



**variety**<sup>®</sup>  
the children's charity

# Impact Report

## 2025

EMPOWERING TASMANIAN CHILDREN TO  
LIVE WITHOUT LIMITS!







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# The Why

As Chief Barker of Variety – the Children’s Charity Tasmania, I am proud to reflect on a year defined by growth, impact, and an unwavering commitment to Tasmanian children.

Across 2025, Variety Tasmania continued to turn purpose into action, ensuring children across the state had access to the support, experiences, and opportunities they need to learn, belong, and thrive. In a year marked by rising cost-of-living pressures and increasing complexity for families, the organisation not only responded to need, but strengthened its reach and capacity. Thanks to your support, we granted \$556,483 reaching 26,693 children across Tasmania, delivering practical assistance, inclusive programs, and meaningful community projects that improve lives.

Importantly, these numbers represents a significant increase on the previous year, reflecting both the growing need within our community and Variety Tasmania’s ability to respond on a scale. This growth has been driven by the expansion of proven programs, deeper partnerships with schools and community organisations, and increased investment in initiatives that deliver early, practical support to children and families. It is a clear indication that Variety Tasmania is not only reaching more children, but doing so in a way that is sustainable, targeted, and responsive to where the need is greatest.

One of the most powerful examples of this impact is the continued growth of the Variety School Breakfast Club. What began as a small pilot has become a statewide model for child wellbeing, now providing 11,000 children with access to breakfast every school day across 40 schools. Its success has informed a landmark Tasmanian Government commitment to deliver universal access to school breakfast by 2028.

Beyond breakfast, Variety Tasmania delivered 82 program activations, allocated 124 grants totaling more than \$556,000, and completed over \$1 million in major infrastructure projects across hospitals, schools, and public spaces. These investments go beyond physical spaces. They create environments of comfort, dignity, and inclusion for children and families navigating some of life’s most challenging moments.

The Board remains committed to strong governance, transparency, and long-term sustainability. Throughout the year, our focus has been on ensuring Variety Tasmania is well governed, financially responsible, and strategically positioned to continue delivering impact now and into the future. This includes supporting our people, strengthening partnerships, and maintaining a clear focus on outcomes that genuinely improve the lives of children.

I want to acknowledge the generosity of our volunteers, corporate partners and community supporters. Also, our small but fearsome team of four Hannah, Jen, Jules, and Mo, their year-round tireless work and tenacity is the source of pride for the Board.

As we look ahead, the need remains significant, but so too does our confidence. With strong foundations, trusted partnerships, and a shared vision, Variety Tasmania is well placed to continue supporting children across the state to reach their full potential.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

**Steve Flynn**

**Chief Barker**

**Variety - the Children's Charity Tasmania**



# What's Next



At Variety Tasmania, our work is driven by a simple but powerful belief: when community, compassion, and purpose come together, extraordinary outcomes for children become possible. This year, that belief didn't just guide our actions, it energised us. As we look ahead, we feel a strong sense of momentum and clarity about the role we play in improving the lives of children and families across our state.

The fundraising landscape of 2025 was challenging, yet it strengthened our determination. When demand grew, we responded as Tasmanians do—with creativity, resilience, and a deep commitment to looking after one another. Supporting children isn't simply part of our mission; it is a privilege that motivates us every day.

One of the strongest examples of our impact is the continued growth of the Variety School Breakfast Club. What began as a small pilot in 2022 has grown into a statewide movement built on equity, wellbeing, and genuine community connection. Thanks to the generosity of individuals, businesses, and the early leadership of Aurora Energy, the program reached 40 schools by 2025. With the support of the Tasmanian Government, it will extend to every public school by 2028. Beginning Term 1, 2026, breakfasts will be served in 76 public schools, giving 18,872 students the chance to start each day nourished, confident, and ready to learn. This is a simple, stigma-free intervention that is changing the rhythm of school mornings across Tasmania, and we are proud to be driving it.

The efficacy of our kids' programs like the Variety Motor Mouth Camp, Variety Creative Arts, and Variety Kids Sports Days continue to deliver real and impactful outcomes. We also continued to champion inclusive, accessible communities by supporting the efforts of Clarence, Hobart, Devonport, and Launceston local governments to advance universal design principles in open spaces and playgrounds ensuring they welcome children and families of all abilities.



These projects demonstrate that inclusion is achieved through working together and practical action.

Our events this year were a vibrant expression of the spirit of the Variety Village. The Variety Spin4Kids 2025 surpassed expectations, raising \$42,763, and the Variety Monster Book Fair drew a record 7,000 visitors, filling the weekend with energy, connection, and community spirit. Our night of nights, Variety of Chefs Gala Ball, brought together 415 glamorous guests and raised just over \$189,000. The 35th anniversary of the Variety Federal Hospitality TasBash delivered colour, camaraderie, and an outstanding \$295,078 raised. But the highlight of this year's Tasbash was celebrating Bev Balmforth and Craig Rogerson for 25 years of participation, a reminder of the dedication and heart that define the Variety family.

We also recognised the extraordinary generosity and commitment of Craig and Janet Rogerson and Shiploads by presenting them with Variety International Presidential Citations for their longstanding contribution. We also celebrated Rob Peart, whose remarkable English Channel swim raised over \$10,000 for Tasmanian children. As we look forward, we do so with confidence. The need in our community is increasing, but so too is the strength of our partners, supporters, and volunteers. With shared purpose and a collective belief in what every child can achieve, Variety Tasmania is poised to deepen its impact and expand its reach in meaningful, lasting ways.

We hope this Impact Report gives you a sense of the pride we feel in delivering every program, event, and story in it.



**Mohammad Aldergham**

**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Variety - the Children's Charity Tasmania**

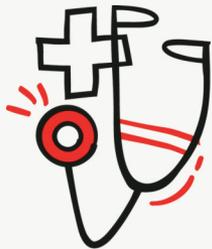


# The How

With your help, we support kids who are sick, experiencing disadvantage or living with disability through life-changing equipment and programs.

## Care

We help children access vital health care and support, filling critical gaps so no child misses out on the care they deserve.



## Freedom

We empower children with disabilities to navigate their world independently and experience childhood to the fullest.



## Future

We equip children with education, skills, and community support, opening doors to lifelong opportunity and a more inclusive future.





# The Numbers

**A BETTER LIFE FOR THE KIDS OF TASMANIA**  
**THANKS TO YOU**



**26,693**

kids supported by  
Variety Tasmania

**82**

activations of  
Kids Support Programs  
delivered



**124**

grants  
allocated

**\$556,483**

granted so Tasmanian kids could  
receive life changing practical  
assistance, programs and  
experiences.



**over \$1M**

worth of major  
projects delivered





# Variety Freya Fund

## *THE LEGACY OF FREYA WILLIAMSON*

The Williamson family, who loved and cared for Freya for 21 years have been inspired by their own lived experiences, to provide assistance for families who have children with severe physical disabilities.

The fund provides a one-off relief payment of up to \$1,000 for Tasmanian families who care for a child with a severe disability and are experiencing emotional or financial distress.

It is designed to be as flexible as possible to help relieve individual families, while respecting and upholding their dignity.

The family is nominated by a professional who knows their needs and circumstances.

Our recent grant recipients have paid essential bills, bought groceries, and offset the costs of travelling and staying at the Royal Children's Hospital.

### *INFORMATION AND NOMINATIONS*



# In 2025 we granted \$34,634 making a difference to 61 families.

## HERE IS SOME OF THEIR FEEDBACK...

*"I wanted to send a sincere thank you for the generous donation of a disability car seat and stroller for Morgan.*

*These two items will make an enormous difference in Morgan's life and bring a real sense of freedom and inclusion for the family. The support you've provided will allow them to get out and about more easily, making everyday tasks and leaving the house far more accessible and enjoyable."*

**— Care worker for 5yr old child living  
with severe disability**

*"I don't believe this has been a Band-Aid fix but rather something so simple which has had a huge impact on Blaine. Something that they weren't able to access through other means that has become a regular activity for Blaine and the impact on his enjoyment of life as well as the lasting impact on his health."*

**— Support Worker | North West**



# Arlo's Story

Arlo was born in 2015 after a pregnancy filled with heartbreak and uncertainty. Halfway through, his parents learned that his twin would not survive, and that Arlo himself had a rare congenital condition called bilateral vertical talus, affecting around one in 10,000 births.

From just four weeks old, Arlo began an intensive medical journey. Weekly casting, splinting, surgeries, and years of orthotics became part of everyday life. Despite ongoing sensory and emotional processing challenges, Arlo has always met the world with a bright smile and a positive spirit.

While government support has played an important role, there were times when Arlo's family was juggling close to ten medical and allied health appointments every fortnight. The pressure was significant.

Support from Variety Tasmania helped fill the gaps. Assistance with school essentials and the chance to begin saving for Arlo's future provided practical help and peace of mind.

Today, Arlo wears his orthotics to kindergarten, where he is thriving. He loves being around positive people and has built strong relationships with his teachers and peers as he prepares for the years of learning ahead.

*With support from Variety young Arlo has overcome rare congenital challenges and is now thriving, ready to take on the world with a smile!*



# Jayne's Story

Thirteen-year-old Jayne is a thoughtful young person living with an intellectual disability. She attends a mainstream school but often finds learning challenging and can feel socially isolated.

Jayne is the eldest of three siblings. Despite limited financial resources, her mum works tirelessly to give each of her children every possible opportunity. At home, Jayne relied on an old laptop that no longer met her needs. The battery failed to hold charge, the screen was small, and the device made it harder for Jayne to engage with schoolwork and learning programs.

Jayne's therapists identified that access to a reliable, touchscreen laptop with a larger screen would significantly support her learning, organisation and confidence. It would help her manage tasks, stay engaged in class, and build important technology skills for the future.

Thanks to a gifted HP laptop from Variety Tasmania, Jayne's learning experience has been transformed. Her mum describes it as a "game changer", helping Jayne feel more capable, supported and ready to succeed at school.

"It's been a game changer for school and made accessibility to her work so much easier. Even the teachers have commented on how great it is for her needs. This would have taken years to self-fund for us your generosity is beyond my articulation.

Thank you to Variety."



# Variety Kids Sports Days

**We believe every child must have the opportunity to play - regardless of their ability or circumstances.**

This year, we were proud to host the fifth annual round of Variety Kids Sports Days to enable kids of all abilities to try different sports in a welcoming and inclusive setting.

We held these free, fun, and inclusive come and try sports days in Kingston, Ulverstone, Deloraine and Sorell, welcoming over 371 kids from around the state.

Aimed at kids aged 5-18, the days are an opportunity to have a go in a fun, supportive environment with passionate and qualified coaches on hand.

Afterwards kids are connected with the sport they particularly enjoyed, with the aim that they'll continue playing well beyond the initial experience – enjoying all the social, physical and emotional benefits of sports participation.



Kingborough



"Thank you so much for such a lovely day. Little Otto from our group told me it was the best day of his life! I also just received a text message from my aide Mark saying how much today really validated why he has chosen to start a new career as a TA. It was a really heartwarming day, and we appreciate and respect all the hard work that you have all put into it."

— Carly | Teacher



We're delighted to announce this program will be expanded in 2026 thanks to support by the Farrell Foundation.





## Variety School Breakfast Club

What began as a small pilot program in four schools in 2022 has grown into one of Tasmania's most significant child wellbeing initiatives.

In 2025 the Variety School Breakfast Club supported more than 11,000 students every school day across 40 schools statewide, thanks to strong partnerships with Aurora Energy, TasNetworks, Tasmanian Community Fund, TasPorts, and committed school communities.

A hungry child can lose up to 2 hours of learning a day, equivalent to a full school term each year.

**FOUNDING PARTNER**



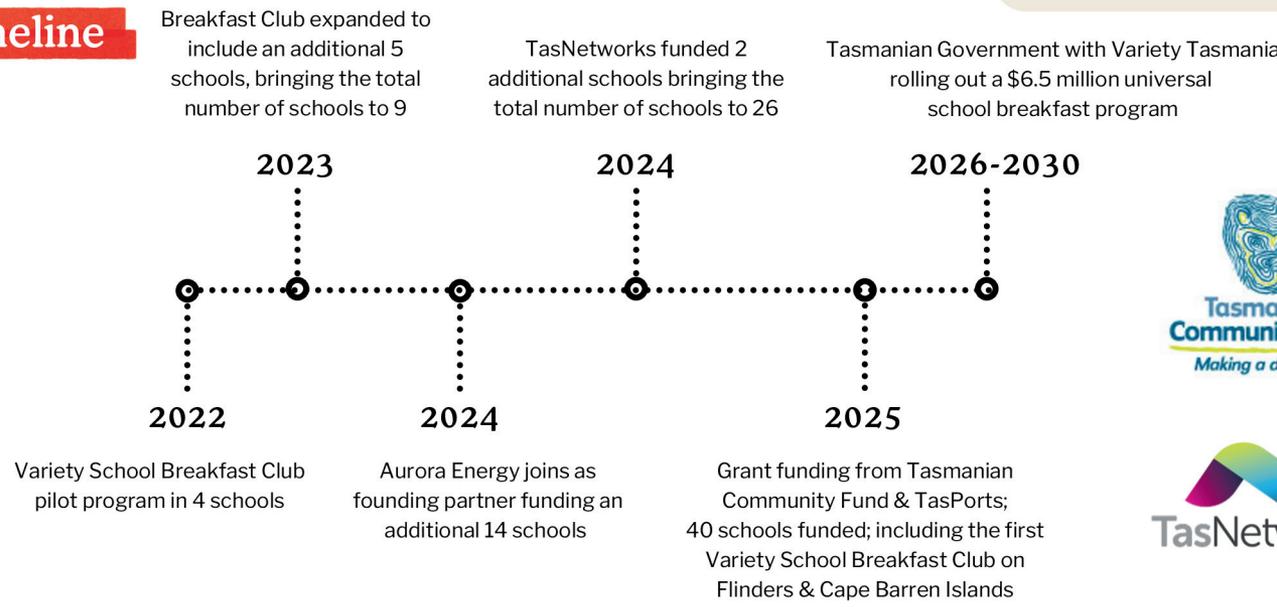


This proven success helped pave the way for a landmark \$6.5 million commitment from the Tasmanian Government, which will enable Variety Tasmania to expand the program into a universal School Breakfast Program over the next four years, ensuring even more children start each day nourished and ready to learn.

*"It's been so heartening to see happy, smiling students each morning, enjoying a nutritious meal and connecting with others to start their day. The positive impact has been clear, our wellbeing data from Term 1 showed that 63% of students were eating breakfast regularly."*

**Teacher | Flinders Island**

## Timeline





- \* 40 schools statewide
- \* 11,000 students supported
- \* 52% increase in attendance
- \* 21% decrease in negative behaviour

*"The routine has built a sense of belonging and security, leading to improved focus in class and greater participation."*

**Teacher | Forth Primary**

*"The Breakfast Club has been a lifesaver for our family. Knowing my child starts the day with a healthy meal and a friendly environment gives me peace of mind. It sets them up for learning and helps with their energy and focus throughout the morning."*

**Parent | East Devonport**



Do you know of a Tassie child at  
risk of falling through the gaps?

*PLEASE REFER THEIR FAMILY TO US*



[tas.variety.org.au/how-we-help](https://tas.variety.org.au/how-we-help)



# Skills with Purpose

Through the NextGEN Program, ten aspiring construction workers spent eight weeks gaining hands-on experience while contributing to their community.

The intensive employment program is designed to introduce new entrants to Tasmania's construction industry through practical, real-world learning in a simulated worksite environment.

The program culminated with the donation of two handmade cubby houses to Variety – the Children's Charity Tasmania, helping to bring joy to Tasmanian children and families.

The NextGEN Program is funded through the Hi-Vis Army initiative and proudly supported by Skills Tasmania on behalf of the Tasmanian Government, in partnership with Master Builders Tasmania, Podmatrix, Business and Employment Southeast Tasmania (BEST), and TasTAFE.

The success of the program was further supported by industry partners Clennett's Mitre 10, Total Tools, Wicked Workwear, and High Risk Work Solutions, highlighting the strength of collaboration in building skills, confidence, and pathways into employment.

*“Addition of this cubby house within our Kindergarten play space allows for further authentic and imaginative play experiences. Imaginative play helps children with critical thinking skills, language and communication skills, along with social skills – in an engaging way.”*

— **Principal** | Goodwood Primary





# Variety Shooting for the Stars

When we learned that talented young basketballers were missing opportunities simply because their families could not afford the costs, we partnered with Basketball Tasmania to help remove those barriers. Now in its second year, the Variety Shooting for the Stars Scholarship continues to open doors for young athletes across the state.

Launched in 2024, the program is currently supporting 17 players from Tasmania's South, North, and North-West to take part in Basketball Tasmania's Future Development Program and State Development Program.

The scholarship covers full registration fees, ensuring children from all backgrounds can access high-level training, build confidence, and develop their skills both on and off the court. Additional support may also be provided for uniforms and travel, helping athletes compete at major tournaments and championships.

With Variety's support, more young people are stepping onto the court with confidence and chasing their sporting goals, strengthening Tasmania's future basketball talent pathway.



# variety creative ARTS

The Variety Creative Arts Program supports children with adverse life experiences by providing a safe, therapeutic space to explore and process emotions through creative expression. Delivered in small workshops across school terms, the program helps build emotional literacy, self-awareness, and positive self-identity.

Led by qualified creative arts therapists in Greater Hobart and Greater Launceston, sessions use art and play-based modalities to support non-verbal expression, particularly for children who find it difficult to put their thoughts and feelings into words.





Since launching in 2019, the program has grown to reach 10 schools across Tasmania. In 2025, our therapists delivered 3,840 creative arts therapy sessions, supporting children on their journey toward healing and growth.

LEARN MORE



*“C’s confidence has increased and he comes back to class sharing his art and showing a sense of pride. In that sense his goal of building confidence and having a positive exciting thing at school to help with the grieving process of his father passing away has been great.”*

— **Teacher | Bagdad Primary**



Together, we can  
change what 2026  
looks like for  
Tassie kids

**DONATE NOW**



[tas.variety.org.au](https://tas.variety.org.au)





# Gifts in Will

## LEAVE A LEGACY

**A gift to Variety in your Will can change a child's future.**

By including a gift to Variety Tasmania in your Will, you can make a huge impact in the lives of Tassie kids in need, now and into the future.

**It changes lives.** Your gift will play a crucial role in ensuring Variety can continue to support Tasmanian families when they turn to us for help.

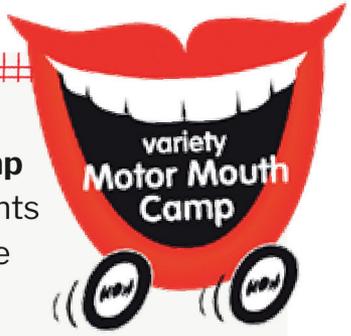
**It creates a legacy.** Leaving a gift in your Will is one of the most effective and long-lasting ways you can impact a cause that is close to your heart. You will make a difference.

**It's easy.** It doesn't take long to make a difference — a simple Will can take as little as one hour to do.

**It doesn't affect your lifestyle today.** Making a decision to include a gift to Variety Tasmania in your Will enables you to consider a gift that you might not be able to afford today but would love to make if you could.

## MORE INFORMATION





**Variety Motor Mouth Camp** is a three days and two nights camp to help kids who have limited speech, and their families, communicate.

In 2025, 60 kids, family members, and volunteers attended.



The kids coming on camp rely on augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) systems to express themselves but often their siblings and carers aren't as familiar with the devices, so this camp is all about creating a super fun environment to learn to use the device to its full potential.



Assisted by a team of volunteer speech pathologists, an occupational therapist, teachers and teacher assistants, AAC was used during all camp activities encouraging the child and their family to fully embrace their system and to incorporate it into their everyday life.



Our volunteer Camp Committee worked hard all year to prepare for this annual camp in October and we're so grateful for all their hard work.



**The Variety Bikes4Kids Program** aims to give the gift of freedom, independence, exercise, and joy to children who are sick or have additional needs, or those who have never been fortunate enough to have a bike of their own.

Every year as part of our Bikes4Kids program we honour our dear friend Matt Richards by granting bikes, helmets, and locks to kids for Christmas - many of whom had never had a bike before.

Matt joined TasBash in 2019 and during that short time, the team raised \$90,000 for Variety. Matt tragically passed away in November 2021. Matt had the biggest heart. Two of his great passions were helping kids and riding bikes. Matt loved seeing their little faces light up when they realised the bike was theirs for good.

Thanks to Anaconda who continue to support this very special tribute.

  
**TasNetworks**  
Powering a  
Bright Future



TasNetworks Bikes4Kids Mornington 2025

# Bikes 4 Kids

**120 bikes built & gifted to kids across 8 regions**

\* 2,622 students reached

\* 19 programs across 7 regions

## Mobile Antarctic Classroom

For the second year, Variety Tasmania supported the Mawson's Hut Foundation to deliver the Mobile Antarctic Classroom to communities that would otherwise miss out on specialist programs.

In 2025, the Mobile Antarctic Classroom also extended its reach beyond schools, activating at the Variety Monster Bookfair and the Variety Motor Mouth Camp, engaging children and families through interactive Antarctic-themed activities in inclusive, community settings.



\* 1,280 students reached

\* 8 regional performances



## Science & Sound®

In partnership with the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, Variety supported the Science and Sound® program, delivering interactive music experiences that encouraged creativity, sensory engagement, and emotional expression. The program included community concerts, workshops and access to digital resources and lesson plans, helping bring high-quality music education to children and families in regional Tasmania.

*"My students absolutely loved the concert. Not many of them have seen instruments in real life and were unaware of how an orchestra plays and it was so wonderful to see them listening to the orchestra in rapt attention... Thank you for coming to Brighton and giving students an opportunity to listen to live music."*

**Teacher | Brighton High School**



# THEATRE ROYAL

- \* 345 students reached
- \* 15 regional activations

In partnership with the Theatre Royal, Variety delivered an educational program introducing children from low socio-economic and regional communities to the magic of live performance.

Through artist meet-and-greets, theatre attendance, and backstage tours, the program built confidence, imagination, and cultural connection, while increasing interest and access to the arts for children who can otherwise miss out.

*"I have noticed a change, even in the short time we have been placed at the school with usually shy or reserved children becoming more bubbly and chatty and children who are nervous of dogs becoming calmer and more comfortable giving her a pat."*

**Deb | Story Dogs**



## Story Dogs

In partnership with Story Dogs, Variety supported three volunteer dog teams to deliver one-on-one reading sessions for primary school students across Tasmania. Using the calming presence of trained dogs, the program created a fun, non-judgemental environment that built confidence, improved reading skills, and helped children develop a lifelong love of learning.

# 100 Kinds



In partnership with Archie's 100, Variety continued to enhance the NPICU environment through trauma-informed, child-centred design. Building on the '100 Kinds to Find' concept design across the ward, this year we launched an interactive digital experience.

The new '100 Kinds' website provides children staying on the ward, and their siblings, with playful, engaging content inspired by Tasmanian flora and fauna, supporting comfort, connection, and gentle distraction during hospital stays.

100  
Kinds to Find

Our Story

Supporters

## Feature creatures

No. 80



Spotted Handfish

No. 56



Tasmanian Devil



## WHO AM I?

Weedy Sea Dragon



TAP TO REVEAL

### Hints

I am very well camouflaged  
I like to hide amongst kelp, seagrass and sponge gardens  
I am often reddish in colour with purple stripes  
But I can change colour to match my surroundings  
I have a long thin snout and tail



# Quiet Santa

Quiet Santa sessions provided sensory-friendly Santa experiences for children with sensory challenges across Tasmania. Delivered in partnership with Vicinity Centres and supported by volunteers from the Department of Education Disability Program, sessions were held outside trading hours with dimmed lights and lowered music. In 2025, 115 calm, one-on-one photo sessions helped families enjoy Christmas in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

\* 115 photo sessions delivered across Tasmania's North & South





## Australian Wooden Boat Festival

This year Variety partnered with the much-loved biennial Australian Wooden Boat Festival to deliver 'The Book Barge', a calm and welcoming space where children could pause, relax, and immerse themselves in stories inspired by the sea. The partnership raised more than \$2,800 for Variety, helping support programs that create positive outcomes for children across Tasmania.

## Run for a Reason

We were proud to once again partner with Atlas Events as the Major Beneficiary of the Hobart Marathon Festival 2025. Runners and donations helped raise more than \$3,320 enabling us to continue supporting children across the state. We were also proud to support the 2km Mini-Marathon and host a free Family Fun Hub.



## Pay it Forward

Hobart Zoo and Aquarium encourages visitors to Pay It Forward by donating when purchasing their tickets, either online or in person.

This year, generous patrons raised \$1,167, enabling Variety Tasmania to gift zoo passes to 78 families and provide children with a special day out.



# VARIETY OF CHEFS *Gala Ball*



## Variety International Presidential Citations

*presented to:*

- \* *Ashley Wilson and the Shiploads team for their ongoing support of Variety events and programs.*
- \* *Craig & Janet Rogerson for a combined 35 years as Bashers, volunteers, and passionate fundraisers.*

The Variety of Chefs Gala Ball returned in style, uniting exceptional Tasmanian cuisine with a shared commitment to improving the lives of Tassie kids. The glittering evening raised an incredible \$189,000 to support vital Variety programs across the state.

More than 400 guests enjoyed a four-course dining experience from outstanding Tasmanian chefs, with each course matched to local wines. Guests were entertained by dynamic live performances and danced the night away to the Royal Australian Navy Band Tasmania, with live kitchen crosses by The Chef and The Showman and 7HOFM's Sarah Morrison.





**PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:**



**SABRE.**



CLOVER HILL



JOSEF CHROMY  
TASMANIA



# variety KIDS CAROLS

Variety Kids Carols debuted this year as a brand-new, daytime Christmas celebration designed especially for families with younger children. The early evening sing-a-long was enthusiastically received by 2,700 attendees. All smiles lit up with excitement for the very special visit from Santa Claus.

Delivered with the generous support of major partner Hobart Airport and valued event partners, Variety Kids Carols created a joyful new tradition for families to celebrate the season together.



Glenorchy  
City Council



Connecting  
Communities



# variety Carols BY Candlelight



Variety Carols by Candlelight brought our community together once again for our Christmas tradition under the stars.

Welcoming more than 3,000 people, the event was hosted by MCs John X and 7HOFM's Sarah Morrison, and joined by Matt Ives and his Big Band, along with a lineup of Tasmanian guest stars from radio, stage and television.

Thanks to our major partner Harvey Norman and our incredible event partners, it was a magical evening full of music, laughter and plenty of Christmas spirit.



JOHN X PRESENTS

**Harvey  
Norman**

**GK**  
PRODUCTIONS  
LIVE PERFORMANCE SERVICES



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# VARIETY - of - GINS

Variety of Gins returned in February, welcoming guests to the elegant surrounds of the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens for a refined afternoon of fundraising and flavour. Featuring high-quality cocktails crafted by Tasmania's finest local distillers, paired with chef-prepared canapés and roaving melodies by the Australian Army Band Tasmania. The evening proved both elegant and impactful, raising more than \$16,000 to support Variety's programs for Tassie kids.



**HOBART**  
BREWING CO.

**MCHENRY**  
DISTILLERY  
... TASMANIA ...



**TURNER**  
STILLHOUSE



**CALLINGTON MILL**  
DISTILLERY

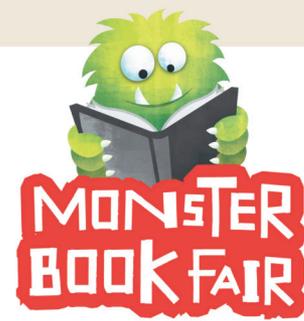
**SABRE.**



Variety Spin4Kids returned for its fourth year as a high-energy, high-impact fundraising challenge. Over five hours, more than 60 participants pedalled an incredible 2,183 kilometres, raising more than \$47,000!

Powered by adrenaline-fuelled music, creative costumes, and the motivation of expert spin instructors, the event delivered an unforgettable day of fitness, fun and community spirit, with support from All Aerobics Fitness and 7HOFM.

Take on the challenge next year and dare your colleagues, teammates or group of friends to create a team and sweat for a cause!



Variety Monster Bookfair once again lived up to its name, transforming PW1 into a vibrant hub of books, imagination and family fun.

With 30 pallets of donated books, from bestsellers to rare finds, the two-day event welcomed more than 7,000 visitors and raised over \$42,000.

With roaming characters and interactive activations, the Bookfair was made possible by the incredible efforts of more than 125 volunteers, delivering a much-loved fundraising event for families across Tasmania.



35<sup>th</sup>  
year

variety Federal Hospitality

# TASBASH



An iconic Tasmanian event since 1991, Variety Federal Hospitality TasBash celebrated its 35th year in tremendous style. Over six unforgettable days, teams toured the state to mark their year-long fundraising efforts, reaching an incredible \$295,078 to support children across Tasmania.

The 2025 Bashers departed from Hobart amid the buzz of Salamanca Market, heading south the Tasman Peninsula to Dunalley and Port Arthur then up the east coast to Orford. The journey continued north to St Helens, across to Rocherlea, and concluded with a well-earned celebration at Country Club Casino.



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# TasBash Fundraising

## **DIAMOND (\$50K+)**

Motley Crew  
The Beach Boys

## **PLATINUM (\$20K+)**

Putty McPuttface  
Little Italy

## **GOLD (\$12K+)**

Crackerjack  
Champettes

## **SILVER (\$8K+)**

Blinky Bill  
The Sheriffs

## **BRONZE (\$6K+)**

Puff Junior  
Where's Wally  
Gatehouse Family  
Rusty Nuts  
Dave Peberdy

## **SPECIAL THANKS TO**

Dr & Mrs Death  
Mad Max & Tracey



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# TasBash Awards

## **DON CARTER FELLOWSHIP TROPHY**

Puff The Magic Dragon Junior

## **BOB THORPE PERPETUAL TROPHY**

The Beach Boys

## **HAYDON CARKEEK SWEEP MEMORIAL TROPHY**

Rusty Nuts (OV2) - The Sweep

## **BEST TEAM THEME AWARD**

Putty McPuttface

## **HEART OF THE BASH AWARD**

Megz Leverington

## **SPIRIT OF THE BASH AWARD**

Where's Wally



# Our Partners

We are fortunate to have the support of many organisations. We take this opportunity to thank the wonderful companies and organisations who provide ongoing support, sponsorship and donations to assist us to enhance the lives of Tasmanian children in need. We are grateful to each and every one of you.

## PLATINUM PARTNERS



Federal Hospitality



## FOUNDING PARTNER VARIETY SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB

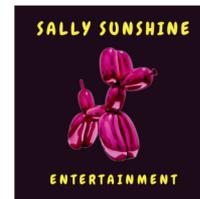
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