

The Sun-Herald CITY2SURF

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NSW cricketer Nathan Bracken is bringing out his trusty headband for another sporting challenge as Ambassador for Team Variety in *The Sun-Herald City2Surf* presented by Westpac.

Despite recent knee surgery the 32-year-old fast bowler is aiming to make his City2Surf debut on August 8, as part of his role assisting Variety, the Children's Charity (NSW).

Team Variety is aiming to raise more than \$50,000 for the charity's Freedom program, which provides special needs children with gifts of equipment including Liberty Swings, communication aids and vehicle modifications to help them achieve independence and boost self-esteem.

Bracken, father of two-and-a-half year-old son Chase, is one of 80 Team Variety runners signed up to participate in the iconic 14km dash to Bondi Beach – providing his knee holds up.

Either way, Bracken is committed to helping the team through motivational mentoring and providing training tips and as Ambassador on race day.

"Being a first time dad in recent years I was keen to support Variety as they do so much for kids in need across Australia," Bracken said.

"I attended Variety's Dine for Kids event earlier this year and was inspired by the special children I met at the event already benefiting from Variety's great work and it inspired me to want to do more.

"Given that fitness has always been a key component of my lifestyle, the Team Variety City2Surf team presented a perfect opportunity to further support the charity and also to experience my first City2Surf."

Team Variety, which hopes to field a team of 200 for the world's biggest run, is aiming high with its fundraising.

It is hoping to win the City2Surf Charity Challenge sponsored by *The Sun-Herald*, which is donating \$10,000 to the chosen charity of the highest fundraising individual and team.

To join Nathan Bracken's Team Variety City2Surf team contact Jane Ogilvie on (02) 98191014 or email: jane.ogilvie@varietyNSW.org.au.

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