

The 2026 National Rattle of Rileys Monday 11 May - Friday 15 May



This document contains everything we think you might want to know about the event. It's current as at 3 April 2025 and will be progressively updated as we head toward to the event.

If there's something else you want to know, call Bev Wilson on 0401 122 739 or email 2026Rattle@rileysa.org.au. Clickable links to websites are underlined.

When

The event starts with Registration from 3pm to 5.30pm on Monday 11 May. It concludes with a farewell breakfast from 7am to 10am on Friday 15 May. Depending upon the level of interest, a post-event tour incorporating a drive along parts of the Mighty Murray Way to the border may be organised.

Where

It'll be based at Murray Bridge; specifically at the re-developed Bridgeport Hotel. Murray Bridge is on the main highway from the east heading to Adelaide and is 75km south east of Adelaide on the Murray River. Accommodation is reserved for us at the hotel. You should book for four nights - 11, 12, 13 and 14 May. Secure complimentary parking is available on-site.

Additional information about your Accommodation

(This information has been provided to us by the Bridgeport Hotel folk)

Call the hotel on (08) 8532 2002 to book your accommodation. Quote reservation number 409146 – Riley Car Club. A City Balcony Suite is \$170 Monday – Friday. A Riverside Balcony Suite is \$185 Monday – Friday. 50 rooms (Thirty City Balcony Suite and twenty Riverside Balcony Suite) will be held for our group for the nights of 11, 12, 13 and 14 May. The rooms will be held until 10 February 2026 (90 days prior to our event), after which they will be released to the general public, so get in early! While rooms are held for the four nights from the 11 – 14 May you can shorten or lengthen your stay at the hotel at the daily rates. Credit card details will be required when booking your room. A 50% deposit will be required when booking your room. The deposit invoice will be sent as a pay link and online payment is required within 2 weeks of booking. The remainder of the payment is required at check in. There is a 7-day cancellation period. The deposit will be kept if the booking is cancelled less than seven days prior to check-in. Please call the hotel if you have any questions or email info.bridgeport@edphotels.com.au

What it will cost

It's an all-in event. What that means is there is one registration fee to pay. That covers your dinners (food only, no drinks) for four evenings, breakfast on the Friday and entry to the Monarto Safari Park. All evening meals will be held in the Bridgeport's Murray Room. The fee is yet to be confirmed.

What we will be doing

Monday 11 May:

3pm – 5.30pm: Registration in the ground floor lounge at the Bridgeport Hotel.

6.30pm: Welcome Buffet Dinner.

Tuesday 12 May:

Show and Shine display and Photos on the riverbank (morning).

Conrod Trophy events (afternoon.)

Dinner theme: Safari Night.

Wednesday 13 May:

Observation Run to Monarto Safari Park.

Dinner theme: England in the 1940s and 1950s.

Thursday 14 May:

Suggested runs/activities: Individual choice – see below.

Dinner theme: President's Dinner, Awards, 2027 venue announcement.

Friday 15 May:

Farewell Breakfast 7am to 10am.



It's a fuss free event. You choose what you want to do.

You pay for your entry to the Safari Park with your registration. Other than that, you decide what you're going to do and when. The choices are many. There are more things to see and do in and around Murray Bridge than will fit into our schedule. There's history and heritage, arts and craft, scenery, walking, wetlands, wine and wildlife. And so much more. Choose how far you'd like to travel. Mannum via the falls is 35km, Langhorne Creek Wines 40, Strathalbyn Shopping 55, Birdwood Museum 55 and the Karoonda Silo Art 70.

You could ...

Sprint across to The Bend Motor Sport Park.

Cruise the Murray River and enjoy lunch on the Captain Proud Paddle Boat.

Visit the Mannum Dock Discovery Centre and the 1897 Paddle Steamer "Marion".

Drive to the National Motor Museum at Birdwood.

Search for antiques and/or visit Gilbert's Motor Museum in Strathalbyn.

Absorb some local history.

Taste wine at Bremerton or Bleasdale wineries and visit Newman's Horseradish Farm at Langhorne Creek.

Call into The Regional Gallery at Murray Bridge.

Walk in the Wetlands.

Wander around Murray Bridge's Serenity Garden Centre.

Visit Aussie Apricots and the Revolution Motor Museum at Mypolonga.

Check out the \$50 note's Church at Raukkan.

Brave the Murray Bridge Bunyip.

Google "Murray River Lakes and Coorong" and see what else you might like to do.

Or...just stand around, lift bonnets

and.... talk Riley stuff.

After the event

A post-rally road trip over 5 to 7 days following the River Murray to the border is contemplated.

So that we can make plans, we'd like to hear from you very soon whether you're interested in this too.

Cars for loan or riding in a Riley

We will investigate this option for those who don't travel to Murray Bridge in their Riley

Other Accommodation options

Alternative accommodation options e.g. caravan parks, motels, hotels, houseboats and B&Bs are available if preferred, however The Bridgeport Hotel will be the central hub of the event.

What happens next

Express your interest in the event and, if you'd like to stay longer, the post - event tour too and, as things develop, we'll update you by email.

Registrations for the event will open in September 2025.