

AUGUST 2020 BASH BULLETIN



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Hello Bashers.

Again we find ourselves locked away, in a sense, with the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we 'battle' on and wish everyone well during this ISO time.

We still continue with our planning for the Resurrection Run in November, details and entry forms are available for that event by clicking HERE. https://www.variety.org.au/nsw/event/varietyresrun/

We were also hoping to return to the North Ryde RSL for a 'real' Motoring Events Information Night (M.E.I.N.) this month but following my phone call to the club we've changed our minds.

Albeit the club was open for business we were given reduced numbers for the area we use plus there was no Bistro or Bar available to us on that floor. So guess what we are doing? Read on!

TOMORROW NIGHT - OUR VIRTUAL M.E.I.N., NIGHT

Yes, we are sticking with our 'virtual' Pub Night by linking in with you all on ZOOM. We had our third meeting last month on ZOOM which was a bit of fun for those who joined in. We are doing another one, tomorrow night, August 19th starting at 7pm. It will run for around an hour and we'll be there for just a 'catch-up' and an update on what we are up to. Hope you can join us!









We hope for it to be a bit of fun and I can't wait for the catch-up – AND – there will be NO virtual raffle!!! Click HERE for the link to the Pub Night and enjoy!

SAD NEWS

It's with a great deal of sadness that we pass onto the Variety Family the passing earlier this month of ex Basher, former Wallaby (Rugby Union) captain, all-round sportsman, pioneering orthopaedic surgeon and devoted family man, Richard '*Dick*'Tooth, at the age of 90.

Dick represented for the Wallabies in ten Test matches and was Australia's 41st test captain in 1957, captaining on two occasions. He resided at St Andrews College while studying at Sydney University. His club rugby was played with Sydney University and later with Randwick. He practised as an orthopaedic surgeon and was a sports medicine pioneer.

We knew him better as part of our Bash Air Wing flying co-pilot with a great mate of his and plane owner, Ken Stump, for Variety at no cost to the charity. The Bash's originating 'Bash Director,' *John Flower,* remembers him fondly;

"Dick came on a number of the early Bashes piloting the official plane along with Ken Stump. Dick was an orthopaedic surgeon but also one of the great rugby union players and played for Australia many times – in fact I think he was the oldest living Wallaby.

Dick and Ken ferried officials ahead on some of the longer days and carried the Bash Director when he had to be at the start and then to get ahead of the cars. There were some hairy moments when landing on outback airstrips especially when there were goats or other obstructions wandering all over the place but at all times Dick was calm, collected and unflappable.

He was also a delight to travel with as an official and enjoyed talking rugby and flying with Bashers around campfires over a few glasses of red!"

Dr Andrew Berry, our current and veteran Bash Doctor, also has fond memories of Dick;

"Very sad (news). A great gentleman as well as a respected doctor. At the same time, he could surprise and entertain with a uniquely subtle sense of humour. Once revealed, he was very funny."

Jack Cannons AM, our current Motoring Events Chairman also remembers Dick well and speaks highly of him along with shared Bash moments such as;

"Dick was a great bloke and mate. Dick and Ken (Stump) would take their golf clubs on the Bash and would often spot a bush golf course, land and play a couple of holes. Dick on a couple of occasions drove Bash Busters (Jack's Bash car) for a day, I would fly with Ken.

I had the pleasure to share some fun and laughs with Dick both on and off the Bash. I remember being asked by Dick and Ken to repair their plane in Burketown in 1991. I found some steel in an old blacksmith shop and fixed the problem."

Originally from Bombala and then a product of Newcastle Boys High School, Dick was awarded an academic scholarship to study Medicine at Sydney University. Dick was also a single figure golfer, an A-grade tennis player, represented NSW in surf lifesaving and squash. He was also a Sydney-Hobart sailor, and as we knew, an accomplished pilot.



He became a pioneer in Orthopaedic Surgery and was instrumental in the development of less intrusive arthroscopic surgery in Australia. Most notably, Dick also performed the first ever full knee reconstruction in NSW on a famous rugby league international, Johnny Greaves. He also operated on Australian soccer legend, Johnny Warren, enabling him to continue playing and captain the Socceroos into the 1974 World Cup.

Dick was revered by his former teammates in both sport and medicine and will be sadly missed. Despite his considerable talents and success, Dick was reputed to be an extremely humble man and is undoubtedly one of the great Australians, who has left an amazing legacy.

Variety sends our deepest condolences go to his wife Marianne and his children Robyn, Chris, Liane and Kate who were at his Hunters Hill bedside with him when he passed away peacefully. (Picture: Dick on the right alongside 'flying' mate Ken Stump)

VALE RICHARD 'DICK' TOOTH

WHERE SHOULD WE BE

Today being Tuesday, August 18th, we should be polishing our shoes and getting our 'Bash Black Tie' gear ready for our final night dinner in Mackay to finish off the *Brydens Lawyers Bungarribee to Bakers Creek Bash!* However, thanks to the COVID-19 thing we are a year away from this night! Start counting the days guys!

ANY GOOD MEMORIES?

Sadly, we don't have any good memories to share from the 2020 B to B Bash! However, I'm sure you have some rippers from past Bashes. Alys, from our marketing team, would like to hear some of these stories along with an accompanying photo (if you have any) to go out on our 'socials!' This is the buzzword for 'Social Media Channels!' The team want to share just how much fun a Bash can be. We can talk about all the good work you do to give kids in need a fair go – only you can really explain the feeling of being out on the road in a Bash car; the incredible places you get to see on the dirt roads we find for you; and, the people you meet.

STU/SALLY – happy for them to send to me directly or can go to yourselves if you would prefer.

THE RESURRECTION RUN

In the meantime, the *Resurrection Run* is underway!

Following the launch, we've received a very healthy amount of entries and we hope you are one of them!?!?

Want to know more? Click **HERE** to link to the entry form and all the details of the RR.

Now remember, all these plans are reliant on the NSW Government's COVID-19 regulations which we believe will be suitable for our 'Run' in November. We trust everyone is staying healthy and safe amidst this new "normal" we are living in, and we look forward to getting on the road with this new event in November.



The Variety *Resurrection Run* will be shared with our 4WD Adventurers, NSW Bash entrants and B to B Bash entrants along with some 'first-timers' who are joining in to experience a Variety Motoring Event. We hope all of you will spread the word to family, friends and sponsors who may wish to join in the fun as well.

Here's where we are headed:

Day 1: Sunday 15 November McDonald Jones Stadium, Newcastle - Merriwa - Dubbo

Day 2: Monday 16 November Dubbo - Girilambone - Bourke

Day 3: Tuesday 17 November Bourke - Louth - Cobar

Day 4: Wednesday 18 November Cobar - Lake Cargelligo - Parkes

Day 5: Thursday 19 November Parkes - Wellington - Mudgee

Day 6: Friday 20 November Mudgee - Hunter Valley

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.

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 6^{th} November, 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 6th November. This is a gooooood day, believe me! Here's the details;

WHERE: Springwood Country Club

WHEN: Friday 6th November 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 <u>HERE</u>.

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 888Brad 0410 468 136Stewart 0416 961 888

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

BASHERS OVERSEAS OR IN HOTEL QUARANTINE PHOTOS

Still no entries this month?!?! I wonder why!?!?!

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THAT'S IT - TIME TO GO!

That's it for me.

Our Motoring Events team remains intact and still working from home with Sally Ross working Tuesday mornings, Wednesdays and Thursday mornings. I'm working Wednesdays and Thursdays. We are contactable on our email addresses, sally.ross@variety.org.au and stuart.telfer@variety.org.au or our mobile phones, Sally on 0419 200 324 or me on 0425 277 673.

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.

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

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.







