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2011 Variety Bash - "They're Back"

"Bash across Bass Strait"

Thanks for your support

On Monday 22nd August 285 entrants and officials departed Melbourne for 12 days of fun and fundraising on the 2011 Variety Bash.

This year the Bash headed south to explore the Tasmanian wilderness. Beginning with a night in regional Victoria, the excited Bashers boarded the Spirit of Tasmania for a night on the high seas.

Arriving in Devonport the Bashers spent the next 10 days travelling around Tasmania, experiencing many attractions including Cradle Mountain, where we were able to pat a Tasmanian Devil, the Nut in Stanley, here we boarded coaches to take us to a nearby Woolnorth wind farm, the rugged west coast via the West Coast Wilderness Train trip, a Gordon River Cruise including a visit to Sarah Island, one of the toughest penal settlements in Australian history.

We also stopped at interesting places for lunch such as "The Pub in a Paddock" (literally), and "Krakatinni Tavern", and visited some schools to make presentations.

After visiting Hobart we travelled to Port Arthur and beautiful Wine Glass Bay and a night at Freycinet National Park and finally the Great Lake after leaving Launceston.

We also enjoyed several impromptu concerts with Wilbur Wilde and our "Hippies" Band, also our Piper, "Big John", who accepted donations for Variety to play the bagpipes and donations not to play.



On our final night in Launceston we were treated to a wonderful dinner and a performance by "Cotton, Keys & Morris".

The worst that happened to the car was a flat tyre!

This year was a milestone for the Vic Bash as we celebrated its 21st Birthday. Since its beginnings the Bash has travelled over 85,000 km's and raised in excess of \$17 million.

This year the total raised was \$1.15 million.

Neil, Delice, Phil and Lorna wish to thank everyone for their support, we raised over \$14,000 with the help of our supporters.

Special thanks to our local supporters, Marysville Ski Hire, Lake Mountain Alpine Resort, Marysville Old Style Lolly Shop, Marysville Holiday and Caravan Park and Rochford Wines

Photos: Top, a scheduled stop, note "Big John" on the Fire Truck! And the "Tele tubbies" kept us all amused with their antics.



DISCOVER ANCIENT MYRTLE BEECH FORESTS

Are you interested in learning more about the ancient Myrtle Beech forests of the Yarra Ranges, threats from Myrtle Wilt, and how the trees respond to fire?

Hear of our efforts to understand fire responses and how mosses and other bryophytes grow in these changing conditions.

For your chance to find out more about the research being done by scientists from the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) and discoveries in the rainforests of the Yarra Ranges National Park since Black Saturday, come along to a presentation afternoon and a morning walk through the national park.

The presentation is on Saturday 24 September from 3.00pm to 5.00pm at the Buxton Hall, Maroondah Highway, Buxton.

Guest speakers David Cameron and Marianne Worley will explain the background to and interesting results of rainforest research undertaken. Mosses will be on display. Afternoon tea will be provided. Please call Parks Victoria on 13 1963 to register for catering purposes.

A guided walk through Myrtle Beech Forest in Yarra Ranges National Park will be held on Sunday 25 September from 10.30am to noon.

Come along and learn about Myrtle Wilt, moss and liverwort identification and more while enjoying the surrounds of the regenerating forest. Be sure to bring wet weather gear, sturdy shoes and a drink. To RSVP for the walk please call 13 1963.

"These events are a great chance for locals, visitors and those with a special interest in the area and how it is recovering to come along and hear from the experts," said Parks Victoria Acting Ranger in Charge Peter Schock.

"A walk through the bush on the Sunday morning will be not only an enjoyable way to see the incredible Myrtle Beech trees regenerating, but also to learn plant identification and information first-hand from the experts," said Peter.

These events are developed in partnership by Parks Victoria and DSE and supported by the Commonwealth Government's Statewide Bushfire Recovery Plan, launched in October 2009.

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