



MAY 2016 BASH BULLETIN



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Variety - the Children's Charity

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Hello everyone and welcome to the (late and short) May edition of the Bash Bulletin for 2016!

We've just returned from a very successful Variety NSW AHA Bash where two of our Officials, Murray and Linda Friend, entered their stretch Mercedes limo as the Beverley Hillbillies and they won the Best Presented Car award! Congratulations guys.

Anyhow, due to being in Tassie on the 4WD Adventure and then the NSW Bash, I failed to get a full Bash Bulletin out prior to the M.I.E.I.N., last week (18th). My thanks to Gordon Cooper and Paul Mullaly for organising the night and for all those who attended.

Now, just some items to catch up with on what's been happening and what is about to happen.

THEME DAYS/NIGHTS

To bring you up to speed on 'Themes.' We've already told you that **COLOUR DAY** is TARTAN this year! That's to go with our Scottish Theme Day on the Bash which is Day 2, from Armidale. Then we have;

Day 5; The second night in Longreach will be Jackeroo/Jillaroo Night to fit in with the night at the Stockman's Hall of Fame.

Day 9; 1st night at Hamilton Island. Our 'Cocktail,' stand up dinner night will be a Tropical themed night with I imagine some pretty bad, tropical shirts happening!

THE NEXT MOTORING EVENTS INFORMATION NIGHT (AKA M.E.I.N.)

Our next M.E.I.N., is Wednesday night, June 15th.



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IMPORTANT DATES

My fault, again, but we still printed the wrong date for the ChequePoint Day in the electronic version of the May BB. Sunday the 7th August is the correct date. Please put these dates in your diaries;

Bucketty and Beyond Pre Bash Day Out: Saturday/Sunday 30/31 July (more details further down)

ChequePoint Day: Sunday 7th August at Heartland Motors, Castle Hill

Official's Briefing Day: Saturday 13th August at Artarmon Variety Office

Final Office Day and Goodie Bag Pick up: Sunday 14th August at Variety Office

Bash Start: Sunday 21st August at Berowra from Berowra Oval. Yes the start is off Berowra's main oval which is located on the corner of Berowra and The Gully Roads.

PROVISIONS FEE

The provisions fee has been set at \$1,250 including GST. And, yes it is a little higher this year which is simply because we are going to Hamilton Island. This fee includes the special charter ferry rides to and from Hamilton Island and meals from lunch on Day 1 to Dinner on Day 10. That is apart from dinner on the first night in Longreach and lunch the next day in Longreach plus lunch on Days 9 and 10 on Hamilton Island. If you are not doing the full Bash you will need to contact Sally Ross, your Motoring Events Coordinator, by email (sally.ross@variety.org.au) and let her know your first and last meals you will be having on the Bash.

Payment may be made to the following Bank Account:

Account Name: Variety the Children's Charity NSW – Fundraising Account

BSB: 032 020

Account #: 208550

Reference: Car number, Initials, MT – if you wish to have your receipt in another name please send details to Sally.

CHASING YOUR PAPERWORK

Sally is also eagerly awaiting your entry forms which will help massively with the planning of this year's Bash. Entry Forms are online:

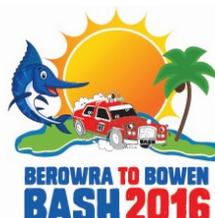
For Car Captains please copy this URL into your browser:

<https://variety.smartygrants.com.au/2016B2BBashCarCaptainEntryForm>

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And if you are an Official then you need to copy this URL into your browser for the Official's form to fill out. <https://variety.smartygrants.com.au/NSWBash2016Officials>

Please – we're not mind readers! Please go online and enter now!



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GOODIE BAGS

We are currently approaching companies for products to include in our Bash 'Goodie Bags' PLEASE, if you have any contacts for products, or you have anything that might be useful, fun, yummy or interesting to include please let Sally know. Depending on the product we will generally request 400 (for one per person) or 150 (for one per car). Call Sally on 9819 1016 or email her on sally.ross@variety.org.au

A LOVELY EMAIL

Lindsay Curry received a letter from the Mazda Dealer Association of NSW recognising the recent passing of Jim Kalamiotis and his association with Lindsay's golf day. Firstly there is Lindsay's email to us and then the letter from Mazda;

Hi Stu and Sally.

Please find attached a letter from the NSW MAZDA DEALERS ASSOCIATION. I would be so grateful if you would /could make reference to this perhaps in the newsletter.

The background is as follows and to say heart-warming in the very least. Penrith Mazda has been supporters and sponsors of our various Bash cars since 1990. (Even though we never ran a Mazda!!) They have been our major golf day sponsor since we commenced the event in 2000. We recently lost out great supporter and friend the dealer principal, JIMMY KALAMIOTIS. I think you may have met him Stu at one of the days that you attended.

Anyway to cut to the chase Jim's family had requested that in lieu of flowers at his funeral the dealers association instead donate money to his chosen charity. Which of course is VARIETY. I have sent the cheque to you today for \$1,500.00.

To think that at the family's time of greatest loss they could think to assist others has really moved our team up here mate. Cheers with thanks. Lindsay Curry

The Mazda dealer's letter;

Dear Lindsay,

We have all been saddened by the loss of Jim Kalamiotis from the NSW Mazda Dealer group. He was a good friend to many of us and, after talking with his family, we now know of the ongoing support he provided to you and the Variety Bash. We would like you to accept this cheque for \$1,500 from the association in memory of Jim knowing that goes to a great charity.

On behalf of all the NSW Mazda dealers I hope you have a successful Golf day and wish you good luck in this year's Bash.

(Signed) Heather Rosconi, Treasurer.

A lovely gesture to Lindsay from the Mazda dealers. And our condolences go to Jim's family as I did meet him at the golf day, on a couple of occasions, and he was always a gentleman to talk with. VALE Jim Kalamiotis.



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ANOTHER NICE NOTE

Dr Andrew Berry and John Duffy, from NETS, were in attendance for dinner on the first night of the NSW/Newcastle Bash in Dubbo. Then the following morning they were joined by our CEO, Tam Johnston, for a presentation of three **Vision For Life** units, including 'test babies' at Dubbo Base Hospital. This is your money at work! The nice thing about it was the lovely note inside the awaiting 'patient's' crib, "Welcome to Dubbo's Neonatal Care Unit Dr Berry + Variety Club (???). Sunday 15th May"



BUCKETTY AND BEYOND PRE BASH DAY OUT

Put these dates into your diary, July 30/31, for the - Bucketty and Beyond Pre Bash Day Out/Sky Racing Camp Out. Join the Little Pigs Car 333 and Sky Racing Car 519 for a day testing out your Bash car to Wisemans Ferry, St Albans, Bucketty through the Watagans and optional Saturday night camp out at Peats Ridge. Approximately 360 kilometres from Dural to Wahroonga with a good variety of dirt and challenging roads. Half day option - leave after St Albans lunch, if you can't do the whole day.

Great trip for 'Virgin' teams and 'Virgin' team members to learn the radio, test the brakes and climb a few hills, plus test the tent pitching skills. Meet at 8.30 am at the Dural Village Car Park, on Old Northern Road, and opposite Galston Road.

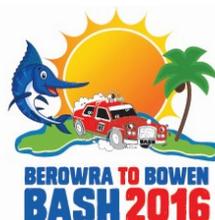
Cost: \$50 per car - includes breakfast Sunday morning plus five raffle tickets, \$20 per car if not staying overnight. Contact Sallymae on 0411 409 509 or email sallymae.bailey@gmail.com to confirm attendance.

ANOTHER NICE NOTE 2!

Sally has received the following message from Max's mother, a Variety appeals recipient. Max is two years old and has been diagnosed with cerebral palsy, polymicrogyria and Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome. He was granted a standing frame in December 2016, valued at \$6,455 plus GST.

Mum wrote, "I just want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for providing the funding for the standing frame that my son Max received. This standing frame has helped both Max and myself in ways you couldn't imagine and I'm truly thankful. I've attached a few pictures of Max in the frame and would like you to know that when he sees the frame he wants to be in it. Again thank you from a very appreciated mother and a very happy little boy. You have made our struggle just a little lighter."

Your money again guys, working hard to help our kids. Well done.



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BASHERS OVERSEAS

Motoring Events Committee member, Jack Cannons AM, recently attended the Variety International Convention in Jersey with wife Sue. Following the convention they travelled around six European countries where Jack said he wore his faithful Bash cap in all of them! This photo was taken at the Iceland Glacier water runoff. Well done Jack – AND – what a jacket?!?!?!?



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HEY CHECK OUT OUR NEW BASH WEBSITE

Lucy Rae from our marketing team, has been working hard to create a new, stand alone Bash website which just has the B to B and NSW Bash information on it. It is chock full of information that should be very helpful to you – both old and new – Bashers.

I encourage you to have a look by putting varietybashnsw.org.au into your browsers. Lucy would love your feedback too, you can do that by sending her an email on lucy.rae@varietynsw.org.au

THAT'S IT - TIME TO GO

That's all I have for you at the moment but if you have anything you'd like inserted into the next BB don't hesitate to send it in to me at any time. Do you have any fundraisers planned? Let me know.

And as always, please feel free to contact Sally or myself at any time if we can assist you in any way, in your endeavours, to join us on this year's **Variety Brydens Lawyers Berowra to Bowen Bash**. And remember, we are only a phone call away to help.

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Your Motoring Events Committee is; Peter Hebbes AM (Chairman), Jack Cannons AM, Gordon Cooper AM, Paul Mullaly, Sally Ross (Motoring Events Coordinator) and Stuart Telfer (Motoring Events Manager)



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