

FEDERATION SQUARE DISPLAY, MAY 29

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Federation Square offers a space, once a month near the Flinder's St entrance, for car clubs to display a selection of their cars. As there are only 12 occasions a year when this happens, clubs must apply and take their chances. FCCV has held a number of displays in past years but none in the last 6 years so Sebastian Bongiorno decided it was time to return and applied. The date we were given was Sunday May 29 and he was advised that the maximum number of cars would be 30. Ever the perfectionist when it comes to displays, Sebastian set about inviting members to bring the cars that reflected the breadth of models we have in the club. There was a great deal of enthusiasm to be part of the display and with weekly reminders of details for the day in the weeks leading up to the 29th no one could be excused for forgetting to turn up.

The group met outside Scots Church to be organised into entry order as the logistics of getting 30 cars into Fed Square, 2 at a time, had to be well planned. We set off for the staging point in the adjacent entry road into the car park so that we could sent around the corner to the entry. This took some time but everyone was in by the 11.00am start time and the ensuing arrangement of cars provided an excellent spectacle. In the end we had 27 cars on display as there were a few late withdrawals and many other members who turned up to support the club.

With Fiats dating from the 1920's with the 501's to 2016 with the 500X that Zagame's had lent us for the day and everything in between, the display attracted a lot of attention. It was a display that covered the full gambit of



models that we only ever see together at Autobella, but here they were in a confined space and with only one of each model. We had examples of our modern daily drive Fiats, competition cars, rare specimens, vintage and veteran Fiats and the usual crowd pleasers as you will see from the photos on this page. Fed Square provided a wonderful back drop for our treasures so it is to be hoped that we will get the chance to do this again in the not too distant future



We must congratulate Sebastian for organising this event, both from the point of view of applying for 'our turn' in the Square, and for spending a great deal of time collecting such a magnificent collection of Fiats. An event such as this lifts our profile as a club amongst the general public and many 'spectators' who were passing through the area that day had a story to tell of the Fiat they once had (or maybe was hidden away in the shed) and there were a number of membership enquiries from the day

Thanks to everyone involved and all those who came along to be part of this club even at Fed Square.



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Captions

1 Joe Cipolla's Multipla and David John's 503. 2 Driver's briefing and cars parked prior to drive to Fed Square. 3 Waiting to enter and drive the display area. 4 Marysia and Rob Pointer's 501. 5 Mario Di Censo's 500. 6 Chris Dall'Oste's 124 Abarth GP 4 Replica, Paul Scambler's 131 Abarth. 7 David Reidie's Otto Vu. 8 Brendan Pitt's X19. 9 Rocco Campisi's 124 Spider, Mathew Montesano's Dino Coupe, David Judd's Dino Spider, David Reidie's Otto V. 10 Rob Judd's 850 Spider, Joe Cipolla's 600 & Multipla. 11 Bartold's Fiat Vignale 124, Stephen Spiers' Fiat Coupe, Frank Russo's 500 Abarth Tributo. 12 General views.