

FEBRUARY 2021 BASH BULLETIN



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Hello everyone and we trust your year has got underway favourably?!

As we write this 'BB' the COVID-19 vaccinations have started and that should confirm our plans for the year ahead.

Basher, Brian Hoare, and I have been away last week on the final survey for the 4WD Adventure and during that week we had one more sign up for the event which takes us to our maximum amount of 40 cars. We had some route changes to make due to last year's bushfires and floods which put certain tracks out with washed away or burnt out bridges plus there were some tracks that were made impassable. Anyhow, we had a week of driving to do over and increased track of 1,252 kilometres!

Bash wise things are looking good and here is a Fun fact for you – it is now just over five months 'till the Bash!

BASH CAR INSURANCE

We have been contacted by some Bashers saying that Famous Insurance had written to them to say they were no longer insuring Bash Cars and they weren't sure what to do. Apparently Famous is still there, but their underwriter is not underwriting them anymore. We have had some Bashers









recommending Shannons and another Basher saying that Shannons had written to them to say they wouldn't insure them whilst on the Bash.

When I had my Bash car and I was an entrant I had my insurance with MGA. It was a comprehensive policy for 'market price' and I had it written into the policy that I had a Celica gearbox, tow bars (front and rear), a roll cage, six wheels and tyres plus other items. Many other Bashers have recommended going to MGA Insurance and we've been given these details for who to contact. Carol Caldwell or Verena Davis on (08) 8291 2300. Please understand, Variety is getting no 'kick-backs' from MGA for recommending them, but we've had no problems.

We understand that it is all very confusing, however, whoever you choose to insure your Bash Car with – please ensure you advise them that you participate in the Bash and ask to have it **written on your insurance papers** that you are covered during the event. No point having insurance if you're not covered!

OUR NEXT 'REAL' M.E.I.N.

Our first M.E.I.N. for 2021 will be this Wednesday night, 24th February at the North Ryde RSL, on the corner of Pittwater and Magdala Roads, North Ryde starting from 6pm.

We'd love to see you there, where you can get a great meal, catch up or meet some Bash and 4WD buddies and help support a club that has been great in supporting us.

4WD'S ON THE B TO B BASH

Following the successful Resurrection Run, which incorporated a mix of Bash Cars and 4WD's, the Variety Board and Motoring Events Committee have agreed to have a Test Run of allowing a limited number of 4WD's to enter the 2021 B to B Bash.

The idea behind this decision is to encourage Virgin teams to enter without the immediate need to buy a Bash Car before they know what it's all about and to encourage some of our long term Bashers who are now wishing for a little more comfort to continue Bashing with us.

So, the deal is:

- To enter a 4WD in the B to B Bash, the minimum donation requirement will be \$17,000, or half price for a New Virgin Team (\$8,500). N.B. 1. For a New Virgin Team in a Bash Car, minimum is \$4,250. N.B. 2. A 'New Virgin Team' means all team members are doing their first Bash.
- The vehicles are subject to the same regulations as Bash Cars re safety equipment, flashing lights, radios etc.
- There will be a limited number of 4WD's permitted on the B to B Bash. We would advise you to get in early if you'd like to secure your place. If you've already entered and wish to transfer over to a 4WD entry please contact Sally Ross on sally.ross@variety.org.au



BASH ENTRY FORMS - HAVE YOU ENTERED YET?

For everyone planning to join us in August, we really need you to go on and register now, including those of you who had registered to Bash in August 2020. We have a new registration system including a great new online fundraising platform. Rest assured that all funds raised for the 2020 Bash will be rolled over to the 2021 B to B Bash.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2021 VARIETY B TO B BASH

If you have any questions, or need any help please call Sally Ross on 0419 200 324 or email her at sally.ross@variety.org.au

FUNDRAISING

As noted above funds raised for the 2020 Variety B to B Bash will be moved to your entry in the 2021 Variety B to B Bash. Over the last year, the demand for our grants and support has risen dramatically so we encourage you to keep fundraising past your minimum entry fee of \$8,500. There is no trophy for being the first into town each night - the only winners are those who raise the most for kids in need!

As you may be aware, Everyday Hero has now closed down. We have developed a sparkly new fundraising platform that is fully linked into your registration. When each Bash Car Captain registers for the 2021 Variety B to B Bash, they will have the opportunity to set up their online fundraising page during the registration process. The Captain can then maintain their page as we get closer to the Bash and everyone will have access to a range of resources to help with their fundraising and prepare for hitting the road.

As each new fundraising page is set up by our Bash Car Captains, Sally will add a manual entry to reflect the total amount raised on your previous Everyday Hero page so your total online fundraising for the 2021 Variety Bash is shown.

If you have any questions, please email Sally Ross on sally.ross@variety.org.au

ROOM FOR ONE MORE IN YOUR CAR?

Ian Seggar is keen to join us on a Bash – are you after a crew member?

Here's a little bit about him:

I'm 56, - an Aussie POM – been in Sydney about 12 years and run a small training and management consultancy here. My driving background – I've had my fair share of different cars. For an event like this, I've been an off road driving instructor for Land Rover in Africa, the Middle East and Asia and in the UK I used to do some instructing for Toyota on some country estates teaching the game wardens how to drive off road. I'm not particularly mechanically minded but willing to have a go and certainly more than happy to get my hands dirty and help out when needed.











For the fund raising side of things, I'm happy to approach friends and clients to try and raise sponsorship and would also look at running a local event where I live in Balmain. I'm also more than willing to get actively involved in any other fund raising initiatives taking place. I work with a number of Auto manufacturers in Australia and Asia and so would approach them for sponsorship as well. I've also done some off road motorcycling (though my last adventure in the UK had me going home in the Air Ambulance!).

I've got two grown up kids, have a typical dry Pommy sense of humour so should be able to keep the driver entertained till we made it to a grog stop at the end of the day! Having kids means that children's charities are very close to my heart and I have a great respect for that Variety do and so happy to help in any way I can.

If you are looking for a team member you can call lan direct on 0449 666 103.

HOW WE HELP

Like all eight-year-old kids, Gigi likes to pack a lot into her days. When she's not at school, she loves to play with her little sister, make homemade pizza or visit her grandparents.

Gigi's main mode of transport is a wheelchair. The little girl was diagnosed with Ataxic Cerebral Palsy at nine months of age. Specialty equipment is all part of life for Gigi.

But like little girls do, Gigi has grown, and her existing wheelchair didn't suit her needs anymore. That's where Variety stepped in. To read about Gigi's story and how Variety helped her HERE



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.

COMBINED GOLF DAY

Basher, Joe Cautela, and 4WD Adventurer, Bill Knaggs, are running a combined Golf Day on the 9th of April 2021. This will be a team event that will be held at Nelson Bay Golf Club. Bill joined Joe as a Resurrection Run Virgin and was 'hooked' on Variety.

Bill's Real Estate office at Fingal Bay has been raising donations for Variety since November 2020. For every sale made, property listed and property leased, his staff ring a bell and Bill donates \$10. They also have a donation box in their office.

Full details will be in next month's Bash Bulletin but for right now, put a team of four together for a game of 'Ambrose' and a SAVE THE DATE!







THE HIPPIES AGAIN in car 1970 are having their annual **Golf Day** at Springwood Country Club on a date to be confirmed. This is a gooooood day, believe me! Here's the details;

WHERE: Springwood Country Club

WHEN: TBC

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

BASHERS OVERSEAS OR IN HOTEL QUARANTINE PHOTOS

Nothing this month.

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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 our 2021 *Variety Brydens Lawyers Bungarribee to Bakers Creek Bash.* Remember, we are only a phone call away to help.

Finally, just an update on our working hours. Both Sally and I are working four days a week. Sally has Fridays off and I have Tuesday off. Soon I'll be working a couple of days a week in the office but they have yet to be confirmed. Cheers for now and I look forward to seeing you all, along with Sally, on Wednesday night at North Ryde RSL.

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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.







