

MAY 2020 BASH BULLETIN



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Hello Bashers.

Well there seems to be light at the end of the tunnel!!! We are making progress with our fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and congratulations to all of you who have been following the government's advice and staying at home to reduce the spreading of this disgusting virus.

Our Motoring Events team remains intact and still working from home with Sally Ross working Tuesdays and Wednesdays and I'm working Wednesdays and Thursdays. We are contactable on our office phone numbers and our email addresses, sally.ross@variety.org.au and stuart.telfer@variety.org.au You can also get me anytime on my mobile, 0425 277 673.



"Until now, I never understood why you got so excited when someone walked past the house."



A VIRTUAL M.E.I.N., NIGHT

We miss seeing you at our information night gatherings so we are planning a virtual 'Pub Night' live on ZOOM next Wednesday night, 27th May. Starting at 7pm it will run for an hour and will be there for just a 'catch-up' and an update on what we are up to.

Isn't it amazing this ZOOM technology that really just came into our 'changing' lives ahead of the COVID-19 virus! We run our weekly staff meetings with them and other committee meetings as well. But who are they?

Zoom Video Communications is an American communications technology company headquartered in San Jose, California. It provides videotelephony and online chat services through a cloud-based peer-to-peer software platform. Eric Yuan, a former engineer and executive, founded Zoom in 2011 and launched its software in 2013. Zoom's aggressive revenue growth, and perceived ease-of-use and reliability of its software, resulted in a US\$1 billion valuation in 2017. The company joined the NASDAQ-100 stock index on April 30, 2020. Beginning in early 2020, Zoom's software saw increased use following the quarantine measures adopted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Anyhow, we are in for a bit of fun and I can't wait for the 'dumb' questions that come from David 'Bags' Dent and Colin 'Zorro' Baker – PLUS – there will be a virtual raffle as well!!! Click <u>HERE</u> for the link to the Pub Night and enjoy!

BASH CHANGE OF DATES

The 2020 Variety Brydens Lawyers Bungarribee to Bakers Creek Bash scheduled for August this year has now been moved to August 2021. Here are the new dates;

Day 1. Sunday 1 st .	Bungarribee – Crookwell - Cowra	376 Ks
Day 2. Monday 2 nd .	Cowra – Jugiong - Griffith	474 Ks
Day 3. Tuesday 3 rd .	Griffith – Ivanhoe – Broken Hill	600 Ks
Day 4. Wednesday 4 th .	Broken Hill – Tilpa - Bourke	513 Ks
Day 5. Thursday 5 th .	Bourke – Hungerford - Cunnamulla	435 Ks
Day 6. Friday 6 th .	Cunnamulla – Quilpie - Charleville	555 Ks
Day 7. Saturday 7 th .	Charleville – Bollon - Roma	522 Ks
Day 8. Sunday 8 th .	Roma – Cracow - Rockhampton	514 Ks
Day 9. Monday 9 th .	Rockhampton - ST Lawrence - Mackay	396 Ks
Day 10. Tuesday 10 th .	Mackay to Bakers Creek	9 Ks
	TOTAL:	4,394 Ks

Funds raised for our 2020 cancelled events will be allocated to your entry in the 2021 replacement event. The same applies to any provision fee or baggage truck booking paid (unless you are willing and have the financial capacity to convert those payments into Tax deductible donations this year to help us out in which case these will go towards your fundraising totals – sorry we had to ask at the Chairman's request to help raise funds in the coming weeks).

THE RESURRECTION RUN DATES

Our Variety Resurrection Run for 4WD vehicles, Bash cars and normal cars (sorry no bikes or children) is planned as a way of keeping our rusty wheels turning and is proposed for the 14th to 20th of November as a Reconnection Run. Dependant on government restrictions being lifted.



You'll be able to catch up with your 'Variety Mates' and maybe introduce some new friends to the 'family' without the cost of car preparation. Door panel numbers, window strips and associated decals will give the feel of an iconic Variety motoring event.

It will not have all the aspects of a Bash or 4WD Adventure and will be a 'tamed' down version, but the incredible Variety experience will still be there. It won't be an event for children (already mentioned) and an entry fee separate to any of the other events will apply, meaning money can't be moved around from a cancelled event to this new one.

The plan is for a six day event travelling through NSW and overnighting in towns capable of accommodating a large group of motoring enthusiasts and offers a motoring "hit" while we wait for 2021 and our scheduled events to resume.

We are also looking at not having a Provisions Fee and you can buy your meals as you go. Further thought and details on that to come following more planning and hopefully a 'route survey.'

Watch this space for more information.

STAY ENGAGED

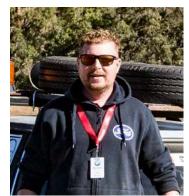
We need to remain engaged with each other during this crisis – not just to help Variety survive financially and continue to make grants to kids and families - but as members of the Basher and Adventurer families keeping an eye on each other and helping mates in need, as this social isolation over an extended period is going to be a tough call for all of us.

Keep checking out and contributing to the various Facebook pages we have running and once we can master the magic of 'Zoom' for meetings, we will try our hand at holding a "virtual" Pub night or MEIN night or two so we can all see each other's smiling faces. Happy to get some feedback from you at any time.

SAD NEWS

Sad to report that Basher, Michael Adams, passed away in the Calvary Mater Hospital, Newcastle, on Monday night, 27th April last. Michael fought a brain cancer tumour for six and a half years and boy, didn't he give it a good fight, only to lose that battle on the Monday night.

Michael started his Bashing career with his father, Gary, before the cancer arrived and he finished his Bashing career only last year when he teamed up with Gavin Little in an Escort. The car was originally Michaels before Gavin bought it and turned it into a Bash car just so Michael could do one more Bash. Michael was fighting the 'fight of his life' prior to the Bash but



insisted he was good enough to head to Batt Reef! Sadly, he took ill after only two days and entered Miles hospital in QLD before heading home 3 days later.

Michael was 41 years old and lived at Nelson Bay with his seven-year-old son Isaac. To Gary and Michael's family, the Variety Family sends you our deepest condolences on the passing of this great fighter. **VALE MICHAEL ADAMS**



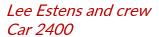
FURTHER SAD NEWS

We received this sad message from Basher Lee Estens.

Dear Stuart and fellow Bashers,

It is with great sadness that I'm writing to let you know that the Moree Show Car has lost one of its most ardent supporters and team member to Leukemia this week Barbie Glennie (Wednesday 13/05/20). She completed five Bashes between 2002 and 2017 her resilience, driving skills and "practical approach to packing" as opposed to mine "just in case" will be greatly missed.

Barbie, husband Peter and her family have been huge supporters of Variety over the last 20 years contributing to our fundraising endeavours and Bash car support. We will miss our dear friend and codriver but we know she will be 'driving the miles for the smiles' with us in spirit when we next 'drive in the Outback with a few mates.'



This was so sad to receive as Barbie was a beautiful lady and was always wonderful to catch up with either on the Bash or when I had side visits to Moree from time-to-time. We last met and spoke, unfortunately only briefly, at the start line for the Bash at Bondi Beach. Always the organiser, and due to the COVID-19 funeral restrictions, Lee Estens organised Moree past and present Bashers along with Barbara's family and friends to create a 'guard of honour' with their cars on Peter and Barbara's cotton property road as the hearse carrying Barbara left the property. One of Barbara's wishes was no flowers – but does Lee ever listen to instructions?!?! No - so she made a wreath from flowering cotton shrubs (pictured) with a Variety cut out in the centre. A beautiful touch Lee for a beautiful lady. VALE BARBARA GLENNIE

STAY IN CONTACT WITH US!

We continue looking for ways to keep our extended motoring events family engaged and up to date. The Trivia contests have been fun, and we'd like to thank Woolworths for their continued support with the beaut prizes they have been presenting.

Congratulations to our Champions on the **B to B Trivia Quiz!**1st Prize - Cam Herbert from Car 783
2nd Prize - Karen Perks from Car 157
3rd Prize - Kevin 'KC' Carter from Car 99

There is another General Trivia Quiz this Sunday, so come on, this one is for everyone in your household or get a couple of friends over! Check it out <u>Here</u> - \$15 per household to enter with some great prizes!!

So, keep on reading our emails and notes that come out to you. And, if you have any fun ideas to keep us all in touch and provide us all with a bit of 'light entertainment' we'd love to hear your ideas!











SOME GOOD NEWS - WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES - MEET KATINKA

Katinka is a bright, smiley teenager who loves to go swimming and do Zumba. But for the past 12 months she has been confined to a wheelchair. Katinka has Down Syndrome and as part of her disability, has extremely low muscle tone.

She was able to walk a short distance on her own, but after some surgeries and other health matters, she needed the help of a walker. Her family approached the National Disability Insurance Scheme to fund the \$6,000 walker required, and after a lengthy wait was denied. Katinka, all the while, asking her family and physiotherapist when her walker was arriving so she could get around on her own two feet again. The longer She had to use the wheelchair meant she had an increased chance of her never being able to stand on her own again.

So her family turned to Variety – the Children's Charity for support and thanks to the Variety community, Katinka is now standing tall, having fun in the playground at school, going for walks with her family, and enjoying Zumba with the aid of her new walker. Not only does it allow her to take part in everyday activities, it also gives her greater freedom of movement, increases her muscle strength, joint range and endurance.

"We can't thank you enough, not only what you have done for our family, but for all the families out there that need a little help," Katinka's mum Mary said. "All of Variety are unsung heroes in our book."

There is your money at work Bashers.

COVID-19 FUNNIES

In a time when many are suffering, some more than others, from the effects of the COVID-19 virus there are some that are trying to lighten up the mood a little with some light-hearted thoughts, videos and cartoons. Here are just a few supplied to me by Reg Armstrong;

- Never in my whole life would I imagine my hands would consume more alcohol than my mouth!
- A highway patrolman doing a breath test. "Is that alcohol I can smell?" "No officer" replied the driver, "It's hand sanitiser!"
- People keep asking "Is COVID-19 really that serious?" Listen up Casinos and churches are closed. When Heaven and hell agree on the same thing, it's probably pretty serious!
- The year your wheelie bin goes out more than you.
- If you receive an email from with the subject, "Ding Dong," don't open it. It's the Jehovah's Witnesses working from home!
- A hubby writes, "It's been such a joy being at home with my wife for the past three weeks. We've caught up on all the things I've done wrong over the past 30 years!"
- Mother Rat and Baby Rat walking through some back streets. Baby Rat says, "Look mummy a human." Mother Rat, "Don't touch it, they carry diseases!"

There are plenty more that bring a smile - might keep them for next month!



BASHERS FUNDRAISING EVENTS

If you are planning a fundraising event, we can help by letting people know about it. Just send us the details and we'll add it into the Bash Bulletin. If you are doing a flyer, we can add that into the BB as well. However, you should have it checked by us first as there are some rules about what you can and can't say. Those rules are further down.

The HIPPIES in car 1970 were planning two events a Trivia night and a golf day – however with all the clubs being closed they have moved these events around. The golf day will now be Friday 23rd October, and the Trivia night has been moved to December with a new date to be advised. Here's the details;

THE HIPPIES AGAIN in car 1970 are having their annual Golf Day at Springwood Country Club on

Friday the 23rd October. This is a gooooood day, believe me! Here's the details;

WHERE: Springwood Country Club

WHEN: Friday 23rd October GAME: Four person Ambrose

TIME: 9am for Registration and Breakfast

START: 10am Shotgun Start

PRICE: \$70 per player, includes Green Fees, Ball Comp and Champagne Breakfast

BOOKINGS: Ring one of the three Hippies to book your tickets;

Lindsay 0407 516 888

Brad 0410 468 136

Stewart 0416 961 888

For a copy of their event flyer click **HERE** .

THE HIPPIES in car 1970 are having a **Trivia Night** at the Springwood Sports Club on a Saturday in December, date TBA. Be there at 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start. Meals are available at the club. The Trivia is conducted by Trivia specialist Jason Dean. Key points are;

PLACE: Springwood Sports Club **WHEN:** Saturday December TBA **TIME:** 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start

PRICE: \$25 per head - can do tables of 10

DRESS THEME: Hippies!!

NIBBLES: Provided on the tables (Meals for purchase at bistro)

EXTRAS: Raffles and prizes to be won

BOOKINGS: Ring one of the three Hippies to book your tickets;

• Lindsay 0407 516 888

Brad 0410 468 136

Stewart 0416 961 888

For a copy of their event flyer click HERE.

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Get in touch with Brydens on 1800 848 848 and use the code: BLVB18.

THAT'S IT - TIME TO GO!

That's it for me.

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 next year's *Variety Brydens Lawyers Bungarribee to Bakers Creek Bash.* Remember, we are only a phone call – or email - away to help.

STUART TELFER

Motoring Events Manager - M 0425 277 673









MOTORING EVENTS COMMITTEE: Jack Cannons AM, Chairman. Peter Hebbes AM, Victor Sheil, Kevin Leahy OAM, Sally Ross, Russell Burns, Janet Kilazoglou and Stuart Telfer

CARS FOR SALE

Click HERE for Cars for Sale web page https://www.variety.org.au/bash/cars-for-sale/

The Bash office is constantly getting enquiries from new entrants about cars that are available for purchase. If you've got a car for sale, please forward the details to the office. If you've bought or sold one of these cars, also contact us. These are bought "as is" and have not in any way been viewed by the Bash Office and the Bash Office cannot be held responsible for any part of the transaction should one take place.

1964 EH Station Wagon. Sitting in my shed since I built Mk3. Hand built from ground up for use on Variety Bash. You've all seen it, heard it and possibly been overtaken by it at some time. Too many modifications and upgrades to list on here. Car has done a number of Bashes with all necessary repairs carried out each year. Extremely capable and reliable car. Engineered with full rego and 8-point roll cage. Can be readied for 2020 Bash on delivery. \$18 000. Contact me for any information. Don Ezzy 0419 252069. don@special-t.com.au



1971 Mercedes Benz 280 SE Registered to June 2020. Fully serviced and running well. Prize winning Dinosaur theme with costumes. Variety Bash-compliant and ready to enter. Equipment includes: 4.5L V8 Engine, roll cage, Bash plate, offroad tyres, raised suspension (bigger springs), bull bar, driving lights, Terratrip rally computer. Extra amp and external marinegrade speakers (not required but very cool), UHF CB Radio, fire extinguisher, dust lights, front and back tow bars, fuel and water canisters plus heaps of spares (wheels, tyres, starter motor and more) \$14,000. Contact Gavin on 0413 740 339 or gavinc@altis.com.au



1985 ZL Fairlane with LTD trim. Matching numbers Body work straight with minimal rust and excellent interior. Jellybean mags, 4 good tyres 80% plus 2 spares with new tyres on matching rims. Extractors, thermo fans, recon radiator, new water pump, alternator, factory air con, gas shocks and pads. 80 litre fuel tank, fully set up for bash with front/rear tow bars, sump guard and motor chains plus navigator panel, 2-way radio, lights and sirens. Just 138k's heaps comfortable and drives really well. All electrics work. On historic plates but can obtain



pink slip. Done two bashes incident free and ready for many more. Also includes another complete parts car with 2nd set of jellybean mags and 300 Batman/Robin pieces to give to the kids. On historic plates but can obtain pink slip. Asking \$8500 ONO. Car is located in Maitland. Contact Stewart 0416 006 154 or Benny on 0427 729 550







"The DeLorean." It's with regret we put this unique car up for sale. All reasonable offers considered.

Believe it or not it's not a genuine DeLorean, it's actually an 88 R31 Nissan skyline. This car was built to rally/bash!! It is an ex kidney rally car & highly modified for durability, reliability & safety! Features include: 10pt roll cage, Recaro driver's seat, Sparco 4 point harness for both seats, Bilstein shocks custom reinforced, Super reliable RB30 3.0L 6cl engine, Borg warner



LSD, 5 speed manual gearbox, Brammps navigational system, Lights, amber & white, 2 Full sets of good rally tyres & wheels, 1 full set of mags & new road tyres, 8 months street rego, Lots and lots of spares , Lots of reinforced welding to chassis, None of the decorations are screwed into the panels. Turn the key & go it's totally ready, a great entry car for anyone looking to get involved!! \$5000 ono. Martin Mulholland 0410 748 705 or m.constructions@hotmail.com

VK Commodore Variety Bash car from South Australia is available. 3.3L 4 speed manual. Rebuilt carby. Dual battery setup. Really good condition and clean. Good tyres. Ready to go Bashing. \$9000 ONO. Any more questions call Matt on 0421157100.



1988 Ford Fairlane, 6-cylinder Bash car for sale. Only done one Bash. \$6,000. Ring Bluey Keevers on 0438 687 985



1978 HZ Statesman Deville 308 auto. Very comfortable to drive. \$9800. Location Broadford Victoria Contact Pat 0418 588881. pat@arcp.com.au



1974 HQ 1 tonner 308. The Ute was used in the 2019 Variety NSW Bash. Standard NSW Rego to June 2020. Bash ready including skid plate. A reconditioned 308 has been fitted. Reconditioned 4 Speed M20 gearbox fitted in May this year. New carburettor. New Radiator. New HD Alternator. Front end has heaps of new components (Tie rod ends, Ball joints, Idler Arms, new bushes etc). Reconditioned Windscreen Wiper Motor and assembly. New brake lines and hoses. New brake pads. Leather seats. Comes with a full set of new Sunraysia rims with Light Duty Truck tyres in addition to some wide chromies. Steel tray is custom made. New door seals and many other new items including a







new brake master cylinder. Call for further details or to arrange inspection. Car is stored in Newcastle. Price \$17,500. Allan (0411 536 626) or Warren (0412 410 933) Kentwell

Mercedes 1970. Owner retiring after Bashing and Trekking since 1986 (Bourke to Barossa Valley). Mercedes 1970, 250 Compact – manual and logbooks. This is a one owner family car, original condition, includes original 4 hub caps, has never had an accident, little to no rust, converted and strengthened for charity car rallies. This car has competed in 10 Treks, 2 Beyond Bitumen and has been very reliable mechanically. Car has been modified and serviced by Daniel and Frank Kleinig, 4 speed manual with full roll cage, three full harness' (2 front, one rear seat), lamb's wool seat covers, radio cassette player



Brantz 2 tripmeter plus spare Terra Trip, spare cables etc, mud flaps, rear facing led light. Pearce Simpson UHF Radio, 2 spare wheels, spare radiator and lots of other spares, bearings, water hoses, distributor caps and rotors, shock absorbers, jerry cans, front light protectors and separate and fused electrical circuits etc. Historic registration 85032H Expiry 6-8-2019. Price \$27,500 can move a little but not much. Ross Alexander 0417385406 /rosswalexander1@gmail.com

1979 VB Commodore, 202 Blue motor, Aussie 4 speed gearbox, registered on conditional plates. Successfully completed 2018 Newcastle Variety Bash. Lots of new parts replaced before the bash, 6 Brand new tyres, disc brakes all round, great body condition and comes with lots of spare parts. Extra second Commodore rolling shell for panels and 5 speed gear box included. Call Jordan after hours for more details 0408851128. Asking \$5,000 ono



1967 Chevrolet Impala. The iconic Bash Car 8888 is up for sale! The Tank is a 1967 Chevrolet Impala and Basher Brian McGuigan is seeking offers over \$20k. Contact Brian directly on 0418 493 486 to find out more.



1966 Volvo 120, Commodore V6 Engine, Supra 5 speed Manual, Disc Brakes all round, 90 litre alloy fuel tank, all modifications certified and RMS approved, Engle fridge, Bash Lights Sirens, front rear tow balls etc. Registered March 2020, Asking \$25,000 o.n.o Call Ray on 0418 213 320









1972 HQ Ute, 253 V8, Celica 5 speed gearbox. Bash ready previously set up for another charity bash. Fully engineered for modifications, ready for blue slip. Rally trip meter installed. Call Jordan after hours for more details 0408851128 Asking \$15,000



1965 Rambler Classic with a 308 Engine. I spent \$3,500 on it last year to have the undercarriage and gear box resealed, engine tuned and other odds and ends. It's a 3-seater with esky. You could install a 4th seat. \$6,500.

Call Adam Leacy P: 4915 4018 or Mob 0421 613 160



1971 Holden HG Kingswood. Victorian Variety Bash car which we believe has done two Bashes (?). It comes with Bull Bar, Tow Bar, Larger Radiator, Roof Rack, Storage Box – lockable with jack, jumper leads etc., Fuel Storage box (hold 3 x 10 jerry cans), UHF 80 Channel, PA Speaker, CD Player, Spare Tyres x 2, Fire Extinguisher, Standard spare parts as required by Variety Victoria (housed in the spare wheel arch), Diff has been fully rebuilt, 4 speed manual transmission, ,Cargo barrier , New , Battery, Variety standard mods on the Motor. Asking price \$9,500. Contact: Chris Stevens or Catherine Oakley on 03 5342 6266.







