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Chairman's Message



Well, two down and it is quickly on to the next one, which has special significance as it is my last as Bash Chairman.

The sense of responsibility to deliver a great product goes without saying. Your efforts last year were so outstanding in raising a record \$2.64m. Two record years in two years is something you all should be very proud of. I really appreciate all your efforts, knowing that you all do your best to positively change the lives of children in need. We are not far off delivering a massive \$7m in 3 years so let's see what we can do. OV1 is having a real crack.

I am one for acknowledging loyalty and so this year it is Mt. Barker to Mt. Gambier or "Pastures to Pines". We have never had a start line in Mt. Barker. This part of the state is growing quicker than anywhere else and we have great support in the region. We will also expose Variety to a new growing market. Some people are telling me that Mt. Gambier is a high-risk destination with the weather and it can be cold, but Mt. Gambier deserves a finish line so here we come! We will have plenty of undercover areas and the rest will take care of itself.

The tradition of giving you new experiences along with your favourites which includes time to enjoy the track, a camp out night, two days in one place and of course our famous seafood lunch. Along with your favourites we will deliver a Bash with a few differences.

This starts early on Day 1 when we will be the first ever group allowed to drive through Monarto Zoo. We will see some of the animals up close and personal from your Bash car. We have a street party in Burra, our camp out night in Barmera with the marquee and our great catering team headed by George Belperio and the chefs from Adelaide Entertainment Centre with the added bonus of the Cocktail Bar courtesy of Steve Babyska and his team. Top this off with BYO, a huge "bushy" and DJ Paul Gurry and we're in for a great night. On the way to Mildura we have a fantastic lunch at the Woolshed Brewery and in Mildura we have breakfast with the kids at the Mildura Special School. We have a Chinese dinner in Ouyen and head to Keith for two days of fun including "Rambo's Royal Show" and the Seafood Lunch. Lunch at Robe Hotel with the kids from the kindy and Primary School, then on to Naracoorte where ex Basher Henry Mould is our host. On the final day we have a great drive through the forest into Tarpeena for lunch and then onto the finish line where we have a big final night planned for you.

Integrating with the community and giving the Bash a very public face is a priority this year with lots of grant presentations.

To Tim and Pam of Tim Adams Wines/Mr Mick our Platinum Sponsor - thank you, from all of us. Your contribution to the event is remarkable given you continue to fundraise and run a team in the event.

To all our Sponsors - Thank you for your contribution and helping make this event possible. Advance Robes, Cochrane's, Codan, Kennards Hire, MGA Whittles, Odyssey Carpet One, Ramsey Bros, Seeley International, Toyota, Vili's and Wildcatch Fisheries.

Megan, Annie and I have worked together for 3 years now and we are a great team. We are all dedicated to ensuring a brilliant Bash!

I also want to acknowledge the continued huge contribution of Peter Cochrane for Bag 1 and Bag 2 trucks, the Medical Teams, Geoff Kilford and his team of mobile workshops, John George for supplying our OV16 plane and Pilot Chris Meulengraaf, Richard Elkhoury and Michael Matthews for our OV15 aircraft. Thanks also to George Belperio and his team for providing us with dinner and breakfast at Barmera and to Roger Quinsey from Adelaide Coachlines for supplying and driving the coach supporting them. It is great to have Steve Babyska back on the Bash and I thank Steve and his team for his work at Barmera.

I also need to acknowledge and thank the property owners who kindly allow us access to their private tracks. It is really appreciated and is a major influence on the continued success of the event.

To my Bash Committee, this event needs a lot of effort by many so thank you. To Brenton Dansie & Greg Hall in OVZ, Wayne Richards and his team in RAD1, Curly & Scruffy in RAD2, Mark & Annie in OV3, Ron Barton & Anthony Scott OV4, Lynton Pahl & Graham Organ OV5, Steve Cooling & Peter Lloyd OV6, Phil & Kay Badcock OV7, John DalCollo, Edwina Nitschke & Judith Dawson OV8, Jane Reilly & Alex Richards OV9, Geoff Kilford MW1, Kathryn Zeitz in VC1 and of course, my partner in crime Peter DeCure in OV1. Thank you for your work.

Most of all I want to thank you, the Bashers. The last three years has been an amazing experience for me, however, it is time for new ideas. After all, this has been the winning formula for 28 years. We will have introduced around 200 Virgin Bashers in 3 years. We have all worked hard for a common goal and have had a great time along the way. We've shared a week on the Bash together with friendship and comradery and my wish this year is more of the same. Relax, have fun and enjoy as a group because we are all in this together. The SA Variety Bash is in good hands.

I look forward to sharing this year's Bash "Pastures to Pines" with you.

Chairman
Brenton 'Rambo' Ramsey

Tim Adams
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Sponsor's Message



Pam and I are delighted and honored to be the Platinum sponsors of the 2017 SA Variety Bash. This will be our 6th year as the major sponsor. The contribution Variety SA makes to the community, families and children is immeasurable. Events such as the Bash and the funds raised from this event are an important part of helping to improve the quality of life and life chances for disadvantaged children.

Tim Adams Wines, Mr Mick Cellar Door and the Mr Mick Kitchen are all part of our family-owned and operated company located in the beautiful Clare Valley.

Our involvement with Variety has impacted positively on our business, and we would strongly recommend Variety to companies who are considering sponsorship of, or alignment with, a charity. It is a great family with which to be involved personally and on a business level.

Pam and I would like to thank every participant for coming on board in 2017. Your support changes lives and makes South Australia a better place. We congratulate you on your fundraising efforts and look forward to catching up at one of the many events through the year.

Cheers, Tim Adams and Pam Goldsack.

Tim Adams

Winemaker, Managing Director and Owner
Tim Adams Wines

Chair of the Board's Message



It is amazing how times flies and we are in full swing of preparations for the 29th SA Variety Bash 2017 and I am approaching the end of my term as Chair of the Board for Variety SA. It only seems like yesterday that Chris and I embarked on the inaugural Variety SA Bash in 1989.

Variety is held in such high regard not only for the fantastic work we do in helping the children of SA but also because we are such a strong charity growing from strength to strength even in these tough economic times. Last financial year Variety in SA distributed \$3.16 million net and funded 209 grants helping over 26,000 children.

We can only do what we do because of the great support of our volunteers and fundraisers. I want to sincerely thank all of the extremely hard working Variety volunteers, sponsors, event entrants, staff, partners and every person who has contributed to our work. Without such a strong and dedicated support network we could not make the difference that we do. The Bash awards are one way we acknowledge the great contribution Bashers make recognising any contributions for 5 years and beyond. All of these people commenced as Bash Virgins, so welcome to all the Virgins.

Our Bash Chairman, Brenton 'Rambo' Ramsey makes a significant contribution to the work of Variety not just with his leadership and time but his fundraising entrepreneurialism. Just recently, a partnership between Stoll Boomsprays and Ramsey Bros (Rambo's family business) resulted in more than \$100,000 being raised for Variety. Stoll generously donated funds from the sale of a boomspray to show their support for the states farming families, but to also assist Ramsey Bros to further their association with Variety. Along with the hard working Bash committee there is always something unique and exciting on offer.

Last year we were the centre of attention delivering over 1/2 million dollars' worth of grants on the event and it is always a highlight to see firsthand how we impact on the lives of SA children in need. The Bash remains Variety's flagship event; generating an amazing record last year of \$2.64 million net for our kids!

The foundation laid by our sponsors is truly invaluable. To Tim and Pam from Tim Adams/Mr Mick Wines, our Platinum sponsors for the sixth consecutive year, a profound thank you. To our Bash Gold sponsors who have been involved in the Variety family for many years now, to each and every one of you, our sincere thanks in supporting this amazing event. For many of these sponsors, we not only have their financial investment, but it is also backed up by a personal involvement in the Bash itself.

I wish you all the best on the 2017 SA Variety Bash and as always my personal and sincerest thanks.

Kathryn Zeitz

Chair

CEO's Message

As you are aware, the Variety Bash is a national phenomenon that is 'owned' by Variety in every State and territory and has been an extraordinary success since Dick Smith conceived the idea over 40 years ago.

A consequence of the outstanding success the Bash has enjoyed is the vast range of 'imitation events' that have piggy backed on the credibility of the Bash and we are always very vigilant to ensure that our event's reputation is not tarnished by the mimics. As the great Oscar Wilde stated "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery that mediocrity can pay to greatness."

We protect this Bash history and brand fiercely as this trademark is invaluable to our broader organisation beyond its commercial capacity as it encapsulates the real spirit of the Variety comradery.

The SA Variety Bash model is held in high esteem by our national peers and many ask how do we replicate the unique and consistent success over such a long period of time. The answer is its almost impossible due to the long list of 'norms' that are hallmarks of the SA Bash.

This starts with our Bash Chair, Brenton 'Rambo' Ramsey who sets the tone of commitment and leads passionately from the front. His leadership, guidance and management of the committee and volunteers is amazing and his care for his Bashers is worn on his sleeve. I offer my sincere appreciation to Rambo for his three years as our Bash Chair and for his legacy of creativity and innovation to keep the event energised.

How do you replicate the commitment of our officials, doctors and mobile workshops? They play a vital role in the delivery of a safe, professional and continuous event and make things 'normal' in abnormal conditions. This contribution is never taken for granted and is another key building block to the event's reputation nationally.

Beyond the commercial platform our relationship with our generous sponsors is based on friendship and respect. To that end I recognise and thank Tim and Pam and Tim Adams Wines / Mr Mick as Platinum sponsors who again underline the uniqueness by contributing beyond the Boardroom with three vehicles, fundraise enthusiastically and through team TAA add great value to the enjoyment of the entrants. We are indebted to all our sponsors for their investment, as their financial support allows us to maximise the entrant fundraising to directly support children in need.

And to our people, the Bash entrants, who make the event. The wit, energy, competitiveness for good and compassion from all involved is the X factor that remains at the heart of the success. To create an Australian record in 2016 with the \$2.64m result is the exclamation mark on all the hard work and this impacts positively on tens of thousands of children.

All of these positives were delivered in tough economic and social times making the result more amazing, more remarkable and more worthy.

So, try as they may, the SA Variety Bash will never be replicated as it's a wonderful team who take great pride in giving children a better life through their collective efforts.

I look forward to another adventure with you all this year.

Kind regards

Mark McGill



28 Years of the SA Variety Bash

Outright Winners Over 28 Years of Bashing in South Australia

1989	Adelaide to Port Lincoln Car 18 – Richard Nitschke, Paul Smith, Bert Swart, John Bradley	2004	Adelaide to Berri Car 75 – The Greeks – Craig Phillips, Andrew Glastonbury and Craig Illman
1990	Adelaide to Ceduna Car 31 – Hugh Hamilton, Dick Merrigan, Richard Vincent, Dudley Hill	2005	Port Lincoln to Adelaide (National Bash) Car 55 – The Bogvitch Sisters – Teena Butler, Angela Organ and Helen Conolly
1991	Adelaide to Renmark Car 39 – Des Butler, Roger Murdoch, Steen Jensen, Darrall Suter	2006	Gawler to Goolwa Car 99 – The Bush Mechanics – Graham Organ, Lynton Pahl, Mark Davy and Greg Schultz
1992	Adelaide to Ayers Rock (National Bash) Car 53 – Graham Klingberg, Eric Daish, Joe Treszise, Russell Naismith	2007	Mt Gambier to Tanunda Car 70 – Three Little Pigs – Doug Lehmann, Steve Meins, Greg Hall
1993	Adelaide to Clare Car 08 – Vin Pistola, Kevin Parker, Bob Male, Chris Scorgie	2008	Mawson Lakes to Norwood Parade Car 76 – Kung-Fu Pandas – David Snoch, Wayne Irvine, Alan Robson
1994	Adelaide to Kangaroo Island Car 59 – John Mellors, Keith Hautop, David Meredith	2009	Adelaide to Alice Springs (National Bash) Car 119 – Highland Fling (Scots) - John Riggall, Kym Waters, Steve Mason, Adam Mrotek
1995	Adelaide to Kadina Car 18 – Richard Nitschke, Paul Smith, Rob Clampett, Gary Winkley	2010	Murray Bridge to Clare Car 676 – Bananas in Pyjamas – Frank Pinneri, Craig Paues
1996	Adelaide to Darwin (National Bash) Car 76 – John Chamberlain, Garry Stewart, Peter Waterman	2011	King William Road to Hahndorf Car 177 – Scooby Doo – Craig Paues
1997	Adelaide to Tanunda Car 97 – Jenny Murdoch, Teena Butler	2012	Barossa to Mildura CAR TAA (Tim Adams Airlines), BSTA, KF Tim Adams, Pam Goldsack, Mark Chapman, Fiona Chapman, Brett Schutz, Shannon Parker, Emily Elkhoury, Richard Elkhoury, James Pledge, Jeremy Calnan, Jason Oster, Kevin Ayres, Craig Barlow
1998	Adelaide to Victor Harbor Car 318/812 – Doug Lehmann, Jack Ferrett, Peter Fairweather, Andy Pywell, Lindsay Stanley, Lesley Stanley, Jenni O'Donnell	2013	Two Wells to McLaren Vale CAR TAA (Tim Adams Airlines), BSTA – Tim Adams, Pam Goldsack, Kathryn (Buff) Byrne, Emily Elkhoury, Richard Elkhoury, Shannon Parker, Brett Schutz, James Pledge, Jeremy Calnan
1999	Adelaide to Kalgoorlie Car 186 - Rod Kersten, Peter 'Ben' Hall, Phil Kilsby, Brian Clarke	2014	Adelaide to Sydney (National Bash) CAR PUT (Play School) – Deeon Otto, Mandy Madgen, Kim Curtis, Chris Gobbett
2000	Adelaide to Murray Bridge Cars 318/812 - Doug 'Grumpy' Lehmann, Don 'Doc' Bruce, Ian 'Sleepy' McKay, Lesley 'Happy' Stanley, Lindsay 'Sneezy' Stanley, Peter 'Dopey' Fairweather, Jenny 'Bashful' Owen	2015	Adelaide to Loxton CAR MAX (Hangover) – David Vincent, David Smith, Chris McEgan, Mark Wauer
2001	Adelaide to Gold Coast (National Bash) Cars 02, GO and BSK – The Konica Klowns - Lindsay Cato, Mark Morelli, Geoff Davey, Julianne Buckley, Shane Buckley, Darren Virgo, Knowlton Coudrey, Rosalie Carling, Sharlene Capper	2016	Port Lincoln to Clare Car TAA / BSTA (Tim Adams Airlines) Tim Adams, Pam Goldsack, Brett Schutz, Kristy Schutz, Nicole Haack, Sondra McGinlay, Anna Watson
2002	Adelaide to Ardrossan Cars 76 and 7.6 – Garry Stewart, Rodney Mildred, Greg Nybo, George Belperio, Paul Spencer and Bernie Stack		
2003	Adelaide to Byron Bay Car 500 – Larry Cavallaro, John Deal and Ron Vis.		

2016 Bash Hall of Fame

It was 1998 when, to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the South Australian Bash, the Bash Hall of Fame was established. This recognised those who had completed ten Bash events.

In 2004, the fifteen year category was added. In 2008, the 20 year category began, and in 2013 we added the 25 year category! Variety congratulates all our "Hall of Famers"... what extraordinary dedication and support you have shown... we salute you.

Twenty Five year Bashers

Don Aston, Des Butler, Peter Cochrane, Steve Cooling, Peter Curtis, Carmine De Ieso, Bob Furbow, Bob Geue, John Gibson, Nigel Giles, Michael Lewis, Diane Lintern, Graham Organ, Graham Reynolds, Graham Stevenson

Twenty year Bashers

Teena Butler, Ian Catford, Larry Cavallaro, Knowlton Coudrey, Kim Curtis, Brenton Dansie, Trevor Davey, Colin Hann, Peter Howell, Doug Lehmann, Jock Milne, Jenny Murdoch, Lynton Pahl, Bob Pilgrim, Ivan Smith, Garry Stewart

Fifteen year Bashers

Diane Aston, Bronte Ayres, Vicki Baigent, Ian Bidstrup, Les Burdett, Sharlene Capper, Rocky Carbone, Frank Clarke, Peter Corkhill, Roslie Gillings, Nicole Haack, Peter Hayes, Alf Ho, Karen Johnson, Neil Jones, Cheryl Lewis, John Lewis, Mandy Madgen, Scott McBain, John Mellors, Bob Meyers, Gordon Milne, Merv Mortimer, Richard Nitschke, Fiona Paterson, Craig Phillips, Bill Rawlins, Jane Reilly, Wayne Richards, Trevor Sims, Liz Travers, Allan Trebilcock, Alistair Walker, Lauryn Weatherall, Ian Weber, John Wicks

Ten year Bashers

Tim Adams, Steve Babyszka, Graham Bagnell, John Bannister, Ron Barton, Gary Baxter, Jim Blackborough, Graham Bowring, Rick Brooks, Roger Butler, Roz Chow, Jim Clark, Bruce Clarke, Geoff Clarke, Trevor Connor, Helen Conolly, Dene Davies, John Davis, Steve Davis, John Deal, Phillip Eglinton, Peter Fairweather, John Ferguson, Malcolm Foreman, Dawn Franks, Gavin Frost, John George, Neville Gilbert, Gavin Gold, Lyn Hobbs, Peter Holt, Terry Howes, Leonie Hunt, Willie Innes, Dean Innes, Barry Ion, Anna Jackman, David Jacobs, Tom Joy, Kevin Kelly, Rob Kersten, Trevor King, Graham Klingberg, John Kniter, Brenton Lewis, Wendy Limbert, Sandra Lukin, Nick Maloney, Mike Mason, Fairy Matters, Tom Matters, Anthony May, Kym McHugh, Phil (Fids) McLeay, Steve Meins, Kym Mensforth, Leon Menz, Rodney Mildred, Gordon Milne, Kerry Moore, Leon Morrish, Karl Mortimer, Henry Mould, Roger Murdoch, Wendy Nicholson, Kevin O'Brien, Mick O'Brien, Deeon Otto, Preston Paterson, Sue Pearce, Lonny Pendleton, Tony Pietrafesa, Vic Piscopo, James Pledge, Graham Pollard, Peter Rankine, Tony (Charger) Richards, Duncan Richter, Kym Robinson, Yvonne Robinson, Ross Robinson, Kevin Roehr, Ian Rothall, Joan Rowley, Paul Ryan, Stirling Scherer, Adrian Schulz, Adrian Smith, Neil Smith, Paul Smith, David Snoch, Peter Spriggs, Lindsay Stanley, Lesley Stanley, Gaynor Stevens, John Stevens, Darren Sutton, Noel Swan, Roy Temple, David Teubner, Mary Thompson, Beth Tincknell, Mike Tincknell, Sharon Tink, Bob Trezise, Bruno Varacalli, Shayne Varacalli, Peter Vaughton, David Vincent, Richard Walne, Mark Wauer, James Way, Hellen White, Richard Whiting, Dean Wright, Ken Woods, Kathryn Zeitz, Chris Zeitz.

2016 Gold Door Panelists

Highest Fundraisers \$174,253

A huge congratulations... To our amazing boys from Car HOGS who have done it again for the third year in a row by endlessly shaking collection cans!

Car: HOGS

Graham Bowring, Mark Bowring, John Day

Second Highest Fundraisers \$133,510

Car: MLC

Sandra Lukin, Shelley Fiegert, Emma Pedler, Deb White

Third Highest Fundraisers \$105,135

Car: TAA /BSTA

Tim Adams, Pam Goldsack, Nicole Haack, Sondra McGinlay, Brett Schutz, Kristy Schutz, Anna Watson

Fourth Highest Fundraisers \$101,215

Car: MAX

David Vincent, David Smith, Chris McEgan, Mark Wauer

Fifth Highest Fundraisers \$82,575

Car: 88

Roz Chow, Maylene Loo, Selena Bushell

Sixth Highest Fundraisers \$75,081

Car: 16

Lincoln Ramsey, Philip Allen, Ken Noack, Ashley Williams

Seventh Highest Fundraisers \$59,159

Car: LOVE

Kris Casey, Terry Casey, Paul Crosato, Steve Yeend

Eighth Highest Fundraisers \$58,140

Car: 58

Trevor Sims, Mark Robinson, Dennis Holder

Ninth Highest Fundraisers \$54,394

Car: 140

Tracey Robinson, Sue Pearce, Margot Austerberry

Tenth Highest Fundraisers \$50,051

Car: 351

Colin Kuchel, Peter Howell, Damian Harris

2016 Variety Bash Winners

Outright Winners

Car TAA / BSTA (Tim Adams Airlines)
Tim Adams, Pam Goldsack, Brett Schutz, Kristy Schutz, Nicole Haack, Sondra McGinlay, Anna Watson

Highest Fundraisers **\$174,253**

Car HOGS (Hogs)
Graham Bowring, Mark Bowring, John Day

Highest Virgin Fundraisers **\$40,064**

Car 03 (The Wiggles)
James Dyer, Tim Dyer, Paul Brown, Mark Katnich

Best Fun Theme

Car PUT (Three Wise Monkeys)
Deeon Otto, Mandy Madgen, Kim Curtis

Best Presented Vehicle

Car BTR (Beagle Boys)
Barry Flitter, Rodney Mildred

We Played the Game with Bash Bucks

Car BB1 (Boho Babes)
Lauryn Weatherall, Vicki Baigent, Jacqueline Hibble, Liz Jones

Highest Point Scorers

Car TOY (1950's Milkbar Diner)
Richard Elkhoury, Emily Elkhoury, Grantley Schultz, Anna Muecke

Mobile Workshop Hard Luck Award

Car LOVE (Harris Hippies)
Kris Casey, Terry Casey, Paul Crosato, Steve Yeend

Bashers Choice Award

Car PUT (Three Wise Monkeys)
Deeon Otto, Mandy Madgen, Kim Curtis

Best Virgin Bashers

Car 03 (The Wiggles)
James Dyer, Tim Dyer, Paul Brown, Mark Katnich

Best Individual Basher

Josh Pugh – Car 123 (Super Mario Brothers)

Best Supporter of the Variety Bash 'The Doug Lehmann Award'

Peter Cochrane

Best Fun Stop

Car 605 (The Fairies)
Kerrie Stutley, Sue Trezise, Annette Hammond, Sue Milligan

Chairman's Commendations

Michael Lewis (MW8)
Nigel Giles (MW8)

Stuffed Compass Award

Car 333 (Hillbillies)
Adam Marinakis, Darren Wilkes, Tom Clifford

Chairman's Award for Mobile Workshops

MW7
Leon Menz, John Menz, Barry Schmidt

Special Acknowledgement

Car 123, 456, 789 - Super Mario Brothers
Josh Pugh, Tom Foristal, Kate Hobbs, Lauren Swan, Peta Nunn, Alana Thurstans, Alex Hardy, Tom Ricketts, Yvonne McMillan
Car TOY - 1950's Milkbar Diner
Richard Elkhoury, Emily Elkhoury, Grantley Schultz, Anna Muecke



Bash Fundraising in South Australia

YEAR	ADELAIDE TO:	VEHICLES	BASH CHAIRMAN	NET AMOUNT
1989	Port Lincoln	57	Jack Waters	\$368,000
1990	Ceduna	75	John Garland	\$650,000
1991	Renmark	81	Geoff Gauvin	\$558,000
1992	Ayers Rock	82	Tom Matters	\$800,000
1993	Clare	80	Peter Cochrane	\$693,000
1994	Kangaroo Island	81	Peter Cochrane	\$855,000
1995	Kadina	75	Peter Cochrane	\$716,000
1996	Darwin	83	Peter Cochrane	\$1,009,000
1997	Tanunda	71	Peter Cochrane	\$825,000
1998	Victor Harbor	80	Peter Cochrane	\$1,070,000
1999	Kalgoorlie	63	Peter Curtis	\$1,003,000
2000	Murray Bridge	68	Peter Curtis	\$1,051,000
2001	Gold Coast	81	Peter Curtis	\$1,246,000
2002	Ardrossan	78	Ross Robinson	\$1,262,000
2003	Byron Bay	79	Ross Robinson	\$1,480,000
2004	Berri	67	Alistair Walker	\$1,200,000
2005	Adelaide	80	Alistair Walker	\$1,700,000
2006	Goolwa	63	Alistair Walker	\$1,400,000
2007	Tanunda	68	Phillip Eglinton	\$1,703,000
2008	Norwood	83	Phillip Eglinton	\$2,107,000
2009	Alice Springs	88	Wayne Richards	\$1,904,000
2010	Clare	61	Wayne Richards	\$1,662,000
2011	Hahndorf	67	Doug Lehmann	\$1,470,000
2012	Mildura	73	Doug Lehmann	\$1,800,000
2013	McLaren Vale	68	Doug Lehmann	\$1,750,000
2014	Sydney	74	Doug Lehmann / Peter Curtis	\$2,141,000
2015	Loxton	68	Brenton Ramsey	\$2,330,000
2016	Clare	75	Brenton Ramsey	\$2,640,000

2017 Variety Radiothon

A big thank you to everyone who made our Radiothon such a success.

Special thanks to FIVEaa, Australian Outdoor Living and all our generous donors.

Through the support of the South Australian community, many children in need will reach their potential.



2016 Variety Grants

In 2016 Variety SA made available 209 grants to the value of \$3.16 million through our programs, benefiting over 26,000 children in South Australia:



318,268

The Variety Caring for Kids program provides essential medical equipment for families at home as well as for South Australian health services including hospitals, intensive care units and specialised medical services. Variety finances the purchase of much needed medical equipment in addition to recreational equipment that can be utilised by children during their recovery.



\$1,709,141

The Variety Freedom Program enables children with physical disabilities to participate in daily activities by providing wheelchair accessible vehicles, customised tricycles, walking frames, standing frames, leg splints, wheelchair lifters and more to help children gain independence and freedom.



Liberty Swings

Remember the feeling of swinging through the air with the wind on your face and the freedom you felt? Every child deserves to have this experience. This normally simple pleasure was never an option for children in wheelchairs until an Australian invention came along, the Liberty Swing. Unless you witness it, you cannot begin to imagine the sheer delight on the faces of the children who ride a Liberty Swing for the first time. Variety champions this wonderful invention with its aim to install Liberty Swings in as many communities as possible.



Sunshine Coaches 524,797

Variety - the Children's Charity brings sunshine to the lives of thousands of children through Sunshine Coaches. Special schools and other organisations have been grateful recipients of a fleet of more than 1,200 coaches travelling Australia, transporting children to their daily activities and other special life experiences.



\$1,139,943

The Variety Future Kids program helps kids who are disadvantaged or have special needs to fulfil their dreams and reach their full potential; including the provision of specialist computer packages and communication devices as well as providing a range of experiences for children. Variety is a supporter of special education and disadvantaged schools throughout the state.



The Variety @ Work program and Ladies of Variety (LOV) provide an array of outings and fun activities throughout the year, including the Children's Easter Picnic at Adelaide Zoo, the Surprise Party at Adelaide Convention Centre and the Children's Christmas Party at Adelaide Showgrounds, along with many smaller activities for schools, organisations and individuals.



\$100,000

The Variety Show of Hearts Scholarships program fosters talent in sport, art, drama, and music for children who are sick or disadvantaged and are already showing success in their chosen area of interest.

Major Projects

How the money has been spent

In the 2015/16 financial year a total of 209 grants were approved totalling \$3.16 million to directly benefit over 26,000 children in South Australia.

Total number of Sunshine Coaches donated in SA since inception is 192.

GRANTS	AMOUNT (approx)
Child Health Research Institute (CHRI)	\$1,950,000
Establishment	
Equipment	
Royal Flying Doctor Service	\$1,100,000
Medically equip new aircraft	
Novita Children's Services	\$1,940,000
Splints Program	
Various Equipment	
Variety Cochlear Implant Program	\$349,000
Women's and Children's Hospital	\$3,710,000
Variety Adolescent Ward	
Cardiac Surgery Unit	
High Dependency Unit	
Equipment for Paediatric Operating Theatres	
Hydrotherapy Pool	
CUSA Machine	
Medical Videoconferencing equipment	
Orthopaedic Clinic	
Respite Housing	\$975,000
Autism	
Minda	
Flinders Medical Centre	\$1,700,000
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit & Research Lab	
Paediatric Outpatients Facility	
Paediatric Ward upgrade	
Life Education Caravans	\$255,025
Ronald McDonald House	\$520,000
Accommodation Wing	
Housing Facility	
Adelaide Dental School	\$400,000
Refurbishment of Paediatric Area	
Myoletric Prosthesis Program	\$184,000
Riding for the Disabled	\$1,656,080
Canteen Teenage Camps	\$150,000
McGuinness McDermott (Little Heroes)	\$326,000
MRI machine in WCH	
Sparc Disability Foundation	\$20,000
Cora Barclay Centre	\$896,420
SOS Children's Village	\$214,000
Can Do for Kids & Townsend House	\$79,000
Hearing & Vision Projects	
Early Intervention Toy Library	
Specialised Equipment	
Australian Cranio Facial Foundation	\$83,000
Medical Equipment	
Dolphin Imaging Equipment	
Youth at Risk Personal Development Projects	
- Operation Flinders	\$1,308,640
- Blue Light - SA Police	\$538,000
- Time for Kids	\$746,360
- Cavan Education Centre	\$82,000
- Youth Opportunities	\$246,240
- Riverland Youth Ministries	\$50,000
- SA Tall Ships - One & All	\$540,000
Zoos SA	\$322,963
Variety Scholarships	\$560,921
Ladies of Variety - Variety@Work	\$3,787,398



PROUDLY SUPPORTING VARIETY THE CHILDRENS CHARITY

Ramsey Bros have been supporting the local community and SA's farmers since 1950.

Our 6 branches across South Australia carry a complete and comprehensive range of agricultural machinery - from seeders to harvesters, precision ag solutions and a wide range of parts and accessories.

Whether you are after new or used equipment, parts or service, speak to our expert and friendly staff and you can be assured you are dealing with the best in the industry.



This Is Why We Do It!



Davis's Story

Twelve year old Davis from Dudley Park is a talented inline hockey player who lives with Autism Spectrum Disorder. He was recently granted a Variety Scholarship to assist him in being able to travel to interstate tournaments, purchase hockey equipment and help him reach his goals in his chosen sport.

Davis wrote the following heart-warming thank you letter to Variety – the Children's Charity of SA to show his appreciation and we would love to share it with you.

Variety SA Rocks!

Dear Variety SA,
This box of cookies is to show appreciation for what you guys did for me last year. Red and white cookies just for you. Your Scholarship gave me a head start in me getting to my first national championship and I will never forget what you guys did for me.

This year I have been able to do some fundraising myself and it is now time for me to give back so that you can help someone else that needs to shine. Please find enclosed \$200 of my fundraising money for you to hand on to a child that needs help to be their own champion.



Cameron's Story

Cameron is 2 years old and lives with Autism Spectrum Disorder, intellectual and language impairment, possible global development delay and behavioural issues. His twin brother Aydan has congenital defects and has recently been diagnosed with a speech and other developmental delays. Cameron's older brother has severe ADHD and his sister Jessica has medical issues and anxiety.

Single mum Natalie wrote to Variety SA to advise that not only her 2-door unreliable car, required for their many medical appointments was recently written off in the floods just after Christmas, but 75% of their home contents were also destroyed.

Now, thanks to Variety SA, this family's future is looking a lot brighter. The charity has recently presented the family with a modified vehicle valued at \$16,000.

Cameron's mum Natalie said, "As a mother I am truly overwhelmed with the kindness and generosity that Variety has shown us by providing us with a vehicle which not only can fit the whole family and support workers when necessary, but provides ease of access, a boot which accommodates a larger twin pusher, tinted windows which assist with sensory issues and the security of knowing we can travel safely and comfortably in a reliable vehicle.

From the moment of our application, we have been treated with empathy and respect by the staff at Variety, especially Jacqui and Peter who went above and beyond to make this happen. From the immediate response to our situation, to the approval from the board members, to collecting the vehicle from Redline Motorsports whose staff also went above and beyond in their service, it is extremely important to note that Variety has not just made a difference, Variety has changed our lives and we couldn't be more grateful. With gratitude and kind regards"

2017 Variety Bash Map & Route



2017 Variety Bash

The Route



Startline

Mount Barker

Mount Barker is located approximately 33 kilometres (21 miles) from the Adelaide city centre and is home to approx. 35,000 residents. It is the seat of the District Council of Mount Barker, the largest town in the Adelaide Hills, and one of the fastest growing. What is today known as Mount Barker was first sighted by Captain Sturt from Lake Alexandrina in February 1830, though Sturt believed he was looking at Mount Lofty, which Flinders had discovered in 1802. Captain Collett Barker rectified this error when he undertook a survey of the district in 1831. Sturt renamed the mountain in honour of Captain Barker who was killed by aborigines while exploring near the mouth of the River Murray later that year.

The first settlers to arrive in Mount Barker were mainly engaged in dairying and pastoralism. Sheep grazing became popular, as did the growing of wheat. As the wheat industry expanded, several mills were constructed in the district. Mount Barker expanded rapidly with the settlement of mill workers and the commencement of the usual businesses of a township to supply their needs.

Mount Barker is now characterised by a rapidly growing population, with an associated rapid rate of development.

Useless info:

- Average household of 2.62
- 80% of residents are over 15
- Roughly 50/50 male/female
- 90% of families live in their own house.
- Forecast to grow by 72% between now and 2036
- Mt. Barker will have another 5,500 houses by 2026
- Not that I am a Sturt supporter but it is in Sturt's recruitment area and we won the SANFL Grand Final last year

Day 1 Lunch

Blanchetown

Home of Lock No.1 and the gateway to the Riverland, Blanchetown is a small Murray River township 135km north-east of Adelaide, and 275 kms from the Murray Mouth.

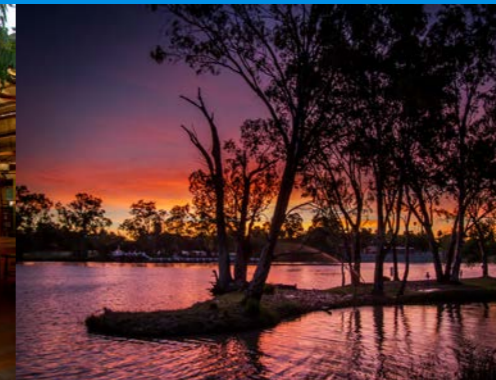
Blanchetown was one of the first river settlements in South Australia. Surveyed in 1855, the town was named by Governor Sir Richard Graves McDonnell after his wife Lady Blanche McDonnell. It began life as a stopover point and watering place for mail contractors and coaches carrying passengers on the "Sydney Road" as it was then known. It was also an important riverbank terminal where goods were off-loaded from paddle steamers to be cleared through the local Customs House. Proudly standing are several buildings from the town's first development including the original post office, hotel, school and police station.

The first of a series of seven locks on the Murray in South Australia (named after William Randell Lock in honour of the pioneer of river navigation in the 1800's) was completed in 1922. That's probably why it is called Lock 1.

Although Blanchetown's towering cliffs are famous for the grand views of their changing colours, closer inspection reveals fossilised treasures such as starfish, shells and fish.

Probably the most interesting building in





the area is the Blanchetown Hotel, which has been trading on its present site for 117 years. The building itself is a gem of pioneer construction. The rafters were shaped with a broad axe. The 6 x 8 inch nails used were hand made. The roof rests on rough shaped sapling bearers, which still, incidentally, retain their original bark. Mind you, the bar area has been modernised to a degree but, fortunately, the licensee, who has an eye for preserving the original building, has not in any way changed any other section. All this is certainly a building which must be visited by anyone who enjoys historical architecture. You can have a drink while you are there as well.

Useless information:

- 140 ton of carp are caught each year at Lock 1 in Blanchetown and sent to Charles Carp Fertilizer Plant in Deniliquin.
- This year's flood at approx. 5m is only half as big as the flood in 1956 at 11m.

**Day 1 Night Stop
Burra**

Burra was founded in 1845 and it was from then until 1877 the site of one of the world's major copper mines, the income from which did much to save the young colony from financial disaster. By the time the mine closed in 1877 it was already also serving as a transport centre for the north-east of the colony and parts of western NSW and south-west QLD. In the following decade, it served the growing wheat farming areas to the west and for a while the untimely doomed expansion in the drier areas to the east. In the late 19th century and early 20th century, it was South Australia's main centre for sale of sheep and became renowned as the main town in an area famed for stud merino sheep breeding. As the 20th century progressed the sheep sale and transport function declined. The mine operated again from 1970-1981 and afterwards the processing of copper ore from other sources continued under

Adchem which produces copper oxide. Burra is now a rural service centre for a farming and grazing community and tourist attraction focussed on its mining heritage.

Many spent time "at her Majesty's pleasure" in Redruth Gaol, courtesy of excessive drinking ("the drink" was the commonest cause of crime during the life of the mine). This is not surprising when one considers that until 1880, the legal minimum drinking age was just 12 years. Even more conducive to Burra's intemperate habits were the colony's hotel hours - 5.00am until 11.00pm on weekdays. Little wonder then that this place developed a fearsome reputation, with "the drink".

Burra was always the first bakery stop on survey. Everyone rated the pasties highly and Dansie was always a pie and a pasty man. That was after a chicko roll at the Caltex at Boliver. They had a pretty good finger bun as well.

Interesting information:

- 1905 Rabbit plague 25th January: Last week a rabbit brought in 14¾ cwt of skins representing 15,000 rabbits. Burgess is the top skinner and can get through 5 a minute when pressed.
- 1919 Complaints about transparent blouses of some 'young ladies'.
- 1921 Grasshoppers in April to the East too thick to drive through and in November they strip the town bare and do great damage to crops and feed.
- 1970 World record price for Merino ram (Collinsville Stud) \$27,200.



**Day 2 Night Stop
Barmera**

Lake Bonney was first seen by Charles Bonney and Joseph Hawdon in 1838 droving cattle along the Murray river to Adelaide from New South Wales. The lake was named after Bonney.

An irrigation system was established in Barmera in 1921. The town became gazetted and an influx of World War I veterans settled with promises of irrigated land from the government. In 1928 a railway station was opened and the town was proclaimed.

Donald Campbell unsuccessfully attempted to break the world water speed record on Lake Bonney in 1964. He reached 347.5km/h but the lake was too small and the waves created by the speeding vehicle were too dangerous.

During the Second World War 'enemy aliens' were interned by the Australian government. South Australia's main internment camp was at Loveday, near Barmera on the River Murray. The Loveday camp comprised of three compounds and three wood camps. The camps housed German, Italian and Japanese internees from around Australia, prisoners of war from the Middle East, Pacific Islands, Netherlands and East Indies, and internees from the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Pacific Islands. The first internees arrived at Loveday on 11 June 1941. In May 1943 the complex held its largest number of internees and prisoners of war, 5382. The last internees were released from Loveday in late February 1946.

Today Barmera is one of the most popular aquatic playgrounds in South Australia. Situated in the heart of the Riverland, Barmera is a pretty town situated on the shores of Lake Bonney, a lake renowned for its sunsets.

Lake Bonney is a fresh water lake fed from the Murray river through the Chambers Creek wetlands. Because the lake is shallow and has a sandy bottom,

it provides safe swimming and is ideal for sailing, windsurfing, canoeing, kayaking, skiing, jet skiing, boating and fishing. The lake also abounds with bird life.

**Day 3 Lunch
Wilkadene
Woolshed
Brewery**

The first thing you will notice when entering the brewing shed on the banks of the Murray River at Wilkadene is the smell of lanolin. That's because for most of its 100 years, it was used to shear sheep for the historic Wilkadene Station near Renmark.

That's until Tom and his partner Sarah decided to turn it into a brewery in 2006.

At sheep height, the iron has been stained brown with lanolin and where once the shearing machines hung from the rafters, there's now a beer tap, and where the wool classing table once stood is now the brew house.

It would have been easier to knock it all down and start again but it is in a perfect location and the beautiful old building is part of the attraction to the place.

What started as a side business has snowballed and it's now the biggest thing at Wilkadene.

Wilkadene Station was established in 1859. Tom's parents purchased the farm in 1988 and when Tom's parents retired in Adelaide he pounced. While the farm continued to be leased, Tom and Sarah needed an income so the home brewing seemed the perfect solution.

The business is zero waste and powered by solar energy. Spent grain is used on the garden and to feed livestock in a bid to be environmentally sustainable and the beer uses only captured rain water.

Rambo's recommendation: While you are here try the Hard Lemonade (8.1%) but only if you are not the designated driver.

**Day 3 Night Stop
Mildura**

Mildura is a regional city in north-west Victoria. Located on the Victorian side of the Murray River, Mildura had a population of just over 35,000. When nearby Wentworth is included, it is the largest settlement in the Sunraysia region. Mildura is a major horticultural centre notable for its grape production, supplying 80% of Victoria's grapes. Many wineries also source grapes from Mildura. Other key crops produced in the district include citrus, almonds and dried fruit.

The city's name was taken from the Mildura homestead, an early sheep station which covered most of the area. The urban area of Mildura is surrounded by a horticulture area, known as the traditional pumped district, where the original grape and citrus blocks were located with water irrigated from the Murray River.

A major drought in Victoria from 1877 to 1884 prompted Alfred Deakin, then a minister in the State Government and chairman of a Royal Commission on water supply, to visit the irrigation areas of California. There he met George and William Chaffey.

In 1886, Canadian-American irrigator George Chaffey came to Australia and selected a derelict sheep station known as Mildura as the site for his first irrigation settlement, signing an agreement with the Victorian government to spend at least £300,000 on permanent improvements at Mildura in the next twenty years.

After much political wrangling, the settlement of Mildura was established in 1887. The Post Office opened on 23 January 1888.

Famous people from Mildura:

- Mark Bowring Car HOGS.
- AFL Players Jason Ackermanis, Matthew Knights & Chris Tarrant
- Rick & Tod Kelly V8 Supercars

**Day 4 Lunch Stop
Pink lakes**

It is not just the sunsets in the Murray-Sunset National Park that glow pink. This park is the location of the Pink Lakes that indeed live up to their name. They really are pink!

Their colour is due to the presence of red algae that, along with the solid salt bed of the lakes, create this unusual hue. The pink is at its most intense after rain, due to fresh nutrients being washed into the lakes, which in turn trigger the growth of algae. At other times, the pink fades into a paler colour that is almost white.

This amazing spectacle is a drawcard for photographers, as the vivid images taken here are so unusual and spectacular and unlike anything else in Victoria.

These lakes are found in the Mallee region, about 50km south-west of Mildura and 60km west of Ouyen. This north-west corner of the state is semi-arid, providing a landscape more usually associated with central Australia, with broad plains that come alive after spring rain as thousands of wildflowers bloom. This includes the largest flower to be found in Victoria - the Murray Lily.

There are many hundreds of species of native plants in this region. Near the Pink Lakes, all the plants are salt-tolerant due to the high salt content of the water and soil in the area. In fact, these lakes formed the basis of a thriving commercial salt industry that commenced in 1916 and continued up to 1979, when the area was declared a state park.

The Pink Lakes are now further protected as they have been incorporated into what is now the second largest National Park in the state: at 633,000 hectares, there is so much to explore in the Murray-Sunset National Park.



Day 4 Night Stop Ouyen

Before European settlement the area is thought to have been occupied by the Wergaia Aborigines. Some believe the name Ouyen derives from the Wergaia term 'wuya-wuya', the name of a pink-eared duck, presumably once common in the area, others suggest it means 'ghost waterhole'.

The township of Ouyen developed around a railway station, which was established in 1906 after the Melbourne to Mildura line, was built. Farming blocks (640 acres) in the area were sold in 1910 and cleared for sheep grazing, wheat, barley and oat production. Water supply was initially caught in catchment dams and transported by horse drawn wagons, later a system of gravitation channels were constructed from the Grampians in the Wimmera.

The reason the Mallee was the last region to be settled in Victoria is evident in one of the town's choice of symbols. Beside the Calder Highway at Blackburn Park Recreation Reserve, in the heart of town, lies the largest Mallee stump in Australia. It is a reminder of not only the difficulties faced by European settlers in clearing the area, but also of the agricultural basis of the region. The scrubby territory was once covered in the drought-resistant eucalypt (Mallee), which proved immensely difficult to uproot and destroy (Mallee root -lignotuber). Any remnant of the subterranean root system led to regeneration and a heartbreaking renewal of efforts at clearing. Today the dense wood is used for wood turning and heating, although its availability as a resource is limited.

Ouyen is now a transport and service centre for a vast area occupied by dryland agricultural (predominantly cereals) and grazing properties. Enormous convoys of trucks (road and rail) transport barley and wheat to Portland and various regional flourmills. Ouyen boasts the sixth largest Livestock Exchange in Victoria, with sales of 250,000 head of sheep and lambs per year.

Lorna Keam Funerals in Ouyen donated the stretch driven by "The Overtakers" in this

year's Bash to Variety SA, so this year's event has a direct link to Ouyen.

OV1 and OVZ rated the Ouyen bakery as one of the standouts on this year's many surveys. We all consumed a pie or a pasty every survey except Dansie who had one of each!

Day 5 Lunch Stop Murrayville and the Mallee

We stop for lunch in the beautiful little town of Murrayville. The landscaped gardens become a vibrant display of colour as flowers begin to bloom and fruit trees start to blossom.

The town of Murrayville is located 22km east of the South Australian border on the Mallee Highway in the heart of the unique Mallee country in north-west Victoria. Murrayville is a prosperous and well-appointed small town in an agricultural corridor bounded on the north by the vast Murray-Sunset National Park and on the south by the Big Desert Wilderness Park. It is described as the 'Gateway to the Victorian Outback'.

Our lunch stop is at the Murrayville Community College, a State P-12 School located in the north western corner of the Mallee in Murrayville. The school is the second most remote school in Victoria with 116 students. For a small community this is an outstanding facility.

Murrayville is the birthplace of former Formula One driver and six time Bathurst 1000 winner Larry Perkins. We actually travel through Larry's family property on our way to Murrayville. Olympic basketballer Rachael Sporn was also born in Murrayville.

There is no bakery in Murrayville but the Cobb & Co café and the pub impressed the survey team. The café has great service and good coffee and the pub is your typical country local with cold beer.

Day 5 & 6 Night Stop Day 6 Lunch Stop KEITH

Keith is a small farming town in the south-east of South Australia. It is sometimes referred to as the 'lucerne capital of Australia' due to the high number of lucerne growers in the region.

It is believed that the town is named after the hometown of the Governor of South Australia at the time, Lord Kintore. His home in Aberdeenshire in Scotland was called Keith Hall and he was also known as the Earl of Kintore. During the 1940's, the CSIRO found prosperity in the area. With the addition of trace elements, the area became very productive. The AMP Society funded the clearing of land to set up farming establishments.

The bakery in Keith was also a favourite on route surveys. Everyone liked both the pies and pasties, even for breakfast. This was also the location when Peter de Cure ate a pie so fast it looked like he hoovered it up his left nostril. Very impressive.

Keith also hosts the annual Diesel & Dirt Derby. In 2017 they had 10,000 people attend.

Famous residents:

- Andy Caldecott - Professional motorcycle rider who won four Australian Safari races, and competed in the Paris Dakar Rally in 2004 (DNF) and was placed 6th in the 2005 race. He died from a severe neck injury during the ninth stage of the Paris Dakar Rally in 2006.
- Simon Cox and Jack Redden both AFL footballers.
- Tony Griffin (Griffo) because he is a great Variety supporter and owns the pub.

Day 7 Lunch Stop ROBE

Robe is a town and fishing port located in the Limestone Coast of South Australia. The town's distinctive combination of historical buildings, ocean, fishing fleets, lakes and dense bush is widely appreciated. Robe lies on the southern shore of Guichen Bay, just off the Princes Highway.

Robe is one of the oldest towns in South Australia, founded by the colonial government as a seaport, administrative centre and village just ten years after the Province of South Australia was established.

Robe was named after the fourth Governor of South Australia, Major Frederick Robe, who chose the site as a port in 1845. The town was proclaimed as a port in 1847. It became South Australia's second-busiest (after Port Adelaide) international port in the 1850's. Robe's trade was drawn from a large hinterland that extended into western Victoria, and many roadside inns were built to cater for the bullock teamsters bringing down the wool, including the 'Bush Inn' still standing on the outskirts of Robe. Exports included horses, sheepskins and wool. The Customs House has been listed on the South Australian Heritage Register since 1980. A stone obelisk was built on Cape Dombey in 1852 to assist ships to navigate safely into the bay. Even so, there have been a number of shipwrecks along the coast in the area. An automatic lighthouse was built on higher ground in 1973.

During the Victorian gold rushes around 1857, over 16,000 Chinese people landed at Robe to travel overland to the goldfields, as Victoria introduced a landing tax of £10 per person (more than the cost of their voyage) to reduce the number of Chinese immigrants. The immigrants then walked the 200 miles (320 km) to Ballarat and Bendigo.

Robe's importance decreased with the advent of railways which did not come

to the town. It became a local service centre for the surrounding rural areas. It is still home to a fleet of fishing boats. Especially important are the local lobsters.

Famous residents include Andrew from Ann's Place B & B and Luke from Robe Hotel (both Variety supporters and Bashers).

The bakery in Robe was loved by all. Great coffee and we loved the pies and the lamingtons.

Day 7 Night Stop NARACOORTE

Naracoorte was formed from the merger of two towns, Kincaid, founded in 1845 by Scottish explorer William Macintosh, and Naracoorte, established as a government settlement in 1847. It grew during the 1850's as a service town for people going to and from the Victorian gold rush. The Post Office opened on 22 March 1853 and was known as Mosquito Plains until 1861. The Kingston-Naracoorte railway line was closed on 28 November 1987 then dismantled on 15 September 1991. Then the Mount Gambier to Wolseley line closed on 12 April 1995 whilst still pending for gauge standardization.

The town has historically relied largely on sheep, cattle and wheat farming. In recent decades, tourism has become a major industry with the promotion of the World Heritage-listed Naracoorte Caves National Park and the internationally recognised wetland, Bool Lagoon. It also receives a substantial number of visitors due to its proximity to the Coonawarra, Wrattontully, and Padthaway wine regions.

Famous faces from Naracoorte include:

- AFL Footballers Aaron Fiora (Richmond/St. Kilda), Lachie Neale (Fremantle) and Jack Trengove (Melbourne). Jessica Trengove represented Australia in the Womens Marathon in both the 2012 London and

2016 Rio Olympic Games.
• Also ex Basher and Variety supporter Henry Mould from the Naracoorte Hotel, although the big fella is in need of a bit of exercise to reach peak fitness.

DAY 8 LUNCH TARPEENA

There have been two towns bearing the name Tarpeena, nearly three miles apart. In the 1860s there was sufficient population to support a hotel, a store, a blacksmith, a school and a post office. Over the next two decades the district lost these services, and for half a century Tarpeena was little more than the name of a locality. Harvesting and milling of pines signalled the recovery of the town and population levels and development took place shortly after the first thinning of the pines.

The history of Tarpeena begins, like that of the most south-east region of South Australia, with the establishment of sheep stations in the 1840s. The pastoralists rented vast areas of the land and ran sheep principally for wool. Many came from Victoria. By the early 1840s, most of western Victoria's sheep runs had been taken up in a wave of settlement that ran continuously from Melbourne. The pastoralists simply continued westwards establishing new stations. Planning of pine plantations and the establishment of sown pastures, which would carry large numbers of sheep and cattle, transformed the district. The pine industry had the greater impact on the town.

The planting of pines began in the mid-1920s, although it was not until the harvesting began nearly 15 years later that there was any impact on the town. South Australian Perpetual Forests Ltd, one of the largest private sector companies in the pine industry, chose Tarpeena for its regional headquarters. The decision to locate the administrative headquarters and the main milling and processing plant of SAPFOR's successor company, Auspine Ltd, located at the

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northern end of Tarpeena, had a major impact on the growth of the town. SAPFOR's first association with Tarpeena began with the purchase of 42 acres in 1934. The chief forester moved into a large timber-framed weatherboard house in early 1937 and used the front room on the northern side as his office.

The Tarpeena Mill is currently owned and operated by Timberlink. As can be seen, the growth and development of Tarpeena is inextricably linked to the timber milling operations of the town.

Lunch at Tarpeena basically signals the end of the 2017 Bash as it is just a transport section to the finish line in Mt. Gambier. This morning's track has taken us through some beautiful forest country and has given a close look at the enormity of the south-east forest industry. Thanks to Forestry SA and to 141 Plantations for their permission to access all areas this morning.

Finish Line Mt Gambier

Mount Gambier is the second most populated city in South Australia. The city is located on the slopes of Mount Gambier (volcano).

The peak of the dormant volcano was the first place in South Australia named by European explorers. It was sighted in 1800 by Lieutenant James Grant from the survey brig, *HMS Lady Nelson*, and named for Lord James Gambier, Admiral of the Fleet. The peak is marked by Centenary Tower, built in 1901 to commemorate the first sighting, and at 192 metres (630 ft) above sea level the landmark is the city's highest point.

The city is well known for its geographical features, particularly its volcanic and limestone features, most notably its Blue Lake, parks and gardens, caves and sinkholes.

Hastings Cunningham founded "Gambierton" in 1854 by subdividing

a block of 77 acres (31 ha). From 1861 to 1878 the Post Office was known by this name before reverting to Mount Gambier. ... On 9 December 1954, Mount Gambier was officially declared a city, and is now an important tourism centre in southeast South Australia.

- The Blue Lake is a large monomictic crater lake located in a dormant volcanic maar associated with the Mount Gambier maar complex.
- In 2008 divers reached the bottom of the Blue Lake for the first time at 72m in depth.
- The water in the unconfined aquifer of the Blue Lake is estimated to be 500 years old.
- The capacity of the Blue Lake is 30,000 million litres.
- Mt. Gambier has been a major supporter of Variety over the last 28 years with Bash Cars like the JOKR, Sailors, Jelly Beans and others over the years.

Thanks to Webby and Jason for their help during the year in Mt. Gambier.

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Official Vehicles



OV1

Crew: Brenton 'Rambo' Ramsey and Peter de Cure

Chairman Brenton "Rambo" Ramsey and Chauffer Pete de Cure are back in the saddle for year 3 in 2017 and can't wait to get over the start line in Mt Barker.

We are looking forward to a great week, with outstanding Bash tracks, the best of company and the odd quiet can. We can promise you that there will be beautiful days full to the brim with spectacular scenery, fun stops, entertainment and country hospitality.

As usual if you want to see OV1 out on the track look for Car V01 Vilis, we are never far from the next party!

OVZ

Crew: Brenton Dansie and Greg Hall

These guys seem like the invisible OV's. You won't see much of them during the day as they're up and on the road by 4.30 am (give or take) to check the tracks and make sure all is OK for the Bash to start.

However, they're not really invisible. Like all the OV's, they are there to do all they can to make the Bash the best it can be. So if you have any questions relating to the tracks, go and find the OVZ guys at the night spot and have a chat.

AND, this year, for the very first time ever, OV8 is going to give them a HUGE amount of Bash Bucks. Probably more than the bank!!!

So if you reckon you have a good cause, "track" Zero down in the evening and see if you can extract ("bribe") some cash out of them.

OV3

Crew: Annie Mates and Mark McGill

Annie and Mark will be 'travelling all over the countryside' with you this year in OV3.

After 12 months of organising the 2017 Bash with Chairman Rambo, we are definitely the 'OV in the know' about everything you need to know!

Our driving and navigating skills have improved considerably now that Megan has gone, but whatever you do, don't follow us or you could end up anywhere.

See you all out on the track!

OV4

Crew: Ron Barton and Anthony Scott

This year OV4 has "ANOTHER" new member of the team - Anthony Scott. Well, he's not really new, Ant's been around forever as part of the Variety family.

We have to ask though, what's going on in OV4? What has Ron done to frighten off

another team member? Bazz hasn't been seen for 2 years and young Alex refuses to comment on last year's week away with Ron.

Oh well, hopefully Ant will shed some light on it after this year's Bash. We asked Ron what he thought and he just shrugged and said "that's for them to worry about, not me".

Ron said that "so long as Anthony follows orders and does all the work, there won't be a problem". Anthony reckons Ron can shove his orders anywhere he wants.

What we do know though is they're really good mates and no doubt OV4 will have a lot of fun and of course be the best official vehicle on the Bash just like every other year.

OV5

Crew: Graham Organ and Lynton Pahl

Hello Bashers and welcome to The Greatest OV's you will ever meet.

Orgy & AlBeRt OV5 at your service.

We come to you with 45 Bashes between us (Orgy 25, AlBeRt 20)

This team handles Audio Visual on the Bash and we make RAMBO sound as good as he looks.

Being background or PARTY time, we aim to please. Keeping the dance floor rocking til you want to stop. We are only too pleased to play your music (ipad, phone, USB or whatever) bring it along!

Between us we also make the trophies with parts from unlucky Bashers, MW's and the classy bases from OV Pillow, better known as DREAM DOORS KITCHENS Anthony Scott.

Feel very free to pick our brain on anything Bash and we love helping you enjoy it as much as we have...WE WANT YOU BACK. Cheers, Orgy'n AlBeRt

OV6

Crew: Steve Cooling and Peter Lloyd

Steve and Pete have had a busy year supporting and participating in many fundraising events such as the Variety 4WD Challenge, Dinner Under the Stars, Chairman's Scrub Roast and the Maree Camel Cup to name but a few. However, making time in August for the Bash has been a priority for this unassuming duo.

The boys wish to share with us and reveal the findings of a survey conducted by OV6 on the 2016 Bash. In summary, it was generally accepted by the majority of Bashers that the crew of OV6 (Pete and Steve) were found to be: professional, dedicated, think Rambo is "cool", respectful, resourceful, highly regarded, love bacon, enthusiastic, naturally talented, caring, enjoy cold

drinks, popular, fun officials, great supporters of Variety, charming, creative, eat beef, hardworking, connected, pre-eminent, conspicuous, sedulous, a hoot, extravagantly chivalrous and absolute show stoppers.

The generous comments about OV6 continued however we think you get the idea so will stop listing them now.

OV6 would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who responded to the survey and welcome your feedback again this year. Watch out for Pete's survey monkey on the track!

OV7

Crew: Phil and Kay Badcock

Kay and Phil are thrilled to be back again in the saddles of OV7 on what will be another fantastic Bash. Kay has been working on your Bash magazine and Phil has been pestering you all about fun stops. We can't wait to see you all on the Bash for a chat at a check in, a drink around a campfire, a brekkie or dinner together and some fun at a fun stop. We wish you all a great Bash. Have lots of fun, but please take care and stay safe.

OV8

Crew: Judith Dawson, Edwina Nitschke and John DalCollo

OV 8 is back in another new format! Two little ducks (Edwina and Jude) will be chauffeured this year by the drake (John). Catch us in the field if you are a Dancing Queen and never been kissed. Following the Doctors orders might be Lucky for some. If this is not your cup of tea, ask for more. If you prefer Clickety Click we have some other ways to win the chips. It's all in the way you play the games!! As always, we are subject to bribes and will be found along the track and at start and finish lines.

OV9

Crew: Alex Richards and Jane Reilly

After a year off the track, OV9 is back on the Bash with a brand new duo. Alex has jumped cars leaving Ron Barton in OV4 and joined forces with Jane Reilly, a veteran of 15 Bashes.

Alex, an outdoor specialist and computer whiz, and Jane, a weather and happiness expert, will put their skills together to produce an official team like no other.

Jane got a taste of officialdom last year and loved it. Her motto is "the bigger the bribe, the bigger the brownie points."

The pair will be looking after check in and check out... and standby MC for OV4 when Ron gets too technically challenged and when Ant loses his pillow.

MEDICAL TEAMS

OV10

Crew: Jim Holland, Mark Webb

OV11

Crew: Bill Geyer

OV12

Michael Quinn, Harry Waymark

THE PLANES

OV15

Crew: Michael Matthew

OV16

Crew: Chris Meulengraaf

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

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Crew: Wayne Richards, Graham Zacher and Gary Frazer

RAD2

Crew: Curly and Scruffy (alias Peter Curtis and Graham Reynolds)

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VID1

Crew: Russell Marrett, Jon Ward and Chris Houghton

BAG 1 'LUCKY'S BAGS AND SWAGS'

Crew: Peter Cochrane

BAG2

Crew: David Ahola

VC1

Crew: Kathryn Zeitz, Christina Tassell, Hamish Ward, Tim Glover, ??? Woolworths

CAR FUN

Crew: Karl Mortimer, Merv Mortimer

V1 VILI'S

Crew: Simon Milisits, Ben McDonnell and Brenton Moore

SV1

Crew: Troy Linke, Robert Lloyd, Tom Lloyd + ????

MOBILE WORKSHOPS

MW1

Crew: Geoff Kilford and Richard Lloyd

MW2

Crew: Jock Milne, Bruce Cronin, Gordon Milne and Sebastian Gazzola

MW3

Crew: Rocky Carbone, Graham Stevenson and Tony Telegramma

MW4

Crew: Gary Edwards and Russell Spiller

MW5

Crew: Stuart Peddle, Brian Peddle, Matt Druce and Geoff Moody

MW6

Crew: Daryl Carter and Scott Seagrim

MW7

Crew: Leon Menz, John Menz and Barry Schmidt

MW8

TOYOTA LANDCRUISER

Crew: Roger Butler and Mike Lewis

Mike is back, he cannot let go just yet, retirement is not that easy. Along with Roger they will provide valuable MW support. We will be bringing any of the Rare Spares from Nigel's vehicle including the often used stiff bar for special Bashers. Sponsors we would like to thank:

Special thanks to Richard and Edwina Nitschke, Cathy and Lyn and all at Mt Barker businesses that donated in some way.

MW9

Crew: John Kniter and Greg Spriggs



2017 Variety Bash

The Bash Cars



CAR 020 WAURALTEE WOMBATS

HOLDEN WB STATESMAN 1981

Crew: Ken Davey, Nick Chigwidden, Neil Davey, Bernard Mahar



CAR 03 WIGGLES

HOLDEN HT PREMIER 1970

Crew: James Dyer, Paul Brown, Tim Dyer, Bill Ricciardi.

Right, we have lost our virginity and aren't going to be 'one Bash wonders', so we are doing it again....although we have lost Anthony. However, we have replaced him with a new one, Billy, who will be the only Virgin in our car. Billy is in the same line of work as James and Paul in the Mining Exploration Industry; however, he actually drills the holes, whereas James and Paul make the tools to drill the hole. We have invited him along as where else can you meet great people, drive classic Aussie cars, eat great food (in the middle of nowhere!!) and dress up as a tranny and get away with it. He was sold at 'dress up as a tranny'.

We will be Wiggles once again with James as 'Emma', Paul as 'Murray', Billy as 'Anthony' and Tim as 'Wake Up Jeff'. We are looking forward to muddy and sandy tracks, wet swags, loads of great food, drinks and entertainment. You've definitely gotta do it!!

Sponsors we would like to thank:

UCI Manufacturing; Tiline Drilling; Tiline International and every other business and individual that have sponsored The Wiggles Car 03.



CAR 041 SAILORS

FORD FAIRLANE ZG 1975 302V8 AUTO

Crew: Ian Lister, Mike Coonan, Rowdy Bellinger, Reg Hamilton.

Car 041 was purchased by Ian Lister and Rowdy Bellinger in 2012 from Waikerie where it had been sitting idle in a shed for 5 years. The previous 2 years we had been in the Bash in Car 777 with Colin Hann.

The vehicle, when purchased was Bash ready, with roll bars and full underbody protection as required by Bash rules.

Over the years we have replaced the diff, had the heads and timing gear overhauled and a new auto choke carby fitted. New back springs and front coils were fitted this year. As owners of the car we are responsible for registration and insurance, all maintenance, fuel and running costs. This will be the cars 6th year and hopefully we will have no major mechanical problems.

All vehicle participants have a theme and we dress as Sailors.

The Team consists of 'Squeak' Lister, 'Rowdy' Bellinger, 'Uncle Reg' Hamilton and Mike Coonan. To make our Bash possible we draw on sponsors from Beachport, Millicent and surrounding areas. To top up our bank balance we cut and supply firewood to many happy people.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

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CAR 061 FIRE TRUCK

HOLDEN HQ 1972

Crew: Rhain Hondow, Brendan Schulz, Simon Bullock, Travis Flight.

We are all current members of the Apex Club of Loxton and have admired the work of Variety for years. After a meeting one night, we started talking rubbish about building a Bash car, what we would use, what parts we had lying around and how easy we thought it would be! That was in 2015! It hasn't been easy but it has been lots of fun.

Two years later, we finally have got it together and looking forward to meeting great people and having many good times.

We decided to go with a Fireman Sam theme because all kids love fire trucks and Fireman Sam and it's all about the kids.



CAR 12 TOP GUN

MERCEDES 300D

Crew: Sam Giglio, Chez Barbaro.

Car 12 and the Top Gun crew have now done the Bash since 2010. I had always wanted to do the Bash at least once as part of my bucket list but I found out, once you do it, you become hooked and this year will be my sixth time on the Bash.

I have had seven different crew members who have all helped raise money for Variety. The best part of being involved is knowing we have raised money for children in need in South Australia. My Mercedes 300d has been there the whole time and only let me down once by blowing a motor but we didn't let that stop us, so we hired a jeep in Bourke and finished the Bash to Sydney. Being involved with the Bash you become part of the Variety family who are friendly and welcoming.

Keep up the great work Bashers and Variety staff, this is a great charity! Cheers, Sam.



CAR 123 SUPER MARIO BROTHERS

HOLDEN HR 1966

Crew: Michael Ashforth, Tom Foristal, Tom Ricketts.

Having lost 2016 Basher of the Year Josh 'Joshi' Pugh to the Big Apple, many would have thought the Super Mario Brothers might have lost their way. But never fear Car 123 will once again be Bashing with some familiar faces steering the Mario Kart.

After a two year hiatus Michael 'Mash' Ashforth is returning for Bash number four. Car 123 is excited to have him back, as is West End Brewery. Although he may be a bit lost without his Bash sidekick Joshi, he'll be back with a vengeance.

Tom 'The Candy Man' Foristal is back for two in a row, Bash number 3. He will hopefully learn from last year, and won't book a two-week European holiday leading directly into the Bash!

Tom 'The Publican' Ricketts will be back for his third Bash in a row and is looking forward to being served the drinks for once!

Once again, the Mario Brothers will continue the endless search across outback SA for Princess Peach; all the while raising money for Variety SA.



CAR 13 BAKERS DOZEN

DODGE AT4 VAN 1966

Crew: Darren 'Donut' Sutton, Peter 'Pastie' Pete, Noel 'Iced Coffee Holder' Swan, Steve 'Sausage Roll' Gentle.

The 'Rai\$in' Dough for Special Kids' Car 13 Bakers Dozen crew return yet again. Luckily, as Bakers we like getting up early - the Bash is actually a week of sleep-ins for us. 'Pastie' Pete (18th Bash) is joined by the real baker 'Donut' Darren (16th Bash) along with "How does this square drink holder work?" Noel (Virgin Baker 2016, 12th Bash).

Also joining us this year is funny man Steve 'Sausage Roll' Gentle (Virgin Baker, 3rd Bash). We are not sure if we have even told him yet that the 'Is Dodge, Is Good' Bakers van doesn't have back doors to exit quickly - this could be a problem with his senior's incontinence. But he is along to make us laugh after all - and that could help..... Noel managed to break the van on Day 1 last year, but we let him come back anyway, he can't be any worse than Pastie Pete's ongoing complete lack of baking ability (he prefers consuming product to making it.)

The Bakers will again be distributing their scrumptious goodies along the track (well not on the ground... you know what I mean) at places and times to be announced (NOTE: products, places and times may vary.....)

We look forward, as always, to another successful year (we are still totally in awe of Rambo's 2016 result), raising important funds for SA's special kids.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

Not sure really, we are not very organised at time of print this year, but I reckon; ARM Contractors; Kytons Bakery Australia; Heritage Fencing; Envirosweep; Qube Ports; Incitec Pivot Fertilizers; Stevens Bulk; Bay Of Shoals Wines; MLC and anyone else who helped!

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CAR 140 BEAN MACHINE

Crew: Tracey Robinson,
Meagan Sampson, Penny Ryall.

"Bean Machine" - the old girl has made it through another Bash and looking forward to the next one in 2017. With team captain Tracey looking forward to finishing in her hometown, thinking her old team was going to be re-joining her, but not to be the case, so there will be an experienced Basher and a Virgin - great combination.

Those of you who have Bashed before would remember her as "Hi, I'm Katie Perry!" Yes she is back!!! (Looking a little bit different and better as a Jelly Bean!). Meagan who was part of the EFM crew for a few years, has missed not being part of the 'Bash family' so she is back for more. With the addition of our Virgin Penny, who doesn't know what she is getting herself in for (but don't tell her that!), she is really looking forward to everything she has heard about. Like so many others the Bash has been on her bucket list, so please make her feel welcome as I know you all will. We would like to extend a special thank you to all those who have helped us raise the necessary funds for this year and know that children in need in SA are the beneficiaries.



CAR 16 JOHNNIE WALKERS

FORD GALAXIE 1965

Crew: Flip Allen, Ken Noack,
Ash Williams, Linc Ramsey.

The Johnnies are back for three in a row! Old Blue's talk of a knee reconstruction was just that, talk! So he will be sitting in the front seat again (or maybe the roof rack). Alongside him is Goldie, aka Ken from Ken's tents (yes, THE Ken from Ken's tents!). In the back seats are Blackie and Young Red (son of Daddy). They'll be pouring Scotch, sucking dust, pouring Scotch, helping Blue get dressed, pouring Scotch, helping Goldie navigate, pouring Scotch, annoying the hell out of two in the front and...having a quiet Scotch! So from the Johnnies, we bid you a good day and look forward to another 8 days of fun with our fellow Bashers. Tally-ho and Keep Walking!

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CAR 175 ROCK STARS

HOLDEN WB STATESMAN 1984

Crew: Neil Gibbins, Richard Skinner,
Joshua Sage.

The Mighty Caprice is back again and raring to go with 2 new crew members and one who is celebrating his 5th Bash. We welcome Virgin Bashers Richard Skinner and Joshua Sage to the team and trust they will 'rock on' in the true Rockstar style - following the lead of Neil Gibbins, a veteran rocker of 5 years. After a very late start to the fundraising year, we're just happy to be participating in such an important event, raising money for the children of SA.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

Thanks go to all of our sponsors, friends and families for their valued support in raising money for Variety.



CAR 193 TED

FALCON XY 1971

Crew: Tracey Faehrmann, Sandie Thomas, Kate Faehrmann, Jessica Sheppard.

For Tracey's 50th year, she decided to ask her 3 nieces to join her on the 2017 Variety SA Bash, as it has been on their wish list for a few years now.

It appears 2017 was meant to be, as the Faehrmann family first settled in Mt Barker in the late 1800's. Tracey was born in Mt. Gambier and resides in the Riverland.

They settled on TEAM TED as the name (in honour of the TED'S in the Faehrmann family) with Teddy Bear costumes, after a great discussion with Jane Reilly on Virgins night. The car is an old Bash car found out in the middle of a field, which Team Ted has been lucky enough to have loaned to them along with the spiders and mice. Definitely a work in progress...

The engine was replaced and goes well, with an excellent horn arrangement and auto seats in the front. The UHF was stolen but it still has the CD player, so look out for 'The Gambler' on repeat.

If we make it to the start line, please give us a push start.

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CAR 2 THUNDERBIRDS

HOLDEN STATION WAGON 1976

Crew: Peter Grieg, Jim Buckoke, Ralph Day



CAR 21 THE FLINTSTONES

FORD FAIRLAINE 1970

Crew: Paul Hurcombe, Brett Stevens, Mike Thomas

Car 21 has undergone a total identity transformation.

She has gone from formerly carrying around a bunch of Steve Irwin's all the way back to the stone-age and re-emerged as the Flintstones.

Even though old, this crew has managed to maintain their virginity and have saved themselves for this particular Bash. On board is Palaeolithic Paul, Mesolithic Mike and Bronze Age Brett.

It wasn't a hard sell for any of us, the chance to be part of such a venerable institution which highlights our particular talents of amber appreciation, getting lost in the bush, and most importantly the chance to help children in need.

As long as we keep Mike away from the wheel, the organisational genius (bordering on OCD) of Paul and the umpiring skills of Brett should see the 1970 Ford Fairlane go the distance with all three passengers still intact.

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CAR 22 STOCKMANS

BUICK RIVIERA 1965

Crew: Kym Penalurick, David Maitland



CAR 225 SMURFS

HOLDEN STATESMAN CAPRICE 1983

Crew: Greg Hewitson, Jem McGee, Wence Sulda, Damian McEvoy.

La la la-la la la

Sing a happy song

La la la-la la la

Smurf it all day long

La la la-la la la

Smurf along with me

La la la-la la la

Simple as can be

La la la-la la la

Next time you're feeling blue

Just let a smile begin

Happy things will come to you

So Smurf yourself a grin

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CAR 23 BUSHRANGERS

HOLDEN HR 1968

Crew: Dene Davies, Steve Wilden, Steve Baker.

After surviving the 'Great White to Great White' 2016 adventure, Steve and Dene (as founding members of the BASH RANGERS) return this year with Virgin Steve Baker. Smarter and wiser from last year's experience, although Dene must be a slow learner given this is his 15th Bash, the crew of Car 23 are looking forward to rekindling old friendships and meeting new Bashers! Whether it be swapping a story on the side of the road, or sharing a laugh over dinner and drinks, the BASHRANGERS are set to make the most of this year's 'Pastures to Pines' Variety run.

Of course, a big thank you to our wives, families and friends for their fundraising and support, without which the BASHRANGERS participation and contribution to the Variety Bash would not be possible.

Sponsors we would like to thank: CBS Bins; Commercial Motor Vehicles; Garden Grove; Australian Enviroblast; Armstrong Packaging; West Lakes Princess Cruise Boat.



CAR 308 FROZEN

HOLDEN HQ STATION WAGON

Crew: Stormy McMahon, Krystal McMahon, Alex Martin, Tom McMahon

This is the second year for the FROZEN CAR 308! With 3 Virgins in the car it's sure to be a fun trip.

We have had our struggles getting prepared this year with a new motor and gearbox fitted only weeks before D DAY! But we figure always bite off more, then chew like hell! So chew we will, and a good time we will have!

Cheers and Beers
Stormy, Krystal, Tom and Alex



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CAR 333 HILLBILLIES

Crew: Adam Marinakis, David Irvine, Paul Platt.

Once again the Bash is getting close. Another year of fundraising and preparing the car. The Hillbillies are keeping the theme but Darren and Tom have pulled the pin. So David and Paul (two Bash Virgins), are coming along which means Adam doesn't have to do a thing, swag will be rolled for him, etc.

To all Virgins, welcome and we hope you have a great time. To the Chairman, staff and volunteers, we thank you for the work you put in to make it all happen. Thank you also to the major sponsors of Variety.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

Caprice; Confoil; Clorox; Confeta; Deverson Garage Works; Detpak; Northland Distributors.

Hopefully we haven't missed anyone and if we have, we apologise and will get it right next year. We thank you all for your support for such a worthy and wonderful cause as Variety – the Children's Charity.



CAR 407 MASH

FORD F100 1966

Crew: Darren Greatrex, Greg Lambert, Brad MacNamara, David Snoad.

The Bluesmobile has gone but M*A*S*H is back! We have two ex-Blues Brothers, a Virgin and a Bad Panda.....what could go wrong?

Darren Greatrex (Sgt Shultz, I know that's Hogan Heroes but he's fat so it's funny), Greg Lambert (Radar, he is little and annoying and likes teddy-bears so that's also funny), Brad MacNamara (Klinger, he just likes to dress in women's clothing) and David Snoad (Frank Burns, we all know what he is capable of!) are the new M*A*S*H army team in this year's Variety SA BASH.

We saved the convent for our Naughty Nun's and now we are on a new mission from the Korean war to fix all those wounded bodies (sore heads!) and we will be asking you to come along for the ride. We've been working extra hard all year raising vital funds for children in South Australia and in a small way giving them a better quality of life, something we are very proud of.

Of course none of this could happen without the generous support of corporate organisations and individual supporters. It does not matter how much you have donated, it is the fact that you care enough to help kids in need and any contribution you have made is appreciated and goes to an extremely worthwhile cause.

The MASH-mobile is an iconic BASH car (ambulance) and we are very privileged to be the new owners; it is one of the more recognised cars in the BASH and provides a great opportunity as a business to show your support of Variety SA BASH.

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CAR 456 CHARLIE'S ANGELS

HOLDEN HR 1968

Crew: Peta Nunn, Emily Fraser, Brooke Jasper.

This year Peta has recruited Bash Virgins Emily and Brooke to form a trio of elite drivers armed with a high performance Holden HR, navigation techniques, latest music and an array of outfits. They will unleash their state of art skills to take on the 2017 Variety Bash.....full throttle!

CAR 41 BEACH BOYS HOLDEN HR 1966

Crew: Rags Boylan, Tony Greven, Mick Lloyd, Trevor Smith

CAR 4BRO

FORD FALCON XR 1966

Crew: Colin Fawcett, Garry Fawcett, Ian Fawcett, Dale Fawcett.

The crew are 4 brothers who have not been together for a week since the 70's!!

We all decided that it would be great to participate in the Variety Bash and whilst we are looking forward to catching up, we are also raising much needed funds for the children of this State.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

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CAR 364 POPEYE THE SAILOR

HOLDEN HT 1968

Crew: Peter Smyth, Jim Clark, Mark Gevers, Jim Ferris.

The Bobsled and Lycra are long gone (a really good thing) and another Virgin joining the team.

We're strong to the finish cos we eat our Spinach.

Look out for 'Popeye the Sailor man' toot toot.

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CAR 500 WHERE'S WALLY

INTERNATIONAL AB130 1964

Crew: Larry Cavallaro, Heinz Beck, Steve Davis, Brent Dornford.

The Wallys are BACK!! Looking forward to sharing the goodwill with our fellow Bashers as we endeavour to put a smile on the faces of all the kids along the way. The ever reliable Bash Car 500 will line up for its 25th consecutive Bash. The Wallys have had a busy year getting organised and fundraising as well as making sure that the Wally Mobile is fit and ready for another year of dirt, sand and whatever surprises the track will throw at us.

We would like to sincerely thank our long-term sponsors and supporters who have been there over the last 25 years as well as this year's sponsors who collectively make it possible for us to help the disadvantaged children of South Australia.

Sponsors we would like to thank:
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CAR 52 SWAT

FORD FALCON 1970

Crew: Phaeton Angelo



CAR 58 THE BLUES BROTHERS

DODGE PHOENIX 1962

Crew: Trevor Sims, Dennis Holder, Mark Robinson

Car 58 is a well-seasoned fundraising machine that likes to be seen only as a 'quiet achiever'. The robust 1962 Dodge Phoenix is captained by Trevor, who is celebrating his 16th Bash this year. Dennis (the Crab whisperer) will be returning for his 3rd Bash. The ever suffering son-in-law of Trevor, Mark, will again join the team for his 5th year running.

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CAR 595 BLING

HOLDEN HJ WAGON 1975

Crew: Mark McAskill, Tony Sedgman, Marc Wilson, Tony Schnaars.

The Bling Boys have been busy dusting off the sequin suits for our 3rd Bash. Last year's added 'Gold Bling' definitely received some attention and big Tony has once again been busy in his man cave adding a bit more 'shine' to the old wagon (as well as brushing up on his somewhat shifty poker skills!). Diamond Mark has also been busy creating some shiny new bling jewels for our fundraising, so keep an eye out for those. Bling suffered a bit of structural damage on the outback station tracks during last year's run, so Marc (the team mechanic) has a bit of work cut out for him. Well, we did tell Jane Reilly to "drive it like you stole it"! All the team is looking forward to another great Bash this year and catching up with everyone along the way.

Sponsors we would like to thank:
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CAR 66 4 RONNIES

MERCEDES 380 SEL 1982

Crew: John Gibson, Simon Drew, John Duncan, Hamish Dunn.

With two Virgins, Hamish Dunn and John Duncan, it will be a week they will never forget. Simon is on his 8th Bash, with Gibbo The Dinosaur Fossil on his 28th. Hamish runs Koomooloo Station, a place we have visited near Burra. John D is a Finance Broker in the Big League and Simon is a farmer from Burra. (All the crew have lived in or near Burra).

The Virgins are a little nervous and with not too many sleeps until we depart. All crew members really can't wait for the start of Rambo's Bash.

Sponsors we would like to thank:
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CAR 727 MALLEE BULLS

HOLDEN WB STATESMAN 1980

Crew: Steve Hall, Strawb Walker, Adrian Schulz, Tony Lukin.

The Mallee Bulls have the whole herd together for this year's Bash and are looking forward to seeing some premium grazing country. Keep an eye out for the fun stop with our Mallee Bulls Meat Balls.

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CAR 777 COUNTRYBOYS

FORD XR 1966

Crew: Colin Hann, Luke Hann, Nick Piggott, Neville Gilbert



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CAR 75 GILLIGANS ISLAND

HOLDEN STATESMAN 1982

Crew: Kerran Herbert, Fred Taylor, Adam Davies, Chris Hillam.

Looking forward to another Bash with two new crew (told'em we would go easy on them). After being bogged in mud and sand last Bash, we can hardly wait to do it again; it gives us a chance to have a chat with our MW mates! Think we have head lights now which will make it easier to see in the dark after they went on the blink one day coming into Arno.

We would like to thank a lot of farmers in our area who have donated an amazing amount of grain to help the Variety kids.



CAR 808 GROOVY

HOLDEN CAPRICE 1984

Crew: Groovy Greg Mattner, Pasty Rob Parsons, Raging Roy John Capaldo, Wildman Bryce Tonkin.

Car Groovy is back at it again! With a NEW fantastic sound system provided by TONKIN'S Car Audio, we will be Rocking the Tracks! Be afraid when our alter ego's appear! It's a 1 Million dollar Bash Buck ransom for the free world! With Roy back in his bi-annual cameo, get ready for some scantily clad frisbee action!

Wildman Tonkin is now a permanent member so he'll be backing up his Virgin year with displays of fire and water. With the South East being Groovy Gregs old stomping ground, let's hope he doesn't set off for Jip Jip Rocks!! The car has a new carby and 100 new HP so let's hope Pasty controls his right foot.

Sponsors we would like to thank: Glynde Mitre 10; Western United Insurance; Johnson Winter Slattery; Tonkin's Car Audio; Signarama Prospect; Dilena Bros Crash Repairs.



CAR 88 MADAGASCAR

HOLDEN COMMODORE VC 1982

Crew: Roz Chow, May Loo, Sel Bushell.

Roz Chow and May Loo (together again) along with Sel Bushell, are ready to head off in a new Bash car. Formerly the EFM car with a very fit team, the only fit person in Car 88 is Sel (who we'll dob in for any sporting activity that Rambo decides we should participate in!) Sel now understands what Roz and May have learnt (we are sure!) - the reward for our fundraising effort throughout the year is returned threefold in the friendships and comradery of everyone involved in the Bash, but more importantly how the funds we raise help the many children in SA.

Sponsors we would like to thank: Thanks to Lance Vater and Lissi for supporting Roz these last 12 years. Thanks also to Steadfast Brecknock for being there throughout all this time ... and to the numerous supporters who are just a phone call away whenever we yell for help.



CAR 888 NAUGHTY NUNS

HOLDEN HT WAGON 1970

Crew: Sharon Tink, Ang Browne, Jill Williams, Karen Johnstone.

Count your blessings the 'Naughty Nuns' are back again in 2017. With 24 years of Bashing between us, 'Sista Agnes' and 'Sista Winifred' are both celebrating their 5th year of Bashing. Be sure to have your Bash Bucks ready for when they come around with their collection plates. Also, keep your eye out for the Confession Tent; we will accept bribes to keep your confessions from becoming public!

Sponsors we would like to thank: We would like to thank ALL of our sponsors both big and small, without them this would not be possible.



CAR 89 DR WHO

FALCON STATION WAGON XY 1971

Crew: Chris Reynolds, Lewis Reynolds, Geoff Reynolds.

"Knock knock - Who's there?" "Who is going 'round again?" No, these are not trick intellectual questions as we first thought but, please tell us the answer as we are genuinely confused!

"Surely you can't be serious but don't call me Shirley" Understandably absolute gold and one example of our endless material, always fresh, that we intend to relentlessly share with ALL our fellow Bashers. Similarly, we will again play our Dr Who theme music at the max on continuous loop for ALL to enjoy (you know who you are Di). We are proud to again support Variety SA via the annual Bash = 7th Tardis run for Mo ("he's our leader you know!") and 6th for Curly and Larry. A year's fundraising, all for the kids, culminates on August 12th when we join our Vivacious Beneficent Variety Bashers (try saying that in a hurry late at night!) at Mount Barker. We are readied. We will warm our tyres weaving side to side down the road during our warm up lap while revving our engine to the max as we excitedly anticipate the green light and the phrenetic start to the 2017 Race* (*Editor: after counselling and mandatory shock treatment they now realise how wrong this is!). Throughout the year, the Doctors have held numerous functions, snag and wine sales (not together!), quiz night while continually rattling our tins (in true Hoggie's style) at the footy, the Mundine/Green disagreement (a very generous mob) and we sincerely thank our loyal Sponsors: ADELIN, AHD (SA), CREST CONSTRUCTIONS, CROWNCO, CMI Toyota, CIVILTECH DBYD SA-NT, Riverside Lawn and Gardens Services, ROCLA Pipe, Stylez Hair Salon and of course, our family and the generous SA public who readily support Variety.

We anticipate more memorable Bash highlights this year - not only the glorious scenery, fabulous tracks and super-duper companionship (technical term) but we are privileged to witness many presentations to worthy disadvantaged kids or charitable organisations scattered around this great country. An honour to be involved in such a great cause!

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CAR 90 THE PIRATES

HOLDEN STATESMAN 1976

Crew: Kathryn Casey; Leonie Hunt.

Such a privilege to be involved and support the kids of SA and we are looking forward to a fun week with amazing people.

This is Capt'n Katie's 10th year of Bashing and First Mate Lee has done somewhere between 10 and 15..... (She really has no idea of the exact number!!)

Just a minimum crew of 2 this year, but we are confident of tackling the high seas on our journey from 'Pastures to Pines'. We may be looking for a few of our fellow Bashers to dress up and help out when the occasion arises. Who knows – there may even be a mystery guest of 2??

Sponsors we would like to thank:

The Agency – Schinellas; Caveo Partners; Diva Marketing Solutions; DVM Accounting; Riviera Homes; Hunts Fuel and all our donors, supporters and future sponsors.

CAR 922 (NINE TOOT TOOT) LOST

FORD FAIRLANE (LADIES CAR, DON'T KNOW YEAR OR MODEL)

Crew: Angela Organ (AKA Mrs Mango), Kerry McKinnon (AKA Mrs Gosling), Tanya Seagrim (AKA Mrs Mayfair).

What do you mean we are LOST! Lost again! For goodness sakes Mrs Mango, put your glasses on.....

Lucky Mrs Gosling is at hand to offer a calming pot of tea.....If she remembers to put the kettle on!

If it wasn't for Mrs Mayfair, we may never be found.....

Sponsors we would like to thank:

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CAR 96 CAFÉ 96

INTERNATIONAL FIRE TRUCK AB150 1964

Crew: Diane Lintern, Carmine De Ieso, Dave (Mr) Willson, Tim Kowalick.

WE MADE IT! 2016 saw Carmine and Diane (alias Manuel and Lady Di) and the infamous 'Café 96' complete their 25th consecutive Bash – Yoo Hoo! Yipee! We are so very grateful to Fairy and the late Tom Matters for roping us in 1992. We thoroughly enjoy life with our Variety family and can't imagine life without the Bash.

After a hilarious time last year being on tour with Mr Willson, he's she's back! Look out MW's.

We are delighted to welcome a virgin, Tim Kowalick, from Australian DNA, who thinks he knows what he's in for!

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors – each year along the tracks Café 96 provides entrants, locals and landowners with real cappuccinos (proudly made with the finest blend coffee from local Coffee World), Coopers Pale Ale, Carmine's Sparkling Shiraz and Safries Hot Chips.

THANK YOU to: Guy and Liz Adams - Brothers In Arms Winery (previously of Car 01 The General Lee) for their continued support both on and off the track and for their generous donations of wine; Cronin Mechanical Services for hours of TLC to 96 ensuring she makes it through the event; MW's for miraculously keeping Café 96 mobile despite some enormous challenges on the track during our two and a half decades.

Thank you all!

Well done to everyone involved in whatever capacity and we look forward to catching up with you during Bash Week! We wish Rambo and his team a sensational and record-breaking 2017 event. A huge THANK YOU to Tim and Pam Adams for their enormous generosity and support of Variety SA - the kids need us, so keep on Bashing! Cheers!

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CAR 98 THE AVENGERS

HOLDEN HR 1966

Crew: Anthony Hill, Matthew Addicott, David Pannell, Damien Griffiths.

The four guys from Car 98 are all Virgins. Over the space of the year, the team of Car 98 have all worked really hard to get the HR back into Bash-ready condition. With the kind generosity of Misch's Mechanical, Misch and his team have put in many hours and donated the parts to allow our team to concentrate on raising money.

Over the year we have had a few challenges, we have met some fantastic new friends, gained a lot of support, found new ways of doing things and raised some awareness in our community, all whilst raising money in a community where money is very tight.

Our team has four super heroes - Davo - Ironman, Matty - Captain America, Damon - Spider Man and Anthony - The Hulk. We have had great support from our families, sponsors and friends.

We have been lucky enough to have received help and advice from many inside the Bash family, and have been made to feel very welcome and supported. This will be the first Bash for Car 98- The Avengers, but it won't be the last!

Sponsors we would like to thank:

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CAR A1 FEEDING KIDS

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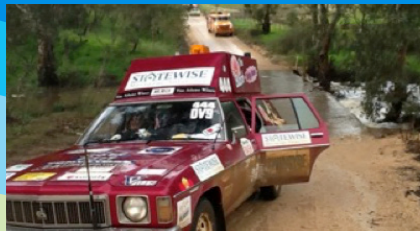
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CAR BB1 BOHO BABES

Crew: Lauryn Weatherall, Liz Travers, Vicki Baigent, Peta Paterson

It's a special year for the international Boho Babes this year. The team has a virgin onboard from Sydney, Peta Paterson who has been a great supporter of our car for a few years now and finally decided it's time to jump aboard. Peta brings new skills to the car in the organizational department and a new order of packing the car, keeping it clean and generally encouraging the other Babes to follow suit. Good luck with that Peta!

Vicki Baigent from her new home in Queensland joins the team again and will bring a glowing Qld. tan to the team. Vicki is a specialist in all things beauty and will make sure the girls look and feel their best for each day's journey and tasks. Together with Lauryn Weatherall a SA Variety Bash stalwart and Adelaide's most savvy mortgage broker, the girls are clocking up 20 years of bashing each this year and with that goes all things 20. There will be 20 hours of play and 4 of rest on the Bash for Lauryn and Vicki, at least 20 km of driving for both of them, 20 minutes of navigating and 20 minutes of back seat activities each day. With 20/20 vision Lauryn and Vicki will keep the team on track both during the day and also will be handy for spotting new night activities. We congratulate Lauryn and Vicki on 20 years of bashing and wish them a great trip in 2017.

Liz Travers is still making the trip from Bali each year to join the team. Liz will be looking for some 5 star accommodation along the track to keep up the standard she has been accustomed to in her luxury villa accommodation in Bali. Her navigational skills are widely known and the team quite rightly feel a little nervous when Liz is in the front left hand seat. She is known to have a little song in the car so listen up for the vocals!!

Sponsors we would like to thank:
Commonwealth Bank; Lolli Golf Wear; Statewise Mortgage Solutions; Kejora Villas-Suites and all our fabulous Bash supporters who come to all our fundraisers.



CAR BEE BEES

HOLDEN STATESMAN 1978

Crew: Neil Frith, Adam Frost, Chris Thomas, Tim Fry

Car BEE is back again full of sting ready to rock everyone's socks off.

Three new comers join the car which is in its 5th year and looking forward to the food and wine chilling in the esky and a happy cheeky laugh along the way. Joining the car is Adam Frost aka 'Frosty' - a big friendly giant willing to help anyone along the way. What he lacks in hair he makes up for in generosity and kindness.

Chris Thomas aka 'the Ginger Ninja' is lucky to join the crew after becoming a new first time dad!! His wife has given him a leave pass and I'm sure the boys snoring will make up for any new born crying he'll miss out on over the 8 days. Tim Fry, aka 'Frysie', is a hairy lovable larrikin and funnily enough he's allergic to bees and will have his epi pen in his pocket in case things get a little too interesting.

Our veteran Neil Frith aka 'Frithy' is back to show the boys how it's done. Frithy is the ever reliable man behind the scenes; he's happy to get in and get his hands dirty in raising funds and I'm sure will show the young boys a great time - I'm also told he snores the loudest LOL!

Overall Car BEE is very excited to be back on board raising funds for such a wonderful organisation. We thank all our sponsors, the owners of the car for allowing us to take part, and all the people that have got behind us and supported our fundraising efforts. We are looking forward to a stop-over in our local town to show everyone else out there just what amazing things the Variety Bash does and stands for.

That's all from us we shall buzzzzzz off and get back to rattling the can.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

Carters Foodland; PPHS Stock Agents; Nuseed; Naracoorte Seeds; Wickham Flower; Hidden Valley Transport; Ogilve Group; Frances Hotel; Cappa Motor Bodies and everyone that has supported our fundraising efforts.



CAR BTR BOEGLER BOYS

DODGE PHOENIX 1966

Crew: Barry Flitter

CAR BOB BOB THE BUILDER

HOLDEN BROUGHAM 1968

Crew: Trevor Davey - The Boss, Bruce Linke - The Foreman, Kg StClair - The Second Year Apprentice.

Car Bob will be going on its 12th Bash this year and is still going strong. With a few minor repairs to some body work this year it will be good to go forever.

The Bob the Builder theme has been going for 17 years now and is still a popular theme for the younger kids.

Our fearless leader Trevor is going on his 21st Bash this year and is still as accommodating as ever. Bruce is back for his 7th year and KG is back for his second stint and is as keen as ever to have a good time. Unfortunately Lyn won't be with us this year due to family commitments but I'm sure that the crew will still have a good laugh, just not as often.

We can't wait to meet up with old and new Bash buddies and also the kids along the way.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

We would like to thank A W Vater and Co, our regular Sponsors and our New Sponsors for helping us raise funds for our great Charity.



CAR CDA HARRY POTTER

HOLDEN HD 1965

Crew Tim Marriage, Venkat Gopal, Callum McEwen, Thomas Bozek

Four Naive Virgin First year Hogwarts scholars are off on an adventure starting from the fantastic beasts (and where to find them - Monarto) to the great blue lake, on a quest to see if they do indeed still sell blue lemonade.

Harry (Venkat), Hermine (Tim), Ron/Hedwig (Thomas) and Hagrid (Callum) will be firing up the well bashed Codan HD Holden (where the HD certainly does not stand for High Definition). This car may have been on many a Bash but this year it will do it channelling Ron's Ford Anglia to see if it can fly in the same way while avoiding danger that lurks at every corner. The car will need to be modified from previous years from a relatively luxurious three seater to a four seater to house the four children and an owl.

As Virgins we will be relying on the wise experience and benevolence of the Professors of the Bash and hope we will be trying to score as many points for Gryffindor and spread the good cheer to the Muggle children of the state.

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CAR COP BASH COPS

HOLDEN WB STATESMAN DEVILLE 1974

Crew: Monique Findlay, Leanne Kluyt, Di Dodd, Deb Goodacre.

The Bash Cops are back on the beat to maintain Law and Order on the Bash Tracks.

The Squad Car is overhauled, back to fine form and ready to go out on patrol.

Granny Cop Monique and Detective Di will be celebrating their 10th Bash, Rookie Ruby has now been in the Force for 4 years and PC Deb has given her all to the service for 7 years.

After having so much fun last year, busting gambling rings, defecting cars, confiscating contraband etc., we were more than happy to sign up together for another year on Bash Patrol, with our wonderful Bash family.

We love the outback tracks, the kids and the people we meet on the way. There is an incredible sense of pride when we get to see firsthand how some of the money we have raised as Bash entrants is directly helping people in the communities we visit. Being part of the Bash family is a wonderful opportunity to spend a week with an amazing bunch of people and see some fabulous parts of the country.

We really appreciate the support of our sponsors below and look forward to the 2017 Bash.

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CAR ENA GREEK SPECIAL 1982

Crew: Craig Phillips, Chris Carypidis, Heath Hill, James Wigzell.

Yasou! Ti kanis? Ti pouta. Kalla. Not bad and yours? So we changed the name but the Wogs is the same. Car ENA Not EENA, ENA. Like N AH! Means one, first. Ya knows like your guys are our Number one!

We got a Christos, a Dimmi, an old guy named Graig and a little Pup named Heath, but we will call Con! In fact, we can call them all Con, except Costa, we call him Costa!

Looking forward to the awesomeness that is the Bash, the wonderfulness that are the Bashers.

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CAR HOGS HOGS

FORD FAIRLANE ZG 1974

Crew: Graham 'Bull' Bowring, Mark 'Chops' Bowring, John 'Snapper' Day.

The Car Hogs adventure commenced back in 2006 when Graham purchased a car and he, John Day and Dave Barrett participated in their first Bash, the QLD Bash. They went on to do two QLD Bashes and when Graham moved to Adelaide, a SA Bash.

When Dave stepped out Graham invited me to join John and himself in the National Bash to Alice Springs. On the way home from Alice to Mildura the body cracked seriously under the front wheel well and was beyond the repair stage. We managed to find another body in Mildura. After a fresh coat of paint a friend and I somehow managed to move 'everything' to the new body before the next Bash and 'Hogs 2' was born. What a steep learning curve that was! There were actually tears of joy when the motor started for the first time after months of work and learning.

The time has gone quickly and our enthusiasm is still strong. This Bash is my 9th; Graham has done 12 and John 9.

Noel 'Swanny' Swan has also Bashed with us and his 'Hogs head' is now one of his fondest possessions.

Thanks to John Fillipi for his annual check-up, Melbourne, Adelaide, and Mildura pub patrons, Car Hogs \$100 club, "Car Hog\$ Ba\$h for Ca\$h" participants, Mildura Coles customers, everyone that donated and a special thanks to our key sponsors. – Famous Insurance; Palmers Organic Dorpers; Cavill Power Products; John Day; John Palmer and Col and Pat Delaney. Cheers, Mark

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The Hogs crew look forward to seeing you all again, good luck, have a safe and enjoyable Bash and welcome to all the Virgins.



CAR JOKR THE JOKER

DODGE 1970

Crew: Ian Weber, Jason Beveridge, Tony Griffin



CAR KEN THE FOOTY PLAYERS

HOLDEN HK 1968

Crew: Gareth Vines, Brett Barrett, John Kennewell, Daniel Bond.

Car Ken is back after hanging up the boots last year but we took advantage of the off season and trained hard – real hard. Our crew this year is made up of 3 Virgins and a returning past player, so be nice! Joining the 'out of retirement' Vinesy, we have 'Barrett', 'Kenza' and 'Bondy' and these boys are real footy players. Well, OK, we probably don't have the stereotypical physiques of footy players and our backs may not be what they used to be...Oh and our knees, they're not 100%. But what we lack in all of that, we make up for in commitment and perseverance. Car Ken has had some long awaited TLC and will be looking the part on the start line. With footy's under our arms and our socks pulled up, we are looking forward to mixing with our old and new Bash family.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

Kennards – they love that we do this for the kids; Infinity Signs – they never say never...ever; Direct Tyre and Auto Service – Paul and the team at Lonsdale have gone above and beyond.



CAR KAOS KAOS KRICKET CLUB

DODGE PHOENIX 1963

Crew: Les Burdett, John Piro, Rob Kerin, Stephan Schultz



CAR KK1 DOCTORS

HOLDEN WB PANEL VAN 1981

Crew: Trevor Jenkin, Alan Coombes.

Same crew as last year, hoping that the car stays together after losing a wheel at a legal speed last year. Again we will have cold amber fluids on board for anyone that requires assistance. Look for the Red Panel van and don't laugh someone you know could be in the back.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

SA Brewing Co.; Structural Concepts; Al Crash; Tydvil Hotel; Pal letco; Parkinson Sport.



CAR MAX HANGOVER

FORD LTD

Crew: Mark Wauer, Chris McEgan, David Smith and David Vincent.

It's time for Trump to get serious and run America as 2017 sees all of the MAX Boys passing the Bashing milestone 10 Year mark. With years of experience it is now time to reach back into our juvenile days and relive our youth. Letting go of our inhibition and feeling a lot less stressed about what others think of us, this is the year to take a few risks.

Thanks to our major sponsors – SEM Civil, Adelaide Vehicle Centre, Top Parks, Discovery Parks, Westside Energy, Air Everywhere, OV-(odka Dan)-Z. 2017 The Year to MAX out!

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CAR 27
MEXICANS**

FORD XE 1982

Crew: Phil Hutt, Martin Potter, Peter Tulla, Peter Feeney, David Loftus, Sue Gurry, Darren Binney, Bret Schenk



**CAR MIN
MINIONS**

FORD XY FALCON 1972

Crew: Mary Arvanitakis, Anna Jackman, Rosalie Gillings, Sharlene Capper.

Minions live to serve but find themselves working for a continual series of unsuccessful Masters. This year we will be on the lookout for the most despicable Bashers, whilst putting smiles on children's faces.

Congratulations to Bash Chairman Rambo and his crew. We know that we are in for another great Bash.

Thank you to our partners: - Peter, Craig, Colin and Jeff for their support and a special thanks to Peter for the use of his Bash car.

Sponsors we would like to thank: Cochrane's; Discount Party Supplies; Vape4life; Ultra Tune Unley.



**CAR MIT
THE MUPPETS**

CHRYSLER VALIANT 1971

Crew: Kym Dorward, Jeremy Hartwich, Jeff Bowers, Leon Earl.

This year the new car in Car MIT comprises of a second year runner in Kym Dorward and three Virgins in Jeremy Hartwich, Jeff Bowers and Leon Earl. Kym went for the drive with Car 308 last year but decided this year to start a new challenge in creating not only a new crew, but also a new Bash car. With Jeff being an old hand as a Maintenance Officer, Jeremy being a Chef, Leon dabbling in Home Maintenance and a Scout Leader and Kym being a Parts Advisor, what could possibly go wrong with this bunch of Muppets? What we do know is that it'll probably be fun to find out!

Sponsors we would like to thank: Curtis's Sales and Service – for the use of their workshop for 11 months; Casey Atkinson Auto Electrics – for all of the wiring; Jumana Engineering – for the steel fabrication and own personal time spent perfecting our designs.



**CAR MLC
RUNAWAY BRIDES**

HOLDEN WB STATESMAN 1984

Crew: Sandra Lukin, Emma Pedler; Deb White; Kim Whillas.

The Brides are ready to 'MOUNT' up for another exciting year. Along with our Virgin Bride, Kim Whillas, we will also be celebrating The Brides 10th Anniversary and Debs 5th year of Bashing. So, look out, The Brides will be partying all week long, (unlike other years, lol.....)

Looking forward to seeing you all out on the tracks.

A big thanks to Tony Lukin (Mallee Bulls) and Denzil White for keeping our 'V8 Bride' in tip top condition.

Sponsors we would like to thank: Extra special thanks to our major sponsors of many years, 'West Coast Bitumen', as well as the many others, new and old that never cease to amaze us with their generosity.

**CAR PARO
PAROMEDICS**

FORD F100 1979

Crew: Matt Palmer, Ben Johns, Alex McKinnon



CAR P1

FORD FAIRLANE 1978

Crew: Denise Davey, Dianne Clift, Jennifer Miller, Jacinta Oster

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**CAR PUT
THREE WISE MONKEYS**

FORD FAIRLANE ZA 1967
Crew: Kim Curtis, Mandy 'Moo' Madgen, Deeon 'Dot' Otto.

"Hey hey, we're the Monkeys and people say we monkey around"
Well, we accept there may be some truth in that, but mostly we are just having some fun!

Given it appears the theme was okay as you BASHERS told us so by voting for us (sorry Trumps!) and mainly cos we are so lazy, the Monkeys we will be again. Except there will be something a little different and we are likely to be even cheekier, with a lot more poo flinging!

Not sure how much energy we will have this year on the Bash given that for the first time since 2005 we actually had a fundraiser. Yep, you heard right, a fundraiser! So we will be tired little monkeys this year!

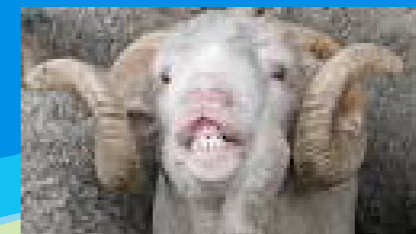
But we are sure that once we start breathing that beautiful fresh country air, well just before we start inhaling the dust from all those Bash cars in front of us, and we come across a prop, we'll be inspired to get up to some sort of antics.

And this year, See No sees all, Hear No hears everything and Speak No will not shut up for the entire event. It'll be more fun than a barrel of monkeys!

So Mount to Mount – what a great week we should have. Surely even Rambo couldn't stuff this up – or could he? We are looking forward to finding that out and sharing a great week with our Bash family!

So remember, don't forget to look up – we'll be hanging around somewhere!

Sponsors we would like to thank:
eReports; Australian Timbers; Wes Pickering; Chianti Classico; Ray White Real Estate - Lilydale and our other sponsors and supporters.



**CAR RAM
BANDS RECOVERY TEAM**

FORD FALCON UTE 1989
Crew: Andrew Duffy, John Dundon.

Having survived our deflowering last year, two of the three rams will be back in the paddock again for another run around the track. With a change of vehicle to a more agricultural ex BandS Ute, we hope to be ready for Rambo's Royal Show in Keith with all that it may entail. (Perhaps an inaugural Bash circlework competition!!). With only one co pilot this year, the Rams will have to hope that there is no call on the Medics and also that we have no need for Geoff and his merry band of mechanics.

Looking forward to catching up with all the Bash crew again and having as much fun as we did last year!

Thank you to all of our sponsors.



**CAR ROO
THE BOXING
KANGAROOS**

FORD FAIRLAND 1979

Crew: Sam Doman, Kym Kessner, Darren Prosser
This years team for Sam Doman's Car Roo is a couple of good looking Skippy's called Darren Prosser "BIFF" and Kym Kessner "WOG"

Coming on board in place of Sam for the first two days of B17 is also a big roo called "CORY". Sam is missing the first two days, due his other fundraiser "the Outback Postie Bike Challenge, for Apex and the Cancer Council of SA. Hopefully he doesn't hurt himself on the ride from the 10th to the 12th August.

Kym "WOG" owns PalmDale meats, poultry and seafood in O'Connell Street. A good bloke with a great sense of humour.

Darren was Sam's boss back in the security days at the Gully Pub, "BIFF" is quietly confident he has enough jokes in his arsenal to keep all the lads on their toes.

Sam was a Virgin last year with his "Ray White Knights" team but he couldn't handle doing another Bash with his boss "Shane" and the company CEO Nick George.

Sam said it was like having a holiday with your step dad and your step grandfather. If you asked Nick or Shane though, they would say it's because of Sam's driving!!!!

"The Boxing Kangaroos" are keen for a good, clean ride and when they come out of their corner, you better be ready to bounce!!!!



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CAR SKET THE OVERTAKERS

FORD STRETCH 1981 (HEARSE)

Crew: Colin Kuchel, Damien Harris, David Broughton.

Col was introduced to Variety and the Bash in 2015, getting an invitation to join Sav McGill in VC1 and was immediately a Variety person. When Peter Howell, a veteran of 21 Bashes announced Car 351 was available for his 'Swan Song' in 2016, it didn't take much persuasion to recruit Damo Harris. Car 351 was stickered up and the Dodgy Brothers were away, selling high quality items like Rolex's, fashion brand sunglasses and plenty more. The Dodgy Brothers have gone into retirement in 2017 and unfortunately, all the guarantees have to be voided (but that was in the fine print anyway).

With the Dodgy Brothers in hiding and Grumpy Howelly retiring, Damo and Col recruited their Virgin, Davo Broughton and with some help from Rambo the boys purchased a beautiful 1982 Stretch for 2017. This stretch is very unique and Car SKET spent its working life chauffeuring around very, very special clients! Car SKET, originally from Victoria has spent many months in compliance, getting over the SA pits and getting Bash-ready at Davo's OG Mechanical workshop and we are fairly confident we won't need to call on the MW's too often - well hopefully! These boys are absolutely DIEING to get on the tracks. They will have some refreshments for all along the way and they hope you stop in and say hello to them. They are reliable, and will always be there in your time of need, sympathetic

through tough 'Bash' times and there's plenty of room in our stretch if you feel like a little snooze and a lay down. The Overtakers, in Car SKET are truly, the last guys to let you down.

We'd like to thank all our generous sponsors, without you this wouldn't be possible, and our fellow Bashers and all that attended our fundraisers...

Please keep an eye out for our Facebook page Variety SA Car SKET. Oh and Sav, we will keep well away from your Bash Bible, we promise!



CAR TAB/TABC/ BSTA

TIM ADAMS
BROADCASTING
CORPORATION

FORD FAIRLANE 500 ZD 1971

Crew: Tim Adams and Pam Goldsack, Brett and Kristy Schutz, Nicole Haack, Sonda McGinlay, Alexandra Gallard, Linnie Wehrmann, Lauren Swan, Anna Watson, Shirley Capper.

Nothing could stop Tiger Airways takeover of TAA and the team found themselves unemployed at the end of 2016. Who else would employ such quality staff other than the government?! Make way for TABC!

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Make sure you stop by for a good watering or chew the fat (or is that grass) with Shaun and his fluffy friends.

How could you possibly get a more reliable, bleepingly accurate and Bash-specific television station, fuelled by quality Clare Valley Wines??! I'll guess we'll just have to wait to see the viewer ratings! Welcome to the Bash Virgins, happy Bashing everyone!

Sponsors we would like to thank:
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CAR TORO/BST WILD SAFARI

BUICK SEDAN 1937
Crew: Ken Woods, Richard Walne, Kevin O'Brien, Charlie O'Brien, Ian King, Robert Rein, Russell Foote, Craig Liske.
80 years ago the 'old girl' - Car Toro Buick - rolled off the assembly line at Holden

Coach and Body Builders in Port Adelaide. After a lifetime on stations and in sheds, she has now completed 18 Bashes and helped raise a lot of money for Variety. This year we bring in some new blood mixed with experienced Bashers spread between the Buick and BST our support car. Charlie O'Brien joins us for the first time as does our foreign import Craig 'Red' Liske. Our regulars of Richard, Kevin, Ian, Robert, Russell and Ken will be there and we all look forward to a great Bash and a chance to catch up on the track for a morning Bloody Mary, somewhere on the track to the Mount.

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As always, we thank all those who do so much to help - led by Sandra, Kylie and Deb. A huge thank you from all at Car Toro.



CAR TOY GERMAN SKI TEAM

FORD TRANSIT 1977
Crew: Emily Elkhoury, Richard Elkhoury,

Reinhold Wehrmann, Prashan Kuruppu. When the cold sets in, true champions are born! After spending our whole life training for this event, the officials have finally selected and embraced The German Ski Team. With the cold weather approaching and tracks good to be ridden, you will be guaranteed to find the finest of all German specimens on them. With a few changes to the team, it will be a test of talent, spirit and culture to see if they can pull off the incredible.... rock up on time, to be dressed in uniform and excel in what they do best....Après! Like all professional national teams of sport, we would never be where we are without the help and support from a wide network of people. Many thanks to all of them as well as our sponsors who support us annually. Bring on the 2017 Variety Schutzenfest Bash!

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A huge congratulations to Gareth Vines and his SA team at

KENNARDS HIRE

who were awarded the prestigious Variety International Corporate Award at the International Convention held in Atlanta in May

Kennards Hire join this very select group of previous winners:

- Konica Minolta • Jarvis Cars • Adelaide Convention Centre
- Tim Adams Wines • Codan

Variety Annual Themed Ball

Boots & Bling – a Western Fling

Yeeha! Variety's Boots and Bling - a Western Fling, the sixteenth annual themed ball held at the Adelaide Convention Centre on Friday 16th June, was quite the hoedown. With 650 golden horseshoes to bring everyone luck and the 12m long saloon bar, quenching the thirst of the 2,200 cowboys, cowgirls and trail bosses, for y'all who attended.

It was grab your pard'ner and line up on the dance floor with a full entertainment schedule. Highlights included turning back time with the Ultimate Cher Show before Audiobox took to the stage with an unbeatable performance, featuring Craig Holden and Rennie Mazzone's band that ensured the night kept up its reputation as one of the biggest and best parties in town.

This event would not be possible without the enormous support we receive from the Adelaide Convention Centre, the major sponsor of this event since 2002 and we sincerely thank Chief Executive Alec Gilbert and his team.

A further thank you goes to the committee and sponsors Tim Adams Wines, Ramsey Brothers, Blackbocks, The Reef House and Fotobase and our other generous guests who donated 185 silent auction items ensuring there were many funds raised for Variety.

As we heard from Variety grant recipient Thomas and his brothers Will and Ollie on the night, your contribution is truly life changing for the children Variety support.



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2017 Variety Vintage Luncheon



Join us at the Variety Vintage Luncheon

Your chance to mingle with SA's leading winemakers, enjoy a three course lunch and taste our exceptional Variety Vintage wines that can be purchased in the Main Auction.

- Date:** Friday 17 November 2017
- Time:** 11.30am to 3.30pm
- Venue:** National Wine Centre
- MC:** Jeremy Oliver (one of Australia's foremost wine critics and educator)
- Dress:** Business Attire

The Variety Vintage Luncheon has fast become one of Variety's most successful annual luncheons raising in excess \$1 million net over the past eight years.

Twelve of SA's foremost winemakers each produce a barrel of their finest 2016 vintage wine. Each barrel is bottled with a distinctive Variety Vintage back label, and auctioned off at the Luncheon. This wine is unique, one off, high quality and never to be purchased again.

Our 2017 supporting wineries include, Brothers in Arms, Charles Melton, d'Arenberg, Di Giorgio, Elderton, Kaesler, Parker Coonawarra Estate, Penny's Hill, Peter Lehmann, St Hallett, Tim Adams Wines and Wicks Estate.

This luncheon is a highlight on the South Australian wine event calendar.

To register your interest contact:

annie@variety.org.au
or phone 08 8293 9744



Join us in the South East to celebrate 10 years of the V2 Motorcycle Run.

The V2 Motorcycle run is 4 days of camaraderie and fun, whilst riding and driving some of our most interesting roads (all asphalt) during the day and enjoying the best food and wine the state has to offer in the evenings. The event is open to entrants with touring motorcycles and interesting/classic vehicles. During the event entrants also have the option of flights in the helicopter or relaxing in the bus that both accompany the event.

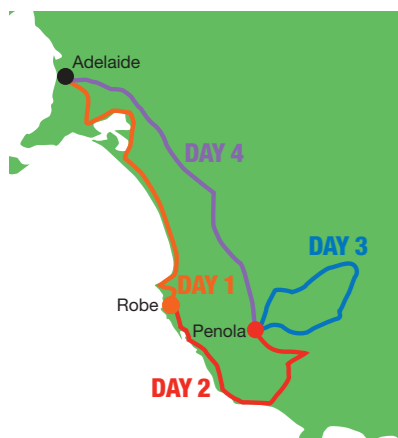


Celebrating 10 Years of the Variety V2 with the best the South East has to offer.

- Live Entertainment.
- Nightly sunset parties.
- The best of SA's Gourmet Food .
- Seafood Extravaganza (night 1).
- Greek Feast (night 2).
- Visit some of the best wineries in the region.
- Friendly people.
- Helping kids in need.
- New entrants welcome.



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THE ROUTE

The route for 2017 begins on Thursday 19 Oct departs the Adelaide Hills and will showcase the best of the South East, finishing on Sunday 22 Oct in Stirling.

Day 1: Starting at the Stirling Hotel we head through the Hills to Meningie and then Robe, where a seafood extravaganza will be a highlight.

Day 2: From Robe to Penola, via Beachport and Port MacDonnell with lunch at Wannan Falls. The Coonawarra check-in will allow plenty of time to prepare for the 10th anniversary theme night and a sumptuous 'coal fired' roast dinner.

Day 3: This is a loop through Western Victoria with lunch at the Dergholm 'Pub in the Scrub' before returning to Penola. Dinner is at Hollicks winery, with incredible views over the vineyard.

Day 4: From Penola to lunch at the Stirling Hotel, via Keith and Coonalpyn.

ENTRY FEE

Single bike or car: \$550 (inc. GST) entry fee, along with a minimum payment of \$4,500 sponsorship or fundraising.

Partner teams riding on two separate bikes: \$550 (inc. GST) entry fee covers both bikes, along with a minimum fundraising component of \$7,500.

Of course, as with all Variety events, we encourage our entrants to **fundraise as much as possible** over these minimums.

In addition there is a participation fee covering meals, event merchandise, entertainment and quality accommodation along with nightly sunset parties are included. This participation fee is a cost payable per person.

SAFETY AND SUPPORT

As with all Variety events, safety on the V2 Motorcycle Run is paramount. Our experienced team is well equipped with the latest communications equipment and includes medical officials, a fully equipped mobile workshop with motorbike trailer, a catering team, a helicopter and a bus.

For detailed info and entry forms go to variety.org.au/sa/event/v2-motorcycle-run/

After an extremely successful 2017 event showcasing the 'Secret Tracks of SA' from Port Pirie through the stunning Southern Flinders to finish in the beautiful Barossa Valley, Chairman David Ahola has got something very special planned for next year's event.

The Challenge is heading west, far west! Starting in Esperance, Western Australia and following the Great Australian Bight around to Streaky Bay will certainly offer amazing views, challenging sand and even the possibility of a whale or two. This route is certainly an expedition most would only ever dream of undertaking and the 2018 Challenge will offer the opportunity to do it in style with gourmet catering every night, entertainment, support, facilities and hot showers to ensure enjoyable upmarket glamping! There is no better way to experience the Australian outback in comfort and Variety-friendly style.

Do you have a craving for adventure? The 4WD event is limited to 40 cars, so register your interest and get your entry form in to secure your reward for next year's fundraising!

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