



JULY 2019 BASH BULLETIN



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JULY ADDENDUM 3

Hey Bashers!

Now the countdown to the 35th Anniversary Variety Brydens Lawyers Bondi to Batt Reef Bash is really on – including today, SIX DAYS 'till we meet in Bondi! What's ahead of us – in order!

BAGGAGE TRUCK

Baggage Truck Loading: Will be from 8am this Thursday at Chameleon Touring Systems, South Gate 1, 11 – 13 Percy Street, AUBURN. (The truck will just be inside this gate pictured)

Loading Days: Are on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th July, from 8am to 5pm both days. You'll be assisted by Variety Volunteer David Blissett. For the newcomers, we allow spare wheels and swags to be carried on the Baggage Truck free of charge which can be loaded during these times.



Baggage Truck Return: The truck will be back at Chameleon Touring Systems for two days, Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th August 8am-5pm for pickups. David Blissett, or any Variety Volunteer, will **NOT** be in attendance. Variety takes no responsibility for your goods during this period. The left over goods will be returned to our Artarmon office after this. We'll keep an eye on things for a couple of weeks and then anything left will be tossed! **WARNING:** For your own good, mark things with your name and/or car number. Each year we throw out perfectly good clothes, hats, wigs, sleeping bags and spares such as tyres, without identification markings, just to mention a few things!!



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NO BAGGAGE TRUCK AT THE START

The Baggage Truck does not come to the start and you won't see it until the afternoon when you arrive in Singleton.

HOW GOOD IS THE START LINE AT BONDI?

Let me tell you, it's real good. The Bride and I went down there on Sunday for breakfast and a final look over the area we'll be starting from. It was a glorious morning, 17 degrees when we were there at 10am rising to 20 degrees by the time we 'finished our business!'

I watched Sunday's TV news and the weather report for next Sunday is exactly the same. We are in for a cool morning growing into a magnificent day. Make sure you tell your family and friends to come along and join you for this 35th Anniversary B to B Bash start and meet Dick and Pip Smith in the process!

Just have a look at this photo, does it get any better than this?!?!



ARRIVING AT THE START LINE

When you arrive at Bondi on Sunday morning, you'll basically be coming from the Sydney side and will come down a big left-hand sweeping corner and bingo...there's the famous Bondi Beach in view on the right-hand side.

As you come down the hill, DO NOT turn right at the roundabout and head towards the beach promenade. Keep going 'SO' (straight on) and then 'TR' (turn right) into Beach Road then immediately 'TL' (turn left) into Park Drive North (PDN). This road starts at the yellow gates which will open at 6am. This is where the recyclable bottle station is. There will be Officials there to guide you.

As you drive down PDN there is a pedestrian bridge which is only 2.7 metres high, so make sure you're not flying flags or that your roof decorations aren't this height or higher!

As this area is open for residents to park (with permits) there could well be vehicles parked here overnight. We have to give them passage way out if they need some, so parking will be reversing back into the gutter. We can't block the centre line of the road. We have done a letter drop last week to 2,000 residents to explain we will be there but it will be congested.

AERIAL MAP OF THE START

For an aerial photo of the start area click [HERE](#), print it and bring it with you.

TUCKER AT THE START

We have organised with the Bondi Surf Lifesaving Club's Nippers Association to be in the park doing a sausage sizzle with a 'coffee cart' in attendance.

Also the 'Surf Rider' restaurant, alongside the surf club, are going to open early on Sunday (6.30am) with a 'Basher's Special' Bacon & Egg Roll along with a coffee for \$10.



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BASH ENTERTAINMENT

We have a few things happening in the park at the start line. It kicks off at 8am with the Botany Bay Band, featuring our own K9's Geoff Abrahams on saxophone! They will be followed by the Variety supported 'Bandits' Band who will play through to 9.30am.

During this time we'll have face painting happening along with colourful hair spraying for the kids that come along to see you off.

At 9.30am we start the main proceedings with our MC, Channel 7's Karen Ledbury, who will introduce and talk with special guests, Dick and Pip Smith.

And while all that is happening, Channel 7's Sunrise breakfast show will be doing live weather crosses during the morning.

The first car to go will leave at 10am. That's the start in a nutshell for you.

TOLL PASS

Yes you will need a toll pass to get out of Sydney. We will be taking the Eastern Distributor (ED) and the Harbour Bridge. The Harbour Bridge, by the way, has a Southbound Toll and we are heading north, so you'll only have the ED toll. If you don't have a toll pass you can make your own way to the Harbour Bridge crossing and pick up the route notes again there.

GOODIE BAG PICK UPS

We still have some Goodie Bags laying around! Here are the ones still on the floor, A1 7, 8, 65, 74, 302, 351 and 5050.

Remember, we don't take them to the start line for you. If you can't pick them up we will only take your name tags to the start.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

If you have still not sent your [Working With Children Check](#) through to Sally, please forward it to her URGENTLY as soon as it arrives. Please note that we do need these before the Bash starts. Any queries or if yours still has not arrived please could you chase it up and in the meanwhile send Sally your application number to sally.ross@variety.org.au

HOME HOSTING

Where accommodation was 'tight' we tried setting up some Home Hosting to help out. This is where we asked you to contact the school and put your name and requirements down. Some have been lucky to have been provided accommodation, others haven't been so lucky!

But don't give up just yet. All four locations will find floor spaces for you, mostly on the floor of school classrooms. Now, if you haven't heard back from one of the four locations and are happy to 'swag' it on a floor, then re-call these locations and say, "Yes Please, I need a floor!" They will explain how to go about it. Here's the details;

Hughenden: Call Jodie Coward from St Francis Catholic School on (07) 4741 1382.

Georgetown: Call Becky Haase from Council on (07) 4079 9002.

Karumba: Call Tracey Hendricks from Karumba State School on (07) 4747 6222.

Chillagoe: Call Rhonda O'Shea from Chillagoe State School on (07) 4094 7103.



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ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

There are a couple of spots available in Georgetown that I'm aware of at the time of writing;
 Latara Resort Motel has a couple of rooms P: (07) 4062 1190
 Wenaru Hotel (shared facilities) has a couple of rooms P: (07) 4062 1208
 Midway Caravan Park has a couple of single rooms P: (07) 4062 1219
 Goldfields Van Park has new ensuite, single 'dongas' available P: (07) 4062 1269

In Karumba, the End of the Road Motel has four double rooms P: (07) 4745 9599

And in Chillagoe there are two 'bunk rooms' with around 20 double bunk beds, no linen, in the two rooms with separate toilet and showers. Call the Caretaker, Clare Mullins P: (07) 4094 7121 for more info.

CRUISING OUT TO THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

As part of our Bash trip experience, we'll be taking a Quicksilver cruise out to the reef for snorkelling and lunch. It's also the **FINISH LINE** and you and your team mates can dive through the finish line and have your photo taken under-water! Remember to pack your swimmers and a towel!

We have their largest boat, QSVIII, to enhance our journey out there. Because it's our final day/night of the Bash we are leaving earlier than the normal cruises do. Reason? Due to noise restrictions at the Sheraton Hotel's outside, domed marquee (where we are having our dinner), we have to finish at 10.30pm. This means we'll be starting earlier at 5.30pm with Happy Hour.

Here's the plan for the day;

BOARDING QSVIII AND TICKET COLLECTING: From 7.30am

BREAKFAST: On board QSVIII from 7.30am to 8am. Bring your own towel from your motel

DEPART: 8.00AM SHARP

LUNCH: Out on the reef

RETURN: 2.30pm

HAPPY HOUR: 5.30pm

NIGHT FINISHES: 10.30pm

FINAL NIGHT TABLE DECORATIONS

Yes here's an opportunity to dress up your table on the final night dinner in Port Douglas.

This will be a pretty flash night, what with Bash Black Tie Themed and all! So I'm thinking two opportunities to make your table better than the one next to you and that is to dress it up in Black Tie theme or Tropical Reef theme as we are alongside **the** reef!!!! That doesn't mean when we are out snorkelling on the reef you pinch some coral!! That's a no-no!!!

PLUS you have your own themes - so go for it. And I'm sure we can come up with a massive prize for the best dressed table!!!

WHAT IS BASH BLACK TIE?

Sally has received many calls from Virgin Teams - and others - regarding this night. Bash Black Tie can be the fanciest dinner suit and/or cocktail dress down to shorts and thongs! Preferably not however!! It's a night where your imagination can go anywhere. Something 'attention grabbing!' Heavens no, but maybe even a Lycra outfit for this special occasion! Black, bow-tie T Shirts even! You may have your 'freshest' Team Uniform/Theme outfit - great - wear it. Or you may just want to come as you are...that's fine too!



TRANSPORTING YOUR CAR HOME FROM CAIRNS

We received an update on transport arrangements Basher Joe Cautela has made with the car carrying company. Here is his note, PLEASE read it thoroughly and print this page off to take with you so you have all the details. Job well done Joe!

Good morning Stuart, please find the updated information about transporting of Bash vehicles back from Cairns. At this moment we only have a carrier to transport all vehicles back to Sydney as their country operator has retired some 3 months ago. When vehicles arrive back to Sydney, we then can arrange transport to country NSW for an extra cost. Vehicles going to Melbourne are not affected.

PAYMENTS ARE DUE NOW

BSB: 112 879

ACCT: 43111 2696

When paying, use your car number as a reference, i.e., Car #161

The quoted price of \$1,190.00 is for all vehicles transported back to Sydney at their standard height of 2.1 meters. This standard height is based on a Toyota Landcruiser. I am guessing that 90% of vehicles will be under this. In years gone past, owners took items off their roofs and placed them in their vehicles. If there is any vehicles above this 2.1 meters, we will still transport your vehicle back and a price difference will be charged at a later date. I don't know what that is at the moment, but history tells me it will be around the \$250 to \$300 extra to Sydney. This is due to the fact your vehicle will be placed on a flatbed truck with 2 others opposed to a full 9 car transport truck.

Drop off details are as follows, your vehicles need to be dropped off at Alfie's Towing at 46 Supply Road, Bentley Park QLD 4869 (Cairns). The office is opening from 8.00am to 3.30pm MON to FRI ONLY!!! The contact number there is (07) 4045 1463, Melanie will be your contact there. Melanie will have 2 lists of vehicles returning back home, the first list is an urgent list of 12 cars needed to be transported back. These vehicle must and will be transported first. We are hoping that all vehicles will be back within 2 to 3 weeks. The pickup address is CEVA Minto at 3/5 Culverston Road Minto NSW 2566, PH (02) 8787 2999. They will call you once your vehicle arrives in their yard.

When you drop off your vehicle please list any WRITTEN starting instructions that may be needed. Please make sure that your vehicle has at least one quarter tank of fuel. The driver's seat must be clear of any items. You can have your personal items left in your vehicle, however no reasonability taken. Most important, if you have the time please take photos of your vehicle while you are at the towing yard of any damages you may have. Pictures tell no lies! But these photos need to be taken there.

If you decide to not drive your vehicle back for whatever reason you must contact me first so as I can put your vehicle on the transport list. They will not allow your vehicle to be dropped off if it's not on their list. Alfie's Towing is a contractor that is only holding the vehicles before they get collected.

You can get hold of me on 0412 448 007 or come to Car 161 anytime on the Bash if needed.

All have a safe Bash and remember it's not a race or rally, it's a drive in the outback with your mates!

Thanks, Joe.



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FINAL NIGHT AUCTION ITEM

'Virgin' Bashers, John Storey and Heather Robilliard (pictured), run a Ski business in Canada and have a magnificent Chalet which they are making available for a week during the Canadian ski season. The Chalet is capable of sleeping 10 people in five bedrooms. So this is the perfect Auction prize to start thinking about now! Talk to your holidaying mates!



Their business, Ski Adventures, is passionate about mountain life and they are dedicated to delivering Ski Holidays of a lifetime and they have been doing it for 34 years!

You'll ski at Sun Peaks, which is 4,270 acres spread across three skiable peaks, each with a personality all of their own. Each mountain is easily accessible from the village, so ski all three peaks in the same day or stick to the mountain area that you love the most. Sun Peaks receives six meters of snow annually and is blessed with light, dry powder conditions that the interior of British Columbia is famous for.

Click [HERE](#) to see more photos of the Chalet and the resort.

NAME TAG LANYARDS

We are changing the way we do our lanyards for the nametags. From now on we'll have BLACK ones for Officials, RED ones for Bashers and WHITE ones for Virgins.

To go with that, regular name tags are WHITE, for 20 year plus Bashers they have SILVER ones and Bash Hall of Famers have GOLD ones.

FUEL ON THE BASH

A final reminder on fuel. We believe there is enough fuel locations along the tracks we are about to travel to keep your cars running, even those thirsty Mercs! However, on Day 8, there are no fuel stops along the way and the journey is 560 kilometres. So I'd suggest the purchase of a Jerry Can here in Sydney before you leave – much less expensive here!

BASHERS OVERSEAS

You will miss the jokes of Les Smith this year, seen here in England in his Variety shirt, he'll be cruising and will miss the Bash. It's a special cruise for him, so I'll let Les tell the story!

"I'm in Southampton joining the Oriana for her final voyage before being handed over to the new owners and becoming a cruise casino for the Chinese! Great family history with P&O, The Oriana name, and this ship in particular. My original arrival in Australia in the '70s was on the Oriana. Penny worked on the switchboard at P&O in Hunter Street (where I met her and quickly married her!) and now Jordan (our son) is a Senior Officer with Carnival (who own P&O!) The wheel turns full circle! Enjoy the Bash everyone."

Les will be missing but the Toshiba Team (and theme music) will still be travelling on the Bash.



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THAT'S IT FOR ADDENDUM 3 - TIME TO GO!

That's it for me.

And this is our final 'shout out' to you. If you need to contact Sally or myself jump on the phone now if we can assist you in any way, in your endeavours, to join us on Sunday for this year's **Variety Brydens Lawyers Bondi to Batt Reef Bash**.

And remember, we are only a phone call away to help.

STUART TELFER

Motoring Events Manager



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