



VARIETY – THE CHILDREN'S CHARITY 2018–2019 ANNUAL REVIEW

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Variety - the Children's Charity enhances the lives of Tassie children who are sick, disadvantaged or have additional needs. The support provided through gifting resources and tangible items allows our wonderful kids to live, laugh and learn.

During the past year Variety has continued to brace its position as a leading Tasmanian charity helping children who 'fall through the gaps' as our relationships build across business sectors and attract wider community support.

All grants offered by Variety Tasmania support Tasmanian children and assist their families through a time of a few extra challenges in life, to allow them the capacity to focus on what is most important – caring for their children.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF BARKER

Just like that, 2019 is a wrap! Sitting down to write this report is always a great opportunity to draw breath, reflect and take stock of how the year has unfolded for Variety Tasmania. This time last year I was writing about the work the Board and CEO had put into setting our strategic direction to ensure the long-term sustainability of Variety Tasmania, and it is tremendously pleasing to say that we have taken huge strides in implementing that strategy this year.

Variety Tasmania operates with a small staff of 2.6 FTE, and I would first like to acknowledge the tireless commitment of our CEO Mohammad Aldergham, our Events & Volunteer Coordinator Sheena Hannan and our Marketing & Partnerships Advisor Kirsten Lynch. The immense output from such a small team is a source of pride for the Board. Having such a small team means that we are heavily reliant on our volunteers when it comes to organising and running our events, and we are lucky enough to have some of the most dedicated and long serving volunteers one could ask for. Thank you to Neil, Jeanette & Ray, Luke & Hayley.

The year was full of highlights but taking part in my first TasBash was definitely something special! This year's TasBash took our convoy of 15 'Bashers' plus support vehicles from Parliament lawns to Bruny Island, out to the west and north west and back over to Launceston, covering over 1300km of some of the most spectacular roads and countryside imaginable. On the way we visited half a dozen schools and donated thousands of dollars to children around the state. Overall this year TasBash raised a net amount of over \$107,000 to support Tasmanian children in need, supported as always by our Platinum partner, the Federal Group. I would also like to give a personal thank you to our TasBash officials all of whom have volunteered their time to ensure we had another safe and enjoyable event. I would like to personally thank 'Bash

I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SEEMINGLY ENDLESS SUPPORT AND DEDICATION OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

Director' Dave Flower for looking after me so well on my first time out!

TasBash really is such a unique event – I struggle to find adequate words to describe the overall experience, but this year it was captured through the lenses of the extremely skilled crew of HypeTV. The footage that I was lucky enough to watch are magical and incapsulate much of the spirit of the Bash, and I can't wait to see the final production. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page or reach out to our team if you'd like a copy – The short version is: get a group of friends and family together, give our team a call and start planning to join us next year!

2019 also marked the inaugural Variety of Chefs Gala Ball – an event which is set to become one of the cornerstone events in our calendar. 'Chefs' was a wonderful celebration of the remarkable culinary talent we have in Tasmania, the incredible local produce and of course our spectacular locally produced wines and spirits. I would like to thank the stars of the night Chef André Kropp, Chef Craig Will, Chef Terry Barrett and Chef Oli Mellers. A special thankyou also goes to all of our suppliers and supporters for making this event the success it was: Bream Creek Vineyard, Derwent Estate Wine, Nocton Wine, Old Kempton Distillery and Boag's Brewery, Scene Change and Hype TV. Special thanks also to John X and Paul Foreman for being wonderful (and hilarious!) hosts for the evening.

The Variety of Gins, a roaming gin-tasting evening through the spectacular Botanical Gardens was another sell-out event for us. Over 200 people attended, and a great time was had by all. Thank you to all our supporters and suppliers: Spring Bay Distillery, McHenry Distillery, Forty Spotted Gins for their specially created cocktails, to Succulent restaurant for the delicious canapes, and Salters Hire for their support. Our guests were entertained by the Army Band and a special Holy Lion Dance performance to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

While helping individual children to unlock their full potential has, and will always be at Variety Tasmania's core, we are continuing to grow and explore opportunities to create a positive impact in the lives of as many

Tasmanian children and families as possible. In line with this vision, Variety is driving two key initiatives: The Creative Arts Program and Inclusive Playgrounds.

Variety Creative Arts Program is designed for using creative therapy for children from disadvantaged backgrounds and experienced trauma to help them manage that experience and develop resilience. The pilot program was run at the Hobart Women's Shelter during the July school holidays which yielded such positive results that we have now expanded the program into Clarendon Vale school. Following the program, we will undertake a post-program assessment to measure the results for those children and the school, compared to the pre-program assessment results. Thank you to our Arts Therapist, Melanie Paul and the passionate team at Clarendon Vale for driving and supporting this great program. I look forward to seeing how this program continues to develop next year, it is truly exciting.

Inclusive Playgrounds is another tremendously exciting challenge we have taken on this year, and one that brings to life a vision of shared public spaces, designed from the ground up to allow children, and every Tasmanian, of all abilities to laugh, play and have fun together! Watch this space...

I would like to acknowledge the ongoing commitment of our passionate volunteer Board of Directors: Bruno Palermo, Kim Backhouse, Dave Flower, Michaela Lamprey, Dean Jones, Natalie Hankin and Tom McDevitt.

Finally - thank you to all of my friends and family for your support, particularly my wife Erin and daughter Sophie for their endless support.

Bring on next year!!

Daniel Hoult, Chief Barker

OUR PROGRAMS

Variety - the Children's Charity works directly with individual families and organisations to empower Tasmanian children who are sick, disadvantaged or have additional needs to live, laugh and learn.

Funds are distributed through our three core programs:



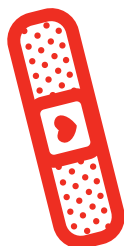
Variety Freedom Program

is the gift of independence, self-esteem, mobility and communication. The Freedom Program aims to assist children to gain mobility and independence through the provision of equipment such as wheelchairs, positioning systems and postural splints. The ultimate outcome is to enable everyday activities such as moving safely while playing and not expending too much energy on just remaining upright. In the broader context it also enables children to join in family and community activities such as going for a walk, cycling and going to the beach.



Variety Future Kids Program

is the gift of education achievement, experiences and play. The Future Program aims to ensure children have a positive, inter-active classroom experience through the provision of computerised communication and learning systems. The challenges and frustrations for a child when they are unable to just simply communicate are immense. A specific aspect of the Future Kids Program is the provision of Scholarships to assist children to achieve their full potential in the areas of the arts, music and sports.



Variety Caring for Kids Program

is the gift of support, survival and recovery. The Caring for Kids Program is about supporting children's health and wellbeing through the provision of medical equipment such as insulin pumps and nebulisers. This equipment enables the child to be cared for in their own home, minimising the need for hospital admissions, disruptions to family life, as well as alleviating some of the financial burden associated with managing chronic and rare conditions.



This year, Variety Tasmania launched the Variety Creative Arts Program.

Creativity is a fundamental part of human experience, while engagement with the arts can inspire us to reflect on the meaning and purpose of our lives. In a therapeutic context, creative arts modality can also support people to access, process and integrate challenging emotions and experiences, including traumatic events.

The Variety Creative Arts Program is underpinned by our goal for children to feel safe, heard and understood. We believe that creative arts and play therapies are a powerful way for children to explore, express and make sense of their world as well as to experience joy and wonderment. By offering a developmentally appropriate therapeutic approach, we can provide more effective support for children who may be recovering from adverse life experiences.

The program will be delivered as small-group workshops within a safe and welcoming environment, facilitated by a qualified creative arts therapist. These workshops will offer children creative means for self-expression that supports their emotional well-being and development.

Other programs that Variety Tasmania supports are:

VARIETY BIKES 4 KIDS

The Variety Bikes 4 Kids program is aimed at providing children living with a disability, sickness or disadvantage the ability to share in the joy that is owning and riding a bicycle.

VARIETY WIGS FOR KIDS

Variety – the Children's Charity provides wigs to kids who have lost their hair due to Alopecia or another medical condition such as cancer.

Losing your hair can have profound psychological effects, particularly through childhood and adolescence. One specialised wig can cost up to \$6,000 and lasts two to three years so the cost is prohibitive for many families.

QUIET SANTA

Variety is proud to partner with Vicinity Centres (Eastlands and Northgate) and volunteers from the Department of Education's Disability Program in running the Quiet Santa Program for the past 8 years. These sensory friendly Santa sessions offer children with sensory challenges the chance to have some special one-on-one time with Santa in a peaceful and comfortable environment. Sessions are held outside of key trading hours, with the mall lights dimmed, and music lowered, to ensure a calm environment.

“Making some small modifications to the experience helps tone down some challenges and remove barriers that make it difficult for children to take part. Having sensory friendly sessions can be a huge help for families. It means they don't have to miss out – they can still take part in the festive fun and have a much greater chance of enjoying the experience.”

WHO WE HAVE HELPED

This year we have helped over 750 kids around the state. A proud achievement for a small charity with no government funding. We are extremely grateful for your support and commitment to giving our children the opportunity for a fair go in life!

Meet Eliza

Eliza is an extremely social and outgoing teenager, with Spastic Quadriplegia Cerebral Palsy, dystonia, ataxia and autism. There is nothing she likes more than going out for lunch and catching up with family and friends. Eliza also longs to be outside, to be able to exercise and have some time in the sun. As she has been getting older, she has struggled to find a safe place to play and as she loves to bounce, she applied for a Variety Tasmania Grant for an inground Trampoline. However due to a restrictive garden setup, prohibitive costs and limited by Variety Tasmania's charter (house modification is not covered), this grant would originally have not been successful. Thus Variety Tasmania reached out to our friends at Rotary Club of Claremont, who conducted a site inspection and in turn reached out to their community. With the very kind and generous help of Hazell Brothers and Komatsu Australia, who donated time and materials, and Rotary Club of Claremont who managed the whole project, a pathway was built up and around a retaining wall, allowing Eliza to steer her powered wheelchair up a slant, from the patio to the top of a rectangular trampoline which was installed against the retaining wall. It was then secured to the ground and installed with an enclosure net.

This project would not have been achieved without the generous support and help of Rotary Club of Claremont, Hazell Brothers and Komatsu Australia. Our grateful thanks to them, as well as to Luisa, Eliza's mum, for her positive outlook and patience!



Northern Midlands Council – The Longford Village Green Playground Redevelopment

Thanks to the generous Variety supporters like yourselves, Variety Tasmania was able to provide funding towards stage three of the redevelopment of the Longford Village Green Playground, which involved the installation of an inclusive carousel and a swing set with a harnessed swing seat and a baby swing seat. These two play units significantly increase the inclusive play opportunities for children of all abilities at the Longford Village Green playground.

Meet Kobi

Kobi is a four-year-old boy who loves his dinosaurs, toy animals, his three siblings and riding bikes. He also has a severe speech impediment which makes communication very frustrating for him. He is limited to a few words, body language and gestures to communicate. Variety Tasmania granted him an iPad and specialised software that he will use together with his speech therapist, to learn how to communicate.

Meet Phoenix

Through your kind support we were able to help 3-year-old Phoenix. Phoenix loves anything to do with water, music, nursery rhymes, bubbles and swings. He has a chromosome deletion, an Autism diagnosis and a dust mite allergy. This makes communication difficult for him, as well as sleeping at night. Variety Tasmania has recently been able to grant him an adjustable bed, air purifier, iPad, ear phones and communication software. He'll finally be able to get a good night's rest (and so will his family) and overcome some of his communication challenges.





Sam's Journey

Continued from 2017/ 2018

Sam Walker received his first Variety Scholarship for athletics in 2017, which allowed him to not only compete in the 2017/2018 qualifying competitions but also in the 2018 Australian Commonwealth Games, where he managed to break numerous records. With his second Variety Scholarship granted in 2019, Sam was able to successfully compete in the Sydney Nationals and the Arufura Games in Darwin. Sam competed in the World Para-Athletics Championships in Dubai in November 2019, where he finished fourth in his sprint heat of the 100 metres in a personal best time of 11.69, and placed ninth in the shot put. The Variety Scholarships have helped Sam to compete to the best of his abilities, and we couldn't be more proud!

An Update From Jayden

Continued from 2017/ 2018

In our 2017/2018 Year in Review, we introduced you to Jayden and his assistance dog, Bella, who was trained by Smart Pups on the Sunshine Coast. Jayden received Bella in December 2018 and she has been a tremendous help. She assists Jayden to calm down when he is distressed, by allowing affection and cuddles, and being a companion at his side. She is encouraging improvement of his gross motor skills by motivating him to play games, like throwing a ball, and his communication skills by attempting new signs for Bella to come to him or to fetch things for him. Jayden's confidence is improving as he is able to branch out into the unknown with his best friend and loyal companion by his side.

Say's Jayden's mum Lisa, "Words cannot express how grateful we are as a family, for this to happen for our son. The bond that they have is remarkable and outstanding. We have never seen Jayden as happy as he is right now. This is the gift of life for our son. We thank everyone involved deeply from our hearts."



Fahan School Lumina 9 Variety Bikes 4 Kids

We are very grateful for the continued and longstanding support of Liana Hayes and the Lumina 9 girls at Fahan School. In 2018, they raised over \$1,000 by making and selling wheat packs at the Fahan School Fair. This money went towards buying 5 bicycles and helmets for children who would otherwise not have the joy of riding their very own bicycle.

The Lumina 9 girls were also very involved in the 2019 Variety Monster Book Fair, not only helping to sort books in the warehouse but also volunteering their time to set up the books at PW1.

Variety Kids with Heart

We've been truly inspired in the past year by the amazing Tassie Kids with Heart. These are children who have donated their time and energy to raise funds for kids in need and their families. Kids like Eve, who donated over \$300 earned while busking at Salamanca, and Toby who raised over \$200 through a cupcake stall at his school. We are very appreciative of their generosity and kindness.



Hair with Heart

Donated hair is given a second life with the Variety Hair with Heart program. In the 2018-2019 financial year, more than 7,000 people Australia-wide cut their long hair to help make wigs and raise money for Variety – the Children's Charity. Once cut, their hair has been turned into a wig for people who have lost their hair due to a long-term medical condition such as alopecia, giving back the gift of confidence and self-esteem. This year in Tasmania, over 150 ponytails were donated, over 20 fundraising activities took place and over \$18,500 was raised.

Hobart City Gift Wrapping

Variety was once again invited to participate in the City of Hobart annual Christmas Gift Wrapping in the Elizabeth Mall in December 2018. This program offers an opportunity for charities to raise donations and awareness and provides a service to shoppers during the festive season. A huge thank you to the Variety Volunteers who donated their time to wrap presents for shoppers, and the Hobart City Council for their donation of the high quality, eco-friendly wrap.



Cars, Bikes and Bands

We are very grateful to have been chosen as Cars, Bikes and Bands' Charity Partner in 2018. This event is held in October each year at Symmons Plains and is an opportunity for car enthusiasts to drive in a safe environment on a real race track. A huge thank you to all involved in Cars, Bikes and Bands.

Annual Monaro National Assembly – Launceston

In November 2018 The Monaro & GM Club of Tasmania hosted their first Monaro Nationals in Launceston, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the iconic Holden model. Variety Tasmania is very grateful to have been chosen as one of their charity partners for this event.

Northgate Mini Book Fairs

Thanks to the generous donation of space within Northgate, and to our volunteers, Variety Tasmania was able to host a series of Mini Book Fairs from May -July, in the lead up to the Monster Book Fair.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VOLUNTEERS



Back row left to right – Celeste Harback, Ruth Hodgson, Megan Cavanagh, Jessica Marriott, Kate Stansbie
Middle row – Emily Fish, Santa, Prue Webster

Neil Davis, Devan Punj, Kirsten Lynch, Jeanette Ware, Ray Ware, Louise Mills

Luke Bartlovic, Hayley Bartlovic and Neil Davis

We would not be able to host any of our successful events without the help of our army of loyal volunteers who have wrapped gifts, sorted books, sold books, set up events, sold raffle tickets and helped pack up events afterwards. A huge thank you also goes to all the individual and corporate organisations who so willingly gave up their time to help us empower Tasmanian children.

EVENTS

Variety Cruise

On the 16th November 2018, Variety Tasmania cruised into summer in style with the 6th annual Variety Cruise aboard the luxurious Peppermint Bay II. The three-hour event was made possible with the generous support of Peppermint Bay Cruises. The Tasmanian salmon was kindly donated by Huon Aquaculture and the premium cheeses and other magnificent produce provided by Exquisite Flavours - all were expertly prepared by Chef Oli Mellers of Rhubarb Catering.

No fundraising event is complete without great raffle prizes! Thanks to Sullivan Cove Apartments, Pennicott Wilderness Journeys, Paesano Italian restaurant and for the two hampers put together by Janet Rogerson of Rogerson & Birch Surveyors.



A Variety of Gins

Variety Tasmania served up a Gin event with a twist at this year's third annual A Variety of Gins, held at the beautiful Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens on the 22nd February 2019. Over 200 guests joined us as we sampled cocktails from leading gin distillers Forty Spotted Gin, McHenry Distillery and Spring Bay Distillery.

Spring Bay Distillery started the evening in the Community Garden with their delicious Spring Bay Red Queen cocktail, then it was onto the Chinese Gardens, to be inspired by the Tasmanian Chinese Buddhist Academy of Australia with their traditional Holy Lion Dance representing bravery and righteousness as well as amiability, in celebration of the Chinese New Year. McHenry Distillery tantalised our tastebuds with a delicious Sloe gin after which our guests wondered through to the Lily Ponds, to taste a Forty Spotted Summer Bramble and watch the ducks playfully scoot around the pond.

Our guests were treated to music by the Australian Army Band and an array of delicious canapés made by Succulent using fresh Tasmanian lamb, yellow fin tuna, pork belly and tiger prawns, along with freshly picked ingredients from the Community Garden and vine ripened tomatoes courtesy of Tasmanian Natural Garlic and Tomatoes.

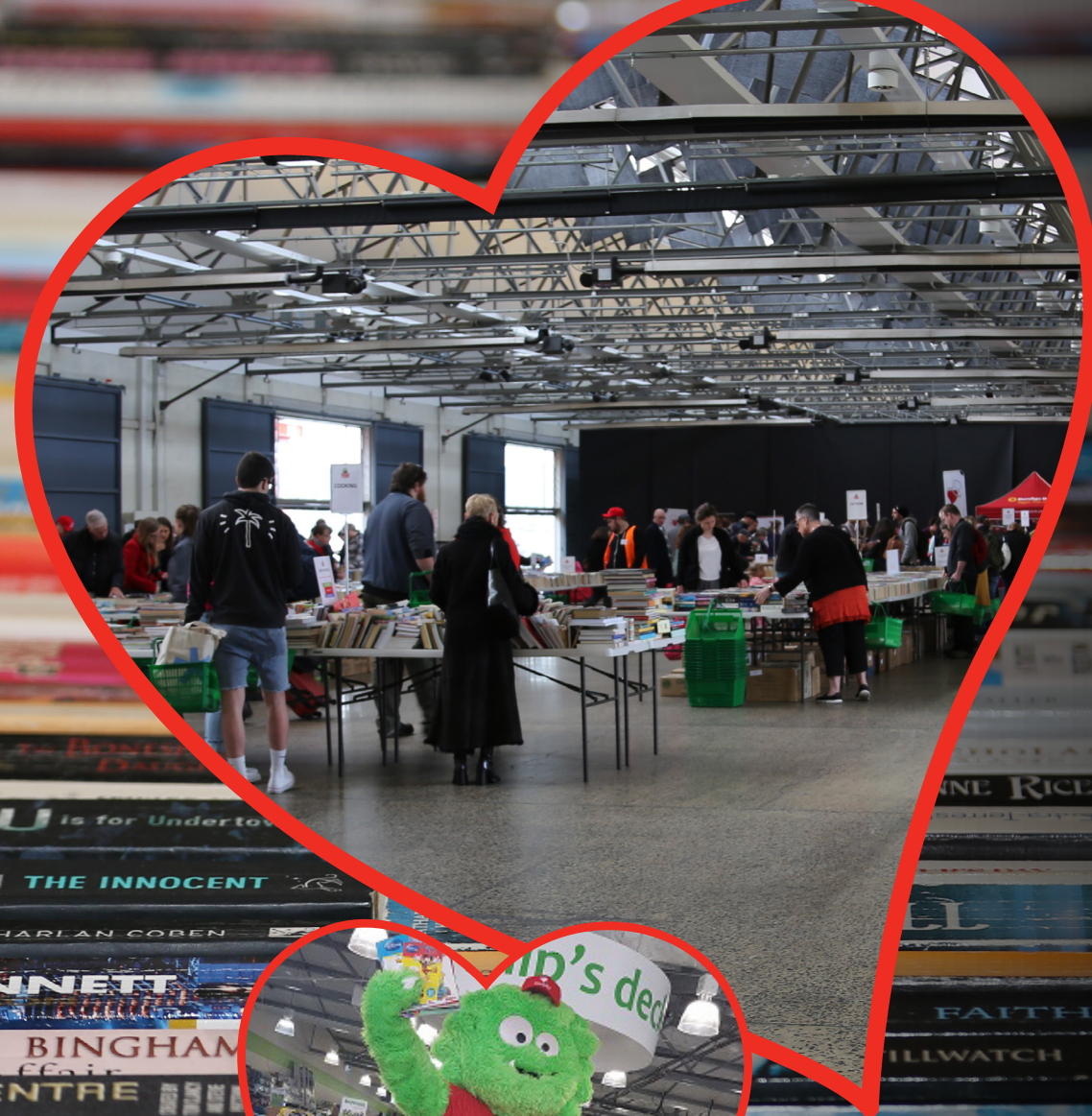


Le Tour de Norfy

Almost 100 cyclists took part in this year's Le Tour de Norfy Cycle Challenge, held on the 17th March 2019, at New Norfolk, with proceeds from the event going towards two very worthy Tasmanian causes - The Rotary Club of Claremont and Variety - the Children's Charity Tasmania.

Now in its ninth year, the cycle challenge started at Kensington Park, New Norfolk. It offered riders three unique and very scenic rides through the Derwent Valley, Bushy Park, Ellendale and Hamilton in 38km, 76km or 106km courses, escorted by Variety Tasmania's iconic TasBash vehicles, which added colour and character.





The Monster Book Fair

After a hiatus of a year, the Monster Book Fair returned bigger and better than ever at Princes Wharf 1 on the 16th and 17th August 2019. Collection of over 10,000 books, games, puzzles and DVD's was held at all Shiploads and Party Shiploads stores state wide during May 2019, and then sorted by corporate volunteers, schools and individuals in June and July.

The Book Fair opened on Friday, the 16th August, with a live broadcast by TripleM outside PW1. On the Saturday 17th August, we built on Variety's values of equality, community, action and joy, by having fun activities for children of all ages, including facepainting, the Tasmanian Social Circus, Starwars characters from the "501st Thylacine Outpost" and "Rebel Legion D'qar" and a petting zoo from Sorell School, as well as the colourful TasBash cars in attendance. The Royal Australian Navy Band helped set the mood with Jazz and Rock.

The Monster Book Fair coincided with National Book Week, with the theme "Reading is My Super Power". Our thanks to Alyssa Bermudez, illustrator of the popular Amelia Chamelia books, and Tahnee McShane and Mary-Ann Orchard (author and illustrator) of the popular children's book Annabel and Turtle, for taking time out Saturday to talk about their craft.

An event like this could not be successful without the very kind and generous support of numerous companies and individuals. We would like to thank Shiploads and Party Shiploads for their unwavering support of this event, their staff who collated the items and shipped them to Variety and staff who volunteered their time to help set up, run and pack up after the event. We would also like to thank the corporate volunteers from Aurora Energy, Bendigo Bank, Hays Recruitment and RACT, Liana Hayes and the Fahan School Lumina 9 girls and all other corporate and individual volunteers who helped with the mammoth task of sorting and all those who volunteered at the Book Fair. Our gratitude also goes to Radcliffe Two-Way Taxi Trucks, Direct Access and Equipment, HYPETV, TripleM and WinTV. Without your support this event would not have been possible. Finally, our heartfelt thanks go to our community and supporters who donated all the books, puzzles, DVDs and games, and the valued customers who attended the Fair.

Variety of Chefs

Over 200 guests attended the inaugural Variety of Chefs Gala Ball held on the 14th September 2019 in the Tasman Room at Wrest Point, which raised over \$30,000 on the night for Tasmanian children who are sick, disadvantaged or have additional needs.

Guests were entertained by the Chef and the Showman duo, Paul Foreman and John X, with live crossings to the kitchen, while they were treated to a delicious 4 course degustation designed by Chefs Oli Mellers, Terry Barrett, Craig Will and André Kropp, matched with Tasmanian beverages from award-winning vineyards and distilleries, Bream Creek, Derwent Estate, Nocton Vineyard and Old Kempton Distillery.

Variety Tasmania took the opportunity to launch the second stage of the Variety Creative Arts Program, and guests were privileged to hear from both Art Therapist Melanie Paul and Leanne Clifford from Clarendon Vale Primary School. Part of the monies raised on the night will go towards the roll out of the Variety Creative Arts Program.

The evening finished with guests on the dance floor, partying to two of Tassie's top bands, The Embers and The Bad Dad Orchestra.

A huge thank you to Scene Change and HYPETV, as this event would not have been possible without you.



VARIETY FEDERAL GROUP TASBASH



Variety Federal Group TasBash

The Variety Federal Group TasBash left Parliament Lawns, Hobart on Saturday 19th October 2019, on their five-day adventure, on roads less travelled, around the State. The 29th TasBash included 15 crazy, colourful cars, with local, interstate and overseas participants, and included 4 completely new teams of Bashers – a very warm welcome to the Crackerjacks, Connie the Cow, The Pink Panther and the team from Bendigo Bank, and Jurassic Park. Our grateful thanks to the intrepid Dave Flower and his brother Marty for the route directions, and Craig (Rogo) and Janet Rogerson for the survey – they planned an incredibly beautifully scenic trip around the state.

The first grant for a photoshoot, new makeup and dance costumes was award to the Brightstars Dance Troupe who entertained the Bashers with a dance on Parliament lawns, before Mr John Tucker MP waved the starters flag and sent the teams onto their first destination, Bruny Island.

Straight off the bat, the Where's Wally team managed to get lost, arriving 2 hours ahead of everyone else at their final destination on Bruny Island. From there they kept up their "losing" streak and managed to get lost an outstanding 113 times over the course of 5 days. Of course, they could blame the route directions, which managed to get everyone lost on day 4 – allowing everyone to arrive on time at their destination.

On Days 2 and 3, the teams explored the South of the State, travelling down to Southport before heading back to Hobart and their first school stops – The Southern Support School and Glenora Primary School.

The school visits are always a highlight with the Bashers, who enjoy meeting the children and their teachers, and this year was no exception. Variety Tasmania handed over grants for Go Talk devices and a Thermomix to the Southern Support School to assist the children to communicate and to help their cooking classes, and a bench set and sensory equipment to Glenora School, where they were treated to a very welcome lunch.

From there TasBash headed north, stopping at Tarraleah for the evening. On Tuesday the 22nd October, The TasBash teams visited Mountain Heights School who received a grant for a table and chairs, and sensory regulation equipment and then onto Zeehan Primary School, where a grant was handed over for library books.

Finally the teams met the children and teachers at both Stanley Primary School and Ridgely Primary School on Wednesday the 23rd October. Stanley Primary School received a grant for a new school bench, and a lesson in mis-behaving troglodytes, when the Cavemen continued their hunt of the dinosaur from the Jurassic Park team during the headmaster's very serious speech. A huge thank you to Ridgely for the delicious lunch that was provided to the Bashers.

TasBash 2019 culminated in a special evening dinner at Country Club for the Bashers, where they were entertained with the first version of the highlights video by the creative team at HYPETV. Our grateful thanks go to Events Tasmania for the funding received for this video.

Of course, the journey was not without its hiccups, and there were the few occasions when our expert Sweep / mechanic had to be called in. The scouts, when faced with a flat tyre, were still trying to remove their spare by the time all the teams had passed, and the Sweep arrived to save them. And as the Crackerjacks can attest to, our Sweep is infamously experienced in "the art of the hammer" – which is known to solve many a mechanical problem.

Variety Tasmania thanks all the Bashers, officials, volunteers and partners, and the individual and corporate supporters, who helped make TasBash 2019 a huge success. Over \$100,000 was raised in 2019. 2020 will be the 30th Anniversary of TasBash, and we're aiming for 30 cars!

GRANTS

Grant Committee Members: Megan Cavanagh,
Natalie Hankin, Tom McDevitt and Allison Turnock

2018–2019

Statistics/Information

- In 2018/2019 Variety Tasmania approved funding requests for resources and equipment that will benefit 750 Tassie kids.
- The kids assisted by Variety Tasmania experience a range of conditions including but not limited to: postural abnormalities, alopecia, cerebral palsy, hyper-mobility (floppy joints) and autism.
- The age of the children assisted ranged from 1 year to 18 years of age.
- Some of the granted resources and equipment will benefit a child for one year, while others will still be providing a benefit for all of their life.

Benefits achieved from the granted resources and equipment include:

- The ability to be active without the risk of joint instability and/or joint pain
- The opportunity to engage and communicate with peers
- Enhanced learning opportunities
- Improved gross motor skills
- Growth in confidence and ability
- The freedom to move independently
- The opportunity to go out as a family and participate in community events
- The opportunity to be the best they can be



THANK YOU ❤️

Variety Tasmania takes this opportunity to thank the wonderful corporate sponsors, businesses and organisations who provide ongoing support, sponsorship and donations to assist us to enhance the lives of Tasmanian children in need.

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Chef Craig Wills

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