



BENNELONG TO BROKEN HILL BASH

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Bennelong to Broken Hill Bash – 16th to 26th August 2009



HI EVERYONE

Again it's been pretty hectic since our last Bash Bulletin and we are fast running out of time to say "Hi" to you all.

Christmas is around the corner and before you know it we'll be out celebrating New Year then back into it again. It all just happens so fast.

So we'll make this Bash Bulletin a short one.

YES – WE HAVE A STARTING SPOT

Yes it was great news when we finally got the nod to start our 25th Anniversary Bash from the forecourt of the Sydney Opera House. This was the same location that Dick Smith and his first Bashers left Sydney from bound for Bourke and then Burketown, hence giving us the B to B Bash!

Things – as we all know – have changed since those days and you can expect a set of do's and don't's that will go with this start. Anyhow, plenty more on that later, but how exciting is it to get that location and the name of Bennelong?

WORKING WITH CHILDREN DECLARATION

At a recent Bash Committee meeting, it was agreed that everyone who has direct access to children through their association with Variety, must now sign a Working with Children Declaration. This includes volunteers and participants who are involved in **ALL** of Variety's motoring events.

While this form is not a legal requirement in NSW - Variety, the Children's Charity would like to implement this process in case any incidents occur in the future.

The form can be found here http://www.variety NSW.org.au/media/docs/Working_with_Children.pdf and must be completed by every person involved in Variety's motoring events and returned (double sided if possible) with photo ID.

If you have any questions about the Form, please contact Karen on 9719 1016.



HOME HOSTING

We envisage some difficulties in getting accommodation in two locations, one being Woomera and the other Hawker. We now have some contacts for you on this.

Woomera Area School
 Kate Broad
 Administration Officer
 School: (08) 8673 7287
 Mobile: 0488 129 528
 Kate is happy to take mobile calls through the school holidays.

Hawker Area School
 Rosie Luckraft
 Librarian
 School: (08) 8648 4184
 The school library will be re opening on the 5th January between these times;
 Monday and Tuesday 10.30am to 5pm
 Wednesday and Thursday 1pm to 5pm

This is the information they will require, Car #, your name, contact phone number, how many beds required and your e-mail address.

Be nice to these people as they will make your experience a good one if you are.

BASH INFORMATION NIGHT aka PN

Our final PN is this Wednesday night, December 17th at Gladesville RSL from 6pm on. From 6pm to 7pm will be Happy Hour where the Bash Office is shouting beer, wine and soft drink plus handing out some knuckle food! That's from 6 to 7pm!!!!!!

ROBBO'S BIG YEAR

For Wayne Robinson it has been a big year. A couple of years ago he was instrumental in saving the life of a couple of young kids in a house fire when on patrol as a Police highway patrol Officer. This year he was awarded a medal for bravery and we think that is pretty special. Robbo doesn't say too much, apart from something like, "And sir/madam is there a reason you were exceeding the speed limit?" But on this occasion his actions did all the talking and he was duly rewarded for his bravery, well done Robbo. He was also seconded to Papal duty this year when the Pope was in town and has a couple of stories to tell you about that. Then last month, the moe he's had for 27 years was shaved off for Movember!!! Movember is a two fold cause one being to create awareness for prostate cancer and secondly Beyond Blue, the national depression awareness program. Robbo's efforts raised \$700.

XPARTE – THE BAND

Yes Xparte the band that we danced to at our reunion are performing back at Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL this Friday night in a special pre Christmas performance. If you wish to go, contact the club re tickets, they are an excellent band.



BASHERS AND CELEBRITY PHOTOS

Photographic Pests, Laverne and Shirley, have been out and about again this time tying up Santa and Mrs Clause at a Central Coast venue.

Remember if you have had your photograph taken, preferably in Bash clobber, then send it in to us for publication.



BASHERS SNAPPED OVERSEAS

Bash Chairman, Peter Hebbes AM, was recently snapped in Bash regalia on his way into the Royal Bali Yacht Club for a luncheon whilst away on a music convention.



LOGOS

The new 2009 logos are now available for your use. Remember, you can only use Bash logos on any of your printing or promotional material, YOU CAN NOT use the Variety logo.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Men are like bank accounts. Without a lot of money they don't generate a lot of interest.

CHANGE OF YEAR MODEL ELIGIBILITY OF BASH CARS

After a fair bit of deliberation between the members of the Bash Committee, it was decided to lift the allowable year model up to 1972. That means cars that were made in 1972 or before. This will be decided on compliance plates also as the question of "run on models" was brought up. Having said that, take the Holden HQ for example, it was launched in July 1971 and was manufactured for three years before a new model was introduced. We would consider acceptable a HQ built in 1973 as it is the same model, not a new one such as the next model along, the HJ. By the way 485,650 HQ Holdens were built, making it the most popular Holden ever built.

Similarly for the ZF Fairlane built in April 1972, we'd accept that model up until the new ZG was built in November 1973.

If in doubt, ring me, so embarrassment can be saved for both you and our officials who have been warned to stop cars not conforming to the new year models from coming in.

THANK YOU

Thank you to those Bashers and friends who assisted with the recent Kid's Christmas party at Darling Harbour. Once again the Bashers excelled in their volunteer duties of getting the kids off the buses then back on them at the days end. Again there were just on 7,000 guests with 5,000 kids and 2,000 carers. Boy do they do a special job.

Santa was kept busy too with many kids coming to ask for their special Christmas wishes. One little tacker was too young to ask and that was little Jack. That's Jodie and Grier's little fella who paid Santa a visit.

Bring on next year now for once again what is a special day, a real special day organised by those fantastic Ladies of Variety.



FAMOUS QUOTES BY FAMOUS PEOPLE



Son, if you really want something in this life, you have to work for it. Now quiet! They're about to announce the lottery numbers. - **Homer Simpson**

GET WELL KEVIN LEAHY

We were talking with one of our Bash Officials, Kevin Leahy, the other day to see how he's going. Kev has been off on sick leave and will be off for about another month he tells me. Kev is a long time Bash Official who organises our RAAF Mobile Workshop and RAAF Medic to travel with us on both the B to B and Newcastle Bash. Get well Kev, we are looking for a good doctor's report in the New Year. You can send Kev a "cheerio" e-mail to Kev at kevinleahy59@bigpond.com

SCHOOL VISITS

There were a couple of issues that arose during the preparation for this year's Bash that were discussed at this week's Bash Committee meeting. One of those was school visits. At all times the Bash Office controls the Bash. Many things are put into place that may look ad hock, but let me assure you they are not. A lot of effort goes into the planning of these school visits with catering, wish lists, presentations, competitions and giveaways etc. Should you have an idea or would like to donate something to a school you should ring us first, run it past us and seek approval. At no time, before this action, should any Basher speak to the schools direct. A situation arose this year where there was some confusion with some of the schools and we wish to alleviate that from future visits. If in doubt, call me first.

FLASHING LIGHTS

In my 19 years of Bashing one of the standard rules has been no red or blue flashing lights. In the vehicle preparation document we send out to new entrants we stipulate, "*Roof mounted Flashing amber light with rear roof mounted, downward facing reversing amber light.*" During and since this Bash we have spoken to some of the entrants who did run these coloured lights. These lights are associated with emergency vehicles and have been outlawed by the Bash. For this reason, police have previously told Bash organisers they are not allowed on civilian cars. At a recent Bash Committee meeting it was discussed at length and it was decided to go back to the original rule of allowing only the orange flashing light. This is for safety and not car decoration. It was also decided that the green and all other coloured lights have to go as well. They are not as strong in penetrating the heavy dust we at times go through and we are concerned about this safety issue. At the end of the day we are Bash cars, not fire trucks, police cars, RTA inspectors etc so they must go. We do not wish to attract unwanted attention to ourselves and the Bash Committee. Thank you in advance for understanding these rules and your removal of same.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Hard work never killed anybody, but why take a chance?

IS YOUR GREENSLIP DUE?

The Motor Accidents Authority (MAA) NSW, sponsors of the Bash Helicopter which was a major element on the safety side of Variety's Blacktown to Batemans Bay Bash, wants to remind you that you should shop around for the best price on your CTP Greenslips.



The MAA manages the NSW Green Slip insurance scheme, which is a safety net for any person injured in a motor vehicle accident. The online price calculator found at www.greenslips.nsw.gov.au is a simple way to shop around for the best deal on Green Slip insurance, as it helps compare prices from all Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurers in NSW.

It's just a click away www.greenslips.nsw.gov.au

MY APOLOGIES

Yes my apologies for missing the November Bash Bulletin and sorry this is a late and short December one.

In missing November we also missed the opportunity to promote a couple of fundraisers, so once again my apologies for that.

CHERRIES FOR SALE!!!

Bash Car 65, Ian Banks, has his annual cherry sale on and you may just sneak in with an order if you are quick. 2kg boxes of cherries for \$22.00. \$8.00 of every box going to Variety!! For Orders please contact: Ian or Sharon Banks on PH: 029 834 3890 or

Email: BANKSY65@BIGPOND.COM All orders to be placed by: 16th December 2008.

(Minimum order of 5 boxes per Delivery). Cherries will be delivered between: 19th - 24th December 2008.

HERE'S A CHANCE FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL

Here is a non Variety fundraising event that may interest you. Basher Graeme "Soozie" Wong, from HMAS Kanimbla, gave us a call to let us know there is an opportunity for anyone who has never been on a warship to do so early in the New Year. His ship is conducting a Cocktail Party for the ship's own charity and if you'd like to attend you contact the ship direct. Tickets are \$150 each and include all drink, food and entertainment. It will be on board HMAS Kanimbla at Garden Island on Thursday 29th January from 7pm to 9pm. For more information contact Scott Lockie (0448 497 341) and tell him you were referred to him by Soozie and the Bash Bulletin.

HELP IN THE OFFICE REQUIRED PLEASE

There are a couple of jobs that need looking at in our office and if anyone can help us out we'd appreciate it.

- Firstly our shower needs the floor re tiled.
- The steps need new non slip strips put on them
- The dishwasher has a stop/go button problem

If anyone can help please call Stephanie on 9819 1000. Thank you.

JOKE OF THE MONTH – THE COW FROM WOY WOY

The only cow in a small town in the Latrobe Valley, Victoria, stopped giving milk. The people did some research and found they could buy a cow up in Woy Woy in N.S.W, for \$200. They bought the cow



from Woy Woy and the cow was wonderful. It produced lots of milk all of the time and the people were pleased and very happy.

They decided to acquire a bull to mate with the cow and produce more cows like it. They would never have to worry about their milk supply again.

They bought a bull and put it in the pasture with their beloved cow.

However, whenever the bull came close to the cow, the cow would move away. No matter what approach the bull tried, the cow would move away from the bull and he could not succeed in his quest.

The people were very upset and decided to ask the local veterinarian, who was very wise, what to do. They told the vet what was happening. "Whenever the bull approaches our cow, she moves away" they said. "If he approaches from the back, she moves forward. When he approaches her from the front, she backs off. An approach from the side and she walks away to the other side."

The veterinarian thinks about this for a minute and asks, "Did you buy this cow in Woy Woy in N.S.W.?"

The people were dumbfounded, since they had never mentioned where they bought the cow. "You are truly a wise Vet," they said. "How did you know we got the cow in Woy Woy?"

The veterinarian replied, with a distant look in his eye, "My wife is from Woy Woy!"

E-MAIL ADDRESS UPDATES

When we send out e-mails we tend to get a lot of kick backs saying various things about "not known at this address" etc. So we recently had a big clean out of our list and now have had calls saying they haven't received the such and such e-mail. Not a problem we put them straight back on. If one of your crew members has changed his/her e-mail address lately please forward their's to me and we'll fix that problem. Conversely, if you have a new member or just someone you want added forward their details to us and we'll add them on.

2009 BASH COFFEE TABLE-YEAR BOOK

For that last minute Christmas Gift you should be ordering from Anthony and Giselle's Zoom Photography and Media their magnificent 2009 Bash Coffee Table book. It's absolutely magnificent with over 800 images you'll really want to remember from this year's successful Bash. It runs in day to day format so you can remember what happened when and every car has a shot in it. Order direct from Anthony Vallario, our Bash photographer, by ringing 95604111 or visiting his website at www.zoomproductions.com.au/bash07

BUILDING A NEW BASH CAR

As previously mentioned, we are delighted to hear some new Bash cars are being built for this year. Before you go too far into the construction of your cars I urge you to read the [Vehicle requirements \(PDF\)](http://www.varietynsw.org.au/bash_current.htm) on our website at http://www.varietynsw.org.au/bash_current.htm. These specifications are for all Variety Bash cars in Australia. Yes we know other copy events may have different rules, regulations, specifications etc, but if you are planning on joining us, the longest running and most successful charity fundraising motoring event, then you need to stick with ours.



That means **NO** V6 Commodore motors in any of our 1972 manufactured vehicles!

GOODS IN KIND OR CONTRA

Following are the existing rules on how “goods in kind” or “contra” works within the Bash system in relation to the entry fee and monies raised. No Bash Entrant/Team is to offer a school, person or individual organisation their product as a Bash “gift” and expect the Bash Office or Variety to agree to contra that product’s retail cost against their Bash entry.

The Bash Office must approve in advance of the event the product(s) that the entrant wishes to be considered as contra towards their final figure.

Then - and only then - if accepted - contra arrangements may be considered as counting towards funds raised if:

- A) The first \$8,500.00 is paid in *real cash*, i.e., you cannot contra your entry fees.
- B) Contra dollars are only worth 50% of real dollars, i.e., if the Bash office accepts your offer of contra (and please don’t work on the presumption we will) you provide us with an invoice to the correct wholesale value and we will, on acceptance, put 50% of that invoice total to your car number. A receipt can be forwarded to the supplying company for the full, wholesale, value of the goods.
- C) Goods only not services.
- D) If you are entering as a team then before contra dollars are added to your total you must have paid in real dollars the \$8,500 in the multiples of cars in your team, i.e., a two car team needs to have banked \$17,000 before any contra dollars are added.
- E) For the supplier of a final night auction item, 50% of the knockdown price will be added to your following year’s entry fee once the minimum entry fee (for that new year) has been paid for in real cash i.e., the current entry fee of \$8,500.
- F) If you purchase an item at a Bash function your purchase price, or any percentage, **WILL NOT** go towards your current or following year(s) entry fee.

PURCHASING AUCTION ITEMS

Before purchasing an item you think you may use as an auction/fundraising/raffle item yourself, at a later date, please always check there is no rider or restrictions on the item. Some companies do not allow for on selling of their gift/prize(s).

LOGOS AND WORDING ON PRINTED ARTICLES

We are re-hashing some old news here but as we are seeing printed invitations and raffle tickets coming across our desks it’s time to re-visit the rules of Variety with such articles. Virgin Bashers are signing on so we need to let them know and remind you about the rules of using the Variety logos etc. You can use the Bash logo (as seen on the front page of the Bulletin) with your fundraising literature but you **CANNOT** use **Variety’s** logo with the **Heart and Hat**.



The Bash logo is available from the Bash Office and should be used in all fundraising promotions and on all printing and advertising material (raffle tickets included). It is imperative that your car number is the main feature of the title. Then, and only then, should you mention that Variety is the beneficiary of your particular fundraising activity. Here are some examples you can use;

CAR NO. 999
Raising funds for the NSW Variety Bash 2008

CAR NO. 999
Raising funds for Variety's "special children" through the NSW Variety Bash 2008

CAR NO. 999
... an entrant in the NSW Variety Bash 2008

CAR NO. 999
... an entrant in the NSW Variety 2008 Blacktown to Batemans Bay Bash

If in any doubt about this please do not hesitate to contact me at the office as it's extremely important we play to the rules of the land regarding charities. And please don't change its shape either!

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

Well as we wrap up the year we would like to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to sharing with you a very Happy New Year.

To you all, Bashers, volunteers, officials, supporters, fellow workers, friends and family – thank you for your support this year. We had a boomer with our second biggest result ever on the Bash and the 4 x 4 Challenge was also very successful. I trust you all have a wonderful festive season break and look forward to seeing you soon.

BASH OFFICE CLOSED

The Office will be closed from Friday arvo 19th December and will re open on the 5th January. I'll be returning on the 12th January.

TIME TO GO

Well that's it for this Bulletin, please feel free to contact Karen or myself at any time if we can assist you in any way in your endeavours to join us on next year's Bash. And remember, we are only a phone call away to help.

STUART TELFER
Motoring Events Manager
M 0425 277 673

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.

CARS FOR SALE – NEW LISTINGS –

FOR SALE Very clean 1966 HR Holden sedan, white. Reconditioned 3.3 litre engine, 5 speed manual, limited slip diff, long range tank (110 litre), disk brakes, 2 UHF radios, Trip meter, radio/CD player, 4 racing seats, roll cage, bull bar, Bash plates, roof rack, 2 spare wheels, spotlights and many more extras. Lots of spares too. Registered 07/2009 and ready to go. Just completed the 2008 Bash. Priced to sell at \$10,000 ono. Enquires please call Ray 0414918837 or Lisa 0412092670.

CAR 159 for sale. A well known “Willo” special, with no expense spared for each years event. Chevrolet Belair 1966, enhanced 350 cube V8, TH350 trans, 9” Detroit Locker, rear housing fully gusseted with new billet axles. Chassis and suspension fully strengthened and reinforced and with underbody skidplate. Tried and proven Bash car. Chev C30 Truck disc brakes, 15” GTS Holden rims, x6 with new tyres, fresh 2 Pack re-spray. Rewired front to back, 37 Can fridge. Heaps of spares and all safety gear. Dual fuel tanks (700kms range) Ready to bash, Qld concessional rego. Why build a car and give yourself a headache, when you can slide into a smooth comfortable ride, plenty of room for four, and performance to spare. \$17,000 ONO ph 07 3300 9091. Located Brisbane, can transport interstate.



Here’s a note from a Victorian Basher - Hi guys, I don’t know if you can help me but I have this car for sale, I bought it to do next year’s bash but things have now changed. As you can see it’s a valiant wagon, it won best presented in the Victorian variety club bash. The car has everything done to it and is in excellent condition, new slant six motor which goes great, air horns and a variety of sirens and animal noises etc. bucket seats either set up for 3 or 4 people fridge sockets etc, duel battery’s, extra fuel tanks, bash plates, 2 uhf radios one the front and 1 in the back ,5 x mag wheels, heaps of spares, axles belts etc, the roof has been molded to give another storage compartment above original wagon part (great for swags etc). I think it looks great with the man and the chariot on the roof and certainly turns heads wherever it goes. I was wondering if you could send this out on your email mailing list for anybody looking to buy a great car ready to go. The guys I bought it off spent well over \$20000 on it and I’m asking somewhere around \$10000-\$12000 ono. The car is in Mt Gambier and turnkey ready to go! Quite happy to make donation to organization if car sells! Shannon Martin *Operations Manager*
James Transport (Aust) Pty Ltd 0418 502 751



Car 62 - 1965 Pontiac Parisienne Pillar less. 350cu in, unleaded fuel, fully reconditioned '03. Bashed '04. '05 & '08. T350, 3 speed quick shifter, Camero front discs, power steering, bucket seats and full harness seatbelts. Bond roll cage, VDO gauges, Brantz trip metre, 120ltr fuel tank, 19ltr Engel fridge plus all the whistles, water and bells for the crazy basher. Registered January 2009. Price \$22k . Ring Geoff Davis M: 0418 620 823



T30 Flash Trash – has some Sash Racing seats for sale. Pig says, “They would be perfect to Bash in, in a Bash car not a truck like ours!” They are valued at approx \$1,100.00 and he will let them go for \$300.00 ono, & contact me (Pig) on 0412 429674

1966 Toyota Crown. Formally the Nemo car in the Newcastle bash. Comes with some spares, and a large fibreglass nemo which attaches to the roof. The car has recently had new brakes, and a head recondition. The car has a 4M motor. It has two fuel tanks and roof rack. Comes with engineering certificate for modified front seats and under belly bash plates. The vehicle is registered until September 08 in the ACT. Price \$4,500. Call Carol on 0413 139 018. Secondly - Bull bar to fit HG or HR Holden has driving lights attached

2008 NSW MOTORING EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
Wednesday March 19	Bash Night	Gladesville RSL
Sunday April 6	Putt Putt & Classic Boat Regatta	St George Motor Boat Club
Wednesday April 16	Bash Night	Gladesville RSL
Sunday April 20	4 x 4 Challenge Reunion	By Invitation
Wednesday May 28	Bash Night	Gladesville RSL
Wednesday June 18	Bash Night	Gladesville RSL
Wednesday June 25	Wharfies Lunch	Woolloomooloo
Saturday July 19	Bash Meet & Greet Night	St Marys Leagues Club
Sunday July 20	ChequePoint Day	TBA
Sunday August 3	Final Paper Work Day	Bash Bunker Rozelle
Thursday August 7	B to B Bash Start	Westpoint Blacktown
Saturday August 16	B to B Bash Finish	Batemans Bay
Sunday August 31	4 x 4 Challenge Family Picnic	Fagan Park, Galston
Saturday October 18	B to B Bash reunion	Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL
Sunday November 2	4 x 4 Challenge Start	Hunter Valley
Friday November 7	4 x 4 Challenge Finish	Coffs Harbour
Wednesday November 19	Bash Night	Gladesville RSL
Tuesday December 2	Children's Christmas Party	Darling Harbour
Wednesday December 17	Bash (Christmas) Night	Gladesville RSL