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Besides having fun on the road, participants aim to directly affect the lives of needy young children during the four-day event.

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Peter Norris and Variety Teddy with their Mustang. Picture: Jessica Moroney



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Car connoisseurs cruise for a cause

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After stopping off at Woodanilling and Katanning primary schools to present grants to help children in need, the event will conclude at Old Coast Road Brewery at Myalup on Sunday March 27.

Subiaco accountant and Variety WA treasurer Jay Wakefield will be participating with his partner Azra Delalic.

Jay said: "I really feel for families who have children who have health issues or need some extra support, and I think this is a great way to help them.

"For me, the Variety Cruise

ticks two boxes, we raise money to help children in need and we get to experience a fantastic adventure. I have a real passion for both aspects, and just love everything about these Variety touring events."

Variety chief executive Tony Hume said the Creative Car Cruise, now in its 11th year, was fast becoming a favourite fundraiser and the charity was looking forward to the support of the WA community to ensure the 2022 event was the most successful so far.

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Azra Delalic and Jay Wakefield with their 2015 Ford Mustang and, right, participants stop at a Beverley farm on a previous Variety Creative Car Cruise.



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Drivers gear up for charity car cruise

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TEGAN GUTHRIE

Kalgoorlie-Boulder car and charity enthusiasts will join dozens of others for a cruise across the State this month in support of WA children.

Brothers Ash and Louie Trow as well as Scott and Stephanie Milling will hit the road with others as they drive through WA's South West over four fun-fuelled days to raise funds for Variety — the Children's Charity of WA.

In their Volkswagen Kombi van and 1955 Ford Thunderbird, they will join other classic, sports, muscle, American and modified vehicle owners for the Variety Creative Car Cruise from York on March 24 through Katanning, Albany and Manjimup.

Stopping off on the way at Woodanilling and Katanning primary schools to present grants aimed at helping children in need, the event will conclude at Old Coast Road Brewery at Myalup on March 27.

This will be Mr Milling's eighth time participating in the cruise, and the fourth for Louie Trow.

The pair also take part in



Scott Milling and Louie Trow are taking part in the Variety Creative Car Cruise. Picture: Amber Lilley

Variety's Bash event, but said it was nice to take part in the cruise, which was a "bit tamer".

"What I like with the Bash and the Cruise is you can raise the funds in any charity but you don't always get to see where the money goes," he said.

"With Variety you get to see the schools and communities and get to see where the money actually goes as well as the smiles on the kids' faces".

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BY PIP WALLER

CAR enthusiasts from all over the South West will hit the road this month in an effort to help make a positive difference to children's lives.

As organised by Variety Children's Charity of WA, the Variety Creative Car Cruise will see participants leave York on Thursday, March 24 to drive to Katanning, Albany and Manjimup in their classic, sports, muscle and American cars or modified vehicles.

Drivers this year will stop at Woodanilling and Katanning Primary Schools to present grants aimed at helping children in need.

Among participants will be Gelorup resident Murray Wharton who has raised over \$300,000 for Variety since initially taking part in the four-day run about 10 years ago.

"I got involved because a mate of mine picked me up in his yellow coupe and I thought 'okay, I'll give it a crack'," Mr Wharton said.

"The next year I bought my Ford ZB Fairlane and then spent the next 10 years pumping money into it.

"I grew up in Darkan and was always a bit of a rev head. I had a Fairlane in my early 20's so it was a no brainer to get one of them.

"Fran was in poor condition when I first got her - but now she's had a new paint job, been lowered, has a brand new motor and had all the interior done. Fran's definitely a bit of a love of mine."

In addition to his love of cars, Mr Wharton said he also wanted to raise money for Variety to support families who had sick children.

He shared his experience with his late wife, Jo-Ann, who sadly passed away from lymphoma a few years ago.

"It was really devastating and it's taken me a little while to crawl back out from under my rock," Mr Wharton said.

"I have three kids all in their 20's so it was hard for all of us as Jo-Ann deteriorated.

"The way I look at it is all the money that we raise goes into some sort of research - so I hope it helps people.

"It definitely knocks you around a little bit and no one should have to go through it - but Jo-Ann will never be forgotten."

Mr Wharton thanked his sponsors Dale Alcock, The Rose Hotel, Koombana Physiotherapy and others for their support.

He also thanked his partner, Karin Cook, who is a dietician at the Bunbury Regional Hospital and South West Allied Therapies, who suggested he should this year raise money to buy a wheelchair scale.

The Variety Creative Car Cruise will conclude at Old Coast Road Brewery at Myalup on Sunday, March 27.

Variety Creative Car Cruisers raised \$160,000 for Western Australian children in 2021.

To support Mr Wharton and Fran the Fairlane, visit

<https://fundraise.varietywa.org.au/fundraisers/fran68>.



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VARIETY CREATIVE CAR CRUISE: Murray Wharton will complete his 10th cruise this year in his Ford ZB Fairlane 1968. **Picture: Pip Waller**



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AARON KIRBY

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Mr Howlett, who will take his 2005 VZ Monaro on the cruise, said he was excited to get a first-hand look at how

fundraising was helping children in the regions.

"For me, I went with Variety because they help West Aussies," he said.

"I have been blessed with two happy and healthy daughters and now four beautiful grandchildren but I know families that are doing it tough, so it's great to see groups that are doing their bit to help. We just go there and bring smiles to people's faces."

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Participants in a previous event. Picture: Ruth Gourley



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KELLIE BALAAM

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Grant Wells with his 1932 Ford Tudor. INSET: Aaron St Jack with his 1970 Ford Mustang. Pictures: Laurie Benson, Renae St Jack



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Grant Wells with his 1932 Ford Titan replica ahead of the cruise.
Picture: Laurie Benson



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SEAN VAN DER WIELEN

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Two grants will be given out in the region during the trip, with the travelling contingent set to visit Woodanilling Primary School on Thursday and Katanning Primary School on Friday.

Variety WA CEO Tony Hume said it was important for participants to see the impact of their fundraising efforts.

Participants for this year's event were required to raise \$4000 for Variety before they took part in car cruise.

The public are invited to a community event at the all ages playground in Katanning from 8-9am on Friday where the cars will be on display along with giveaways for the kids.



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Creative Car Cruise participant Grant Wells with his 1932 Ford Titan replica. Picture: Laurie Benson



Richard Howlett with his 2005 VZ Monaro. Credit: Supplied

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Variety on the road again for Creative Car Cruise to raise funds for WA kids

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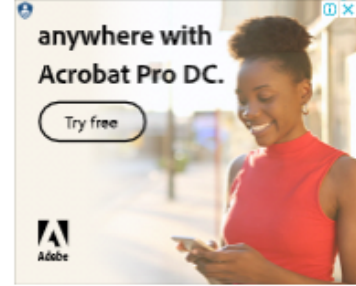
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Variety Car Cruise to make overnight stop in Katanning as event returns for 11th year

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Last year's Variety Creative Car Cruise. Credit: Supplied



A popular event will roll into Katanning this week as part of efforts to raise funds for children's charity Variety.



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