

Back then

A cabaret was held at Menindee Hall in August 1961 organised by the Masonic Bretheren of Menindee District. Ken Pugh travelled from Broken Hill with his band to provide entertainment at the event.



Rebecca Poynter and Brigit Kirk from the Crazy Horse team.

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Warren Smith from the St Mary's Saints Club tells North principal Brett Cummings (right) that the school is about to get some new sports gear.

Motorcade of merriment



The Avengers and a Minion entertained the children at North Public School.

Yesterday more than 300 colourful characters entertained children and shared breakfast with them at North Public School.

The M*A*S*H crew, leprechauns, Harry Potter, The Minions, the Thunderbirds team, Crocodile Dundee, Doctor Who, Mutley Dog and Dick Dastardly, hippies, mermaids, cowgirls, Charlie's Angels and singing legend John Williamson visited the school as part of the 30th annual Variety Dick Smith B to B Bash.

Variety also took the chance to present school principal Brett Cumming with a new sound system for the 280 students.

North Public School vice-principal Marie Fisher said all the students were delighted to receive the visitors.

"Teaching staff, P and C, parents, grandparents and

members of the community had a very early start to get the breakfast ready," she said.

"Everyone was up around 4am - some people stayed overnight to keep an eye on everything.

"It was great for the students and school, the Variety Bashers were very generous.

"They donated sound equipment, sporting equipment, stationary and games."

North was one of the many pit stops the convoy will make during the 10-day, 4,929km adventure through 17 country towns across Queensland, NSW and Victoria.

Philanthropist, Dick Smith, started the rally 30 years ago. Now The Variety Bash is the charity's most successful fundraiser. It has made more than \$200 million to help 100,000 kids each year.

The bash headed left Broken Hill yesterday morning for Balranald.



(Front, from left) Elyse Cole, Alexis Caldwell, Sallymae Bailey, Beryl Driver (the oldest participate at 81 years), Viktorija McDonnell and (back) Paul Mullaly and Brendon Morron.



Siblings (from left) Gregory, Sophie, Eliza and Lily O'Neill took a seat on the helicopter that flew in as part of the Bash.



Matthew Lee (11) with his sister Hannah (9) taking in the action at North Public School.