

THE BUGEYE BURBLE

The Official Bulletin of the Sprite Club of SA



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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Words from the top!

Can you believe its October already? Where has the year gone? September was a great month for the club, with a wonderful night at the Sporting Car Club, Sprites out at the Rezz joining the Clubbies for their traditional 3rd Sunday and one of the most looked forward to events of the year, the Annual Dinner (see Grant's report later in this Burble). We also saw the release of the EOI for the 2026 Nationals and we'd love to see as many SCSA members attending our 'home Nationals' as we can!

October is brim full of opportunities to bring out your car and enjoy the Spring weather. Have a look at the Calendar as there is almost a run every week so plenty of reasons to get your car out on the road!

Hot on the heels of October will be Display Day with the Austin Healey Owners Club of SA and then the all important Annual General Meeting to elect next year's Committee.

As I write this October Burble a number of our members are on their way to Victoria for the memorial service for Tony Young, who died last month aged 80. A stalwart of the AHSDC and much loved by Sprite Club members around Australia, our condolences are with his wife Nancy and his family.

That's enough from me. Its sunny outside so I might see you out on the road!

Robin D

2024 ANNUAL DINNER

52 Years Young, 52 Dinners and 52 Attendees!

Saturday 21st September was the annual dinner of the Sprite Club of SA. In 1972 our wonderful club was formed by a bunch of mates with an interest in Sprites and here we are now, 52 years on and still going strong!

This years' Annual Dinner was held at Cafe Papparazzi on Unley Rd with 52 members booked in for a big night, including four of the founder members! Angela and I had tried the food a few times and thought this would be a great place for the dinner. Friendly staff, an always generous portions, a great recipe for a good night we thought!

The food started coming out at 7.00pm. We knew what the menu was but we were not expecting this much food. No one is going hungry tonight! Starting with a sumptuous grazing plate, followed by chips, dips, arancini, breads. It just kept on coming! That certainly quietened us all down!

The raffle was next great idea for Mr President to walk the room to pick out the tickets plenty of prizes at the front table. Wine, Chocolates, Regalia, Car Tools , Candles , Umbrellas . A big thankyou to every one that donated the prizes!



I had been thinking of something different this year for the Place Mats. You would have noticed that they were all laminated pages from the Sprite Workshop Manual eight different types and an old advertising page from a 1961 news paper that I had stashed for such a special occasion. I had asked Gordon if he would put a quiz together for the night, and in typical GB style it was a perfect mixture of Gary/Des cryptic quiz , Sprite , and place mat questions.

Then the main course came out you better still be hungry cos there is more food, Steak , Chicken , Fish , this slowed us all down and gave the organizers some time for the trophy presentation to the hard working members of the club . Desert followed, with the evening nearly over it all started to slow down and gave us all time to move around the room and talk to each other.

Thanks to all the members that came along on the night I think it is so great that we can keep our club going this strong after 52 years . Yes it was a lot of work before and on the night to make the evening the success it was.

Grant Stephenson
Social Secretary



A SPORTING NIGHT OF SPRITES

Sprites on stage at the Sporting Car Club!

Thanks to the work of David and Carole Tye, the Sprite Club of South Australia was invited to display some vehicles at the September Meeting of the Classic and Modern Section of the Sporting Car Club of South Australia.

With three vehicles chosen to be on stage, last minute changes, car problems and work commitments saw the Bugeye of Gordon Boyce and the Spridget of Peter Dineen grace the stage the SCCSA Clubrooms.

The Sporting Car Club has been busy with some background research and displayed a couple of videos showing the 75th Goodwood Revival Race that featured many Sprites and Midgets, and a great clip from Shannon's showing the history and features of the Sprite and Midgets.

After the meeting formalities President Robin Dunk was invited to the stage to talk about the Sprite Club. Robin outlined the Club's activities and the membership cohort, and put in a plug for the upcoming Display Day and 2026 Sprite Nationals.

Peter Dineen was next to join the stage, where he talked about the ownership of his Spridget, its previous history and the fun he has had during his ownership. He also related the story of his recent trip to the 2024 Sprite Nationals and the mechanical issues he had to endure during this road trip. He also described the fridge that he fits to the passenger space for these extended interstate travels.

Then it was an opportunity for Gordon Boyce to talk about his 1958 Bugeye. Gordon outlined the history of his 42 years of ownership, the restoration, its competition history and the events that the vehicle has attended, including 1998 Bathurst, National Meetings and other events.

There were a number of previous and current Sprite and Midget Owners in the audience, so at question time there were a number of questions about the cars, the joys of ownership and the specifics of each vehicle.

*Gordon Boyce
Registrar*

OCTOBER MOTORSPORT

11-13th: State Hill Climb
Champs @ Collingrove

20th: SuperSprint @ *The Bend East*

27th: Collingrove Finale



**SPRITE CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.
2024 CALENDAR**

January

1st	New Year's Breakfast Run
26th	Australia Day BBQ at the Chabrel's
28th	Glen Ewin Estate Hillclimb Revival

February

4th	(ClubbiesSA) 1st Sunday @ Magic Bean Brew
5th	Monthly General Meeting
18th	(ClubbiesSA) 3rd Sunday @ The Rezz
24th	Ice Cream Run (TBC)
25th	MSCA Trophy Day

March

3th	All British Day – Echunga Oval
3th	(ClubbiesSA) 1st Sunday @ Magic Bean Brew
3th	MSCA Super Sprint Rd1 (Mallala)
4th	Monthly General Meeting + ICV Vote
15-17th	Adelaide Motor Sport Festival
16th	Sports Car Cruise/F&C Beach Run
17th	(ClubbiesSA) 3rd Sunday @ The Rezz
22-26th	Sprite and Midget Nationals (Wodonga)

April

1s	Easter Monday Breakfast Run
6th	SCCSA Collingrove Hillclimb Come and Try
7th	SCCSA Collingrove Challenge Trophy (1)
7th	Aldinga Airshow
7th	(ClubbiesSA) 1st Sunday @ Magic Bean Brew
8th	Stars and Their Cars @ Sporting Car Club (1830)
14th	McLaren Vale Vintage and Classic Run
21st	SCCSA Ray Pank Hillclimb R1 (Collingrove)
21st	(ClubbiesSA) 3rd Sunday @ The Rezz
26-28	All Historic Race Meeting – Mallala

May

5th	MSCA Peter Hall 6-Hour Regularity Relay
5th	(ClubbiesSA) 1st Sunday @ Magic Bean Brew
6th	Monthly General Meeting
15th	Midweek Run
19th	(ClubbiesSA) 3rd Sunday @ The Rezz
26th	SCCSA Collingrove Challenge Trophy (2)
26th	Winery + Lunch Run (TBC - Sellicks Beach)

June

2nd	(ClubbiesSA) 1st Sunday @ Magic Bean Brew
3rd	Monthly General Meeting
16th	SCCSA Ray Pank Hillclimb R2 (Collingrove)
	(ClubbiesSA) 3rd Sunday @ The Rezz
19th	Winter Solstice Midweek Run - TBC
23rd	MSCA Super Sprint Rd 2 (Malalla)

Colour Coding Legend

Sprite Club Event
ClubbiesSA Event
MSCA/SCC-SA Competition Event
Other events of note

July

1st	Monthly General Meeting (Wine & Cheese)
7th	(ClubbiesSA) 1st Sunday @ Magic Bean Brew
14th	Winter Warmers Breakfast Run – maybe ... if it's not too cold!
7th	SCCSA Collingrove Challenge Trophy (3)
17th	June Midweek Run ... take two!
21st	(ClubbiesSA) 3rd Sunday @ The Rezz
21st	SCCSA Ray Pank Hillclimb R3 (Collingrove)

Aug

4th	(ClubbiesSA) 1st Sunday @ Magic Bean Brew
5th	Monthly General Meeting
11th	MSCA Super Sprint Rd 3 (Mallala)
18th	(ClubbiesSA) 3rd Sunday @ The Rezz
21st	Midweek Mid Winter Run – Take 3!
24th	Pie and Peas Night @ Fullarton
24th	SCCSA Collingrove Hillclimb Come and Try
25th	SCCSA Ray Pank Hillclimb (R4, Collingrove)

September

1st	(ClubbiesSA) 1st Sunday @ Magic Bean Brew
2nd	Monthly General Meeting
6th	Sprites @ The Sporting Car Club!
8th	MSCA Super Sprint Rd 4 (Mallala)
8th	SCCSA Collingrove Challenge Trophy (4)
6-8th	The Bend Classic
21st	Annual Dinner
22nd	(ClubbiesSA) 3rd Sunday @ The Rezz

October

6th	SCCSA Historic Hill Climb
6th	Picnic run to Collingrove Historic Hillclimb
6th	(ClubbiesSA) 1st Sunday @ Magic Bean Brew
12th	Gary's Fish and Chip Run
14th	Monthly General Meeting (@ Richmonds!)
11-13 Oct	SA Hill Climb Championships (Collingrove)
20th	(ClubbiesSA) 3rd Sunday @ The Rezz
20th	Bay to Birdwood
20th	MSCA Super Sprint Rd 5 (The Bend - East)
25th	John Blanden's Climb to the Eagle
27th	Collingrove Season Finale

November

3rd	Sprite Club Annual Display Day (Wigley Res)
3rd	(ClubbiesSA) 1st Sunday @ Magic Bean Brew
4th	Annual General Meeting
9th	Classic Sports Car Cruise
14-17th	Adelaide 500
17th	(ClubbiesSA) 3rd Sunday @ The Rezz
28 - 1 Dec	Shannons Rally Adelaide

December

1st	One Last Breakfast Run
1st	(ClubbiesSA) 1st Sunday @ Magic Bean Brew
2nd	Christmas BBQ General Meeting
17th	(ClubbiesSA) 3rd Sunday Xmas @ The Rezz
21th	Christmas Fish and Chips Beach Run



COLLINGROVE PICNIC RUN

6 October 24
Departing Verdun @ 0900

Join us at the start or meet up along the way. Racing starts from 1000. Starting point: Verdun pub (Stanley Bridge Tavern), 0850 for a 0900 departure via:

- thru Balhannah (passing the oval at approx. 0905)
- thru Woodside (main street approx. 0915)
- Continuing on to Birdwood, stopping opposite the petrol station at 0925-0930
- Wait/regroup 5-10 minutes
- Depart for Collingrove 0935, arrive at 1000

Entry fee is \$15. Pay online before you go or at the gate

GARY'S FISH AND CHIP RUN

12 October 24
Departing Clubroom's Carpark

Join us for a mystery run to a great fish and chip shop somewhere down south (we think!)

Arrive at the Fullarton Centre at 1530 to give Gary your order before departing at 1600 for the run south. Pay for the food when you pick it up.

Pack a folding chair if you can as seating at the other end is limited!

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

14 October 24, from 1930
@ Richmonds Showrooms

Please note, the October meeting is on the **2nd Monday** of the month due to the Long Weekend!

The Club will be holding its General meeting at the Richmonds showrooms at 265 Richmond Road, Richmond.

Note the 1930 (7:30pm) start time.

DISPLAY DAY 2024

03 November 24, from 0930
@ Wigley Reserve, Glenelg

Its time for the Annual Display Day so break out the polishing cloths! This year we are holding Display Day in conjunction with the Austin Healey Owners Club of SA so a visual feast of Austin Healeys big and small, MG Midgets and our wonderful collection of Associate Vehicles should greet members and visitors.

Peoples Choice awards for best Spridget, Big Healey and Associate Vehicle!

Non members are most welcome to come along and display their Sprite, Midget or Healey!

SPORTS CAR CRUISE

9 November 24

Stay tuned for details!



Sprite Club of SA
&
Austin Healey Owners Club of SA



Present

DISPLAY DAY 2024

All Sprites, Midgets and
Healeys Big & Small,
Clubbies and Club Associate Cars
welcome!

Visiting club Healeys and Sprites
also welcome!

Wigley Reserve
3 November 24
From 0900 onwards



**BAY to
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ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREAT HISTORIC
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Sunday 20 October 2024



A full social program for non-competitors will be released closer to the date that provides a deep emersion into the history and culinary delights of the region, as well as some spectacular drives through the picturesque Adelaide Hills and valleys.

The competition events will be held at the fabulous facilities of The Bend Motorsport Park in conjunction with the MG Car Club. Sprite Club members will be able to compete irrespective of what you are driving, so those with Clubbies, MX5s, Excels etc will be welcomed to participate!

NATIONAL CHALLENGE 2026

Murray Bridge, 27 April to 1 May 2026

The Sprite Club of South Australia is pleased to release details of the proposed 2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge, planned to be held in Murray Bridge from Monday 27 April to Friday 1 May 2026.

As some may be aware, the MG Car Club of South Australia is also planning to bring the 2026 MG National Meeting to South Australia over the same week. Whilst details are yet to be finalised, this presents as a unique opportunity to potentially bring the various clubs together for selected events, particularly for the Competition events which will be held at the fabulous facilities at The Bend Motorsport Park.

Murray Bridge is located approximately 90km outside of Adelaide on the banks of the River Murray and only 30km from The Bend. The Adelaide Hills, Barossa Valley and Fleurieu Peninsula are an easy 30-40 minute drive away. The region area offers an abundance of destinations, full of history, food and wine, and often overlooked by visitors to Adelaide. It's an ideal starting point for the social tours!



For a complete motorsport fix you might want to stay on for the Peter Mall Memorial Six Hour at Mallala, 2-3 May!

A post tour is also in the works so let us know you are coming so we can plan a memorable event for all.

We want to create a memorable gathering of Sprites and Midgets on the banks of the River Murray. All Sprite Club members, Australian or abroad, and members of affiliated clubs, are welcome.

Can't bring your Spridget along? Just come along and enjoy the Challenge!

Not a member of one of the Sprite Clubs and want to attend? Contact us and lets talk!

Find out more and stay up to date here!

National Challenge 2026





EOI 2026 National Challenge

2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge - Expression of Interest

Note – this is an EOI to help us with event planning. You can change your mind!

Name (s)			
Name (s)			
Home Club			
Address			
Phone		Mobile	
Email	<i>Note – your email address will be the primary point of contact for the event</i>		
Vehicle	Sprite	Midget	Other
Accommodation	Couple	Twin Share	Single
	<i>Note – event costing is based on a twin share basis. Members travelling along and wanting a room on their own will be liable for full room costs</i>		
Parking/Garaging	Car only	+ standard car trailer	+ large/outsized car trailer
	<i>Please indicate your likely parking/garaging request</i>		
Events	I/we are interested in participating in the following events (circle/tick):		
Social	Display/Concours	Observation Run	Regional Touring
	Sprint	Motorkhana	Both
Competition	<i>Likely Competition Vehicle</i>	Sprite/Midget	Other/Associate
	Post-Tour Tour	Yes / No / Maybe	
Post Tour Event Interest?	Peter Mall 6Hr @ Mallala	Yes / No / Maybe	
General Comments?			

If you could please complete and email Sue Stephenson at the email address below at your earliest convenience it will help greatly as we look to reserve accommodation.

This is not a commitment – an official registration form will be forwarded separately!

Email Address 2026NationalChallenge@spriteclub.com.au

Post: Sprite Club of SA, PO Box 21 Fullarton, South Australia, 5063

'Challenge 26' Contacts Sue Stephenson (0408 858 046) and Robin Dunk (0431 247 746)

An event webpage at www.spriteclub.com.au will soon become active for all your Challenge updates!

CLUBBIES CORNER

ClubbiesSA Updates and Notices

Bay to Birdwood

The iconic Bay to Birdwood is one of the world's great historic motoring events and has been a standout fixture on the South Australian calendar since 1980.

In 2024, we look forward to welcoming over 1500 vehicles manufactured from the early 1900s through to 31 December 1994.

As usual, some of the Clubbies/Sprites meet at or around the last Coffee shop/Deli (or first if you are coming from the bowling club up Anzac highway) on the Northern side of Anzac Highway.

8.00am start for the event. Location for us is just after the bowling club as you come up the highway from Glenelg. This location has a pull-in that accommodates a couple of tightly packed clubbies. There is not much room but the footpaths further up are also used. If early, grab a space and then we can put our cars slightly sideways later to fit a few more in. Just look for a clubbie or two parked there. If you are first, grab a spot.

Hopefully there will be no rain!

It is also a Third Sunday gathering at the Rezz, so I intend to look at the procession for a while and then get in the Clubbie and head to the Rezz for a coffee. Come out and join us and support the event and be part of the SA car scene.



First Sunday Update

Take note of the following and update your electronic calendar re Southern Clubbies change of venue for First Sunday gatherings.

The next Southern Clubbies meeting will be held on October 6th at:

Coffeed Cafe
142 Hub Dr
Aberfoyle Park, AU 5159.

Lee has been in touch with the manager (thanks Lee) who advises that there is plenty of parking on a Sunday morning. I have been there to confirm that we will be welcome.

Look for the shopping centre with the Drakes supermarket & Liquorland signage and not the centre with OTR & Hungry Jacks which is adjacent.

Sprites and Midgets are always welcomed and I can guarantee that the coffee is worth the drive!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4 November 2024

Clubrooms, from 2000 hrs

The Sprite Club of South Australia will hold its Annual General Meeting immediately following the General Meeting on the night of 4 November.

All positions will become vacant on the night. This is YOUR chance to put your hand up and become part of the Committee to guide the Club for the next 12 months. If you are interested or have any questions about what's required don't hesitate to contact one of the current Committee.

We're lucky with our club in that we have amazing members who regularly put their hand up to help. This makes being on the Committee quite a rewarding role within the Club so please consider helping out. Remember, without a Committee, we don't have a club!

EDITOR WANTED

One of the Committee positions that is open this year is the role of the editor for the Bugeye Burble and Sprouting Forth.

We've developed quite a good national and international readership via our website, social media and newsletter/magazine but it needs an proper Editor and not my last minute rushes to get something out. I'd love to think that someone will put their hand up and take on the the role for 2025!

CARS AND PARTS WANTED/FOR SALE

Wanted - Gear Knob

Gear knob for a MkII Sprite wanted.

For Sale - 1949 MGTD



1949 MGTD for sale.

Excellent condition

Imported from the UK in 1951, its been in the same family since 1974.

A very early, highly original and much loved car; however, it now needs a new home for the next 50 years of its life!

Contact the Club President (Robin, 0431 247 746) for details as he's assisting a friend find the car its next caretaker.

2025 CLUB SPONSORSHIP

For a small car club of approximately 150 members, we certainly seem to punch above our weight in terms of readership, with 500-750 people accessing the *Bugeye Burble* each month from around Australia and internationally, and the 2023 re-launch edition of our magazine, *Sprouting Forth* attracting over 5000 views since it was released in December 2023. These publications, combined and promoted with our website and social media platforms means our little club is starting to be known well outside the borders of South Australia and, indeed, Australia.

Perhaps you'd like to join our growing list of advertisers and sponsors and have your company profile here? We have full, half and quarter page spots available in our yearly magazine and all businesses placing advertisements will be featured in the *Burble* throughout the year, as is a company profile. Club sponsorship can be financial in nature or support in kind for our members!

All monies raised through advertising will go towards staging the 2026 National Challenge where we aim to bring as many Sprites and Midgets (and associate cars) together for a celebration of all things Spridget on the banks of the River Murray.

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