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Abarths and 500's at Fiat Nationals Show and Shine.

Some of the many Abarths and 500's who competed in all 3 events at the Nationals proving their versatility and reliability. Photo: Peter Bartold.

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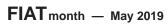
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Of course, we cannot do this so we depend on our club members to volunteer their time and expertise and to find time in their busy lives to do all the planning and execution of these huge events that involve hundreds of people

Autobella this year was held at the new venue at Deaf Children Australia, which meant a whole new plan and many additional hours spent preparing and setting up. Sebastian Bongiorno and his Autobella Committee had to rethink the whole set up and many visits were made to the site in the lead up to the event. The result was absolutely worth the effort with a magnificent display of cars, costumi d'epoca and everything else we have come to expect at our Autobella event.

The Fiat Nationals was an even bigger undertaking for us as it is a three day event, with each day

Editor's Pic of the Month

A random parking coincidence at the Fiat Nationals: the Bartold Abarth 500 parked next to Colleen Berry's (QLD Fiat Club President) 124 Abarth Spider with very similar number plates — one Victorian and one from Queensland.

From the Editor...

At the time of writing this, we have just returned from the very busy Fiat Nationals in Tailem Bend which took place only 2 weeks after Autobella. As these two events are our biggest for the year it led me to reflect on how we manage to do this with the number of active members we have in the club. Any business or organisation who was faced with organising events on this scale would call in the Event Management experts, pay an enormous amount of money and hand it all over to them.

featuring a completely different event. Added to this was the fact that The Bend, in Tailem Bend, where the Nationals were held, is a new venue that has only been operating for a year so it was a steep learning curve for Paul Scambler, the Event Director, and his Committee to make the correct fit for the Nationals event.

Apart from the Committees of both these events and your Club Committee we had many club members who volunteered their services, willingly and tirelessly at these events. From my experience of being involved in the organisation of parts of both these events, I was impressed by the number of club members (from all clubs at the Nationals) who were so willing to help as some stage. This willingness to assist carries through to all the activities we run throughout the year and I think it is timely for us to recognise those members who are always willing to be actively involved and to encourage anyone who hasn't done so before to offer your services to event organisers. Remember.... the more you put into something, the more you get out of it!

Well done to everyone involved in any way in making this first part of our club year so successful and we look forward to more participation as the year progresses.

AB4RT



Rapporto del presidente



Whew, what a couple of months we have had ! Since the last report we have been in the midst of a flurry of activity with a wonderfully successful Autobella and the Nationals both of which have been conducted at previously untried venues.

As President of the club it would be hard to be prouder of the organising committees for both events. The

professional standard which the club maintains for these is a credit to all and is recognised as one of the great strengths of our club.

I am sure both events will be highlighted throughout the magazine so I will just again thank everyone who contributed and attended both particularly the motorkhana competitors for securing the Fiat of Italy Cup for the third successive year.

Over the next couple of months there are a couple of changes to the standard club year what need to be mentioned. The AGM will be held later



Roger trying to evade Prohibition at costumi d'epoca@autobella.

than normal, at the August General Meeting as there are going to be absences through the normal meeting dates with our European Trip impacting on many members through June and July.

No doubt there will be all sorts of stories to be brought back this time as there was in 2017.

An event held at the

Nationals that was close to my heart was the 501 Centenary event. I am finding myself drawn more into the vintage and historic areas of the club activities and note there are a few major highlights coming up over the next couple of years. The club is looking to revisit South Australia in late September for the Bay to Birdwood run. This year post 1959 classics (at least 25 years old) are the entrants and they were definitely glory years for Fiat in Australia. Watch coming FIATmonth for details of this event

The AHMF 2020 National Motoring Festival is less than a year away and details are included

Who was responsible for making the officials wear the orange fluoro hats???







One of a number of tyre replacements on way home from Nationals - at least he is wearing his safety hat !!



1200 Cabriolet at the Nationals Show n Shine

in the Coming Events pages of this FIATmonth.

I want to highlight two events that are not exactly on the horizon but will be on us before we realise. In late 2021 the Centenary re-run of the 1000 mile Victorian Alpine Rally and the 2026 Cross Country re-run that will recreate the 1926 trip from Perth to Melbourne. More to come on these events.

On another note this is the 50th Anniversary of the 128 release. Any 128 owners with ideas? Contact me.

Yours Faithfully

PICTURE(S) OF THE MONTH

(Left) The Centoventi — Concept car unveiled at the Geneva Motor Show; (right) Fiat Heritage Centre.

Fiats latest concept Electric Vehicle, named after the company's 120th Anniversary, was one of the highlights of the Geneva Motor Show. Being touted as the next Panda it is a car that can be customised and upgraded with different battery packs ranging from 100km to 500km which can be changed in 5 minutes. The interior is designed for owners to customise with a patented interlocking mounting system. The car is a 5 door hatch with rear suicide doors and customers will have choice of 4 roofs, bumpers, 4 wheel coverings and 4 external wraps - Bring It On!!

The FCCV Europe and UK Trip plans to visit the new Flat Heritage Centre when in Torino later this year.





MAY-JULY 2019

Fri 17-Sun 19

Historic Winton Contact loe Sammut, 0412 221 581.

Sat 18

La Fiera Italian Festival, Myrtleford www.lafiera.com

Sun 19

VMC Round 4 Motorkhana, Deniliguin Contact Danny Petterlin, 0411 877 337.

Wed 22

Midweek Run to Beeac Meet at BP Service Centre, Western Hwy, Rockbank, Westbound. 9.30am Contact Roger Beattie, 0400 177 278.

Sat 1

Caffe di sabato That's Amore Cheese, Thomastown. Contact Mario Di Censo, 0419 171 661 or Paul Pozzobon. 0418 552 290.

Sun 2

Group 5 Round 5 Motorkhana, Parwan. Contact Danny Petterlin, 0411 877 337.

Thurs 13

FCCV General Meeting Veneto Club, 8pm.

Sat 15

VMC Round 5 Motorkhana, Bendigo Contact Danny Petterlin, 0411 877 337.

Fri 21–Mon 15 July



FCCV Trip to Europe and UK.



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Sun 23 MSCA Round 6 Sprint, Sandown Contact Danny Petterlin, 0411 877 337.

VKC Round 3 Khanacross, Parwan Contact Danny Petterlin, 0411 877 337.

Sun 30

Group 5 Round 6 Motorkhana, Altona Contact Danny Petterlin, 0411 877 337.

Sat 6



Caffe di sabato 10am, Melissa's Cakes, Templestowe. Contact Mario Di Censo, 0419 171 661, or Paul Pozzobon, 0418 552 290.

Thurs 11

FCCV General Meeting Veneto Club, 8pm.

Sun 21

VMC Round 6 Motorkhana, Albury/ Wodonga TBC. Contact Danny Petterlin, 0411 877 337.

Sat 27

Group 5 Round 7 Night Motorhana, Altona. Contact Danny Petterlin, 0411 877 337.

Sun 28

Eco Drive Meet at Hungry Jack's Knox City 8.30am. Lunch tbc. Contact Bill Freame, 0412 814 855.

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Future meetings:

- Thursday, 9th May 2019
- Thursday, 13th Jun 2019
- Thursday, 11th Jul 2019



Membership

Trevor's 128 3P at Lakeland Hillclimb

News

Robert Judd, Membership and Club Permit Secretary

From our Autobella event we offer new members membership through to the end of the next club year and so we concluded our club membership in the year 2018/19 with a total of 546 members.

We welcome the last of these members plus the first of our 2019/20 members below.

Welcome to the following new members

Robert Chessari: Fiat 128 Sedan

Paulo Angelico: Fiat 850 Coupe

Trevor Prasad & Lina Romero: Trevor is a returning member from many years ago and is on the lookout for a Fiat. He has his eye on a new 124 Abarth!

John O'Meara: New Fiat 500

Evert Veenhof: Not recorded

Pat Rocca: Son of existing member Joe, joining with a 124BC

Adam Masseo: Fiat 125 Special series 2

Geoff Tate: Partner to Richard Unkles' daughter Veronica, who was privileged to drive the Unkles 124 Spider at the recent Nationals.

We look forward to seeing you all and your cars at future events.

MEMBERSHIP & CLUB PERMIT UPDATE

Please note that there are a number of the club officials who will be away again during part of June and July. This will cause some issues with processing memberships and permit renewals during that time and we will announce a process to help reduce any issues. This will also effect the date of our AGM.

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Featured New Members

Trevor Prasad & Lina Romero

"Unscrew your handbrake button, and you'll be able to tweak and release your rear brakes around the flags..." was the encouraging words of one of the old hands of the club as I, with trepidation, entered my beloved 128 3P (tre porte) in my first Motorkhana, (Athlone, circa 1983).

I've owned three* Italian's, the aforementioned 128 3P, a Regata 100s and an Alfa GTV.

This brings me to a key reason as to why I'm back. As cars become too perfect, and speed laws oppressive, Lina and I recently had a test drive of the Abarth 124. The balance and control, endless turn-in ability, wind in your hair feel that fools you into thinking you are going faster than what you really are - the 124 is an awesome car to drive with it's classic sports car feel akin to the legendary marques of the 60's. Bilstein, Brembo, motore turbo di Abarth, Record Monza exhaust with it's mini-me Ferrari sound - can't go wrong!

As we celebrate 70 years of Abarth, it only seems fitting that 2019 is the year to own a 124.

Current stable: Lina has a Peugeot308 Allure and I am a motorbike fan with a BMW C600 Sport (Scooter), my daily drive and a BMW R1200 for touring.

So my aspiration is to own an Abarth 124 Spider before the end of the year and we look forward to many Club Sport, Social Activities and to embrace all of these.







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Visit to Sandro's Mancave

March 2, 2019 By Lyn Bartold, Photos: Peter Bartold

Once again Sandro Cesario opened his two storey "mancave" to the club for our coffee morning. Sandro has a fabulous collection of cars including his Abarth 500 replica, Abarth Autobianchi A112, 131 Sport, 1500, Maserati,all tucked away in his beautifully set up garage downstairs (his 124 sedan is hidden in another garage).

As well as his cars, Sandro has a huge collection of Fiat, Abarth and Italian car and general Italian memorabilia that, quite frankly, is mindblowing!! This includes model cars, posters, books, photos and the list goes on.He even has a huge collection of caps artistically arranged under the stairs.

Although it was an extremely hot morning we had a good turn up of club members who enjoyed wandering around the mancave and enjoying the wonderful morning tea put on by Samantha, Sandro's wife.

Thank you to Sandro and Samantha for allowing us to invade your home - I don't know how many visits it would take to really comprehend just what a treasure trove Sandro has collected.

Vita Sociale

Above Signage at entry to mancave; left Sandro and his mum; below Some of Sandro's car collection; Members enoying morning tea.

Captions

1 Ric and wife Lisa entertaining FCCV members in his "barn"; 2 Fiats on display; 3 FCCV members at Ric's "barn"; 4 Ric's restorations in progress; 5 Members enjoying Ric and Lisa's hospitality in the "barn".

Barn visit — Ric Volpi, Bullengarook

April 6, 2019

By Robert Judd Photos: Joe Sammut, Paul Pozzobon

Our Caffe di sabato for April was to the home of member Ric Volpi out at Bullengarook. Most of us met at the outbound BP just near Calder Park and travelled in convoy to Ric's. A few others joined later going direct.

Ric has a passion for his Italian heritage and displays this by setting up his 20 acre property with a modest but practical house, an adjacent growing garden, a work shed and a restored barn building, with land area for expansion into a vineyard in the future.

Ric proudly showed us through the restored barn explaining how he and Lisa have managed to keep the original steel framework and build around this with second hand materials, many of which are from old/heritage buildings. They have turned this open space into a wonderful airy entertaining space with open fire and an impressive outlook to the rear of the property (future vineyard?)

His work shed contains two 124 Spiders in various states of restoration and the frame of a 3 wheeled Piaggio delivery van. In a carport beside the work shed is a 124 BC also in need of resto. Ric likes to turn his hand to most of the work himself and has recently purchased a panel wheel. He is just learning how to use this at the moment and has been able to create some panel sections for some small projects so far.

In the barn we were treated to a variety of pastries and nibbles along with coffee made by Ric himself on his classic (1960's?) Gaggia coffee machine which he picked up at a trash and treasure market and restored. It was a beautiful machine (work of art) and produced wonderful coffee.

It was a very pleasant morning with Fiat friends in the fresh air near Mt Macedon and we would like to thank Ric and his wife Lisa for their hospitality and welcoming us into their home.























Fiat 501 Centenary by David Stott

David Stott is the owner of a magnificent 501 that featured in this year's Autobella and at the Fiat Nationals. David's car has been in the Stott family since it first arrived in Australia so he is well qualified to tell the story of the models history. This car was bought new by his Grandfather, and sold by Garret's in Sydney where the body was built. It served as a family car for 15 years until being cut down to a ute, and used in this form until 1960. Interestingly, it has been a restored tourer now for 19 years, longer than it was a tourer originally.

To quote All the Fiats " ... the 501 is an important model in Fiat history; not only because it was the post-war Fiat introduced by Fiat in the small capacity class; but also because of its unequalled commercial success on an international scale. It was built in several variations and obviously with several types of body work; the range included sedans, tourers, sports, roadster, and taxi versions. Front wheel brakes were fitted to the last series"

David continues...the 501 was designed by Carlo Cavalli, a lawyer, (this is the reason why the 501 was often called the Lawyers car) and was Fiats first attempt at a mass produced car. Previously the company had made large expensive cars and the 501 was their first small car for the mass market.

"It was so simple it could be repaired by the village blacksmith, so solid it could serve on farms, so generous it could endure the most extreme sports preparation" "This was supposed to be the popular post WW1 car, not too small so as not to incur the frailty of the cyclecar, and not too big to incur the rigors of the tax department."

The 501 also turned the company's fortunes around. In 1921, Fiat made a marginal profit of 20,000 Lire, and by 1922, with 501's pouring out of the factory, the profit was 19 million Lire. The 501 put Fiat on a good financial footing for coming years.

By 1923, 60% of all Fiat production was exported, and this would include mostly 501's. Sale of the 501 in Australia by the 'Imperial Preference' import duty which







Its overall dime mions are very small The Gear-box is bolted to the rear face of the untilne housing. about and still

as well as Pedals and Levers, are mounted direct on the Edds levers are inside the body. **Decilulies** manifestate.

On the Model 501 the Engine and Gear-box will is attached to the chassis by three points

On Models 505 and 510 the ham-point attachment is used.

All these Models are fitted with Electric Starting and Lighting System, and Joth of the ritinely in the "ELAT" Shops. The Electric Starting Motor and the Electric Generator are quite or accessibility and clever manner in which they are mounted. and both of these units

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FIAT 4 Cuimter Engine, Model 505

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All Models are fitted with Electric Horn and OB Amp nessure Googe. in the Dash Bo motier, 54

The body lines of the Standard body are solver and at the same time very elegant. Special bodies may be secured to Customer's own taste and convenience.

codenate means, is available with imported Balan holy and a Mandard Colonial type body. On the other land, no standard type of body has been adopted for Yostels SGS or 510, but the lave bodies of ad kinds or lands. Type 501, which is intended for purchasers of

Captions

1 David with his 501; 2 Richard and David's cars at the Nationals Show n Shine; 3 501 Tourer; 4 Hood down 501; 5 Richard Unkles Taxi at the Nationals; 6 Original photo of 501; 7 Sales Brochure; 8 Original 501 information sheet.

was higher for goods not produced in the British Empire. Even at the higher price the 501 was apparently considered good value and they sold well and Australia was one of the strongest export markets for Fiat product. Like most cars from this period, the chassis and engine were imported and the body was locally made. Most were built as tourers, which were popular here and suited our climate. Sedans were generally Italian factory built, on the narrow track chassis and fully imported. Richard Unkles' taxi, and the blue sedan at Autobella are examples of the factory built sedans. These Italian bodies included extras such as silk roller blinds, cloth upholstery, ash trays, and pipe holders.

Most 501's in Australia tend to be the wide track versions which were available from 1923, and very few of the very early models or fully imported tourer bodies on the narrow track exist.

The 501 had a reputation for smoothness, durability and being easy to drive, with even a novice able to make silent gear changes.

From 1919 the model had flat mudguards as seen in the photo above, and by 1922, rounded mudguards appeared. In 1924, front brakes became an optional extra.

Approximately 45,000 were built in the 7 years from 1919–1926. Fiat introduced the S and SS versions in 1921.

Improvements were made during the model's life, including a new style oil pressure regulator and filter and a detachable exhaust manifold. The wide track model from 1923 (501C) was developed for Colonial markets such as Australia, South Africa and New Zealand, and included a lighter and stronger chassis.

In Australia the 501 was a relatively upmarket car, costing more than double a T model Ford of the day. It seems they sold well as many people today remember 501's owned by family members in the past. By all reports they were well regarded.





By Lyn Bartold, Richard Unkles Photos: Peter Bartold, Richard Unkles





This year's Autobella, in the new venue at Deaf Children Australia, was certainly a step up on our previous ones at Como. The magnificent 1866 building provided a wonderful backdrop for the 501's and other vintage models and the spacious grounds with green lawn and shady trees enabled Event Director, Sebastian Bongiorno, and his Autobella Committee to plan and organise a layout for the display of cars that celebrated the quality and variety of models and marques present.

The location of the property, on the corner of St Kilda Rd and High St, gave the event a much higher profile and encourages much more passing visitation. The circular driveway, around the garden in front of the heritage building provided a wonderful entry for the class winners for the presentation of trophies that took place on the steps. The presentation was given a Concorso di Villa d'Este feel with Sandro Cesario and Peter Bartold introducing the winners, dressed in colourful sports jackets,Simon Kitson style.

Thanks you, also to club member Gabriella Gomersall Hubbard who wrote and provided for an article that appeared in II Globo on April 15. Gabriella is a former journalist with II Globo so the article appeared in colour on the back of the front page, so giving our wonderful event even more exposure.



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Captions

Top 501's in front of 1866 original building at Deaf Children Australia 1 Lyn and Peter Bartold in 20's outfits to compliment the 20's cars; 2 Richard Unkles and Jenni Williamson go Art Deco; 3 Richard Unkles 1923 sedan; 4 David Stott's 1925 Tourer; 5 Brodie Bishop's Tourer; 6 Mark and Michelle D'Anton's white 1924 Tourer and mascot, Rob Poynter's yellow 1923 Tourer; 7 David Judkins rare 1922 Fiat Tipo 501SM.

The Centenary of the Fiat 501

This was one of the feature of this year's Autobella and we were able to have six 501's on display (unfortunately Richard Unkles Taxi had problems so did not make it to the display or we would have had 7), an outstanding effort given the number of 501's that still exist in Victoria. The cars created a huge amount of interest and provided some wonderful photo opportunities throughout the day. The old building provided a spectacular backdrop for the display and our Art Deco fashion parade added to the celebration of this wonderful model.

501's in attendance

By Richard Unkles

- Bill and Ann Poynter who brought the Poynter's 1923 Melbourne Motor Bodies Spider
- Mark and Michele D'Alton in their 1924 Melbourne Motor Bodies tourer
- David Judkins rare 1922 Fiat Tipo 501SM
- David Stott in his 1925 Garratt (Sydney) bodied tourer
- Brody Bishop's Harwood Bagshaw (Adelaide) tourer
- Richard Unkles 1923 with the original Italian sedan body

Congratulations to Brodie Bishop who won the Ian Payne Bushfire Restoration Award. While the car is still awaiting a hood his personal work on the car is a













Fiats and crowds at Autobella. Photos: Peter Bartold, Joe Sammut, David Roberts

credit to him. FCCV has assisted with provision of the correct hood frame and bows for which Brodie has been search for over a decade. They were found in Melbourne despite the car being built in Adelaide but it appears the donor car came from the Mildura area, but probably originally came from Adelaide.

The radiator magnet on the D'Alton 501 was a nice touch to personalise the car. This was found a long time ago by their father, Ray D'Alton, who undertook most of the restoration of a clearly low mileage car

The Deaf Children Australia site also has plenty of lovely areas to sit and enjoy the surroundings, and the BBQ food and a children's playground to keep the young ones amused Although the weather on the days before the event and the prediction of rain on the day (even though it turned out to be dry all day) had an effect on numbers to some extent, but the number of cars entered in the various categories was close to last year' entries. Now that people have seen what a wonderful venue it is, the number of entries and spectators will certainly increase in future years as this venue will be the home of Autobella for the future

100 Years of Zagato

The other featured model was Zagato which also is celebrating 100 years of production. We had an excellent turn out of Zagato bodied cars including Alfas and Lancias,





Thanks to all our sponsors some of whom not only provided sponsorship but also added to the colour and interest of the day with their stands and displays

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Left-to-right, top-to-bottom Zagame stand; Shannon's banner; Trevor Parkes' Fiat mechanic; Auto Vintage, Italian Auto Spares, Shannon's; Rainbow Meats BBQ stall.





Other Marques at Autobella. Photos: Peter Bartold, David Roberts

On behalf of all members of FCCV I want to congratulate all members of the Autobella Committee who have worked tirelessly all year to give us this wonderful event that just gets bigger and better each year. There is so much work that goes on behind the scenes that is never obvious and this is what makes a successful event. We appreciate what you do and all we are all very proud of Autobella.

Although not formally a member of the Autobella Committee, I would also like to recognise all of the behind the scene work that our President, Roger Beattie, puts into this event. Roger takes care of the banners, stickers and all things print related that add another touch to club events such as Autobella, so thanks also to Roger. —Editor.

2019 Autobella Committee

Event Director: Sebastian Bongiorno

Sandro Cesario, Robert Judd, David Judd, Daniel Petterlin, Jonathan Crellin, Peter Bartold

Congratulations to all those who received prizes and to everyone who entered as there were many magnificent cars on display. Thank you to Jonathan Crellin and Phil Buggee for judging the event, not an easy task and the Presentation Ceremony was given a touch of class, this year, by announcers Sandro and Peter dressed for the occasion! Thanks also, to Noel Henderson from Deaf Children Australia for presenting the prizes.





Left-to-right, nearest row Bella Concorso Winner, Paul Pozzobon, receiving his trophy with Sebastian Bongiorno, Peter Bartold and Sandro Cesario; Paul Pozzobon's beautiful, original X19; Jono Crellin judging.

	Class & Title	Winner	Car
Α	Bella Concorso	Paul Pozzobon	Fiat X19
	Runner Up	Brendon Pitts	Fiat X19
в	Best Showroom 2017-19	Jonathan Crellin	Abarth 595 Competizione
С	Best New Era 2006 - 16	Frank Newton	Abarth 595 Competizione
D	Modern Classic East West	Neil Williamson	Fiat X19
Е	Classic Front Engine RWD	Nil entries	
F	Competition	John Black	Fiat X19 Dallara
G	Modern Classic Prestige V6	Doug Miller	Fiat 130 Coupe
н	Modern 1985–2000	lan Payne	Fiat Regatta
I.	Classic Rear Engine RWD	Liugi Manzo	Fiat 500
J	Modern Classic RWD	Roger Langdon	Fiat 124CC
к	Lancia	Peter Ranou	Lancia Augusta
L	Pre War and Historic	Brodie Bishop	Fiat 501
Othe	er Marques:		
	Alfa	Claude Botti	Alfa GTV
	Ferrari	Wes Ballard	Ferrari 328 GTB
	Etcterini	Mathew Montesano	De Tomaso Pantera
	Featured Marque — Zagato	lan Masterman	Alfa Junior Zagato
	President's Encouragement Award	Noel Sargent	Topolino Giardiniera

Autobella 2019 results



This d'epoca@ vear's costumi autobella has to most been successful we have run so far. Certainly the new venue gave us so many more opportunities to develop this side of Autobella with a seperate small building as our headquarters and a place for participants to dress in costume, instead of a roughly partitioned section of one of the club tents we have used in previous years. The 501 Centenary display also meant we had a perfect backdrop

to hold an Art Deco fashion parade to illustrate the wonderful outfits we could have been wearing in the era when the 501's were first on the road. Our costumi d'epoca was presented in two parts this year, with the Art Deco Parade added to our usual competition where costume tragics are invited to dress in the era of their car or their favourite era with prizes awarded in a variety of categories, sponsored by BumpIn Costumes. Thanks to Jenny Baker who dressed



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Jenny Baker and the 500; Peter Bartold's 20's Golfer

Lyn Bartold

in 1960's style outfit for judging of the competition.

When I first floated the idea of the costume competition with a parade and prizes some years ago, there was a limited number of participants but this has grown over the years. When Deb Judd joined me a few years ago in our quest to make Autobella a little different to other car club displays with our Vintage Fashion Parade, participation has increased. This year we offered people the opportunity to dress in our costumes we have on display and have a photo taken and a number of these people took this a step further and participated in the Art Deco Parade and the competition in the borrowed costumes. Both parades attracted a good crowd of spectators and were enjoyed by all.











Class	Winner
Best Female Costume	Vicki Lemm
Best Male Costume	Brendan Pitts
Best Couple	Lina Romero, Trevor Prasad
Best Runner Up	David Stott

Results of costumi d'epoca@autobella competition

In addition to the parades we created a themed display with the Bartold 500F set up for "una vacanza in famiglia in stile italiano" (a family holiday, Italian style) from the 1970's and a table set for High Tea in the Art Deco era. We plan to expand this section next year and offer a prize for the most creative diorama, so start your planning now!

Thank you to everyone who participated with enthusiasm in both sections of this year's costumi d'epoca@autobella and we look forward to an even bigger display next year.



Captions

 Deb and Rob Judd, Art Deco style;
 Table set for High Tea;
 Gangster Roger with friend;
 Mandy Thompson and David Stott David — Best Runner Up;
 costumi d'epoca competition;
 Best Couple — Lina Romero and Trevor Prasad;
 Brendon Pitts, 70's style — best male costume;
 Vicki and Kevin Lemm. Vicki — best ladies costume.







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NATIONALS 2019

By Lyn Bartold

This year's Fiat Nationals was a highly successful event organised by FCCV. At last year's Nationals Delegates meeting the idea was floated that we should consider holding the 2019 event at the soon to be operational, new track and motorsport facility at Tailem Bend. Our club offered to investigate the possibility and to be the organising club. To say it was as simple as that would be a mistake because it took a lot of negotiating and organisation on the part of the Nationals Committee under the leadership of Paul Scambler but we got there and it must be said it was one of the best Nationals we have ever had.

The Bend, as the facility is called, has everything on-site with a race track, an excellent hotel track side, a caravan/ cabin park within walking distance, a skid pan for the motorkhana and a restaurant for the Presentation Dinner. We chose to travel to Murray Bridge for the Show n Shine and to Tailem Bend and Wellington for the welcome BBQ and the 501 Centenary Celebration, but all these were within a short drive. President Roger Beattie even hired the Community bus to help transport people to and from events and to take those not involved in the Motorkhana on a winery tour and lunch.

We had an excellent participation rate with representation from NSW, QLD,SA and even a few from WA came across as well as a big team of Victorians. Each event had a high participation rate, making for some great competition. The Motorkhana is the only part of the competition that counts towards the Fiat of Italy Cup and for the 3rd year in a row Victoria won the cup. This was a great team effort and we can all feel justifiably proud of our efforts.

As with any event of this scale a huge amount of work went into the planning, organisation and running of the event. The Nationals Committee must be commended on their efforts but also we had many club members who helped in all sorts of ways, be it as meet and greeters who got everyone signed in and provided with all necessary information for the weekend, the officials who worked tirelessly at each event and social activities, the scrutineers and those who made sure everything was in place for a successful event. The fact that everything went to plan and that participants went home with a huge smile on their faces is testiment to the hard work of many club members.

Congratulations FCCV on a job well done!!







Competition Report

Danny Petterlin, Competition Secretary Photos by Peter Bartold

Well the 2019 Nationals have come and gone and what a Nationals it was. If you were there you know what I'm talking about, if you weren't, you missed the best Nationals to date. Most people drove or towed their cars over to Tailem Bend, or the "Bend" as it is called, left Melbourne Thursday morning to compete in the 3.3km sprint on Friday, the Motorkhana on Saturday and the Show and Shine on Sunday

The Ironman Trophy was won by the calm and precise Sam Russo in the 695 Biposto. Overall quickest in the sprint was Richard Shinkfield in the fire breathing X19 at a 1:31:9. The Fiat of Italy Cup Motorkhana once again went to multiple winner Glenn Smith from NSW

Captions

Fiat of Italy Cup Results

Thanks to Rob Judd for compiling

them in this form to suit publication

in FIATmonth. Check the Nationals

website for full results in all categories.

http://www.fiatnationals.com/

Full Fiat of Italy Cup Results appear below and prize winners in the Sprint, Show n Shine, Ironman appear on relevant pages of the Fiat Nationals Reports that follows

—Ed

If you haven't been to the "Bend" and had a chance the chance to experience the place both on track and the hospitality, don't take my word, ask the circa 140 people who came to the event how good the place is. A week later I'm still getting calls to tell me how much people enjoyed themselves.

Happy motoring,

Daniel Petterlin

Ironman

1 The Freames and their car at Motorkhana; 2 Motorkhana outright results — Nationals.

—Ed









	Class	State
1st	Glenn Smith	NSW
2nd	Marty Gallard	NSW
3rd	Bill Freame	VIC
4th	Paul Freame	VIC

Top 4 placings for the Motorkhana

Outright	Entrant	Car	Overall time	Class	Class Position	State
1	54 - "Smith, Glenn"	Smith_Fiat_Rail	02:23.55	Class F	1	NSW
2	33 - "Gallard, Martin"	Fiat_126_Special	02:34.99	Class E	1	NSW
3	6 - "Freame, Bill"	Freame_Fiat_Rail	02:35.82	Class F	2	VIC
4	9 - "Freame, Paul"	Freame_Fiat_Rail	02:36.43	Class F	3	VIC
5	5 - "Judd, Robert"	Judd_Fiat_Rail	02:37.42	Class F	4	VIC
6	24 - "Maud, Ian"	Fiat_X1/9	02:39.01	Class B	1	VIC
7	2 - "Judd, Debra"	Judd_Fiat_Rail	02:42.17	Class F	5	VIC
8	13 - "Ruckert, Mike"	Grande Punto Sport	02:42.27	Class C	1	QLD
9	35 - "Vos, Stephen"	Fiat_500	02:47.70	Class D	1	QLD
10	36 - "McGeorge, Michael"	Fiat_126_Special	02:48.40	Class E	2	NSW

This is awarded to the competitor who

scores the highest points of the three events, Sprint, Motorkhana and Show

and Shine, in the same car,

1st — Sam Russo VIC

Top 10 placings for the 2019 Fiat Nationals Motorkhana

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Fiat Nationals Sprints

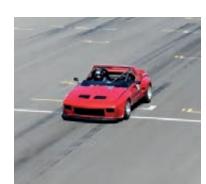
By Peter Bartold Photos: Lyn Bartold, Peter Bartold

Trying a new race track or hillclimb is always exciting, so to have the Fiat Nationals at the new Tailem Bend track was exciting, if not a little daunting. We had all heard of the notoriously long track but we only did 3.4 km of it, about the same length as Winton so not too hard.

After the traditional photos with cars and participants on the track, those competing had a couple of laps behind the pace car before we got to drive at full bore. The track we used was interesting with some tight sections and a very long straight, where I went a fast as I have ever driven, probably close to 200kph!

At one time my X19 was part of a threesome of crazy looking X19's and I hoped someone had taken a photo, but no, so it is just my memory. Having just re-built my gearbox to solve a problem, it came as a shock to find I didn't have 4th gear so it was 1,2,3,5. Considering I didn't have 4th, the car went well, even doing the entire length of the long straight in 5th gear!

There were a number of X19's racing but there was a high attrition rate with head gaskets,



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Class	Place	Name	Car	State	Time
SS2 1050-1650	1	Greg Shultz	X19	SA	1.55.80
	2	Rob Jorgensen	500	VIC	1.56.26
SS2 1651–2000	1	Serge Brovedani	131	VIC	2.00.49
	2	Geoff Tate	124	VIC	2.07.50
SS4 over 2000	1	Stephen Spiers	Fiat Coupe	VIC	1.46.55
	2	Frank Russo	Abarth 695	VIC	1.49.05
MS1 up to 1050	1	Mike Lowe	Abarth GT750	SA	1.52.85
MS2 1050–1650	1	Ian Maud	X19	VIC	1.54.33
	2	Frank Caia	124	VIC	1.54.56
MS2 1651–2000	1	Mike Coles	Alfa Sprint	SA	1.44.94
	2	Phil Buggee	131	VIC	1.48.7
MS4 over 2000	1	Stuart Hocking	124CC	VIC	1.42.53
	2	Sam Russo	Biposto 695	VIC	1.44.34
RS1 up to 1050	1	Marty Gallard	127	NSW	1.53.76
	2	Rebecca Gallard	127	NSW	2.06.65
RS 1050–1650	1	Greg Shultz	X19	SA	1.42.34
	2	Peter Bartold	X19	VIC	1.43.97
RS3 1650	1	John Hams	124	QLD	1.59.97
RS4 over 2000	1	Richard Shinkfield	X19	QLD	1.31.93
1	2	lain Shannon	Abarth 695	NSW	1.36.87

2019 Fiat Nationals Sprints: Class winners and runners-up



blown engines etc but the Shinkfield X19 was fastest car followed by Ian Shannon in the Assetto Corso Abarth 500.

It was great to see so many 500's on the track, either Abarth or standard cars and with second hand cars and parts at a good price these day, they will become even more popular as a fun competition car.

Having the hotel so close to racing was a bonus, enabling drivers to get a coffee etc easily. There was also fantanstic viewing areas on various levels of the hotel for spectators to enjoy the racing.

All up it was a great venue so thanks to the organising committee, especially Paul Scambler, whose vision it was to get the Nationals to The Bend who did a wonderful job as Event Director. He also managed to drive his rented Mustang around the track as the pace car so he didn't miss out on all the fun!!







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Flat Nationals Hat of Italy Gup Motorkhana

By David Judd Photos: Peter Bartold

With the skid pan where the motorkhana was run, on the other side of the Hotel we were well placed for an efficiently run Nationals Motorkhana event and as with all the other events at this year's Nationals the day went smoothly due to good planning before the event, efficient running on the day, and good cooperation from the drivers and the many voluntary helpers from across the states.

On the day we had a large field of over 60 competitors who were able to efficiently complete their tests on the two adjacent fields by mid-afternoon. As there was competitor parking at the sides of the central area between the two fields, competitors and their vehicles were always close by to be efficiently ushered to their event

It was a very stress free day for the organisers and I think the volunteers assured that the competitors stress was limited only to their personal performance on the field. We recorded the normal number of flags collected, WD's taken and the odd garage penalty – all part of the fun and challenge. Whilst full results for the Fiat of Italy Cup are listed elsewhere, Victoria were successful in retaining the FOIC ahead of Queensland in 2nd place, NSW in 3rd, Western Australia 4th and South Australia 5th.

All went smoothly throughout the day and the event was completed easily by 3.00pm. The makeup of cars

is changing with more "new" cars, such as unregistered 500's, Punto's and Ritmo's proving to be very affordable and competitive, however there are still many of the old favourites running as well.

I would like to thank the volunteers from the various states who ran the timing, observing, scoring and ushering on the day. I would also like to thank our independent Clerk of Course – Mark Rae who came over specifically for the Sprint and the Motorkhana to act as our FCCV have instigated a policy at the Nationals of ensuring we have independent, qualified people at C of C and Chief Scrutineer level, this allows our members to compete in all the events and removes any thought of bias or distraction









due to competitive involvement as well as ensuring our CAMS responsibilities are serviced correctly. This year I chose to stand aside from competing in order to assist Mark on both the Supersprint and the Motorkhana. The number of competitors we had at the Motorkhana and Supersprint justified this approach.

On behalf of all members I say many thanks to the organising committee headed by Paul Scambler for working hard to set up this new location for our Nationals - what a great new motorsport complex that we have been lucky to experience!







Fied Reforele Show n Shine

By Jonathan Crellin Photos: Peter Bartold

The final event of the Nationals, the Show and Shine, was a very enjoyable day. The town of Murray Bridge, where the Show and Shine was held put on a fantastic day with great weather and a terrific dust free venue at Sturt Reserve.





The Show and Shine was well supported by all attending clubs and we had 46 entrants, which included 5 members of the South Australian Italian Made Cars Club who joined us on the day, and who managed to win 2 trophies between them, including first place in the P2 category (cars built from 1960-1975) by Peter Marr with his fantastic Fiat 125.

The FCCV was very well represented and did very well in the results by winning 6 trophies. This again included Paul Pozzobon winning his class with his X1/9 (P3 – cars built from 1976–1990) and David Stott winning the P1 class (pre-1960 cars) and Best in Show for his magnificent 501C, which was a very fitting way for the Nationals to celebrate the Centenary of the 501.

A beautiful display at Murray Bridge

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Class	Winner	Car
Best in show	David Stott	Fiat 501
Historic	David Stott	Fiat 501
1960–1975	Peter Marr	Fiat 125S
1976–1990	Paul Pozzobon	Fiat X19
1991–2007	Mike Ruckert	Fiat Grande Punto
2008–Current	Sam Russo	Biposto 695

Results — 2019 Show and Shine

Those who attended saw great variety and some very rare cars, including the 3 genuine Abarths from Western Australia – GT750 Zagato, 124 Spider and 131 Stradale. We were also treated to having a genuine ex-works, rally winning, 1970 Lancia Fulvia 1.6 HF rally car on display.

And many thanks also to Adelaide's Solitaire Fiat who sponsored the event and supported it by displaying 3 new cars at the event.

Thanks to all who assisted on the day, including Phil Buggee and Frank Marinelli who got their hands dirty judging on the day. The pressure will now be on next year to ensure we have a big showing from Victoria at next year's Nationals Show and Shine in NSW.













Fiat Nationals Social Activities

By Lyn Bartold

Photos: Peter Bartold, Trevor Prasad, Ian Payne, Paul Pozzobon

The Annual Fiat Nationals is not just 3 days of competition but it has always included a number of social activities as well. Following on from last year when we also organised the Nationals, FCCV went over and above in providing a range of events on the social side. It has become the tradition that a welcome BBQ is held on the Friday night and of course, the Presentation Dinner is held on the Sunday evening.

At last year's Nationals based in Shepparton we introduced a night at the Shepparton Car Museum with finger food as an optional activity which was very well received and patronised. This year our Saturday Night event was an evening at the Wellington Old Courthouse where we celebrated the Fiat 501 Centenary with a "between the wars" dress-up night of fun.

Nationals 2019 Social Program

Friday Night: Welcome BBQ

Julian Di Bastista and Frank Marinelli organised this event at nearby Tailem Bend Community Hall and Julian invited a group of his friends from Victoria who became known as the BBQ Boys, to come along and cook us up a storm. It was a fully fledged spit roast with meat and chicken on offer, along with salads and cooked vegetables and was amazing. It was a great night to catch up with friends from home and interstate, whilst enjoying the food and getting involved in 2 Reverse Raffles where numbers are eliminated and the last person standing wins \$100

It was a fun night and a fitting start to our 3 days event. Roger Beattie played bus driver and ferried people from the accommodation to the hall and return as required.

Thanks to Team Spit Roast for a great feast.

Saturday Bus Winery Tour and Lunch

Roger took a bus load of the group who were not involved with the Motorkhana on a pleasant drive, visiting 2 wineries and a pub for lunch. The group were looking happy and relaxed (except for Mario Di Censo who had sprained her ankle during the day) when they returned and by all reports had enjoyed some time out from the cars.







Saturday Night: Fiat 501 Centenary Celebration Again free transport was offered to this event which involved a ferry crossing of the river to get to Wellington, Old Courthouse. The ferry we drove onto is one of a number that are the only means of crossing the Murray River in certain spots in that area - an experience that is a must when visiting that part of South Australia.

We had our two 501's, David Stott's 501 Tourer and Richard Unkles 501 Taxi, that had made the journey to the Nationals from Victoria, on display at the front of the building for plenty of photo opportunities. We had a good response to our call for participants to dress in "between the wars" era clothing and those who didn't were supplied with hats, scarves or headpieces to wear for the night. I donated a prize for the best costume and it was won by Jenny and David Stott. The Courthouse is a beautiful old building that is being restored by new owners and our visit was their first foray into catering for a group. After nibbles and drinks which were served on arrival we bought a plate which was then loaded with our choice of BBQ meats, salads and baked potatoes which were finished off in the fire pit in the middle of the room. It was a delicious dinner in wonderful, relaxed surroundings and lots of fun























Sunday Night: Presentation Dinner

The dinner was held in the Hotel in the complex and was our last chance to spend time with fellow Fiatisti before the long journey's home the next day. An excellent buffet meal was served between the Presentation of Trophies for all parts of the weekends competition with many successful Victorian club members receiving trophies. A monster raffle with many prizes was run and a silent auction was conducted for some posters donated by Tony Studans.

Roger Beattie had arranged for a cake to celebrate the 501 Centenary with appropriate "photo" on top that we all enjoyed at the end of the evening.

We were privileged to have FCCV Life Member Richard Carlson, and wife Clare, with us for the weekend. Richard had won First Outright in the Motorkhana 16 times between 1966 and 1995 and was there to present the trophy to 2019 winner Glenn Smith from NSW. This is Glenn's 8th consecutive win and he is on a mission to beat Richard's record!

The culmination of the evening was the announcement of the Fiat of Italy Cup winners - Victoria, for the third year in row

Well done to everyone who contributed in some way to this victory — as a competitor, an official, a helper or a supporter in some way.









The Italian Auto Icons event which is held in the northern end of Lygon St has become an institution in the Italian car display calendar. With all the Italian margues invited to display cars, spots along the street are very sought after and there is always a breath-taking assortment of Italy's finest for the huge Sunday crowd to enjoy. John Gove from the Maserati and Fiat Clubs organised an interview with Reg Hunt which also attracted a lot of interest.

Each year there are special focuses and this year there were sections to celebrate 70 years of Abarth,100 years of the Fiat 501.and the Centenary of Zagato. In the Abarth section we were able to contrast the old with the new with David Judd's original 124 Abarth Spider next to Mandy Thompson's modern 124 Abarth Spider and my Abarth 500 alongside Lawrie Hocking's 70's era Abarth 500 Replica.



Captions

1 & 5 Abarth 70 Years Display — old and new. New: Mandy Thompson's Abarth124 Spider, Peter Bartold's Abarth 500. Old: David Judd's original Abarth124 Spider, Lawrie Hocking's Abarth 500 Replica.
 2 100 Years of Zagato: Augustine Banko's Alfa 6C; **3** John Gove Interviewing Reg Hunt; **4** Selection of Zagame cars; **6** Club members enjoying Lygon Street; **7** Zagato designs, including the Lancia Appia Double Bubble; **8** Ferrari Dino, Lancia Stratos, Fiat Dino Spider; **9** Fiat 500s on display; **10** Fiats 124CC's, Topolino, Abarth 500.

The Zagato section also featured some amazing cars including Augustine Banko's Alfa 6C, the Judd's Maserati Biturbo, Angelo Monteleone' s Lancia Beta Spider and a lovely yellow Lancia Appia Double Bubble.

Unfortunately the Fiat 501 that came along, Richard Unkles Taxi which was placed around the corner from the main display so did not receive as much notice as it would had it been in a more prominent position.

Zagame Automotive had a fabulous range of cars in their section, covering

all the Italian marques that they sell. As always we had many club members with an amazing variety of Fiats on display and given the usual business of Lygon St on a Sunday, there were plenty of admiring spectators, Italian and not!

Well done to the organising committee of this event, it is definitely one of the events that we never miss and have no problem filling the spaces we are allocated. As always it was a great social day and many coffees were consumed at Tiamo's Cafe



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Competition Events May–July 2019

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Caffe di sabato

Saturday 1st June

9–11am, That's Amore Cheese 6 Lattitude Blvd, Thomastown

(Note: different timing to usual)

Saturday 6th July

10am, Melissa's Cakes 3–65 Parket St, Templestowe Lower

Contact: Mario Di Censo, 0419 171 661, Paul Pozzobon, 0418 552 290



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Mid-week Run

Wednesday 22 May Beeac

Continuing with our Mid-week Runs for those who can get away during the week, we will be heading for the Colac area with a lunch stop at the Farmer's Arms Hotel in Beeac

This hotel is owned by club member, Ean McDowell, who not only operates the hotel but also has displays of his extensive collection of cars, tucked away in buildings around the town.

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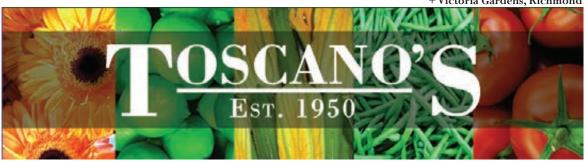




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Note the change of date from June to August due to FCCV Europe and UK Trip

9pm, Thursday 8th August 2019

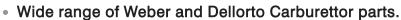
(Following the June General Meeting)

All Committee positions are open for nomination. Nomination forms are available at the June and July General Meetings. Club membership Fees will be due on August 31st for the 2019–2020 year.

All current financial members are eligible to vote at the August AGM Direct any enquiries to **secretary@fiatclub.org.au**

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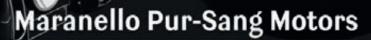
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Sunday July 28th



Meeting Point: Hungry Jacks, Knox City Shopping Centre Burwood Hwy (63-K12) Arrive with full fuel tank Several fuel options nearby, Shell, BP and Mobil Event registration from 8:30am to 9:15am Invitations available from www.fiatclub.org.au 15 Classes on offer for various engine capacities and fuel types Vintage and pre 1965 vehicles departing from 9:15am Remainder of the field departing from 9:30am Course distance less than 120kms all on sealed roads Referenced and plotted from Melways

\$5 Entry per vehicle In Pakenham at around midday A great family morning out!

Any further enquiries contact Bill on 0412 814 855



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