

2026 SPRITE AND MIDGET NATIONAL CHALLENGE

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Its been in the planning and preparation stage for nearly two years and its nearly here!

Welcome to the Event Information for the 2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge.

What is the National Challenge?

If you've ever wondered what happens when you mix a fleet of small but mighty British sports cars, a group of highly enthusiastic owners, a world-class racetrack, comfortable accommodation, a range of social activities, competition events for the serious driver and a tourist region that offers river scenery, enjoyable roads, local wine and food offerings - you have the elements that form the basis for an enjoyable National Challenge!

Since the mid 1970's the Sprite and Midget National Challenge has drawn Spridget owners from around Australia to meet and celebrate their vehicles and the Club Camaraderie that these vehicles have developed.

From Hay, Hume Weir, Winton, Oran Park, Phillip Island, Goulburn, Warwick and Mallala 25 years ago - the National Challenge has been the catalyst to meet at various regions of Australia with the aim to celebrate and enjoy all of the items listed above.

In 2026 the Sprite & Midget National Challenge is rolling into Murray Bridge, South Australia and it promises to be an entertaining and enjoyable event, with a mix of motoring, competition and social events to please all who attend.

The National Challenge Committee has been working on the program, accommodation and events to make this years Challenge a memorable event. With the accommodation at the Bridgeport Hotel in Murray Bridge, competition events at The Bend Motorsport Park and social events that enjoy all the Murray Bridge Region has to offer, the 2026 Challenge is one to mark on the calendar and complete and submit the entry form.

To add to the magnitude of this event, the expressions of interest have registered attendees from all of the main States of Australia, including Tasmania and Western Australia. So a diverse range of Sprite and Midget Owners will head to Murray Bridge in April for the 2026 National Challenge.

This Event Information Booklet will outline the program, the accommodation, competition and social events that have been planned. The Entry Form and Merchandise Order Form also part of this information.

The National Challenge Committee would also like to acknowledge the sponsors and organisations that have helped with their support of this major event.

Looking forward to seeing you at Murray Bridge in 2026,

The 2026 National Challenge Committee



Here is an overview of the 2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge

Monday 27th April

Arrival and Welcome BBQ

The Registrations will be held at the BridgePort Hotel where the National Challenge Attendees will receive their Challenge Goodie Bag, ordered merchandise and associated bits'n'pieces. Hotel Rooms will also be allocated so the attendees can check into their accommodation and unpack and settle in after their various travels to Murray Bridge.

There will be a Welcome BBQ hosted by the Murray Bridge RSL between 5.00pm and 7.00pm.

This will be an on-going BBQ to allow for the various attendees to eat once they have arrived at various times and either re-kindle or start friendships with Sprite and Midget Owners from the various Club's around Australia.

Tuesday 28th April

Show & Shine – Where the Cars Sparkle and the Stories Shine Even Brighter

The Show & Shine is where Sprites and Midgets line up in all their polished glory. Some will gleam like they've never seen a speck of dust. Others will proudly display the patina of a life well lived or their competition history at various circuits around Australia.

This will be held at the Sturt Reserve, alongside the mighty Murray River, where the Sprites and Midgets and Associate Vehicles will be on display for all to see.

This will be a People's Choice Award, so all will have the chance to vote for their favourite vehicle.

The Observation Run – A Test of Wits, Patience, and Marital Harmony

No National Challenge would be complete without the legendary cryptic clue observation run. This is where teams discover just how well they can interpret clues that seem to have been written by a poet, a prankster, and a cartographer who hasn't slept in three days.

This Observation Run will entail a run to the MGCC National Concours at Oakbank Racecourse with the Observation Run taking in the winding roads on the return to Murray Bridge. Challenging and observational questions will test each team, while enjoying the countryside and scenery on the return run.

Feeding Time

After a Happy Hour at the Bridgeport Hotel, we will enjoy our evening meal at the same venue.

Attendees are asked to wear their Club Regalia to this meal which will be followed by the first competitive event of the Challenge - the Rocker Cover Races.

Wednesday 29th April

Sprint Racing at The Bend – Where the Little Cars Go Big

For those looking for a motorsport fix, it's off to The Bend Motorsport Park, Australia's premier motorsport playground, for sprint-style racing in partnership with the MG Car Clubs of Australia.

The Supersprint and Regularity events will allow the competitive driver to stretch the legs of their vehicle on this circuit, with it's elevation changes and sweeping curves to challenge the F1/Supercar driver in all of us!

Social Sojourn into the Adelaide Hills

For those hoping to see more scenery than Turn 1, a run into the southern vales of the Adelaide Hill has been planned as we head to Strathalbyn. For those looking to experience some of the amazing roads the hills have to offer, a run has been planned or you can sit back and let the Bus Driver waft you along to the planned destinations, including some amazing collections of classic cars and South Australia's viticulture heritage!

This run will end up at The Bend to enjoy the motorsport action and this amazing motorsport facility.

Medium Rare - or Well Done!

After a day of track work or scenery sighting we will enjoy a refreshing beverage and a steak (or other options) at the 1924 River Front Steakhouse, on the waterfront at Sturt Reserve, just a short walk (or drive) from the Hotel.

This will be a great way to end the day with a chance to swap stories and tall tales from the day.

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Thursday 30th April

Motorkhana @ The Bend – Where the Little Cars Go Round and Round and Round

Motorsport returns to the Bend on Thursday, this time for ultimate test of skill and accuracy between driver, car and a number of motorkhana flags!

This bitumen event will be utilising the various motorsport area options available at the Bend.

Once again we will be hosted by the MG Car Clubs of Australia.

A Three Hour Cruise.....

And for those looking for more socially acceptable vehicle control, a three hour river cruise and lunch has been arranged aboard the Captain Proud Paddle Boat, just a short walk down from the Hotel.

Cruise past cliffs faces, grassed riverbanks, viewing wildlife and many other wonderful parts of the river.

No Gilligan, but there is a Skipper, and who knows who else might join us for the trip along the lifeblood of South Australia, the majestic Murray River!

Time to Head Back to the 60's

After another Happy Hour at the Bridgeport Hotel, its time to dress in the 60's theme for the Presentation Dinner. This scrumptious meal will be an opportunity to enjoy the company, friendships and camaraderie that have been formed over the 2026 National Challenge, and the many that have occurred prior.

As well as Best Dressed there will be a prize giving event for the various events that have been held over the past few days of the National Challenge.

Friday 1st May

Farewell Breakfast @ The BridgePort

One final meal together to say our farewells and goodbyes before the attendees start heading back to all points in Australia, north, south, east and west!

As a stopover for those heading to Adelaide there will a run to the National Motor Museum at Birdwood for those so inclined to visit this National Treasure that houses a lot more motoring history than just a collection of old vehicles.

From here Challenge Attendees can enjoy the best that South Australia can offer on their way home, or some will head to the historical Mallala Motorsport Park for the MSCA Peter Hall Memorial 6 Hour Regularity Relay, where Sprite Club teams from SA, Vic and NSW will be trying to keep their teams circulating, regularly for 6 hours!

A great event for the competitive driver, the stressed Team Manager, the Club helpers, officials, and spectators.



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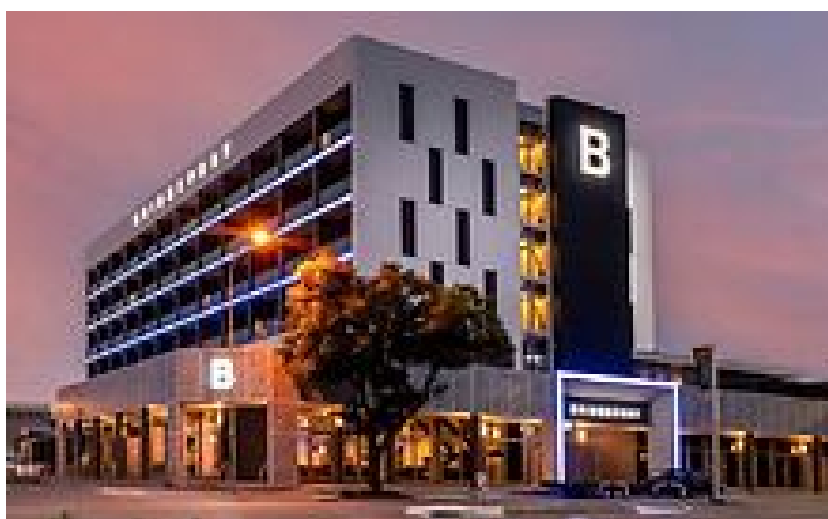
ACCOMMODATION @ THE BRIDGEPORT

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 BridgePort 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 60 of the rooms, so get your entry forms in quickly before they are all gone!

We think the Bridgeport 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 and Strathalbyn area less than 30 - 45 minutes away, there is plenty of scope to entertain everyone! And don't forget, the sinuous driving roads that wind their way through the Adelaide Hills will make for 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!



AND THE COST??

Social Package - \$800 per person

- Four nights at the BridgePort Hotel
- Monday evening welcome BBQ
- Tuesday
 - Show and Shine
 - Observation Run
 - Dinner and Rocker Cover Racing at the BridgePort
- Wednesday
 - Exploring the Southern Adelaide Hills Region
 - Dinner at the RiverFront Steakhouse
- Thursday
 - Three Hour Cruise and Lunch aboard the Captain Proud
 - Themed Awards dinner
- Departure Breakfast on Friday morning

For those travelling solo and wish to snore alone, there will be a \$350 added supplement to cover the full per night room hire.

Motorsport Supplement - \$150 per entry

- Wednesday - Sprint racing and Regularity event @ The Bend Motorsport Park
- Thursday - Motorkhana @The Bend



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Entry Form

Name (s)			
Address			
Phone		Mobile	
Home Club		Dietary Requirements:	
Email			
COSTS	Social Package		
	Includes accommodation at the BridgePort Hotel (per person twin share basis), all <u>evening</u> meals, Show'n'Shine, Observation Run, all social/touring events and Captain Proud Paddle Boat Lunch Cruise		
	Twin Share (Per Person, Twin Share)	\$800	QTY: Total: \$
	Competition Package @ TheBend Motorsport Park 29/30]		
	Includes accommodation at the BridgePort Hotel(per person twin share basis), all <u>evening</u> meals, Show'n'Shine, Observation Run and full Motor Sport event entry		
	Sprint, Regularity & Motorkhana (per entry)	\$950	QTY Total: \$
	Single Occupancy Room Supplement		
	Single Occupancy Supplement (ie, for those who are travelling solo and would prefer a room to themselves rather than twin share)	\$350	QTY: Total: \$
	Less Any Pre Payment/Deposit		Total: \$
	Mechanise (see overleaf)		Total: \$
	TOTAL PAYABLE		Total: \$
	Note 1: Trailer Parking Required – Yes/No		
	Note 2: Captain Proud cruise is included in the Social Package. For catering purposes <u>please indicate</u> attendance for lunch bookings		QTY:
	Note 3: Wednesday Social Tour. The Sprite Club has planned for a bus for the Wednesday social tour. <u>Please indicate</u> if you plan to self-drive or prefer to travel by bus. A run though the Southern Adelaide Hills region is being planned for those who are feeling 'Spritely' that will meet the bus at the various stops.		Bus QTY: Sprite Yes/No

BANK DETAILS: Sprite Club of South Australia **BSB** 085-005 **Account Number** 805 038 516

Please return the Entry / Merchandise Form and make full payment by 20 March 2026

Completed Entry / Merchandise Forms to be sent to: 2026NationalChallenge@spriteclub.com.au

Event Merchandise

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