

Variety Queensland Review 2013/14



Empowering
Queensland
children who are
sick, disadvantaged
or who have special
needs to live, laugh
and learn.



Variety – the Children's Charity of Queensland Review 2013/14

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Front cover: Mitchell is 9 years old and has Cerebral Palsy, Autism and Epilepsy. Variety Queensland, thanks to the generosity of our supporters, assisted with the cost of a new wheelchair, so Mitchell could get active with his friends and family.

Page Two: Paw Moon is a 5 year old girl with Down Syndrome. Thanks to fundraising efforts, Paw Moon received an iPad to assist with her learning and communication.



"By funding the wheelchair, Variety is effectively saying to us 'Yes, we do recognise that your son has heaps to offer and we can't wait to see what he does next!'

It is a great feeling to know that other people believe in him just as much as we do. Thank you for believing in my son and everything he has to offer. Thank you for opening up an exciting new world for him to explore. We are so proud of him and are so excited about what the future holds. Thank you for being such an important piece of the puzzle."

- Katie and Evan, parents of Will who is 4 years old and has Angelman Syndrome. Variety assisted with the cost of a new wheelchair for Will to get mobile!

Variety was founded in the entertainment industry but our heart is in the community, where we work to empower Queensland children in need to live, laugh and learn.

Our History

It all started with one child on Christmas Eve in 1928.

An abandoned baby was found in Pittsburgh's Sheridan Theatre by the 'Variety' social club – a group of 11 theatre owners and performers. After an extensive police search failed to find her parents, the group decided to foster the baby, naming her Catherine Variety Sheridan.

The first event to raise funds for Catherine's needs was held under a big top with a riotously fun circus theme - complete with circus acts, sideshows, popcorn and cotton candy. The insignia for the affair was a mustached 'barker' or ringmaster wearing a silk top hat. This enormously successful event was the beginnings of Variety's circus tradition: the top hatted Barker was the Variety's first official logo, the office was called a 'Tent', its members were 'barkers', the president, the 'chief barker', and so on.

Soon, donations of money and toys were received from all over the country – far more than one child could ever need - and so, 'Variety' began to assist other children throughout the world.

Variety Australia began in 1974 with Paul Hogan as Chief Barker.

What became of Catherine? After being adopted by a carefully selected family when she was five, Catherine spent much of her life helping disadvantaged children. She remained anonymous until 1980, when she attended the Variety International Convention. Sadly, Catherine passed away in 1994 but her story remains a testimony to the spirit of Variety.

Our Vision

For all Australian children to attain their full potential regardless of ability or background

Our Mission

To maximize real long term positive impact on the future of all Australian children.



Who we are

Variety - the Children's Charity is a national not-for-profit organisation committed to empowering children who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs to live, laugh and learn.

By giving practical equipment, programs and experiences, Variety helps children overcome the obstacles they face and allows them to live empowered lives.

But we can't do it without you.

When eight year old Kai needed an iPad to help give him a voice and communicate, Variety was able to help. When a Brisbane special needs school needed a wheelchair accessible Variety Liberty Swing to brighten their playtime, they turned to Variety. When three year old Emma needed a standing frame to allow her to stand tall with her friends, Variety was there.

Every year Variety - the Children's Charity of Queensland helps thousands of children in need to live, laugh and learn, right around the state.

With an expert, independent Grants Committee, Variety focuses on 'filling the gaps' and providing much needed assistance to individual families as well as schools, hospitals and other children's organisations that often have nowhere else to turn.

And because Variety purchases and gives the equipment or programs directly, you can be sure help gets through to where it is needed most.

Variety and you...

Variety receives no direct government funding and instead rely on big-hearted fundraisers, generous donors, keen event participants and the unwavering support of sponsors to continue to fulfil our mission.

There are many ways that you can get involved.

Contact our Corporate Partnerships Manager at the Variety Queensland office for more information - 07 3907 9300

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Message from the Chief Barker

The rewards for being involved in Variety are hard to express in a few words. Somehow detailing the highlights of the year doesn't do justice to the real difference we make to the lives of so many children in need and their carers.

It's that special feeling which unites all our fundraisers, volunteers, staff, sponsors, and donors.

Our plan for Variety is quite simple, based around five pillars:

- Run "must do" events
- Fundraise effectively around these and through other means
- Build a high profile Variety brand
- Provide effective governance and leadership
- All of which leads to granting more appeals for children in need

It has been pleasing to see terrific progress in each of these areas over the past year.

During 2014 we presented over \$1.8m in equipment and services to children who are sick, disadvantaged or who have special needs and made a real difference to the lives of over 20,000 children and their families.

All participants would attest to the 'must do' quality of our events in 2014: The national bash culminating in the Sydney, the wonderful our jet skiers enjoyed; a delightful Variety Chefs ball like no other, and the many Old Bags lunches where good times were enjoyed by all.

It's been terrific to see Variety highlighted in so many ways, especially in social media.

There has been considerable progress in risk management, reviewing and implementing the policies and procedures required for a professional run organisation of our size.

We invested in new systems, processes and training in fundraising and next year will increase our focus on becoming a highly effective fundraising operation so we can appeal even more funds to those children who need our help.

I would like to thank our tireless staff, headed by David McDonald who has just completed his first year in the role ably supported by a dedicated and talented team.

My fellow directors deserve recognition for their dedication over and above their 'day jobs'. This year two directors were recognized for their long and dedicated support.

Paul (Doc) Shumack was awarded the Chairman's Citation from Variety Australia for his outstanding service over 17 years – a well-deserved recognition for one of our quiet, unsung contributor.

Richard and Sue Nevins were recognized with the Variety International Presidential Citation for their generous and always good natured contributions over 23 years.

Across Australia Variety is continuing to grow, and it has been great to see the collaborative effort amongst the Tents as we seek opportunities to attract national sponsors and share costs. Variety Australia is now playing an important role, while continuing to recognize the 'independent' nature of each Tent.

Lastly a huge thank you to our small armies of volunteers and event participants. We cannot thank you enough for your continuing and ever generous support.

I'm privileged to be associated with Variety and hope you will continue your involvement and derive the same sense of satisfaction, pride, and delight that I will over the coming year.

Peter Ffrench
Chairman

"I personally believe that there is no other charity that has the capability or diversity to fill the very broad range of the unmet needs of the children whom we strive to support."



Message from the Chief Executive Officer

What an absolute privilege it has been to serve as CEO in my inaugural first twelve months with Variety Queensland. I have been able to witness and share first hand some truly life changing experiences. This has resulted from the incredible support that we have received from our vast array of supporters, volunteers, participants, donors, sponsors, corporate partners and of course the wonderful staff and board here at Variety. A huge heartfelt thank you to all of you and I am looking forward to working with you again throughout 2015. I promise you that with your continued help we will continue to build an even better Variety Queensland where we can further fill many of those unmet needs to help our Queensland children to live, laugh and learn.

Over the past 12 months Variety Queensland has been able to deliver in excess of \$1.8 million in equipment, services and experiences to children who are either sick, disadvantaged or who have special needs. We have been fortunate enough to have been able to have had an impact on the lives of well over 20,500 children who live in our state of Queensland.

I personally believe that there is no other charity that has the capability or diversity to fill the very broad range of unmet needs of the children whom we strive to support. This is something that our extended Variety family should be extremely proud of. This diversity is displayed by the many and varied events that we have successfully conducted throughout the year. We have been able to assist children living with 45 different conditions and granting more than 381 different types of equipment.

Over the past year I was able to participate in my "virgin" Variety Bash which was a wonderful experience. It gave me the opportunity to meet so many of our amazing fundraising 'bashers' and share with them on route throughout the Bash the joy of seeing a child and parents' lives changed forever with granting of appeals. Some of the fundraising highlights over the past year was our XXXX Variety Bash in its 25th year, our most successful Variety of Chefs and our Regional team continued to run their ever popular Variety Old Bags Luncheons and Gladstone Ball.

The great thing about Variety is that through the help and assistance of our many supporters we are able to give children much needed

self-esteem, independence, mobility and a much better opportunity to have "fair go" at life and hopefully live it to its fullest.

Having been able to witness the positive social impact that Variety has made over the past year through its grants gives myself, the Variety Queensland team and all of our generous friends and family the satisfaction and encouragement to strive to achieve and hopefully assist even more children throughout 2015 and the years beyond.

David McDonald
Chief Executive Officer



"I honestly can't thank Variety and the supporters enough for the help they have given our family. We haven't had the money to buy any aides to do Paityn's physio at home, so I've had to make things out of stuff at home. We are so grateful for the help - words can't explain how appreciative we are. You are the most kind hearted, amazing & inspirational people I've ever met. You go out of your way to help children that you don't even know. Again from the bottom of our hearts, thank you."

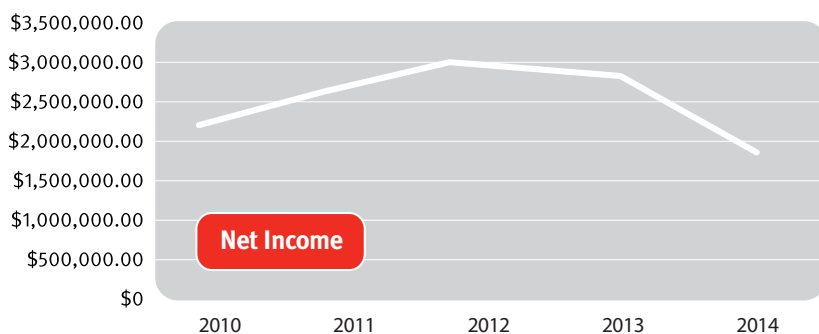
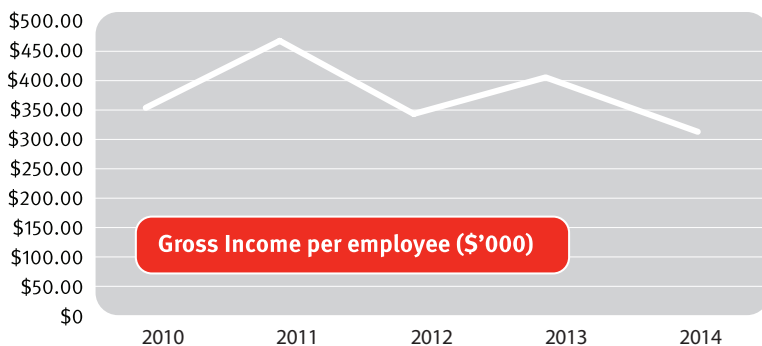
Jess, mother of Paityn, who is 2 years old and has Microcephaly, which means her brain isn't developing properly. Variety funded the cost of equipment to help Paityn with her coordination and movement.

"We are so grateful that Variety and supporters can provide the assistance necessary to fund an Assistance Dog to improve the independence and quality of life for Jazmin. It has been Jazmin's dream to have her very own Assistance Dog and she is over the moon that Colin is finally hers. Without Variety this would not be possible. We are forever grateful to all that made this possible!"

- Alicia and Nick, parents of 13 year old Jazmin who has Angelman Syndrome. Variety was able to fund a life changing Assistance Dog for Jazmin.



Financial results analysis



"Laura had a lovely time and was so relaxed. It was lovely to have her join the whole family on the beach instead of having to stay up on the footpath. So many thanks to everyone for their wonderful support in getting this piece of equipment, to open up another world for our girl that has been closed to her for several years. Our appreciation is great and many days of beach riding will be had!"

- Chris and Gary, parents of 13 year old Laura, from the Sunshine Coast, who has Edwards Syndrome and recently received a Beach Wheelchair.

Fundraising Highlights

Oct '13



- Gloria Jean's Coffees united around the country, raising \$175,000 for Variety Australia through their 'Cappuccino for a Cause' campaign.
- Jazmin was presented with Variety Assistance Dog, Colin, after more than two years of training.



Nov '13



- Venues all around Brisbane rallied behind Variety on Melbourne Cup Day, with money made through sweep swelling donated to Variety.
- A Variety Liberty Swing was installed at Nambour Special School, bringing delight to special needs children.



Dec '13



- Over 2000 Santas donned the big red suit and met at the Brisbane Riverstage for the annual Variety Santa Fun Run. Over \$60,000 was raised!
- Close to 1600 people attended the Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Matinee performance on December 11, where \$10 from each ticket went to Variety.
- Over 3000 children with illness, physical or intellectual impairments or social disadvantage enjoyed the 4KQ Variety Special Children's Christmas Party.

Jan '14



- Australia Day always proves to be a popular fundraising day with Cockroach Races and other great events taking place at iconic Brisbane venues and proceeds going to Variety Queensland!
- Variety Team Red launched in to 2014 in full swing, recruiting new members and enjoying fitness activities and events across Brisbane.

Feb '14



- The 2014 'Ride the Tide' Yamaha Variety Jet Trek took to the waves from Port Macquarie, finishing 6 days later in Mooloolaba on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. The 600km journey along beautiful coastline was enjoyed by over 130 participants, travelling on 55 Personal Water Crafts. Together they raised over \$115,000 for kids in need.

Mar '14



- Hard working volunteers participated in the Optus RockCorps initiative at Geebung Special School, freshening up the school grounds!
- The Variety Old Bags Lunch took place on the Sunshine Coast, with 120 attendees raising over \$16,500 for children in need.
- Variety with support from Sunnybank Community & Sports Club presented MacGregor Special Education unit with a standing frame!

Apr '14



- Variety Queensland launched the Variety Ladies on Lunch Regular giving group, encouraging supporters across the state to get involved beyond an event ticket and donate regularly.
- Variety, thanks to generous supporters, was able to contribute \$22,000 to a brilliant 35 seater coach for Numinbah Valley Environmental Education Centre.

May '14



- Over 60 motorcyclists came together for the Annual Ride 4 Kids event raising over \$5000 for kids in need!
- Over 200 guests attended the Variety Old Bags Lunch in Mackay raising over \$13,000 for Queensland kids in need!
- A Variety Sunshine Coach was presented to Redland District Special School!



June '14



- On Saturday 14 June, over 470 people came together at the Hilton Brisbane for the 2014 Variety of Chefs Ball. It was an incredible night raising money specifically to support the Variety Assistance Dog Program as well as Queensland kids who are sick, disadvantaged or who have special needs. Over \$345,000 was raised on the evening.

July '14



- Variety was able to send students from Sunnybank Special School to the Goanna Park National Adventure Camp which takes place in the Northern Territory and is designed to challenge teenagers with mild physical or mental special needs to overcome barriers.
- Variety assisted the important Camp Eagle Mountain Retreat, who support at risk youth, with camping and other equipment supplies.

Aug '14



- The 2014 XXXX Gold 'Cane Toads to Cockroaches' Variety Bash took place, travelling from Brisbane to Sydney and raising \$1.4 million for kids in need!
- The Variety of Young Chefs Dinner took place at famed Restaurant 11 raising \$47,000 for Queensland kids in need!
- Variety Old Bags Lunches took place in Gladstone and Airlie Beach raising a total of over \$40,000!

Sep '14



- The Anthea Mari Family Appeal was launched to provide financial assistance to a Gold Coast family who have recently endured the most horrific of circumstances. Variety Queensland, thanks to the generosity of our supporters, have been able to assist by making a contribution to the appeal.
- Over 90 keen golfers came together at the Lakelands Golf Course, Merrimac to perfect golf swings and raise money for Variety. Over \$10,000 was raised!

Variety events in the spotlight!



XXXX Gold Variety Bash

- 138 cars
- 300 people
- 10 days
- 3050km from Brisbane to Sydney via the back of Bourke
- Visiting 1100 children
- Across 11 schools
- Meeting countless other children and community groups along the way
- Together raising \$1.4 million for Queensland kids in need

2015 XXXX Gold 'Coral Seas to Island Breeze'
Variety Bash – 5th – 14th August 2015.
REGISTER TODAY!

Variety of Chefs Ball

- 470 guests
- Hilton Brisbane
- An unforgettable evening of food, wine, fun and fundraising
- Featuring 10 of the best chefs in the country
- Funds raised went to assisting children who require Variety Assistance Dogs
- The crowd heard from 13 year old Jazmin who thanks to Variety supporters, received her very own Assistance Dog
- Over \$345,000 was raised to assist children in need

SAVE THE DATE – 13 June 2015
2015 Variety of Chefs Ball





Yamaha Variety Jet Trek

- 55 personal waters crafts
- travelled over 600 kilometres, between Port Macquarie and the Sunshine Coast
- Over 6 days
- raising over \$115,000 for children in need

2015 'Keppel to the Capital' Yamaha Variety Jet Trek – 4th – 9th May 2015: REGISTER TODAY!

Variety Santa Fun Run

- Over 2000 Santas
- At the Riverstage Brisbane
- Ran, hopped, skipped, walked or rolled the 5km track around Brisbane
- Raising over \$60,000 for children who are sick, disadvantaged or who have special needs.

Variety Santa Fun Run – December 2015
STAY TUNED FOR DATES AND LOCATIONS!



Variety Old Bags Lunch

- 600 ladies
- Attended 4 events across 4 towns - Airlie Beach, Mackay, Gladstone and the Sunshine Coast
- \$75,000 raised
- 500 old handbags donated to local charities such as Lifeline

Across Regional Queensland during 2015 –
STAY TUNED FOR DATES AND LOCATIONS!





How we help

Variety - the Children's Charity empowers Queensland children who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs to live, laugh and learn.

By giving practical equipment, programs and experiences, Variety helps children overcome whatever obstacles they may face and continue to live a happy and fulfilled life.

Variety focuses on 'filling the gaps' and providing much needed assistance to individual families as well as schools, hospitals and other children's organisations that often have nowhere else to turn.

Where alternate funding or equipment sources already exist (such as government and/or health service agencies), the Committee will refer applicants back to appropriate providers, to minimise duplication and maximise the impact of Variety funds. Variety provides funding for grant applicants in the purchase of equipment and resources directly rather than giving cash, so you can be sure help gets through to where it is needed most.

Variety Queensland provides assistance through three core programs:

Variety Freedom - Mobility and independence

Variety Future Kids - Education, experience & play

Variety Caring for Kids - Health and wellbeing

Funds to fulfill equipment and services within these three programs are sourced primarily from the popular events Variety hosts and the big-hearted people who participate. Creating an event to remember, drawing on event expertise and the good-will of suppliers and sponsors, allows for participants or guests' fundraising or donated dollar to go to where it is needed most.

Variety prides itself on the integrity of its giving process; all applications for assistance are considered by an independent Grants Committee. The Committee is made up of experts from the fields of health, education and technology, with meetings held every month to consider applications.

Each application is reviewed on a case by case basis and due diligence ensures that the requested assistance fulfils a tangible need and is the best possible use of funds.

Support given by all Variety tents in 2013/14

91,000



Variety has supported in excess of
91,000 children across Australia in
2013/14

\$9.721 million worth of equipment
and services to assist children who
are sick, disadvantaged or who have
special needs

Caring for Kids Program



168

\$713,551 worth of equipment,
services & experiences

97,474 – the number
of children assisted

The number of grants
delivered

Freedom Program



436

\$5,392,713 worth of equipment,
services & experiences

19,176 – the number
of children assisted

The number of grants
delivered

Future Kids Program



598

\$3, 614, 225 worth of equipment,
services & experiences

54, 836 – the number
of children assisted

The number of grants
delivered

Please note: these figures are based on unaudited reports

Support given by Variety Queensland in 2013/14

20,515

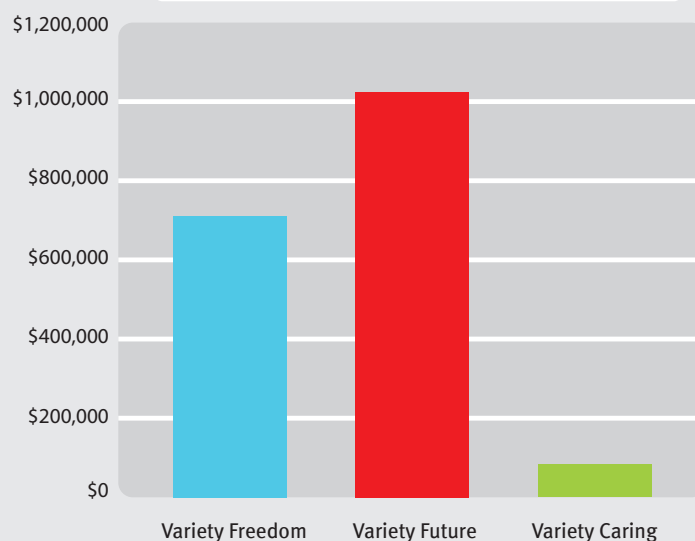
Queensland children in need
directly assisted in 2013/14

9.49%

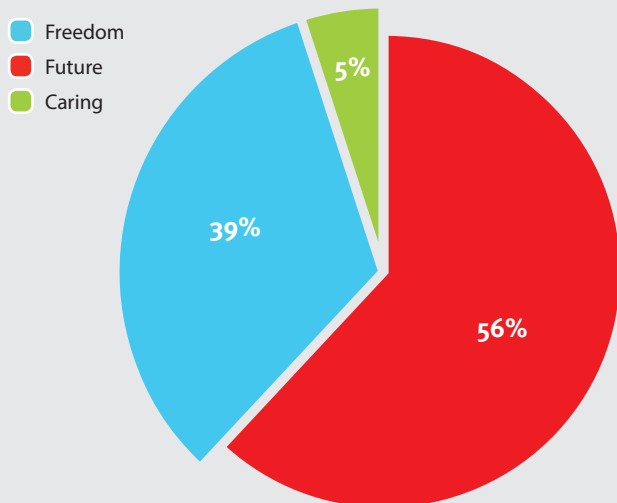
increase in number of applications for
assistance approved

150 applications approved in 2014 up 9.49% from 137 in 2013

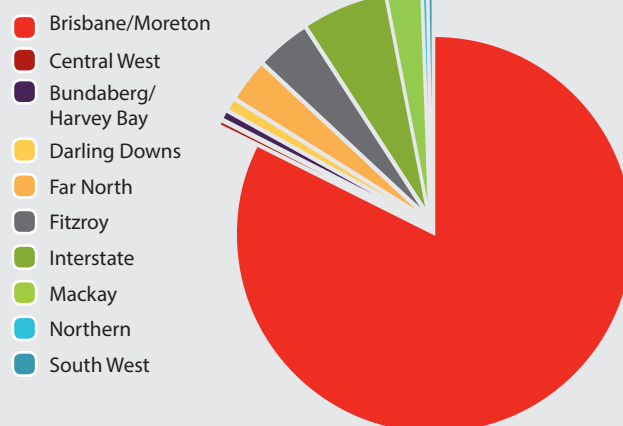
Money granted by program



Percentage of grants per program



Spread of services & equipment by region



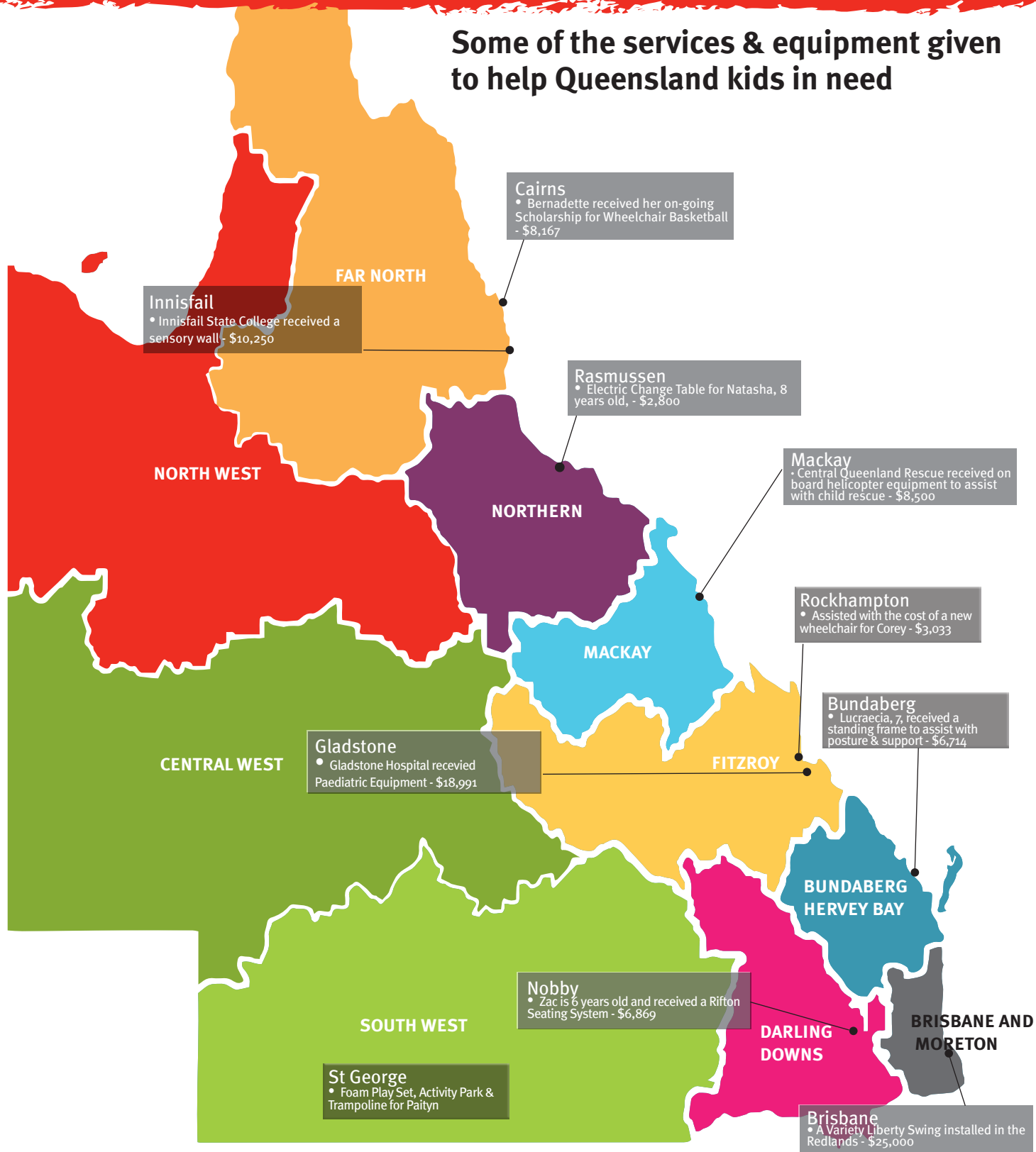
83% metro / 17% regional support

Statewide grants & program examples

How we helped children right across the state



Some of the services & equipment given to help Queensland kids in need





5933

Queensland children impacted by
equipment and services presented
through the Variety Freedom
Program in 2013/14

The Variety Freedom Program gives the gift of freedom, mobility and independence to individual children living with disability, through the provision of custom modified tricycles and bikes, wheelchairs, walkers, standers and more.

Variety Sunshine Coaches also allow children who are disadvantaged or live with a disability to participate in school or community programs and activities, while Liberty Swings allow children otherwise confined to wheelchairs to enjoy the simple thrill of 'going for a swing'.

How we helped

In 2013/14, the Variety Freedom Program provided the following equipment to children right across the state:

- 1 bike
- 1 car seat
- 1 Assistance Dog
- 1 Gait Trainer (walker)
- 4 in home therapy items
- 4 Liberty Swings
- 2 playgrounds
- 10 walking assistance devices
- 1 positioning system
- 6 Variety Sunshine Coaches
- 5 Standers
- 4 Strollers
- 5 vehicle modifications
- 12 Manual Wheelchairs
- 3 Powered Wheelchairs



"Please keep up the good work! You don't realise how much of a difference it makes to our lives. It not only helps Seth but relieves the pressure of fundraising ourselves – it really is overwhelming the support we've received from Variety. Thank you again!"

Chris, mother of Seth, 11, who has Temple Baraitser Syndrome and received a Gravity Chair to ensure Seth is comfortable, supported and relaxed as much as possible



11870

Queensland children impacted by
equipment and services presented
through the Variety Future Program
in 2013/14

Helping children to achieve their potential regardless of situation or ability. The Variety Future Program delivers assistive technologies providing enhanced opportunities to communication, education and inclusion.

Advances in assistive technology are reshaping the very concept of learning and offer flexibility to children with special needs. Variety provides equipment and services such as communication aides, iPads, specialised software, braille machines as well as camps, outings and experiences.



Dylan's scholarship [in wheelchair basketball] has allowed him to continue to move forward with his special need and play sport. It assists with the costs of sporting fees, development programs and maintenance of equipment.

Dylan's long term goals are to be the fittest he can be, to play for the under 23 Australian Wheelchair Basketball team, and one day play for team Australian Rollers in the World Championships and Paralympics.

How we helped

In 2013/14, the Variety Future Kids Program provided the following equipment, programs and experiences to children right across the state:

- 8 camps
- 5 educational grants
- 8 group computers/educational equipment
- 4 clothing and school supplies
- 3 group parties
- 20 individual communication devices
- 3 playgrounds
- 5 school modifications
- 1 learning aid
- 3 scholarships
- 2 toys
- 1 after school program
- 1 art supplies





2712

Queensland children impacted by
equipment and services presented
through the Variety Caring for Kids
Program in 2013/14

The Variety Caring for Kids Program supports community health services, organisations including hospitals and specialised medical services.

Under this program Variety provides life changing equipment such as neonatal monitoring units, portable oxygen monitors, resuscitation trolleys, hospital beds and nebulisers.

How we helped

In 2013/14, the Variety Caring for Kids Program provided the following equipment, programs and experiences to children right across the state:

- 3 bedroom items
- 1 delivery of early childhood intervention educational materials to isolated areas
- 3 hospitals assisted with equipment
- 1 electrical stimulation system
- 1 feeding equipment
- 3 nebulisers
- 1 prosthetic
- 2 refurbishments
- 1 respite program for terminally ill children
- 1 sensory room
- 1 seizure alarm mat
- 1 ventilator





2013/14 Program & Equipment List

A complete list of every program and piece of equipment given in 2014

Beneficiary	Region	Equipment
Female	Cleveland	e-Flow rapid nebuliser
Female	Bundaberg	e-Flow rapid nebuliser
Female	Kureelipa	Beach runner wheelchair
Female	North Lakes	Modifications to vehicle
Female	Kawana	Wheelchair modifications
Female	Raceview	Wheelchair Modification to vehicle
Female	NSW	Walker
Female	Gympie	Wheelchair hoist for vehicle
Female	Bannockburn	specialised stroller
Female	Strathpine	Wheelchair (GAP Payment)
Female	Lawnton	Orthotic Garment
Female	Rasmussen	Electric Change Table
Female	Bray Park	Wheelchair (GAP Payment)
Female	Sherwood	Seizure Monitor
Female	New Farm	iPad with specialised cover
Female	Zillmere	Foam activity castle and safety mate
Female	Boyne Island	Wheelchair
Female	Tewantin	Special Needs Pram
Female	St George	Foam Play Set, Activity Park and Trampoline
Female	Kingston	Cross Trainer School Shoes
Female	Calamvale	Equipment for a Safe Room, Sensory Room and additional tools for behaviour regulation.
Female	Cedar Creek	Wheelchair
Female	Yepoon	Wheelchair
Female	Kawungan	Ipad Air, Accessories and Proloquo2go
Female	Ferny Grove	Specialised Stroller
Female	Cooroy	DoBuggy Stroller
Female	Bracken Ridge	Summer Respite Program
Female	Bracken Ridge	Respite care
Female	Bracken Ridge	Medical Alert bracelet
Female	Stafford Heights	Vehicle Conversion - wheelchair access
Female	Stafford Heights	Orthotics
Female	Rothwell	Orthotics
Female	Rothwell	Upsee (pink) & Go to seat
Female	Smithfield	Shortfall for wheelchair basketball
Female	Smithfield	Wheelchair Basketball Scholarship
Female	Cairns	Scholarship expenses for wheelchair basketball tournaments
Female	Griffin	Education Scholarship (World Challenge Trip to Thailand)
Female	Narangba	Rifton Activity Chair
Female	Urangan	Standing frame
Male	Gilston	Specialised Bed
Male	Forest Glen	iPad and special case
Male	Nerang	iPad 2 16GB
Male	Gladstone	iPad & freight
Male	Rochedale South	Cut out table for postural support
Male	West Gladstone	Specialised switch and software
Male	South Grafton	Standing Frame
Male	St Lawrence	Disability Swing
Male	Bracken Ridge	Wheelchair (GAP Funding)
Male	Nambour	Physio wedges, temperature control blanket & headrest for wheelchair
Male	Bridgeman Downs	Mulholland Walker (Gait trainer)
Male	Bongaree	Wheelchair Modification to vehicle
Male	Bonville	Modified Bike

Beneficiary	Region	Equipment
Male	Victoria Point	Thermo Cyclopad
Male	Gaven	iPad and Accessories
Male	Glenlee	iPad
Male	Sunnybank Hills	Specialised car seat - GAP Payment
Male	North Rockhampton	Wheelchair Gap Payment
Male	Mansfield	Beach wheelchair
Male	Minyama	Playstation 4
Male	Nundah	Wheelchair (GAP Payment)
Male	Burnside	Wheelchair Cushion (GAP Payment)
Male	Ashgrove	Foot orthoses
Male	Keperra	Manual Wheelchair (GAP Funding)
Male	Clifton	Rifton Seating System
Male	Petrie	Gravity Chair
Male	Tewantin	Gravity Chair
Male	Virginia	Gravity Chair
Male	Toowoomba	IPAD
Male	Heathwood	Wheelchair modifications
Male	Mareeba	IPAD & Cover
Male	Yeronga	Manual Wheelchair with Power Assist Options and Electric Bed
Male	Aldershot	Movita Bed
Male	Wynnum West	Orthopedic Consultation
Male	Kingston	Cross Trainer School Shoes
Male	Proserpine	Infantini Specialised Formula (12 Month supply) and Physiotherapy/ Speech Therapy Equipment
Male	Bunya	Mygo Standing Frame (size 1)
Male	Wynnum	Shoes and elastic laces
Male	Wongawallan	Nippy Clearway Cough Assistor
Male	Birkdale	Easy Stand Glider Standing Frame
Male	Mermaid Waters	Physiotherapy
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Male	Mermaid Waters	Postural Support (convoid cruiser)
Male	Mermaid Waters	Physiotherapy
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Male	Mermaid Waters	Soft Touch sitter with mobile base and a Wedge
Male	Mermaid Waters	Physiotherapy
Male	Mitchelton	Wheelchair Basketball Scholarship
Male	Dubbo	Walker, Orthotics & postural splint
Female	Dubbo	Walker, Orthotics & postural splint
	Mount Surprise	Additional amount required for shade sails
	Mackay	On board helicopter equipment to assist with child rescue
	Gladstone	Camp for disadvantaged youth
	Koongal	2 x specialised chairs with adjustable height and foot plates
	Tambo	Signage for trailor presented to Tambo State School on the 2013 Bash
	Helidon	Food, entertainment and "We Serve the Kids" Lunch
	Numinbah Valley	35 Seat Sunshine Coach
	Aspley	Sunshine Coach

Beneficiary	Region	Equipment
	Aspley	Sunshine Coach
	Aspley	Sunshine Coach
	MacGregor	Standing frame
	Lowood	Composting unit, worm farm & worms
	Taranganba	11 x 'Survivor' iPad cases
	Mitchelton	12 Seat Sunshine Coach
	Port Macquarie	Photocopier
	Numinbah Valley	2 x iPads
	Gold Coast	Holiday program for terminally ill child
	Rockhampton	iPads, flat screen Tv's and specialised equipment
	Mackay	Upgrade of camp facilities
	Parraearra	Shoes and socks for disadvantaged children
	Sunshine Beach	12 Seat Toyota HiAce Sunshine Coach
	Goodna	Playground equipment & modified bikes
	Sunnybank	1 x carer & 2 x children's flights to Darwin
	Brisbane	3,027 children invited to attend the 2013 Special Children's Christmas Party
	Redlands	Liberty Swing
	Mackay	iPad & Gyrocar (specialised bike)
	Everton Hills	AV System
	Gladstone	Paediatric Equipment
	NSW	Defibrillator, PA system, Television, wireless microphones, agricultural equipment and a canteen oven
	Salisbury	Respite Camp
	Mt Sylvia	Planter boxes for vegetable garden
	Gladstone	Disability Swing
	NSW	20 x Computers
	Bourke	Box Trailer
	Innisfail	Various musical equipment
	St George	GoPro camera and accessories
	NSW	Coolroom
	NT	Goanna Camp Cost for 2 children
	NSW	Contribution towards pool liner
	Millmerran	Sink and storage Cabinet
	Innisfail	Sensory Wall
	NSW	Laptops
	Carindale	Saturday night Sleepovers
	Carindale	Saturday Morning Program x 9 = \$13,320 and Shool Holiday Program x 4 = \$26,400
	All QLD	Ultra Fast Electronic Nebulising System (Pari e-flow Rapid) for 20 children
	Timber Creek, NT	4 iPads and Lifeproof (shock resistant) covers
	Broome, WA	Poly Pong Table
	Kununurra, WA	8 x Apple MacBook Air Laptops, Microsoft Office for MAC Home and Student Edition and Installation
	Coorparoo	200 "Understanding Learning Difficulties" booklets
	Wanamami	Gumboots, gardening gloves, planter boxes, fruit & vegetable seeds etc
	Yeppoon	Permanent canopy for Bell Park Liberty Swing
	Brisbane	Kennel run and frame for assistance dog 'Colin'
	Brisbane	Laptop Computer

TESTIMONIALS

With your help we can continue to reach out to the children who need our assistance the most. Here are some messages from just a few of our grateful families we have recently supported.



Sam, with his new friend,
The Clown

Tamara is the mother of 13 year old Sam who has various special needs including spastic quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy, Sam was presented with a gravity chair to assist with comfort & support

"They say it takes a village to raise a child, no truer words can be spoken when it comes to raising a special needs child. Every day is a challenge for parents & carers; financially, emotionally & physically. Every day is an even bigger challenge for our kids. Our children inspire us every single day; to do better, to be better, to give love, to receive love. With your support, our children will continue to rise up and achieve the life they deserve. Thank you for supporting our kids. Thank you for being an inspiration to others. Thank you for being our village! Thank you"

Crystie is the mother of 6 year old Zac who has Cerebral Palsy. Zac recently received a Rifton Activity Chair, allowing him to interact with peers and his family.

"The chair will allow Zac to be on other children's level and interact properly - you can't put a price on seeing your child interact with kids their age - all you want is for a level of normality and for Zac to be a part of the group. We can't thank you enough!"



Zac after receiving his new
Rifton Activity Chair



Finley and Nioka,
with Peggy Sue in the middle!

Finley (4) and Nioka (8) are brother and sister and have Cerebellum Hypoplasia & Cerebral Palsy and received walkers, orthotic garments, boots and a specialised chair to help them get mobile! Here is a message from Finley & Nioka's family:

"The equipment we received has definitely been life changing for the children. Thank you all so much. Since getting the walker Nioka is a changed little girl. Her new name is Miss Independent. There were celebrations in the house when she was able to get in and out of the dining room table by herself. We are very enthusiastic for the outcomes of Finley as he gets older too!"



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