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MORPHETT VALE

## Lucky days for green machine

**Kurtis Eichler**

A GROUP of mates will be hoping the luck of the Irish is on their side when they drive 2100km in an old Holden to raise money for charity.

Chris Simkin, of Hackham, his father-in-law Michael Castle, of Morphett Vale, Steve Simkin, of Tatachilla, and Damian Piantadosi, of Morphett Vale, will this month take part in their

first SA Variety Bash. The team – called the Lucky Leprechauns – will spend eight days on the road, travelling 2142km from Port Lincoln to Clare, starting on August 5.

Sponsors have given the team almost \$9000 to compete and Mr Simkin hopes the cash keeps flowing until they are over the finish line.

“When I was a young kid my friend’s dad was a part of the Variety Bash and always came back ranting and rav-

ing about all the fun they had,” he says. They bought the old Holden for \$8000 purely for its quirky feature – it has two front ends, one at the front and one at the back.

There are 14 Variety Bash entrants from southern Adelaide.

So far, competitors have raised more than \$34 million for Variety SA, which helps sick, disadvantaged and special needs children. To donate visit [variety.org.au](http://variety.org.au).



The Lucky Leprechauns team, including Michael Castle, Damian Piantadosi and Chris Simkin, are taking part in their first SA Variety Bash.

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