magazine)

Notice of Annual General Meeting of the Fiat Club of New South Wales Inc.

Dear Members,

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Fiat Club of New South Wales will be held at 10.00 am on Sunday 7th February, 2020 (Sunday the 21st February if the 7th is rained out), at the Fiat Club's grounds, Ansell Park, at 2 Percival Street, Clarendon, on the corner of Percival Street and Hawkesbury Valley Way. The event will also include a free sausage sizzle and picnic day for members.

Remember that the success of any club is based on its members participation. The Club and Committee is always looking for new people, new committee members, new ideas and an understanding of what you, the general membership, want from the Club.

All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

All committee positions will be declared open and nominations for all positions are sought.

Nominations may be sent to the Secretary (secretary@fiatclub.com.au) prior to the event, or, be made on the day of the meeting. Nominations must be accepted by the nominee and be seconded by a member.

All members who attend and vote on the day must be a 2020 financial member of the Fiat Club of New South Wales (1/1/2020—31/12/2020).

Send your nomination in now and avoid disappointment.

Positions available for nomination are listed below

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My X.

By Ian Sinden



My X

It wasn't supposed to be like this.

Ten years ago, my twin brother bought a 1960 Morris Minor (no, I don't know why either). It was in great nick and he drove it everywhere. And raved about it. And tried to convince me to buy an old car, saying how wonderful the atmosphere and camaraderie was at car shows and drive days.

We'd both owned plenty of Fiats in the past so we were both car nuts. My first Fiat was a 125, closely followed by a 128 3P and then a Regata Weekend. I had even had Fiats as wedding cars in 1985 – a 130 sedan bridal car, twin 130 coupes courtesy of the wonderful John Braid and a white Bambino for the page boy and flower girl. But I couldn't justify to my family the expense of another motoring-related hole in my pocket. Plus what would I get? A 125 maybe, or a 1500 Mk III, or a 128 sedan? Or another make altogether? The idea rattled around my brain occasionally and didn't go much further.

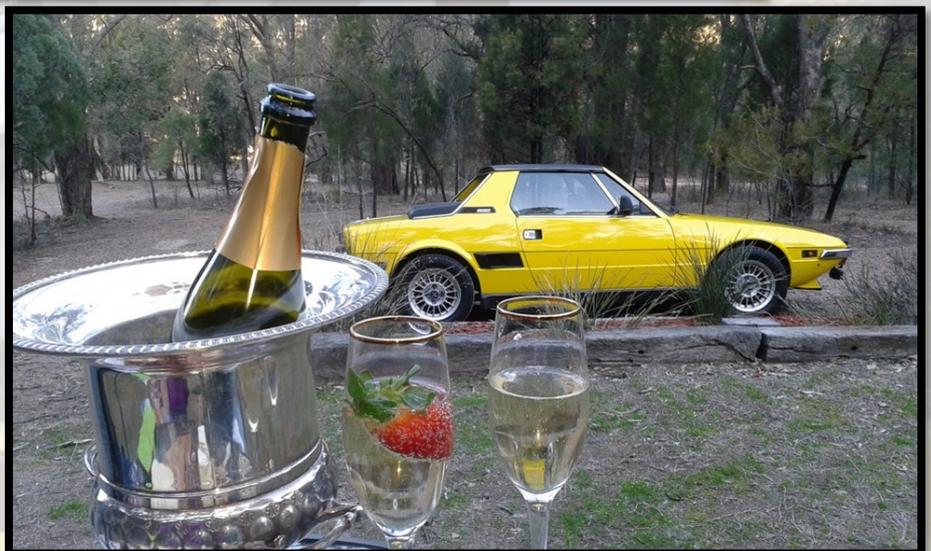
And still Owen (my handsome and modest brother) pestered me about getting an old car. It got to the point where he

started looking for a good 128 3P to share garage space with the Morrie. We'd both had 3Ps when we were younger, and knew they were great drives, so I started looking for one on his behalf.

Big mistake. Firstly because there's aren't many 3Ps around. And secondly because I thought an X1/9 would be a suitable alternative for him. There seemed to be more than a few for sale, plus I found this great X1/9.com web site which appeared to be chockers with good info. So I looked at a few and realized they were either in great

nick or a piece of junk. But they all had one thing in common – they were addictive drives.

So I rang Sue Halliburton who offered to put a small Wanted ad in the upcoming newsletter. No response



for a month. Then Luca rang me about a restored X1/9 in his shed at Milton. Was I still interested and could I wait a few more weeks? No worries.

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Then I saw the car. Oooh, it was a beauty. Not original, but good enough. A short unregistered drive around the block and I was hooked. The problem was, this was supposed to be a car for Owen, but I realised it was too good for him and it would really bug me to see him drive up in something this nice that I'd had a chance to own. So much for me not wanting to buy an old car!

Now came the hard part, a very tentative talk with my wife Chris. She was very understanding – sell the now-unused camper trailer, clean up the garage, buy the car! Mark Weinberger, who was a complete stranger at the time, offered to check the car out before I said yes. So I became the very proud owner of a bright yellow, 1982 Fiat X1/9.

I must admit to being surprised how addictive owning an old classic can be. Now that our three children are grown up and independent, it's been our car of choice for drive days and holidays over the past four years. With the help of new friends in the club, I've learned to appreciate the joys of driving Fiats all over again. And the joys of breaking down at midnight and getting very greasy hands while working on the car. But mainly the enjoyment of an early morning blast up a twisty country road in a wonderfully tactile piece of motoring history. Thanks Owen!

Ian Sinden.





burger break (write up)

8th November 2020
Superior Burger @ Wakeley



Sunset at Superior Burger provided a surreal atmosphere...standing in the carpark, admiring the fading light washing over the shapes of our club members' old school and new school FIAT and ABRATH cars was simply magical.



We almost felt we were hallucinating when watching a very straight and original 124 BC roll up into the carpark. An ultra rare and unique colour combo that is not often seen these days. Great to think classics like this are still out there to be found! I think a lot of us live in hope and dream of that day. Until then we look forward to the next club social catch ups to see and hear if anyone else has been lucky enough to live that dream!

Until then, keep covid safe.

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



FIAT fanatico

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coffee break (write up)

29th November 2020
Armory Wharf Cafe @ Newington



On one of Sydney's hottest weekends, a small group of club members gathered at the Armory Wharf Cafe to catch any sign of a cool breeze off Parramatta river early Sunday morning.

It is always enjoyable to hang out in the company of club members in a carpark in amongst a great collection of old Italian classics as well as modern future collectables. The highlight of the morning was seeing and hearing a fine example of the World Rally Championship dominating Lancia Delta Integrale driven by Maurizio. An impressive car that still looks awesome today!

Equally as impressive was seeing Roger's 1500 MkII drive up looking very classy in blue.

Thanks to all who came along and continue to support our club.

See you all at the next event.

Ciao Giovanni Ciampa
(social events co-ordinator)
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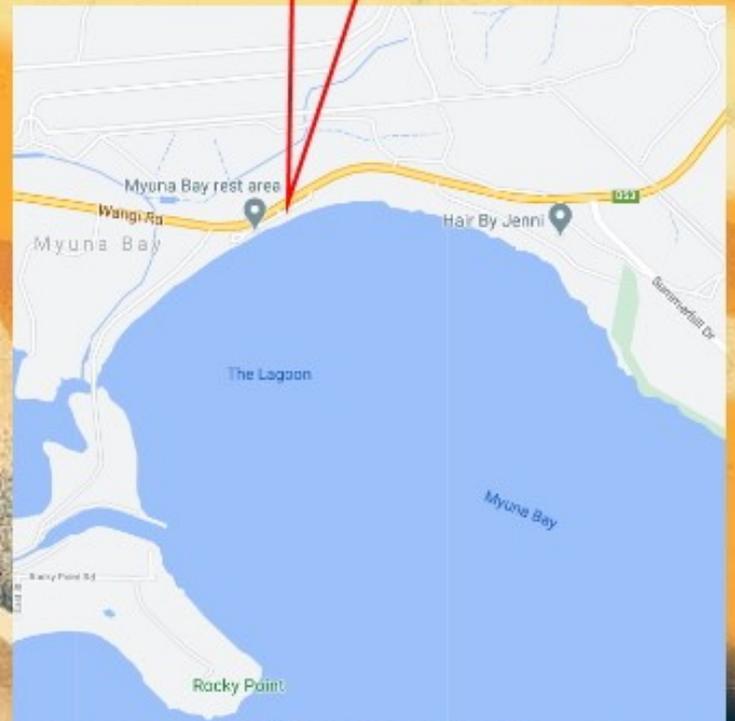
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AUTO-BIOGRAPHY

2. My Track & Motorkhana Cars – Warren Smith

A couple of months ago, Club President, Warren Smith, listed the various Fiat he had owned. The second part of Warrens "Autobiography" looks at the many race cars he has built, raced and worked on with various other club members.

To all other club members, I would love to hear from you about your autobiography, Fiat or other wise.



#1. In 1973, myself and a mate from work, Chris, bought this Fiat 600D for \$100 from a "Dodgy Brothers" car yard in Granville. I drove it home to Kingsgrove which was probably the most nerve wracking drive I've ever done.



It made it, and we bought the remains of another 600 from other mates Tony & Alan who were going overseas and transferred all the good bits into this new body. Chris was in Thornleigh Car Club, so I joined that club and he joined the Fiat Club of NSW and we then had two lots of motorkhanas to do.



I think we also did a few lap dashes and the above shot was taken at Amaroo Dirt. The first time we turned up with it at a Thornleigh Club 'khana there seemed to be a lot of mirth, but at the end of the day they were no longer laughing. I'm pretty sure that I won their novelty event. I can't remember what happened to it though.



#2. In 1977 (I think), Alan Steele and myself became partners in this Fiat 850 Coupe, which we worked on in his garage, gradually turning it into our track car. I say "we" but I reckon it was mostly Alan who did the work with me just passing the odd spanner.



Alan designed the paint job to imitate the Ferrari Formula 1 car of the day. At lap dashes (picture above taken in the pits at Amaroo Park in 1979), Alan's wife Leonie also drove it as she was the one who kept us fed and watered on days when we worked on it.



Tony Metcalf also drove it a couple of times and scared us at Amaroo once when he disappeared over the hill and didn't come back for some time! When he came back the wheels had grass stuck between the rim and tyres!



#3. In the late '80s, I became the fourth partner in a Fiat 127 motorkhana special that was nicknamed "Victa" (turns grass into dirt). It had already been built and campaigned by Steve Gotch, Wayne McGeorge and Roger Malcolm and was one of the quicker cars competing.



The first two photos are at the Fiat of Italy Cup, the first at Dubbo in 1990 and the second in 1988 at Orange. Wayne McGeorge won 1st Outright in the 127 in the 1985 Fiat of Italy Cup when it was held at Forbes.



After becoming a partner in the car, it came to live at my place right in front of the front porch. I think this is the car that kicked off my son Glenn's Fiat (and 127) addiction. Note the aggressive grooving that was done to the front tyres for extra grip on dirt. Not allowed these days.

AUTO-BIOGRAPHY, My Track & Motorkhana Cars – Warren Smith



#4. In 2005 Glenn and I bought this Series 2 X1/9 from club member John Fowler and it turned out that it also had been club member Colin Emmerson's old car! We proceeded to strip it with the aim of making it into a track car that looked like an Abarth Prototipo.



Glenn did most of the mechanical work and I did all the painting and bespoke stick-on lettering. Its first public viewing was at a car show at Darling Harbour in June 2007 (above), but we had to push it in and out of the place because the engine was not yet operational.



The car's first track outing was a Hillclimb at Bathurst in the 2008 Fiat Nationals. We were amazed that it finished the day with only a minor electrical gremlin. It did quite a lot of track km's after that at Fiat Nats in 3 states and long distance 6 Hour, 8 Hour and 12 Hour relay races. We sold it in 2019 to move on to other projects.



#5. In 2019 this 2017 Abarth 124 Spider came up for grabs in a written off vehicle auction in Canberra. The damage done to it you can just see in this picture, but of course the airbags and seat belt pretensioners had also gone off, which is why the insurance company wrote it off.



But for a track car we didn't care about any of that, so with only 7,500 km on the clock, it was straight onto the track with a modern, reliable car (with air con!). Glenn has had a roll cage fitted, built himself a new exhaust system, had the engine professionally tuned and upgraded the brakes.



This is the view that Glenn hopes other competitors will see most of the time. I haven't yet been able to get any track time but we did do a bitumen motorkhana and that was a lot of fun. I'm really looking forward to be able to run it at the next Fiat Nationals.



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The new Fiat 500E electric vehicle has received some very good reviews from some of the English press who had access to a left hand drive version for evaluation. Some of the articles are reproduced for you below. ...Ed.

Fiat steps into an electric future: We drive the new 500 supermini that will be available only as an EV with a 199 mile range and £20,000 price tag (UK)

By RAY MASSEY FOR THISISMONEY.CO.UK

Bellissimo! In these dark and difficult times it's great to drive a car that instantly puts a big smile on your face. I'm talking about the new all-electric Fiat 500 which brought me an automotive ray of welcome if socially-distanced Mediterranean sunshine and warmth.

First customer deliveries of this all-new Italian four-seater supermini are not until the beginning of next year, but I've had a chance to take a drive in an early cabriolet model on British roads. And what a stir it caused.

All right, driving from an industrial estate in Slough and around the scenic Berkshire Riviera is not quite Rome, Milan, or even Fiat's home city of Turin where the cars are again being manufactured.

The winter sun wasn't particularly bright either. But that didn't stop me putting the top down – and the heating up – for a liberating spell of wind in the hair motoring.

And it's a shame I wasn't on commission. Because on my travels I was stopped in my tracks by young drivers and couples who knew exactly what I was driving; wanted to know how I was driving it; and were talking actively about trading in their current cars to buy one.

I felt like one of those Italian ice-cream seller of yesteryear riding a tricycle with the words: 'Stop Me and Buy One'.

It's not every car that has that effect. Order books have opened this month with first UK deliveries from March.

It is in fact only one of two electric-powered cabriolet currently on the market, sitting alongside the even dinkier Smart EQ ForTwo Cabrio.

This is the third major incarnation of the Fiat 500 – the Cinquecento. Italy's original mini-car was born in 1957, and reborn half a century later as the Fiat 500, proving so popular it is credited with saving the company.

Now it enters its third age as an all-electric car only that's built back where it all started, at Mirafiori in Turin.

A cabriolet version was launched ahead of the coupe. It will not be sold with a petrol or diesel engine

There are two main models at launch – hatchback and cabriolet - and a third called a



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Built on a new platform specifically to be electric, all of them are larger than the outgoing Fiat 500 – around 60mm longer, 50mm wider and with a broader wheelbase, bigger wheels up to 17 inches and a roomier interior.



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3-plus-1 to follow with a third rear-door that opens outwards on just one side to make it easier to get in and out of the rear.

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I was driving the top-of-the-range and well-equipped 500 Icon cabriolet costing around £28,000.

It is topped only by a launch special edition 'La Prima' costing £26,995 as a hatchback and £29,995 as a cabriolet (after deducting the £3,000 Plug-in Car Grant).

Out on the road it's exceptionally nimble and nifty around town with a very tight turning circle.

Having for many years driven a much-loved MG Midget, I was immediately transported back to those heady carefree days.



The new 500's Combo 2 socket means it can accept both AC and rapid DC charging

This electric 500 has great out-of-the-blocks acceleration which clearly surprises some other drivers left trailing in its wake.

And it flies along wonderfully on open roads and country lanes and in exhilarating fashion with the roof down.

You can have the roof top open with the rear windscreen still in place. Or go the whole hog and have the whole roof open full length.

That was my only quibble. The rear visibility through the rear-view mirror is then badly restricted. It's like peering over a mountain. So you have to rely on your side mirrors only.

I reckon it would be easily remedied by a tack on mini-mirror – the sort parents buy to keep an eye on children in the rear of the car, and office workers put on their computer screens to check when the boss is creeping up behind them.

There are three different driving modes: Normal, Range and Sherpa.

As the name implies, normal is for driving as you are probably used to it in an ordinary automatic car, with your feet switching between the brake pedal and accelerator.

But I actually spent the vast bulk of my time in range mode. This increases the braking resistance and means you can drive quite deftly using just 'one pedal' – that is one foot on the accelerator.

Take your foot off, and the increased braking effect slows the car down. You quickly find the balance and drive smoothly and effortlessly.

This added resistance also helps the car recover energy and helps to boost range.

You'd select 'Sherpa' mode – named after the Himalayan mountaineering guides – if you are concerned about how much charge you have left and want to maximise it to get you either safely home or to the nearest public charging station. It cuts out unnecessary energy-sappers and restricts the top speed to 50mph.



There are some quirky touches. There's no interior door handles. Instead, you press a button on the inside of the door which opens it for you. And the open roof rises up if you seek access to the boot.

The new electric Fiat 500 comes in three trims, with the entry-level starting from £19,995 once the Government's £3,000 taxpayer-funded plug-in grant has been deducted.

The base level 500 - called Action - comes as a hatchback only and with a less powerful 24kWh battery capacity and 70kW motor developing 93 horsepower.

(continued next page)



in the front grille helping to get the engine up to temperature during the winter.

Standard safety technology includes autonomous emergency braking, lane keep assist, cruise control, traffic sign recognition and driver drowsiness monitoring. A new seven-inch driver information display has also been added to the instrument cluster.

The midrange Life model starts at £19,680 and gets larger 17-inch alloy wheels, LED headlights, front fog lamps, rear privacy glass and heated door mirrors. A leather-trimmed steering wheel and seven-inch infotainment touchscreen are also standard, along with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

The Tipo will be available in hatchback and estate body styles, with the former offering 440 litres of boot space, increasing to 550 litres in the latter.

2020 Fiat Tipo Cross

The new Fiat Tipo Cross starts at £21,690, and is billed as a more rugged version of the standard car, with an SUV-inspired look. The bodywork features black plastic cladding, and the front bumper and side skirts get silver skid plate inserts. Matching silver roof rails also feature, along with unique alloy wheels and a raised ride height thanks to a new suspension setup. Overall, the Cross offers 7cm more ground clearance than the standard Tipo.

Inside, the Tipo Cross gets model-specific upholstery, sat nav, a pair of USB ports, a height-adjustable passenger seat and an armrest for the rear seat. Front and rear parking sensors are also standard, as is a full-sized spare wheel.

Engines and performance

The updated Tipo and Tipo Cross models will be available with a non-turbocharged 1.0-litre three-

cylinder petrol engine. It produces 99bhp, and is only available with a five-speed manual gearbox. According to Fiat, fuel economy of up to 51.4mpg is possible under the WLTP cycle with emissions starting at 125g/km.

Fiat brand to electrify 60% of its models by end-2021: Executive

Reuters.com

MILAN (Reuters) - By the end of next year 60% of the car models offered by Fiat Chrysler's Fiat brand will be electrified, either hybrid or full electric, the Head for EMEA for Fiat, Lancia and Abarth brands Luca Napolitano said on Tuesday.

Fiat this year has launched the full-electric Nuova 500 small car, hybrid versions of its 500 and Panda models, along with hybrid Y, Lancia's only vehicle currently on offer.

More Fiat models are expected to be offered in hybrid versions in the future, including the 500X compact SUV and the Tipo sedan.

Reporting by Giulio Piovaccari,

That propels it from rest to 62mph in 9.5 seconds up to a top speed of 84mph and an average range of 115 miles on the official WLTP cycle, or a claimed 150 miles if driving only in the city.

Owners use their smart-phones plugged into the car's system via Bluetooth to provide infotainment and sat-nav.

The mid-level Passion trim has a more powerful 42kWh battery and an 87kW 118 horsepower electric motor that helps it accelerate from rest to 31mph in 3.1 seconds and 62mph in 9 seconds up to an electronically restricted top speed of 93mph. Its average range, according to the 'real world' WLTP measure = is 199 miles and a claimed 285 miles if only used for urban or city driving. It has a seven-inch infotainment screen,.

Top of the range Icon models cost from £24,995 for the hatchback and from £27,645 for the cabriolet and has the higher-capacity battery.

There are some quirky touches. There's no interior door handles. Instead, you press a button on the inside of the door which opens it for you. And the open roof rises up if you seek access to the boot.

Specifications:

New Fiat 500 Electric

Price: From £19,995 (after deduction of £3,000 plug in car grant)

Price of car driven: Cabriolet model in Icon trim from £27,645 (after deducting grant)

Order books open: Now

First UK deliveries: March 2021

Seats: 4

Propulsion: 87kW electric motor

Battery: 42kWh

Power: 118hp

Emissions: Zero

Top speed: 93mph (electronically limited)

0-31mph: 3.1 seconds

0-62mph: 9.0 seconds

Range on full charge: 199 miles (claimed 285 miles for city only)

Length: 3632mm

Width: 1900mm (with mirrors)

Height: 1527mm

Wheelbase: 2322mm

Tech: Level 2 autonomous driving
Wheels: 16-inch

Facelifted Fiat Tipo starts from £17,690

Updated Tipo range gets new Cross model, refreshed styling and new technology

by Ben Hodges (carbuyer.co.uk)



The Fiat Tipo range has been updated with the latest technology, a new high-riding Cross model and some minor styling changes. Orders will be taken at the end of November, with prices starting from £17,690. The first customer cars are scheduled for delivery in early 2021.

While the standard Tipo range will continue to rival models such as the Renault Megane and Vauxhall Astra, the addition of the Tipo Cross model will see it compete with similarly rugged hatchbacks such as the Dacia Sandero Stepway and Ford Focus Active.

2020 Fiat Tipo: design, pricing and specifications

The Tipo gets a new front grille, a redesigned front bumper, and new chrome trim. There's also a new steering wheel design, plus the addition of chrome and black trim to the climate controls.

The entry-level model starts from £17,690 and gets a decent list of standard equipment including 16-inch steel wheels and hubcaps, LED daytime running lights, rear parking sensors and electrically adjustable door mirrors. It also features an active grille shutter, which automatically closes the slats

The Secretary

Fiat Club NSW

Dear Sir,

Tony Bray sent me a copy of Fiat Focus October 2020. It stirred up some memories.

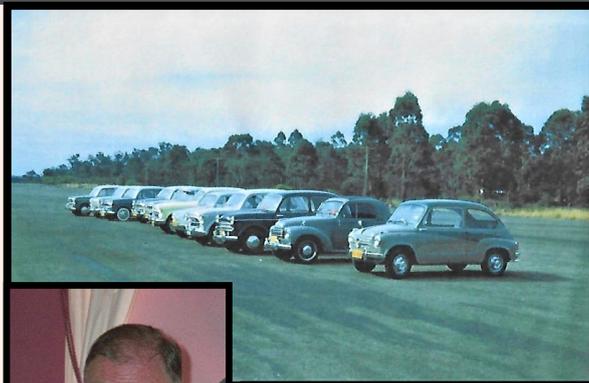
I was a member of the club in the 1950's and club captain 1957-58 before being posted overseas. In 1961 I attended a few events in my wife's 500.

I found some photos which may be of interest.

- A Fiat line up at Pitt Town airport ca 1957 - Teddy's (TED Ansell) Abarth, Tony Bray's 500 and my 1100.
- My Wife's 500.

Regards,

Barry Collins.



Barry at the Club's 50th anniversary dinner



Australia Up-Side-Down.

Translated from the Fiat 500 Club Netherlands magazine.

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Lex and together with my father, René, I am the proud owner of a 1969 Fiat 500 F.

Now you think, why this title? Our car is one of the last series built in Italy for the Australian market before production moved to New Zealand.

It all started when we (my wife and I) bought a new Abarth 595 Competizione Cabrio in Australia in 2014, where I lived for about 16 years until 13 weeks ago. My wife and I fell in love with the car and on a whim we decided to buy the "old" version as well. Then the search began. And what a job that was, because Fiat was not very popular in "The Land Down-Under". Holdens, Fords and almost every Japanese brand in abundance.

The search was a little easier because I was a committee member of the Fiat Club of NSW. And yes, there he finally came. A beautiful original 500, owned by the first owner. I woke up my wife at 5:30 am, and the same afternoon I drove for 2 hours and bought it right away. The owner asked if he could keep the car for another 6 weeks and take it on one more tour for his 40th wedding anniversary. This 500 had been a gift to his wife in 1970 to drive to Manly beach and back.

Then the time had come, the day that we could collect our 500. My parents had arrived the night before to visit for 6 weeks. Dad and I drove towards Manly together, not knowing what to expect. Fun fact in between, my father's first car was a Fiat 500 N. There it was. In the bright sun, in over 40 degree heat. At that point my father sensed that a big (small in size) surprise was waiting. After a nice breakfast with the owner, who became very emotional that his car was about to leave, dad and I headed back to the Blue Mountains with the 500.

One year later, the process began to completely disassemble the red 500 and turn it into a showroom car, which that has now been renamed Topo. A little jump in time. One year after we started the cosmetic operation on Topo our son Ayrton was born.

Ayrton eventually became the reason to rejoin the entire family in the Achterhoek. What did this mean for Topo? Well, of course he HAD to go to the Netherlands with us. After the major surgery of 1.5 years (and fortunately finished), Topo was at one point more than a car. It became an object that gave us fun, ..., but above all a great connection with our wonderful time in Australia.

On March 21, 2020 the time had come. The Italian-built Bambino, delivered in Australia and fully restored, will now leave its tire marks in the Netherlands. Of course I can write a lot more, but I would prefer to tell my whole story in person at a Club Meeting when it is all Covid free in the Netherlands.

Lex.





Fiat Club display at the 2007 Motori Italia show at Darling Harbour



FOR SALE - VINTAGE FIAT 519A

Extensive restoration performed in 1977 by Mr Robert Robinson who owned the car and rallied it around the country for many years. The bodywork and interior is in excellent condition. The engine is in running order but will need to be checked as the vehicle has not been driven for a few years. The car is located in Erina on the Central Coast.

This car has been the subject of a few published articles including Pedr Davis book, "Vintage and Veteran Cars".

Included in the sale are a letter from Centro Storico regarding the sale of the vehicle to Garret's in Sydney. Blueprints of the model and a manual for the car. Some details of the restoration can be made available. Price on application. (09/20)

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Vehicle is located in Ryde.

Contact **Iain Shannon** on 0414 241 345

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We've had to cancel next year's Gnoo Blas Classic car and truck show because of the Covid 19 pandemic. It's very disappointing but we have a duty of care to keep everyone safe, entrants and spectators. Normally entry forms would be going out now and guests locked in for the dinner.

That was impossible to do because under present health restrictions we couldn't hold the show anyway and we can't predict what the restrictions will be like in February. Going ahead with plans four months out was not possible. So after 26 years it's off but we'll be back bigger and better than ever on February 12 and 13 in 2022. Put it in your diary.

In the meantime to keep interest alive we are turning 2021 into the Gnoo Blas Classic Art Show, a first we believe for a car club. We want you to paint, draw or photograph your car and enter it. All entries will be judged in the three different mediums and in car show classes. All entries will go on exhibition indoors on the original car show weekend of February 20 and 21 and will be open to the public under the health restrictions that apply then.

Prizes will be awarded in car show categories of: Best Holden, Best Ford, Best Sports Car, Best Ute, Best Truck, Best Motorcycle, Best Pre 1970, Best Post 2000, Best Modern, abstract and People's Choice.

All entries must be A3 size and not framed. They must be of your own car, truck or bike. Photographs can be colour or black and white. Entries should be mailed in suitable-sized envelopes or canisters to PO box 2521, Orange, 2800, and must be received no later than Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

If you want your entry returned, you must include return postage. If you would like to sell it at an auction at the exhibition, you can do that by letting us know with the club retaining 10 per cent commission of the sale price.

This will be a genuine art show to keep alive the Gnoo Blas Classic and we hope you will submit an entry and maybe come and have a look.



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I wish to enter the Gnoo Blas Classic art show at Orange on Feb 20 & 21. Entry fee \$10.

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Signed..... Date.....

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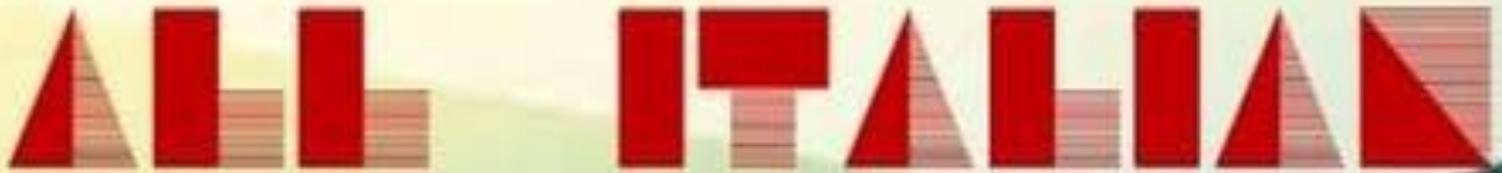
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Date: Saturday 12 December 2020

Destination: Lake Macquarie

Concept: Fiat Club members have been invited to participate in an individual tour of Lake Macquarie. To stop for a coffee or a picnic, and hopefully see plenty of other Italian cars and bikes on the way.

Time: Individual choice

HVS No: IE 02 21 21

Note: All Covid safe conditions to be observed

lago di macquarie

12TH DICEMBRE 2020

Organised by: Geoff Boog 0404 841 669 (non club member)

Authorised by: Richard Dalziel Historic Registrar



Key points:

Date: **February 20, 2021.**

Location: Paved car park overlooking golf club grounds, Braidwood Golf Club.

Modelled on *Pebble Beach Classic* focussing on classic and luxury vehicles.

Run by Wagging Tails Community Inc, a local registered charity focused on supporting mental health, based in Braidwood.

Funded by a seeding grant from QPRC plus sponsorship.

Starting with street parade of cars.

Quality judging and trophies.

Music and food stalls on grounds.

Immediate access to full club facilities incl a-la-carte restaurant.

Secure off-street parking for support cars/ trailers.

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Proposed Categories of judging:-

1. Pre 1970 British & European
2. Post 1970 British & European
3. Pre 1970 American and Australian
4. Post 1970 American and Australian
5. Local crowd favourite

Braidwood Inaugural

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Wagging Tails



Raising the spirits of black dog sufferers



Sponsoring Mental Health and General Community Well Being

Hi, My name is Tim Gearing. I am the owner/founder of "Wagging Tails Community" Inc., based in Braidwood NSW.

'Wagging Tails' is simply a process whereby people (men at this stage) within our community that perhaps are not travelling too well are able to come and share a coffee and light snack if so desired with others. There are no cost to participants – we rely entirely on external funding and sales from our parent business – "Mongarlowe Gourmet", a fully NFP organisation and other external grant opportunities.

Our goal is very simple, that is to have a black dog sufferer join in our friendly, safe, non-judgemental environment once a week to share simple conversation and a few laughs, getting their minds away from difficult issues for just a short time by stimulating a sense of increased self-esteem and less isolation, leaving with their tails wagging perhaps just a little more than when they entered.

This group has raised a desire to help put back into the Braidwood Community, who like many other rural communities has suffered greatly through recent drought, fires, floods and now the Covid implications and trading restrictions that this pandemic has delivered.

It is with this in mind we announce the **inaugural Braidwood "Concourse d'Elegance"** for February 2021. Of course not to the extreme top end of an internationally recognised Concourse d'Elegance, but we do want to make it more than just another "Show and Shine" by attracting higher than normal quality cars, judges and trophies, etc... and held in a scenic and pleasant environment.

Entry fees are \$30 only and are seen more as a donation to our Wagging Tails Group.

I can be contacted via email on tim@mongarlowegourmet.com.au , or phoned directly on 0457853921.

Yours sincerely

Tim Gearing
Founder/Director
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Your Name Here:	Tick	Ind.	Family	Ind.	Family	
Full Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$60	\$80	\$30	\$40	
Joint / Family Member (Partner)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10		\$5		
Family/Junior #1	Age	\$10		\$5		
Family/Junior #2	Age	-		-		
Family/Junior #3	Age	-		-		
Total Payable						\$

Payment Details

Tick

Direct Deposit	EFT Date of Transfer / /	Bank: NAB BSB: 082-067 (If Paying Via EFT Please Email or Post this form as well)	Account Number: 03 665 7020 Account Name: Fiat Club of NSW Reference: M'SHIP No. + Name (If new member then Surname Only)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cheque	Cheque Payable To: Fiat Club of NSW Inc.	Post Cheque and Form To:	Membership Registrar Fiat Club of NSW Inc. PO Box 3034 BANGOR NSW 2234	<input type="checkbox"/>

PLEASE – ALWAYS POST OR EMAIL THIS FORM SO WE CAN PROCESS YOUR MEMBERSHIP
TO: membership@fiatclub.com.au

Member Contact Details

Postal Address:		Suburb	
Street		State	Postcode
		Country	
Phone		Mobile	
Email Address (Please print clearly)		For Club eGroup email updates and to receive the FIATFOCUS magazine	

Member Motor Vehicles

Member Cars	Year	Model	Type	Colour	Rego
Car 1					
Car 2					
Car 3					
Car 4					

PTO – to continue on back of page for additional cars. (Rego number mandatory for Historic Plated cars)

Member to Sign _____ DATE / /
 (Acceptance of the Terms and Conditions of the Constitution of the Fiat Club of NSW Inc.
 on the Club webpage www.fiatclub.com.au or a copy available on request)