



Variety BASH

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"One week, hundreds of memories and thousands of smiles ... The Variety Bash is not only an adventure, but a rewarding experience to explore the roads less driven and bring happiness to kids, families and communities from all around. It is amazing to wake up each morning knowing you are going to see the support Variety provides to kids who need it the most, whether it be through sporting or play equipment, learning and educational materials and even the opportunity to explore beyond the local area with a Variety Sunshine Coach. It's an unforgettable journey where you see first-hand the continuing support Variety provides to help all children get the same opportunity in life whilst meeting new mates and having a ton of laughs along the way."

Ayden Shepherd, 6 time NSW Basher

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VARIETY BASH... YA GOTTA DO IT!



The History of The Bash

The Bash started in 1985 with businessman and philanthropist Dick Smith. He came up with the idea to take a few of his mates for a drive through the outback in old cars and raise money for charity at the same time. That first Bash saw entrants travel from Sydney – Bourke – Burketown in QLD.

It raised an incredible \$250,000 for Variety and since then has become a series of events held around Australia with a fundraising total of more than \$200 million!

Bashers join an incredible history of like-minded generous Aussies who are changing the lives of kids in need around the country.



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WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A BASHER?

It's a pretty simple criteria to be a Basher:

- Be 18 or over and love having fun
- Have a mate to come with you
- A car that's at least 30 years old
- Not afraid to get a little dirty
- A big heart to help kids in need



HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The Variety Bash is all about having fun and raising funds for kids in need. Each NSW Bash car needs to raise a minimum of \$4,000. This money is a donation and is fully tax deductible. We have a team on hand to help you fundraise - all you need to do is ask. The first \$500 of entry donation is required to secure your place in the event and is non-refundable. None of our Bashers go hungry and most meals are provided during the Bash, we will let you know your provisions cost before the event. Accommodation is up to each Basher to organise, we'll let you know some of the options in each great town we visit.

WHAT IS A BASH CAR?

Variety Bash cars come in all shapes and sizes and are a unique mix of fun and flashy. They need to be at least 25 years old but well-maintained to handle the dirt roads we travel on. 4WD vehicles are now also welcome to enter but must be at least 30 years old. Bashers are encouraged to theme their cars (and themselves) to add to the fun particularly when we visit schools, and modifications are allowed if it's to enhance the design for the car's theme and they meet registration requirements. The transmission, engine and engine ancillaries must be as originally specified for the vehicle but you can modify brakes, suspension and fuel tanks for safety reasons. No improvements for speed or performance are allowed. Looking for a Bash car? We often know of Bash cars for sale and can steer you in the right direction.



In 2022, Variety impacted many regions of NSW and the ACT through both our grants and our motoring events. More than 2,680 kids were directly impacted through grants from our motoring events in far flung places such as Broken Hill, Cobar, Bourke and the flood affected Ballina region. Our motoring events have a long tradition of giving participants the chance to explore country towns that aren't always on the map. Our Bash cars are renown for bringing fun and excitement to far-flung corners of the country and bringing smiles to the faces of local families who rarely have visitors. Moreover, we also bring thousands of dollars in grants to local schools for much needed technology, playground equipment and educational resources. Not to mention the tourism dollars injected into regional communities with lunch and overnight stops along the routes.

LAST YEAR, THANKS TO OUR INCREDIBLE FUNDRAISERS, VARIETY WAS ABLE TO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE TO KIDS IN NEED.



"Wow – the Variety Bash family are next level. Whether you're rich or poor, young or old, male or female, they take you under their wing as one of their own. Many long-term Bashers would seek us out each day to ask how our day was. They would offer advice when asked and praised us for helping to support Variety to keep this charity as successful as it has been in the past and ensure continued growth in the future. It's hard to even put into words how great this last week has been with my wife Simone by my side as co-driver and our friend and mentor Michael riding shotgun the whole time. I could go on and on about how great this experience was, but you will never understand it unless you give it a go for yourself. If you have the means to be able to have a crack at this, I highly recommend giving it a go."

Ross Brown – first time Basher

