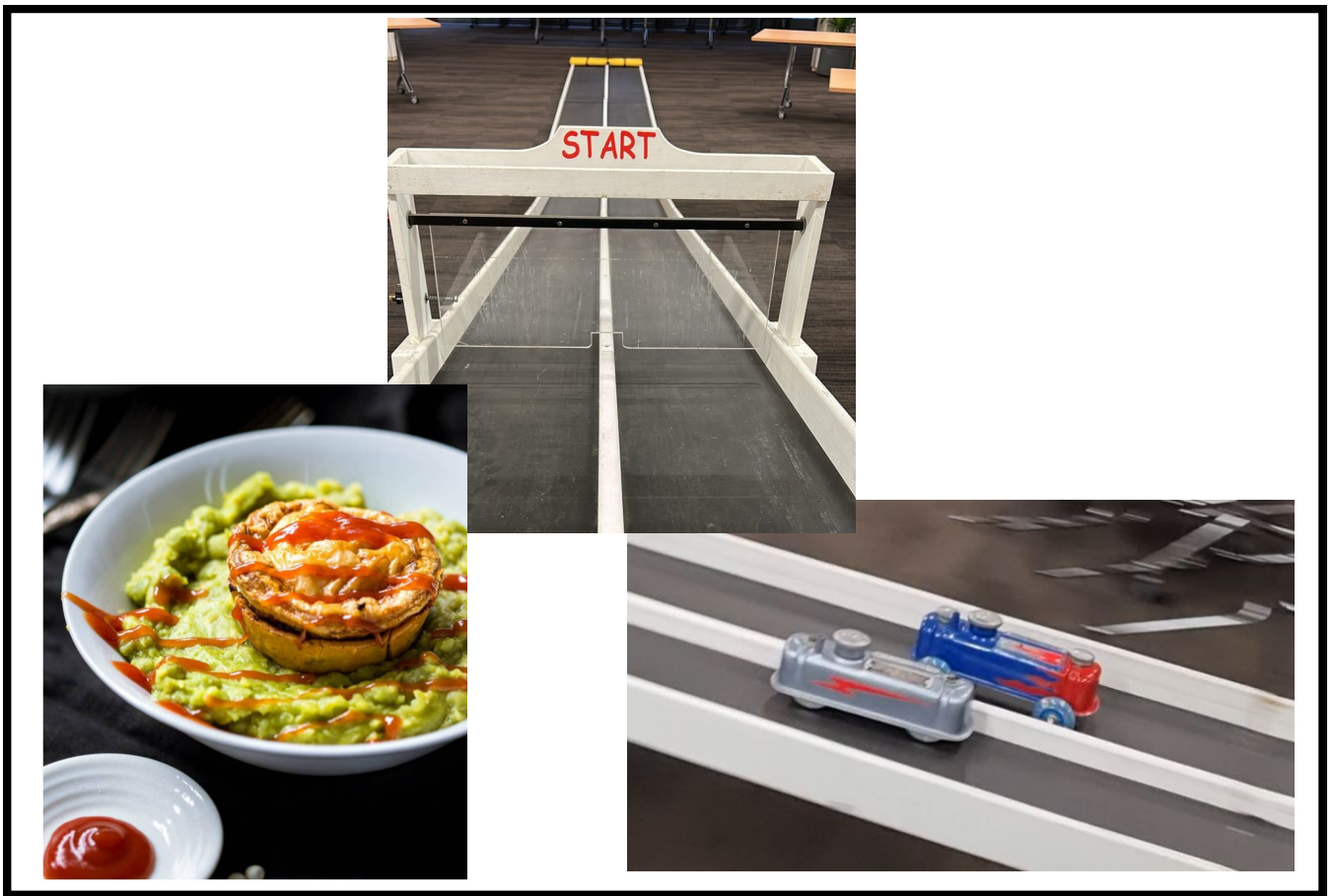


THE BUGEYE BURBLE

The Official Bulletin of the Sprite Club of SA



It's Light's Out and Away We Go!

Saturday Night Pies, Peas and Rocker Cover Racing

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2025 CALENDAR

AKA WHAT WE THINK MIGHT HAPPEN THIS YEAR!

February

3rd - Club General Meeting
16th - Clubbies Kick Off
22nd - Annual Ice Cream Run - Postponed
23rd - MSCA Presentation Day

March

2nd - All British Day
3rd - Club General Meeting
16th - MSCA Super Sprint (Rd1)
29th - Come and Try Hillclimbing
30th - Challenge Trophy Rd 1

April

7th - Club General Meeting @ Fullarton Centre
11th-13th - All Historic Mallala
16th - Midweek Mystery Run #1
27th - Ray Pank Winter Cup Rd 1
27th - Sprites & Clubbies at Gilberts Motor Museum
27th - Jaguar Drivers Club 'Just British Picnic'

May

3rd-4th - Peter Hall Memorial 6 hr
5th - Club General Meeting
at Classic Boutique
18th - Apogee Motorsport Day
18th - Challenge Trophy (Rd2)

June

1st - Ray Pank Winter Cup (Rd2)
2nd - Club General Meeting
11th - Midweek Run #2
22nd - MSCA SuperSprint (Rd2)
29th - Challenge Trophy (Rd3)

Clubbies

1st Sunday of ever month - Coffeed
3rd Sunday of every month - The Rezz
All members welcome and encouraged to join in!

July

7th - Club General Meeting
20th - Ray Pank Winter Cup (Rd3)
27th - Midwinter Pub Run

August

3rd - MSCA SuperSprint (Rd3)
4th - Club General Meeting
16th - Come and Try Hillclimbing (2)
17th - Ray Pank Winter Cup (Rd 4)
30th - Pea and Pie Night plus
the Rocker Cover Racing Challenge

September

1st - Club General Meeting
13th - 53rd Annual Dinner
18th - Midweek Run #3
21st - MSCA SuperSprint (Rd4)
28th - Challenge Trophy (Rd4)

October

5th - Picnic Run to the Barossa Vintage Collingrove
Hillclimb
13th - Club General Meeting
11-12th - Australian Hillclimbing Championships
15th - Mid Week Run #4
18th - Australian SuperSprint Championships
31st - SA Hill Climb Championships

November

2nd - Annual Display Day (with the Austin Healey
Owners Club of SA)
3rd - Annual General Meeting
7th - Climb to the Eagle 40th Anniversary
15th - AROCA Advanced Driver Training
16th - Collingrove Finale
16th - MSCA SuperSprint (Rd5)
22nd - Sports Car Cruise

December

1st - Club General Meeting + Chrstimas BBQ

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ANNUAL DINNER

13th Sep 2025

From 6:30pm onwards
At the Ovingham Hotel!

\$60 per head!

The Club's night of nights is nearly on us again.

\$60 per head for a three course meal, including shared entrees, a choice of main courses and desserts. It will look similar to the menu below. Grant, Angela, Margy and Robin have sampled the food and it was very good!

The bar will be open but you have to pay for your own drinks!

We NEED at least 50 people to make the evening work so PLEASE get in early and let us know that you are coming. You will have to send us your money NLT a week before (6 September) so we have enough time to pay the pub for the night!

Come along, see who the club is awarding our annual prizes to and enjoy the friendship of your fellow club members!

With a raffle, number quiz and other activities we will be having a number of activities throughout the dinner.

Its always a great night.

Main Choices

- Salmon w/ roasted Kipfler potatoes, asparagus and hollandaise (GF)
- Chicken Breast w/ sun-dried tomato tapenade, fondant potatoes and crispy prosciutto (GF)
- Pressed Lamb Shoulder w/ ratatouille, rosemary jus and polenta
- 250g Black Angus Porterhouse Steak w/ roasted sea salt potatoes and garden salad (GF)
- Spinach and Ricotta Cannelloni w/ chips, salad and rich nap sauce (V)

Dessert Choices

- Sticky Date Pudding w/ butterscotch sauce and vanilla ice-cream (V)
- Pavlova w/ passionfruit coulis, fine diced fruits and cream Chantilly (GF)
- Chocolate Brownie (served warm) w/ chocolate sauce and chocolate ice-cream (GF)

MSCA Supersprint Round 4

13th Sep 2025



As the last round was postponed the MSCA is looking for a good entry for the Round 4 Supersprint at Mallala.
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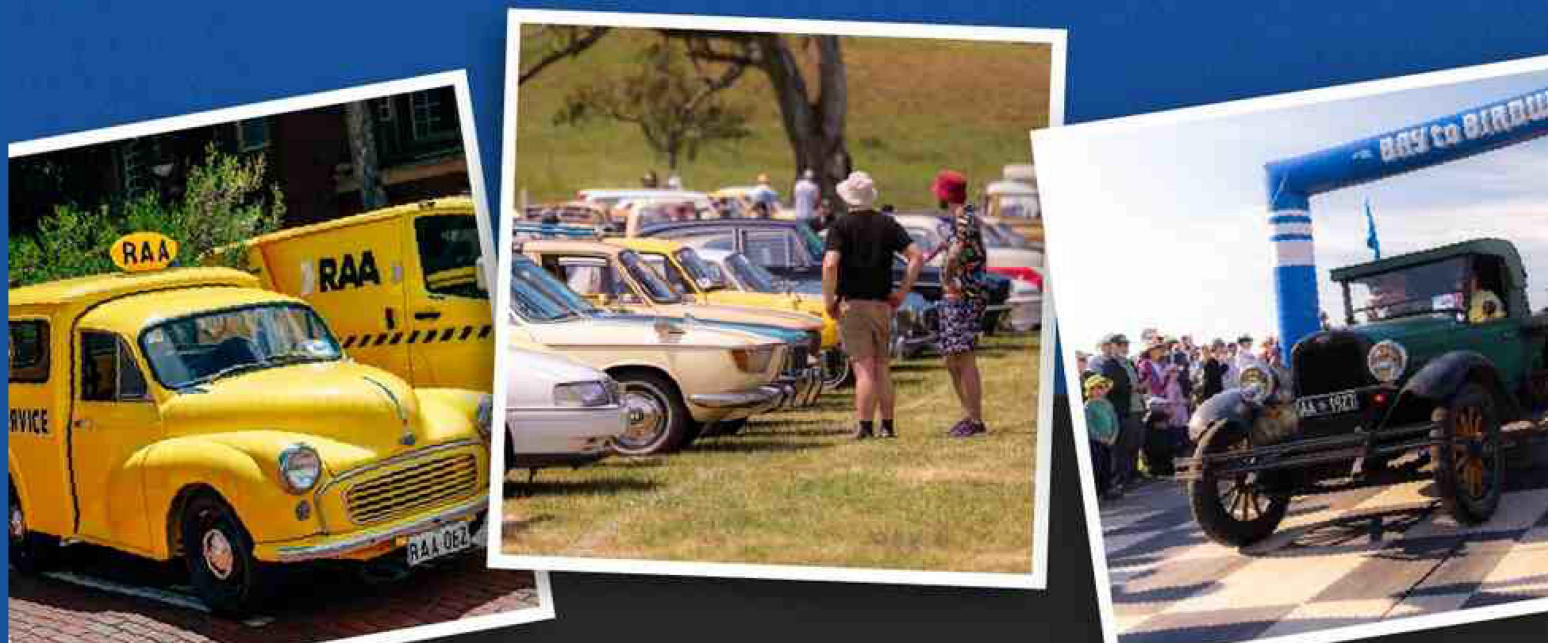
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Sprite Club of SA Display Day

Sunday 2nd November 2025 – Wigley Reserve, Glenelg



The Sprite Club of South Australia is inviting all Austin Healey Sprite and MG Midget, and Austin Healey Owners to join in the celebrations and display their vehicles at this annual event.



Car will be on display from 9.30am, and this will be a chance to showcase both our vehicles and the Sprite Club of South Australia to the General Public and help celebrate classic car ownership.



There will be People's Choice Awards and there will be a coffee van on the site.

Please bring along your Sprite or Midget or Austin Healey and we would like to see as many vehicles as possible in restored or original condition, race or competition, or under restoration. Club member's Associate and Clubman/ICV vehicles are welcome.



Entry is Free to all Sprite and Midget and Austin Healey Owners, so if you would like to register your interest in attending or would like further information, please contact:

Don Cardone – DonCardone@adam.com.au – 0411 876 067

Gordon Boyce – gordon.boyce98@gmail.com – 0417 897 905



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SPRITE & MIDGET NATIONAL CHALLENGE '26

Murray Bridge

27 Apr - 1 May 2026



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NATIONAL 26 CHALLENGE BULLETIN #1



2026 Sprite & Midget National Challenge

Murray Bridge, South Australia

April 27th – 1st May 2026

Bulletin 1 - February 2025

Welcome to Bulletin 1 for the 2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge!

As it has been 25 years since the last SA based National Challenge, there has been a lot of discussion and planning for this event by the Organising Committee, so we would like to keep you updated on the latest information.

As you can see by the title block the National Challenge will be held in Murray Bridge during Late April-Early May in 2026 and will provide the attendees the opportunity to enjoy the surrounds and attractions of this Riverland town.

While there are more details to follow here is an overview of the events planned for the Challenge:

- Display Day/Show n Shine
- Social Drives and Observation Run
- Motorkhana
- Super Sprints
- Welcome and Themed Dinners
- Final Dinner/Presentation Night

The Accommodation will be at the Bridgeport Motel in Murray Bridge, where there are a number of room options for guests, plus secure underground parking for vehicles:

- Twin share - single travellers who wish to 'bunk in' with another single traveller.
- Single – for those travellers who would like a room to themselves
- Couples - they get the full room for themselves.
- These options will be priced accordingly – more information to follow

For those with a “need for speed” the competition part of the event will be held at The Bend Motorsport Park at Tailem Bend, located approx. 30 minutes drive from Murray Bridge.

Here we will combine with another Car Club for two days of events:

- Motorkhana on the Skid Pan
- Super Sprints on the West Circuit

And not forgetting the Social side of the event with many local attractions to visit and view during the event. These include:

- Display Day on the banks of the River Murray
- Observation Run – approx. 100 – 120km
- Social drives to wineries, car museums, and other points of interest in the area
- Themed Dinners
- Presentation Dinner

With a number of expressions of interest registered so far the 2026 National Challenge is starting to gain momentum, so these bulletins will keep you updated with the latest developments.

Pricing for the accommodation, meals, social and competition events will be available soon.

Here are a few other points to note:

- Secure trailer parking will be available for those towing Sprites and Midgets or Race cars
- Themed merchandise will be available to commemorate the event

Here are some links that might help stir your interest in the event

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murray_Bridge,_South_Australia
- <https://bridgeporthotel.com.au/>
- <https://www.thebend.com.au/>
- <https://strathalbynmotormuseum.com.au/>
- <https://motor.history.sa.gov.au/>
- https://www.spriteclub.com.au/?page_id=12814

For more information contact with the organising committee at 2026NationalChallenge@spriteclub.com.au

NATIONALS 2026 UPDATE - ACCOMMODATION

Its official. Its 8 months (nearly to the day) until the 2026 Sprite and Midget Nationals in Murray Bridge! With the MGCC (SA) officially announcing their plans for 2026 we can now let the proverbial cat out of the bag and reveal that the Sprite Club and the MGCC(SA) will be working together on some of the events, particularly the motor sport events which will see the clubs sharing the track and skid pan at The Bend for the Sprint and Motokhana events, with other collaborations being considered across the week-long event.

Accommodation. As many of you already know, the Sprite and Midget Nationals includes all accommodation, meaning you don't have to worry about planning it! This year we will be using the BridgPort Hotel, overlooking the Murray River, in Murray Bridge. Without a doubt it's one of the best regional hotels you will find anywhere and the Sprite Club has been able to negotiate a preferred rate for the week. Its a 100 room hotel and indications are that we will be taking around 50 of the rooms, so get your expression of interest in quickly before they are all gone!

We think the Bridgport Hotel is a perfect base for the Nationals! Boasting a fabulous restaurant and walking distance to other local eateries, as well as on a short stroll to the actual 'Murray Bridge' and the parks and gardens along the river (including the famous Bunyip!), we hope that everyone's needs will be met!

The Bend Motorsport Park is less than 30 minutes up the road and the National Motor Museum is about 45 minutes away in the Hills, and a range of local wineries in the Langhorne Creek area less than 30 minutes away, there is plenty of scope to entertain everyone! And don't forget, the sinuous driving roads that wend their way through the Adelaide Hills all make for what we hope will be an amazing week exploring the region, rekindling old friendships and perhaps making some new ones.

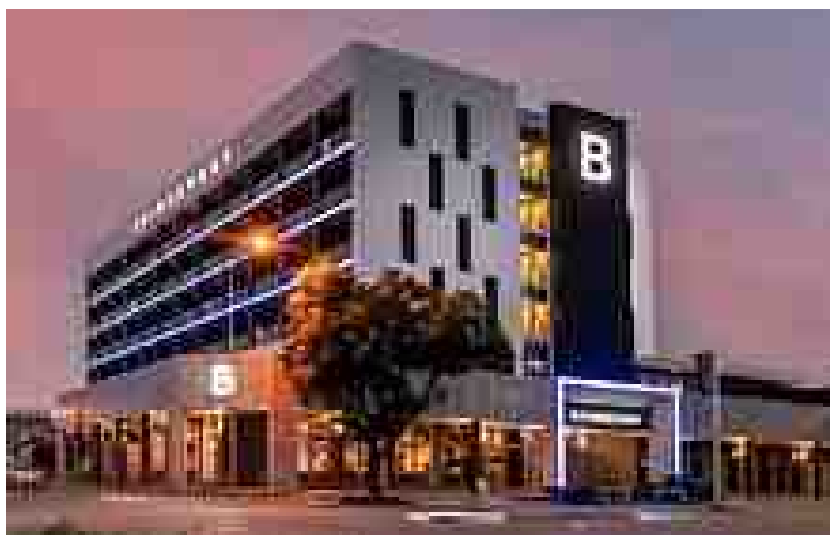
Not to forget what its all about; getting out and about in your Sprite or Midget, or indeed, any car, to enjoy the sights and scenery of the lower River Murray!



MG Nationals. In many ways it will be a festival of all things Abingdon (where our cars were originally made!) with the MG Nationals basing themselves in Hahndorf for the week. Following our Display Day the current planning is to drive up to Mount Barker, an easy 40 minute run up the freeway or a little more via the 'old road' through the hills, where the MGCC Display and Concours is being held and spend a couple of hours looking at the always fabulous array of MGs that the Nationals brings together.

From there we will be off for an Observation Run taking you to destinations unknown with challenging (but solvable!) cryptic questions and highly questionable route directions!

Stay tuned for more information as we work with the Nationals team at the MGCC to see if we can bring all of the Sprites and Midgets together at some point!



NATIONAL 26 CHALLENGE BULLETIN #2

 2026 Sprite & Midget National Challenge
Murray Bridge, South Australia
April 27th – 1st May 2026
Bulletin 2 - April 2025

Welcome to Bulletin 2 for the 2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge.

Planning continues to progress for the South Australian based 2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge. With the draft program coming together the National Challenge will follow the format listed below:

Monday 27 th April	Welcome Event & Registrations Dinner	Murray Bridge
Tuesday 28 th April	AM - Display Day PM - Social Drive to Mount Barker with a Scenic Observation Run to Murray Bridge Dinner	Murray Bridge Murray Bridge
Wednesday 29 th April	Motorkhana – Bitumen Social Drive - Murray Bridge and Surrounds Dinner	The Bend Motorsport Park Murray Bridge
Thursday 30 th April	Super Sprint Social Drive - Adelaide Hills and Motoring Museums Presentation Dinner	The Bend Motorsport Park Murray Bridge
Friday 1 st May	Farewell Event	Venue - TBA

With 65 Expressions of Interest registered so far, plus about 50% having paid a deposit, the 2026 National Challenge is starting to gain momentum, so these bulletins will keep you updated with the latest developments.

The Accommodation will be at the Bridgeport Motel in Murray Bridge, where there are several room options for guests, plus secure underground parking for vehicles:

- Twin share - single travellers who wish to 'bunk in' with another single traveller.
- Single – for those travellers who would like a room to themselves
- Couples - who get the full room for themselves.

Pricing for the Social and Competition Options, including Accommodation and Meals, etc will be available soon.

For those with a motorsport interest the Marque Sports Car Association SA will be conducting the Peter Hall Memorial 6-Hour Relay Sprint on Sunday 3rd May 2026 at the Mallala Motorsport Park for those wishing to stay on and either enter and compete in a Team or help and spectate at this annual event.
<http://www.msca.com/>

Or if you wish to stay and enjoy the Adelaide Hills and all it can offer here is a guide from the RAA that might give you some ideas of places to visit, taste and enjoy.
<https://raa.foleon.com/samove/autumn-2025/adelaide-hills>

Here are some other links that might help stir your interest in the event

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murray_Bridge,_South_Australia
- <https://bridgeporthotel.com.au/>
- <https://www.thebend.com.au/>
- <https://strathalbynmotormuseum.com.au/>
- <https://motor.history.sa.gov.au/>
- https://www.spriteclub.com.au/?page_id=12814

For more information please contact the organising committee: 2026NationalChallenge@spriteclub.com.au

NATIONAL 26 CHALLENGE BULLETIN #3



2026 Sprite & Midget National Challenge

Murray Bridge, South Australia

April 27th – 1st May 2026

Bulletin 3 - July 2025

Welcome to Bulletin 3 for the 2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge.

The current Expressions of Interest in the 2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge is 82 people with the following breakdown per State Club:

SA – 16	NSW – 14
VIC – 32	QLD – 18
TAS – 2	

2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge – Draft Program

Mon 27 th April	Welcome Event & Registrations BBQ Dinner	Murray Bridge
Tues 28 th April	AM - Display Day – Riverside at Murray Bridge PM - Social Drive to Oakbank Race Course with a Scenic Observation Run on the return to Murray Bridge Dinner – Bridgeport Motel	Murray Bridge Murray Bridge
Wed 29 th April	Motorkhana – Bitumen Social Drive - Murray Bridge and Surrounds Dinner - 1924 RiverFront Steakhouse	The Bend Motorsport Park Murray Bridge
Thur 30 th April	Super Sprint Social Drive - Adelaide Hills and Motoring Museums Presentation Dinner – Colour Themed Event – Bridgeport Motel	The Bend Motorsport Park Murray Bridge
Fri 1 st May	Farewell Breakfast Event Tour of the National Motor Museum	Murray Bridge Birdwood

The Accommodation will be at the Bridgeport Motel in Murray Bridge - <https://bridgeporthotel.com.au/>

The room options will be either:

- Riverside Balcony Suite or City Balcony Suite

We have booked a Common Room at the Bridgeport Motel so there will be a chance for drinks and nibbles with all attendees at the end of each day, so we can swap stories, catch up with existing or new friendships.

If you wish to pay your deposit, please note the Sprite Club has changed its Bank Account details:

Sprite Club of SA Inc
Account BSB: 085-005
Account Number: 805038516

As part of the 2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge there will be several other activities that will be associated and part of the event. These will include the following:

- Rocker Cover Racing
- Welcome Pack – including the bits'n'pieces you will need, program, maps, name badge, etc.
- Nationals Merchandise will be available for ordering prior to the event
- This will include shirts, jackets and caps

Do not forget the MSCA SA the Peter Hall Memorial 6-Hour Relay Sprint on Sunday 3rd May 2026 at the Mallala Motorsport Park for those wishing to stay and either compete in a Team or help and spectate.

<http://www.msca.com.au/>

Or if you wish to enjoy the best SA can offer here is a guide from the RAA that might give you some ideas.

<https://raa.foleon.com/samove/autumn-2025/adelaide-hills>

<https://raa.foleon.com/samove/winter-2025/fleurieu-peninsula>

For more information please contact the organising committee: 2026NationalChallenge@spriteclub.com.au

NATIONAL 26 CHALLENGE BULLETIN #4



2026 Sprite & Midget National Challenge

Murray Bridge, South Australia

April 27th – 1st May 2026

Bulletin 4 - September 2025

Welcome to Bulletin 4, with eight months to the 2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge the planning is in full swing with several key events locked in.

2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge – Program

Mon 27 th April	Welcome Event & Registrations	Murray Bridge
Tues 28 th April	AM - Display Day - Peoples Choice PM - Social Drive and Scenic Observation	Murray Bridge
Wed 29 th April	Motorkhana – Bitumen – The Bend Motorsport Park Social Drive	Tailem Bend Murray Bridge
Thur 30 th April	Super Sprint – The Bend Motorsport Park Social Drive	Tailem Bend Murray Bridge
Fri 1 st May	Farewell Breakfast Event Tour of the National Motor Museum	Murray Bridge Birdwood

While the daytime events are set, the evening meals will also be supplied as part of the Nationals Package. These include the following meals with evening activities:

Mon 27 th April	Welcome BBQ – Wear your State Club's Regalia Night
Tues 28 th April	Evening Dinner – Bridgeport Hotel – Rocker Cover Racing
Wed 29 th April	Evening Dinner - 1924 River Front Steakhouse – Quiz Night
Thur 30 th April	Finale Dinner – Bridgeport Hotel - Themed Dress Night + Trophy Presentation

We have booked a Common Room at the Bridgeport Motel so there will be a chance for drinks and nibbles with all attendees at the end of each day, so we can swap stories, catch up with existing or new friendships.

The Social Drives for those not competing will include several local sights and attractions, as well as wineries, museums, local produce, wildlife parks, and river crossings.

There will also be a bus available for those not wishing to drive their car.

Expressions of Interest Forms are available on the Sprite Club web site:

https://spriteclub.com.au/?page_id=12813

If you wish to pay your deposit, please note the Sprite Club has changed its Bank Account details:

Sprite Club of SA Inc

Account BSB: 085-005

Account Number: 805038516

Do not forget the fund raising raffle of Three (3) Solid GPS Trackers – Tickets \$10 each are available at:

https://spriteclub.com.au/?page_id=12815

As part of the 2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge there will specialised merchandise available for purchase. More details to follow - These will include the following:

- Welcome Pack – including the bits'n'pieces you will need, program, maps, name badge, etc.
- Nationals Merchandise will be available for ordering prior to the event
- This will include grille badge, shirts, jackets and caps

Do not forget the MSCA SA the Peter Hall Memorial 6-Hour Relay Sprint on Sunday 3rd May 2026 at the Mallala Motorsport Park for those wishing to stay and either compete in a Team or help and spectate.

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For more information please contact the organising committee: 2026NationalChallenge@spriteclub.com.au



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
Competition	Sprint	Motorkhana	Both
	Likely Competition Vehicle	Sprite/Midget	Other/Associate
Post Tour Event Interest?	Post-Tour Tour	Yes / No / Maybe	
	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.

Deposit (refundable): BSB: 085-005 Account: 805 038 516 (Sprite Club of SA Inc)

Please include 2026 Challenge EOI Deposit and then your name

Web page: www.spriteclub.com.au, then search for the National Challenge 2026 tab

Email Address 2026NationalChallenge@spriteclub.com.au

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

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