

**VARIETY CLUB**  **OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**  
*The Children's Charity*

*Started in the USA in 1927, the Variety Club is often referred to as, "The Heart of Show Business".*

*The Variety Club of Australia started in Sydney in 1975 with Paul Hogan as the first Chief Barker (Chairman).*

*The Variety Club was first introduced to Western Australia in 1980 and was the first region established outside of Sydney.*

*In 1994 the WA region decided that the time had come for it to stand alone and moved towards its own 'individual tent status'. This was achieved in 1995 when the Variety Club of Western Australia (Tent 74) was granted its charter by Variety Clubs International.*

*Each year the Variety Club of Western Australia makes grants to hundreds of deserving individuals, organisations, institutions, hospitals and schools, whose primary focus is assisting in bringing about an improved quality of life for sick, disabled or disadvantaged children.*

*These grants include the purchase of Sunshine Coaches and special medical equipment for children's hospitals, wheelchairs, artificial limbs, playground equipment, talking books and many, many more.*

*In the financial year ending September 1998, the Variety Club of WA made 76 grants totaling \$1,328,647.20.*

*All grants are made subsequent to the close scrutiny and careful assessment of our Volunteer Grants Committee and advisory panels.*

*When a grant is made, the Variety Club makes a payment direct to the supplier of the equipment or service. The emphasis is on supporting the communities in which the money is raised.*



**What is a Bash?**

*The Bash is not a race or a rally, the Bash was designed to allow a group*

*of mates to go for a drive in the bush in their old cars, to have a heap of fun and whilst having fun, raise some money to assist special children.*

*Started by well known adventurer Dick Smith in 1985, who took a group of mates for a drive from Bourke to Bourketown, the Bash has now spread to all states and has become one of Australia's best known motoring events and charity fundraisers.*

*Since its inception in WA in 1989 the Bash has raised in excess of six million dollars. The Bash today travels to remote parts of Australia, which generally speaking the participants wouldn't otherwise see.*

*Travelling over rough roads and slippery station tracks, the Bash is a test of the endurance of both man and metal.*



**What is a Bash Car?**

*Bash cars must have been first registered prior to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1965 and must be non performance modified.*

*In the interests of safety Bash vehicles may be modified to achieve improved braking and the like. All vehicles must have a current registration and be compliant with the rules of the road in Western Australia.*

*Bash cars should be designed to be attention grabbing weird and wacky jalopies. The wild and wackier the better. Special thought should be given to a theme which will appeal to the special children we visit in all parts of the state.*

*Two wheel drive vehicles only no motorcycles, motorised wheelbarrows or charabancs will be permitted to enter.*

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