



**Variety  
BASH**

The Variety NSW Bash is a week-long adventure with 300 new mates, exploring the dirt roads of NSW and the ACT. Along the way we visit some beautiful country towns, see parts of Australia you wouldn't otherwise visit, and the best bit is supporting kids to get a fair go.

We visit schools along the way and donate much-needed items and equipment so you can see how your hard work and fundraising is making a difference.

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For more Bash information, including Fundraising Tips, visit our web site [varietybashnsw.org.au](http://varietybashnsw.org.au)

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... YA GOTTA DO IT!**



**About Variety - the Children's Charity**

We're passionate about giving kids who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs a fair go. We don't think any child should fall through the gaps. Not the three kids in every classroom who are living in poverty. And not the 10,000 kids with a disability who are missing out on NDIS support. We provide practical support when they need it most, and a helping hand to reach their full potential.

**Grants** - Variety grants provide practical help to kids and organisations in need, helping kids to communicate, increase self-esteem and enjoy the freedom of being a kid.

**Programs** - Variety programs educate and empower kids in need, helping them to enjoy new experiences and to be included in their communities.

**Scholarships** - Variety Heart Scholarships empower the leaders, sports stars and artists of tomorrow, supporting kids with a demonstrated talent to pursue their dreams and realise their potential.

**Experiences** - Variety kids experiences bring joy and inclusion to kids and their families. We also help create Variety Livvi's Place inclusive playspaces, so all kids can enjoy playing side by side.

Last year\* with your support, Variety impacted the lives of 30,392 kids in NSW and ACT. Some of the ways Bashers have helped improve the lives of kids in need include;

17,928 kids benefited from Variety Programs including Activate Inclusion Sports Days, giving kids with disabilities the chance to try different sports they may never been able to play before.

5,562 kids are getting a fair go thanks to Variety Community Grants including Sunshine Coaches and essential equipment and supplies.

546 kids and their families were helped with grants for practical support including educational supplies, mobility equipment and therapies.

6,277 kids in need experienced the joy of Variety events and play spaces including the Variety Kids Xmas Parties, and Variety Livvi's Place inclusive playground.

**CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

1. All vehicles must be 30 years old at start of the Bash or older and be non-performance modified with run on models restricted to four years younger. They must be roadworthy, registered and insured as prescribed by State laws.
2. All vehicles must be conventional two wheel drive vehicles with a maximum crew of four people. Motorcycles, buses, coaches, caravans, skateboards or wheelbarrows are not permitted.
3. Crew members must be a minimum of 18 years of age and hold a current driver's license.
4. All vehicles must carry on their front doors the Bash door panels on to which must be fixed the allocated Bash car number for that vehicle. All vehicles must place on their front windscreen the event sun strip decal featuring Variety and sponsor logos. The vehicle number must also be clearly visible using fluoro numbers on the front (100mm) and rear (150mm) windscreens. Window numbers are supplied for new entrants. All cars must also display the event sponsor decals as supplied by the organiser.
5. All vehicles are required to attend a Checkpoint day prior to the start of the Bash. Any vehicles unable to attend Checkpoint need to obtain prior consent from the Regional Motoring Events Manager.
6. Everyone taking part in the Bash in any way must complete an indemnity agreement issued by Variety - the Children's Charity NSW/ACT.
7. All entrants in the Bash must have paid to Variety either personally or through donations the sum on the Entry Form by the specified dates and prior to the start of the event.
8. Any provisions fees or extra merchandise must be paid prior to the start of the event.
9. At all times all entrants must abide by the rules of the road as prescribed by State laws and statutes.
10. All entrants and crew must have a current Working with Children's Check (WWCC).



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**17 to 23 May 2020**  
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## The History of The Bash

The Bash started in 1985 with businessman and philanthropist Dick Smith. He came up with the idea to take a few of his mates for a drive through the outback in old cars and raise money for charity at the same time. That first Bash saw entrants travel from Sydney – Bourke – Burketown in QLD.

It raised an incredible \$250,000 for Variety and since then has become a series of events held around Australia with a fundraising total of more than \$200 million!

As a Basher you will join an incredible history of like-minded, generous Aussies who are changing the lives of kids in need around the country.

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### Day 1 Sunday 17 May

Here we go ... the 2020 adventure starts from Foreshore Park once again.

After a great breakfast from the Stockton Public School the Bash will head north. We stick to the highway for a short while before jumping into some great scenic gravel roads and making our way to Quirindi Public School for our first stop on our annual adventure. From the great hospitality of this small country town we traverse many different terrains across the plains and work our way to the tablelands and the friendly community of Inverell. Here we will be with the hosts of our first night away, the Inverell RSM Club for our Virgin Intro night.



### Day 2 Monday 18 May

Something a little different this morning, we need to travel about 10km to breakfast at the village of Gilgai and the great opportunity to help out the 53 kids at this very exceptional school. The trip from here to lunch is awesome! The roads are just Bash perfect. Our next stop is at the highly anticipated visit to Boggabilla Central School and its 80 wonderful kids. We have a great chance to have a positive impact with these kids in the amazing environment this school creates. The afternoon brings on the long straight gravel roads of the plains country while we travel through grain and cotton crops on our way to the agricultural hub of Moree, where we will enjoy a night at the Moree Services Club.

### Day 3 Tuesday 19 May

We have discovered a great little school just 30kms down the road so a refreshing drive this morning to the Pallamallawa Public School who have agreed to host our Bash breakfast. The 26 kids will enjoy the madness and mayhem you will bring to their tiny community. From here we go in search of an even more isolated community. It's back out on the black soil plains to the rural village of Rowena. It will be a Pre-School Day when we visit so the student numbers will explode to 30 for the day. From this great little spot we head even further west to the bustling mining town of Lightning Ridge. It is just a short afternoon here to give you all a chance to explore the hidden treasures this unique community has to offer. Our evening get together will be our Bushman's night at Lightning Ridge Outback Resort.

## What does it take to be a Basher?

It's a pretty simple criteria to be a Basher

- Be 18 or over and love having fun
- Have a mate to come with you
- A car that's at least 30 years old
- Not afraid to get a little dirty
- A big heart to help kids in need

## How much does it cost?

The Variety Bash is all about having fun and raising funds for kids in need. Each NSW Bash car needs to raise a minimum of \$4,000. This money is a donation and is fully tax deductible. We have a team on hand to help you fundraise - all you need to do is ask. The first \$500 of entry donation is required to secure your place in the event and is non-refundable. None of our Bashes go hungry and most meals are provided during the Bash, we will let you know your provisions cost before the event. Accommodation is up to each Basher to organise, we'll let you know some of the options in each great town we visit.

### Day 4 Wednesday 20 May

Lightning Ridge Central School will be hosts for our breakfast this morning. Many of the teachers and kids remember our last visit and are very excited about our return. Our adventure takes us to the middle of the Pilliga Forrest to the village of Gwabegar and the 13 students of the Gwabegar Public School for our lunch break. After lunch we head east and make our way from the plains back towards the slopes and plains and the big country town of Gunnedah where we will spend the evening at the Services Club.



### Day 5 Thursday 21 May

We start the day at the G S Kidd Memorial School and its 36 kids. These kids have many needs and we have a chance to help them again. As we head back to the more populated areas of the state we stumble across the little community of Tingha and the 40 kids of the Tingha Public School. They don't get many visitors and they are looking forward to seeing us in May. It's all uphill as we ascend to the tablelands and the city of Armidale and head for the Services Club for dinner and some award presentations.

## What is a Bash car?

Variety Bash cars come in all shapes and sizes and are a unique mix of fun and flashy. They need to be at least 30 years old (there is a four year run on period if the model does not change within that time) but well-maintained to handle dirt roads. Bashes are encouraged to decorate their cars (and themselves). You can modify your car if it's to enhance the design for your theme i.e. The "Clampett's" car has Granny's rocking chair on top. All car decorations and modifications must be within the laws of the RMS. The transmission, engine and engine ancillaries must be as originally specified for the vehicle but you can modify brakes, suspension and fuel tanks for safety reasons. No improvements for speed or performance are allowed. If you have any car questions you can always give our office a call. Need a Bash car? We always know of Bash cars for sale and can steer you in the right direction.

## Support Vehicles?

We care about our Bashes so we travel with volunteer mechanics, a medical team, tilt tray and baggage truck. The Variety Bash is all about fun and helping kids and our support vehicles are there to make sure you're safe. Car troubles? We will always get you to a town or mechanic.

### Day 6 Friday 22 May

Another short drive this morning to the 15 kids at Kelly's Plains Public School for breakfast. From here we head south and descend from the tablelands to the Hunter Valley with a visit to the Belltrees Public School for our midday refreshments with the amazing 10 kids of this tiny school. We continue our adventure exploring the lower Hunter Valley to seek our Gala Presentation Night in Wine Country.

### Day 7 Saturday 23 May

Sadly we embark on our last leg back to the Newcastle Foreshore and the Variety Family Fun Day where we will cross the finish line to complete the Bash for 2020.