

## SPRITE CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC. PO Box 21, Fullarton, SA, 5063

## 2022 President's Annual Report

The Sprite Club of South Australia's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year started out with the level of COVID uncertainty that we have lived with for the past few years. Mask wearing and social distancing were still a topic of conversation, but freedoms were starting to be applied.

The Australia Day picnic started the year, while the All-British Day was once again postponed. The first of the Classic Sports Car Cruises was a great success when all of the critical items align, perfect weather, a great beachside drive and a chance to get the cars out of the shed ended with a total of over 40 cars!

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary provided an opportunity for select events throughout the year, including the display at Mallala, in conjunction with the MSCA Sprint allowed a number of Sprites and Midgets to line up on the Start-Finish Line for a group photo.

While on the subject of Super Sprints and Six-Hours, the Club has a consistent number of competitors at each event throughout the year at both Mallala and The Bend circuits. Also, a number of members competed at Collingrove Hillclimb over the year as well.

On the social scene, Mid-Week Meanders, Wine and Cheese meeting and the Pie'n'Pea night at the Fullarton Park Community Centre added some of the social events that have been missing over the past few COVID years.

The General Meetings provided an opportunity for a monthly chat and also to welcome several new members over the year. This added with the return of the coffee and biccies, allowed members a chance to socialise after the meetings.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend was highlight of the year with the weather on our side, allowing over 70 members to join for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Dinner at the Lion Hotel, and over 60 cars on display at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sprite Display at Wigley Reserve. A good turn-out for the Mid-Week Meander completed the celebration of the Sprite Club's 50 years!

On the operational side the Committee reverted to Zoom Committee meetings to catch up regularly to discuss the coming events and planning, the Club's finances stepped into the new century with On-Line banking saving the traditional cheque book processes, changes to the Club Registration Scheme added some Associate vehicles to the scheme, and better use of the multimedia facilities at the Fullarton Park Centre has allowed the chance to display images of past events.

The current Committee has been together for the past 5 years, and tonight a number will be stepping down from their roles. I would like to thank the Sprite Club Committee for their help and assistance over the past few years, this help has allowed the Sprite Club to "Promote, Foster and Preserve Sprites and Midgets" and provide a range of activities for the Members to enjoy.

I also thank the Members for their attendance at these events that the Committee has conducted and organised this year – this support has helped to make all of these events a success, from a general meeting, a social drive or a competition event – the Sprite Club has been well represented throughout the year – Thank You to all.