



20 TIPS FOR VIRGIN BASHERS... From our Bashers!

1. "Make sure you have a child friendly theme and keep to the theme all week. Also make sure you have little gifts on board to give out to children along the way, not just at the start and finish line."
2. "The Bash isn't a race so don't drive past the kids that have especially come out to see the cars. Particularly when you are going through private property, many property owners will have their families there watching so take the time to stop, say hello and thank you and give out something to the kids - they love that sort of thing."
3. "Don't worry about understanding how Bash Bucks work - none of us do."
4. "Do not overload your car with a weeks supply of water, drinks etc. Your car will be too heavy and you can generally stock up along the way."
5. "Make sure you have your car organised before heading off. That means have the stuff that you may need handy so you don't have to pull everything out to find it. Best things to keep handy are snatch rope, water for radiator, Fuel Saver if your car should run on lead petrol, oil and gifts for kids."
6. "Due to the weight carried in the cars, I physically check and usually replace the rear wheel bearings in my car every year."
7. "I have a 1 page laminated register of all my parts and equipment carried. It is impossible to remember where everything is in your vehicle."
8. "Ensure you have a compatible team. A week in a car with incompatible people would ruin the experience. (I am coming up to my 8th Bash and have always had great team members)."
9. "Pack light. One soft bag and 1 day bag per person."
10. "My tip is to make sure you get involved...although its all strange and daunting to become a part of such a crazy family, those that stand off and don't

get involved simply get passed over.... be in all you can, get sucked in and play the game..."

11. "Don't take yourself too seriously! and the second one is "Drive a Ford and not a Holden!"

12. "Don't forget your toothbrush, and use it!"

13. "Take ear plugs ... the snoring is the biggest bug bear."

14. "Get your vehicle ready as soon as possible and then drive it regularly. This will allow you to sort out all those little problems one encounters before the BASH and will make sure you are not sitting on the side of the road watching other Bashers drive past."

15. "Don't follow the car in front of you, they may be lost It doesn't matter if you end up at the back of a queue you will never miss out or get left behind Relax and go with the flow, the officials will make sure you are OK."

16. "Keep your partner and family involved, there are many fun Variety things you can do together, like the annual themed ball and other functions. Variety is a great family."

17. "Start fundraising as early as possible, be creative in your ideas and involve everyone you know!"

18. "Attend daily Chairman's briefings you will always find out valuable information for the day ahead."

19. "If you are told you need to fuel up – Fuel up... even when the line to get to a pump is long, it is much quicker than running out and waiting for someone to come to your rescue"

19. "Stay Clear of All Panda's!"

20. "NEVER TRUST A BASHER ON THE BASH"