



# NSW 2023

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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 30 years old but well-maintained to handle the dirt roads we travel on. 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 2021, Variety impacted far flung corners of NSW and the ACT with both our grants and our motoring events. More than 1600 grants were given out to children as far west as Broken Hill. 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.**

**20,800 children  
impacted in  
NSW/ACT**

**\$2.35 million  
spent on  
helping kids in  
need**

"WOWSA!  
You did not  
disappoint! We did not  
realise how much the Bashers  
would embrace and overwhelm our  
little people with warmth, generosity,  
fun, bantering and genuine love. There  
are so many children out there that need  
your support. You must be so proud of  
the enormity of the lives you touch. So I  
applaud you all for your commitment  
to the kids."

*Margot – Principal, Ballimore  
Public School*





"It's so inspiring to watch the kids faces when the schools receive thousands of dollars in grants for things like swing sets, library books, musical instruments and sports equipment. It really pulls on your heart strings and makes you appreciate all the awesome work that Variety do".

*Paula - long time  
NSW Basher*

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