

## ABOUT THE CAUSE

# How You Help

Variety – the Children's Charity, help make life a little brighter for kids who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs. At Variety, we believe that all kids deserve a fair go in life, so we help out with individual and community grants and scholarships, as well as run programs and host fun events for kids in need.

You'll get to experience this first-hand when you join us on the Variety Bash. We visit schools and communities along the way in need of assistance and issue grants to help Aussie kids reach their full potential. After all your hard work fundraising, there's nothing better than seeing the appreciation coming from the kids and communities who benefit.

Last year on the Variety Vic Bash, we issued over \$50,000 in grants along the way. Providing an assistance dog, speech and safety enabling devices, equipment for a blind gymnastics program, learning resources, educational equipment and funding for a dedicated reading area to support special and sensory needs students – thanks to the hard work of our entrants, we got to do it all!

**For an experience like no other, join us as we celebrate 30 years of this iconic event when we head to Great Keppel Island in 2020!**



**Together, we can make sure ALL kids have a fair go in life, regardless of ability or circumstance.**

## I've gotta do it! What's next?

Contact the friendly Variety Motoring Events team who will be able to walk you through the next steps and answer any questions you might have.

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VISIT [www.variety.org.au/bash](http://www.variety.org.au/bash) for more information and to view our FAQ section.

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## Sign-up Costs:

\$660 entry fee

## Fundraising Requirements:

\$5000 minimum for first-timers (aka rookies)

\$7000 minimum for returning entrants



# MELBOURNE → GREAT KEPPEL ISLAND

VARIETY VIC BASH • 12-21 AUGUST 2020



**Road trippin' for kids in need for 30 years!**





# What is the Variety Bash?

## Australia's largest and longest running charity motoring event!

The Variety Bash is not a race or a rally, it's a fun and social event – or in the words of the founder, Dick Smith – it's a “drive in the outback with a few mates”. Your car needs to be at least 30 years old and decked out in an awesome theme!

For many people, the Bash is many different things. For some, it's a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience regional and remote Australia and tick some must-see destinations off their bucket list, and for others it becomes an annual trip away with like-minded comrades for 10 days of fun and frivolity for a good cause!

## 2020 Trip

### Deniliquin NSW

This popular Riverina town is located an hour north of the NSW/VIC border and is home to over 7,000 people. Known for the Deni Ute Muster, the town almost triples each year when the fanfare rolls in every September. The event started back in 1999 when the town was struggling with a crippling drought and needed a new source of income. Ever since, the event has attracted Ute fanatics from across the country with almost 20,000 attendees each year. Get your photo taken with the famous ute statue, or the mosaic ute at the visitor information centre.

### Renmark SA

With its name derived from an Aboriginal word meaning ‘Red Mud’, Renmark is a small South Australian town, rich in history. Renmark was the birthplace of Australia's first ever irrigation settlement and produces award winning wine and produce. Be sure to see and taste the best of this pretty little Riverland town when we stop in!

### Wilpena Pound SA

Wilpena Pound is a glorious natural amphitheatre nestled in the heart of the Flinders Ranges. This extraordinary part of the world is over 800 million years old, with the local Adnyamathanha people calling it home for tens of thousands of years. If you get the chance, jump on a scenic flight and take in this spectacular landscape from above. It's a sight you'll never forget.

# Celebrating 30 Years! Ya Gotta Do It!



### Marree SA

Prepare for a real taste of the outback! On the fringe of the Simpson Desert, this dry little railway town has an average annual rainfall of only 125mm. Marree was also the home of Australia's first ever Mosque, built from tree stumps in 1861 by Afghan camel drivers. Nowadays, you can find the “bough shed”, a reconstructed mosque to commemorate the historic building in the centre of town.

**A drive in the outback  
with a few mates -  
with full on-road support!**

### Birdsville QLD

It's safe to say Birdsville is a Variety Bash favourite. Opening its arms to many a Variety Bash over the years, this iconic Aussie town thrives off tourism. Pay a visit to the heritage-listed Birdsville Hotel to experience this authentic outback pub that has won the hearts of travellers from across the world.

### Longreach QLD

This one's for the history buffs. Check out the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre to learn how this region played its part in Australia's history. For the aviators among us, you can also find the Qantas Founders Museum which runs as a not-for-profit with an impressive collection of artefacts and replica aircraft.

### Springsure QLD

Making our way out of Red Dirt terrain, Springsure is a picturesque valley home to, as the name suggests, springs - such as the local creek and surrounding gullies. In this charming country town, you'll find the Minerva, Rolleston and Springsure Creek mines. Venture outside and take in Mount Zamia, the Virgin Rock that overlooks Springsure, situated in the middle of the Minerva Hills National Park.

### Yeppoon - Great Keppel Island QLD

Based in Yeppoon for two nights, our final night dinner will be held on the picturesque Great Keppel Island. You can spend the day exploring the tropical delights of this island paradise before the last hurrah begins! Tranquil, deserted and untouched – Great Keppel Island is the perfect spot for an end of event wind down. Take a dip and go snorkelling in the crystal-blue water at one of the island's seventeen pristine, clear-water, white-sand beaches!

## 30 Year Celebration Event

**118,004 kms travelled**

**Over \$27 million raised for kids in need**

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**Day 1 - Wednesday 12 Aug**  
Melbourne VIC to Deniliquin NSW

**Day 2 - Thursday 13 Aug**  
Deniliquin NSW to Renmark SA

**Day 3 - Friday 14 Aug**  
Renmark SA to Wilpena Pound SA

**Day 4 - Saturday 15 Aug**  
Wilpena SA to Marree SA

**Day 5 - Sunday 16 Aug**  
Marree SA to Birdsville QLD

**Day 6 - Monday 17 Aug**  
Birdsville QLD to Longreach QLD

**Day 7 - Tuesday 18 Aug**  
Longreach QLD Rest Day

**Day 8 - Wednesday 19 Aug**  
Longreach QLD to Springsure QLD

**Day 9 - Thursday 20 Aug**  
Springsure QLD to Yeppoon QLD

**Day 10 - Friday 21 Aug**  
Yeppoon to Great Keppel Island  
Final Night Celebrations