

VARIETY NT

BASH 2010

A Beach Party Bash

Newsletter No 8



Well this is it – we are on the final countdown (as that fantastic song goes)!!!

Some final reminders:

- **ALL monies** must be in by cob **Friday 6 August** or you will not be Bashing. This is also when we decide the Top Hat winner, and second and third highest fundraisers;
- Get your **St John ambulance cover** if you need it. It is \$35 for the period of the Bash. Please call Shanta on 8922 6200, making sure you mention Variety and the Bash and you will get the discounted fee;
- You must provide the office with a signed **Bash Worthiness form** by your mechanic or the Bash scrutineer mechanics **by 6 August** to provide evidence your vehicle is mechanically sound and ready to Bash;
- This year the baggage truck will **NOT** have a fridge, and will be smaller. **You will be required to carry most of your own alcohol** for the Bash with you in your car. Storage room on the truck will be limited;
- You will need sandshoes/runners if you are planning to play golf or even walk around the course in Nhulunbuy – no high heels allowed (!!);
- You will be away from home on Election Day (except for the Queens of course) so remember to do a postal or absentee vote. There will be a polling booth in Nhulunbuy;
- It is about two hours to Dundee and the fun will start with registration from 2pm on the Saturday – so come and join us;
- At Gove House we will be sharing bathrooms, so bring a portable mirror you can do your hair etc in the bedrooms – yes they will have power for hairdryers and straighteners!

There will be no more Bash Buddies before the Bash, but thanks so much to all those who have attended this year.

Please keep that fundraising money coming in!! Remember we are doing this for the kids – the more we raise, the more we can give away!!!! Variety NT has recently purchased another Sunshine Coach, and approved an appeal for the school at Nhulunbuy, as well as recently hosting our annual Goanna Park Adventure Camp. Your money goes a long way and really transforms kids' lives – thank you so much. See you all very soon,



Cheers
Sharon Winks
Chief Barker and Variety NT Bash Chair 2010
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Baggage Truck and what you can bring

The Baggage Truck will **NOT** have a fridge this year, and will be smaller than usual, so please look at what you bring very carefully, before you pack. You will also **be required to carry most of your own alcohol with you** in your Bash car.

There will be opportunities to purchase alcohol as we travel on the Bash – at Noonamah, Corroboree Park, and Pine Creek. You will be unable to restock in Katherine as take-away alcohol can only be purchased after 2pm, and we will have travelled through during the morning. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the office.



Our Bash Sponsors

We could not do the Bash without our incredibly generous sponsors.

Many, many thanks to:

- Thrifty
- Darwin Container Services
- Rio Tinto Alcan
- Sodexo
- Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation
- KIK Digital
- CSG
- Southern Cross Television
- Darwin Airport Resort



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Sunday Night at Noonamah

If you have family, friends or sponsors who wish to come out and say 'hi' on the Bash, then please feel free to invite them to Noonamah for the Sunday evening Beach Party. The Bash will get in about 4'ish that day and dinner is about 6.30pm.

Any additional guests **MUST** be registered, and have paid \$25 per person to the office to cover dinner **by 6 August**. This will ensure we do not inconvenience the Noonamah Tavern by having extras arrive unexpectedly and not catering for them, or have a problem with people not paying at all (which has happened before).



Bash Service

Each year we are proud to recognise our Bashers who have survived 5, 10, 15 or even 20 years Bashing. Until now we have been operating on an ad hoc approach regarding awarding of our 5, 10 and 15yr Basher badges which has resulted in some inconsistency in the past. We have now decided on some rules to avoid further confusion.

Variety NT policy for the awarding of 5, 10 or 15yr (or 20!) Bash badges will now include any NT Bashes you have participated in, whether as an official or a Basher, and will also include when you Bash (either as an official or as a Basher) with another state.

Based on these new rules, if anyone considers that they have now Bashed 5, 10, 15, or even an incredible 20yrs, please let us know as soon as possible (**and by 31st July at the latest**) so that we can organise recognition on this year's Bash.



Alcohol and Travel to and from and within Nhulunbuy

As you would be aware, the Northern Territory has rules around prescribed areas that make it an offence to consume or supply alcohol. As previously advised, during this years' Bash you will be travelling through prescribed areas on two separate days. You will be advised when this is happening at morning briefings, and will have the route instructions clearly marked so you are aware of when you are entering and leaving a prescribed area. In addition in your Bash Bible you will have a copy of the rules pertaining to a prescribed area.

You must read these and if you have any questions then ask either myself (the Bash Chair) or Karen (our Variety NT CEO). It is **your responsibility** to ensure you comply with appropriate Northern Territory and Federal legislation at all times on the Bash.

Whilst in Nhulunbuy there are particular requirements in relation to the purchase and consumption of alcohol. The organisation of the Bash, including meals and activities, has taken account of these and you will be provided with specific advice on this when the Bash commences, and prior to arriving in Nhulunbuy.



Fuel and Spare Parts

A quick reminder - the longest run we will do will be from Mainoru to Nhulunbuy. For this day you will need to be able to do at least 470km on dirt without a fuel stop. If you cannot, you will need to carry a jerry can (or 2) of fuel with you for that day so you can refuel along the way.

There will be fuel available at Mainoru – both unleaded and diesel. In Nhulunbuy there is a service station for refuelling very near our accommodation. They will also have unleaded and diesel.

In addition you will need a full range of spare parts. If you are not sure, please see the list on the Variety NT web site. It is suggested you have two spare tyres and there will be room in the truck to assist with transport of these.



The baggage truck and your gear

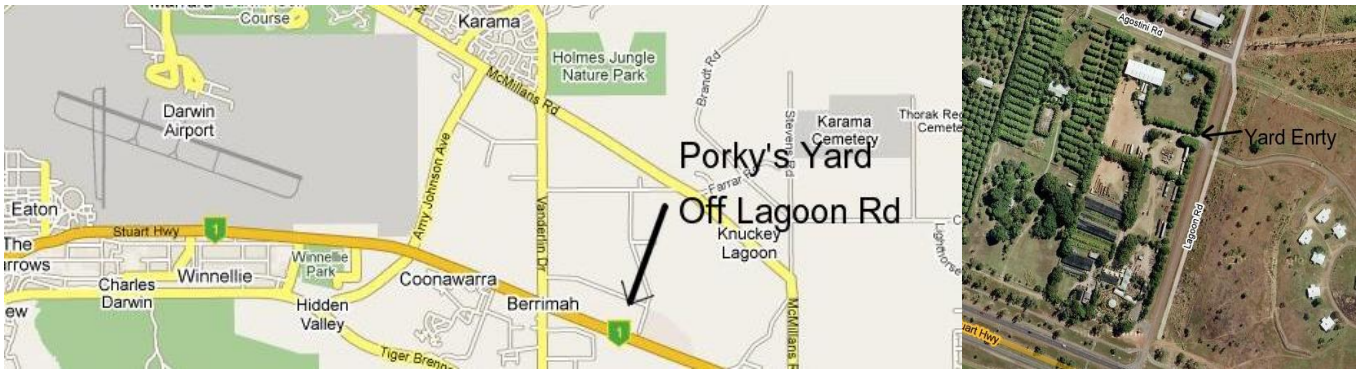
The **Variety NT** baggage truck will be leaving Darwin on Saturday 14 August. All Bashers and officials with gear to go on the truck **MUST** drop it off at Porky's (next to Allora Gardens Nursery) off Lagoon Rd, Berrimah by 6pm Friday (13 August) to allow the logistics team enough time to finish loading the truck.



You may also add gear to the truck when we arrive at Dundee Beach if you miss it before then, and if there is any space left.

For those keen on having their own clubs for the Variety NT Beach Party Pro Am golf tournament in Nhulunbuy there will be room for one or two sets of clubs. Please let us know if you are intending to bring yours so we can plan the packing of the truck accordingly.

Darwin Load Point - Porky's Yard, Off Lagoon Rd, Berrimah



Bank deposit reference please??

So as Wendy can process your deposits reasonably easily, can you please include a reference when you deposit funds in the bank account – either at the bank or on the internet. When you are actually in the bank, you may only be able to put a couple of numbers and not words as such, so even if you only put your car number – that would be helpful and very much appreciated!!



Guests at Functions forms

Don't forget to get these to the office (with full payment) before **cob 6th August** please! We'd love to welcome your family and friends but we really will be sticking to that cut-off date.

For information on the Variety NT Bash 2010, please call the Variety office on (08) 8981 2544 or email variety@varietynt.org.au or visit our website www.varietynt.org.au