



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

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Meet Hugo

Hugo is a 17-year-old who tragically became paraplegic following a snowboarding accident. Variety was able to assist with the cost a standing frame to help Hugo with his circulation and strength.

Hugo is busy with year 12 studies and is also the School Captain. He hopes to be a research scientist one day, so he can find a cure for someone else's special needs or perhaps even a cure for a spinal cord injury.

We can't wait to see what the future holds for Hugo!

About us

Variety – the Children's Charity is a national not-for-profit organisation committed to empowering Australian children who are sick, disadvantaged or who 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 life to the fullest.

Variety's work allows children to gain mobility and freedom, to get out and about in the community, be able to communicate, achieve independence and increase self-esteem, and where possible the assistance to help them be integrated into mainstream schools and activities.

40 years

2015 marks a great milestone for Variety in Australia – 40 years of helping Aussie kids in need!

From its beginnings in 1975, Variety – the Children's Charity has established itself as an iconic Australian institution, making a real difference to the lives of thousands of Aussie kids who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs.

We're proud to say that in the last financial year, Variety – the Children's Charity of Queensland granted equipment and services to the value of \$1.8 million, which directly impacted the lives of 16,263 Queensland kids in need, helping them to overcome whatever obstacles they faced, enabling them to live life to the fullest.

Our aspirations

We aim to be the go-to organisation for children who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs in Australia, for fun loving donors and supporters who wish to help these kids.

N.B. The figures quoted in this document are based on unaudited reports

Message from the Chief Barker

The word 'Variety' is much more than a name – it is a word which sums up the ethos of our organisation. It recognises that every child, regardless of their background or ability, should have the same choices, opportunities and experiences as other children.



We have been transforming the lives of Queensland children since 1986, and while Variety has grown and changed in that time, we remain known for empowering children by providing equipment, programs and services appropriate to their needs.

Each month Variety Queensland receives requests for over \$150,000 worth of equipment to help children who are sick, disadvantaged or who have special needs; equipment which is often beyond the financial ability of thousands of families. Every Variety gift is an investment in a child's future, and this year our grants totalled more than \$1.8 million.

To every fundraiser, donor, company, volunteer and service provider who has in some way assisted us on the Variety journey this year – your support is humbling and it allows us to continue improving the quality of life of Queensland's children in need.

2015 has been a challenging year. Returns from our various events have been below our forecast, and many of our supporters found fundraising more difficult due to economic conditions and the increasing choice donors have for very worthy causes. While expenditure was curtailed in some areas, we continued to invest in our capability, particularly our fundraising systems, and the benefits of this will be realised in future years.

The team have exciting plans for the year ahead, with some outstanding events planned, both old and new, and we are optimistic about what's ahead in 2016.

Our six strategic pillars remain as relevant today as they were when directors and staff developed them almost three years ago.

1. Increase the awareness and understanding of the Variety brand
2. Run fantastic 'must do' events
3. Support our fundraisers and develop other fundraising partnerships
4. So we can fulfil appeals to those who most need our help
5. Provide a rewarding and fun place to work
6. Ensure a financial sustainable position

I'd like to thank my fellow board members for their contributions throughout the year in so many different ways. This year we welcomed four new members to the board; Tamara Cross, James Stewart, John Colvin and Steve Whittam – thanks for sharing our commitment to Variety.

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of our CEO David McDonald and his team of capable and passionate staff, who have once again helped change the lives of so many children in need.

Finally, to all our members, event participants, sponsors, volunteers and donors – the results outlined in this annual review are only possible because of you. Thank you.

Peter Ffrench
Chairman



Message from the CEO

This year marks the fortieth year of Variety in Australia. We celebrated by looking back at the stories of children and families whose lives were changed, by the support we were only able to provide because of your support.



I had the privilege of visiting many children and families throughout the year in Queensland – from granting equipment to providing life-saving medical devices and accessible community playgrounds. I have seen how our values echo through everything we do, amid the compassion shared with the children and their families by our staff and volunteers.

Throughout 2014/2015 with the assistance of our many committed supporters we were able to deliver in excess of \$1.8 million in equipment, programs and services for children who were either sick, disadvantaged or with special needs. We have been fortunate enough to have impacted the lives of 16,263 Queensland children.

There is no bigger responsibility that we share as a community to ensure that all children have an equal and fair opportunity to live life to its fullest. As a dedicated children's charity that does not receive any government funding, this can only be achieved through you, our loyal supporters who help us pave the way and continue our vital work to meet the many unmet needs here in Queensland.

While we work to further diversify our revenue streams, fundraising events remain the heart and soul of Variety. Our team takes pride in Variety's hard-earned reputation for hosting well-organised events that not only provide fun and entertainment for participants but generate much-needed funds for our programs.

This year we celebrated 26 years of the iconic XXXX Gold Variety Bash, a 10-day journey from Cairns to Fraser Island. This event continues to be our biggest fundraising event.

Other notable fundraising highlights include our signature corporate event, Variety of Chefs Ball and our popular Variety Old Bags Lunches continues to grow across regional Queensland.

This year saw some new and exciting events being added to the Brisbane social calendar. Our inaugural Variety Red Carpet and Variety Brewski and the Beast emerged attracting new audiences to Variety.

Our impact continues to increase as we grow to meet the pressing needs of children right across Queensland. While the work we do may look similar, every family's story is unique to their child, but the gratitude they express is similar: it is heartfelt and enduring.

Some of the most touching moments comprise of emails, handwritten letters, drawings, photos, phone calls, comments on social media and visits to the office about the difference we have been able to make, which continues to encourage and inspire us to be able to assist even more children each year.

Together, our Variety community helps to change the lives of many children and families. We are forever grateful for the ongoing support from our Board of Management, the staff that work tirelessly to achieve Variety goals and objectives, our very generous sponsors, and last but not least our volunteers. Your support enables Variety to help children in need overcome whatever obstacles they face and live life to the fullest.

David McDonald
Chief Executive Officer

2014/2015 highlights by month

October 2014

- 78 adventurous four-wheel drivers stopped en-route the 2014 ARB 4WD Explorer to deliver computer devices, gardening and recreational equipment to remote and distance education students.
- Variety presented Rosella Park School in Gladstone with a therapy swing, as a result of funds raised at the 2014 Sequins and Suits Gladstone Variety Gala Ball.
- Jayden, 12, was presented with his very own Variety Companion Dog.

November 2014

- Variety was able to fund a new wheelchair for Will, a 4-year-old boy with Angelman Syndrome.
- Venues all around Gold Coast, Brisbane and Gladstone rallied behind Variety on Melbourne Cup day, by raising funds through sweepstake sales.
- Variety Old Bags Lunch saw Gold Coast women pull together to raise funds for the Anthea Mari Family Appeal.
- Variety presented 15-year-old Campbell with a motorised wheelchair and an electronic bed.

December 2014

- The team at Deloitte Brisbane participated in Variety Show Your Heart, raising almost \$2,500.
- Over 3,000 children enjoyed the Variety Special Children's Christmas Party in Brisbane.
- 180 Santas donned the big red suit for the Variety Santa Fun in Bundaberg, raising more than \$2,000.

January 2015

- 8-year-old Isabella was presented with therapy equipment and sensory tools designed to help her remain calm.

February 2015

- Variety granted a Nippy Cough Assistor to Riley, diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD).
- The inaugural Variety Red Carpet held in Brisbane resulted in \$27,000 being raised for children in need.

March 2015

- Variety was able to contribute towards the cost of a standing frame for 17-year-old Hugo.
- A Variety Sunshine Coach was presented to Musgrave Hill Special School.
- Gloria Jean's Coffees across the nation took part in 'Cappuccino for a Cause', raising \$100,000 for Variety.
- 130 women placed bids on handbags at the Variety Old Bags Lunch at the Sunshine Coast to raise funds for Stella, 4, who requires a specialised car seat.
- The National Operations team supported Variety at the AMP Capital Conference, raising an incredible \$35,000 through a stationary cycling challenge, with AMP Foundation donating a further \$10,000.

April 2015

- Brisbane Broncos supported Variety through the 50/50 Charity Partner Program, raising \$22,582 through raffle ticket sales.

May 2015

- We celebrated National Volunteer Week by saying thank you to our amazing volunteers. More than 261 people devoted their time by giving 3,190 hours.
- Jet Trekkers presented equipment to victims of Cyclone Marcia, along with toys to local community groups.
- 400 guests opened their hearts at the Santos GLNG Gladstone Mayor's Ball, raising an incredible \$36,666.

June 2015

- Variety was able to contribute \$2,523 towards the cost of a powerdrive wheelchair for 2-year-old Lillian.
- Our incredible carers came together at Hilton Brisbane for the Caring for Carers Dinner.
- The Variety of Chefs Ball was a highlight on the Brisbane social calendar, with 500 guests digging deep to raise over \$195,000.

July 2015

- A Variety Liberty Swing was installed at Captain Burke Park in Brisbane, bringing delight to children with special needs.
- Our Jet Trekkers helped raise funds to assist with the cost of a wheelchair lift for 5-year-old William who has Cerebral Palsy.
- Variety was able to send four lucky teenagers to the National Goanna Park Adventure Camp in NT.

August 2015

- Our 'Bashers' helped to deliver \$183,000 worth of equipment to children and schools en-route the XXXX Gold Variety Bash.
- Airlie Beach women came together to raise funds for Proserpine Hospital at the Variety Old Bags Lunch.
- Variety granted \$44,000 in assistive communication technology equipment to students at Rockhampton Special School and Rockhampton North Special School.
- Variety was again the beneficiary of Miss World Australia's 'Beauty with a Purpose' campaign, collectively raising more than \$250,000. Queensland contestants raised over \$50,000.

September 2015

- Variety of Young Chefs Dinner saw 130 guests unite to raise funds to assist 10-year-old Maya, who suffers from 27 medical conditions and 5 disabilities.
- Cater Care Australia held the 2015 Variety Golf Day, in memory of Mike O'Brien, one of the founding fathers of Variety in Australia.
- Working in conjunction with Cystic Fibrosis Queensland, Variety granted 23 nebulisers to children suffering from Cystic Fibrosis.
- Motorline supported the Variety Show Your Heart initiative by placing heart stickers on its love MINI, and supporting Variety through various fundraising initiatives and in-kind support totalling more than \$22,000.

N.B. The fundraising figures shown refer to net funds available to Variety



William Halstead

Equipment granted: Wheelchair lift

“Prior to the wheelchair lift being installed in the family vehicle, we would often minimise travelling with William to reduce the lifting that was required to get him in and out of the vehicle. Thanks to Variety, the transportation of William is now effortless, there is no need to alter plans because of William’s disabilities. William’s brothers can also operate the lift and load William into the vehicle which is another great benefit of the lift”

Graham, William’s dad

How we help

Variety’s mission is to empower Australian children who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs, to live, laugh and learn. By providing practical equipment, programs and experiences, Variety helps children to overcome the obstacles they face through three core programs:



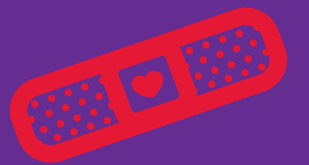
Variety Freedom Program

Mobility and independence



Variety Future Program

Education, experience and play



Variety Caring for Kids Program

Health and wellbeing

It’s through these programs that Variety can deliver a unique range of goods and services to assist with the specific needs of individual children, across a diverse spectrum of physical, emotional and financial conditions.

Funds to fulfil 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 goodwill of suppliers and sponsors, allows for participants or guests’ fundraising or donated dollars to go where it is needed most.

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.

OUR IMPACT

\$1,819,556*

Total amount granted in 2015

\$819,782

Caring Program

\$540,969

Freedom Program

\$458,805

Future Program

16,263

Children in Queensland directly impacted by Variety in 2014/2015

151

Applications approved for individuals and organisations

GRANT APPLICATIONS AMOUNTS APPROVED PER REGION:

89

Brisbane/
Moreton

2

Central West

3

Darling Downs

11

Far North

18

Fitzroy

5

Interstate

5

Mackay

2

North West

5

Northern

4

South West

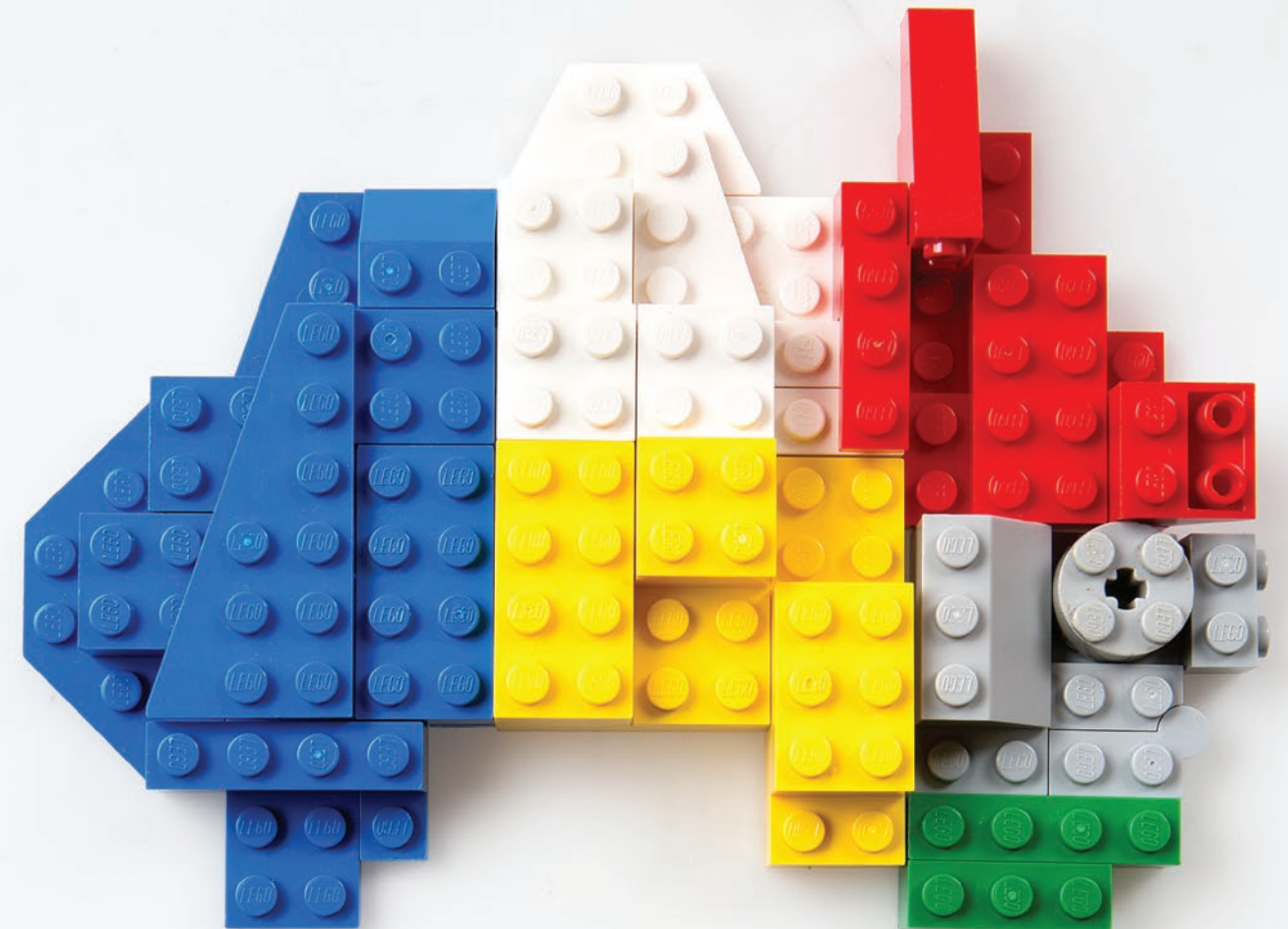
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Wide Bay
Burnett

VARIETY'S IMPACT ACROSS AUSTRALIA

\$11,993,626*

worth of grants approved across Australia in 2015



135,878

children directly impacted by
Variety across Australia in 2015.



*Figures do not include write-ups or write-backs on grants in 2015

Variety Freedom Program

The Variety Freedom Program gives the gift of freedom, mobility and independence to individual children living with special needs, through the provision of custom modified tricycles and bikes, wheelchairs, specialist car seats and more.

How we helped

In 2014-2015, the Variety Freedom Program provided the following equipment, programs and services to children right across the state:

			
4 modified bicycles and tricycles	3 car seats	2 assistance and companion dogs	2 home modifications
			
4 hoists	11 manual wheelchairs	1 in-home therapy item	2 Variety Liberty Swings
			
3 playgrounds and equipment	5 walkers and specialist strollers	8 positioning systems	4 powered wheelchairs
			
3 Variety Sunshine Coaches	2 standers	3 strollers	8 vehicle modifications

1,581 Queensland children

impacted through the Variety Freedom Program in 2014/2015



Isabella Diphooorn

Isabella is a wonderful 8-year-old girl diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, anxiety and extreme sensory issues. Due to her condition,

Isabella can get overwhelmed and is prone to sensory overload. Variety provided Isabella with sensory equipment to help her remain calm and feel safe.

Equipment granted: Sensory tools and equipment

“The sensory equipment allows Bella to calm down and makes the world of difference — when she has a panic attack we place her in the ‘safe room’ that is full of her play equipment and soft mats. The sensory toys allow her to feel comfortable and safe outside the house. Bless your hearts for continuing to give to people in need. It makes such a big difference as a family. Thank you so much, we’re so grateful.”

Elaine, Isabella’s mum

Variety Future Program

The Variety Future Kids Program helps children to follow their dreams, reach their full potential and simply have fun, through the provision of specialist computer packages, communication devices, scholarships, camps, regional and special education school support and more.

How we helped

In 2014-2015, the Variety Future Kids Program provided the following equipment, programs and services to children right across the state:



3 after school programs



5 camps



4 clothing and school uniforms



7 education organisation grants



4 outings, parties and experiences



22 computer/iPad communication and education packages



1 learning aid



6 education expenses



2 school modifications



7 Variety Scholarships in education, music and sports



1 toy

5,798 Queensland children

impacted through the Variety Future Program in 2014/2015



Life-changing equipment for Rockhampton students

Variety has made a positive contribution to the lives of Rockhampton students, granting over \$44,000 in life-changing equipment to Rockhampton Special School and Rockhampton North Special School, enabling students who are unable to communicate verbally, to express their opinions, thoughts and needs in other effective ways.

Equipment granted: Tobii Eye Gaze Interaction Device, Vestibular Swing System, various assistive communication technology equipment

“Being able to communicate is a human right and our children are no different — they need to be able to communicate to express their opinion, make choices and be active members of the community. The effect is far reaching — when you have a child who can finally communicate, stress is relieved as parents can finally understand what their child wants and needs, the child relaxes and in turn the family unit is strengthened.”

Laurelle Allen, Principal of Rockhampton North Special School

Variety Caring for Kids Program

The Variety Caring for Kids Program helps kids live happy, healthy lives by providing essential medical and care equipment like nebulisers and oxygen monitors, as well as supporting paediatric hospital wards, children's respite and more.

How we helped

In 2014-2015, the Variety Caring for Kids Program provided the following equipment, programs and services to children right across the state:

			
2 activities for children who are sick	1 school uniforms, books and bedding	1 specialised bedroom item	3 early childhood intervention
			
3 equipment for hospitals and medical centres	2 specialised feeding equipment	1 insulin pumps for children	2 therapy services
			
4 nebulisers/air compressors	1 newborn emergency transport equipment	1 orthotic	Anthea Marie Family Appeal
			
3 sensory equipment			

8,884 Queensland children

impacted through the Variety Caring for Kids Program in 2014/2015



Riley Sheehan

Riley is a 17-year-old boy who suffers from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), a muscle-weakening condition. Riley uses a powered wheelchair to get around in the world, and needs assistance with his daily care. Variety provided a cough machine, to assist Riley with clearing his chest so he can get back to enjoying life.

Equipment granted: NIPPY Cough Assistor

"To the volunteers and fundraisers, we hope that you are feeling the love and appreciation that we feel for you all. To know that you have given up your time to help a little family like ours makes us feel like we're not going through this alone. You may be known as volunteers and fundraisers of Variety, but to us you are welcome members of Team Riley."

Kathryn Sheehan, Riley's mum



OUR PROGRAMS

Assistance Dog Program

Variety aims to enhance the lives of children by providing specially-trained dogs to help children gain independence and confidence, as well as emotional and physical support.

Variety Assistance Dogs, under the Variety Freedom Program, are trained to assist special needs children to lead an independent and integrated life.

Assistance Dogs are trained to support an individual child's particular needs, whether that be turning lights on and off, opening and closing doors, picking up or retrieving items, and to indicate when their child needs assistance.

It takes six to 18 months to train a reliable and sociable assistance dog and costs anywhere between \$15,000 and \$30,000 to train an assistance dog with specialised skills.



Ruby & Ollie's All Abilities Childcare

This childcare centre is a brand new concept, designed to help children with special needs and their families.

In 2015, proceeds raised during the 'Live Appeal' component of the Variety of Chefs Ball were directed towards Ruby & Ollie's All Abilities Childcare.

Ruby & Ollie's All Abilities Childcare brings a first of its kind model – where long day care, early intervention and support to young children with special needs is offered not only to the child but to the child's family and parents.

Variety through its loyal supporters and generosity of guests on the night of the 2015 Variety of Chefs Ball, raised an incredible \$89,000 to fund essential equipment for the childcare centre.



Goanna Park Adventure Camp

Goanna Park Adventure Camp helps challenge teenagers living with physical or intellectual disability to increase their independence and self-confidence.

Every year in July, 42 children from around Australia come together for the experience of a lifetime at the Goanna Park Adventure Camp, organised by Variety Northern Territory.

Four teenagers from across Queensland attended the camp.

Goanna Park Adventure Camp is a great way for children to make new friends, gain independence and develop self-esteem in a safe and caring environment.

Children are encouraged to participate in activities that they may not have had the opportunity to experience before. These range from abseiling, flying fox, swimming, horse riding and many other fun activities.



OUR PROGRAMS

Caring for Carers Dinner

A night dedicated to the carers, whether they are the parents or guardians, of the sick, disadvantaged and special needs children whom Variety strive to assist each year.

Carers and families of children with a disability often feel socially isolated and overwhelmed with the complex and difficult circumstances associated with supporting a child with special needs.

The ongoing commitment of our carers was recognised at the 2015 Caring for Carers Dinner hosted by Hilton Brisbane, who continue to support Variety.

The dinner offers carers the opportunity to take a break from their caring role, whilst also allowing them time to gain and share information, develop friendships and support networks.



Special Children's Christmas Party

The halls of The Brisbane Convention Centre were decked with boughs of holly and transformed into a festive wonderland.

3,000 children from all over South East Queensland, from as far north as Bundaberg, west to Roma and south to Tweed Heads came together for the 2014 Variety Special Children's Christmas Party.

The event offers a welcome respite for families, giving them the opportunity to get into the festive spirit. Kids are treated to face painting, a specially designed wheelchair accessible swing, a petting zoo, and gifts from Santa Claus.

The Special Children's Christmas Party was made possible through the generosity of sponsors and volunteers who rallied together to help set up displays, assist with catering and hand out toys.



Sunshine Coaches

Variety brings thousands of children with special needs into the sunshine each year through its Sunshine Coach program.

Sunshine Coaches provide mobility to children who are otherwise unable to experience the joys of excursions and other external learning experiences through specialist transportation that offers increased mobility and freedom.

Special schools and various organisations have been the recipients of a fleet of over 1,236 coaches nationally, transporting children to their daily activities, enabling them to have special learning experiences.

In 2014/15, Variety contributed towards the cost of Sunshine Coaches for Numinbah Valley Education Centre and Musgrave Hill Early Childhood Developmental Unit.

GRANTS LIST

Beneficiary	Description	Region
School	Sunshine Coach	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Control blanket	Brisbane/Moreton
Organisation	Camp facilities	Mackay
Male	Car seat	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Rifton Seating System	Darling Downs
Female	Walker	Interstate
School	Sensory wall	Far North
Male	Orthopedic consultation	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Cross trainer school shoes	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Cross trainer school shoes	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Sensory room	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Wheelchair	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Wheelchair	Fitzroy
Female	iPad	Wide Bay Burnett
School	iPads	Interstate
Female	DoBuggy Stroller	Brisbane/Moreton
Nfp	Booklets	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Shoes	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	NIPPY Clearway Cough Assistor	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Easy stand glider standing frame	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Laptop etc	Fitzroy
Organisation	Liberty Swing – Captain Burke Park	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Movita bed	Wide Bay Burnett
Male	Infatrini specialised formula (12 month supply) and physiotherapy/ speech therapy equipment	Northern
School	22 seat Variety Sunshine Coach	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Ceiling hoist system	Brisbane/Moreton
Nfp	Specialised feeding equipment	Brisbane/Moreton

Beneficiary	Description	Region
Male	Companion dog	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Wheelchair lift for vehicle	Wide Bay Burnett
Male	Pool hoist	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	"Little room" active learning room	Fitzroy
Female	Hippocampe beach wheelchair	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Ibis vehicle access lifter system	Mackay
Female	Ex37 octane cross trainer	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Vehicle modifications	Brisbane/Moreton
Both	Air-conditioning units x 2	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	iPad	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Stabalising Pressure Input Orthosis (SPIO) garment	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Waterproof mattress and boardmaker computer program	Wide Bay Burnett
Male	Manual wheelchair	Brisbane/Moreton
School	Reading chair, shelving and other equipment for reading and quiet time	Brisbane/Moreton
Organisation	Playground equipment	Brisbane/Moreton
School	Tobii PCEye GO Gaze Interaction Software and laptop	Fitzroy
Male	Therasuit	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Modified trike	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Shoes and orthotics	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	iPad, laptop and reading program	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	iPad and laptop	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Air-conditioning unit	Fitzroy
Organisation	Special care nursery	Mackay
Organisation	Care and transportation	Mackay
Male	Powerdrive wheelchair	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	VIP passes to theme parks x 2	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	VIP passes to theme parks x 6	Brisbane/Moreton

GRANTS LIST

Beneficiary	Description	Region
Female	Support for Special Needs Kindy Program	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Nebuliser/Air compressor	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Powerdrive wheelchair	Brisbane/Moreton
School	Vestibulator Swing System	Fitzroy
School	Assistive Communication Technology	Fitzroy
Female	Tobii Eye Mobile and Tobii PCEye Go	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Rifton Activity Chair	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Manual wheelchair and shower commode	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Convaid Stroller	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	iPad mini and keyboard	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Vehicle modifications	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Powered wheelchair	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Early Intervention Treatment	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Carrot car seat	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Modified trike	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Reverse cycle air conditioner	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Powerdrive wheelchair	Wide Bay Burnett
Male	Variety Assistance Dog	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Computer tablet mounting set and electric bed	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Zoomi high chair and Nutricia feeding backpack	Northern
Male	Supportive seat	Brisbane/Moreton
Organisation	Have a chat camp	Northern
Male	iPad	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	iPad	Interstate
Female	Rifton Activity Chair	Fitzroy
School	Modified trike	Fitzroy
Male	iPad	Brisbane/Moreton

Beneficiary	Description	Region
Male	Ottobock Lars Car Seat	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Tobii I-12 Speech Gen	Mackay
School	X Panda Seating System	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Second skin postural stability splint	Northern
School	Defibrillator and iPads	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Innovator Air Purifier	Brisbane/Moreton
School	Life Skills Program	Interstate
Organisation	Bikes and toys	Fitzroy
Female	Laptop etc	Fitzroy
Female	Scholarship - Music	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Vehicle modifications	Brisbane/Moreton
Organisation	Sensory playground equipment	Darling Downs
Organisation	Funding for Jamboree Camp	Wide Bay Burnett
Female	Manual wheelchair and pressure cushion	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Laptop, iPad and WiFi device	Far North
Female	Manual wheelchair	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	iPad	Interstate
Female	School uniforms, school books and bedding	Brisbane/Moreton
School	Goanna Park Camp	Brisbane/Moreton
Organisation	Excellence and Leadership Program	Fitzroy
School	Tables and chairs	North West
Male	Jenx corner chair, hammock chair and swing	Far North
Female	Mini-med insulin pump	Far North
Male	Wheelchair lift for vehicle	Brisbane/Moreton
School	Filtered water coolers	South West
Organisation	Isolated youth program	Fitzroy
School	Aqua bubblers and wheelchair access	South West

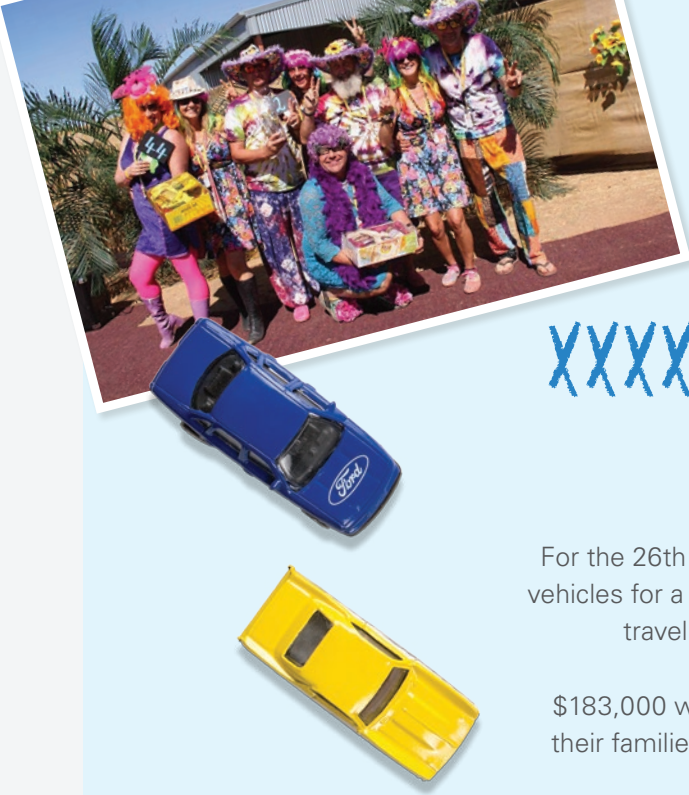
GRANTS LIST

Beneficiary	Description	Region
Male	Rifton Activity Chair	Fitzroy
Organisation	Shirts for recreation camp	North West
Organisation	Playground equipment	Fitzroy
School	Kitchen area renovation for wheelchair access	Wide Bay Burnett
School	Learning equipment	Central West
School	Paving to central courtyard	South West
Male	Surface Pro	Far North
Male	iPad Air	Far North
Male	Yamaha Bass Trumpet	Far North
School	Tables and chairs	Darling Downs
School	Document camera and printer	Far North
School	Swim camp for distance education kids	Central West
Various	Box trailer	Far North
Male	Play centre	Far North
Female	Medifab Coolstride Buggy	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Scholarship - Sports	Fitzroy
Organisation	Camp Program	Brisbane/Moreton
Organisation	Penguin Nutritional Warmer	Northern

Beneficiary	Description	Region
Male	Scholarship - Sports	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Vehicle modifications	Brisbane/Moreton
Organisation	DVDs, Games etc for teenage oncology inpatients	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Accommodation for Sydney trip	Brisbane/Moreton
Organisation	Christmas party	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Physiotherapy	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Vehicle modifications	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Kimba Cross outdoor mobility base	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Manual wheelchair with power assist options and electric bed	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Health and development needs	South West
Both	Educational, medical and living expenses	Brisbane/Moreton
Both	Motor vehicle expenses	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Scholarship - Sports	Far North
Male	Scholarship	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Scholarship - Education	Brisbane/Moreton
Male	Scholarship - Sports	Fitzroy
Organisation	Circus Spectacular and movie days	Brisbane/Moreton
Female	Anthea Marie Family Appeal	Brisbane/Moreton



OUR EVENTS



XXXX Gold Variety Bash

5-14 August 2015

For the 26th year running, 330 participants set out in 126 vehicles for a 10-day journey from Cairns to Kingfisher Bay, travelling 3,600km through outback towns.

\$183,000 worth of equipment was granted to children, their families, schools and community groups en-route.

This iconic fundraising event raised almost \$1 million for sick, disadvantaged and special needs children.



Variety of Chefs Ball

13 June 2015

Close to 500 guests gathered at Hilton Brisbane for a night full of decadent cuisine and life-changing fundraising.

10 of Australia's most talented chefs gave their time to cook signature dishes for our guests.

Over \$195,000 was raised to assist Queensland children in need.

Ruby & Ollie's All Abilities Childcare benefited from the funds raised during the Live Appeal.



N.B. The fundraising figures shown refer to net funds available to Variety

EVENTS SPOTLIGHT

Variety Red Carpet

27 February 2015

Over 150 people enjoyed the glamorous Variety Red Carpet Dinner at Mirra in Brisbane, showcasing the latest trends with a stylish fashion parade. \$27,000 was raised.

Yamaha Variety Jet Trek

4–9 May 2015

A fleet of 61 personal watercrafts motored 775km along the coastline from Yeppoon to the Gold Coast, visiting towns and communities along the way. Over \$110,000 was raised.

Variety of Young Chefs Dinner

24 September 2015

Brisbane's best up-and-coming young chefs joined forces to encapsulate the magic of five-star dining under the stars. 130 guests attended the event, raising almost \$31,000.

ARB Variety 4WD Explorer

23 October – 6 November 2014

78 adventurous four-wheel drivers travelled 3,640 kilometres from Darwin to Broome on a fourteen-day journey. The event was one of the best ever, raising almost \$60,000.

Ladies Lunch

20 March 2015

120 ladies attended a decadent lunch at Restaurant II, owned and operated by long-term Variety supporter, David Pugh. Over \$17,000 was raised.

Variety Brewski and the Beast

6 August 2015

The culinary skills of the team at Vintaged Bar + Grill were a perfect blend of artistry, creativity and flavour that contributed to a sensational foodie affair, raising over \$5,000.

Variety Old Bags Lunch

Various

Hundreds of ladies across Queensland attended the Variety Old Bags Lunch in regional towns during 2015. More than 500 handbags were donated to Variety, raising a total of \$89,811.

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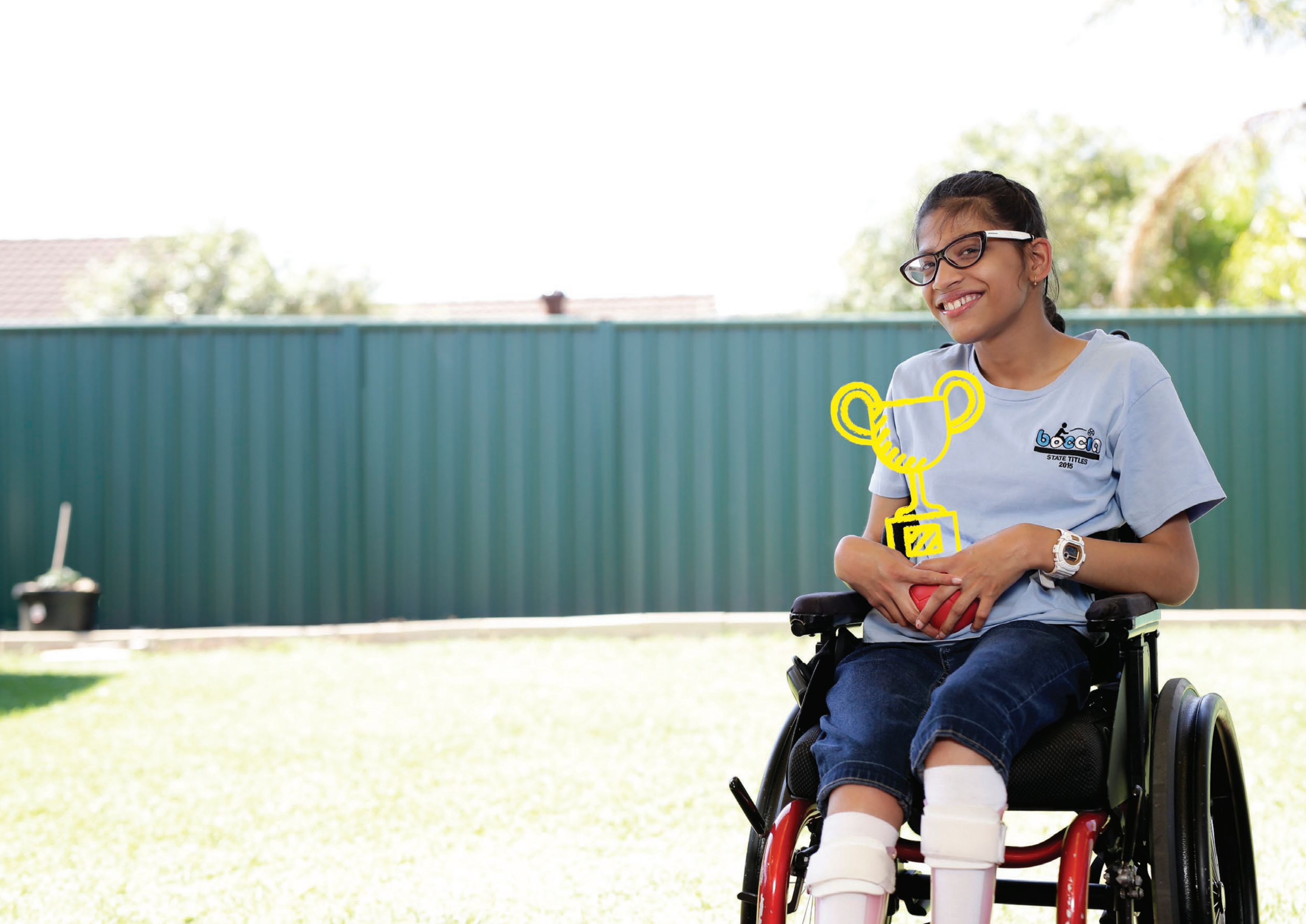


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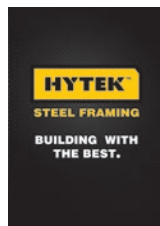


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