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Leichhardt Festa

We were at the Leichhardt Festa on Sunday, 28 October. Our bucket brigade (assisted by 5 Acehnese refugees), raised \$216.70; and we raised a further \$320.00 from the festive season raffle. The raffle was won by Mel of Lilyfield (green ticket B68). We delivered the prize that afternoon, and Mel was very pleased to receive the prize and

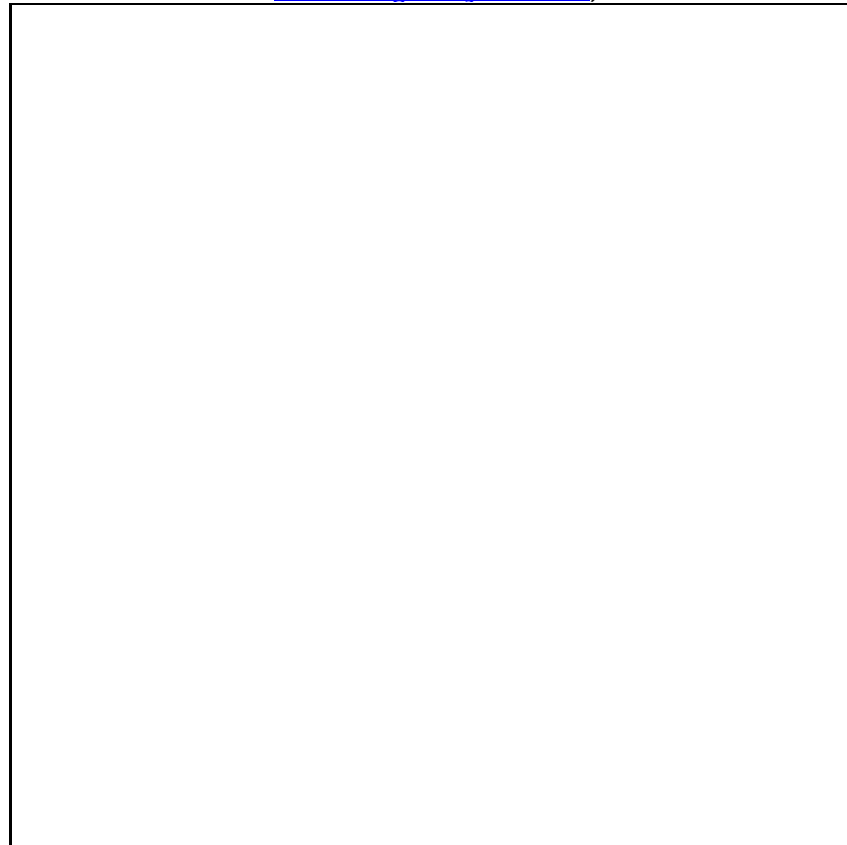
BRIDGE FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS FOUNDATION

Invites you

to a special Christmas fundraiser to top up the BASF coffers so that we can continue our good work and to benefit the artists from the Aboriginal Owned Art Centre at Yuendumu in the NT

Friday, 7 December from 6pm to 8pm

at Tali Gallery 667 Darling Street Rozelle (02) 9555 6555
(between the corner of Victoria Road and Rozelle Public School
: www.taligallery.com.au)



Featuring a large collection of 30x30cm canvases @ \$170 each, in a wide range of colours and styles selected for the occasion. Tali Gallery will gift 10% of any other purchases to BASF.

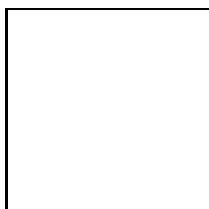
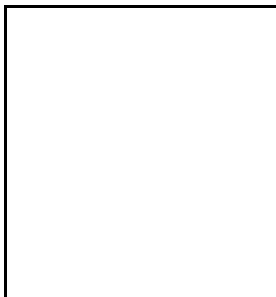
Christmas shopping that can benefit many!

Funding received by BASF in 2012

BASF received almost \$100,000 in grants in 2012. This represented approximately one third of the total money we received, with the remaining coming from individuals making

thanked us for such speedy delivery.

With thanks to our supporters:



both one-off and regular donations. These donations by committed individuals remains our most important funding source and if you would like to make a contribution there is a donation at the bottom of this newsletter. Sadly, despite the generosity of our donors, we are still in a dire situation and surviving month-to-month.

The Management Committee is extremely grateful for the financial assistance provided to us via the NSW ClubGRANTS scheme. Following grant applications submitted across Sydney and in Wollongong by our Management Committee, we received a total of \$77,400 from 10 clubs. This money goes to the asylum seekers living in their Local Government Area.

Registered Clubs' assistance to BASF in 2012-2013 financial year:

- Auburn RSL Club: \$16,500
- Bulldogs League Club: \$11,000
- City Tattersalls: \$10,000
- Earlwood-Bardwell Park RSL Club: \$1,000
- Hornsby RSL Club: \$3,400
- Illawarra Catholic Club: \$5,000
- Petersham RSL Club: \$5,500
- Ramsgate RSL Club: \$1,000
- Wentworthville (Wentys) Club: \$18,000
- Western Suburbs League Club: \$6,000

Other grants received in 2012/2013 Financial Year

BASF is also very grateful to the Marian and E.H.Flack Trust who, for the second year running gave, \$15,000 and the Mary MacKillop Foundation who gave \$7260.

Our best wishes to you all for the upcoming Festive Season and the New Year.

Virginia Walker
Honorary Chairperson

Who we helped in the 2011/2012 Financial Year

BASF helped 243 destitute asylum seekers during the 2011/2012 financial year and we provided them with \$343,000 in funds. The asylum seekers we assisted came from 36 different countries, primarily across Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

Management Committee news

BASF welcomed Janet Castle who joined our committee recently. Having previously worked with the Asylum Seekers Centre and with many years' experience assisting asylum seekers in the community, her knowledge and experience will be of great value to the committee.

Christine Kibble, who came to us as Secretary/Treasurer in 2003, has resigned and her knowledge and expertise will be sorely missed. Three years ago Susan Meyer took over the role of Secretary and will now pass this on to Debby Nicholls, while UnitingCare NSW.ACT will provide us with Treasury support.

Hans Heilpern, one of our legal advisors since 2003, has also resigned and taken up a government appointment. The committee wishes Christine and Hans well and we thank them both for their long-standing contribution.

Upcoming BASF Art Auction - early 2013

We are currently looking for a suitable place to hold our art auction, as well as looking for artworks to auction!

We have already been promised some very exciting items, including two originals by the late Pixie O'Harris, as well as two framed posters of Pixie's, donated by her daughter. We also have an original water colour by Rodger Bartlett.

We also have artworks by refugees, including two framed water colours donated by an Iraqi refugee and former detainee of the Villawood Immigration Detention Centre, and a painting given by a current asylum seeker using coffee as the medium. Jenny Kee has also promised some goodies". If you can help us with a venue, or have artwork to donate, please contact Virginia Walker on 0418 261 160.

BASF Donation Form

Bridge for Asylum Seekers Foundation: PO Box 829, Five Dock NSW 2046. ABN 78 722 539 923

Tel: 0418 261 160 or email asylumseekersfoundation@bigpond.com and we'll call you.

Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible

I enclose a cheque/money order or credit card details for a donation of:

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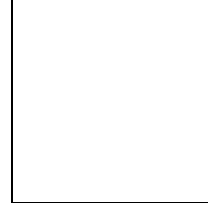
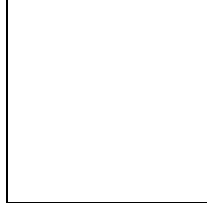
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BSB: 634 634. Account no: 100028813.

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