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November FIATMonth is full of reports on the many events that have been held over the past two months, offering all sorts of experiences at events held all over Victoria and in others states. I appreciate the members who are willing to put together a report on these events as, I am sure, our members like to read about these events, from the different perspectives offered by the authors. I also appreciate the articles about Fiats and other Italian cars that are submitted by members that provide interesting reading so please consider submitting these reports and articles - it is always good to hear the stories that offer a new view of what is happening in our club.

We have had a very busy weekend in October where we have had three events on and have had club members at each of these - Melbourne Italian Festa at the Exhibition Buildings, Bay

to Birdwood, held in South Australia and the Lancia Event in Castlemaine. We have reports of each of these submitted by club members, so plenty of reading for you.

For those of us who attended Harry's Run, which was held in late September, our thanks to Richard Unkles for putting together a great run, over excellent roads, that ended in Mt Martha. As the driver with no navigator, I had to rely on following other cars as I could not drive and read the navigation sheet but fortunately il presidente, Roger was willing to make sure I followed him and not get lost.

Our morning tea stop was at the Antiques and Collectibles in Tooradin, which had a carriage of very old "red rattler train" as a coffee shop, so some memories for those of use who are old enough to remember them!

The run finished in Mt Martha at the Dava Hotel, where we enjoyed a good

pub meal and lots of time for our group of 40+ members and friends to catch up and share stories of previous Harry's Runs and to remember our friend, Harry Baker, who is the late member whom the run is named after. Harry's wife Jenny was with us to share some Harry stories.

The Run also has a trophy, The Harry and Jenny Baker Award that is awarded each year to a Club Member or Couple who have been very active members of the club, particularly at the social events. The winners of the Award was announced at the October Club Meeting - it was awarded to Fiona and Bruno Tonizzo, who are enthusiastic club members who attend many of our social events.

That's all from me for this FM - please consider writing reports and providing photos of club and non-club events that you have attended and sending them to editor@fiatclub.org.au

WINNERS OF THE HARRY AND JENNY BAKER AWARD

Congratulations to Fiona and Bruno Tonizzo, the winners of the 2025 Harry and Jenny Baker Award This award is presented each year at the meeting after the event to a couple who have been involved in all sorts of social events throughout the previous year and have contributed to the social life of the club.

Well done Fiona and Bruno.



Rapporto del presidente



In October/November car clubs tend to enjoy the spring display season. All those events that have been postponed through the year are squeezed, along with the previously scheduled ones, into a seemingly decreasing number of weekends. As such we all seem to be participating in or visiting a number of events or missing out on the overlapping ones.

As I am writing this there is a particularly busy weekend approaching with three displays, a couple of runs and a club showcase on, all of which I hope will all be supported by club members. We all understand how much effort goes into generating and running events and the overlap means not all get the support they deserve but I suppose the other side of that is a comment on the strength of the car enthusiast hobby that it manages to sustain such a broad variety of events and interests. I have included pictures from a few recent things that I have attended.

A couple of upcoming things worthy of note are the new date for Maling Rd (Nov 23) and the annual Christmas Festa on December 6. The works around the Veneto Club have created some difficulties but I believe this year's Festa will be popular once again. Bring your car to display on the day and catch up with many of the clubs more reclusive members.



Marong Attendance



Ballarat Vet Rally



Maling Rd postponed event



Harry's Run

Likewise the repositioned Maling Rd event on the 23rd is a nice local chance to drop by, see some great cars (even if you aren't in the display group), dress up for the costumi, have a chat, enjoy the people, food, streetscape or whatever else might take your fancy.

We are well underway with the planning for a range of events for next year. It seems they just roll around faster than they used to. We will definitely be back at

Yarra Glen on Feb 15 but there are whispers about trying to get something together for the inaugural Sandown Revival mid January. This is a weekend event organised by the same team that run the Geelong Revival but we are still collecting information so keep your eyes on the FIATpronto as it arrives with more updates.

Ciao for niao



Come and Try Motorkhana



CLUB CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2025 – JANUARY 2026

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**, changes to advertised events and further details of the events.

NOVEMBER

- Sat 1** **Caffe di sabato. Veneto Club 9.00am**
Contact Mario Di Censo 0419 171 661 or Paul Pozzobon 0418 552 290
- Sun 2** **Rotary Club of Sorrento Point Nepean Motor Show at the Quarantine Station**
Contact Sandro Cesario 0420 277 701
- Thurs 13** **General Meeting. Veneto Club 8.00pm**
- Sun 16** **Alfa Spettacolo – Fiat Display**
Contact Sandro Cesario 0420 277 701 or Joseph Sammut 0412 221 581
- Sun 23** **Rescheduled Maling Rd Auto Classico**
(Contact Rob Judd 0438 871 044)
and Costumi Classico
Contact Deb Judd 0414 579 773 or Lyn Bartold 0433 034 721
- Sat 29th – Sun 30** **2025 Geelong Revival Festival of Motoring**
Contact Joseph Sammut 0412 221 581
- Sat 29** **FCCV Run and display at the Geelong Revival**
Contact Joseph Sammut 0412 221 581

DECEMBER

- Sat 6** **FIAT Festa at La Baracca. Rear of Veneto Club 9 am**
Contact Mario Di Censo 0419 171 661 or Paul Pozzobon 0418 552 290
- Thurs 11** **General Meeting. Veneto Club. Celebration Nuts and Bolts Trivia Night with pizza supper provided by FCCV 8.00 pm.**
Featuring Quiz Master Sandro Cesario

JANUARY

- Sat 3** **No Caffe di sabato in January.**
- Thurs 8** **General Meeting. Veneto Club 8.00 pm**
Contact Mario Di Censo 0419 171 661 or Paul Pozzobon 0418 552 290
- Sat 17th – Sun 18** **Sandown Revival Club Display**
Contact Sando Cesario 0420 277 701

COMPETITION EVENTS ARE LISTED ON THE COMPETITION REPORT PAGE.

General Meetings



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

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Bulleen VIC 3105

Future General Meetings 2025
Thursday 13th November
Thursday 11th December
First General Meeting 2026 is
Thurs 9th January

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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Roger Langdon**



Membership News

Tony Romeo Membership Secretary

After a well earned rest, I am back from holidays and processing Fiat memberships. If you have any issues or queries regarding your membership, such as updating details, checking your financial status, requesting membership card, etc please email

member@fiatclub.org.au or send me an SMS on 0401 144391

The Fiat Car Club of Victoria current has 518 members made up of the following:

Membership Type

Life	17	Family Members (wives and children)	85
Single	313	Social	22
Family	66	Country	15

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS –

Pauline Nicol Fiat 500 Convertible

Devern White Fiat 850 Sports Coupe

Wally Capaldo

Peter Galtry Fiat 124

Annastasia Kakouratos

Danny Bego

Joanna Harrow Fiat 1100

Mietta Mills

Andrew Grieg Lancia Fulvia

Bryce Hocking

CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

Mario Di Censo, Club Permit Co-Ordinator

For any information or enquiries about the Club Permit scheme, including adding and renewing cars contact Mario.

Enquiries: permit@fiatclub.org.au

Renewal: permitrenewals@fiatclub.org.au which is also the fastest way to renew now. See the new instructions in this magazine or online at fiatclub.org.au/renewals.

Club Membership must be current for a Club Permit to be valid. All memberships expire on June 30 and must be current to allow use of a Club Permit vehicle whenever the Permit is due.

ELECTRONIC PERMIT RENEWAL

The process for electronic renewal has been simplified making it the simplest renewal method available. You will need and should have an active “myVicRoads” account (sign up info below this).

Sign and photograph your Club Permit renewal form and email it to permitrenewals@fiatclub.org.au. It will be signed and returned within a few days and then you can send it to VicRoads with your payment via your “myVicRoads” account.

To set up a My Vic Roads account you can find the link on their homepage of follow this link.

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Competition Report

By Keith Ellis, Competition Secretary



Recent MSCA Super Sprint rounds were held at Winton on 17 August and Phillip Island on 21 September. Marisa Gangemi in her Abarth 500 Esse Esse who is currently leading the Regularity class is a regular competitor.

Ian Maud has been at the recent East Sale Sprints on Sunday 7 September and is very active in the Gippsland Car Club and runs well at hillclimbs. You may have also seen videos on Facebook.

Paul Freame was a last-minute invitee to run at the AROCA 10 hour Relay Race/Competition/Regularity Event held at Winton on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 October. Paul was invited by our northern cousins FCCNSW to bolster the numbers.

I have not been able to find any results but from pics on Facebook Paul and the Punto survived the day.

That of course is the Point of the exercise.



Marisa Gangemi and Paul Freame nearly had an additional entry with me in the 128 Spider. However a need to attend to good husband duties, my wife was sick, there was no time for further preparations.

By the time you read this in early November, the competition year will be nearly over. Elsewhere the MSCA 2026 Calendar has been included. It is a little early for other calendars to be available but hopefully by the January 2026 Fiatmonth we will have a full calendar for 2026.

After the successful running of the Come and Try Motorkhana on 26 September a brief discussion was held with Marisa G., Paul F. and I about running two Come and Try Motorkhanas in 2026. One of these ideally could be practice for the 2026 Fiat Nationals. The other on the same Friday as this year's recent event on Grand Final Folly-day.

Additionally, Paul Freame is extremely keen to see FCCV run a round of the Australian Motorkhana Championships in 2026. We have the key officials with appropriate Officials status and additional resources have been offered from the FCCNSW. This is a great

opportunity for the club. More details will be available as they come to hand.

Our calendar lists a Sprint event by the RAAF Autoclub at East Sale Airbase but this may not happen due to events beyond the RAAF Club's control. And no, it wasn't a lithium battery fire.

MSCA have a Come and Try Sprint at Phillip Island on Saturday 29 November. This is an extremely well run day with novices having experienced instructors to guide them.

The Come & Try Day has a dedicated ladies group which is designed for women looking to get a start in a calmer environment. MSCA's Petrina Astbury's own experience of getting on the track was a daunting one and is one of the many reasons we are passionate advocates for supporting women in our sport. Our own Marisa Gangemi can probably tell a similar story.

If you are at all interested I strongly suggest that you research the MSCA website: <https://www.msca.net.au/come-try-track-days>.



COMPETITION EVENTS PHOTOS CONT.



COMPETITION EVENTS NOV – DEC 2025

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

SPRINT EVENTS

Sun 16 Nov	RAAF Autoclub East Sale Sprint	RAAF Sale Airbase
Saturday 29 Nov	MSCA Come and Try Day	Phillip Island
Sunday 30 Nov	AROCA Sprint	Phillip Island

MOTORKHAHA/KHANACROSS

Saturday 8 Nov	Grp5 HSCCV Motorkhana	Twilight M'khana (Dirt)
Sunday 23 Nov	PAC	Pakenham (Dirt)
Sunday 7 Dec	GCC Multi-club Khanacross	Bryant Park

HILL CLIMB

Sat 29th November	GCC Multi-club Twilight Hillclimb	Bryant Park
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MSCA 2026 CALENDAR – Entries from \$285

ROUND	VENUE	DATE 2026
1	Phillip Island	Sat 31st January
2	Sandown	Sun 22nd February
3	The Bend – Taillem Bend	Sat 18th, Sun 19th April
4	Winton	Sun 17th May
5	Calder Park	Sun 14th June
6	Calder Park – All British Day	
7	Winton	Sun 16th August
8	Phillip Island	Sun 20th September
9	Sandown	Sun 18th October
10	One Raceway – Goulburn	Sun 1st Mon 2nd November
11	Come& Try Day – Phillip Island	Saturday 5th December



FCCV Come & Try Motorkhana – Avalon



*By Robert Judd
Photos by Joseph and Alan Sammut*

Once again the FCCV held its (regular) Footy Grand Final Holiday Come and Try Motorkhana at the Avalon skidpan. This event attracts our diehards and some new Fiat blood, but also attracts people from other clubs who want to experience motorsport at its simplest form.

All the paperwork and prep was done by Paul Freame and Marisa Gangemi. Bill Freame and I stepped in on the day to help run the event with many helpers from the club. Special mention for Roger Beattie who transported most of the gear there and back and spent the whole day timing one of the fields. Thanks to everyone.

This year we had one first timer from our club, being Dallas Benbow's younger daughter, Alice. We also

had a large contingent from the BMW club who had several first timers. In all there were 31 competitors and at least 9 Come and Try who had the opportunity to do 12 runs (2 x 6 flag layouts).

The weather was kind, although we did have some wind gusts that tipped flags over. The feedback was good and people left fulfilled and with smiles on their faces.

Look out for information about the 2026 Nationals which will include a motorkhana, sprint and show and shine, to be held in Goulburn, NSW, on 10-12th April. No doubt we will try to have another motorkhana for practice for the Nationals.







Harry's Run

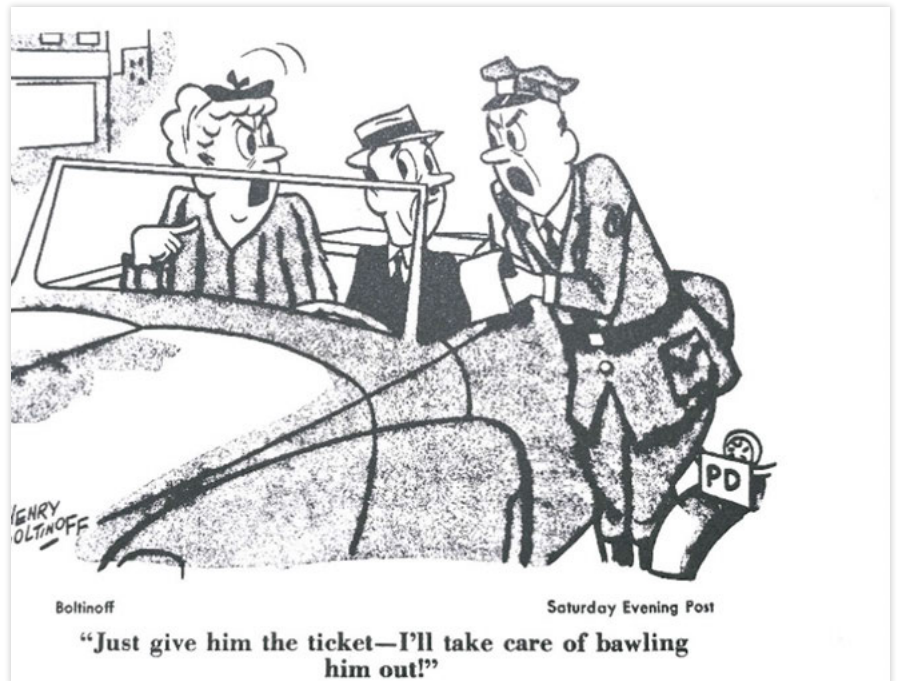
By Richard Unkles and Deb Judd

Photos by Joseph Sammut, Lyn Bartold, Richard Brewster

Richard Unkles – the Run organiser

This year's Harry's Run was to a repeat of where we went in 2012, namely to the Tyabb Packing House Antiques Centre. Tyabb is on the Mornington Peninsula and chiefly known for the Antiques Centre and also the Old Aeroplane (Restoration) Company beside the grass airfield.

We used a familiar leaving point of the car park for the Brandon Park Shopping Centre and a suitable place for the various Fiat models, all post WWII. Safety on the one hour drive to Tyabb was underlined by the following cartoon at the heading of the route instructions.



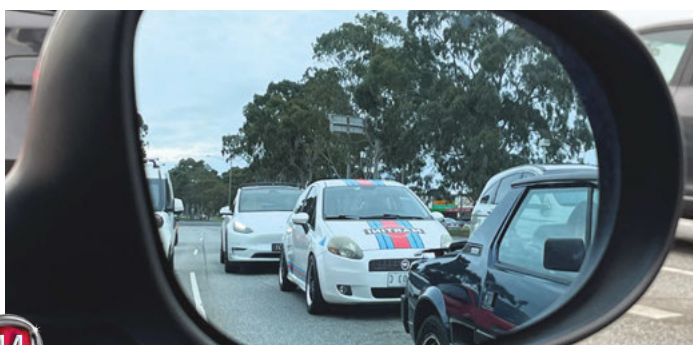
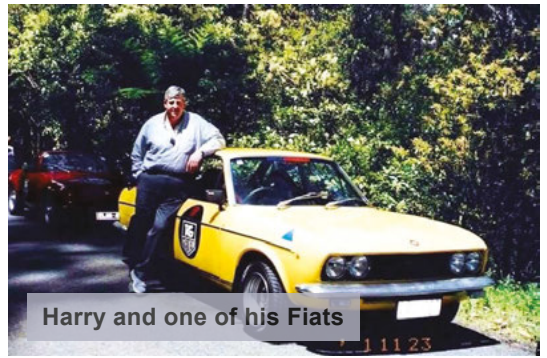
It must have worked as there were no reports of traffic infringements by our members. The drive had us on the Dandenong Bypass Road and onto the Western Port Highway. The road is straight and after leaving the commercial areas we travelled open flat land which eventually will relieve the housing shortage. After a couple of turns and 28 km we arrived beside the railway line at the Tyabb Packing House Antiques Centre.

The Centre is quite large and hosts a number of stalls which are operated by individuals. It also has an internal restaurant but also towards the rear a converted Red Rattler railway carriage set up for coffee and cakes.

The range of items available cover a very wide range from conventional antiques to more modern items such as movie memorabilia.

The intended leaving time of midday was written in the route instructions which saved rounding up those with keen eyes for the unusual or bargain for the knowledgeable. Twenty minutes later we were at the Dava Hotel in Mt Martha and joined by Jenny Baker. The Dava Hotel kindly set up a separate area for the 40 odd club attendees. The adequate menu proved popular and the availability of seniors meals on a Sunday was appreciated by some members. Conversation over the three long tables was very consistent from a very cheerful members.

Later at the General Meeting, the Harry Baker Clubman Award was presented to Bruno and Fiona Tunisso to recognise their involvement in the club's Social Activities.





Deb Judd

Thank you again to Richard & Elsa Unkles for organising the day – designing the route for the run, stopover for morning tea, places of interest, and then lunch venue. This year saw the 18th Harry's Run – an event commemorating the life of member Harry Baker who passed away in 2006.

This year's run started in Brandon Park with first stop at the Tyabb Packing Shed Antiques Centre and Rattling Red Cafe for a cuppa. The Antiques Centre was a fascinating place housing Antiques and other eclectic items in various 'sheds'. I think I will be returning for a second visit sometime as an hour or so wasn't enough time to wander amongst all there was to see.

Next stop for about 40 members was lunch at the Dava Hotel in Mount Martha. The chatter and buzz in the room indicated everyone was enjoying getting together and getting their FIATS out for a run, all the while remembering Harry. It was lovely to have Jenny, Harry's wife and club member, along for the day.

Looking forward to next year's run.



Harry's Run cont.



Lunch and announcement of Harry and Jenny Baker Award Trophy



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MARK RAE MEMORIAL PARADE AT CALDER PARK

By Marisa Gangemi

The Annual remembrance Parade to honour past FCCV Club member, Mark Rae was held at Calder Park Raceway, this year. Mark was a long-time member of the Fiat Club and he was the Secretary of the MSCA for a number of years.

He is remembered each year with a parade lap at one of the MSCA events and Fiat Club members are invited to be part of this. A number of club members attended and were part of the Parade Lap.





RAA

BAY to BIRDWOOD

By Deb Judd

Photos by Deb Judd and Roger Beattie

The RAA Bay to Birdwood is an annual historic motoring event in Adelaide & the Adelaide Hills, South Australia. It is a 67km run of over 1500 privately owned vehicles from West Beach, Adelaide to the National Motor Museum in Birdwood in the Adelaide Hills.

The inaugural Bay to Birdwood was held in 1980. It is now one of the largest historical motoring celebrations of its type globally and includes vehicles dating back to the early 1900s. It is open to all vehicles 30 years and older.

While not an event on our club calendar, Rob & I in the Fiat Dino Coupe, Roger Beattie in his 850 Campervan and new member, Peter Galtry with his 124 Spider ventured across to Adelaide for this year's event.

The weather was fantastic, the array of participating vehicles was amazing and the organization very impressive! From vintage Rolls Royces to the vintage



Roger & 850 Campervan



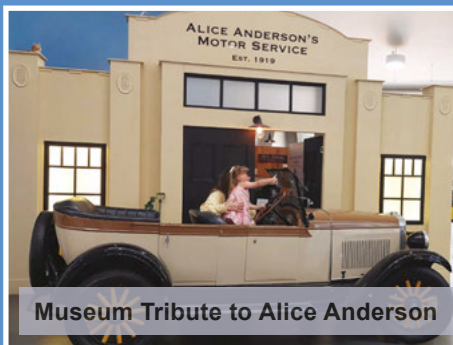
The Judds -1967 Dino Coupe and 1960s attire!



At the start - the front row of 1500 cars!!



EFigy & Hurricane



Museum Tribute to Alice Anderson



Adelaide based Bambino

farm truck (dog and all!) through to our more modern cars; Concours condition cars right down to many daily drivers. Everyone enjoying getting their cars out.

The run to Birdwood took nearly two and a half hours as part of a cavalcade of 1500+ cars. (By comparison the run back into Adelaide free of the traffic took 50 minutes. Rob & the Dino reveled in the roads and the beautiful handling of the car).

Spectators lined the route cheering and waving the cars along. Most set up for the day with chairs, drinks, snacks and even lunch picnics. It felt a bit like we were in the Mille Miglia in Italy!

Participants are encouraged to dress in the era of their vehicle and the Fashions on the Field competition has become a major component of the RAA Bay to Birdwood Finish festival. Accordingly Rob and I were dressed in our 1960s gear but unfortunately, being in the last 'modern' group to leave West Beach we did not arrive in time to enter the competition. Maybe next time!

In Birdwood entrants had free entry to the National Motor Museum showcasing an interesting collection of old vehicles and motoring history, a number of motorsport cars and motorcycles. Some special cars on display were the Holden EFIGY Concept car (designed by FCCV member Richard Ferlazzo and his team); a buck of the Holden HURRICANE and the GTR-X Prototype.

We had a thoroughly enjoyable six days away, catching up and staying with friends who also had their 1925 Studebaker entered in the event, meeting new faces and we caught up with FCCV member Brodie Bishop who is now living in Adelaide. Brodie was in his 1925 Vauxhall 14/40 Tourer (not one of his three vintage FIATS).

The Dino travelled beautifully and did not miss a beat the whole time away. We might even do it again next year – why not, as it's on our way to Perth for the FIAT 1926-2026 Centenary Transcontinental Crossing!



Morning Gathering at West Beach



Cars at B to B



Small percentage of Topos at the Birdwood

FCCV Display at the Melbourne Italian Festa

By Roger Langdon

Photos by Joseph Sammut and Vincent De Rossi (AROCA)

A crisp morning developed into an ideal sunny day for the first day of the Melbourne Italian Festa on Saturday 18th October at the Exhibition Building, with stalls both indoors and outdoors featuring delicious artisanal Italian food, drinks and merchandise as well as entertainment on the outdoor stage. This included the excellent Veneto Club Men's Choir whose rehearsals we often overhear at Club Meetings.

The early arrivals for our display at the western entrance enjoyed our complimentary coffees and a quick look around as the crowds gradually built to significant numbers.

Our club display consisted of Richard Brewster's and my 124 CCs, Sam and Marina's Fiat 500 and Joseph Sammut's 124 Spider. In addition, there was a lovely yellow early Fiat 500 and a range of 500s provided by Zagames.

Our display attracted amazing attention all day, with many people, not only car enthusiasts, posing for photos and asking questions about the cars. We made a strong contribution to the Italian atmosphere of the Festa.

A big thank you to Joseph Sammut for coordinating the display and for his tireless contribution to our club display events.





AUSTRALIAN LANCIA REGISTER CASTLEMAINE RALLY

By Kevin Lemm

Photos by Vicki Lemm and Trevor Prasad

Several FCCV members attended the ALR Castlemaine Rally display day at the Western Oval in Castlemaine on Sunday 19 October. The weather was warm and a little windy and the variety and quality of cars on display was certainly impressive.

This year the event celebrated the 70th anniversary of Professor Antonio Fessia joining Lancia.

Fessia was born in Turin in 1901 and graduated as a mechanical engineer in 1923.

He joined Fiat in 1925 and progressed rapidly throughout the company, holding Technical Director positions in both the Vehicle and Aircraft Divisions.

Some of the Fiats that we are familiar with, and that were developed under his leadership, include the Balilla, the Fiat 500 Topolino, and the early 1100. He left Fiat in 1946 and joined CEMSA of Saronno, part of the Caproni group and worked as a consultant with Ducati Bologna, Pirelli and NSU-Fiat between 1950 and 1955.





In 1955 he joined Lancia, first as a consultant, and then as Technical Central Director. His technical influence can be seen in the design of the Appia, Flaminia, Flavia and the Fulvia. He died in 1968.

As usual, the ALR conducted a wonderful display with a good number Fessia influenced cars were on display. And, of course, there was an incredible collection of Lambda and later model Lancias to admire and inspect. Our group of Fiats presented nicely too and received a lot of interest from the spectators.

Well done ALR!





The News Stand

Richard Unkles

Next issue we expect to report that Sam Biondo's 503 roadster is running sweetly again after a timing adjustment and magneto overhaul. If Sam is happy, we may have the Tipo 503 represented next year on The Crossing. Sam's car is clearly a very low mileage car and so a good candidate for a long trip.

David John's 503 has developed a noise that was initially intermittent but now is related to engine revs. The noise is mechanical rather than sounding like a bearing and is absent if the cylinders are not ignited but engine turned over. The answer should be revealed next issue.

Apologies for the skimpy issue but your scribe is using a medical intervention as his best excuse.

Vintage Fiat Starter Motor Advice

Here is a tip to ensure the Bendix gear returns to the back stop on most Fiat starter motors, pre 1928. Note the strip of spring steel that is meant to press down on the steel ball that holds the gear back by inserting into the shallow groves along the smooth section of the gear identified by the screwdriver in the second photo. The steel strip can be rendered ineffective by the lack of pressure on the ball

Carefully lever up the locating end that dips into the aluminium body and swivel it around, Then carefully increase the bend in the strip so it makes improved contact with the steel ball. Then relocate the strip back to the original position.



Starter motor strip

Bendigo Swap dates

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th November. Happy hunting! If you want to catch up with me call 0411 185 779.

The Rejex Rally (Darwin to Katherine)

CONTINUED FROM LAST FIATMONTH

Overnight was at Pine Creek. The centre of operations is the petrol station cum hotel cum caravan park, all under single ownership. This arrangement has generated enough income to build up a sizeable museum, mostly based on Holden cars, almost all restored or found in excellent condition. The Mad Max based Rat Bag built out of a Peugeot 203 was an exception.

The museum has a gallery upstairs that is full circle with motor bikes of various ages. The entry of \$5 all goes to a cancer charity.

Next morning was serious challenge from obtuse instructions which had cars going in all directions in Pine Creek following clues for points. Lunch was provided at Katherine Gorge park and then on to the local speedway. Here there were 2 gymkhana events and a once around the dirt speedway. Air cleaners very helpful there for those who could spin their wheels.

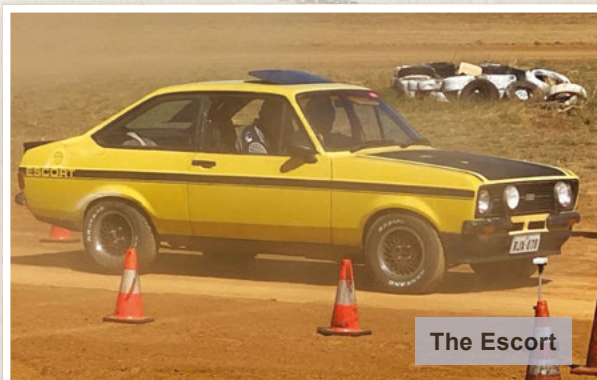
Final dinner and awards ceremony at the local car club rooms. The Fiat topped the pre 1946 awards, got third outright on handicap and Best Presented, so trailering was not marked down too much and a credit to Peter's driving and team work on the tricky questions to be answered.

Recommended? Certainly if you want a bit of fun along with some competition. You can even compete from elsewhere just by hiring a modern locally. Best hint is to get a nimble small car and you will beat the lumbering Land Cruiser any day.

Special thanks to Peter and Tanya Anderson for the invite and intro to the Territory.



The Rat Bag



The Escort

Postscript:

A different radiator now has the 501 running at 80C on a Darwin day of 39C. The original has been sent for professional cleaning.



Costumes

Mid-Week Archibald Prize Run to Geelong

By Deb Judd
Photo by Bruno Tonizzo

Elsa and Richard Unkles have been particularly busy organising events for members. On Wednesday 15th October 12 members met at the Geelong Gallery to see the Archibald Prize Finalists Exhibition. It was a sunny & pleasant day for a drive to Geelong. We met for 10.20am entry to the exhibition and spent nearly two hours enjoying the wonderful selection of 57 finalists artworks, then voting in the “People’s Choice” award. Even selecting 57 of the 903 entries to the Archibald must be a daunting task for the judges, let alone selecting the Winner.

The 2025 winner was by Julie Fragar, for Flagship Mother Multiverse (Justene) – a portrait of Justene Williams, a Brisbane artist.

To be considered for the Archibald Prize, an artwork must be a portrait painting from life, no larger than 90,000 sq cm with a maximum height of 3m, and painted by an artist resident in Australasia. The

subject should ideally be a distinguished Australian in art, letters, science, or politics, though this is not a strict requirement. The artist must have had at least one live sitting with the subject.

Images of the 57 finalists can be seen “at a glance” on the website: <https://www.geelonggallery.org.au/whats-on/exhibitions/archibald-prize-2025>.

This cannot possibly do the artworks justice. I would recommend a trip to Geelong by the 9th November if you are reading this in time. Otherwise look out for the Archibald in 2026.

Following the exhibition Richard and Elsa had found a lovely venue for lunch, The Elephant & Castle. Good company and good food, what more could you want!

Thank you again to Richard & Elsa.



An arty photo to match an arty display - Photo by Bruno Tunizzo



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FIAT JAMBORE NASIONAL 2025

By Roger Beattie and Kevin Lemm

Sometimes all the planning required for an event gets wasted through circumstances beyond anyone's control. So it turned out for the organisers of the '2025 Fiat Jambore Nasional' in Malang, Indonesia in early September. As much as many people had heard that I was planning to attend, political events overtook us all and there was enough civil unrest spreading around Indonesian cities to necessitate the postponement of the event until October 4-5 (pending circumstances). Sadly I was in transit to attend when the announcement was made so I arrived in Denpasar and had to change my plans.

I am sure Bali is a lovely place for a beach holiday if you enjoy lazing about at the beach or by the pool in your resort. That sort of thing has never really appealed to me so the search was on for alternate entertainment. The Kebon Vintage Car Museum filled in a day nicely and as the owner's first car was a Fiat 1100E they have featured the model along with a reasonably surprising number of other Fiats. There are cars of all sorts on display and if you are looking for a distraction of a non-beach type on your next Bali sojourn it can be recommended. Interestingly, all the cars have been purchased in Indonesia as the owner is very keen to see the countries transportation heritage preserved.

A day or more was spent bouncing messages back and forth with the event organisers in Malang trying to ascertain the possibility of swapping a couple of tee-shirts that we had taken over. Language and logistic barriers were coped with and somehow we managed to make a trip to the bus terminal to collect a parcel and dispatch one in return fill in most of another day. Kevin Lemm who I somehow convinced to come along has no doubt mentioned it in his accompanying notes.

By this point the political strife seemed to have settled so it was time for the weather to unleash. The rains started and forgot to stop. Many will have read about the floods in Bali although it seems we got to the airport just in time and passed some rather serious damage on the way there.



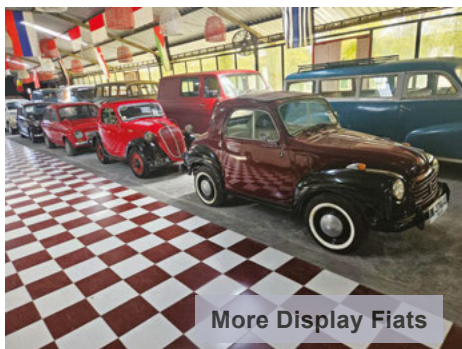
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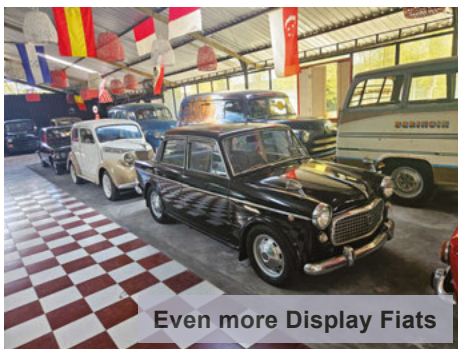
Fiat 1100 Row



The owner's first car



More Display Fiats



Even more Display Fiats



Vintage cars post difficulties

Suffice to say the week away was interesting and I am looking forward to perhaps attempting to attend next year's event in Yogyakarta.

Roger Beattie



Flood Damage



Others at Kebon Vintage

KEVIN'S TRIP NOTES

Our trip to the Jambore Nasional Indonesia, hosted by the Fiat Club Malang, was all in place. Our flights into Denpasar were all booked, and Vicki had booked her hotel by the beach in Sanur for the week. Roger and I had arranged a potentially high-risk ferry crossing from Bali to East Java and an overnight bus trip to the weekend event, and somewhat more economic lodgings at Malang. Then, at the eleventh hour, we got the news that the meeting had been postponed until October. With this unfortunate news, it was now onto plan B; a week helping Vicki relax by the beach at Sanur.

We did manage to get a little car-related activity in, and a visit to Kebon Classic Cars made for an interesting day (while Vicki stayed by the pool). There were over 100 cars on display covering many makes and models, with most being collected within Indonesia. There was a small number of Fiats represented in the collection, the highlight being a group of early 1100s. If you're in Bali, it's well worth a visit.

The Malang Club kindly sent us some of their event t-shirts, and we had to pick them up from a bus depot north of Denpasar. This exercise filled in the best part of a day (while Vicki again chose to stay by the pool). It gave us a chance to hone our navigation skills and experience some of the local coffee. We also got to practice our negotiation skills and appreciate the importance of patience whilst retrieving lost parcels.

So, while our week was not exactly as planned, all was not lost. We were blessed with good weather and experienced a bit of Bali tourism. We also managed to see some interesting local vehicles, experienced a few taxi rides, and learnt about local road etiquette. The Balinese people were helpful and friendly, and we did manage to see a little of how the locals live and experience some great food.

But we're sure there's more to be seen of Indonesia, and you never know, next year's Jambore is planned to be held closer to Jakarta with the possibility of an even bigger event!

Kevin Lemm



Circle K Coffee

Carlo Acutis School Visit

Story and photos by Robert Judd



Joseph Sammut received an invitation for a group of Fiats to have a display at the Carlo Acutis School for an Italian day they were holding. St Carlo Acutis was Italian so the school decided that a display of Italian cars would be appropriate to celebrate the day.

A small but enthusiastic group of FCCV members attended and the range of Fiats on display was excellent – ranging in age from David Stott's 100 year old Fiat 501 to a range of classic and modern Fiats.

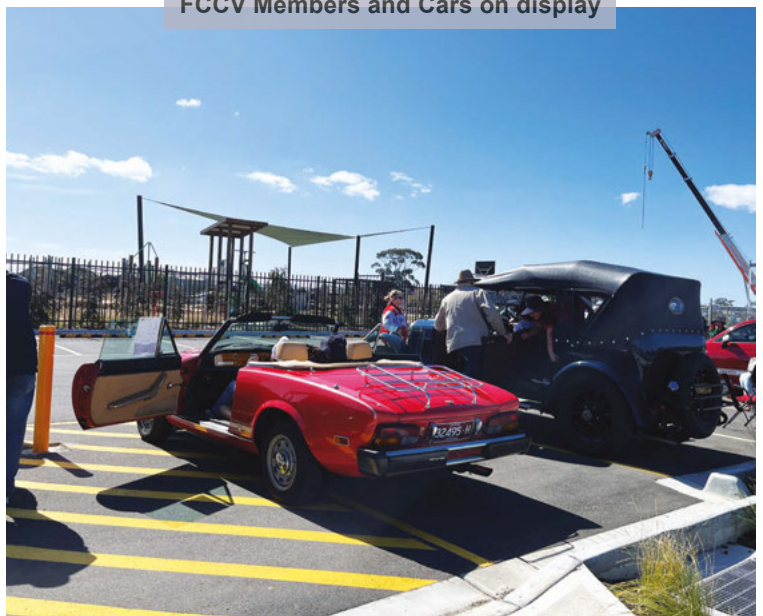
The Carlo Acutis staff were very appreciative of the commitment and the students and parents loved the display, and sent the attached letter to express their gratitude – a great day was had by all.

The staff at Carlo Acutis School were very appreciative of the display that the club was able to put together, not an easy thing to do on a weekday. There was a great deal of interest in the variety and ages of the cars on display.

The attached letter was sent to the club to be passed on to the members who had been part of the day which was enjoyed by all involved.



FCCV Members and Cars on display





THANK YOU LETTER

Hi there,

My name is Lucy Fernandez and I am the Italian teacher at St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Primary School. I wanted to extend my deepest gratitude to the club for all of their incredible support during our school's very first Italian Day on the 5th of September. Their presence and enthusiasm truly made the day unforgettable for our students — the cars were a huge hit and added such a vibrant and authentic touch to the celebration.

A very special thank you to Joe Sammut, Frank and Diana Newton, David Stott, Roberto Brunno, Marina and Sam Privitelli for generously sharing their time and beautiful vehicles with us. Their kindness and community spirit were felt by everyone. They were amazing with the children, letting them sit in the cars and explore them up close. Their generosity was truly heartwarming — they took the time to chat with the students, answer questions, and share their passion for Italian motoring in such an engaging and friendly way. It created a joyful and memorable experience that the children are still talking about.

But I'd also like to express my heartfelt appreciation to Joe Sammut, who went above and beyond in the lead-up to the event. Joe's professionalism, calm approach, and willingness to help — especially when some cars couldn't make it — made a world of difference. I'm truly grateful for his support and dedication.

Finally, thank you to Roger for helping set everything up so smoothly. The collaboration and care from the Fiat Club made this event a true highlight for our school, and we're so thankful to have had you with us.

Warm regards,
Lucy Fernandez

Lucy Fernandez
Italian and Visual Arts Teacher



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Jan 3rd No caffe di sabato
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Alfa Spettacolo

Sunday
16th November

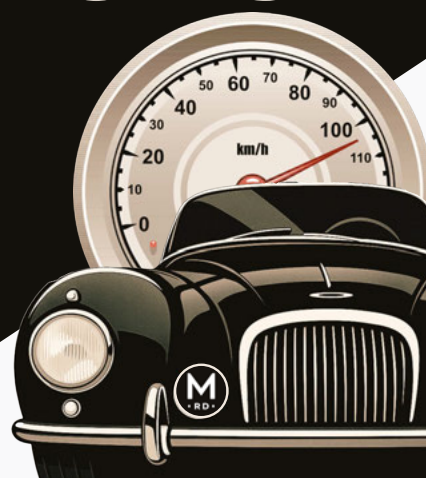
A poster for the Alfa Spettacolo 2025 event. It features three generations of the Alfa Romeo Giulietta: a blue 1954-1962 model, a brown 1977-1985 model, and a silver 2010-2020 model. The text "2025 SPETTACOLO" is at the top in large white letters on a red background. Below it, "THREE GENERATIONS OF GIULIETTA" is written in large grey letters. At the bottom, it says "From 9am Sunday 16th NOVEMBER Wesley College, 620 High Street Road Glen Waverley \$10 entry fee per car | Spectators: Free entry". Sponsors "MAUCERI MOTORS EUROPEAN CAR SPECIALISTS" and "ZAGAME AUTOMOTIVE" are listed at the bottom.

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