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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Yea High School on the move

Variety, the children's charity, and The Shane Warne Foundation visited Yea High School today to present a 12-seater Variety Sunshine Coach to staff and students.

The Toyota mini bus will provide increased opportunities for students to attend events outside the immediate area, which is extremely important in the students' recovery process following the devastating Black Saturday bushfires earlier this year.

The Yea High School community was severely impacted by the bushfires – 90 families and 12 staff members were directly affected. One student perished in the fires and 30 families were displaced.

Variety, in association with The Shane Warne Foundation, and with the assistance of many Variety Bash participants and corporate supporters has assisted many of the children and schools affected by the bushfires.

Seven months since Black Saturday, Variety has:

- Presented over 450 bikes and helmets to children;
- Donated Variety Sunshine Coaches (12-seater mini buses) to Chum Creek Primary School, Marysville Primary School, the three Kinglake Primary Schools, Wallan Secondary College and Yea High School;
- Undertaken playground makeovers at Chum Creek Primary School, Middle Kinglake Primary School and Wandong Primary School (and will assist Marysville Primary School and Strathewen Primary School in replacing their playgrounds in coming months);
- Provided children, teachers and carers with a night at Circus Oz;
- Established a scholarship in memory of Brian and Moiree Naylor, which will be awarded for the next four years to students from the five secondary schools affected by the fires;
- Provided touch-screens, software, modified tricycles, school uniforms, sporting equipment, a farm buggy and other essential equipment to children affected by the fires.

#### **Further information:**

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