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a workout at Winton Festival of Speed  
Motorkhana  
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As you will read in this FIATMonth we have held a lot of events in the past two months, both Competition and Social and this is continuing in the next few months. Coming up is one of our biggest events of the club year, the Fiat Nationals. This year FCCV is the organising club and the venues will be based in the Bendigo area. Robert Judd is head of the Victorian Nationals Team and he has put a lot of research and work into setting up this event. You can read on the back cover of this magazine all the relevant information of what events are included, the dates and the venues.

The competition for the Fiat of Italy Cup, a very impressive trophy that dates back when the first "Nationals" were held and was provide by Fiat Italy (those were the days when they

## From the Editor...

encouraged and looked after us !). The competition, at the beginning was between Victoria and New South Wales and was initially held in Wagga, then moved to Dubbo, with a few in other parts of country NSW, to the present day where it rotates around the states, depending on who is willing to take on huge job of organising it. In the beginning the Motorkhana was the only competition with a Presentation Dinner to finish off the weekend,

Peter and I have participated in most of the Nationals from 1971, after joining the club in 1970 The first Interstate Motorkhanas, which began in 1963, were called variations on the title of The Fiat Interstate Motorkhana and officially became the Fiat Nationals when the event first went to Bathurst in 2006 This delve back into the past has inspired me to take some time in the future to collect information and write up a history

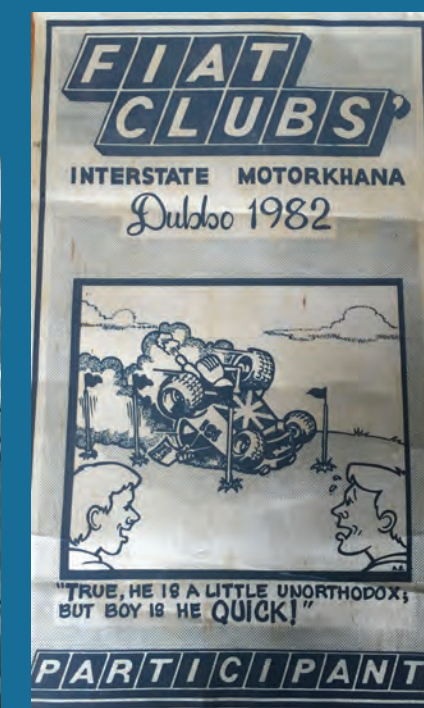
of our interstate competition and as there are a number of club members who have been in the club since the 60's and 70's, I will be calling on you to assist!

This year's Fiat Nationals are shaping up to be a fantastic event and you can be part of it, whether of not you want to compete. There will be plenty of social activities for those who do not want to do the Sprint or Motorkhana, as well as the Show and Shine which provides the opportunity to display your car, an activity that always attracts a large crowd of displayers and onlookers. We are also looking for club members who are willing to officiate and assist in other ways, so contact Rob Judd with your offers of help.

Allora..... don't miss the opportunity to be part of this great event

## EDITOR'S PIC –

Some blasts from the Nationals past - 70's and 80's!!





# Rapporto del presidente



The automobile landscape seems to be changing quickly at the moment. Electric cars are moving from a rarity toward the mainstream and popping up even in club events. I know many people are quite opposed to their introduction but for me it is just the evolution of transportation and that evolution has inspired me since I was a small lad watching the Spencer St Transportation mural being painted in East Camberwell while playing hookey from school.

My automotive history hobby has led me into some interesting discussions over the year and of late they seem to be concerning the topic of 'conceptual authenticity' or more simply whether to preserve or restore. There seems to be an increasing push to preserve cars rather than restore them and the oft heard 'they are only original once' plays into these curatorial conversations despite any lack of clarity about what is being preserved, or indeed restored. Conceptual authenticity calls on the vision of the original design to be preserved along the lines of the ASI in Italy which disallows any departure from the original in issuing the fabled 'Gold Plate'. An alternate view is that the changes wrought on a vehicle throughout its existence and use are part of its history and thus should be embraced as a 'vehicle' for the artifact's social history contribution. Here in Australia we seem to have a more laissez faire approach to vehicle ownership, modification and use.

We don't have the American obsession with 'matching numbers' nor the European drive for purity but it is only through continued engagement with peak bodies and government that the rules we operate under will remain the same and allow our broad and varied classic car culture the space to exist.

Enough of my little existential crisis, lets move onto more fun and interesting topics. A number of our clubs more experienced members are currently suffering from a variety of maladies and conditions. I shall not list them here to spare both their privacy and my deteriorating memory but if you know of club members who are having a tougher time than normal it might be the time to add to their burden with a friendly visit or call from club friends. If you are one of those and reading this, be assured our thoughts are with you and we look forward to having you all back on deck as soon as circumstances allow.



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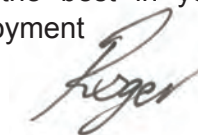


We are moving into the busy Spring motoring season and as such have plenty of events to enjoy in the near future. As a club we are hosting the FIAT Nationals on October 26 - 29 in Bendigo so if you have not previously considered joining in here is yet another invitation. The three day event grants a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a number of FIAT based activities and also catch up with an interesting bunch of like-minded folk from interstate, some of whom have been



attending these events for 50+ years. Benefit from their experience, get along and be involved, these are the truly unifying events on the calendar and as the last one was 2019 it deserves to be a good one.

All the best in you FIAT use, maintenance and enjoyment




A great day spent on the Werribee Mansion Run





# CLUB CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2023 – NOVEMBER 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 events and further details of the events. Competition events listed on Competition Page.

## SEPTEMBER

- Sat 2** **Caffe di sabato. Veneto Club 9am**  
Mario Di Censo 0419 171 661 or Paul Pozzobon 0418 552 290
- Sun 3** **"Harry's Run" in honour of past life member Harry Baker.**  
**Run to Moorabbin Airport Museum, followed by lunch**  
Contact Richard Unkles 0411 185 779.
- Thurs 14** **General Meeting. Veneto Club 8.00pm**
- Sun 17** **Run to Mt Macedon. Planned by FCCV Member Anthony Willis**  
Contact Joseph Sammut 0412 211 581

## OCTOBER

- Sat 7** **Caffe di sabato. Veneto Club 9am**  
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- Sat 7** **Fiat V Alfa Club Bocce Night, Nth Sunshine**  
Contact Paul Pozzobon 0418 552 290 See Coming Events for details.
- Thurs 12** **General Meeting. Veneto Club 8.00 pm**
- Fri 20 – Sun 22** **Lancia Register Castlemaine Event. Possible FCCV Run to the event**  
Contact Joseph Sammut 0412 211 581
- Sun 22** **Possible Run to the Bay to Birdwood SA**  
Contact Roger Beattie 0400 177 278
- Fri 27 – Sun 29** **FIAT Nationals based at Bendigo – see Back page for details**  
Contact Robert Judd 0438 871 044
- Fri 27** **FIAT National Sprint at the Broadford State Motorcycle Sport Complex**
- Sat 28** **Motorkhana at the Bendigo Saleyards**
- Sun 29** **Show and Shine in the Bendigo CBD**  
**Presentation Dinner at the Bendigo Harness Racing Club**

## NOVEMBER

- Sat 4** **Caffe di sabato. Veneto Club 9am**  
Mario Di Censo 0419 171 661 or Paul Pozzobon 0418 552 290
- Thurs 9** **General Meeting. Veneto Club 8.00 pm**
- Sun 12 TBC** **FIAT display at Sandown Historics**  
Contact Sandro Cesario 0420 277 711
- Sat 25** **FCCV Run and Display at Geelong Festival of Speed**  
Contact Joseph Sammut 0412 211 581
- Sun 26 TBC** **Alfa Spettacolo Show'n Shine**

## 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 14th September,  
Thursday 12th October,  
Thursday 9th November

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, (retiring Membership and Club Permit Secretary)

In my report from July, I advised that I would be 'retiring' from the Membership and Permit Secretary roles. This is happening but, at mid August, as I write this message the transition is still progressing. So I've prepared the member update for the magazine below.

## NEW MEMBER UPDATE

### WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS –

**Adriano D'Agnolo:** Fiat X1/9

**Kaitlyn Bacon:** niece of Paul & Ruth Freame studying in Melbourne and she has already shown her hand at a recent Motorkhana practice

**Jenny Luu:** partner of Duke and a regular attendee to events

**Stephen Carlei:** son of member, Sergio

**Ron Clarke:** Modern Fiat 500

**Garry Tanner:** Fiat 500F

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

## MEMBERSHIP & CLUB PERMIT UPDATE

We have now entered the new club year so make sure you have renewed your membership for the 2023/24 year.

Our new database system is being introduced as renewals are processed. This will soon be fully transferred. In the transition both databases are being maintained to protect the data.

### 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.

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)

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# Competition Report

Marisa Gangemi

By: Marisa Gangemi  
Photos by: Ian Maud, Brian Shanahan,  
Jac Black and MSCA.

It been a very busy past few months in competition land for the Fiat Car Club of Victoria. Starting with Ian Maud competing at the RAAF Sprint in Sale on Saturday June 11th. Later in June Westmere Motorsport club held a club motorkhana on the Saturday 24th of June at Colac Saleyards which consisted of many entries, most of them being new Come and Try participants. I had the pleasure of being an instructor for one of the female Come and Try drivers and it was quite rewarding to see her thrive through all her tests. Tony Russel in the Super Panda and myself in my Abarth had competed in the Saturday event we were then joined by Paul Freame in his Fiat Rail for the VMC Round 4 on Sunday.



Ian Maud in X1/9 at Sale RAAF Base



Photo by: David Parr

Results: Tony Russel 4th and Paul Freame 5th in Class F. I got 5th in class A and 2nd in Ladies class.

Also, on the same very cold and rainy Sunday of the 25th of June was the Inter Club Challenge at Rob Roy Hill Climb. Results: Brian Garret (X19) 7th in Class B, John Black (Stradale X19) 1st in Class C and Frank Spinosa (Abarth 500) 2nd in Class D. Well done!



John Black in the Stradale X1/9

## AROCA SPRINTS ROUND 5 AT PHILLIP ISLAND

On the Saturday 1st of July was the AROCA Sprints Round 5 at Phillip Island where we had five competitors out on the track, here are their fastest times for the day:

**Ian Maud, FIAT 124 AC Coupe, 2:15.2378**

**Dean Strickland, Abarth 124 Spider, 1:54.7805**

**Frank Spinosa, FIAT Abarth 500, 2:03.7730**

**Eugene Comand, FIAT Abarth 695, 2:12.0920**

**Tony Romeo, FIAT Abarth 500, 2:13.3676**

On Sunday 2nd of July Tony Russell competed in the Round 7 of the Group 5 Motorkhana at Avalon and finished first place in Class F. Well done, Tony!

On Saturday 15th of July, I competed in the VMC Round 5 at Bendigo Livestock Exchange and finished 3rd in Ladies Class and 7th in Class A. Some tests got the better of me and some flags were hit but I had a great time. The following weekend on Saturday July 22nd we held our Fiat Nationals Practice motorkhana at the Bendigo Livestock Exchange. The event was

very successful, and we learned a lot about what we need to do for our nationals' event in October. We had 22 entries all together, 16 from our club, 6 from Bendigo Car Club and 4 Come and Try entrants. Our guest participants from the Bendigo Car Club all enjoyed themselves and gave our club glowing reviews for our event and club friendliness. Testing

everything at the venue was so important because we learned that 3 of the tests were simply too wide for safe set up at the venue. The 3 events that will be dropped out are: Square Slalom, Gables & Double Bone we have replaced them with: Pine Tree, Crazy Square & Top Hat.

## NATIONALS PRACTICE MOTORKHANA

On the topic of Fiat Nationals, we have put the Supplementary regulations on the Fiat Nationals website and entries should be open by the time this magazine is published. If you are not planning on competing in any of the motorsport events but are able to help with officiating or taking equipment to each of our race venues, please let me know.



- 1: Gary Spence, X1/9
- 2: Trevor Prasad, Abarth 1214 Spider
- 3: Alana Freame, Ian Maud, Rob Judd
- 4: Elliot and Tony Tyzak, Punto
- 5: Tony Romeo, Alfa Guilietta
- 6: Marisa Gangemi, Ruth Freame and Kaitlin Bacon on sidelines



## WINTON FESTIVAL OF SPEED AUGUST 6TH

See Report on page 12,13,14

On Friday 29th of September will be our Come and Try motorkhana day at Geelong Motorsport Complex in Avalon. This year due to high demand for this event you will need to pre-register your entries by email to [compsec@fiatclub.org.au](mailto:compsec@fiatclub.org.au) . We will also use this day to run some of the Fiat Nationals tests as practice.

Also, in September Motorsport Australia will be holding a Women's Introduction to Motorsport Day at METEC Driving Centre in Bayswater. This event is open to women, non-binary, and gender diverse folk. The day includes a day licence, in car activities using your own vehicle, lunch provided, mentorship, and a guest speaker. To register please visit: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/CAMS3/womensintroductiontomotorsportregistration>. Registrations close on September 8th.

Another important racing event upcoming is the MSCA Mark Rae Cup being held on Sunday 22nd of October. Mark Rae was our former club delegate for the MSCA and very active in the motorsport space. He also volunteered at many Fiat Nationals events and was a true advocate for upcoming talent in motorsport. I personally will miss Mark's enthusiasm and encouragement and presence at the track. The MSCA would like to invite members of the FCCV to participate in the Sprint but also have members bring cars to display in the car park and support the day.

There will be a parade lap at lunchtime of Fiat X19s in honour of Mark. If you have an X19 and would like to participate in the parade lap, please contact me at [compsec@fiatclub.org.au](mailto:compsec@fiatclub.org.au).



## COMING EVENTS: SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER

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

SPRINT EVENTS		
Sat September 9th	MSCA	Phillip Island
Sun October 1st	RACES East Sale Supersprint	RAAF Base East Sale
Sat-Sun October 14th-15th	AROCA 10hour Relay	Winton
Sun October 22nd	MSCA (Mark Rae Cup)	Sandown
Fri October 27th	Fiat Nationals Sprint	Broadford
Sun November 26th	RACES East Sale Supersprint	RAAF Base East Sale
Sun November 26th	AROCA Sprints	Sandown
MOTORKHAHA/KHANACROSS		
Sun September 3rd	Group 5 Motorkhana	Avalon
Sat September 16th	VKC RD 5	Mt Gambier Saleyards
Sun September 17th	VMC RD 7	Mt Gambier Saleyards
Sun September 17th	GCC Khanacross	Bryant Park
Fri September 29th	FCCV Come and Try	Avalon
Sun October 1st	AMC Motorkhana	Nirimba, Sydney
Sat October 7th	PCCV Khanacross	METEC
Sat October 28th	Fiat Nationals Motorkhana	Bendigo Saleyards
Sun October 29th	Group 5 Motorkhana	Pakenham (dirt)
Sat November 11th	Group 5 Motorkhana	Werribee (dirt)
HILLCLIMB		
Sun September 24th	GCC Hill Climb	Bryant Park
Sun October 1st	Interclub Challenge	Rob Roy
Sun October 29th	GCC Hill Climb	Bryant Park
Sun November 19th	31st Historic and Classic	Rob Roy



# Winton Festival of Speed Motorkhana

By Bill Freame.  
Photos Marisa Gangemi, Alan Sammut



Joseph Sammut officiating



## 5TH & 6TH AUGUST

As part of the motorsport entertainment during the annual Festival of Speed at Winton, the Victorian Historic Racing Register (VHRR) had invited the Victorian Motorkhana Panel (VMP) to supply over the event weekend, two motorkhana competitions to be held on the skid pan at the Winton circuit.

As has previously happened, the Saturday motorkhana would be a Group 5 organised event, with responsibility shared between Ford Four Car Club (FFCC) and Toyota Car Club Australia (TCCA) while the Sunday event would be Round 6 of The Victorian Motorkhana Championship and conducted by FIAT Car Club of Victoria (FCCV) who would be solely responsible for the competition.

A wet and windy Friday while leaving Melbourne had changed to a windless and dry Saturday for the first of the two motorkhanas. Two test fields were set up and the 44-entry field were divided into two groups of 22 in each. 12 tests were run, plus a final 'Head-to-Head' straight slalom where identical tests were set up side by side and two cars ran off against each other. All a bit of fun to end the day, with the loser of each run being eliminated.

Sunday morning was another cold early start and for the second day in a row, Alana Freame was left (in the cold) at the entry gate to hand out the tickets to the handful of motorkhana entrants who hadn't competed on Saturday.

For our Sunday event, Paul Freame was again Event Secretary, while Rob Judd and Bill Freame would share the Clerk of the Course (CoC) duties. Obviously, the tests chosen need to be from the motorkhana test book that lists all the eligible and recognised test layouts for championship competition. Also obviously, I hope, it would provide an opportunity for our officials to practice laying out the Nationals tests that we will be setting up for the FIAT of Italy Cup (FOIC) in October. Fortunately, much of the club equipment that we had used at Bendigo was transported to Benalla for use in this event

Phil Buggee scrutineered all the cars while the others of us were busy setting out the test fields, plus the two cabanas, with our clubs' name and logo facing the pit area of the race track, were set up to provide shelter from the sun in a cloudless sky. With it being a state round of the motorkhana championship, there were also two Motorsport Australia (MA) Stewards appointed and attending our event, so we needed to ensure we were running the event in accordance with all the MA rules.

Paul had set out the event sheet with the 10 tests to be done. Again, there were two test fields to be run at the same time, with the entrants split into two groups of 22 in each. An early lunch was taken while there were major changes made to adapt the test areas to suit the remaining events, which included relocating



Rob Judd



Mark Freame

the start and finish garages and equipment by 90 degrees to make best use of the available space without any compromising of dimensional accuracy in the layouts.

There were a few competitors entered from NSW, including several past champions as well as the current Australian motorkhana champion. It was amazing to see just how fast they can drive around on these tests. They were using our 2-day event for a shakedown in preparation for the Australian Motorkhana Championship (AMC) in September. We appreciated their participation and they certainly enjoyed the weekend and the great venue (skid pan) we were using.

The competition finished around 3pm and we were all packed up and on the road before 4pm, so that meant

we were away from Winton before the race crowds were leaving the venue. The day was ably supported by the involvement of members of our club, Roger Beattie, Rob Jorgenson, Marisa, Phil, Alana, Joe and Alan Sammut, Deb and Rob Judd. I just hope I haven't missed anybody?

What this club desperately needs is a few more accredited officials who can help run events to ease the load on the few of us that are accredited to run these types of events. Without officials we can't run any of our own motorsport events, we will then always need to rely on receiving invitations from other clubs. I believe the VHRR will probably continue to offer the VMP the opportunity to organise and run motorkhanas during the Festival of Speed weekends, well into the future.



Paul Freame



Deb Judd



Mark Freame



Tony Russell





# Sunday Breakfast Club



**Date:** 23rd July, Time: 8.30pm onwards  
**Place:** Brunetti Classico  
380 Lygon Street, Carlton (in the **Backroom**)  
Alfo Romeo Owners' Club and Fiat Club joint event

Words and Photos by Joe Pagnoccolo

The Sunday Breakfast was an enjoyable breakfast event organised with the aim of bringing the clubs together to foster meaningful connections in a relaxed and inviting setting. The event drew 45 new and existing members from both clubs.

When members arrived at the venue, they were met with the aroma of freshly brewed coffee. Breakfast catered to all dietary needs. The culinary offerings ranged from cannoli to bacon and eggs, as well as a variety of fresh fruits, pastries, and cereals.

Throughout the morning, people mingled and engaged in lively conversations, sharing stories, experiences, and ideas. The event provided an

excellent opportunity for networking and making new connections and fostering a sense of community among the club members.

As the breakfast conversations progressed, there were announcements related to future club events from both clubs.

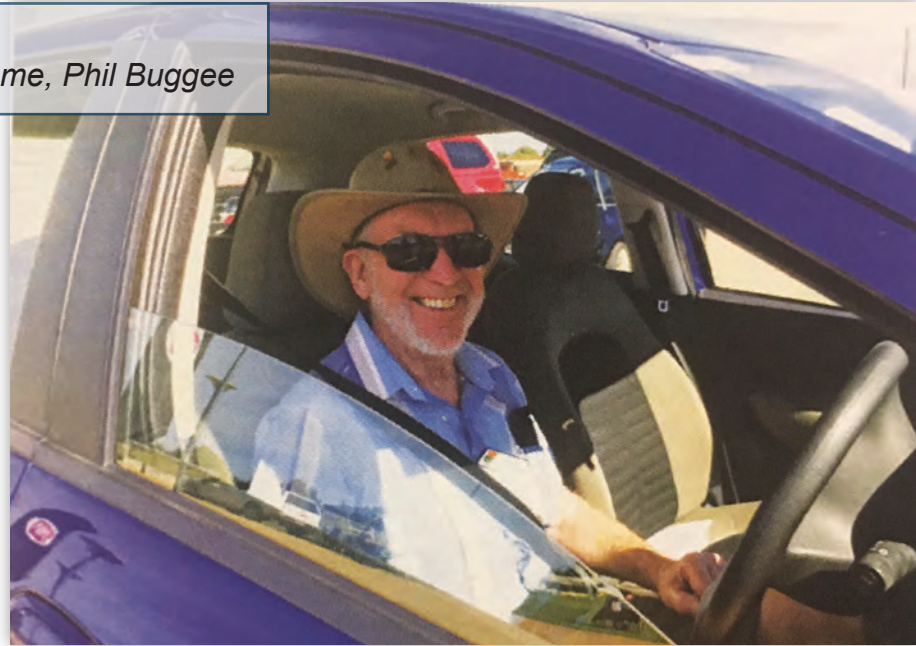
Overall, the breakfast event was a resounding success, bringing people together and celebrating camaraderie amongst both clubs with a renewed appreciation for the simple pleasure of a hearty breakfast and new connections that would last far beyond the event.





# The Barry Ellis Memorial EcoDrive

By Bill Freame  
Photos: Bill Freame, Phil Buggee



With the recent passing of Barry Ellis, Life Member No 5, it was decided that a fitting tribute to him would be to rename this event as **'The Barry Ellis Memorial EcoDrive'**, especially as Barry enjoyed and was capable of squeezing maximum fuel economy out of any of his cars when needed. Barry was always a strong supporter of all the economy runs that he went on, so very successfully from the mid 1960's. I'm sure that Barry would be 'Tickled Pink' to be honoured by this club in this way.

The previous EcoDrive was a quick event substitution to replace the cancelled Autobella due to Covid restrictions in early 2022. Then with the Russian invasion of Ukraine and thus the drawn-out war that

is now between 'David against Goliath', as expected, that lead to fuel prices soaring well above what we had all become used to. High fuel prices don't bring out lots of participants to go on a run in the country, even a drive that is designed to encourage economical driving. It was decided to wait for the calming of international tensions and lowered fuel prices, if they were ever to return.

The committee of this club has decided that there will always be a club activity to do on the third Sunday of each month. As luck would have it, the date the committee had set for the next EcoDrive was Sunday, the 16th of July, which happens to be the third Sunday in July. So, having been supplied with a firm date,



EcoDrive planning could begin in earnest, the 14th EcoDrive, and each of them has been supported by BOI Performance, an appreciable length of time for the one sponsor.

All 13 previous EcoDrive events have always finished at La Porchetta, in Pakenham, so it was quite a surprise when I dropped by to confirm arrangements to find that it was now closed down. I had already decided that we would be starting from a new location, but now I found that the whole event would need to be finishing in a new location as well. This is why I prefer to have at least 10 weeks planning time for each EcoDrive I plot and arrange.

Each EcoDrive has been planned off the clear, easy to read pages of a Melway directory, in the comfort of my home. Knowing where the event will start and finish is the first requirement, then with those points set, it's just a case of finding the best(?) ways to link them together, while covering a total distance of around 120 kilometres', a driving time of around 2 hours, with an average speed around 60kph. I like to use roads that are suitable for even the smallest engined cars in our club.

I decided to approach the Hungry Jack's at Rowville for the start location, having fuel next door, a large carpark and a big customer area. They were enthusiastic to have us assemble in their restaurant and the carpark full of classic cars. Eventually I decided to finish the event, with a meal, in the Olinda Creek Hotel, which is in the main street of Lilydale. This location gave us safe service road parking, to display the classic cars in front of the hotel and in full view of all the passing traffic.

My search for suitable roads was entertaining, I tried to find roads with small and few potholes, so there were several route changes required, including in the week before the event, as I discovered a pothole that would

almost rip a wheel off a car if you didn't straddle it, as I was fortunately able to. I wasn't confident that that road would be repaired by the weekend of our event, thus a slight change was required to bypass that road. Also, a road I wanted to use, near to Pakenham, was closed due to road works into yet another housing estate in that area, but that was found about three weeks out.

In the week leading up to our event, there had been several wet and windy days and then the fuel prices started to climb late in the week. Fortunately, plenty of servo's resisted the increase long enough that it was relatively easy to find fuel at lower prices. Our day dawned cloudy, but dry, with hardly a breeze, so it would be good and safe for driving on the roads I had selected.

With other car clubs invited to join with us on the drive, I was pleased that the majority that entered were from this club. A crew briefing was held at around 9am, offering advice, information and safety messages to all involved. It was pleasing to see a few juniors involved with navigating the course, off the instructions for an adult driver. Paul Freame had done his usual good job of assembling the route instructions into a clear and easily understood page that was presented to each crew.

After the cars had all departed, I thanked the staff at Hungry Jack's and proceeded off to a location that would take them about 85 minutes to get to. It's where Olinda-Monbulk Road (C406) leaves Monbulk Road (C404) and the cars would take about 20 minutes to return from the other direction along Monbulk Road (C404). That would give me an opportunity to photograph the cars I recognised as they turned into the uphill Olinda-Monbulk Road intersection, past me and my camera. Then when first car returned past me for the second time, (heading towards Monbulk) I



The Barry Ellis Memorial EcoDrive cont.

left to make the dash to the refuel location at Wandin North, using a more direct course than the others would.

The cars were supervised at the refuel at ‘Fast Fuel, Wandin’ and then it was a short 10km drive to lunch at Lilydale for most of those that had been on the run. We had about 40 for lunch, in our own area and next to the fire place. It was such a mild day the fire wasn’t lit yet. Paul transcribed the fuel receipts into an explanation sheet that showed how each crew had fared on the drive. We had a new 500E on this run and as had happened with previous electric vehicles on EcoDrive, there was a short cut option available, by deleting the loop, however, Damon elected to drive the whole course and still had enough battery charge available to easily get it home from Lilydale. This was a real-world comparison of an electric driving future for many of you, a modern electric 500E against mostly petrol cars and one diesel delivery van in the mix. Paul and Damon were in deep discussion to decide how much electricity had been consumed and how much it would cost to re-charge the battery back to full. That’s a discussion well outside my comfort zone.



Three Spiders to be refuelled

I hope all who participated would agree that Barry Ellis would have enjoyed the roads and consumed very little fuel to cover the whole distance. Keith and Debi Ellis certainly showed their appreciation that this event has become an event to celebrate Barry’s long involvement with our club and we are pleased to have this opportunity to keep his memory alive for long into the future of this club. Photos 9418, 9420 , 9411, 5229 The finish at Lilydale

Thanks to Phil Buggee of BOI Performance for his ongoing support of this event. Also, to Paul Freame for his skills in presenting the route instructions in a usable form and tallying the results for us all. Finally, thankyou to the members that supported the event by turning up and participating in it. It is after all an event for this club’s membership to enjoy driving their cars on interesting roads, with the not compulsory OPTION of trying to drive the course as an economy run!!!



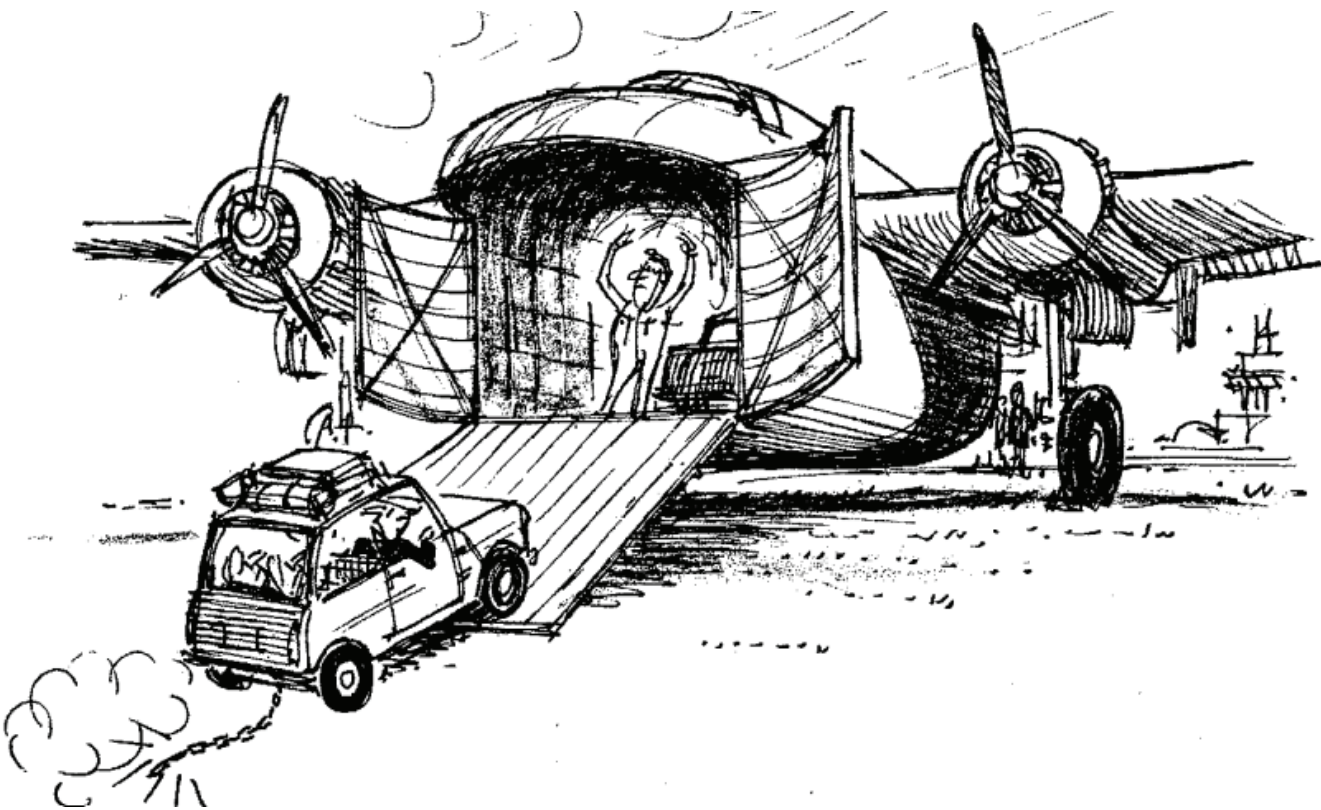
Nowhere to fuel for Electric vehicle but that must change

ECODRIVE NUMBERS

Car No	Entrant First / Surname	Passenger First / Surname	Club	Car Make / Model	Class	Fuel Consumed Litres	Fuel Price \$	Fuel Economy L/100km	Fuel Economy mpg	\$ Economy \$/100km	Class Place	O/R Place	Entrant First / Surname	2023	Car Age
14	Roger Beattie	Peter Kerr	FCCV	Doblo	D2	5.03	1.769	4.12	68.553	7.288	1	3	Roger Beattie	2016	7
15	Damon Earwaker	Jack Earwaker	FCCV	500e	E1	18.9 kW	27.29	4.221	1	1	1	1	Damon Earwaker	2023	0
12	Paul Pozzobon	Mario DeCenso	FCCV	X19	U3	10.02	1.899	8.20	34.444	15.572	1	11	Paul Pozzobon	1979	44
7	Shayne Williams	Mark Freame	FCCV	124 Spyder	U4	9.86	1.899	8.07	34.999	15.325	1	10	Shayne Williams	1980	43
18	Tony		FCCV	124 CC	U4	11.8	1.699	9.66	29.238	16.412	2	12	Tony	1975	48
1	Phil Buggee	Paul Freame	FCCV	131 Racing	U4	12.4	1.899	10.15	27.827	19.275	3	14	Phil Buggee	1978	45
6	Richard Ferlazzo	Jeff Haggarty	FCCV	124 Spyder	U4	12.8	1.899	10.48	26.950	19.902	4	15	Richard Ferlazzo	1973	50
3	Bruno Tonizzo	Fiona Tonizzo	FCCV	124 Spyder	U4	13.27	1.899	10.86	26.007	20.623	5	16	Bruno Tonizzo	1978	45
9	Debra Buggee	Jan Fry	FCCV	500X	U5	3.93	1.899	3.22	87.714	6.115	1	2	Debra Buggee	2017	6
11	Tony Tyzack	Aaron Tyzack	FCCV	Punto Sport	U5	5.26	1.899	4.31	65.531	8.185	2	4	Tony Tyzack	2009	14
8	Michael Jordan	Judy Jordan	FCCV	Abarth 124 Spider	U5	6.36	1.899	5.21	54.211	9.894	3	5	Michael Jordan	2018	5
13	Keith Ellis	Debbie Ellis	FCCV	Skoda Octavia	U5	7.01	1.899	5.74	49.206	10.900	4	6	Keith Ellis	2016	7
17	Andrew McNat		FCCV	Mazda3	U5	7.73	1.899	6.33	44.619	12.021	5	7	Andrew McNat	2021	2
10	Bruce McCann	Bob Durrant	FCCV	Abarth 595 Competizione	U5	8.12	1.899	6.65	42.472	12.628	6	8	Bruce McCann	2016	7
5	Marisa Gangemi		FCCV	Abarth 500 Essece	U5	9.04	1.899	7.40	38.168	14.053	7	9	Marisa Gangemi	2011	12
16	Kevin Lemm	Vicki Lemm	FCCV	2300	U5	12.84	1.659	10.51	26.873	17.436	8	13	Kevin Lemm	1966	57
2	Brian Garrett		FCCV	Mercedes	U5	13.53	1.899	11.08	25.491	21.041	9	17	Brian Garrett	1990	33
4	Laurie Bongailis		Mk1 Owners	Cortina	U4								Laurie Bongailis		

Harry's Run'

Sunday 3rd September 2022



“Damn. I forgot the air sickness tablets.”

Our Annual *Harry's Run* 2023 is being planned by Elsa & Richard Unkles.

*Meet at Veneto Club 9.00am, leave for Museum at 9.30am*

*Plan is to arrive at the Royal Victorian Aero Club at Bundora Parade & First Avenue, some 200m from the Museum by 10am for coffee and those interested.*

*Leaving at 10.30am for the*

**The Moorabbin Aircraft Museum - Tour at 11am**

**10 First Avenue, Moorabbin Airport**

There is a \$10 entry fee which seems quite reasonable based on a quick look around the Museum. Plenty to see.

Lunch at Flight Deck, Royal Vic Aero Club 12.30 ( about 200m from Museum, Safe playground for children and plenty of things to do

(Members are welcome to join us directly at morning tea or at the lunch if preferred)



# Vale Mark Rae

## INTRODUCTION: LYN BARTOLD

Thanks to Lachlan and Alysse for supplying information and photos of their father.

It was with great sorrow that we learnt that longtime FCCV member, Mark Rae was desperately ill, at the end of 2022. A number of club members were invited to his "Living Wake" in February, which initially I was dreading, but it turned out to be a wonderful occasion where his family and friends could reflect on his life with him there to hear all the tributes that were paid to him.

Mark and Lachlan joined the Fiat Club in the late 90's and from the beginning they involved themselves in competition and social events. Mark came out to visit Peter, who just happened to have an X1/9 for sale, and Mark snapped it up, beginning his X1/9 love affair and which is still in his stable of cars.

Like us, Mark purchased one of the Fiat 500's that were used for the Celebrity Race in the 2008 Australian Grand Prix and we often used to line up next to each other at club events, pretending we were ready to race!!

Below is a photo of the cars ready to race at the GP – Marks was probably one of these (main colour

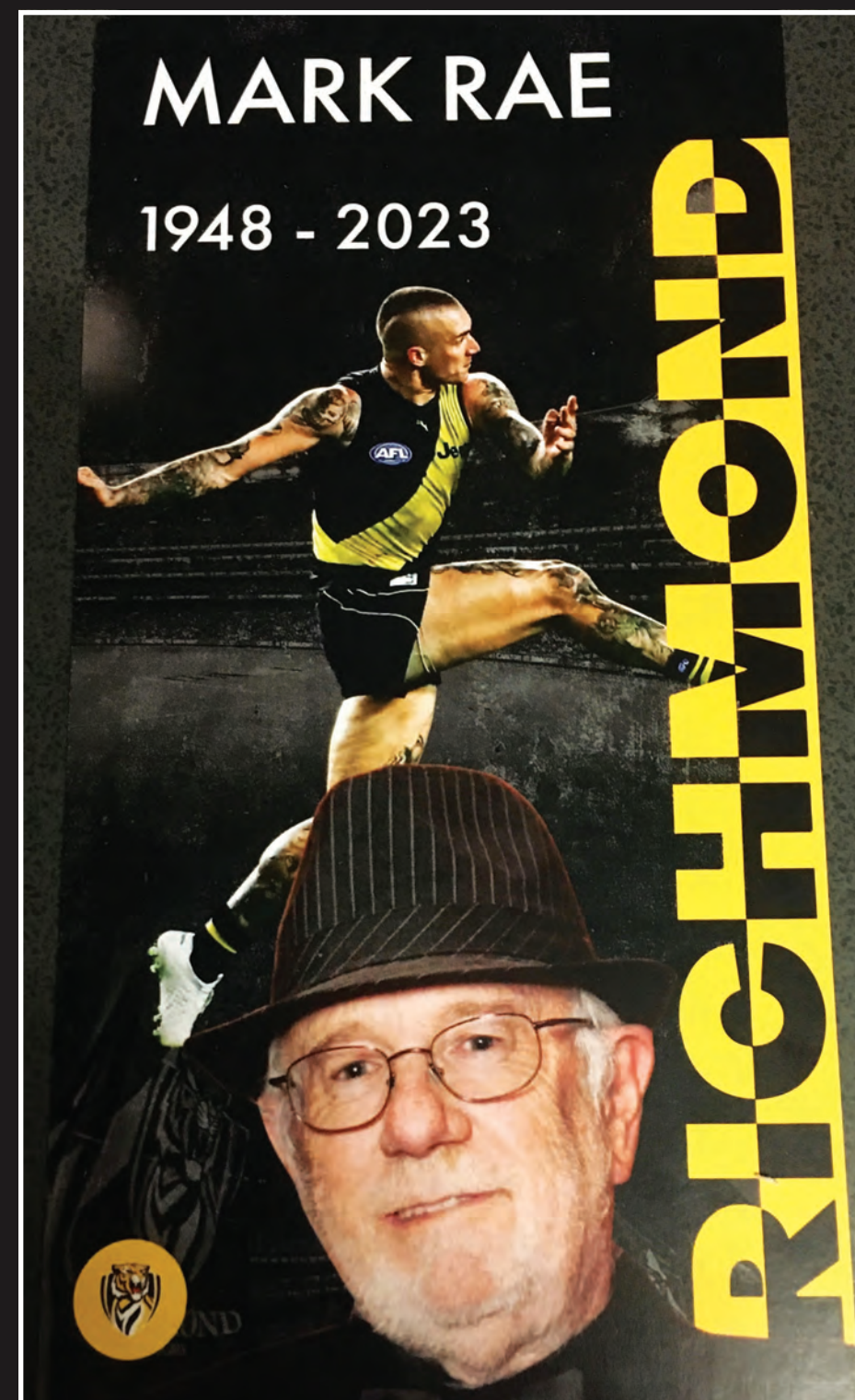


white), ours was one of the back-up cars to replace any that were damaged in the practises or race. Fortunately ours was not used so we got a car with very low kms on the clock and complete with a roll cage. Mark loved his as we enjoyed ours, before another car moved in to replace it in his garage, as in ours.

We were privileged to be invited to his Memorial gathering after he passed away, which was held in a restaurant overlooking the Waverley Football ground with food and drinks and beautiful live jazz music and, of course, tributes paid to Mark by family and friends. It would have been what Mark chose as his send off, I am sure. It was a celebration of a life well lived with laughter and tears and a video presentation that made us feel that Mark was in the room amongst us. The celebration finished with 2 family members in the middle of the oval waving Richmond Football scarves, definitely something Mark would have approved of – we all could imagine the mischievous twinkle in Marks eye!

You will read the tributes that follow by some of our FCCV members and will realise that Mark's passing is a huge loss to fans of motorsport at the grass-roots level and of course to his large group of family and friends

It is fitting that the MSCA has named its event to be held at Sandown in October, the Mark Rae Cup. Our club has been invited to bring cars (especially X1/9's) along to display in a tribute to Mark – hope to see lots of FCCV members there.



The program for Mark's Memorial Gathering



# Vale Mark Rae cont.

## BY MARISA GANGEMI

Mark Rae was an integral part of the motorsport community, not just for our club but for the MSCA.

I always remember him helping with Fiat Nationals and he was at every MSCA track day I went to. He was always encouraging of new people entering the sport. When I first started competing, he offered me a lot of great advice and encouraged me to be more involved as an official also. His smiling face and enthusiasm are already missed at the track.

Rest in peace Mark, thank you for being an inspiration to many and an advocate for our sport.



Petrina and Bruce Astbury with Mark at MSCA

## BY ROBERT JUDD

It's amazing how you can know someone for decades and yet really only know a small part of their life.

Mark first joined the FCCV in 1998 with his young son Lachlan, who was expressing interest in getting involved in motorsport. Mark was quite a car person, owning many special vehicles over the years, but one of his favourites was his X1/9 and this was the 'weapon' of choice for Lachlan to use in club motorsport.

I don't know the exact timing, but shortly after joining the club Mark started to get involved in club activities and the administration of the club. After a few years he joined the committee as Treasurer, a role he was well suited to due to his business experience. Then a few years later, he moved from Treasurer to Editor, another role which utilised his printing and other business skills. During this time Lachlan had been involved in sprints and other events at the Fiat Nationals etc. and at the MSCA of which the Fiat Club is a member club. With the support of Mark, Lachlan was now creating a very modified and competitive X1/9 and getting very good results at various events.

It was in Marks nature that when he started to attend many MSCA events, he noted opportunities for

improvement and soon became the Event Secretary for the MSCA. I suggest this happened around 2012, when he 'retired' from the FCCV committee, but he remained involved and supported us as our MSCA representative. Mark also supported the club by providing us with membership cards, lanyards and other items which we used at various events over the years.

In his role as Events Secretary Mark was part of a revival of the MSCA through the professional approach he and others such as Bruce and Petrina



X1/9 Prototipo, purchased from John Black

Astbury took. He remained in the role of Event Secretary for the MSCA until late last year.

Last year Mark became quite unwell and was aware that his time was limited. Rather than fading away, early this year Mark arranged a "living wake" and people from his many streams of life were invited along to share their memories and to catch up with him. It is at this event that we became aware of the many lives that Mark had led during his years.

Before car clubs and motorsport, he had been a long term club cricket player and as well as playing, Mark

got involved in the administration of his cricket club. Sound familiar!!

He was also a passionate supporter of the Richmond Football Club and had a love for Jazz music and played the trumpet. His special trumpet was indeed played at the living wake by the skilled person that Mark had chosen to pass the trumpet on to. His Memorial gathering allowed for many aspects of Marks life to be on display.

Rest in Peace Mark.

## BY BILL FREAME

When Mark and son, Lachlan joined our club, he immediately became involved with our level of motorsport by often competing in sprints with the MSCA.

Mark also accepted Committee position responsibilities by having been Treasurer for a few years, then moving on later to take on the demanding role of Editor of FIATmonth.

Mark, although involved with all his businesses eventually became the very successful Competition Secretary of the MSCA and oversaw the changes that further improved the safety and enjoyment for all the competitors. He was instrumental in getting the MSCA to use the June long weekend at Tailem Bend racing facility.

One of Mark's businesses, Ezi-Tag, was very supportive of this club in many ways. Before that, when FCCV introduced the Bathurst Hillclimb to the revamped FIAT Nationals and ran the event four years in a row, Mark was an important part of the sub-committee. He also arranged separate, but adequate accommodation, 'all in together' for our team when the Nationals eventually moved to Goulburn and the Wakefield Park circuit for the sprints and the FIAT of Italy Cup Motorkhana. Mark also often 'volunteered' to be one of the 'Show and Shine' judges at the Nationals, a fairly thankless job.

This club was most appreciative of the Ezi-Tag made name tags that Mark supplied and I still proudly wear mine to important events!, Mark could obviously see that it would be an improvement to use proper name tags, rather than the ones of sticky paper that had your name hand written on it that we had been using. Mark was a man of action, he made improvements as needed and got things done.

I attended the Living Wake held at Waverley RSL which was an opportunity for groups to gather with

Mark for a great photo record and it was great to hear various associates, both from his (cricket) sporting and business activities, speak glowingly of their involvement with Mark, with some very funny stories that entertained all in attendance. It was great that Mark got to hear the nice things that were said about him, things that are usually only said during a funeral. This living wake gave us all the opportunity to say our good-bye's, while Mark was still around and could hear it with his family in attendance, a family he was so very proud of, as they were so very proud of him.



Some of Mark's handiwork when he was Editor of FIATmonth from 2011 to 2013



# An Excursion to the historic Alpine Hotel, Warburton

Story and photos by Trevor Prasad

'The Guide for Excursionists'<sup>1</sup> was first published in 1868 by a Melbourne printer H. Thomas, during a period of much prosperity. The term 'excursionist' was coined for an increasing affluent society that had the interest and means to partake in vacations and excursions. Tourism was born!

The Alpine Retreat Hotel (Alpine Hotel Warburton), was built as a 'grand' hotel in the old English Tudor style in 1885. As "Marvellous Melbourne" continued to boom during the 1880's, you could imagine the excitement of a new destination for excursioner's looking for more than a days outing to Mordialloc. By 1901, the Victorian Railways (VR) extended the Lilydale line to Warburton.<sup>2</sup>



Trevor enjoying Inez and Ryans Lambo

see the club continue this tradition with a number of Sunday excursions.

Congratulations to Paul Pozzobon for orchestrating such an historic destination, the freshly restored Alpine Hotel Warburton, and pulling together such a relaxing, social event.

For a civilised Sunday morning (around 10ish), a collection of classics, modern day classics and exotica assembled at Birrarung Park in Bulleen

It was a well planned route through Warrandyte, up Jumping Creek Road, and on to a magnificent coffee stop in Lilydale, before continuing to Warburton.

As the roads became more entertaining some hung back to create space for some playful corners, while others sat back and cruised, (passengers were seen comparing crochet skills, taking comfort in their chauffeured experience). After a bit of car swapping, I particularly enjoyed getting behind the wheel of a 128



The Alpine Hotel

With the FCCV's origins since 1957 as a club for likeminded motoring enthusiasts to gather for automotive inspired 'outings', it is really great to



The Start at Birrarung Park



Briefing by Paul Pozzobon



A chilly start but lots of smiles

3P again, with much thanks to Ken. Annie enjoyed her Audrey Hepburn moment in the open top spider.

There were 18 cars that arrived at the picturesque Warburton Valley, with 27 excursioner's enjoying a traditional Sunday roast in the magnificent hotel atrium. After being well fed, some reclined into the Chesterfield's in front of the fire for a cognac and cuban, while others indulged in some rather delicious choc-tops, (adding to the old world charm).

By the way, if you are going for a tour through these magnificent mountains, I think a special mention should be given to Ryan and Inez, for being the 'best dressed' in their Verde Selvans (forest green) machine, (and showcasing what every X-1/9 would truly like to be when they grow up).



The group enjoys lunch and lots of chats





# ADVENTURES OF THE HIGHWAY

By Roger Beattie

Some of you will remember my mentioning the sad passing of Roger Ingerson recently in South Australia. That news left a number of vehicles looking for new homes and as an 850 nut from way back there were likely to be 850s among them. It came to pass that there were a pair of Coupes, an original series and a slightly later Sport Coupe which were both purchased by a prominent member of our club. Now they needed to be brought back to Melbourne so I offered my assistance and we headed over one Friday morning in July for something of a high speed raid on the South Australian 850 population.

The plan was to take a trailer to put one car on and derive the other back. Both were registered and 'driveable' so at the very worst we could swap cars at some point on the trip. We arrived in the Adelaide Hills a little ahead of schedule but it was so windy that we stayed in the car. Soon enough access was

enabled and the load up started. A decision was made to load the Coupe onto the trailer and drive the Sport Coupe which seemed rather sensible so the trailer was parked on the gravel driveway (a little downhill) and the FIAT driven onto the ramps and up onto the trailer. The effect of weights, fulcrums, coefficients of drag and gravity conspired against us and the empty car, trailer and half loaded FIAT began sliding toward the road at the end of the drive. Quick action slowed the movement and we were able to get loaded up and begin the drive back toward Melbourne.

After about 10 kilometres we stopped for fuel and a decision had already been forced on us as the Sport Coupe was seemingly not the better vehicle, some ignition woes and poor cruising meant Plan B was put into action. We swapped the cars, on the flat this time, and the Coupe led a charge toward the Victorian border.



In the Shed



On the way out



Alas an intermittent charge light meant no nighttime running so an alternative plan emerged. We found a friendly face in Murray Bridge, thanks Ken, where we could leave the car on charge overnight, found a bed and a meal and thought about what trials the next day might bring. Thankfully the answer was not too many, despite a slightly delayed departure and one flat tyre somewhere near Nhill our daylight return was completed at a decent pace and comfort. The charge light continued to make its presence felt but we managed to ignore it and now another pair of 850 coupes are safely in Melbourne and will no doubt be seen as soon out and about once their little maintenance issues are addressed. As always, fun had by all concerned.



Daylight cruise



Many hours of this



# BENZINA STABLES CAR SHOW 2023 CELEBRATING ITALIAN MOTORING

By Joe Pagnocco

On July 15, 2023, car enthusiasts gathered at the prestigious Benzina Stables for the FIAT and Alfa Romeo car clubs' celebration of Italian motoring. It displayed an impressive collection of classic automobiles, modern marvels, and everything in between. The venue, Benzina Stables, complemented the automotive masterpieces on display, with efficient parking arrangements.

The car show's theme focused on classic cars while also highlighting the most recent advancements in electric vehicles. The show had something for every automotive enthusiast, from beautifully restored vintage models to the FIAT 500 cutting-edge electric car. Exhibitors and food trucks were on hand for the car show. Over 200 people attended the event including many FIAT members.



The feedback I received from those who went to the Benzina car show for the first time said it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience, which is a credit to the organisers, who created a friendly atmosphere for those who attended. The Benzina Stables Car Show 2023 was an outstanding showcase of automotive excellence. The venue, exhibits, food trucks, and participants' enthusiasm all contributed to an unforgettable experience. I hope to attend again next year.





# BENZINA STABLES CAR SHOW 2023 CONT.



# WERRIBEE MANSION AND OTHER WESTERN WANDERINGS.

Story and Photos by Roger Beattie

Successful car club runs are often borne of a little confusion and so it was for the August 3rd Sunday event. Originally the plan was to head to the Yarra Valley but events transpired and the final breakfast destination was 'The Views' function room at the Werribee Park Golf Club. If you understand Melbourne geography at all that will seem like quite the change but things ran smoothly thanks to the silky smooth organisation by Joseph Sammut who shepherd the flock into the Coburg start point on a surprisingly warm morning and whisked us off in the direction of our breakfast.

On arrival at our breakfast I was able to snap a few pictures of the assembled cars and attendees including one who may or may not have been celebrating a birthday, right Diane? The food was plentiful, the conversation light and pleasant and the sunshine surprisingly springlike for an August day. After eating we explored the Werribee Park Mansion located about a



Meeting at Coburg



Breakie at the views



Cars







kilometre away. The seat of the Chirnside family who presided over about 200,000 hectares of land in the late 19th century the remarkable Italianate mansion provided a more than adequate backdrop for such a fine band of FIAT aficionados. Seated at the edge of the decorative kitchen garden after a good look about a decision was made to extend our jaunt a little further with lunch at nearby Wyndham Harbour.

A short drive around the bayside shoreline with Portalington looking surprisingly close had us arriving at the Wyndham Harbour precinct for a look about and to find a suitable cafe for lunch. Both those items were achieved and a number of us went to look at and discuss the problems with boats. A regular bayside topic for those with even a passing familiarity. After lunch we started to drift off home. A few decided to follow me on one of my aimless meandering trips back to town and phrases like "areas I never knew existed" were heard as we approached home.

Another good day had by all. Thanks to everyone who sent through pictures to make the report writing easier.



# Coming Events

## General Meetings

September 14th 8pm Veneto Club  
October 12th 8pm Veneto Club  
November 9th 8pm Veneto Club

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

Contact Sandro Cesario 0420 277 701

## Caffe di sabato

Sept 2nd Veneto Club  
9.00am

Oct 7th Veneto Club  
9.00am

Nov 4th Veneto Club  
9.00am



## Fiat Car Club of Victoria Tour de Macedon Ranges District Sunday 17th September 2023

Meet at BP Calder Hwy 8.30am  
Drive on Calder to Mt Macedon,  
Morning tea at Newham, Lunch Piper St Kyneton  
Home via Western Hwy

Contact Roger Beattie 0400177278



## FCCV V Alfa Club Bocce Night Saturday October 7th Club Italia

128-152 Furlong Rd, North Sunshine  
5pm Bocce , 7pm Dinner

\$50.00 per person • Bookings Essential by 29th Sept

Contact Paul Pozzobon on 0418 552 290



# Coming Events



## Run to Winton AROCA 10 Hour Relay

**Sunday Oct 15**

Club Run to support FCCV Teams  
in the 10 Hour Relay

Meet 8-30am Eltham Lower Park  
Main Rd Eltham for 8.45 Departure

Contact Sandro Cesario  
on 0420 277 701

## MSCA Mark Rae Cup and X1/9 Display

**Sandown – Sunday 22nd October**

The MSCA has named its October event at Sandown after Mark Rae and they have invited our club members, particularly X1/9 owners to come along and display our cars



Mark's Prototipo

Come along and enjoy a day of spectating  
and be part of the display

All Fiats welcome

Contact Sandro Cesario for information  
on 0420 277 701

## Historic Sandown 2023


**Sun 12th November**

Another opportunity to display your car  
at Sandown and to enjoy the on track  
excitement as a spectator

More information to come

Contact Sandro Cesario  
on 0420 277 701





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**SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER**

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