

The 2026

National Rattle of Rileys

Monday 11 May - Friday 15 May

This Update contains everything we think you might want to know about the event. It's current as at [2 February](#) and will be updated further as we get closer 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.

What's new since the last Update?

- ◆ There are now 147 people who have entered and paid.
- ◆ We promised more. Lunch will now be provided on both Tuesday and Wednesday. This is incorporated in your entry fee.
- ◆ Thursday is a do your own thing day. However, if you'd like to travel in a group there will be several "group leaders" heading to some of the well-known attractions.
- ◆ The Show and Shine as well as the Conrod Trophy events will be in the riverfront park very close to the hotel. See photo below.
- ◆ Some never-before-seen old films will be shown at dinner. They include scenes from a SA National Rally in the 70's.
- ◆ "Dinner theme" means... opportunity to dress-up on two nights! Plan now and don't hold back. Get wild for the Safari Night and get drab for the other!
- ◆ The Observation Challenge will now be spread over two days and Google help will be permitted. Less pressure; more fun.
- ◆ A quiz is coming together for the England in the 1940s and 1950s night. Start researching now for outfits and answers.
- ◆ A traditional "Pass the Parcel".... probably with a twist, is also planned. Sharpen your fingertips.
- ◆ The Presidents Meeting will be on Thursday before dinner.

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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 in the hotel.

Where

It'll be based at Murray Bridge; specifically at the re-developed Bridgeport Hotel. See image below. **The address is 2 Bridge Street.** Murray Bridge is on the main highway from the east heading to Adelaide and is 75km south east of Adelaide on the Murray River.

What it will cost

The entry fee covers your dinners (food only, no drinks) for four evenings, breakfast on the Friday, lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday and entry to the Monarto Safari Park. All evening meals will be in the Bridgeport's Murray Room.

What we'll 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:

Morning Show and Shine display and Photo shoot on the riverbank followed by lunch.

Afternoon Conrod Trophy Events.

Dinner theme: Safari Night. Dress wild.

Wednesday 13 May:

Run to Monarto Safari Park. (12km)

Lunch at the park. (A packed lunch that you'll pick up at the pub before you leave.)

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

Thursday 14 May:

The "do your own thing" day. See options below.

Should you wish to travel in a group there will be several "group leaders" heading to some well known attractions.

President's Dinner, Awards, 2027 venue announcement.

Friday 15 May:

A sumptuous Farewell Breakfast in the hotel. 7am to 10am.

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

Rally entrants paid for their entry to the Safari Park with their Rally fee. A voucher for the Safari Park will be in the rally pack. Other than that, you decide what you're going to do and when.

Those folk who are going on the Post Rattle Mighty River Run should consider their choices (particularly on the Thursday) on the basis of what the Post Rattle Run will encompass. 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 40km Strathalbyn Shopping 55km, Birdwood Museum 55 km and the Karoonda Silo Art 70km.

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.

Rileys on loan or Riding in a Riley

Let us know if you would like a loan or a ride share and we'll investigate the options for you.

The Post-Rattle Mighty River Run

The rally finishes in Murray Bridge on Friday 15 May.

An eight-day slow trip along SA's River Murray from its mouth to the border follows the rally. Around 50 people have indicated one way or another that they want to be in it and most have been contacted separately from the rally organisation. As there's no requirement for entry fees they'll soon be asked to make a real commitment.

You could call Liz and confirm now.

The group will travel first to Goolwa then on to historic Mannum via Strathalbyn. Next stop is Waikerie via Morgan. And after that it's a meander on to Barmera, then to Renmark for the last two nights and final dinner at the famous Renmark Community Hotel overlooking the river.

Email Liz Pike at hendojc@adam.com.au or call 0408 291 800 in relation to this event.

