



Impact Report 2021/22

Variety – the children's charity NT



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Variety NT acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work. We pay respect to Elders – past, present and future – and acknowledge the important, ongoing role all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to play within Australia.



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The Why

Every year is very different at Variety and yet the same. The same generosity of spirit, the same wonderful Variety family and the same desire to help NT kids in need to reach their full potential. The difference is the challenges whether from a pandemic, a policy or a personal situation either way we continue to meet these challenges and thrive.



Our 30th Anniversary Bash was another outstanding success fundraising over \$400K and retracing, in reverse, the original route from Alice Springs to Darwin. Other fundraising events such as the Hot 100 Australia Day Ute Run, the Santa Fun Run, Clubs week and the Bollywood Ball all proved that you can have fun while raising funds.

This year, Sign City was recognised with the Variety International Small Corporate Award. This is a little local company with a big heart helping us when they can with Bash stickers and other signage needs.

Sponsors, Volunteers, Staff and Event Participants are all working to a common goal to help NT kids in need to reach their full potential. This takes many forms from the grants to individuals and the organisations that help them, scholarships, programs and experiences. In fact this year we doubled the number of kids we helped from last year, to **4338**. A significant number and one that we are proud of.

Thank you for helping us help NT Kids.



Frank Schembri
Chief Barker



Katrina Fong Lim AM
General Manager



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**We believe that
all kids deserve
a fair go in life.**

**So we help
kids with these
challenges:**



Sick



Disadvantaged



Disability





By delivering the elements of the Variety Kids Support Framework:

GRANTS

We grant a range of things to provide practical help to kids and organisations in need.



SCHOLARSHIPS

We give scholarships to encourage the talents of kids in need.



KIDS' EVENTS

We hold events to engage & bring joy to kids in need & their families.

**Freedom
Camp @
Goanna
Park**

**Special
Children's
Christmas
Party**

To create lasting impact around Australia



Number of kids
impacted by Variety
in Australia this year

157,312

And a better life for the kids of the Northern Territory



We expended:

\$276,055
to help NT kids
in need

We supported:

around
30
different
conditions

We impacted:

4,338
kids in
the NT

But numbers can only tell part of the story...

Silas

4 year old Silas lives with Autism Spectrum Disorder Level 3 and is Non-Verbal, he also has Sensory Processing Disorder. Silas needed specialised play equipment that would allow him to work on his play and communication in the safety of his home.

"As a parent it has bought tears to my eyes watching him on the trampoline with his sister and brother, the pure joy they share between each other, holding hands and jumping together is magical!"

Shelley, Silas' Mum



Caleb

Caleb was diagnosed with CHARGE syndrome, a term that refers to a specific set of birth defects, medical problems and developmental issues, including heart defects. He is legally blind and has severe to profound hearing loss. Caleb has had open heart surgery and is fed through a percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG). While his challenges are many, Caleb just loves to swim at the Variety Starfish Swim Group.

The smile says it all.



Mataranka School

Mataranka School is a small remote school with around 35 students enrolled. As a small school they have difficulty in fundraising enough to pay for items such as for student learning and engagement in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths). The school won a Bash Grant which enabled them to purchase some up to date materials.

“As the students have begun to explore these resources they have developed a variety of problem solving, team work and critical thinking skills. These resources have and will continue to benefit our students.”

Telka – School Principal



Mantiyupwi Family Trust

The Mantiyupwi Family Group are the traditional owners of the Wurrumiyanga township and surrounding areas on the Tiwi Islands. As part of their vision to provide healthy lifestyle options into their community the Mantiyupwi are building a bike pump track, leading to the need for bikes to make use of the track. Using the bikes will provide sporting, health, educational and cultural outcomes.

Presenting the bikes was fun.

“I have never seen such happy excited faces, it is amazing how much joy this gift of bikes has provided.”

Katrina – General Manager

Foster Stavridis Scholarship

Named in memory of Foster Stavridis, this scholarship seeks to support two areas of his interests, sport and kids with a disability. The scholarship sends two NT kids to attend the Variety Kids Sports Camp in Townsville.

The Variety Kids Sports Camp offers kids living with a physical disability the opportunity to try out a variety of different sports to determine which they enjoy and want to continue playing. It is a two and a half day experience open to kids aged between 6 - 15 years old.

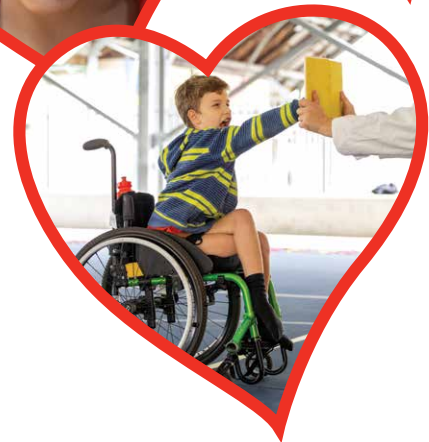
This year Max and Arden got to experience the camp. Arden lives with spastic diplegia cerebral palsy and Max lives with hereditary choare and dystonic cerebral palsy. The kids and their Mums travelled to Townsville for two and a half days of hectic fun.

The camp covered athletics, rugby league, basketball, boccia, swimming, and taekwondo. They had panel discussions and a talent quest. They even got to meet not one but two Paralympians Chantel Wolfendon OAM and Natalie Curtis.

Thanks to the team at Variety Queensland for hosting our kids.



Foster Stavridis



Variety Starfish Swim Group

Founder and Volunteer Coordinator Donna Rousham and Administrator Paul Rousham, both Variety NT Life Members, have continued their outstanding dedication for helping kids with a disability to learn to swim.

Up to 75 NT kids have learnt vital living around water skills and reaped the associated health benefits. While Variety NT continues to support this vital community service, including dedicating the fundraising from the Santa Fun Run for this specific cause.



Freedom Camp @ Goanna Park

Back after a two year pandemic break, Freedom Camp, an adventure camp for teenagers with a mild to moderate disability returned. A relatively small group of 15 campers aged between 13 and 18 years old ventured out to enjoy the outdoor activities, test their talents, consume copious amounts of food, make friends and gain a sense of self.

The success of Freedom Camp includes the dedication of the many volunteers who assist, the Junior Police Rangers who participate as camper buddies and our sponsors.

“Please name it Freedom Camp because I feel free from bullying, free from feeling different, free to be me.” – Camper



How you helped

It's a Sweet 30th for the Variety NT Bash

It's not everyday you get to celebrate such a monster milestone. 2022 saw Variety NT host the 30th Variety NT Bash with a road trip taking in the beautiful Territory while visiting iconic spots on the map and long-time Bash supporters along the way.

28 Teams, 83 Bashers and 17 Officials gathered in the Red Centre on 1st September to begin the fun, catching up with each other and meeting our new Bashers - of which we had a whopping 32 Virgins taking part!

The Bash wound its way from Alice Springs to Darwin via Devils Marbles, Renner Springs, Mataranka, Katherine, Daly River and Howard Springs visiting schools, communities and outback watering holes, before culminating in a massive finale party at the Mindil Beach Casino and Resort Ballroom, where things got very groovy and funky with a 70's Disco theme as the efforts were celebrated and award winners announced.

Aside from making amazing memories and friends, travelling through the beautiful NT and having endless fun (and early mornings) we couldn't be more ecstatic to announce the Bashers raised a whopping \$401,449 for Variety NT! What a monster effort and perfect way to celebrate the 30th Bash anniversary.

Congratulations and thanks go to the amazing Variety Bash community and their outstanding efforts to support Variety NT kids all across the Territory.

Hats off to the award winners of the Macdonnell to Mindil Bash 2022:

Top Hat - Highest Fundraiser
Surfing Safari

Spirit Of The Bash Overall Winners
Jellybean Crew

Bashers Choice Jellybean Crew

Show N' Shine Mario Broz

Bashers Contribution
(Best Hosted Function On The Bash)
Lightning Mcqueen

Daly Waters Virgin Basher Flaming
Dragons

Broken Compass Halloween Hustlers + Michelle

Piston Broke The Magnificent Woomen

Most Bash Bucks Jellybean Crew

Ultimate Best Scam Sweethearts

Officially Legends Ov4 - Mechanics

Red Faces Vicar Of Dibley Choir



How you helped

Hot 100 Australia Day UTE Run

The Australia Day Ute Run was 21 this year but showed no signs of growing up! Fun was the name of the day with over 300 vehicles joining the parade. More than 10,000 people lined the streets to cheer on the convoy from Hidden Valley Raceway to the Noonamah Tavern. Our thanks to our major event sponsors Hot100, Noonamah Rodeo and Tavern, ADCNT, National Australia Day Council and the NT Government.



National Reconciliation Week Trivia

Once again we partnered with Miriam Rose Foundation for our National Reconciliation Week Trivia night at the Trailer Boat Club. Every round had a specific reconciliation question to test the punter's knowledge of this important topic. Miriam Rose Foundation provided some awesome prizes for the raffle. We made just over \$3K and some more friends.

Santa Fun Run

The 2021 Santa Fun Run was rescheduled when the pandemic forced a shut down. Eventually 560 Santas registered for the event which was held on a hot and steamy day in December. The course was an easy 2 km meander around the Darwin Waterfront starting at the Darwin Convention Centre and ending in front of The Precinct for the after party.

As a fund raiser for the Variety Starfish Swim Group this event raised just under \$10K which will help fund them for another year.



BE BRAVE.

MAKE CHANGE.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2022 #NRW2022 27 MAY - 3 JUNE



Third Party Events Delivered!

Variety NT continues to receive support from events that choose us as their Charity of Choice. This year we celebrate contributions from:

- Clubs Week
- Bollywood Ball
- End of an Era (Classic Holden Club)
- Harley Owners Group (HOGS) Rally
- Special Childrens Christmas Party

Thank you to our major partners

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SIGNIFICANT EVENT SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS



Thank you to all our sponsors

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 Roper Gulf Regional Council
 Rotary Club of Darwin
 Shorelands Group
 Slappa's Thongs
 Spirit of Darwin Sunset Cruise
 The Daly Waters Pub
 The Fannie Bay Coolspot
 The Foreshore Restaurant & Cafe
 The Precinct
 Top End Zumba
 Total Tools
 Vibe Hotel
 Wisdom Bar & Cafe

A Heart Felt Thanks Variety Volunteers

Our valued Variety Volunteers contributed over 1,000 hours from Board meetings to organising the Bash to selling raffle tickets, cooking sausages or even dressing up as Thor.

We could not do it with out you, so thank you.



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