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As you will see from our May FIATMonth we have had a very busy few months with so many events to report on I have had to expand this magazine to 44 pages.

As a club, our biggest event of the year is Autobella which was held at the Deaf Children Australia's wonderful grounds on St Kilda Rd. As you will read in the Autobella report we broke all records with the largest number of cars and people attending. The weather, also, was great and the day went smoothly, with lots of helpers working to produce a fabulous event. Our additional features, the Diorama and Costumi d'epoca, were also a success that you will read about later in this edition. Thanks to the Autobella Committee for all their planning of the event, all the club members who set up, directed traffic, cooked sausages, manned

## From the Editor...

the merchandise stalls, judged the different categories, presented trophies and packed everything up at the end of the day – none of this happens without you.

Peter and I are still recovering from our four days away on Targa Classica which took us from Healesville to the top of Mt Hotham, Bright, Nagambie, Mitchelton Winery and everywhere in between to finish at the MCG. We covered 1,100 kms, our navigation skills were tested and we faced numerous time trials and average speed sections, all in a day's work!! It is the 3rd time we have competed in the event and although very testing we always finished each day with a smile on our faces, ready to relax at a beautiful dinner and social time each evening. You will read the report of this event also in this magazine.

The Australian Grand Prix has also been and gone and FCCV was well represented by a group of club

members and their Fiats and by what we read on Facebook they had a great time. Adelaide Auto Italia and Canberra Auto Italia have both been held during this period of reporting and we were represented by our club members at both of these event, with il presidente, Roger, managing to attend both.

There have been so many events to report on in this FIATMonth that I have called upon many club members to contribute articles and, as always it has been a great response. My thanks to those who have written up reports and provided photos so enthusiastically and have assisted in producing a magazine full of information, pictures and colour.

Allora....there is plenty of interesting reading awaiting you, so enjoy and think about what you can contribute to a FIATMonth in the future.

## EDITOR'S PIC – Costumi d'epoca @ autobella

We have been running our costume d'epoca competition for many years as part of Autobella and each year we get a dedicated group pf people who join us for the event. This year we held the parade in the Diorama area which added another touch. Well done everyone who made the effort to dress up – some great costumes! Thanks to Deb Judd for helping with the organisation of this event and to Mandy Thompson for assisting with the judging.





# Rapporto del presidente



Hello and welcome to autumn. As has seemed to be the case for the past little while the past few months have seen plenty of travel from the pleasant surroundings of 'Casa Presidente'. While you were reading your last magazine I was over in Adelaide experiencing a quick 26hr stop in the city of churches which included coffee and cake with Mario's 'cousin', a visit to an old friend in hospital (see the obituary later in this report), breakfast with the Fiat Lancia Club of South Australia and a day spent at their local Autotalia- definitely worth a visit



Adelaide Breakfast



Almost twins

if you get the opportunity. There were about 150 vehicles registered on the day including some motorcycles but the experience was great and the trip home was a joy as Mario recounted his life story ..... sure made the time fly!

Autobella was another triumph, perhaps eclipsing all former iterations but still improving year on year. Well done to the whole team and thanks to everyone who volunteered to help out on the day. It would be great to see a few more members put their hands up for an hour or so to assist next year. The weekend after Autobella came around and I was again at another regional event. This time it was the Eddington Sprints. Those who attended the FIAT 123 event last year will remember dodging the monster mosquitoes at Eddington when we almost stopped for a look. Lawrie Hocking competed on the day in the supercharged 500 and drew a lot of interest from the crowd. Kevin and Vicki Lemm also attended as did a few others well known to club members, Robert Sales drove in his special, Neil Rote was up from Avoca with Trish and recounting his latest car exploits. Another year it is also a close enough event to get a few people on the track for!

April loomed as did a trip to Canberra for Auto Italia. A few people had ventured ahead and the 2300 Register made us welcome at what is becoming something of a tradition of a Saturday Run and Dinner prior to the big day on Sunday. There was a small cocktail event at the Italian Embassy, where the Autotalia organiser was awarded as a Knight of the Order of the Star of Italy for his work running the event for many years. Something the Autobella committee should look into! Despite being confused with the catering service on arrival in the Doblo ... and being asked to park it outside away from the Italian classics I had a pleasant time and chatted over canapes with a number of interesting folk. On Sunday a couple of my favourite FIATs were there, Cam Impellizeri brought his 1400 Cabriolet down from Brisbane finally revealing it after a long 20 years out of the public eye for restoration and there were a number of delightful 2300 Berlinas which always make an impact. The judges swanned about in their blazers and straw hats to determine the flashiest 'objets d'art' and by the time they were awarding it we were on the road heading back for Melbourne.



Canberra Cocktails



Canberra1400 Cabriolet

Things settle a little over autumn here in Australia but I will be heading to the USA for the FIAT Club of America gathering .... the oddly named FIAT Freakout. It will be interesting to witness how that compares to the events we hold here. It seems to be largely populated by 124 and 850 Spiders and plenty of modern Abarths. Speaking of Abarths you will notice a page in this magazine from the local Abarth collective. We are seeing more of them and

are happy to share their news in the FIATmonth.

PS. Since my return from Adelaide my friend Roger Ingerson has passed away. Many 850 owners will have known Roger and our thoughts are with Carol at this sad time. Bruce Lindsay has penned a short obituary.



## ROGER SHAND INGERSON VALE

14/07/1944 – 17/03/2023

Of Macclesfield, formerly of Murray Bridge. Aged 78 years.

**An intelligent man, who was quick witted and doggedly determined. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.**

'Passion' knows many forms. For those of us who are passionate about our Italian-made cars, it may be directed to one particular marque, or even one particular model – Fiat's 501, 508, 1100, 500, 2300, X1-9 and even the oft-unloved Regata.

But Roger Ingerson loved them all. We met when I purchased his two Lancia Flavias, his eye having turned to Alfa Romeo. But during our long friendship his voluminous shed was filled with Fiats, Alfas, Lancias and even a Maserati – all of them subject to his meticulous workmanship and care.

But his greatest love was undoubtedly reserved for the Fiat 850 in its many guises, of which he owned and superbly rebuilt several, even though Roger Beattie could not be convinced to add his 850 camper. He acquired a number of 850 Sport coupes, one of which he built for competition, and found an 850 Spider (designed by Giugiaro), but never succeeded in his wish for an 850 Lombardi.

Roger strongly supported the evolution of what became South Australia's *Auto Italia* all-marques display from 2012, an annual event which grew from the *All Italian Day* in which he actively participated. He was an early and enthusiastic member of Adelaide's *Scuderia Italiano* group.

Always welcoming and helpful to fellow enthusiasts, Roger's enthusiasm for his charges was palpable, and wife Carol's support unwavering. On March 17th he lost his battle with the cruel blood cancer, myeloma, and was farewelled at a funeral in Mount Barker on March 27th. Fittingly his 850 Sport and 850 Spider were in attendance.

Our sincere condolences are offered to Carol and their extended family. The Italian motoring scene in South Australia and indeed across Australia, is poorer for Roger's passing.

**Dearly loved husband of Carol for 17 years. Much loved father and father-in-law of Briony, Julia, Nadia. Loved Opa of Mirabelle. Loved step-father and father-in-law of Nicole and Derek, Matt and Reinke. Loved Grandpa Roger of Ned and Clare, Elsie, Minnow and Finn.**





# CLUB CALENDAR

## MAY 2023 – JULY 2023

We are offering a more comprehensive calendar of events for 2023.

However, all events are still subject to venue specific restrictions. Members are strongly advised to read **Fiat Pronto** emails as they often contain new events not listed in **FIAT Month** and changes to advertised event. Competition events listed on Competition Page.

### MAY

Fri 5 – Sun 7

**Autumn Glory Tour of North East Victoria**

Contact Roger Beattie 0400 177 278

Sat 6

**Caffe di sabato. Veneto Club 9am**

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

Thurs 11

**General Meeting. Veneto Club 8pm**

Sun 21

**Maling Road Auto Classico FCCV Display. Maling Rd Canterbury**

Contact Robert Judd 0438 871 044

Sat 27 – Sun 28

**Historic Winton**

Contact Joseph Sammut 0412 221 581

### JUNE

Sat 3

**Caffe di sabato. Veneto Club 9am**

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

Thurs 8

**Annual General Meeting. Veneto Club 8.00 pm.**

**Election of Committee Members for the 2023-2024 year**

Sat 17th

**Visit to Fox Classic Car Museum Melbourne**

Bookings: Sandro Cesario 0420 277 701

### JULY

Sat 1

**Caffe di sabato. Veneto Club 9am**

Mario Di Censo 0419 171 661 or Paul Pozzobon 0418 552 290

Thurs 13

**General Meeting. Veneto Club 8.00 pm**

Sun 16th

**The Barry Ellis EcoDrive**

Contact Bill Freame 0412 814 855

### JUNE - JULY

**Keep your eye out for FIAT Pronto emails with additional events**

**COMPETITION EVENTS ARE LISTED on the Competition Report page.**

## Annual General Meeting

**Thursday June 8th 8.00pm**

**Gondola Room, Veneto Club**

**Nomination Forms Available at May GM**

**Contact Secretary, Ian Payne for further Information  
0407 838 532**

### General Meetings



Club Meetings are held at 8pm on the second Thursday of each month. Dinner in Bistro at 6.30pm

The Veneto Club  
191 Bulleen Rd,  
Bulleen VIC 3105

Future General Meetings 2023  
Thursday 11th May,  
Thursday 8th June,  
Thursday 13th July

Note: These meetings will be held at the Veneto Club, Gondola Room unless there are changes to the COVID rules.

Notification of changes will be via Fiat Pronto, our Facebook site and on the club website - fiatclub.org.au

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## Membership News

Robert Judd, Membership and Club Permit Secretary

### NEW MEMBER UPDATE

We have had 15 new members since the last magazine and 2 rejoining after a time away.

### WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS –

**Domenic Battaglia:** Fiat 500F

**Anthony Aznavorian:** Fiat 124CC

**George Kyritsis & Carmel Perri:** Fiat 600 Abarth

**George Dimitrovski:** No car info

**Sam & Marina Privatelli:** Modern Fiat 500

**Domenic Carosa:** No car info

**Joe Marino:** Holden VT Supercar Tribute

**Lucio Sticca:** No car info

**Colin Edwards:** Alfas – partner to Mandy Thompson

**John & Vicky Sirianni:** Falcon Wagon

**Andrew Smith:** Modern 124 Abarth

**Marco De Santis:** Modern 124 Abarth

**Giancarlo Stangherlin:** Modern Abarth

**Larry Varley:** Fiat 124 BC, Austin Ute, 2 x Nash Healeys & Austin Healey

**Brad Tully:** Fiat 124 Spider, Modern Fiat 500, Citroen DS Safari

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

## MEMBERSHIP & CLUB PERMIT UPDATE

It is frustrating that many members are only ‘remembering’ to renew their membership when their permit is due for renewal.

### ELECTRONIC PERMIT RENEWAL

The process for **renewing** permits completely electronically (also using your ‘myVicRoads’ account) is continuing to work well. Don’t hesitate to use this system if you are comfortable with computers as it not only avoids the hassle of chasing down one of the signatories, but also avoids the need to visit VicRoads for payment. On the eastern side of Melbourne in person payment has become a big hassle with the new Ringwood site having no parking!!!

To use the electronic process please send a scanned copy (or good readable photo) of your renewal form to our dedicated email address [permitrenewals@fiatclub.org.au](mailto:permitrenewals@fiatclub.org.au)

Robert Judd: Membership and Club Permit Secretary

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# Competition Report

Marisa Gangemi

By: Marisa Gangemi

Photos by Marisa Gangemi, Brian Shanahan, Ian Maud and Robin Page

Well, it has been a jam packed few months for our FCCV Motorsport Competitors with a wide range of events and great representation from our club across the board. Starting with the AROCA Sprints on Sunday the 12th of February where we had 5 members competing. John Black in his X19, Harold Whittaker in his X19, Peter Bartold in his X19 and Frank Spinosa in his Alfa 4C, great job guys! On Saturday the 18th of February was the Victorian Hill Climb Championship where Ian Maud competed in his X19 and came 3rd place in his class, well done Ian!

Fiat Nationals Practice Motorkhana was held at Geelong Motorsport Complex on Sunday the 19TH of February. We had a total of 16 entrants, 3 Come and Try, 3 Juniors and 3 Ladies. We completed most of the tests, giving everyone at least two attempts at each test. It was also the first event where we used our new digital timing equipment and it worked perfectly with no issues and made life easier for our timing crew. Huge thank you all volunteer officials that helped on the day: Bill Freame, Alana Freame,



Photo by: David Parr

Robert Judd, Deborah Judd, Emily Judd, Ian Payne and Trevor Prasad. We will look at holding a second practice motorkhana for Fiat Nationals closer to the event, so stay tuned.



Ian Maud's X19 at Bryant Park



Frank Spinosa



Tony Tyzack



The Crellin's Fiat



Charlotte and Dallas Benbow in the Alfa 90



Marisa with her very dirty Abarth at Westmere



Raymond Ostenberg's Lancia Beta at Sandown

On the 25th of February I competed in Round 2 of the Victorian Motorkhana Championship at Westmere on the dirt in my Abarth. It was a wet and wild day with the rain not really easing up much but it made for some fun in the mud. Everyone competing struggled to get traction and there were many flag and wrong direction penalties but we were having so much fun spinning around in the mud that we didn't care. The next day we returned for Round 1 of the Victorian Khanacross Championship and the weather had improved slightly. It still rained a bit, but we got some sun and the ground dried up just enough to kick up dust. It wasn't my best weekend as far as championship points because I got so many penalties, however I had fun and learned a lot about racing the Abarth in the dirt.

Phillip Island Classic was held from Thursday 9th-Sunday 12th of March, where we had Philip Buggee competing in his 124 Spider Abarth and Ernst Luthi competing in his Alpine Renault A110. More on that event in a special article by Bill Freame. On Saturday the 18th of March I competed in the MSCA Round 2 Sprints at Sandown and met fellow FCCV member

Raymond Ostenberg in his Lancia Beta Coupe. It was a very windy and wild and hot day at Sandown but I managed to keep my Abarth on the black stuff (tarmac) and got a new PB of 1:46.5418, my nominated regularity time was 1:48.

On the 26th of March our club was invited to compete in the MG Car Club motorkhana held at METEC. Paul Freame attended in his Fiat Special, Tony Russell and Jacqui Jones were in the Super Panda and I was in my Abarth. We had a awesome time doing the tests which were actually a practice run for their upcoming MG nationals. We got three attempts at each test and were impressed by how efficiently the event was run with about 38 competitors in the mix. Our results as part of the non MG competitors: 1ST Paul Freame, 2nd Tony Russell, 5th Jacqui Jones and 6th Marisa Gangemi.

On Sunday April 2nd Ian Maud was our solo FCCV Competitor at Round 3 of the AROCA Sprints at Winton. Ian's fastest time was 1:44.5300, well done for your efforts Ian!



Tony Russell at METEC in The Super Panda



Paul Freame at METEC in his Fiat Special



On Grand Prix weekend I volunteered to help at the Motorsport Australia Daily Driver stand. We were running a competition for people to enter and win a starter kit for someone wanting to compete in grass-roots motorsports for the first time. The price pack included a Sparco Helmet, racing gloves, racing sticker kit, a shirt plus free entry to the winner's first event. I was joined by Brian Shanahan, Aaron Wuillemin and Stephen Lanham from the Motorkhana/Khanacross world. Also Bruce and Petrina Asbury from the MSCA and Tahlia Nagy, Clive Milham and David Lumb from the BMW Car Cub of Victoria to

promote Sprint events. We had a successful weekend with over 250 people entering the competition. Huge thankyou to all the FCCV members that stopped by to say hello.

Upcoming events: Just a reminder if you would like to compete at the MSCA Sprint at the Bend on the 4th of June, get your entry in ASAP because the event is filling up. If you are competing in any event, please let me know and send your results to me if I am not at the event with you, so I can add the results to our club championship tally.

## COMING EVENTS: MAY TO JULY

Please check the Motorsport Australia website to conform dates that are listed – it is possible they can change

SPRINT EVENTS		
Sunday 7th May	MSCA	Sandown
Saturday 13th May	AROCA	Sandown
Sat 27th - Sun 28th May	Historic Winton	Winton Raceway
Sun 4th June	MSCA	The Bend, SA
Sat 29th Sun 30th July	Phillip Is 6 Hr Regularity	Phillip Island
MOTORKHANA/ KHANACROSS EVENTS		
Sun 7th May	Group 5	Pakenham ( dirt)
Sat 27th May	VMC Rd 3	Denilliquin ( dirt)
Sun 28th May	VKC Rd 3	Denilliquin ( dirt)
Sun 28th May	GCC Multi Club Khanacross	Bryant Park
Sun 4th June	Motorkhana	Avalon
Sun 28th June	Motorkhana	Colac Saleyards
Sun 2nd July	GCC Khanacross	Bryant Park
Sat 15th July	Motorkhana	Bendigo Saleyards
Sun 30th July	Khanacross	
HILLCLIMB		
Sun 7th May	VHRR Classic Hillclimb	Rob Roy
Sat 21st Sun 22nd	Terry Baker Motorsport Weekend	Bryant Park
Sun 4th June	Multi Club Hillclimb	Bryant Park
Sun 25th June	Interclub Challenge Rd 2	Rob Roy
Sun 9th July	Vic Hillclimb Championship	Rob Roy



Motorsport Australia Daily Driver Stand at the F1 Grand Prix



## PHILLIP ISLAND CLASSIC REPORT



Early March was the selected time for the three-day Phillip Island Classic. This is an event for classic race cars, a 1928 Alfa as the oldest car that I saw in the pits, while there were some magnificent retired F1 cars, Indy Cars, F5000's, ex Le Mans Sports cars, Formula Fords, touring cars and what we were there for, Group 'S' Sports Racing cars to name just some of the almost 600 cars competing.

FCCV had two members competing, Ernst Luthi was driving his Renault Alpine, while Phil Buggee was driving his 124 Spider, both entered in the second group in Group S Sports Cars, fortunately not mixing it with the faster V-8 Corvettes, Mustangs and the Turbo Porsches. With about 60 entries just in Group S, it had to be split into two run groups, with only one qualifying session on Friday morning, followed by one race in the afternoon of the five races over the three days of the meeting.

Not too hot, it was an ideal weather weekend despite the three-quarter cross head wind coming from right to left on the main straight. There were spirited battles all through the fields of cars, with Ernst battling with a Sprite while Phil was chasing a 911 Porsche and a Triumph GT-6, catching up to them through the corners, only to see them slightly pull away on the straights, every lap. Possibly because of the two carrots dangling just in front of him, Phil was able to set a personal best lap time, with many others only just a few tenths slower. Both the Alpine and the Spider are former Targa Tasmania cars and are built and tuned for that style of motorsport, not out and out racing events.

Ernst was supported by Sonja as pit crew, while Phil had Bill, Shayne and Paul pit crewing on the Spider. Friday, Saturday and Sunday we had support and pleasant visits from many FCCV club members who dropped by our pit crib to catch up between races. That was very much appreciated by all of us involved in keep the two cars ready for the next race. Then just one week later, Phil had this same Spider displaying at *Autobella*, entered in the competition car category. On the same weekend as *Autobella* was the Rob Roy Revival, an event to celebrate the spirit of old-time hill climbing and as his Renault Alpine had also survived the stresses of PI, Ernst was certainly enjoying driving on the newly upgraded Rob Roy track.



By Sebastian Bongiorno, Sandro Cesario, Lyn Bartold

Photos by Trevor Prasad, Peter Bartold, Anthony Cementon



### From the Director - Sebastian Bongiorno

I have been involved with Autobella since its inception in 1997 and have seen its growth from humble beginnings to evolving into one of the premier Italian car displays on offer.

This could not have been more evident on Sunday 19th March for the annual FCCV Autobella display at the Deaf Children Australia on St Kilda Road.

With its steady growth and support this year's event surpassed all expectations and would have been the arguably the best Autobella in its 26th year history.

To say it was amazing would be understating the variety of vehicles on display.

I recall when Autobella was at Como Park and one year we had the grounds full to the brim and had to lock the gates preventing cars from entering until

some cars left the grounds. I was elated at that milestone moment for the FCCV.

Fast forward to 2023 and the grounds at the Deaf Children was also filled to the brim and this was an area which is probably twice the size of Como Park.

This year was another milestone event that has been achieved for the FCCV.

The day was perfect with warm weather and slight sunshine bearing down on some of the finest Italian automobiles that Melbourne has to offer.

As usual the FCCV members cars were the central attraction and they alone produced a huge variety of cars and were all presented in outstanding condition. Each participant should be very proud of the quality of cars they provided on the day.





# AUTOBELLA CONT.

Along with the FCCV member’s vehicles, we were supported with our Italian cousins with a variety of cars from Lancia, Alfa Romeo, Lamborghini, Maserati, DeTomaso, and Ferrari. We were also joined by Italian motorcycles to complete the Italian Auto experience.

Lancia was the Feature Marque and many thanks to Angelo Monteleone and the collection of fabulous Lancias that were present.



Our gold sponsor Zagame’s, were present again with a variety of vehicles which included a milestone new vehicle being the first road registered Fiat 500E Electric car. This drew a lot of attention all day and proved to be a popular addition to the display. This vehicle was flanked by another 500 E which was constructed by Damon Earwaker whilst he had a bit of spare time to fill in.



This year’s Diorama was “ Tribute toTarga Florio” as conceived by Sandro Cesario, and was a tribute to the original Targa Florio which ran in Sicily from 1906 to 1977. The array of vehicles on display from competition Fiats , Alfa Romeo’s and Lancia’s was fantastic.

The display was supported by the Costumi d’epoca, run by Lyn Bartold, with entrants who mingled amongst the cars and added to the period feel of the display.

This year we were also supported by the Melbourne Abarth Club who turned out in large numbers and provided a spectacular array of cars.

The Bella Concorso was well supported and congratulations to all the entrants and to Luigi Manzo for bringing home the trophy for the winner of this category.

Congratulations are also due to all the winners of the cars in their relevant categories as well, These added to the very high standard of cars on the day.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who assisted on the day to help with the success of Autobella.



A huge thanks to all the sponsors, Zagame, Shannons, GO TO WO, Ital Motors, Italian Automotive Spares, Northstar Plumbing, Parkes Body works, Pellicano and Giovannucci, Project Office Interiors, Rainbow Meats, S8 Property, Splashcote Painting, and The Italian Job.

To all the FCCV members for attending and providing incredibly high standard cars.

And finally, to the Autobella Committee for the incredible support and time in making Autobella a successful event.

Without all the above Autobella would not be the event it is



# Bella Concorso 2023

Judges: Peter Bartold, Phil Buggee, Richard Ferlazzo

This year’s Bella Concorso was a small but classy event with the judging results very close.

Congratulations to Luigi Manzo in the 500F for taking out the Graeme Shephard Trophy, Front Cover photo.

## Results Other Classes

Compiled by Rob Judd

### Fiat Models

Class	Car	Owner
Open Top	124 Spider	Fabio Sparano
Coupe	124BC	Larry Varley
Targa	X1/9	Paul Pozzobon
Rear Engine	Fait 500	Tony Cavoli
Sedan	Fiat 1800	Aldo Ciccone
Vintage	500A Topolono	Yolanda Mansfield
Competition	124 Spider	Phil Buggee
Modified	X1/9 Dallara	John Black
Abarth Club Melbourne	Abarth Biposto	David Petrucelli



### Other Marques

Class	Car	Owner
Ferrari	612	Sean
Lamborghini	Urraca	John Basseggio
Maserati	Ghibli	Julian
De Thomaso	Longchamp	Neil West
Alfa Romeo	Alfa Romeo GT	Glenn
Lancia	Fulvia Zagato sport	Angelo Monteleone







Peter Bartold

# Diorama and Costumi d'epoca

By Sandro Cesario  
Photos by Peter Bartold

## DIORAMA TRIBUTE TO TARGA FLORIO 50'S,60'S,70'S

The Targa Florio was a public road endurance automobile race held in the mountains of Sicily and it was founded in 1906, so for the Diorama for Autobella 2023. I decided to pay tribute to this great event, and to recognise that we had FCCV members participating in the Targa Classic event the following week. My vision for this year's Diorama was to use the tree lined road within the grounds of Deaf Children Victoria, Autobella venue. My plan was to have vintage advertising of the actual sponsors of the event, Agip, Gulf and Shell, so I approached Roger our Club President to discuss how we could make the bunting for the event. I then also had discussions with Targa Classic organisers as I thought this would be a great way to promote their event and they were more than happy to assist. My best idea was to have our competition/modified cars actually displayed within the road as a starting grid, with spectator cars to be parked amongst the trees and to feature vintage picnic equipment and clothing of the era of the event -1960s and 70s.

The range of cars was an absolute talking point with many photos being taken, having vintage Alfa's, Lancia Stratos, 131, X1/9, 124 etc on display. Another feature of the Diorama was the individual spectator displays - the Judd family with their Dino Coupe and Spyder and 1970's style picnic equipment, Bruno and his 124 Spyder with picnic basket, Andy and his X1/9 with all



the bits of memorabilia. Ian and Martine Maud created a magnificent display that featured his 124AC race car, 3 wheeling up the mountain to the finish line of Targa Florio, complete with hay bales, the finish flag and enthusiastic spectators. The effort that went into this part of the Targa Florio Diorama was unbelievable and Ian and Martine thoroughly deserved to win the prize for best exhibit.

A big thank you to all who participated and also to Lyn for running the costumi d'epoca within the cars, which really capped off a great event.

I hope that you all enjoyed this Diorama as I feel that this can only get bigger and better and for next year's event, the theme will be "A day driving through the streets of Rome".

*From the Editor Congratulations to Sandro for creating the Diorama which produced so much interest – it is truly unique and lifts our Autobella to a completely higher level from other car shows. I have already got my plan for my Streets of Rome display for 2024!*





# COSTUMI D'EPOCA

By Lyn Bartold  
Photos by Trevor Prasad



Once again, we invited visitors to our Autobella to dress in costumes relevant to the Diorama, or to their favourite era of costumes, and as usual, we had a fantastic array of costumes.

We had loosely set the theme as the 50's to 70's to coincide with the last years of the original Targa Florio, but as always there is the additional .... or your favourite era. There were a number of entrants who dressed in the era of their cars which was also impressive.

There was a wide variety of costume eras, varying from the 20's up to the 70's and I was most impressed with the effort that club members and their families had put in. I co-opted Mandy Thompson, an Alfa Club and Fiat Club member to assist me with the judging and we selected the following participants as prize winners.

**Female** Renée Bassagio

**Male** David Stott

**Couple/Family** The Hocking family

Thanks to everyone who was part of the display and judging and to Deb Judd for her assistance with this part of Autobella and to super photographer, Trevor Prasad for capturing all the fun- I think the photos say it all.





# ADELAIDE ALIVE ... WELL SORT OF

Words and photos by Roger Beattie



A number of weeks ago, it may even have been at a monthly general meeting of the club, I made a comment about going over to Adelaide to attend their Autotalia which had been postponed from last November due to the weather at the time. I suggested that if anyone wanted a lift I was happy to take them. I was taken up on that offer so after Friday Evening Bocce; something I will have to elaborate on at some point, Mario di Censo and I headed for Laanecoorie as a pit stop on the way to Adelaide for the weekend.

Next morning we were up and away fairly early. It is only a little over six hours drive from Laanecoorie but with a commemorative stop at Keith for Mario to remember his last trip through there (for those who can't recall his tow vehicle blew up on the way to the

Tailem Bend Nationals) and grab a late breakfast we arrived in Adelaide at about 1.30pm. Luckily for us Mario has friends there so we were able to refuel on coffee and cake before unloading into our motel room. I took off to visit a sick friend, Roger Ingerson, in hospital and sadly he has since passed while Mario responded to all his missed calls and car purchasing opportunities.

Sunday morning we met the FLCCSA (Fiat Lancia Car Club of SA) members at their pre-event breakfast at the aptly named Panini Brothers where we reminisced about the FIAT 123 event and then onward to the St Francis of Assisi School for the display. There were plenty of cars and motorbikes but I am sure I speak for both of us when I say the highlight was the 1954



Fiat 1100 Viotti 'Giardinetta Sleeping' belonging to the Zaltron family. Not only was the car great to see with its colourful history of confiscation and repurchase by the brothers father back in the 50s but they charmed the crowd then popped open the tailgate and played the piano accordion from the back.

Of course there were all sorts of other cars there, a row of X1-9s, Lancias, Ferraris, De Tomasos and Maseratis ..... Even Alfa Romeos but as you can see from the pictures of the day the 1100 wagon was best.

At the end of the day we jumped in the trusty Doblo and headed over the hills and straight back to Melbourne. Our 26 hour trip to Adelaide had come to a close.





# TARGA CLASSICA 2023

By Lyn Bartold  
Photos by Peter Bartold

There were 8 teams of FCCV members in this years Targa Classica (renamed from Targa Florio of previous years), not all in Fiats but still flying the FCCV flag, competing in the Classica Trofeo (up to 1980) and the Legends Class (1981 – to present day) and La Corsa Scuderia (Team of 3 Cars).

## CLASSICA TROFEO ENTRANTS

Jack Waldron and John Wicking (with Bill Freame as on-road support)	1958 Fiat Abarth
Rob and Deb Judd	1967 Fiat Dino Coupe
David and Robyn Judd	1968 Fiat Dino Spider
Frank and Cathy Marinelli	1970 Fiat Dino Spider
Frank and Guilia Caia	1976 Torana SLR
Peter and Lyn Bartold	1978 Fiat X1/9

## LEGENDS TROPHY ENTRANTS

Ryan Brown and Inez Clement	2007 Ferrari F430
Tony and Toni Romeo	2013 Abarth 500



Rob and Deb Judd



David and Robyn Judd



Jack Waldron and John Wicking



Lyn and Peter Bartold



Frank and Cathy Marinelli



Frank and Guilia Caia



Ryan Brown and Inez Clement



Tony and Toni Romeo

This year's event covered 1,100 Kms over 4 days, with on-road navigation, Time Trials – PC's ( Prove Colometrate- the Italian reference to these types of tests) with up to 4 of these each day, off road, usually in car parks etc PM's ( Prove di Media) average speed tests on the road , again with up to 4 a day. The average speed differs for the Classics and the Legends.

So, there is plenty of hard work, no sitting back and relaxing, and some pretty weary participants at the end of each day. There are certainly some very serious teams competing but for many of us it

is the opportunity to be part of fabulously organised event, driving on some of the best roads Victoria has to offer and socialising at the end of each day with like- minded people. The event is organised by the Lawson Family and it is mind-boggling to imagine how much time and effort goes into it. Everything runs like clockwork and the overall experience for the participants is superb,

## DAY 1 MONDAY MARCH 27TH YARRA VALLEY LOOP

The day began and finished at the RACV Healesville, a wonderful setting for the cars, This entailed



# TARGA CLASSICA 2023 CONT.

collection of car numbers, the Event Book and for the drivers briefing. The RACV provide a perfect setting for the cars to be parked prior to the start and was an opportunity to meet other participants and to swap car stories. From the RACV start, our drive took us through Warburton, Marysville and back to the RACV for the night's accommodation.

It was quite damp and foggy in the mountains and we seemed to get quite a collection of cars in a row, with no chance of overtaking, making it difficult to maintain the required average speed in the PM's. When we arrived at the PC's there was more opportunity for the officials to space us out again.

It was the first opportunity to experience what was in store for us for the next 4 days with PC's and PM's and tulip chart navigation. The day finished with the



## DAY 2 TUESDAY MARCH 28TH HEALESVILLE TO MT HOTHAM

Cars were sent off in their number order, so Classica Trofeo then Legends, every 30 seconds on a route that took us through Eildon and a lunch stop at Bonnie Doon Pub. We then headed for Bright where we went straight from a PC to a drive through for Bright Velo which was a viewing area for the locals to wave and cheer and to present us with a bag of goodies from the local area. We then headed for the top of Mt Hotham up the 30kms of amazing, curving (more like hair-pin bends all the way, so lots of work for the driver!) to our overnight destination. Our accommodation was scattered around some of the ski lodges at Hotham in small groups but we had a continuous bus service to pick us up from the lodges to take us to the dinner venue and return. We were also collected in the morning to be returned to our cars. The weather on Hotham as cold and foggy and a lot of rain overnight but by morning the rain had stopped, but it was still foggy for our first PC of the day and the return down the mountain



## DAY 3 MT HOTHAM TO NAGAMBIE/ MITCHELTON

After a hang on to your seat (well, for the navigator at least !!) drive down the mountain we drove via Ovens to Winton Raceway. This was a big competitive section with a PC, then line up for a PM around Winton track, then straight into another PC. The drive around the track

(one car at a time) was at a decent average time, so good fun. Lunch was provided by the ladies at the Winton cafeteria and then we were off to Nagambie, along some fantastic roads with more PC's and PM's. We arrived at our accommodation in Nagambie or at Mitchelton Winery at the end of the competition part of the day. A bus collected those of us who were staying at Nagambie and took us to the Winery for nibbles on the lawns with some live music, then into the dining room for a wonderful dinner and slide show of the days drive, hosted, as it was each night, by Steve Alessi with comments from the Lawson's. The bus then returned us to Nagambie after a huge day and a chance to ready ourselves for another big day to come.



## DAY 4 MITCHELTON WINERY TO THE MCG

The day began with the drive back to the winery for breakfast and a display of the cars against the superb back drop of the vine yard and the spectacular buildings at Mitchelton. The first PC was in the driveway out of the Winery and then it was off to Eastern Lions Go Kart track via some fabulous roads in the area, for a PM and lunch. Our route took us to Seymour for another drive by/ quick stop for the locals to appreciate the magnificent array of cars in the event. Another bag of local goodies was received by Targa cars and we headed for Romsey for our last PC of the event.

We headed for the MCG via Melbourne traffic and arrived to a Checked Flag finish, some time to relax then dinner and presentations.

Although none of the FCCV cars that were competing ended up on the podium, I am sure we all agreed that



everyone who was a part of this magnificent event, was a winner. It pushed us all to perform to our upmost over the 4 days but there was such a fabulous feeling of friendship and fun that it really did not matter where you placed – to be part of the whole experience was wonderful. I hope that this summary of the event will encourage more members to consider entering next year – entries for 2024 are already open! It is hard work but an amazing experience and you really get hooked - that is why some of us who participated this year have been in previous years Targas. Peter and I have now done 3 (plus 1 day of the very first one – when it was called Targa Florio and was before the Lawson's took on the organisation of the event and gave it their magic touch!!).

Thanks to the Lawson family for providing the opportunity for so many car lovers to have so much fun over 4 days.





# Australian Grand Prix FCCV Display

By Sandro Cesario  
Photos by Jo Sammut, Anthony Cementon

As usual we had a club display at the Grand Prix where 10 club members had their cars on display. The cars were drive into the display on the Wednesday and remained their till after the GP had finished on Sunday evening. The owners had a pass to attend each of the 4 days, so a worthwhile event for GP fans.

## OWNERS AND THEIR CARS

Leonardo Coco – Coupe
Anthony Cementon – 124cc
Duke Luu – 124 Spider
Julian Di Battista – 124 ac
Roberto Bruno – 500
Joseph Sammut – 124cc
Frank Caia – 124 Spider
Aldo Ciccone – 2300 Coupe
Sandro Cesario – 131 2 dr
Tony Zappulla – 500







Phil Jeeves Car



Ross Burrs 510S

## The News Stand

Richard Unkles

Main topic this time is the Fiat 510S model which was made from 1919 to early 1925. These have a 6 cylinder side valve engine of 3.446cc attached to a 4 speed gearbox and was derived from the standard Tipo 510 model. Only 414 were made of the 510S whereas it had an extra 7hp. The Tipo 505 Fiat used many of the same components, such as steering, gearbox and differential, but was a 4 cylinder of the same 75mm x 130mm bore and stroke.

**Phil Jeeves** has finished his 510S in Christchurch after nearly 10 years of pretty solid work. He only had parts of the body and Only refinements to go are minor instrument changes to satisfy the purists. Beaded Wheels, the magazine of the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand, has undertaken a thorough article in their February issue. Phil entered for the annual Art Deco event at Napier in February as the first real opportunity to show it. They managed to get across the Cook Strait to Wellington only to find that the Art Deco was cancelled due to the appalling weather that hit Napier. Returning would seem simple, except that of the 6 ferries that run only 1 was fully operable and the other was taking

commercial vehicles and the train but no persons, due a previous complete breakdown in the Strait. Last heard Phil's car was still stuck in Wellington. We intend to bring a fuller article on this car later this year.

**Ross Burr's Fiat 510S** On the topic of Fiat 510S cars, the 510S that was restored by Ross Burr in Mildura in the 70's and early 80's has come up for sale by auction. Locally Ross sold it to another chap in Mildura who sold it to a person who was obviously a spotter for someone in Italy. At the time it sold for around \$50,000. This time it was officially estimated at €5,000 to €5,000. It sold for €5,001. Looks like it has not changed at all since leaving here perhaps 12 years or so back and has not been heard of or sighted since leaving Australia. The most notable aspects of the car is the simplified rear treatment that has the hood external to the body and the well based wheels rather than the 895 x 135 Beaded Edge wheels fitted at the factory. Steering is heavy enough with the BE wheels, let alone these 6.00 wide tyres. The following photo was taken at the VVFC Rally to Swan Hill in 1987.

## AUTOBELLA

The most eye catching car for your scribe at Autobella was the extra nice Fiat 500A of Yolanda Mansfield. This is a car with a history and is well worth an article in the near future. This was imported from Malta some 60 years ago by a Maltese electrician. The car has had minor fettling over the last year since changing ownership to Yolanda and being shipped from Jimboomba (near the Gold Coast) to Colac. Perhaps the owner realized that the distances here are so much greater than Malta, but he never registered it here. It obviously was carefully looked after in Malta before his ownership and not damaged in WWII where Malta was fought over in a long and arduous campaign by the Axis forces. Yolanda managed its Permit a week prior to Autobella. This car is just 85 years old and

so beautifully original we understand why Yolanda fell in love with it.

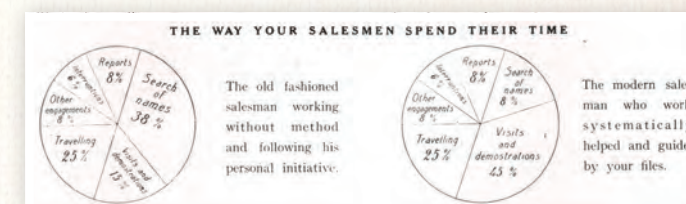


Yolanda's 500A Topolino

## Flogging Fiats in the 1920's

Seems Fiat was very organised when it came to selling its products in the 1920's. The following shows some items of their sales materials and expectations. The following break up of the expected time allocation for a Fiat salesman comes from a 1926 publication. Along with this time allocation was a list of 174 different types of prospective buyers from Acid Manufacturers to Wine Merchants and everything in between from Funeral Service Contractors to Slaughterhouses.

The following letter from the Paris office to 509 owners may not be what it seems. It mentions concerns for having the brakes sufficiently adjusted but the real intent may be different. At this time Fiat was aware of the problem with inadequate oil supply to the front main engine bearing and may have been checking the oil supply. The deficiency tended to be made up by the depth of the cross hatching of the bearing surface which was done manually. If not deep enough it would run #2 big end or worse, throw a con rod.



Saleman Data



## Swap Meets

The problems with the batch of a pair of 501 crown wheels and pinions have been sorted and returned to India in early February. We are awaiting confirmation of a date for completion but this is expected to be before the next issue of Fiat Month is available.

Head gaskets for Tipo 501 and 503 should be in stock by the time this issue is published.

Fiat 509 oil pump drive gears have been mentioned as a possible requirement. If you know of any requirement please contact your scribe at richard@unkles.com .



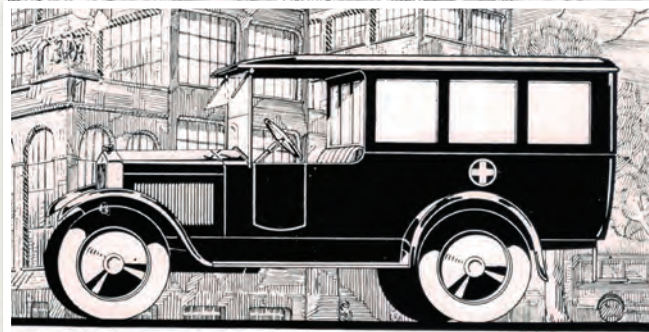
# Tipo Torque (cont.)

## Fiat Commercial Vehicles

Fiat produced their commercial vehicles with a number of choices of bodywork. It is not known to your scribe if some of this commercial bodywork was contracted out and then fitted on the chassis production line.



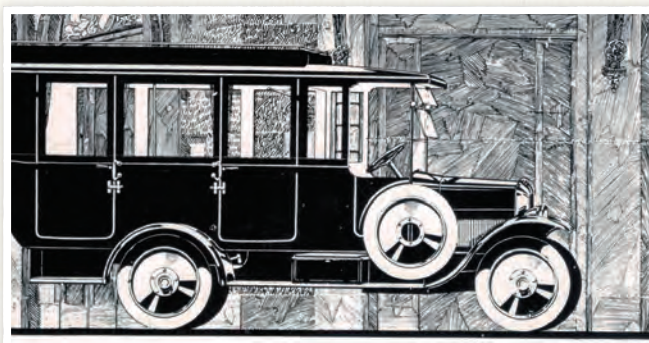
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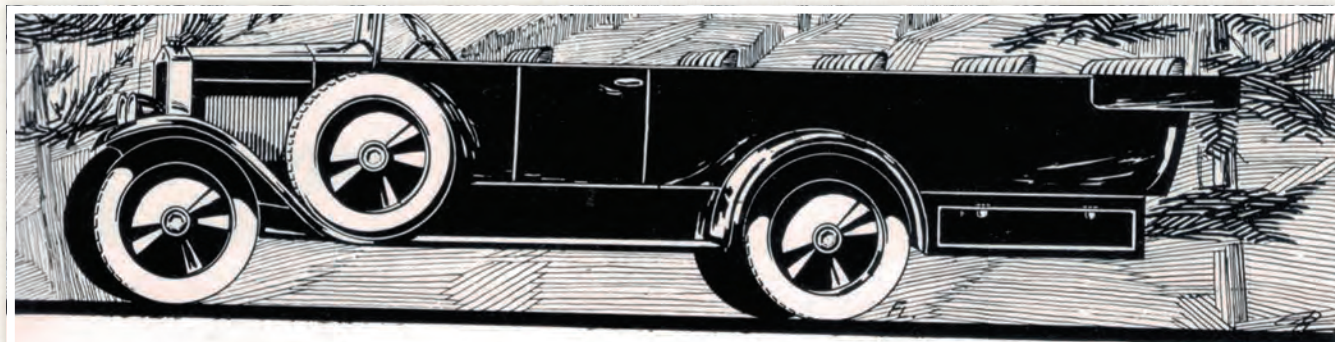


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Fiat 503



Omnibus Interurbano Mod. 605 — Cliché N. 239



Fiat 605

# ABARTH CLUB OF MELBOURNE

**From the Editor** We introduce the Abarth Club of Melbourne to our Fiat Car Club community, with this introductory article of what we expect to be, regular reports in FIATMonth. Welcome to club members and we expect to hear from you and see you at FCCV events and will certainly advertise and attend Abarth Club of Melbourne events. Spoken as a true Abarth lover, having owned ours since 2011 ... and what car can beat the burble of an idling Abarth!!!! **Lyn**

In April 2019, two strangers Katya Voskresensky and Andy Knight randomly met as Abarth owners, their love and passion for their cars aligned ... an Abarthista bond formed.

They began seeing more Abarths on the roads, and tried making contact with as many of those owners as they could. The idea was to bring together a community of like-minded passionate Abarth owning Melbournians.

Slowly a nest evolved, with regular meets for coffees and a chat. A meet at Albert Park in December with 12 cars gave them a crazy idea ... how great it would be to have an official club.

A quick chat with Vincenzo Calabro (OzAbarth Facebook page) for guidance and support and the question was put to Abarth HQ FCA Group Marta Bertollo. The Italians were excited at the prospect of an official Abarth club in Australia...the first ... and were more than accommodating of the idea.

COVID-19 took a hold, the club meets halted. Katya and her partner (also an Abarth owner) moved to Townsville QLD, Andy to Bundaberg QLD, all with their Abarth's in tow! A decision was made to pass on the reigns to a well known and respected Abarth 'guru' Leonardo Coco.

Leo has appointed an enthusiastic and passionate group of Abarthisti,

David Petruccelli - Vice President,  
Marcin Petruk - Event organiser and  
Jeremy Tassone to drive the club forward.





# 10th Anniversario Toscano's Big Tomato Day

By Lyn Bartold  
Photos: Peter Bartold

Whilst writing this article I had to look up past FIATMonths to see how long we had been holding this event and discovered that 2023 is our 10th year of Toscano's Big Tomato Day ! Once again, our annual tomato bottling event was a fun but busy day, with 80 bottles produced and distributed to those present. A change of date from Saturday to Sunday may have confused a few people, even though we used the ever reliable Fiat Pronto to publicise the re-scheduling and no one did turned up on Sunday. So this was a special year for our annual event, being its 10th year, even though we did not realise it at the time ( the first one was in 2014 ) and always at Casa di Bartold.

As most of the participants are now experienced bottlers, we had very few failures and the workers were able to receive some of the fruits of their labour, for future culinary triumphs in their home kitchens!

As has been the case for most of our 10 years, Robert Toti has provided the necessary equipment and by now he can relax a little as we all feel like we are experts and need very little instruction. Club member, Dom Cafari from Toscanos, has provided the necessary cases of tomatoes for each of the 10 years we have been running this event and always also provides a wonderful box of fresh fruit for us to enjoy for our relaxed lunch which is held after the hard work is finished.

As usual, club members displayed their cars in the surrounding area, providing lots of opportunities for car talk and photos and the weather was pleasant.

Thanks to those who support our fun day and uphold the Italian tomato bottling tradition and we hope you enjoy the passata that you helped to produce.





# AUTO ITALIA, CANBERRA WITH THE REGISTRO FIAT 2300

By Vicki and Kevin Lemm

A few of our Club members resisted the temptation of closer events to attend Auto Italia 2023 at Queanbeyan this year. Lawrie and Vergie Hocking decided to take their immaculate 128 and we travelled with them with our 2300 for the weekend. Along the way we met up with members Rina and Pat Giovanucci, Suzie and Rob Hayden, Roberto and Silvani Bruno and Roger Beattie.

We headed off on Thursday, an easy day's travelling to Gundagai.

On Friday we met the 2300 group at Jugiong for a short drive back to Gundagai. After lunch and some site-seeing in town, it was off to our Queanbeyan accommodation. That evening was a casual affair at the Queanbeyan Hotel with good food and company.

Saturday we were invited by the Fiat Club ACT to join them for breakfast and a short tour of some interesting roads around Canberra. Included was an interesting stop at the Tidbinbilla Space Centre. This was followed by free time in the afternoon to clean our cars before dinner. Once again dinner was generously hosted by the Fiat Club ACT.

Sunday was the main event, and we weren't disappointed. What a display of Italian cars! Sixty years of Lamborghini was the focus marque and

there were some stunning examples on display. Congratulations to Rob and Suzie Hayden with their beautiful Lamborghini Gallardo being recognised as one of the top three examples on display. Quite an effort considering the competition on the day.

There were so many cars to see, people to talk with, and food and merchandise vendors to visit. It was also great to catch up with Cam Impellizzeri and see his meticulously restored 1400 Cabriolet on its first outing from Brisbane.

For us, eleven 6-cylinder Fiats in a row was quite a sight to see. Or as one enthusiast from the Netherlands commented on our Facebook photo "the Car Park from Heaven!" There would have been 12 if Nick Arena hadn't trailed his 2300 Coupe from Melbourne only to realize his keys were still at home!

On Monday, we headed for home.

Five days of catching up with like-minded Fiat friends, driving our cars on interesting roads and attending Auto Italia was a great experience. On behalf of all the FCCV members that attended the weekend we would like to congratulate and thank the generosity and efforts of our interstate friends, the Fiat Club ACT, and the Fiat 2300 Register for making our weekend a pleasure.

It was well worth the drive. Thank You!



Judges at work



131 and 125 on display



Multipla



Rob and Suzie's Gallardo



Cam Imprellizzeri's 1400 Cabriolet



Dino



Plenty of 500's



More of interest



Lamborghini



2300's at Jugiong



# Vale Val Shephard



*Val Shephard*  
(13/07/1937 ~ 01/03/2023)

Val and Graeme Shephard joined the Fiat Club in 1962 when they bought a Fiat 1500. With their 2 young children, Greg and Kristine, the Shephards were enthusiastic club members and attended most events. Graeme updated the family car to a much loved 124AC and Val had a 500 and later an 850. This was the beginning of a trail of Fiats that the family was to own. Graeme, or Shep, as we all called him, held the club positions of President, Editor and as a Committee Member in the 60's and early 70's and Val was always there to support and be part of whatever each job demanded. Graeme was made FCCV Life Member No.3 which was really an acknowledgement also of Val's involvement in the club.

We first met Val and Graeme when we joined the club in 1970 with our 124AC and we became great friends. They lived in Forest Hills, not far from our flat of the time, in Mitcham, so there were many evenings and afternoons spent in their home discussing all things



Fiat. Their enthusiasm for the club was infectious and Graeme's wonderful cartoons that always captured "the moment" and were featured in FIATMonth were so much part of the club at that time.

When they retired, Val and Graeme moved to Metung and we managed to visit when we could and to remember all of the fun times we had together. Graeme passed away in 2014 and the number FCCV members (past and present) who attended his memorial service was testament to the enormous influence both Val and Graeme had on the club during the 60's and 70's.

After Graeme's death, Val moved to an apartment in the town centre of Metung and continued to be active and very involved in the community. We kept in touch by phone and visited when we could but the very sad news that Val's daughter, Kristine who had been living in Bendigo passed away in August last year was a shock (Val's son Greg had died in a car accident many years ago) Val's health deteriorated in the last few months and we received the sad news in early March that Val had passed away.

A Memorial Service was held in Metung in April which we attended as did so many of her friends from the Metung area (around 200 people were at the Service.) and it was good to see how much Val was loved and will be missed by her family and friends.

Our thoughts and love are with daughter-in-law, Michelle and grandchildren Shaun and Mia and Val's extended family.

# PHILLIP ISLAND CLASSIC FESTIVAL OF MOTORSPORT SHANNONS WALK DISPLAY

By Sandro Cesario



A group of FCCV members made the trip to Phillip Island for the Annual Festival of Motorsport, to display their cars in the Shannon's walk display on the Labour Day weekend in March. There were plenty of classic racing cars on the track and in the pits to keep the group happy (including Phil Buggee and Ernst Luthi who were competing – See Bill Freame's report on page 12).

The display includes a competition for the best car in Shannon's Walk for each day of the event and club member Rob Bruno took out the award for Best Car on The Island on the Sunday. The drive to and from the Island and the day trackside was enjoyed by the FCCV group.



Trophy Presentation



Rob Bruno's Car,



# Coming Events

## General Meetings

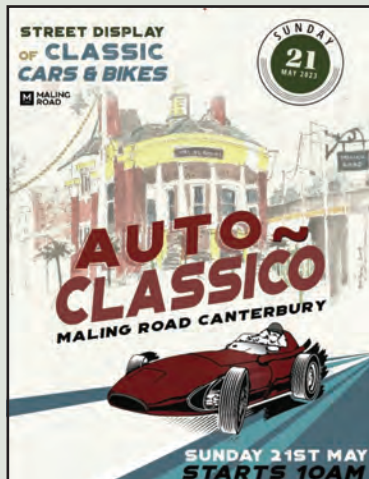
May 11th 8pm Veneto Club  
June 8th 8pm Veneto Club  
July 13th 8pm Veneto Club

Join us for dinner in the Bistro from 6.30pm  
– Bookings essential

Contact Sandro Cesario 0420 277 701

## Caffe di sabato

May 6th Veneto Club 9.00am  
Jun 3rd Veneto Club 9.00am  
Jul 1st Veneto Club 9.00am



## FCCV will be having a display at Maling Rd Autoclassica.

If you would like to be part of this great event

Contact Rob Judd 0438 871 044



## Fox Collection Visit

Saturday June 17th

Bookings essential

Contact Sandro 0420 277 701

## Barry Ellis Eco Drive

Sunday July 16th

Join us for this great run that tests our skills of economical driving

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Vic Fiat Nationals Team



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