



2026 Sprite & Midget National Challenge

Murray Bridge, South Australia

April 27th – 1st May 2026

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Welcome to Bulletin 5 for the 2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge.

With Information Packs and Entry Forms being sent out last month the entries are rolling in from across the various corners of Australia, with attendees from all Mainland States including Tasmania. Due to the potential number of attendees, the Committee has booked more rooms at the Bridgeport Hotel, so if you are thinking about attending, please get your entry forms and payments in as soon as possible.

Entry Forms and Merchandise Order Forms are available on the Sprite Club of SA web site:

https://spriteclub.com.au/?page_id=14105

Please note entries close on Friday 20th March 2026.

If you wish to pay your entry via EFT here are the Sprite Club Bank Account details:

Sprite Club of SA Inc

Account BSB: 085-005

Account Number: 805038516

The 2026 National Challenge Committee has organised Social Events on each day to keep you busy with a show'n'shine, social drives, river cruises, tours to Strathalbyn, with car museums and antique shops, as well as a variety of evening meals at the Bridgeport Hotel and the 1924 River Front Steakhouse.

Or for those wishing to compete at The Bend Motorsport Park there are Supersprint and Motorkhana events. These events will use various aspects of this world class motorsport circuit, or you can tour the visitor centre while you are there. Please note there is an additional cost for those wishing to compete.

Refer to the Event Program on the following pages for the schedule and details of each event.

If you have any questions about the Social or Competition Packages or any of the specific events, please contact the 2026 National Challenge Committee for more information.

As part of the 2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge there is specialised merchandise available for purchase.

These will include the following with the distinctive 2026 National Challenge Logo printed to the item:

- Polo Shirts
- Soft Shell Jackets
- Puffer Vests
- Caps
- Metal Grille Badges

Attendees will also receive a Welcome Pack – including the bits'n'pieces you will need, program, maps, name badge, etc.

For the competition events, particularly the Super Sprint, we have secured a number of grid positions. These will be exclusively for those who chose the Competition Package.

If you are interested in just competing at The Bend on Wednesday 29th April, there may be grid spaces available, subject to the final entry numbers.

Please contact Sue Stephenson with your expression of interest if you are interested one of these grid spaces.

For more information please contact the organising committee:

2026NationalChallenge@spriteclub.com.au

2026 SPRITE AND MIDGET NATIONAL CHALLENGE

Day	Social Program	Motorsport Program
Day 1 Mon 27 Apr	Check In and Event Welcome 2pm onwards - Check In and Registration at the Bridgeport and trailer parking 5pm to 7pm - Welcome BBQ at the Murray Bridge RSL and Bowling Club (more information on arrival) <i>Note: Details with regard to secure trailer parking will be provided on arrival. Road Cars are requested to be de-trailerred before trailers are secured for the week. Race cars may remain on their trailers and be collected for each days events.</i>	
Day 2 Tues 28 Apr	Show&Shine , MG Car Club National Concours and Observation Run 8am to 11am: National Challenge Show and Shine (all cars), Sturt Reserve, on banks of the Murray River. Trailer Parking will be open of the display of Race Cars (times to be confirmed) 10:30am to 4pm: Cruise to MGCC National Concours at the Oakbank Racecourse and Observation Run home <i>Note: The Show& Shine and Observation are Social Competition events and points will count towards the State Trophy!</i> 6pm onwards: Dinner at the Bridgport and Rocker Cover Racing Championships!	
Day 3 Wed 29 Apr	Vintage Cars, Antique Shops, Wineries and Race Tracks 10am to 5pm: Join us for an emersion into the Adelaide Hills, where you will enjoy Historic Strathalbyn and your choice of wine tasting in one of Australia's oldest continually operating wineries or head to the Bend to watch some of the Motorsport action. A Spritely Run is being planned through the Hills for those who prefer to drive or a bus will be avaiable should you prefer to sit back and let someone else drive	Motorsport Day 1 Super Sprite-ing @ The Bend Join with the MGCC for a day of Sprinting at the Bend. Including Supersprint and Regularity style events to allow drivers to stetch their car's legs on the sweeping curves and elevation changes of the The Bend West Circuit. Detailed event timings to follow
	6pm onwards: Dinner at the 1924 River Front Steakhouse, on the waterfront at Sturt Reserve, just a short walk (or drive) from the hotel.	

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Day 4 Thurs 30 Apr	A Three Hour Cruise 10:30am to 2:30pm: Join us on a three hour lunch cruise along the Murray River, where you will enjoy a sumptuous two course meal and the ever changing scenery of the Lower Murray River. The rest of the day is yours to explore the local area, perhaps head across to Mannum or head to a local Winery (or two!)	Motorsport Day 2 Motorkhana @ The Bend Join with the MGCC for Day 2 of the Motorsport Program, this time competitive Motorkhana, again, at the amazing facilities at The Bend Motorsport Park Detailed event timings to follow
	6pm onwards: Gala Awards Dinner, back at the BridgePort Hotel. Come dressed in your best 1960s gear and be part of the final night of the 2026 National Challenge! Who will take home the People's Choice Award, who topped the Observation Run or the Regularity and, of course, which club will take home the State Trophy!	
Day 5 Fri 1 May	Farwell Breakfast and Departure 7 to 10am: Farewell Breakfast in the hotel dining room 10am to 2pm: For those who have not had enough, a run to the Birdwood Museum has been arranged! Details to follow!	

What Did I Hear - You Want MORE Motorsport Action???

For those for whom two days of adrenalin filled action is not enough, the week is literally booked with more opportunities to go racing here in South Australia!

Day minus 1 Sun 26 Apr	Hillclimb at Historic Collingrove The Sporting Car Club's Ray Pank Winter Cup, held at Collingrove Hillclimb, only 45 minutes from Murray Bridge. Details for entry can be found via the Sporting Car Club of South Australia's Website: https://www.sportingcarclub.com.au/hillclimb
Days plus 6&7 Sat 2 May - Sun 3 May	Peter Hall Memorial 6 Hour - Teams Regularity An annual staple of the South Australian Marque Sports Car Calendar, club teams from around Australia will descend on Mallala Raceway for the annual Peter Hall Memorial. Get a team together and represent your Club/State or perhaps contact with one of the teams from the Sprite Club of South Australia and be part of the regularity fun. Marque Sport Car Club of SA website: http://www.msCasa.com/event_calendar.aspx

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