

VARIETY NT

BASH 2010

A Beach Party Bash

Newsletter No 4



To those Bashers living down south, we hope you have survived the wild and woolly wet weather over the last month! For those in the Top End, it appears our wet season may be finishing up – bring on the dry!

Firstly, this newsletter has more information regarding the scrutineering process so please give the details a read through.

Secondly, we thoroughly enjoyed catching up with everyone at our March Bash Buddies, and it was great to see Rowdy there too! Bash Buddies in April will also have two special guests – Glenys and Coral. Yes, the girls from Gove are over to check up on who is Bashing this year and who isn't – so, if you would like to catch up with them, please drop into Bogart's in Parap on Thursday 29 April at 5.30pm. Remember, if you are coming to town, we host Bash Buddies each month and (within reason!) can fit it around the visits of any of our Bashers, so please let us know when you will be in Darwin.

A quick reminder to get those registrations in please and to keep the fundraising monies coming in so we can continue helping our wonderful special needs children in the NT. Over the last couple of months we have purchased a bus (in partnership with Millner School) to help their special needs children get to and from school – another example of your fundraising monies in action!

Any questions, please give me a call or drop me a line, or call into the office and see Karen, Wendy and Kay.

Hope to see you soon,



Cheers
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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 on www.varietynt.org.au



Registration

In order to be in the Bash you must register. The earlier you do this the easier it is for all, as we can ensure that all relevant information gets to you and your team mates.

Registration forms are available at www.varietynt.org.au . Please feel free to also pick up a brochure while you are on our website as it provides details of what we are doing on the Bash, where we are going, and what dates we will be travelling. If you would like a hard copy of the brochure, please contact the Variety NT office on (08) 8981 2544.



Sunday Funday

On Sunday 22 August there are no formal Bash activities organised. We will have an all day brunch on at the local Surf Club for those who want to sit, watch the water, and enjoy a few cold drinks with other Bashers (lunch and drinks will be at Bashers' own expense).

Otherwise you may choose to do the following:

- Chill out at the accommodation;
- Stock up on supplies at the local shops;
- Take a drive around town and out to a local beach (maps will be provided during the Bash);
- Go fishing - feel free to contact Gove Sports Fishing and Charters to check out the prices and services for a fishing charter on 8987 3445 or by going to www.govefish.com.au .



For those looking for further information on all the fabulous tourist activities available (especially if you wish to stay in Nhulunbuy a bit longer), the local tourist centre can be contact on (08) 8987 1111 or you can browse their web site at www.ealta.org. John Tourish is the president and an ex-NSW Basher so he is keen to help us with anything we need.



Due Date for Bash Fees (and All Monies)

All Bash fees including car registration, participants fees (for all participants) and all fundraising **MUST** be received at the office, or through our bank, by close of business on Friday 6 August 2010 (or you will not be Bashing!). This will also be the cut-off for recognising the highest fundraiser (or Top Hat Winner).

We are still finalising the **Participants Fees** (but they will not be greater than last year), and this will cover the Bash into Nhulunbuy and the drive out to Katherine for those wanting to do this.

The **Participants Fees** will be advised in the April newsletter to help with your planning.





Scrutineering Dates

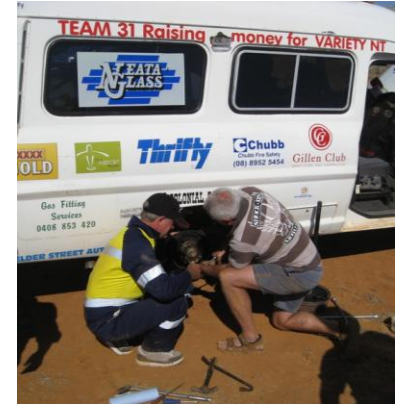
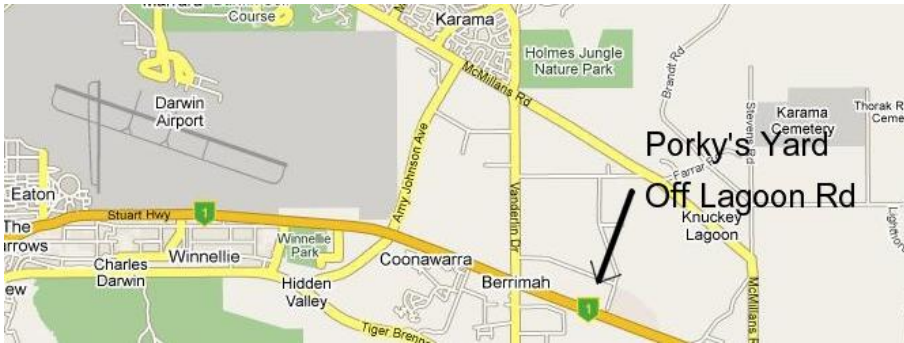
This year we will be enforcing a scrutineering 'sign-off' for every vehicle wishing to Bash in the NT. As provided in the last newsletter, there is a new Bash Worthiness form (see our Web site or contact the office for a copy) which you will be required to work through and to present with your car at the scrutineering days.

The scrutineering days will be held in Darwin and Alice Springs. Variety NT will provide a sausage sizzle and some refreshments to sustain you through the process, so (to assist catering) please let us know if you are coming along. It promises to be a fun way to catch up as well as get your car checked out! The scrutineering days are as follows:

Darwin

When - 16 May 2010 between 2.00pm and 5.00pm

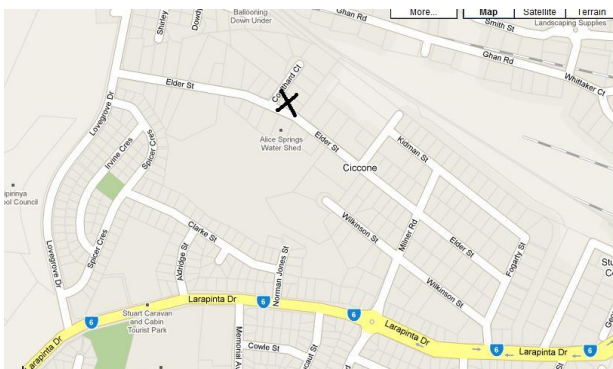
Where - Porky's yard (behind Allora Gardens Nursery)



Alice Springs

When - 29 May 2010 between 2.00pm and 5.00pm

Where - Dave Douglas Tyre City, 52 Elder Street



For those unable to attend on those days, or who are far, far away, then please take the Bash Worthiness form to your local Bash car mechanics. Then ask them if they would kindly check off the form, sign it off as 'complied' or 'not complied', and provide a copy to the office please?

Thank you for your assistance with this. With many, many miles of dirt, and some very remote travels planned for the Bash, having soundly-prepared cars will help all of us in our Bash.



Accommodation per day

A quick reminder of your accommodation options (in case you didn't get the second newsletter or didn't get to read it!!):

Day	Location	Contact
Saturday 14 August	Dundee Lodge	Contact Person: Laurie or Chris (at the Lodge) Phone: (08) 89782557 A number of double, twin and larger family rooms (can sleep 4 people in each). Please mention the Variety Bash for a great discount!!
Sunday 15 August	Noonamah Tavern	We are all camping. There are three cabins available and these will be auctioned the first night of the Bash so you cannot book any cabins at this stage.
Monday 16 August	Goanna Park	Do not need to book anything as the place is all ours, and we have a mix of cabins and camping. You will need to bring along your swag, tent etc but we hope to get about half of the Bashers into cabins or in swags under a roof.
Tuesday 17 August	Pine Creek Railway Resort	Contact Person: Sandie Phone: (08) 8976 1145 Mobile: 0428 100 964 This is a fabulous new resort that is offering us great new cabins. It is next door to where we are having dinner and they also have secure parking for the cars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single \$75.00 • Twin Share \$120.00 self contained with single trundle bed available to be put in this room for an extra \$10.00 • Queen \$110.00 with single trundle bed available to be put in this room for an extra \$10.00 • Self Contained Queen Room \$130.00 • Self Contained Family Room with pull out Sofa Bed \$150.00
Wednesday 18 August	Mainoru Station	We are all camping so you will need to bring along your swag, tent etc!!
Thursday 19 August, Friday 20 August, Saturday 21 August, Sunday 22 August	Rio Tinto Alcan	Accommodation in the Rio Tinto Alcan housing block in town. DO NOT BOOK ANYTHING IN NHULUNBUY as it is included in your participants fee and our Bash booking includes breakfast!!! Thanks to the very generous support of two of this years Bash sponsors, Rio Tinto Alcan and Sodexo.

