Tim Adams Times











2017 OUTRIGHT WINNERS Car COP

2017 HIGHEST FUNDRAISERS Car HOGS (Hogs)

> 2017 HIGHEST VIRGIN TEAM FUNDRAISERS Car 193 (TED)

















Bash Chair Message

I am so excited to bring you my first Bash as Chair. I am taking you on a journey of some of my favourite areas of South Australia. Over the eight days you will be travelling through Yorke Peninsula, the Mid North, some of the Flinders Ranges to the beautiful Outback, then the Gawler Ranges, the Middleback Ranges and down the Eyre Peninsula, finishing in the best part of our state (my personal opinion). I promise you great scenery and fantastic tracks. From the "City to the Sea" is exactly what you will get. You will say goodbye to the city and once you are on the Yorke Peninsula you will get great views of the sea before dirt becomes the vision for most of the week, then the sea comes back into sight on Day 8.

It is my duty to bring you a great Bash, which is a huge responsibility and one I have not taken lightly. It has not always been ideal being in Port Lincoln, away from the Variety office, and unable to attend Bash fundraisers and other Variety events, but I have done the best I possibly can, as have you, the Bashers, with your fundraisers. There has certainly been a huge effort put in this year with so many different ways

of raising money for kids in need in SA. I know you have all done a great job. Thank you.

A huge thank you to our Platinum Sponsor Tim Adams Wines/Mr Mick, who signed on again for the 7th consecutive year. A great effort from Tim and Pam, who not only give so much, but are great Bashers as well. Also a big thank you to our amazing Gold Sponsors, Advance Robes, Cochrane's, Codan, Kennards Hire, MGA Whittles, Odyssey Carpet One, Ramsey Bros, Seeley International, Toyota and Vili's. Thank you for you continued support and help in making this possible.

I need to acknowledge the property owners who have allowed us access to their properties and private tracks. I believe it's the private tracks that make a good Bash, so without their support we would be just "hitting the roads." It has been a while since the Bash has been to the Yorke Peninsula and it's great that we are able to visit some of our Bash entrants home towns. You will eniov lunch at the Port Victoria Hotel and dinner at the Coopers Alehouse in Wallaroo. Day 2 we are heading bush to Jamestown for lunch and then on to Hawker. Day 3 sees us visit Beltana once again for lunch and the iconic Marree

> much of the state, we are not able to have two nights in one spot this year, but we will enjoy a half day at William Creek on Day 4. This is where we are holding our famous seafood lunch, which seems to be getting bigger and better every year, followed by our themed fun afternoon. The next day we are off to Coober Pedy for a late (ish) lunch on



Day 6 we leave Coober Pedy and head down through station country for a remote lunch, then onto North Well Station for our camp night. This being the 30th Anniversary of the SA Variety Bash, we need to celebrate that effort and celebrate we will at North Well Station, hosted by great Variety supporters, Matt and Lynly Kerin. On this night we have the wonderful George Belperio and his team from the Adelaide Entertainment Centre catering. Steve Babyszka and his crew will be providing the cocktail bar once again and entertainment from top Adelaide DJ, Kai Ward. What a night this will be...don't forget to glam up in your op shop finest or drag something out of your wardrobe. Thanks again to George Belperio and his team for breakfast on Day 7 before we head off through the Gawler Ranges stopping for lunch at Pondanna Outstation. This afternoon will see us have a special fun stop at Buckleboo put on for us by Ramsey Bros, before heading into Kimba for our "Bashers" final dinner and awards night.

Day 8 we will head south, through the Middleback Ranges. I would love to be able to see your faces when you climb to the top of Mt Desperate and see the view over Cowell, (where I grew up) and the Spencer Gulf. If it is a clear day (and it will be) you can see over the gulf to where we last saw the sea on Day 2 as we left Wallaroo. Then we drive on through farming country to Port Neill and down the coast to Tumby Bay for lunch, home of the Fairies from Car 605. Here we will get the cars washed



Bash Chair Message continued

off and form up in order for our run straight down the highway to the finish line in Port Lincoln. The Bash will be completed at the final night dinner in a marquee on the foreshore.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in the Variety office but especially Annie and Kate. They have done a great job in supporting me in my first year. During this time it has also been Annie's first year of being "in charge" and she has been dedicated, professional and on the ball. Thank you ladies.

Thank you to my Bash Committee. As Deb and I in OV1 are true "OV Virgins", I really appreciate you all stepping up and taking on your roles without fuss. Brenton Dansie, thank you for

your patience and guidance. I know you get a true picture of what life is like for Tony and why he likes going out fishing so much.

Also thanks to Greg Hall in OVZ with Dans, Wayne Richards, Graham Zacher and John Pretty in RAD1, Curly and Scruffy in RAD2, these are the absolute backbone of running the Bash and the event could not happen without them. Annie and Kate in OV3 for great event management skills, Rambo and Jude in OV4 for looking after the Virgins, the Seafood Lunch at William Creek and mentoring me, Albert and Orgy in OV5 for fun-stops, (or whatever they do, I am really not too sure) Steve Cooling and Peter Lloyd in OV6 and their SV crew, for the two lunches they will provide. Edwina Nitschke and John DalCollo in OV8 for organising and running the Bash Bucks fun, Alex and Jane in OV9 thanks for all the work with the AV and emcee'ing, and Mark McGill for

And of course, where would we be without Bag Trucks 1 & 2?
Special thanks again to Peter Cochrane

for his amazing

driving VC1 with our special VIP

guests.

support with his trucks and thanks to Peter and David Ahola for driving them around the countryside for us.

Thanks to Karl and Merv in Car FUN. A huge thank you to Kay Badcock for gathering all the write ups for this magazine. Phil and Kay have been wonderful Variety supporters and favourite OV's for many of the Bashers. We will miss you on the Bash Phil and Kay, don't stay away too long.

A special mention must go to our Medical Staff in OV10, 11 and 12. Thank you so much for your time and dedication. We cannot forget those miracle workers, Geoff Kilford in MW1 and his team of mechanics. Regardless of how much work is put into getting cars 'Bash ready', they are old and things break, but these wonderful mechanics are better than MacGyver and seem to fix anything.

Now sit back and enjoy the Bash, drive safe and have fun whilst celebrating a busy year fundraising for Variety.

Cheers

Sandra Lukin Bash Chair

Sponsor's Message

Pam and I are delighted and honoured to be the Platinum sponsors of the 2018 SA Variety Bash. This will be our 7th year as the major sponsor. The contribution Variety SA makes to the community, families and children is immeasurable. Events such as the Bash and the funds raised from this event are an important part of helping to improve the quality of life and life chances for disadvantaged children.

Tim Adams Wines, Mr Mick Cellar Door and the Mr Mick Kitchen are all part of our family-owned and operated company located in the beautiful Clare Valley.

Our involvement with Variety has impacted positively on our business and we would strongly recommend Variety to companies who are considering sponsorship of, or alignment with, a charity. It is a great family with which to be involved personally and on a business level.

Pam and I would like to thank every participant for coming on board in 2018. Your support changes lives and makes South Australia a better place. We congratulate you on your fundraising efforts and look forward to catching up at one of the many events through the year.

Cheers, Tim Adams and Pam Goldsack.

Tim Adams

Winemaker, Managing Director and Owner. Tim Adams Wines

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Chair of Board's Message

This year we celebrate the 30th year of the SA Variety Bash! It has become a special event in SA and has forged many friendships as well as raising in excess of \$40 million (net) to help many SA children have better lives. It is great we can celebrate 30 years by duplicating the start and finish locations from the first SA Bash!

We thank Brenton "Rambo" Ramsey for being such a great Bash Chair for the last three years – they have been three of our best, raising over \$7.5 million (net). Rambo is a legend and we are incredibly indebted to him for his dedication to the task, the outcomes of the money raised and the fun we have had under his leadership.

The Variety family wish Sandra Lukin all the best as the new Chair. All signs are that Sandra's first Bash as Chair will be a great event and the track looks excellent.

To all our Bash sponsors a huge thank you. We greatly appreciate your financial and moral support and hope to see many of you join us for some Bash fun. To Tim and Pam from Tim Adams / Mr. Mick Wines, our Platinum Sponsor, a special thank you. Also a special thanks to Peter Cochrane, sponsor extraordinaire and supplier and driver of bag trucks for many years. We were thrilled that Peter was recognised with the prestigious Catherine Variety Sheridan Award at the recent Variety International Conference held in Adelaide. This award is greatly deserved and we congratulate Peter on not just the award but his tremendous contribution.

Variety SA continues to be a world leader and thanks to all your support, have been able to find innovative ways to ensure we get the best value for the dollars you work so hard to raise. Through our new "Sprout Fund" we were able to go to the market and identify eight other not-forprofit organisations with great programs that we have funded for the next three years. We chose the eight from over sixty applications, so the rigour around our grant process remained as strong as ever ensuring the impact on kids in need is maximised.



We have also been successful in partnering with our two brilliant AFL Clubs to present the Variety Showdown Shield. This is a great innovation that will raise our profile, educate the public about what we do, open new revenue streams, and also see us funding some great programs with indigenous and less privileged SA youth.

Thank you all for your support and I look forward to seeing you all on the BASH!

Rob Kerin Chair Variety SA

CEO Message

the great strengths of the event and the organisation.

We protect this Bash history and brand fiercely as this trademark is invaluable to our broader organisation beyond its commercial capacity as it encapsulates the real spirit of the Variety comradery.

The SA Variety Bash model is revered nationally as the extraordinary commitment by the Chair. Committee. Officials, Mobile Workshops, Sponsors and entrants is truly unique. The authenticity of the empathy each member of the Bash community has for children in need is profound and this is what drives the success.

I warmly welcome our new Bash Chair, Sandra Lukin, who has leapt into the role with the same passion and enthusiasm as she showed over her 10 year Chair apprenticeship with Car MLC – The Runaway Brides. Sandra has put her stamp on the 2018 Bash, whilst being the first to respect the original Bash start and finish from Adelaide to her home town of Port Lincoln. We can look forward to some truly amazing tracks set amongst diverse landscapes as we traverse the State from Adelaide to the far North via the Yorke Peninsula and back through the wheat belt to Port Lincoln.

I would also acknowledge and sincerely thank Sandra's team of officials, doctors and mobile workshops as they play a vital role in the delivery of a safe, professional and continuous event and maximise the natural event fun. The expertise and care of these tireless volunteers is the foundation on which the events peerless

reputation is built and is never taken for granted.

The relationship we enjoy with our generous sponsors extends beyond our commercial responsibility as we have a genuine friendship. Heading that group is Tim Adams, Pam Goldsack and Tim Adams Wines / Mr Mick as Platinum sponsors who again typify the engagement, as beyond the sponsorship investment, they fundraise enthusiastically through team TABC and 'Bash' with the best of them. We are indebted to Tim and Pam and all our sponsors for their support as this allows entrant fundraising to be maximised directly supporting more children in need.

To the 300 plus Bash entrants - you make the event! You drive the fun and enjoyment with the spirit of giving that shines every day. Take great pride in the fact that your collective efforts impact positively on tens of thousands of children across South Australia.

So, the past 30 years has seen incredible change in our world and the SA Variety Bash has evolved in that time whilst celebrating the core values and motivations that see a wonderful group of people enjoy the simple gifts of comradery, kindness and fun – long may this continue for another 30 years!

I look forward to another great adventure with you all this year.

Kind regards

Mark McGill CEO Variety SA

Who could have believed at the start line in 1989 at Adelaide Oval that this event would not only still be running, but would have generated over \$40 million (net) for children in need in SA? The Variety Bash in South Australia is extraordinary and is the most successful Bash in Australia on so many levels.

The Bash community in SA, despite its enormous success and dominant contribution to the overall financial performance of our Tent, has remained humble, selfless and team orientated – with no individual considering themselves bigger than the best interests of Variety. This may seem a strange statement, however, our individual Bash values are extraordinarily modest and remain one of

29 Years of the SA Variety Bash

Outright Winners Over 29 Years of Bashing in South Australia

1989	Adelaide to Port Lincoln Car 18 – Richard Nitschke, Paul Smith, Bert Swart, John Bradley
1990	Glenelg to Ceduna Car 31 – Hugh Hamilton, Dick Merrigan, Richard Vincent, Dudley Hill
1991	Adelaide to Renmark Car 39 – Des Butler, Roger Murdoch, Steen Jensen, Darrall Suter
1992	Adelaide to Ayers Rock (National Bash) Car 53 – Graham Klingberg, Eric Daish, Joe Treszise, Russell Naismith
1993	Adelaide to Clare Car 08 – Vin Pistola, Kevin Parker, Bob Male, Chris Scorgie
1994	Adelaide to Kangaroo Island Car 59 – John Mellors, Keith Hautop, David Meredit
1995	Adelaide to Kadina

Gary Winkley

Adelaide to Darwin (National Bash) Car 76 – John Chamberlain, Garry Stewart, Peter Waterman

Car 18 - Richard Nitschke, Paul Smith, Rob Clampett,

1997 Adelaide to Tanunda

Car 97 - Jenny Murdoch, Teena Butler

1998 Adelaide to Victor Harbor

Car 318/812 – Doug Lehmann, Jack Ferrett, Peter Fairweather, Andy Pywell, Lindsay Stanley, Lesley Stanley, Jenni O'Donnell

1999 Adelaide to Kalgoorlie

Car 186 - Rod Kersten, Peter 'Ben' Hall, Phil Kilsby, Brian Clarke

2000 Adelaide to Murray Bridge

Cars 318/812 - Doug 'Grumpy' Lehmann, Don 'Doc' Bruce, Ian 'Sleepy' McKay, Lesley 'Happy' Stanley, Lindsay 'Sneezy' Stanley, Peter 'Dopey' Fairweather, Jenny 'Bashful' Owen

2001 Adelaide to Gold Coast (National Bash)

Cars 02, GO and BSK - The Konica Klowns -Lindsay Cato, Mark Morelli, Geoff Davey, Julianne Buckley, Shane Buckley, Darren Virgo, Knowlton Coudrey, Rosalie Carling, Sharlene Capper

2002 Glenelg to Ardrossan

Cars 76 and 7.6 – Garry Stewart, Rodney Mildred, Greg Nybo, George Belperio, Paul Spencer, Bernie Stack

2003 Adelaide to Byron Bay

Car 500 - Larry Cavallaro, John Deal, Ron Vis

2004 Glenelg to Berri

Car 75 - The Greeks - Craig Phillips, Andrew Glastonbury, Craig Illman

2005 Port Lincoln to Adelaide (National Bash)

Car 55 - The Bogvitch Sisters - Teena Butler, Angela Organ, Helen Conolly

2006 Gawler to Goolwa

Car 99 - The Bush Mechanics - Graham Organ, Lynton Pahl, Mark Davy, Greg Schultz

2007 Mount Gambier to Tanunda

Car 70 - Three Little Pigs - Doug Lehmann, Steve Meins, Greg Hall

2008 Mawson Lakes to Norwood Parade

Car 76 - Kung-Fu Pandas - David Snoad, Wayne Irvine. Alan Robson

2009 Adelaide to Alice Springs (National Bash)

Car 119 – Highland Fling (Scots) - John Riggall, Kym Waters, Steve Mason, Adam Mrotek

2010 Murray Bridge to Clare

Car 676 - Bananas in Pyjamas - Frank Pinneri, Craig Paues

2011 Hyde Park to Hahndorf

Car 351 (TAXI) – Peter Howell, John Hardy, Kym Martin, Andrew Van Essen

2012 Barossa to Mildura

CAR TAA/BSTA/KF (Tim Adams Airlines)

Tim Adams, Pam Goldsack, Mark Chapman, Fiona Chapman, Brett Schutz, Shannon Parker, Emily Elkhoury, Richard Elkhoury, James Pledge, Jeremy Calnan, Jason Oster, Kevin Ayres, Craig Barlow

2013 Two Wells to McLaren Vale

CAR TAA/BSTA/KF (Tim Adams Airlines) – Tim Adams, Pam Goldsack, Kathryn (Buff) Byrne, Emily Elkhoury, Richard Elkhoury, Shannon Parker,

Brett Schutz

Adelaide to Sydney (National Bash)

2014 Adelaide to Sydney (National Bash)

CAR PUT (Play School) – Deeon Otto, Mandy Madgen, Kim Curtis, Chris Gobbett

2015 Adelaide to Loxton

CAR MAX (Hangover) – David Vincent, David Smith, Chris McEgan, Mark Wauer

2016 Port Lincoln to Clare

Car TAA / BSTA (Tim Adams Airlines) – Tim Adams, Pam Goldsack, Brett Schutz, Kristy Schutz, Nicole Haack, Sondra McGinlay, Anna Watson

2017 Mount Barker to Mount Gambier

Car COP (Cops) – Monique Findlay, Leanne Kluyt, Dianne Dodd, Deborah Goodacre

2018 SA VARIETY BASH 7



For three generations we've been supporting South Australians. It's nice to know someone has your back.

Ramsey Bros are proud to be Gold sponsors and a part of the 'Circle of Support'.

2017 Bash Hall of Fame

It was 1998 when, to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the South Australian Bash, the Bash Hall of Fame was established. This recognised those who had completed ten Bash events. In 2004, the fifteen year category was added. In 2008, the 20 year category began, and in 2013 we added the 25 year category!

Variety congratulates all our "Hall of Famers"... what extraordinary dedication and support you have shown... we salute you.

Twenty Five year Bashers

Don Aston, Des Butler, Larry Cavallaro, Peter Cochrane, Steve Cooling, Peter Curtis, Brenton Dansie, Carmine De leso, Bob Furbow, Bob Geue, John Gibson, Nigel Giles, Michael Lewis, Diane Lintern, Graham Organ, Graham Reynolds, Graham Stevenson

Twenty year Bashers

Vicki Baigent, Teena Butler, Ian Catford, Knowlton Coudrey, Kim Curtis, Trevor Davey, Colin Hann, Peter Howell, Doug Lehmann, John Mellors, Jock Milne, Jenny Murdoch, Lynton Pahl, Bob Pilgrim, Ivan Smith, Garry Stewart, Lauryn Weatherall

Fifteen year Bashers

Diane Aston, Bronte Ayres, Ron Barton, Ian Bidstrup, Les Burdett, Roger Butler, Sharlene Capper, Rocky Carbone, Frank Clarke, Peter Corkhill, Dene Davies, Roslie Gillings, Nicole Haack, Peter Hayes, Alf Ho, Karen Johnson, Neil Jones, Cheryl Lewis, John Lewis, Mandy Madgen, Scott McBain, Bob Meyers, Gordon Milne, Merv Mortimer, Richard Nitschke, Deeon Otto, Fiona Paterson, Craig Phillips, Bill Rawlins, Jane Reilly, Wayne Richards, Trevor Sims, Liz Travers, Allan Trebilcock, Alistair Walker, Richard Walne, Ian Weber, John Wicks, Ken Woods

Ten year Bashers

Tim Adams, Steve Babyszka, Phil Badcock, Graham Bagnell, John Bannister, Gary Baxter, Jim Blackborough, Graham Bowring, Rick Brooks, Kathryn Casey, Roz Chow, Jim Clark, Bruce Clarke, Geoff Clarke, Trevor Connor, Helen Conolly, John Davis, Steve Davis, John Deal, Peter de Cure, Dianne Dodd, Phillip Eglinton, Peter Fairweather, John Ferguson, Monique Findlay, Malcolm Foreman, Dawn Franks, Gavin Frost, John George, Neville Gilbert, Gavin Gold, Greg Hall, Lyn Hobbs, Peter Holt, Terry Howes, Leonie Hunt, Dean Innes, Willie Innes, Barry Ion, Anna Jackman, David Jacobs, Trevor Jenkin, Tom Joy, Kevin Kelly, Rob Kersten, Trevor King, Graham Klingberg, John Kniter, Brenton Lewis, Wendy Limbert, Sandra Lukin, Tony Lukin, Nick Maloney, Mike Mason, Fairy Matters, Tom Matters, Anthony May, Chris McEgan, Sondra McGinlay, Kym McHugh, Phil (Fids) McLeay, Steve Meins, Kym Mensforth, Leon Menz, Rodney Mildred, Gordon Milne, Kerry Moore, Leon Morrish, Karl Mortimer, Henry Mould, Roger Murdoch, Wendy Nicholson, Kevin O'Brien, Mick O'Brien, Preston Paterson, Sue Pearce, Stuart Peddle, Lonny Pendleton, Tony Pietrafesa, Vic Piscopo, James Pledge, Graham Pollard, Peter Rankine, Tony (Charger) Richards, Duncan Richter, Kym Robinson, Ross Robinson, Yvonne Robinson, Kevin Roehr, Ian Rothall, Joan Rowley, Paul Ryan, Stirling Scherer, Adrian Schulz, Adrian Smith, David Smith, Neil Smith, Paul Smith, David Snoad, Peter Spriggs, Lesley Stanley, Lindsay Stanley, Gaynor Stevens, John Stevens, Darren Sutton, Noel Swan, Roy Temple, David Teubner, Mary Thompson, Beth Tincknell, Mike Tincknell, Sharon Tink. Bob Trezise, Bruno Varacalli, Shayne Varacalli, Peter Vaughton, David Vincent, Mark Wauer, James Way, Hellen White, Richard Whiting, Dean Wright, Chris Zeitz, Kathryn Zeitz

2017 Gold Door Panelists

Highest Fundraisers

\$226,622

A huge congratulations... To our amazing boys from **Car HOGS** who have done it again for the fourth year in a row by endlessly shaking collection cans!

Car: HOGS Graham Bowring, Mark Bowring, John Day

Highest Official Vehicle Fundraisers

\$173,911

Car: OV1 - Official Vehicle Brenton Ramsey & Peter de Cure

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Second Highest Fundraisers \$128,654

Car: TABC / TAB / BSTA Brett & Kristy Schutz, Lauren Swan, Anna Watson, Nicole Haack, Sondra McGinlay, Alex Gallard, Lynnie Wehrmann, Shirley Capper, Grantley Schultz

Third Highest Fundraisers \$101,204

Car: MLC Sandra Lukin. Deb White. Emma Pedler. Kim Whillas

Fourth Highest Fundraisers \$100,787

Car: 16 Lincoln Ramsey, Philip Allen, Ken Noack, Ashley Williams

Fifth Highest Fundraisers \$89,046

Car: 88 Roz Chow, Maylene Loo, Selena Bushell

Sixth Highest Fundraiser

\$79,410

Car: SKET Colin Kuchel, Damien Harris, Dave Broughton

Seventh Highest Fundraiser

\$76,185

 $\textbf{Car: MAX} \ \mathsf{David} \ \mathsf{Smith}, \ \mathsf{Mark} \ \mathsf{Wauer}, \ \mathsf{David} \ \mathsf{Vincent}, \ \mathsf{Chris} \ \mathsf{McEgan}$

Eighth Highest Fundraiser \$70,247

Car: JOKR Ian Weber, Jason Beveridge, Nakalee Weber

Ninth Highest Fundraiser \$65,186

Car: 58 Trevor Sims, Mark Robinson, Dennis Holder

Tenth Highest Fundraisers \$64,754

Car: 52 / BSS Phaedon Angelo, Matthew Bolzon, Stephen Bolzon, Stam Kotoros, Ilario Panetta, Anthony Pilaia, Michael Virgara

Eleventh Highest Fundraisers

\$58,331

Car: 407 Darren Greatrex, Greg Lambert, Brad MacNamara, David Snoad

Twelfth Highest Fundraisers \$53,659

Car: 03 James Dyer, Tim Dyer, Paul Brown, Bill Ricciardi

Thirteenth Highest Fundraisers \$51,066

Car: 66 John Gibson, Simon Drew, John Duncan, Hamish Dunn

2017 Variety Bash Winners

Outright Winners

Car COP (Cops)

Monique Findlay, Leanne Kluyt, Dianne Dodd, Deborah Goodacre

Highest Fundraisers

\$226,622

Car HOGS (Hogs)

Graham Bowring, Mark Bowring, John Day

Highest Virgin Team Fundraisers

\$15.851

Car 193 (TED)

Tracey Faehrmann, Kate Faehrmann, Jessica Sheppard, Sandie Thomas

Best Fun Theme

Car COP (Cops)

Monique Findlay, Leanne Kluyt, Dianne Dodd, Deborah Goodacre

Best Presented Vehicle

Car SKET (The Overtakers)

Colin Kuchel, Damien Harris, Dave Broughton

We Played the Game with Bash Bucks

Car 595 (Bling)

Mark McAskill, Tony Schnaars, Tony Sedgman, Marc Wilson

Highest Point Scorers

Car ENA (The Greeks)

Craig Phillips, Heath Hill, Kate Hobbs

Mobile Workshop Hard Luck Award

Car 16 (Jonnie Walkers)

Lincoln Ramsey, Philip Allen, Ken Noack, Ashley Williams

Stuffed Compass Award

Car 500 (Where's Wally)

Larry Cavallaro, Steve Davis, Heinz Beck, Brent Dornford

Bashers Choice Award

Car SKET (The Overtakers)

Colin Kuchel, Damien Harris, Dave Broughton

Best Virgin Team

Car 061 (Fireman Sam)

Rhain Hondow, Brendan Schulz, Simon Bullock, Travis Flight

Best Individual Bashers

Angela Organ - Car 922

David Smith - Car MAX

Best Supporter of the Variety Bash

"The Doug Lehmann Award"

Wayne Richards

Best Fun Stop

Car 407 (MASH)

Darren Greatrex, Greg Lambert, Brad MacNamara, David Snoad

Chairman's Award for Mobile Workshops MW6

Scott Seagrim, Daryl Carter

Special Acknowledgement

Cars TAB / TABC /BSTA (Tim Adams Broadcasting Corporation)

Brett Schutz, Kristy Schutz, Anna Watson, Lauren Swan, Nicole Haack, Sondra McGinlay, Alexandra Gallard, Lynnie Wehrmann, Grantley Schultz, Shirley Capper



Bash Fundraising in South Australia

YEAR	FROM	ТО	VEHICLES	BASH CHAIRMAN	NET AMOUNT
1989	Adelaide	Port Lincoln	57	Jack Waters	\$368,000
1990	Glenelg	Ceduna	75	John Garland	\$650,000
1991	Adelaide	Renmark	81	Geoff Gauvin	\$558,000
1992	Adelaide	Ayers Rock	82	Tom Matters	\$800,000
1993	Adelaide	Clare	80	Peter Cochrane	\$693,000
1994	Adelaide	Kangaroo Island	81	Peter Cochrane	\$855,000
1995	Adelaide	Kadina	75	Peter Cochrane	\$716,000
1996	Adelaide	Darwin	83	Peter Cochrane	\$1,009,000
1997	Adelaide	Tanunda	71	Peter Cochrane	\$825,000
1998	Adelaide	Victor Harbor	80	Peter Cochrane	\$1,070,000
1999	Adelaide	Kalgoorlie	63	Peter Curtis	\$1,003,000
2000	Adelaide	Murray Bridge	68	Peter Curtis	\$1,051,000
2001	Adelaide	Gold Coast	81	Peter Curtis	\$1,246,000
2002	Glenelg	Ardrossan	78	Ross Robinson	\$1,262,000
2003	Adelaide	Byron Bay	79	Ross Robinson	\$1,480,000
2004	Glenelg	Berri	67	Alistair Walker	\$1,200,000
2005	Port Lincoln	Adelaide	80	Alistair Walker	\$1,700,000
2006	Gawler	Goolwa	63	Alistair Walker	\$1,400,000
2007	Mount Gambier	Tanunda	68	Phillip Eglinton	\$1,703,000
2008	Mawson Lakes	Norwood	83	Phillip Eglinton	\$2,107,000
2009	Adelaide	Alice Springs	88	Wayne Richards	\$1,904,000
2010	Murray Bridge	Clare	61	Wayne Richards	\$1,662,000
2011	Hyde Park	Hahndorf	67	Doug Lehmann	\$1,470,000
2012	Barossa	Mildura	73	Doug Lehmann	\$1,800,000
2013	Two Wells	McLaren Vale	68	Doug Lehmann	\$1,750,000
2014	Adelaide	Sydney	74	Doug Lehmann / Peter Curtis	\$2,141,000
2015	Adelaide	Loxton	68	Brenton Ramsey	\$2,330,000
2016	Port Lincoln	Clare	75	Brenton Ramsey	\$2,640,000
2017	Mount Barker	Mount Gambier	73	Brenton Ramsey	\$2,537,000

2018 Variety Radiothon

A big thank you to everyone who made our Radiothon such a success. Special thanks to FIVEaa, Australian Outdoor Living, Adelaide Outdoor Kitchens and all of our generous supporters. Through the support of the South Australian community, many children in need will reach their potential.









Variety Grants

In the 2016/2017 financial year, Variety SA made available 239 grants to the value of \$3.58 million through our programs, benefiting over 33,600 children in South Australia:

Variety Kids Support Framework

GRANTS

We grant a range of items 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.



We create a better life for the kids of SA



We granted:

\$3,580,221 to help kids in need

Through:

239 grants We positively impacted:

33,604 kids in SA



Variety Grants

New Initiatives

Variety Sprout Fund



In September 2017, Variety SA launched the inaugural Variety Sprout Fund and committed to granting \$1.2m over three years to eight organisations in a bid to further increase the impact of Variety SA in the state and make positive changes in the lives of more children in need.

After a fantastic response to calls for applications and consideration by a sub committee comprised of Adelaide community leaders, the following successful organisations and programs were announced:

The Institute of Child and Adolescent Obesity Management – Lifestyle education and support program

Autism SA – Sensory and social spaces for children and teens

The Carly Ryan Foundation – Project Connect - Aiming to reduce violence against women and children

Foodbank SA - Fresh food packs for school children

Encounter Youth - Party Safe Education Program

Still Aware - Lowering the number of stillbirths in Australia

Multicultural Youth SA – Prevention program for refugee children with special needs

Down Syndrome SA - Provision of a consultant for regional SA

We look forward to working closely with these organisations over the next three years!

Examples of Major Grants 2016/17

Kickstart for Kids

\$200,000 - Warehouse Storage Facility

Riding for the Disabled

\$140,616 - Horse Maintenance Program

Time for Kids

\$125,000 - Child Support Program

Operation Flinders

\$105,500 - Operation Flinders Program

Raising Literacy Australia

\$100,000 - Read to Me Program

Booborowie Primary School

\$79,520 - Outdoor Learning Area

Melaleuca Park Primary School

\$73,000 - Sunshine Coach

Country Health SA

\$65,000 - Neonatal Cots

Mildura Specialist School

\$59,281 - All Ability Play Equipment

How the money has been spent on the Bash!



Riverland Special School Sunshine Coach – 12 Seater \$56,000



Mildura Specialist School All ability play equipment \$59,281

This is why we do it!



Kosta & Anthony

Kosta, 13, lives with autism but does not let that stop his passion for sport and Judo. Like his brother, Anthony 10, who has been diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, also loves Judo and was ranked as the Australian Kodakan Judo Champion in 2016. Thanks to a Heart Scholarship from Variety, both boys have been able to continue their passion, assisting with their self-esteem and confidence in everyday life.

Emily

Emily, 9, and her two brothers are all living with autism. Emily often experiences sensory overload and struggles to self-regulate her emotions, which leads to tantrums and melt downs. Variety funded a trampoline to assist all three children with physical development, stress relief, meeting sensory needs, and self-regulation, besides the fact it is fun!



Amelia

Amelia is 9 years old living with cerebral palsy. She requires regular botox injections at the Women's and Children's Hospital to assist with muscle relaxing and regular casting to stretch out tight muscles. Amelia attends hydrotherapy sessions for muscle strengthening and attends regular occupational therapy sessions. Amelia recently underwent muscle lengthening lower limb surgery, which will require increased therapy. Variety funded vehicle repairs at more than \$9,000 to assist the family to get Amelia, her siblings and her cousin, who also lives with them, to school and Amelia to all her appointments.

Jarrod

Jarrod is 15 years old and has
Down Syndrome. Jarrod started off
just watching basketball, but with
encouragement he began to join in
and has become more comfortable in
this environment. His skills improve
every week and, thanks to Variety,
he participated in the Junior Special
Olympics in Queensland in July 2017;
his very first opportunity to travel and
compete. He overcame a lot of anxiety
to reach the point of participating
in basketball and this opportunity
increased his confidence outta sight!
Way to go Jarrod!



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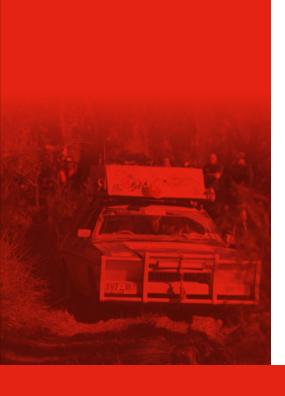


2018 SA Variety Bash Route Map





The Route





DAY 1 Victoria Park Racecourse to Port Victoria

Heading out of Adelaide from Park to Port. Victoria Park Racecourse has been one of the Bash's regular start lines and never fails to be a great venue for both the Bash teams to line up and the spectators to get a good position to wave us off. Heading north out of Adelaide towards the scenic Yorke Peninsula where we will find some great tracks leading to our lunch stop at Port Victoria.

DAY 1 - Lunch Stop **Port Victoria** "The last of the windjammer ports"

Home to Bash Cars 020 and P1

A picturesque seaside town surrounded by good farming land. Named in 1839 by James Hughes after his survey vessel, "Victoria". In its heyday Port Victoria was the fourth largest port in South Australia, a bustling port playing host to many clipper ships loaded with grain and bound for the markets of Europe. This was a romantic time with the harbour full of tall ships and sailors from around the world being entertained at dances and social events. Today it's a sleepy little town, that comes alive during the summer holiday season with families enjoying swimming and fishing along the beautiful coastline. The regular 345 locals will get a big surprise when the Bash rolls into town and immediately doubles the population, not to mention buying them out of liquid refreshments!! Best we pre-warn them to stock up!!

DAY 1 - Night Stop Wallaroo Welcome to the Copper Coast

Another beautiful coastal town that was once the second largest port in South Australia. Named after the Narangga word, wadlu waru, meaning wallaby urine. Hmmm, since we'll be here for a while, it might be a good idea not to drink the water, best to keep to bottled refreshments

While the above information does ring true, some others have a slightly different take on the explanation behind the name. In 1857 an early settler named his property Walla Waroo, (after the Narangga word, wadlu waru), however as time went on and stenciling Walla Waroo on the wool bales was quite tedious, someone eventually shortened it to Wallaroo. Either way, I'm still not drinking the water around here!!

While Wallaroo back in the 1840's is likened to Port Victoria for its tall ships and grain and wool exports, it really came to fame in 1859 when a pastoralist named James Boor and his brother in law, Walter Hughes, first discovered some green-coloured stones in a paddock. Shortly after, a mining lease was secured and mining commenced in early 1860, with 4 employees. By the middle of the year the staff had grown to 150 miners. Soon they were producing 26,000 ton of ore and at its peak from 1870-1875, the mine employed 1000 men and boys.

A smelter was built and operated until 1923 and was at one time the largest smelting works in the world apart from Swansea in Wales.

Interestingly, 1943 as part of the war effort, Wallaroo became the location of a power alcohol distillery. It produced 3-4 million gallons of alcohol from 1.25 million bushels of wheat. Now, before you go running to the pub, let me explain further. The alcohol was



not for human consumption and lifting the spirits of our soldiers, but would be used to improve the octane rating of petrol and was essential to munitions manufacturing.

Today Wallaroo is an active deep-sea port with important grain handling facilities. It is also a holiday town and a seaside resort. Enjoy your stay.

DAY 2

Wallaroo to Jamestown, sees us leaving the coast and heading for the hills and while we are leaving the sea behind us, the views will be just as good.

DAY 2 - Lunch Stop **Jamestown** Pastoral abundance

First explored by Edward John Eyre in 1839 and settled by European pastoralists a few years later. The township was named after the Governor of the day, Sir James Fergusson, who was the Governor of South Australia from 1869-1872. Also known as the birthplace of RM Williams, the famous outback clothing maker.

Located on the banks of the Belalie Creek and surrounded by farming land, Jamestown as a town, was primarily a service centre for the surrounding wheat properties. Thriving agriculture, along with the Bundaleer Forest saw the area prosper and as a result the township expanded rapidly. In approx. 1877, over 100 stonemasons were employed in the town and the quality of the workmanship can still be seen to this day.

Today Jamestown is a major service centre for the area which relies on wool, a range of cereal crops and the timber from Bundaleer Forest.

DAY 2 - Night Stop **Hawker**Welcome to the Southern Flinders Ranges

Once a thriving railway town, Hawker retains much of its 1880s charm. Most of you are likely to be interested in the century old Hotel, taking particular interest in its architectural beauty. At one time, it was also a bumper agricultural region, producing large crops of wheat. However, serious drought sent the crops into decline and the industry died. I would love to tell you more about this quaint little town, but unfortunately not much information could be found on the internet.

Today Hawker is mostly the focus of tourism and is a great place to discover the beauty of the Flinders Ranges and Outback.

I'm sure we'll have a great night whilst visiting.

DAY 3 **Hawker to Beltana**

From Hawker to the Homestead of Beltana, we're heading further north to station country. Some of you may remember stopping here for lunch back in 2015.

DAY 3 - Lunch Stop **Beltana Station**Welcome to Station Country

Beltana is an aboriginal word meaning "running water". Located not too far off the main highway between Parachilna and Leigh Creek. The original township is now somewhat of a ghost town, but was once a place that was surrounded with activity from copper mining, construction of the Australian Overland Telegraph Line and The Ghan Railroad. The Beltana Township has had horse

racing since 1876 and still holds annual picnic races and gymkhana events. Unfortunately in 1983, the realignment of the main road away from the town sealed its fate and is now all but deserted.

Beltana Station has maintained its existence with Merino sheep and Hereford/Black Angus cattle, coupled with a good balance of tourism. While it's still a fully working sheep and cattle station, it offers a variety of accommodation, a café/restaurant and a wide range of activities.

Graham and Laura Ragless are great supporters of Variety and have always welcomed the Bash for lunch. We would like to sincerely thank them for hosting us once again.

DAY 3 - Night Stop Marree Classic Outback Hospitality

Marree is the perfect image of a tiny outback town, with a Pub and a General Store / Service Station.

Originally the area was named 'Herrgott Springs', however the name of the town was changed in 1918 (after World War 1), to Marree due to the anti-German attitude at the time. In 1840, explorer Edward Eyre passed through the region, however it wasn't until 1859 when explorer John Stuart and his assistant 'Herrgott' visited the area and discovered the 'springs' that the area was named. 'Herrgott Springs' (now Marree) didn't become an official town until the railway reached the town in 1883.

The settlement which was first established in 1872 as a camp for the Overland Telegraph Line as it was being constructed, also became a railhead for the Great Northern Railway (which was later known as the Ghan). The town soon serviced all travellers and workers heading north, including the famous Afghan traders who drove their



camel trains into the desert and played a significant role in opening up the Outback. Aborigines, Afghan cameleers and Europeans lived in relative harmony as the fortunes of the town ebbed and flowed over time.

Once a thriving centre for transport and communications, relics of a bygone era remain. Visit the Marree Mosque, a reminder of "Ghantown" which was once home to 60 cameleers, their families and 1500 camels. The Hotel, which was built in 1883, is home to a tribute of the legendary Birdsville Mailman, "Tom Kruse". His old truck can also be seen down at the new Railway Museum.

Marree, has also become well known through publicity of the mysterious Marree Man, first sited back in June 1998 by a charter pilot flying between Marree and Coober Pedy. Many anonymous press releases were also faxed around this time. Whilst its origin remains a mystery, with no one claiming responsibility for its creation or any eyewitnesses to been found, it has certainly helped tourism in the area. Flights can be chartered to take in the Marree Man and the views across Lake Evre.

Marree now has a regular population of approx. 70 people and is mainly frequented by four-wheel-drive enthusiasts and die hard Bashers, taking on the legendary Birdsville and Oodnadatta tracks.

DAY 4 Oodnadatta Track here we come

Leaving Marree in our dust, we'll head out on the Oodnadatta Track through to one of Australia's smallest towns, William Creek. Along the way we will pass the western shores of Kati Thanda – Lake Eyre and Coward Springs. The Oodnadatta Track is best travelled by 4WD but is passable with 2WD vehicles. Always drive according to conditions, which I'm sure the Bash Chair will remind you every morning.

DAY 4 - Lunch & Night Stop William Creek Smallest town on the Largest Cattle Station in the World (Anna Creek)

And today – home of the Bash's famous Seafood Lunch and Theme Day – BASHARAMA.

Headed up by self-proclaimed mayor Trevor Wright – who always has a fascinating story to tell. William Creek may be small but it certainly leaves an impression on all who pass through. Home to a permanent population of 4, a fleet of aircraft and a pub. William Creek is steeped in history having serviced both the Overland Telegraph Line and the old Ghan Railway. It's also in the very unique position of being set in the centre of the largest cattle station in the world. Anna Creek.

Built in 1887 the William Creek Hotel is not only the oldest tin shed pub in Australia (and the only one still trading in South Australia!), but it's also one of the most remote pubs in the world! The front bar is still largely in its original guise and offers visitors a unique insight into outback life. The walls are covered in hand scrawled notes, business cards and a huge variety of other memorabilia. The eccentric and fascinating façade coupled with friendly staff, cold beers

and good honest food means that the William Creek Hotel offers a truly unique and memorable experience.

DAY 5

William Creek to Coober Pedy with a remote lunch stop somewhere along the way. Leaving William Creek and heading out into Anna Creek Station country, you're really in for a treat today, with great tracks and amazing scenery to boot.

ANNA CREEK STATION is the world's largest working cattle station. It has an area of 32,500 square kilometres, which is slightly larger than Israel. The property was originally established in 1863, but moved to its current location in 1872. It was originally used for sheep, but due to high losses from dingo attacks, they switched to cattle. In a good season the station is capable of carrying up to 6,500 head of cattle. They raise Santa Gertrudis cattle which are suitable to hot, dry climates. In the early days, there was a large workforce of stockmen, who mustered the cattle on horses. Today light aircraft are used for spotting animals which are rounded up by stockmen on trail bikes, requiring a much smaller workforce.

We will be heading south through the station, in the distance views of the painted hills can be seen and when we eventually leave Anna Creek, we'll pass through the dog fence into "The Twins" Station, with Prominent Hill visible across the way.

Extra caution will be required and strict instructions must be followed as we exit the station country and join the Prominent Hill Haul Road. Once meeting the main highway, it's straight into Coober Pedy for an early afternoon of sightseeing and leisure.

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DAY 5 - Night Stop Coober Pedy Opal Capital of the World

Coober Pedy is a major regional service centre for Outback SA, offering many essential services. It has 4 main industries, including opal mining, tourism, primary production and support services. Together with nearby Andamooka and Mintabie, Coober Pedy produces 85% of the world's opal supply. Originally The Stuart Range Opal Field, then renamed in 1920, so a post office could be established. The name Coober Pedy was chosen by the opal miners progress committee from the aboriginal

Opal was discovered over 100 years ago in February 1915 and the first claim was pegged. However, due to lack of water and the heat the owners headed to William Creek. A few months later another party arrived and became the earliest opal-mining pioneers. They introduced a unique way of living in underground dugouts, due to the flies being so bad and a lack of building materials.

meaning - white man in a hole.

Today the district Council estimates a population of around 2,500 people. Approximately 60% are of European heritage. In all there are 45 nationalities represented creating a very diverse multi-cultural community.

Take advantage of our early arrival and have a good look around. There are many tourist attractions to visit, including a few tours around the town.

CCC - take extra care when wandering - you don't want to become a "Coober Pedy", as in, that "white man in a hole".

DAY 6

Coober Pedy to North Well Station including another remote lunch stop along the way. Today will see us passing by or through several more Bash friendly stations. As we head further south some of you may recognise names like McDouall Peak, The Twins, Mount Eba and Bon Bon Stations. There will be a few dirt roads and a little bit of black top to get us into North Well, where the tracks are sensational. Having been to North Well before, we can assure you, you won't be disappointed. Our hosts Matt and Lynly Kerin are excited to have us back again. They are really looking forward to helping us celebrate our 30th Birthday with a great night under the marquee planned and a massive bonfire to keep us warm.

DAY 6 - Night Stop North Well Station Happy 30th Birthday Bashers

Owned by the McBride family, the homestead was built in 1927 for Mr McBride's daughter Pat, who had recently married. Three outstation houses were also built across the property, these were homes for stockmen and their families, who each looked after a part of the property. Primarily a sheep station, North Well shore approximately 82,000 sheep in 1932, however over the years numbers slowly declined, until today with approx. 20,000 merino sheep and 700 shorthorn cattle residing on the property. Staffing numbers have also decreased, the once full outstations, housing around 40 staff were abandoned in the 1980's.

North Well is now staffed and run from the main homestead, with 4 full time employees running the entire property. Happy 30th Birthday Bashers – enjoy the festivities of the night!!

DAY 7

North Well to Kimba, a very scenic drive through the Gawler Ranges passing by Yardea, Hiltaba and Paney Stations. Keep an eye out for Rambo's fun stop near Buckleboo.

DAY 7 - Lunch Stop **Pondanna Outstation**Restored to former Glory

Pondanna Outstation is a remote outback homestead that has been fully restored by the Friends of the Gawler Ranges National Park (all volunteers) and is now available for hire. Managed and maintained by the Friends of the Park, all proceeds go towards maintaining the homestead and the park surrounds.

Interpretive signs have been installed to show what it was like in the old days. Crops were grown here and cut for hay and chaff to feed the horses that were used on the outlying stations.

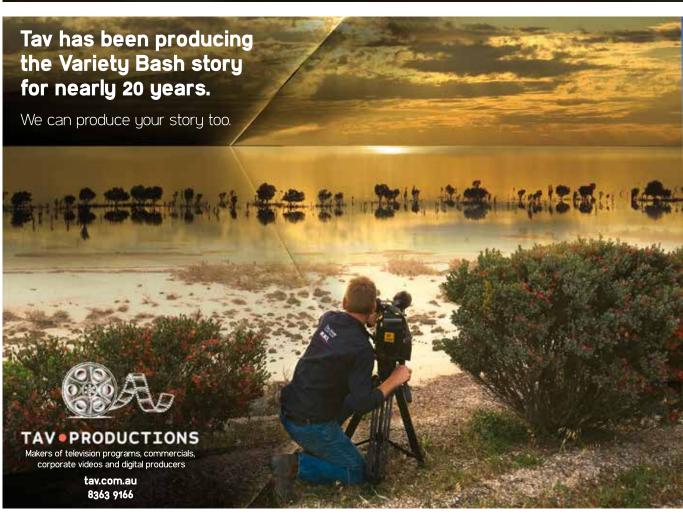
DAY 7 - Night Stop **Kimba**

Eastern Gateway to The Gawler Ranges aka The Bash Chair's old stomping Ground

The name is derived from an Aboriginal word meaning "Bush Fire". Located halfway across Australia (halfway between Sydney and Perth), and home to The Big Galah.

The first white man to pass through the Kimba district was explorer, Edward John Eyre, until the first settlers arrived in 1905. The railway reached Kimba in 1913 and the township was established in 1915. The District Council of Kimba was formed in 1924 and the town prospered. In the next 5 years Kimba gained a hospital, an institute, a school,







a police station, a post office, a hotel, some banks, shops and garages. The railway line was also extended north to Buckleboo in 1926.

Pastoral leases were first granted in 1872 and the first crops were sown in 1908, leading the districts reputation today as one of South Australia's major grain belts.

Kimba was also the Bash Chair's old hunting ground for the male species "back in the day". Born and raised in Cowell, (she couldn't date anyone there, they'd probably be related), it was an easy one hour drive to Kimba, or a 45 minute drive in her Corolla if there was a cabaret on! Once the species were depleted, she moved down south to Port Lincoln, in search of fresh prey.

DAY 8

As we leave Kimba, we will drive up into the Middleback Ranges via the Mount Millar Windfarms where you need to stop and enjoy the views. Then down the hills, through farming country to Port Neill before we meet the sea once again and follow the coast to Tumby Bay.

DAY 8 - Lunch Stop **Tumby Bay**Pristine Shores and Crystal Waters

Home of Car 605 - The Fairies

A picturesque coastal town with sandy white beaches, unspoilt coastline, blue waters and a scenic bay.

Tumby Bay was first explored by Matthew Flinders in 1802. He named the bay and a nearby island after the village of Tumby in Lincolnshire, England. In 1984 the name was expanded from Tumby to Tumby Bay.

The earliest settlers to the district arrived in the 1840s and predominantly farmed the area with wheat and sheep. The town soon grew into an important grain storage and loading point, with a jetty constructed in 1874, only the second to be built on the Eyre Peninsula. In 1999 the original jetty was dismantled and replaced with a new commercial jetty.

It would appear that the shoreline was somewhat overgrown in the early days with reports describing that the buildings were hidden by scrub and people had to clamber over low sand hills to reach them. When the institute was erected in 1907, it was thought the occasion warranted something extra in the way of a ceremony, so the Premier was invited to perform it. The ceremony took place at night, and in case the Premier and his party should get lost in the scrub before reaching the building, lanterns were hung in bushes along the route.

Today Tumby Bay is a popular seaside holiday town which services the surrounding wheat and sheep farming community.

The Fairies are really excited to be welcoming everyone to their home town for lunch and should you wish to return for a visit and stay awhile, I'm sure they would be more than happy to share a few other local tourist tips.

Port Lincoln The Shark Capital of the World and Seafood Capital of Australia

Home of the Bash Chair, Sandra Lukin and her Great offsider, Deb White (don't worry her bark is worse than her bite). Home of the Runaway Brides, the Stockmen and the Muppets.

Situated on the lovely Boston Bay, one of the largest protected natural harbours in the world and 3 times larger than Sydney Harbour. Discovered by Matthew Flinders in 1802, he named the place after his hometown of Lincolnshire, England. Port Lincoln was initially considered as the capital of South Australia, until rejected by Colonel Light in 1836, due to the lack of fresh water. Since the first settlers arrived in 1839, Port Lincoln has grown into a thriving city. As the Seafood Capital of Australia with the largest fishing fleet in the Southern Hemisphere, it is renowned for its Spencer Gulf King Prawns, Southern Bluefin Tuna, King George Whiting and Southern Rock Lobster. As well as being the main port in which thousands of tons of grain are exported every year from the surrounding farming districts.

Today Port Lincoln is a vibrant city that offers not only a great base in which to explore the Eyre Peninsula, but many local attractions including diving with the sharks, swimming with the sea lions, museums, art galleries and many scenic and fishing adventures.

Now, getting back to the Bash Chair's quest to find a mate. Once settled in Port Lincoln, she secured a job at one of the local Hotels (a good place to inspect the local talent), soon she spied a very handsome Prawn Prospector and set up a blind date. A year later they were married and the rest is history. He is, our very own, Mallee Bull – Tony 'Fog Horn' Lukin. And we all lived happily ever after. Well, that is if we don't celebrate our final night too hard and have a sore head in the morning!



2018 Official Vehicles



OV₁

Crew: Sandra "Boss" Lukin and Deb White.

For the first time ever two females are in OV1. That is both exciting and daunting. Deb will be on her 6th Bash this year, and Sandra on her 12th. They are both looking forward to showing you what they have in store this Bash. Great scenery, tracks and weather. They also have great entertainment, friendly towns and lots of fun. The best part... taking you all back to their hometown for the final night. Watch out for Deb though, she has a lead foot and enjoys a V8 to drive. Please have a safe and enjoyable Bash.

OVZ

Crew: Brenton Dansie and Greg Hall

These guys seem like the invisible OV's. You won't see much of them during the day as they're up and on the road by 4.30am (give or take) to check the tracks and make sure all is OK for the Bash to get on the road. However, they're not really invisible. Like all the OV's, they are there to do all they can to make the Bash a great event for all. So if you have any questions relating to the tracks, go and find the OVZ guys at the night spot and have a chaf

OV₃

Crew: Annie Mates and Kate Willoughby

The OV3 'all girl' crew is back on the Bash track again and we're hoping the mud isn't quite as slippery as it was last year! We're all pumped and ready to roll for another great week celebrating our 30th Birthday in style. As always, we're open to bribes and corruption and the more wine. chocolates and goodies, the more brownie points will be given...we always play fair! Annie will probably be seen on the dance floor most nights as normal, whilst Kate will be quietly sipping on a Sauv Blanc on a week away from the 'rug rats' and making the most of it. But all of that aside, we'll be there to ensure you have a great week, and look forward to making it another memorable one for all our amazing Bashers. See you all out on the track!

OV4

Crew: Brenton 'Rambo' Ramsey and Judith Dawson

This year the OV4 crew has been turned over again, Rambo has been undertaking other roles and Jude has been guiding OV8 for 6 years, now they are back together again. OV4, with its formidable new look team, will strive to ensure that you all have fun on this Bash. Just keep Rambo on time watch, only 2.5 minutes chatting to each of you at checkins/ outs and we should arrive at our destination in time for bed. Jude as usual will be chief navigator, having undergone some thorough training she has fine-tuned her skills, so under no circumstances follow us! OV4 look forward to carving up the dance floor with you and are very much looking forward to seeing you all in August.

OV₅

Crew: Graham Organ and Lynton Pahl Yes we have a Gig again. Boss Bride/Bash

Chair has seen fit to allow us to continue the fine work we do with some changes. Originally stripped of our talents as music and AV guys (we made Rambo sound better) and told we would become OV Far Call. Orgy and I enjoyed this role for nearly two weeks and had plans to take it to a new level .We Can Do This:-) Bombshell dropped when Phil & Kay pulled the pin on their role as OV7. We are going to miss this duo. Kay did a fantastic job (including this year) with the Bash Magazine and even made Phil look good. A very big role to be filled and WHO YA GUNNA CALL ???? Sandra asked us to step up to the plate and take on the FUN STOP CREW. Pleased to help in any way, but this could be seen as work and we don't or haven't worked officially in years.

History says we can do this with your help and so if you want to be involved in the fun side of life we are your link. 47 Bashes between us makes us qualified to make this a great Bash to remember.

Yes we are at your service for all things Fun, Food, Pranks, Bribery & Corruption. We have for many years made the trophies from old Bash car parts collected by Mobile Workshops. DREAM DOORS KITCHENS help us by supplying the bases, thanks again to Anthony Scott (formerly OV Pillow). AlBeRt n Orgy are so hopeful that you catch up with us and let us know how we can help... If you have any queries we have the answers. Cheers Orgy & AlBeRt

OV₆

Crew: Steve Cooling and Peter Lloyd

After participating in the capacity of logistics for two weeks and driving over 4,500kms on the 4WD Challenge, Pete and I decided to leave the trusted Toyota Ute set up and ready for this year's Bash.

This year's tracks and route look great so serving a few lunches and generally helping out will be a pleasure.

PS: We hope that the wallies have learnt to read route instructions and have installed the compulsory navigational app, as spotting hungry, wet wallies in the rain was harder than we thought.

0V7

Crew: Peter de Cure and Jo Giorgio-Ion

The new team in OV7 are excited to be on board for the 30th Anniversary Birthday Bash. Official duties will be decided between collecting Brownie points, introducing the new system of Bash Demerits and probably a check out or two. Jo's first foray in hi-vis will see her exercising her dancing pumps whilst supervising the after dark activities and Pete will stick to what he does best (if someone knows what that is please let the office in on the secret).

OV8

Crew: Edwina Nitschke and John DalCollo

Hey Jude, what's the big idea? Got a better offer? Running off with the ex-chair? Oh well, it's now just Edwina and John, presiding over the 2018 Bash Bucks Bank. No probs, we'll run it fine, we don't want a bank with too many managers anyway, eh? We'll consider proposals below the table, perhaps the odd dodgy deal, maybe even if it's downright fishy. Any deal's a good deal, yeah OK, can't be sure about the interest rate, and security is always front of mind – just remember – we're a bank! Anyway, as Doris used to sing - Que sera, sera – no royal commission here folks. Come to deal, come to play, come to win! And have a nice day

OV9

Crew: Alex Richards and Jane Reilly

Alex Richards and Jane Reilly are delighted to be back together in OV9...well that's what Jane said, not sure what Alex thinks about the pairing!! 2017 saw Alex teach Jane the finer motoring skills of handling the mud and dust of the Bash track. Alex is still in therapy and taking medication for his elevated heart rate! With a relationship akin to "Mother and Son" they want it known that they are not related but manage to put up with each other. This year will see Jane step into the shoes of Ron Barton "the maestro with the microphone". Jane will take on the job of talking to grant recipients and introducing our Bash Chair Sandra. So Alex needs to make sure Jane gets to the final night stops on time...which means less chit chat on the track and less cheese nibbling time!

MEDICAL TEAMS

OV10

Crew: Bill Geyer

OV11

Crew: Bernie Myatt

OV12

Crew: Harry Waymark

THE PLANES

OV15

Crew: Michael Matthew and Richard Elkhoury

OV16

Crew: Chris Meulengraaf

PHOTOGRAPHER

Keryn Stevens

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

RAD1

Crew: Wayne Richards, Graham Zacher and John Pretty

RAD2

Crew: Scruffy and Curly (alias Peter Curtis and Graham Reynolds)

SUPPORT VEHICLES

BAG1

Crew: Peter Cochrane

BAG2

Crew: David Ahola

CH10/SAT

Crew: Matthew Bonser, Brett Clappis, Kym Robinson, Kim Whittles

FUN

Crew: Karl Mortimer and Mery Mortimer

V1 - VILI'S

Crew: Simon Milisits, Ben McDonnell and Brenton Moore

SV₁

Crew: Troy Linke, Barney Angus, Tom Lloyd, Robert Lloyd and Ben Lloyd.

VID1

Crew: Russell Marrett, Chris Houghton and Jon Ward

VC1

Crew: Mark McGill, John McGovern, Rod Rebbeck, Byron Stuut, Andrew Mattner and Colin Kuchel

MOBILE WORKSHOPS

MW1

Crew: Geoff Kilford and Richard Lloyd

MW₂

Crew: Sebastian Gazzola and Dino Gazzola

The fire truck is having a rest and Seb is bringing his troopy along with Virgin, dad Dino. Bashers prepare your cars well, no breaking down as this car does not have a hook on the back.

MW3

Crew: Rocky Carbone, Graham Stevenson and Tony Telegramma

MW4

Crew: Gary Edwards and Russell Spiller

MW5

Crew: Stuart Peddle, Brian Peddle, Geoff Moody and Scott Moody

Our crew has been running a Variety Bash Mobile Workshop for more than 10 years now. We started out with the CMV group in their Landcruiser, then progressed on to a purpose-built Land Cruiser of our own. The last 7 years REDARC has been our major sponsor and supported the SA Variety Bash in a number of ways, including supplying products for the OV vehicles and the Variety Radiothon. Last year we built a mobile workshop trailer specifically designed for the Bash and to be towed by the REDARC Hilux. It is unique in the amount of power we have on board for performing any task with a power tool or welder, all of course provided by the power of REDARC. In 2018 we will be out on the tracks again making sure the Bash cars make it to their destination.

Sponsors we would like to thank REDARC

MW₆

Crew: Daryl Carter and Scott Seagrim We are returning for our fourth year as MW's. After punishing our vehicle (and ourselves) last year, we came back looking very second hand. It was a toss-up whether to fix or replace MW6 but the decision was made to rebuild. Thankfully all has come together and with some returning and new sponsor stickers, it has come up a treat. We would like to thank all of our sponsors & supporters. Your help makes it so much easier to support

MW7

another great Bash!

Crew: Leon Menz, John Menz and Barry Schmidt

Variety SA. See you all at the start line for

MW8

Crew: Roger Butler, Mike Lewis and Bruce Cronin

This is now the mature team (OLD BUGGERS)! Bruce is getting his troopy ready and bringing Michael and Roger along and not just for the ride he hopes. Thanks to Wendy who will be holding the workshop together while Bruce and Seb are away, Cathy and Lyn for letting Mike and Roger go again. No fences will be repaired by this team this year.

MW9

Crew: John Kniter and Greg Spriggs

Congratulations



Peter Cochrane OAM CATHERINE VARIETY SHERIDAN AWARD

Peter has been a constant and passionate supporter of Variety SA for the past 29 years. In a completely voluntary capacity he has empowered and motivated hundreds of individuals to raise funds for sick, disadvantaged and special needs children, leading by example.

He started as an entrant on the inaugural Bash and after just 4 years became Chair for an unprecedented six years raising the enormous amount of \$5.2 million dollars net. In 1993 Peter joined the Board of Variety and remains a member 25 years later. In that same year he also took on the Chairmanship of the Variety 4WD Challenge. Taking the lead job as Variety Board Chairman from 2003 to 2005, he was instrumental in the building of Variety's new South Australian office and warehouse facilities in 2004 and he continues to contribute financially to this building, fourteen years on.

Peter plays a pivotal role on Variety's Grants committee specialising in Sunshine Coach and vehicle placement. In 1996 Peter received a Presidential Citation from Variety International and was made a life member of Tent 75 in 2007.

He does not seek any recognition for his achievements and is very discreet in his personal donations, which total well over \$3 million. Peter epitomises the spirit of the Catherine Variety Sheridan Award – the prestigious Variety International award recognising 'significant philanthropic support of charitable organisations serving children'.



Brenton Ramsey 2017 PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

Brenton 'Rambo' Ramsey has created a considerable positive impact in his 20 plus years with Variety and like so many, this all began as a Bash entrant. After three years as an entrant Brenton then provided four years as an official, one as host of the VIP vehicle and three as the Bash Chair.

Under his Chair, the Variety SA Bash set records on a State and National level with the 2016 Bash raising a staggering \$2.64 milion net – the highest total ever for a Bash in the 40 year history in Australia. Over the 3 years on his watch, the SA Bash event raised a staggering \$7.5m net.

Beyond the extraordinary personal commitment, his family company, Ramsey Bros of which he is Director, has been a sponsor of the Bash, Annual Themed Variety Ball and the 4WD Challenge with over \$150,000 committed to date.



Wayne Richards 2017 PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

Variety as an organisation has clearly benefitted from Wayne Richards passionate and tireless support although more importantly, and less clear, is the profound affect he, as an individual, has made on the lives of thousands of children in need in our state over three

Wayne was a Bash entrant for three years and then from 2001 to 2007 he re-joined as an MW in 2008 Wayne's event experience and leadership had him move to an OV and quickly on to Bash Chairman. For the past 7 years Wayne has volunteered his services to the Variety Bash in the position of RAD1, selflessly setting up a base in a remote location for 8 days to ensure clarity of communications.

Wayne has expanded this RAD1 role to the Variety 4WD Challenge. He joined the Challenge survey team and as if that wasn't enough, Wayne is an official on our V2 motorcycle event as well.

Overall, Wayne has been part of 16 Bash events, 7 4WD Challenge events and 3 V2 Motorcycle events as an entrant, official, committee member, Chair or mobile workshop.



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2018 Bash Entrants



Car 007 Orange Euros

Valiant Chrysler 1977

Crew: Roger Ballestrin, Dean Cazzalato, Biagio DeFazio, Jimi Rozaklis.

Four men that crossed paths and found we have one thing in common; we want to help people in need. Roger, BJ and Dean work at Woolworths together and have become great mates. Roger and Jim are next door neighbours and Jim is now like a younger brother

Two of us are grandfathers and the other two are working on it!!! Guess who they are??

Jim is a Fresh Produce Producer (he grows the best strawberries) in the Adelaide Hills, he is very proud of what he & his wife Linda have created....Green Valley Strawberries.

Dean, BJ & Roger love working for Woolies and with our jobs no two days are the same! We are all in management roles and are very thankful and honoured to be in these roles.

We would like to say thank you for this opportunity and wish to thank everyone that has kindly donated either their time or money.

THANK YOU.





Car 020 Combat Wombats

Holden HT Premier 1970 Crew: Ken Davey, Neil Davey, Scott Davies, Chris Kain.



Car 03 Wiggles

Holden HT Premier 1970

Crew: James Dyer, Paul Brown, Bill Ricciardi. Mark Katnich.

After purple wiggle, Jeff (Tim Dyer) fell asleep at the wheel last year he needs to take a year off, so we have recruited the blue wiggle (Mark Katnich) from the 2016 Bash to fill the purple skivvy. With any luck the Big Red Car will be put back together with the help of Daryl from MW6 and be ready for the trek to Port Lincoln.

We are looking forward to heading north this year, as swagging it last year for most nights was challenging....nothing like rolling up a wet swag and throwing it on the bag truck, hoping that night when you roll it out, it is all dry for a nice warm sleep......yeah, no chance of that! All Wiggles are pumped, although the yellow wiggle is having gender issues at the moment trying to work out whether Emma or Greg is the go. Let's face it though all the kids love Emma and it is all about the kids!.....lsn't it?

Seriously, this will be the Big Red Car's third Bash and we all reckon Variety is an awesome charity to support.....Happy Bashing.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

Hardcore Diamond Products; Titeline Drilling; Katnich Design Build and all other sponsors and individuals that have supported Bash Car 03.



Car 041 Sailors

Ford Fairlane ZG 1975

Crew: Ian Lister, Reg Hamilton, David Bellinger.

The Sailors, Squeak, Rowdy, and Uncle Reg are lining up for another Bash and still are trying to convince a Virgin to join, as Mike Coonan will be in Darwin. Woodcutting to raise funds is well underway but a little slow because of the long warm summer – but guaranteed the cold weather will happen in the South East very soon. Our plan is still to raise enough funds for a silver door panel once again, but this would not happen without the generous donations of our many sponsors, most of whom have been supporting Variety for the nine years we have been involved.

We are looking forward to another great Bash. This will be the car's seventh year and hopefully we will not have any major mechanical problems. All Bash participants have a car theme and we are the Sailors, so we dress as such.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

Glen Carron Transport; Beachport Lions Club; Millicent Farm Supplies; Elec-Air Millicent Daikin Air-conditioning; Lake Bonney Sporting Clays; Beachport Hotel and every other business and individuals who proudly support Car 041.





Car 061 Fireman Sam

Holden HQ Panel Van 1971

Crew: Rhain Hondow, Simon Bullock, Jack Evans, Brendan Schulz.

Our team consists of current Apex members (youth service group). A few years back the Bash came through Loxton and we saw firsthand how much fun the Bash could be. We went and found an old HQ Panel Van that had been parked under a tree for about 15 years and totally rebuilt it into the car we have today. The group spent many, many hours over two years building HELGA (as we call her) and we were able to do our first Bash in 2017 and absolutely loved it.

Being awarded the 'Best Virgin Bashers' for 2017 was a great honour and we have committed to do many more Bashes (Not sure if our wives are too impressed). We are a young team that enjoys socialising, making new friends and supporting a great event that supports a great cause. Unfortunately, one of our team members cannot make it this year as he is travelling overseas, however, Jack has stepped in to fill the void and we are sure he will fit in well. Our preparations are coming along quite well with the car and fundraising. We are all super excited to see what this next adventure will bring.

We will be sticking to the Fireman Sam theme as the kids that we meet along the way tend to flock to our car (might have something to do with the buckets of lollies etc we give away).

Looking forward to getting to the start line, Bring It On!!

There are way too many people and sponsors we would like to thank, however the entire Loxton and surrounding community have supported us in many ways so many thanks to them all.



Car 13 The Baker's Dozen

Holden VN Commodore 1991

Crew: Peter 'Pastie' Hayes, Noel 'Napoleon Cake' Swan, Matt 'Muffin' Druce.

The Car 13 Bakers Dozen "Is Dodge Is Good" 52 year old van has finally been retired. We have gone soft with automatic, power steering and air conditioning, oh, and we finally have back doors!! Which is quite ironic as there are only two of us in the car this year.... oops. Pete "Pastie" Hayes (19th Bash) is joined again by Noel "Napoleon Cake" Swan (14th Bash). Donut Darren and Danish Damien were unable to attend this year and we weren't silly enough to invite Sausage Roll (Stevie G) back again, besides we heard all his jokes last year...

Hang on; 11th hour addition to the team - Matt Druce, ex MW5 (3rd Bash) is joining us – yay!

The Bakers will again be distributing their scrumptious goodies, but God only knows what the quality of the products will be like with the only real baker not on board. But we reckon we'll just "wing it". What could possibly go wrong? (don't say you weren't forewarned....)

We look forward to another successful year "Raisin Dough for Special Kids" and supporting new Bash Chair Sandra in her first year.

Special thanks to MW1 Geoff Kilford and Ultra Tune Prospect for building the new Baker's wagon may it serve us well. Also Ultra Tune Marion (Matt) for fixing all the problems yet to occur....

Sponsors we would like to thank:

Kytons Bakery Australia; Heritage Fencing; Envirosweep; Qube Ports; Incitec Pivot Fertilizers; Stevens Bulk; Bay Of Shoals Wines; Swan Building & Maintenance Services; Payne Group; ARM Bitumen Contractors; Australian Civil & Mining Training; Fast Karts Pooraka; Ultra Tune Marion and anyone or everyone else who has helped.









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Car 140 The Bean Machine

Dodge Phoenix 1963

Crew: Tracey Robinson, Meagan Sampson, Jenny Stefanopoulos-Robinson.

'The Bean Machine', the old girl, has made it through another Bash and after a long awaited face lift, looking forward to the 5th in a row for 2018. Well there are 2 of us back from last year, with a new face to the team (but definitely one you have seen around Bashing previously). Tracey and Meagan are back again, so look out for the lady with the jokes, Meagan!! Anytime, day or night, she will reel them off her tongue with no issue at all...... please just ask!!

Then along comes Jenny, who has been a Gypsy, a Smurf and now the best you can be....a Jelly Bean!! We welcome Jenny, who is now in her late father-in-law's old car – for those of you who can remember the old 'Star Ship Enterprise' which was Rob Robinson's car when he was doing the Bash. Jenny says that she knows he would be watching down on her smiling, thinking how good the old girl looks & the car too!!!

We would like to extend a special thank you to all of those that have helped us raise the necessary funds for this year and know that the children of SA are the beneficiaries.

Car 160 Local Community Heroes

Toyota Crown 1979

Crew: Jason Tinsley, Barry Reid, Mark Reid.

As part of my role working for Bendigo Bank, I organise a day for our staff to get out of the office and see what positive impacts our organisation makes in the community. One of the organisations we met on our day out was Variety, who we have supported for numerous years.

Little did I know how that one visit would have so much impact! After hearing directly from the families whose lives have been changed, we knew we had to do more, but how?

Well, why not enter the Bash? This however presented our first problem – the car. Knowing using one of our fleet cars would probably be frowned upon, I reached out to family resulting in my father-in-law and brother-in-law graciously coming up with the goods, or an old Toyota Crown, to be more specific.

With the car problem solved and Bendigo Banks backing, we then set out to find like-minded organisations to support us for the cause. NOVA Entertainment through 5AA jumped at the chance to support such a worthwhile cause. All we needed now was the theme!! Knowing **NOVA Entertainments and Bendigo Banks** values and their history of support for Variety, plus the Community in general, this was easy. Our theme would be 'Local Community Heroes'. Local Community Heroes come in many guises and it will be our mission on the Bash to uncover these heroes and help celebrate what they mean to the communities they live in and the lives they touch.

Between Bendigo Bank and NOVA Entertainment's 5AA, we aim to raise as much funds for Variety as possible, whilst showing people what true heroes look like. We also plan to have an absolute ball whilst doing it!!

Sponsors we would like to thank:

Bendigo Bank; NOVA Entertainment; Dirt Works Landscaping.



Car 175 The Rockstars

Holden WB Statesman 1984

Crew: Neil Gibbins, Richard Skinner, Joshua Sage.

The Rockstars are ready to go again! For the first time, Car 175 has the same team as the previous year. Their leader is, again, Neil Gibbins, with backup provided by Richard Skinner and Joshua Sage.

All the boys and their families are proud to be associated with Variety SA and raising money for the children of South Australia.

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Car 22 The Stockman

Buick Riviera 1965 Crew: Kym Penalurick.



Car 225 Smurfs

Holden Statesman Caprice 1983

Crew: Brett Langstreth, Josh Harkin, Jem McGee, Damian McEvoy

La la la-la la la
Sing a happy song
La la la-la la la
Smurf it all day long
La la la-la la la
Smurf along with me
La la la-la la la
Simple as can be
La la la-la la la
Next time you're feeling blue
Just let a smile begin
Happy things will come to you
So Smurf yourself a grin

Sponsors we would like to thank:

Marion Bay Tavern; Adelaide Online Computers; Teraterra; Leader Computers and many individual sponsors.



Car 23 Bashrangers

Holden HR Sedan 1967

Crew: Dene Davies, Steve Wilden, Steve Baker.

The Bashrangers return for their third year, this year with the same crew. All of us are looking forward to the challenging days on the tracks and the peaceful nights under the stars.

Whether it be swapping a story on the side of the road or sharing a laugh over dinner, the Bashrangers are prepared for the 'City To Sea' 2018 Bash.

Of course, a big thank you to our sponsors, families and friends who without their support our participation would not be possible.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

CBS Bins; Garden Grove; Eco Waste Solutions; Rendition Homes; Enviroblast; Adam Norvill Mechanical; Commercial Motor Vehicles; Relational Data Systems.

Car 30 The Grooms

Ford ZH LTD 1970

Crew: Philip Riquier, Joe Walker, Lachy Hogarth.



Car 333 Hillbillies

Ford ZH LTD 1970

Crew: Adam Marinakis, David Irvine, Matthew White



Car 364 Popeye The Sailor Man

Holden HT 1968

Crew: Peter Smyth, Jim Clark, Mark Gevers, Michael Rawlings.

Team Popeye is looking forward to another great Bash.

Kevin the Kingswood, is having his 50th Birthday and 9th Bash this year, so he's had a bit more attention than usual.

Congratulations to Variety on the 30th Anniversary of the SA Bash.





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Car 407 Mash

Ford F100 1968

Crew: Darren Greatrex, David Snoad, Paul Collins, Paul Eadon.

This year sees some new and not so pretty faces joining the team from MASH 407 – Paul "Radar" Collins and Paul "Hawkeye" Eadon will be helping to deliver the new "potion" to stop any further outbreaks of Bash Rash. They will be ably assisted by David "Hotlips" Snoad and Darren "Trapper" Greatrex. Hotlips and Trapper will be guiding the new Drs through the minefields that lay ahead – what could possibly go wrong!

As always the MASH team are here to look after any patients in need of our assistance, "no guarantees" however can be made of a successful outcome!

Sponsors we would like to thank:

Bendigo Bank; Hurley Hotel Group; Greatrex Marketing; Pinz; Eadon Home Loans; Eco Building Supplies; The Advisory Financial Services; Fox Gordon Wines; TJM 4x4; Kooyonga Golf Club.





Car 456 Alice in Bashland

Holden HR 1967

Crew: Brooke Jasper, Emily Fraser, Mark Dufty.

The Queen of Hearts and Alice the tart, found Mark a Mad Hatter to be.

A brother to Ram, he jumped at the chance to the challenge of a Virgin is he.

We are all mad here with the Holden HR, ready to roam the outback.

Navigation skills sorted, tea parties planned, but can they stay on the track?

The great cause of Variety gives them the chance to give back some needed hard cash.

Ready to go and jump down the Wonderland hole, affectionately called 'The Bash'.



Car 4BRO T-Birds

Holden VB Commodore 1979

Crew: Dale Fawcett, Ian Fawcett, Colin Fawcett, David Kroehn.

4BRO are back again for another go, we learnt a lot last year and have a 'new to us' car this year. All the boys are keen to participate in the Bash and are working hard to raise the much needed funds for the children.

We are no longer Bash Virgins and now understand how it all works, so we are looking forward to this year's Bash.

Sponsors we would like to thank: Landmark; R.E Ball.



Car 500 Where's Wally

International AB130 (Crew Cab)

Crew: Larry Cavallaro, Heinz Beck, Steve Davis.

Nagivate 1. // Bash dictionary

Pilot, skipper, guide, manoeuvre, direct the way that a Bash car will find a direction across, along, or over an area of land or find the way to get to a place without using a map.

Navigate 2. // Basher's dictionary

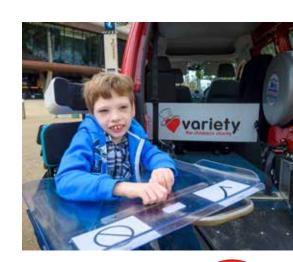
Plan and guide the course of a Bash vehicle or other form of transport, to assist the driver to deal with something uncomplicated when trying to find which way you need to go when travelling on a desired course from one place to another.

We weren't lost we knew where we were! It's just that the rest of you did not know where you were or should have been. This year we have sharpened our radar, fitted some sonic sensors and improved our technology by buying our navigator a brand-new pair of goggles or should that be googles?

Another Bash, another opportunity for us to be part of the Variety family helping the Variety children.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

Heinz & Rosemary Beck; Peter & Kay Greig; John & Yvonne Chamberlain; Ron & Marlene Maiolo; John & Merilyn Nicolson; Warren & Joy Barrington; Larry & Jane Costa; Dave & Rose Cheetham; Tenafeate Creek Wines; Beck Automotive; Brazier Mobility; Jim's Trim Clare Valley Cabins; Active Auto Wreckers; Gawler Art & Signs





Car 52 / SWAT

Ford Falcon 1970 & Holden Statesman Crew: Phaedon Angelo - Specialty Foods Matt Bolzon - Inspirations Paint Seaton Ilario Panetta - Panetta Industries Anthony Pilaia - Sneakys Restaurant Michael Virgara - Virgara's Winery Stam Kotoros - Gourmet Poultry Chez Barbaro - Adelaide Sign Design



Car 58 Blues Bros

Phoenix Dodge 1982

Crew: Trevor Sims, Mark Robinson, Mark Flaherty.

Car 58 is a loud and proud old Dodge Phoenix that quietly goes about raising some serious funds each year. To date it's raised in excess of \$450,000 and still counting. Our car is captained by Trevor, who is enthusiastically celebrating his 16th Bash this year. Dennis (the Crab Whisperer) will be returning for his 4th Bash and sonin-law of Trevor, Mark, is excited to be doing his 6th consecutive year.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

Every single one of them! They have chosen to share in the vision of supporting the extraordinary success of Variety and what it does for kids of SA.



Car 605 The Fairies

Holden HZ 1978

Crew: Kerrie Stutley, Annette Hammond, Sue Milligan, Sue Trezise.

The Fairies are excited to be back on the Bash, celebrating the 30th year in SA. The crew this year are Kerrie, Slugger, Baru & Zuki (Kerrie, Annette, Sue & Sue). We have a few surprises under our wings and can't wait to join the Bash family for 8 days of craziness. We know the boss lady won't let us down and she will have some fantastic tracks organised, giving us a challenge or two. This will be OK for us especially if Kerrie is not driving or navigating!!

We look forward to lunch in our home town, Tumby Bay. We are excited for our community to have the Bash roll into town.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

Steve Trezise Electrical; Altitude Advisory; Tumby Bay Foodland; Meat@Tumby.



Car 66 Sheikhs of the Desert

Mercedes 380 SEL 1982

Crew: John Gibson, James Hewitt, John Duncan, Hamish Dunn.

We welcome James to the team! James organised tickets to the Ed Sheeran Concert, a meeting 'Photo Shoot' and a signed guitar.

Hamish and John are old hands at Bashing, having completed last year! The dinosaur, Gibbo, will be the entertainment officer distributing gifts to the kids of SA.

The theme this year in the trusty Mercedes is 'Sheikhs of the Desert'. We will be handing out money to Bashers to spend on the 'Meandering Marathon Of Mateship', roll out the red carpet!!

Sponsors we would like to thank:

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Car 727 Mallee Bulls

Holden WB Statesman 1980

Crew: Tony Lukin, Steve Hall, Wayne Chadwick, Adrian Schulz

It's a big year for the Bash and the Mallee Bulls are as keen as mustard. The long paddock looks delectable, ideal grazing on blue bush and spinifex up North on our way to Lincoln via Coober Pedy. We can't wait!

For many years now, Car 727 has been blessed with the presence of one 'Strawb' Walker, who is a much loved Basher and true Mallee Bull. But....'Shorthorn' needs a spell in the feedlot, so a slightly younger and naïve new Bull has taken his place in 727 this year. His name is Wayne Chadwick ('Crackahorn' to his team mates) and he is a virgin bull, looking to survive the long paddock and all its frivolity! The 727 Statesman DeVille has already been spat and polished and new sponsors are on board and are tuned up for the great adventure in August. Expect the same shinannigans, charitable handshakes, 727 bulldust (pun intended) and lets do our best for the less fortunate kids out there in 2018. All the best from the Mallee Bulls.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

CRT – Lameroo; Elders Real Estate- Alice Springs; Zerella Fresh; Byrne Ag Services – Lameroo.



Car 777 Country Boys

Ford XR 1966

Crew: Colin Hann, Neville Gilbert, Nick Piggott, Nedd Golding.

Hi, we are looking forward to a great Bash, great tracks, enjoying the great company of the other Bashers and most of all helping the kids along the way.

It will be a great pleasure and privilege to take part in my own 25th Bash along with SA's 30th Bash, what a great achievement, congratulations SA Variety.

'Good Bashing'



Car 86 JJ's Clowns

Ford Fairlane ZB 1969

Crew: Susan Burgess, Les Burgess, Noel Woelties.

We are a Virgin crew who are looking forward to the fun, food and lots of adventures on this year's Bash. This is our first Bash, but we have known about Variety and the amazing work of the Bashers for a few years now as we have been in the truly grateful position of being recipients ourselves in 2016, receiving a wheelchair accessible vehicle for our son. We are in the unique position of living Variety every day.

We are coming on the Bash as the Clown car. Clowns make our young man light up in the toughest of times and we hope to bring a little of that love, laughter and fun to the kids we meet on the Bash route too.

We are looking forward to having a ball!

Thank you to the Whyalla community who have supported us with all the fundraising activities and sponsorship.



Car 808 Groovy

Holden Caprice 1984

Crew: Groovy Greg Mattner, Pasty Rob Parsons, Roger Ramjet Coats, Wildman Bryce Tonkin.

Car Grooovy is back at it again! With a NEW fantastic sound system provided by Tonkin's Car Audio, we will be rocking the tracks! Be afraid when our alter ego's appear! It's a fresh new Austin Powers inspired look for 2018. With Virgin Roger Ramjet Coats on board for his first Bash, get ready for some new Grooovyness. Wildman Tonkin is now a permanent member so he'll be backing up his South East antics with new desert based adventures. This being the 30th year Bash re-enanctment, we might break out some old school antics of yesteryear!

The car has a new carby and 100 new HP so let's hope Pasty controls his right foot. The team is looking forward to the Yorke Peninsula start with the Coopers Alehouse at Wallaroo on the first night having the potential for an AMAZING evening.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

Glynde Mitre 10; Western United Insurance; Johnson Winter Slattery; Tonkin's Car Audio; Signarama Prospect; Dilena Bros Crash Repairs.



Car 88 /BS88 Madagascar

Holden Commodore 1982

Crew: Roz Chow, Maylene Loo, Selena Bushell, Don Aston, Lynn Hobbs.

The animals of MadagasCar88 are keen for another adventure - City to Sea 2018 SA Variety Bash! With our fundraising well underway, we are committed to doing our very best for our incoming Bash Boss, who has certainly led by example. In spite of all our life, family and work commitments,

we are happily fundraising, knowing how important the funds we raise will help the many children in South Australia. Sel, the youngest in our team and now a 'seasoned' Basher, knows that Roz and May will dob her in for anything that is asked of us! Peking Duck and Veggie Spring Rolls are still on the menu (if needed!) for Seafood Lunch on Day 4, although over all these years Roz still doesn't know how they fit in – swimming ducks and seaweed spring rolls?

Big thanks to Lance Vater and Lissi Whyte for giving us no end of support. Also to John Retsas @ First Drop Wines, who stepped up from sponsor to putting on a fundraiser for us! To Daniel Hubbard and the team at iCorp Insure – we value your support. To numerous others – we couldn't do this without YOU!!!



Car 888 School Girls

Holden Statesman WB 1984

Crew: Jill Williams, Sharon Tink, Sally Jones, Cathy Lawrie.

New year, new car, new theme, new crew. The Nuns have retired (for now), but Jill and Shaz are back and welcome aboard our Virgin Bashers Sal and Cathy. Looking forward to introducing them to the Variety family and Bash life on what should be an awesome year on outback tracks.

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Car 922 Kath & Kim's Road trip with Sharon

Ford Fairlane – Ladies Car Crew: Angela Organ, Kerry McKinnon, Tanya Seagrim

"Kimmy, Kimmy come on, get a wriggle on.....Sharon, we gotta get moving for the road trip to Port Lincoln"

"Keep your knickers on mum. Ya reckon we'll see any sharks on the way"?

"I'm coming Mrs D. I'm coming!"

"Have I got everything.....netball, bibs, uniform, oranges. YEP READY!"

Car 922, Tanya, Angela and Kerry, are back again this year, hoping to have as much fun as we did last year....and I'm sure that before the end of the trip you'll all know us well.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

Rainwise Pools Tanks & Pumps; Thomas Foods International; Grass Roots Food; The Highway Hotel; Clare Lindop; Damien Wilton Management; Seagrim's Mechanical; Carter Mechanical Repairs; Wee Willies Tavern; Nicole Webb; Palais Hotel; Saint Meats; Laser Hair Removal at the Bay; L'indulgence Hair Beauty & Brows; Louise Mitchell; Laubman and Pank – West Lakes; Teena & Des Butler; The Wisdom Family; Western Excavators; John Gaylor Bus Hire and we also appreciate all the individual donations from the generous people who have supported us.



Car 96 Priscilla Queen of the Desert

International Fire Truck AB150 1964

Crew: Diane Lintern, Carmine De leso, Justin Grace.

Carmine & Diane are back with 96 for our 27th Bash! But look out; this year thanks to the enthusiasm and energy of our two Virgins we have a new theme...

So there was Di (Lady Di) with Carmine (Manuel) by her side, they had done so many Bashes and this got them to thinking 'how can we just do this by each other's side?' So at first they were afraid, they were petrified, when they met Angelique (Desert Princess) and Justin (Justine A Luscious) from another side. So if alien beings arrived in your town how would they act? What would they say? And most impotently what would they wear?

This is the story of 4 hardworking guys who like dressing up in woman's clothes, mouthing the words to other people's songs, while dancing and having a great time.

They're ready for Stardom They're ready for Fame

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So they here-by christen the old fire truck Car 96 "Pricilla Queen of the Desert" and this is where the adventure begins. We are excited to be travelling from the city to the sea with a stop in Coober Pedy where you never know what you might find on a rock. And should their tour truck "PRISCILLA" break down in the middle of the desert, well you should be afraid and then petrified of what these 4 drag queens will do to entertain you. They will change the way you think, the way you feel and most of all the way you dress!"

"The Adventures of Car 96 Priscilla Queen of the Desert" (And if you thought Mr Willson looked scary in a frock just wait til you see Carmine...) We continue to salute Fairy & the late Tom Matters for roping us into the 1992 Bash. We thoroughly enjoy life with our Variety family & can't imagine life without the Bash. Hopefully our Virgins become as addicted as we are. A huge welcome to our new sponsor 'Corporate Initiatives' & while Tim the Waterboy won't be joining us on the event we sincerely thank him for continuing to support our fundraising efforts.

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors; along the tracks we will be offering entrants, locals & landowners REAL cappuccinos from local Coffee World, Coopers Original Pale Ale, Carmine's Sparkling Shiraz & Fortifieds, plus 'Hot Chips'. Big Thanks to Bruce from Cronin Mechanical Services for hours of TLC to ensure 96 makes it through the event.

We wish our new Boss Lady, Sandra Lukin, and her team a sensational and record-breaking 2018 event. Keep on Bashing! Cheers!

Sponsors we would like to thank:

Corporate Initiatives; Carmine's Wines; Davison Earthmovers; Hendon Self Storage; Brothers In Arms Wines; The Lakes Hotel Social Club; Coopers Brewery; Coffee World; Cronin Mechanical Services; Adelaide Industrial Labour Hire; Australian DNA; Mobile Compressed Air; Wendy & Dave Ritter.



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Cars 98 & 99 Team Avengers

Holden HR 1966

Crew: Anthony Hill, Damien Griffiths, Alan Gericke, Dan Turner, Callum McEwen, Wendy Walsh, Angelique Perone

Last year Car 98, The Avengers, joined the SA Variety Bash for the first time. Led by Anthony Hill, aka Hulk, the Avengers made quite an impact by making appearances in malls and schools whilst on the Bash and winning a day flag for their efforts.

This year a second car joins The Avengers to create Team Avengers. Hulk (Anthony Hill), Spiderman (Damien Griffiths), Captain America (Alan Gericke), Iron Man (Dan Turner), Thor (Callum McEwen ex Car CDA) and The Black Widow (Wendy Walsh) have been working hard finding sponsors and raising donations for this most worthy cause.

Watch out for this team as they seem to either excite or scare kids when in costume. Sometimes, the kids are excited to see the Avengers but are then too scared to go near them. We are looking forward to joining the rest of the amazing Bashers this year and making a difference to young lives.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

Misch's Mechanical; Zurich Group; Codan Limited; Minelab; Mr. Knife; Caltex Bolivar; Angle Vale Football Club.





Car BB1

Holden HX Kingswood 1978

Crew: Lauryn Weatherall, Jackie Hibble, Liz Jones, Sonia Turton

This year BB1 drivers are Lauryn Weatherall (21st), Jackie Hibble (4th), Liz Jones (8th) and Sonia Turton (3rd). With 36 Bash events between us but we have never been all together at one time in the car, so that sounds like a new adventure. We will be entertaining with a new theme. We are rid of yesterday's heroes, Lauryn in her 21st year has said bye bye Bohos and brought together an awesome foursome who will be tartin'up with new costumes and antics. The team will be rollin' into town, rippin' it up, shakin' it up and doin' doo wop be dooby do ay.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

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Car BOBBob the Builder

Holden Brougham 1968

Crew: Bruce Linke - The New Boss, Jess Sheppard, Kate Faehrmann and Heath Hill - all apprentices.

Bob the Builder is back again for the 19th time and is looking forward to having yet another great Bash. The Veteran Trevor, has taken his superannuation fund and retired and left it up to the foreman to step up. The three apprentices have been madly fundraising, and the new boss is happy so far. As long as they perform to the builder's code on the Bash, all will be well. Car BOB will be on its 14th Bash and is still 'Holden' together very well... We are all looking forward to the Bash to catch up with old and new friends (the seasoned apprentices were all Virgins last year) and to see the kids along the way.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

A W Vater and Co; Westpac and thanks to our continuing and new sponsors.



Car CO2 Bash Bubble Birds

Ford Fairlane 500 1970

Crew: Janet Weightman, Shirley Hodgson.

A bit about Shirl by Shirl:

I think it started as a joke at our Christmas party, always happy to take up a challenge. I am looking forward to doing something that is going to help make a difference.

Not much to tell about myself, middle aged wife, mother of 2, grandmother of 5 & heading to my golden years faster than I want. Given the opportunity to spend a week in my PJ's navigating the countryside with my boss lol. I look forward to meeting new people and doing things I could only read and hear about. I feel really blessed that with the help of others, I'm able to help children in our community, Variety does such great work.

A bit about Janet by Janet:

This will be my 4th Bash after a break last year & now with a new 'Bubble Bird', who has enthusiastically jumped to the offer to join me in raising funds and joining the Bash family. Shirl's enthusiasm is catching and we are looking forward to this year's Bash and more swagging. I have my reservations after a few mishaps of swags and tents collapsing on me in the past... Hopefully I have it down pat now... We have given dear CO2 a new wrap but she is still the same girl inside so Shirl had better love no air-conditioning, no power steering, windows that get stuck and constant noise!! But we do have more switches than we know what they are for and a great motor thanks to our terrific mechanic!

Our workmates have been fantastic in helping us in our fundraising efforts so we must thank them (especially with both of us not being there for a week!).

We sincerely thank them and the directors and members of Australian Pork Farms and the Sunpork Group (especially one who shall remain anonymous, who gladly helped us with donation promises at the same Christmas party, his efforts are legendary).

Sponsors we would like to thank:

Sunpork Fresh Foods and 3 Aussie Farmers.



Car COP Bash Cops

Holden Statesman 1981

Crew: Monique Findlay, Leanne Kluyt, Lisa Findlay, Blake Gray.

The Bash Cops are back on the beat again for 2018.

Senior Sergeants, Monique Findlay and Leanne Kluyt (self promoted) will be joined by their children – two fresh Virgin rookie cops, Lisa Findlay and Blake Gray (AKA 'Baby Cops'). The Cops will again dedicate their time and efforts to ensure corruption is rife & bribery is at a premium.

The Cops will patrol night and day, keeping law and order at bay.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

Stewart Title Ltd; All Suburbs Towing; Sunnyoaks Conveyancing; TIMG; Ahms Handling; Houghton Auto Bodies; Dynamic Insurance Brokers; CMI Hino; Bay Breeze Landscaping.





Car HOGS Hogs

Ford Fairlane ZG 1974

Crew: Graham 'Bull' Bowring, Mark 'Chops' Bowring, John 'Snapper' Day.

The old saying "How time flies when you are having fun" certainly means something to Car Hogs. We have fun on the Bash; have fun fundraising and for us, the years of Bashing have flown by unbelievably quickly. Two of us reach the milestone of ten Bashes completed this year and our chief Graham or "Bull" (as we call him) hits lucky 13 but the three of us are not ready to retire from Bashing just yet.

It must be said though we are much quieter on the Bash now compared to the earlier days. Our reliable 1974 Fairlane is still running well and turns heads wherever she goes, especially when we give the air horns a blast!

We basically maintain her ourselves with Graham carrying out maintenance and improvements in Melbourne and she is professionally looked over in Mildura following each Bash.

Good Luck to Sandra and all Bashers for a fun filled and safe week.

Welcome to all Virgins, please try and stick around for many years to come, Variety needs you.

Many thanks to our sponsors, Palmer's Organic Dorpers; Famous Insurance; Cavill Power Products; John Day, Col and Pat Delaney and John Palmer.

Thanks to John Filippi for his annual inspection and thanks to everyone in Melbourne, Adelaide and Mildura who tossed coins and notes into our buckets or joined the fast growing popularity of payWave with our "Square readers"

Remember Bashers if you would like to save \$\$\$ on your insurance for your Bash Car and your daily drive obtain a quote from Famous Insurance. Please give Car Hogs a mention when you call.



Car JOKR The Joker

Dodge 1970

Crew: Ian Weber, Jason Beveridge, Sharlene Capper, Nakalee Weber.



Car KAOS 'Kar Kaos Korporate Kricket Klub'

Dodge Phoenix 1964

Crew: Rob Kerin, Les Burdett, Malcolm Burdett, Nigel Day.





Car KENThe Footy Players

Holden HK 1968

Crew: Hamish Gardiner, Vince Gerada, Craig Earnshaw, Michael Allison.

'The Footy Players' are back again for season 2018.

Our captain this year is 'Hammer' Gardiner pulling on his boots for his 2nd Bash. He will be joined by a team of Virgins: Vinnie, Ernie and Ali – a rookie list that would rival the starting line-up for any Auskick side in the nation!

Our trusty HK Wagon will once again get us to where we need to be and in fine style too! Who needs heating and cooling anyway!

It's a Bash! We are footy players.....enough said.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

As always, our wonderful Company, Kennards Hire. The team at Infinity Signs, never ever have they been anything but supportive. Statewide Tyres have provided new tyres and rims and Direct Tyre & Auto keep her running smoothly.



Car MEX & Car 27 Mexicans

Ford XE 1982 & Holden Kingswood

Crew: Martin Potter, Phil Hutt, Susan Gurry, Peter Tulla, Peter Feeney, David Loftus, Darren Binney, Alex Cook, Peter Basedow.

The Mexicans have once again escaped over the border in order to assist Variety in raising funds for children in need with Bash 2018.

We look forward to celebrating the 30th year of Bashing with the Variety family of SA



Car MIT The Muppets

Valiant Chrysler 1971

Crew: Kym 'Slugger' Dorward, Jeremy 'Jezza' Hartwich, Leon 'Crowie' Earl, Tim 'Turtle' Hartley.

'The Muppets' are back for a second season, only difference this year is we have lost our reliable driver 'Jepbro', but he has been replaced with 'Turtle', a reliable helicopter pilot. So Wally's, never fear if you need to be rescued this year, we have the man for the job. The boys will be back in their old trusty yellow cab, which will hopefully not have any carby issues. Chef 'Jezza' and the boys will be cooking up a storm for those both on and off the track and on the seafood day! (So looking forward to that.)

Have a great Bash and we are looking forward to giving the Docs a run for their money again!

We would like to thank Curtis's for their continued support along with Coffin Bay General Store; Celebrations and the many other smaller businesses that choose to help us out with our endeavours.



Car KFC

VW Kombi 1975

Crew: David Radcliffe, Peter Bates.



Crew: Anna Jackman, Debra Robinson.

The Minions are at it again, Veteran Anna Jackman and two Virgins, Debra Robinson and Kim Disibio. Dressed in yellow (yellow is the new black!) and hitting the road to enjoy a week of fun and frivolity.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

Discount Party Supplies; Vape4Life; Westpac; Turning Heads Hair Salon.



Car MONO Monopoly

Holden

Crew: Michel Zerella, Mark Foulis, Megan Mashford, Kristen Buik.

'The Hub39 Monopoly team' is made up of four daring and brave accountants from four different businesses within our group. Every one of us is committed to 'passing go' and completing this epic challenge for an awesome cause. Given their daily work in the financial sector, they thought Monopoly was the ideal theme.





To Alliance Airlines, The AFL, SITA Coaches and all of our guests, a huge thank you for your support of the Variety Footy Jet.

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Car MLCRunaway Brides

Holden Statesman 1984

Crew: Emma Pedler, Rayann Hetzel, Simone Bertram, Karen Leurs.

They might be named after a Mid Life Crisis but these Brides know what they do and don't want in life.

They want to help kids and their families, they wanna have fun and they don't want no grooms (thanks for asking but we can run faster away from the aisle than down it).

With the Bride Boss Sandra Lukin graduating to Bash Boss and Mumma D Deb White joining her in OV1, the Brides will be led by the Cheshire-cat like grin of 3 x Basher Emma Pedler who's better at hen's parties than marriage, and is joined by 3 fellow fast running Brides.

Karen Leurs provides 5 years of Bash experience and know-how with a cool head under pressure and deft hands at the wheel. We are proud to introduce you to our two new Virgin Brides, Rayann Hetzel and Simone Bertram. Rayann is a cheeky West Coast girl with a big smile and her nurse training may well be put to use before 10am. Simone is a bright bubbly Bride that will have you more pumped than a two hour gym session.

So hide your Bash Bucks and fire up your engines Bashers - because a floating bridal train might be the only thing you'll see as the girls show us the way home to their city of Port Lincoln.



Car P1

Crew: Denise Davey, Jacinta Oster, Carol Black, Sarah Wescombe



Car PARO Paromedics

Ford F100 1983

Crew: Matt Palmer, Joe Clifton, Ben Johns.

The 'Paromedics' crew this year are all mates who like to have a bit of fun in a low key sort of way (except Ben). We have a few little "surprises" up our sleeve so to speak..... You'll have to wait and see!

Sponsors we would like to thank:

ACE Crane Trucks; CGU Insurance.



Car PODThe Message Pod

Ford Fairlane 1972

Crew: Nicole Haack, Sondra McGinlay, Alexandra Gallard.

Three peas in a POD who write of Perspectives Of Difference and are the Point Of Deployment for Publishing On Demand

All PODS transform into reporters by night to collect information from relaxed, unsuspecting mortals. Reverting back to PODS at sunrise to process the information. Through Terrestrial communication, the PODS then propose to MessagePOD entertaining snippets of all that is Bash and its entrants.

Find a POD and transfer your information to assist in their quest to document how you have celebrated the 30th year of the Variety SA Bash.

PODS would like to thank their sponsors, families and friends for their support.



Car RAM Rams

Ford Ute 1989

Crew: Andrew Dufty, John Dundon.

There's a story often relayed about two rams that find themselves about to be let into a paddock full of ewes. The young ram says to the old ram "Quick let's run down and join a few" to which the old ram replies "No, lets walk down and join them all". Not that this has anything to do with our car, but it was the only ram joke I could think of. Apologies to the Bulls as I think it might have been a bull joke to start off with. Anyway, we are coming back over the border again with the same crew to do a lap with the great team at Variety and can't wait!! See you at the start line. Cheers.

We would like to thank all our business sponsors and all those who donated sheep and lambs to the cause.



Car PUT The Good, The Bad & The Ugly

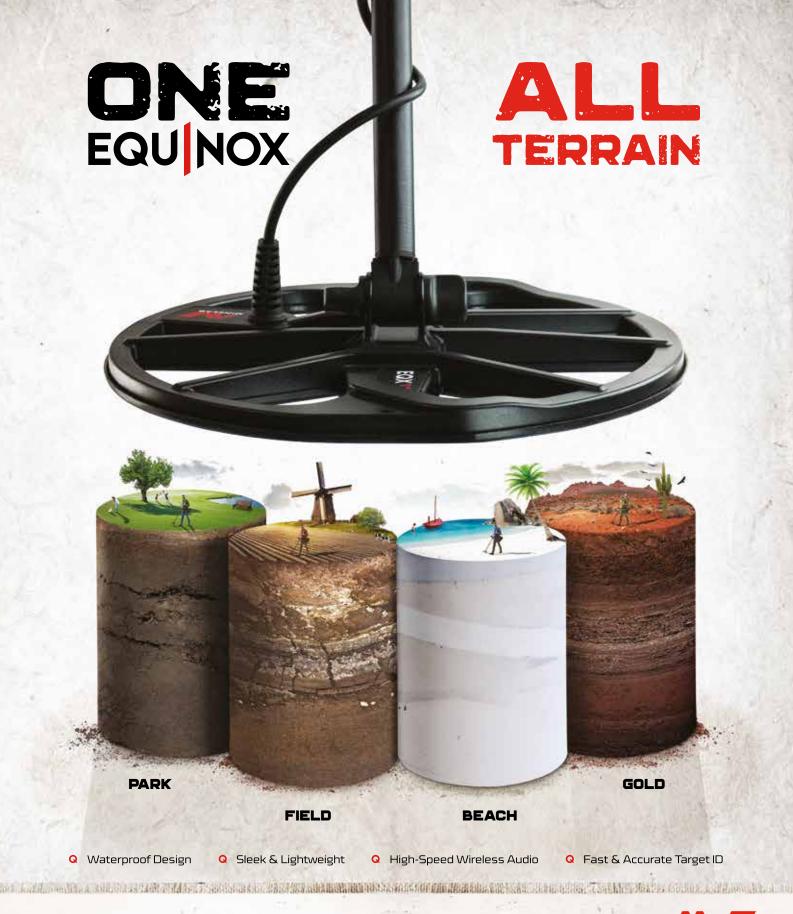
Ford Fairlane ZA 1967

Crew: Kim Curtis, Mandy 'Moo' Madgen, Deeon 'Dot' Otto.

They're back again and looking forward to Lady Boss' first Bash in charge. We are sure she will do it with aplomb and the same enthusiasm and fun that she displayed as the spiritual leader of the Brides.

We are looking forward to the warmer climates heading from Adelaide to Port Lincoln and hopefully staying a little dryer than in 2017. Ah the dust – that's what we love! We have brakes, we have music, we have antics – so we are all ready to again enjoy a very special week with all you fun loving, somewhat crazy Bash folk.

So what are we this year? You will just have to wait, as Kimmi and Moo are working on something special, which Dot will of





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course state "It'll never work!!!!". What we do know is that you won't miss us and we will do it loud and proud. So much so, even Stevie Wonder will see us coming!

In the end, we will have lots of fun with you all and know that we have all helped the children of South Australia by being part of this very special event and this very special organisation.

The kids - it's why we do it!

We would like to thank Ray White Real Estate – Lilydale; eReports; Australian Timbers; Wes Pickering; Chianti Classico and our other sponsors and supporters.



Car SCT Lumberjacks

Volvo 264GLE 1979

Crew: Duane Schranz, Tristan Keys, Richard Dyer.

As is the story with most entrants, the idea of entering the Variety Bash was discussed many a time over late-night drinks with the lads. This year, we decided it was high time we put our money where our mouth is and get to work raising funds for Variety! The Team... Duane 'Mumbles' Schranz, Tristan 'Coconut' Keys & Richard 'Dickie' Dyer with all being members of the South Central Trucks Mack, UD & Volvo family. Next came the car... had to be a Volvo right!! The Volvo 264GLE has the bells and whistles but will it go the distance?? Guess we will find out!

Fundraising has been a great success so far with SCT & The CMV Foundation showing huge generosity towards the cause. Also, the South Aussie businesses we work with through our brands have been more than happy to jump on board and show their support. We are seriously all about the laughs and having a good time, we are big kids at heart and are really happy to be part of the Bash family spending some time working on this great cause.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

South Central Trucks; CMV Group & CMV Foundation; MACK, UD & VOLVO Trucks Australia; Volvo Financial Services; Simpson Signs; Auscold Logistics; Jeffries Detailing; Bordertown Haulage; Joe Bradley Fibreglass; Rob Sinclair Equipment and many more...



Car TABC / BSTA Tim Adams Broadcasting Corporation

Ford Fairlane 500 ZD 1971

Crew: Tim Adams, Pam Goldsack, Brett Schutz, Kristy Schutz, Anna Watson, Paul Longbottom, Kate Shadiac.

Taking to the airways in 2017 and appearing on black and white screens everywhere, back by popular demand, TABC will be again delivering episodes of everyone's favourite program, Shaun the Sheep, LIVE daily!

Make sure you stop by for a good watering or chew the fat (or is that grass) with Shaun and his fluffy friends. How could you possibly get a more reliable, bleatingly accurate and Bash-specific television program, fuelled by quality Clare Valley Wines??! I guess we'll just have to wait to see the viewer ratings! Welcome to the Bash Virgins, we're looking forward to rounding you all up in 2018!

Happy Bashing everyone and keep an eye out for Shaun's Shenanigans!

Sponsors we would like to thank:

Interpack; Clare Metal Fabrications; M.R.Electrix; Springbetts Deliveries; Label Partners; Vinkem Packaging; Peekaboo Kidz.



Car TORO / BST Wild Safari

Buick Century 1937

Crew: Ken Woods, Richard Walne, Ian King, Robert Rein, Kevin O'Brien, Gordon Milne, Jock Milne.

Here we go again. The dear old girl, our 1937 – yes, 1937 straight 8 Buick, is on the track again after some great and much needed cut and fill work from Rod Perks of North East Crash Repair. After 81 years, a bit of surgery is allowed and so the Toro Buick will scrub up well for the run to proper Bash country up north.

Our experienced Bash crew of Robert, Kevin, Hollywood, Richard and Ken, with 2 new members, will take our usual casual pace on the track. Our tradition of mandatory provision stops at each town will continue and no doubt we will see some other traditionalists at the import junctions.

We all look forward to another great Bash. Don't forget to join us for a BM at the 100k mark!

Sponsors we would like to thank:

North East Crash Repair – Rob Perks; All the 'girls' who help so much – we really appreciate your support!!









Car TOY / BUZZ

Ford Transit 1977

Crew: Emily Elkhoury, Lynnie Wehrmann, Reinhold Wehrmann, Gail Schultz, Grantley Schultz, Prashan Kuruppu.

THE TOYS ARE BACK IN TOWN.

After a two year break the Toys are back for more fun than ever before. Expect all your favs from Toy Story the movie to be seen buzzing around the countryside as we Bash our way to Port Lincoln.

We are really excited to be a part of this year's Bash and support Sandra in her new role of trying to organise us all. Like always, with a bit of luck you may receive a gelato or two from us, as Gelato Bello have once again been kind enough to sponsor our car.

We wish all the participants a great Bash; send our thanks to all the volunteers, OV's, MW's and Variety employees for always putting on a great event.

Let's do it for the kids and have a cracking time.



Car WHO Dr Who

Ford Falcon XY Station Wagon 1971 Crew: Chris Reynolds, Lewis Reynolds, Geoff Reynolds.

Who is rooly looking forward to the 30th Anniversary Bash, Adelaide – Port Lincoln. We ask whether Who was part of that 1989 Bash?...Well, No...but Who has been on SA Bashes since 2010 in one form or another.

We have had a year of fundraising with substantive tin rattling, a Quiz Night, Bogan Bingo, a Golf Day and Casino Bingo involvement. Over the past three years we've tin rattled at every Adelaide Oval AFL match, Cricket Test or one dayer, Adele and Ed Sheeran Concerts and the Green vs Mundine Title Bout. We thank the natural generosity of the SA public & those parents who place some coins in their kiddie's hands and have them directly donate – GOLD!

On our Adelaide Casino involvement, Who thanks Shirley Capper, Yvonne Sims, Julie Wade, Jane Coldbeck and Gloria Pahl with Randle and Eric from SkyCity. We even had contributions via choccie selling and donations out of WA, thanks to Kellie Smith.

Sponsors we would like to thank:

Woodville South AFL Masters 'The Super-Cats'; MT Lawyers – Ebenezer Place; ADELIN; AHD (SA); Crest Construction Crownco; Civiltech; DBYD SA-NT; Riverside Lawn & Garden Services; ROCLA Pipe; Stylez Hair Salon; Ous Property Henley Beach South.







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This year's route takes in Kangaroo Island and finishes at The Bend Motorsport Park's luxury Pit Lane Hotel.

Entry Fee

Single bike or car: \$550 (inc. GST) entry fee, along with a minimum payment of \$4,500 sponsorship or fundraising. Partner teams riding on two separate bikes: \$550 (inc. GST) entry fee covers both bikes, along with a minimum fundraising component of \$7,500.

Of course, as with all Variety events, we encourage our entrants to fundraise as much as possible over these minimums. In addition there is a participation fee which covers meals, event merchandise, entertainment, quality accommodation and nightly sunset parties. This participation fee of \$875 is a cost payable per person.

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Variety Annual Themed Ball

'Too Cool 4 School'

Attention Class, Variety's seventeenth Annual Themed Ball, Too Cool 4 School, was held at the Adelaide Convention Centre on Friday 15th June.

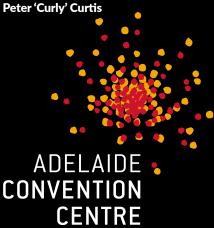
Singing and dance classes were well attended in the quadrangle with a busy tuck shop full of students looking on. The Cast and Billy Joel Tribute Show provided entertainment along with the resident old scholar band Audiobox making a great quadrangle party.

This event would not be possible without the enormous support we receive from the Adelaide Convention Centre, the major sponsor of this event since 2002 and we sincerely thank CEO Anthony Kirchner, General Manager Simon Burgess and General Manager – Functions & Business Events, Coralie Cheney.

A further thank you goes to the Variety SA Ball Committee and sponsors Tim Adams Wines, Ramsey Bros, Blackbocks Jam Factory, Class A Jewellers, Fotobase and our generous supporters, who donated 145 silent auction items ensuring there were many funds raised for Variety.

This year's major grant highlighted the long history of the Variety Sunshine Coach program when we proudly presented Adelaide East Education Centre with a new Sunshine Coach. This means they will now have the capacity for 3 wheelchairs and 17 students, allowing students to travel together and experience all the fun of bus trips. We wish the students happy and safe travels together.

Headmaster of the Committee





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Wishing Car 333 "The Hillbillies" a great journey this August!



Variety Showdown Shield





Variety is proud to partner with the Adelaide Football Club and the Port Adelaide Football Club to expand their successful community programs with indigenous and disadvantaged youth. Over the next 3 years an additional 2000 children will be positively impacted - Thank you Variety Bash entrants!





Esperance to Streaky Bay

The 24th Variety SA 4WD Challenge – 'Across the Great Australian Bight' proudly supported by platinum sponsor Jarvis Toyota was an incredible 8-day journey from Esperance (WA) to Streaky Bay (SA), offering much diversity to the entrants. All enjoyed the picturesque scenery, thrills and challenges as well as the overall experience, camaraderie and hospitality en route.

Congratulations to all of our 4WD Entrants and to outgoing Chair David Ahola on a brilliant event raising an incredible RECORD BREAKING \$741,000 (net). Money raised from the 4WD Challenge will go towards funding grants that help South Australian kids in need!

If you missed this year's trip, get a team together and join in the 2019 Variety SA 4WD Adventure – 'Prairie to the Dairy.' A tour through the Mid North region of South Australia from Parachilna to Laura.

Register today and secure your place on this fantastic journey www.varietysa.org.au/events





2018 Variety Vintage Luncheon

Join us at Variety Vintage

Your chance to mingle with SA's leading winemakers, enjoy a three course lunch and taste our exceptional Variety Vintage wines that can be purchased in the Main Auction.

Date: Friday 16 November 2018

Time: 11.30am to 3.30pm

Venue: National Wine Centre

MC: Jeremy Oliver (one of

Australia's foremost wine critics and educator)

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Dress: Business Attire

The Variety Vintage Luncheon has fast become one of Variety's most successful annual luncheons raising in excess \$1.3 million net over the past nine years.

Twelve of SA's foremost winemakers each produce a barrel of their finest 2017 vintage wine. Each barrel is bottled with a distinctive Variety Vintage back label, and auctioned off at the Luncheon. This wine is unique, one off, high quality and never to be purchased again.

Our 2018 supporting wineries include: Brothers in Arms, Charles Melton, d'Arenberg, Di Giorgio, Elderton, Kaesler, Parker Coonawarra Estate, Penny's Hill, Peter Lehmann, St Hallett, Tim Adams Wines and Wicks Estate.

This luncheon is a highlight on the South Australian wine event calendar.

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