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PROGRAMME

- 22/11 Factory visit – Broens at Ingleburn
- 29/11 International / Foundation
- 3/12 Family of Rotary – Xmas Pantomime
- 5/12 Carols in the Park.
- 6/12 YEP Night – Thibaud on Belgium plus presentation of blazers to Tim Hurley & Elizabeth Ashton.
- 10/12 Panania Markets & Xmas Tree sales

Sharon – the **ROK** kits are well and truly underway. The Senior Citiz of Panania have repacked over 600 kits. 100 mens have gone to St Jude's Homeless Men's Refuge Bankstown, 50 mens and 50 womens to both Nick Kearns House Bankstown and Wrullallin Refuge Bankstown and 300 kits to Matthew Talbot Hostels in Sydney with another 300 planned for Matthew Talbot before Christmas **Ben**, Florie's husband, is in Sydney at the moment and Florie will be returning to Australia permanently with Ben in 2007..... Passed onto the **Board** a publication put out by NSW police which is circulated to schools in our area with the possibility of the Club putting in a paid ad.

Terry P – BBQ at the Panania Village Markets raised \$143.

Michael – Has a snooker room – with the table competition grade – available to members if they want to hold regular Rotary social nights there.

Mr. Attendance – Kevin – 25/32 ... 78.12%

Please note that Terry Martin will be doing attendance for the next two meetings.

Police Superintendent Dave Darcy

Commander of the Bankstown Local Area Command

Superintendent Darcy spoke of his 23 years in the Police Service and how he had enjoyed both operational and HQ roles. He served as Superintendent in command at Kings Cross for 3 years. Here he dealt with demonstrations, street crime, drugs and the continuing problem of prostitution. Then 5 years ago, Police Commissioner Moroney, asked him to join his team in HQ and then asked him to use his experience as a tutor at the Australian Institute of Police Management. Superintendent Darcy enjoyed this but wanted again to return to a more active role. He was expecting deployment to Redfern or Dee Why but not to be given command of the Bankstown Local Area which is the biggest command in the State, employing 280 staff.

He said Bankstown reminded him a lot of Chatswood – with mixed messages – lots of people – lots of police activity – a strong sense of community on all levels – with a mix of all cultures, religions and backgrounds. He felt Bankstown was a very positive place to be in.

He was very interested in RAM as he had been involved in a Police leadership plan in the Solomon Islands and seen the ravages on malaria first hand.

He grew up in the Lake Macquarie area and because his father was a psychiatrist he had a good understanding of mental health issues and how this was a sickness no different from a physical sickness which can be worked through with help and care. When working in The Cross he had also had to sort out a crime problem with drug dealers standing over the homeless in the Matthew Talbot Home and reducing what little quality of life these men already had.

Superintendent Darcy spoke on the terrorist situation and our own Islam community within the Bankstown area. He suggested to our members that we learn more about the Islam faith and it is interesting to note that its roots are based on Christianity. He spoke of the support he had received from the Bankstown Islam community and how young Islam men in the area have 5 times the unemployment rate of other young men.

He has an optimistic view of the future for Bankstown believing "that community defeats terrorism" and that the mateship values of Australians to "give everyone a fair go" are an important basis to our community. He also suggested that the President of the Muslim Women's Association, Maha Abdo, be invited to speak to the Club.

President - Keri

- Big welcome to Sami Ryan, Stephen Reed, Julie and Ian Harris
- Had the pleasure to present winning prizes for the Colouring-in Competition held at the Padstow-on-Parade.
- Attended DGE Harley's meeting for his new team next year. Very interesting presentation on "Shelterbox". These are tents seeking sponsors at \$1200 which are sent all over world as temporary homes in disaster situations.
- Attendance sheet finalised for next meeting at Broens.
- Family of Rotary attendance sheet given to Sharon.
- Looking for attendees for the Race Day next year.
- Still following up on the M7 catering.
- District Information Night on 25th November.
- Meeting on 20th December to be Christmas Party and open to all our Rotarian extended families.
- Banners arrived – thank you Keith – circulated for members to have a look at.
- Swim for Malaria certificates.
- Julie received a lovely bunch of flowers from the stallholders at Panania Village Markets.
- Circulated photos of Emma and Mai water-skiing.
- Administration and Finance Committee nominations – none from Club.
- The Resolutions Committee will once again be separate from Conference and held at a Presidents Meeting.
- Gemma Ashton returned home early due to family illness.
- Kaye has operation on 7/12/05 – off work for six weeks.
- DG's Newsletter distributed.
- John Earls absent tonight – having an angiogram.

Secretary – Kaye

Correspondence:

- RDU form.
- Public Relations Image Kit.
- Invitation from BCC to attend Christmas gathering at Council Chambers on 7/12/05.
- ARHRF – opportunity to become a 21st Anniversary friend.
- Next District meeting 9th December – Community Service Directors
- Thank you letter from Allen Bull regarding our recent Sail and Rail Sunday.
- Plum pudding letter.

Treasurer – Ken

- Audit completed for year ended June 2005 – unqualified.
- Padstow on Parade – few more matters to be resolved.
- Need copy of BCC's approval for Christmas Carols so that BBQ can be organised.
- Panania Village Markets raised \$940 from the stalls and \$150 from insurance.

President Elect/Club Administration - Keith

- Gave a long and detailed outline of what he plans for next year. Will have a maximum of ten Board Members giving Past President the role of Club Administration. Will continue with the existing Leadership Plan, staying with the six committees, Director and Asst. Director with the plan that the Asst Director comes in as Director the following year with committees having a rollover every three years. Plans to have local community hands on projects, positive publicity for the Club and Rotary, and social activities. Will give it his best shot.

Club History report – Barry Mc.

- Barry reported on the meeting of 13th November 1979 when Padstow Rotarian Jim Stanford attended as District Governor. Interesting to note that the Bulletin editor for the night was Tony Blazek.

Community -Colin

- Christmas Trailer roster circulated.
- Christmas carols being finalised with Trevor.

Youth - Garry

- Nomination from Naomi Kenny for RYLA.

International – Veronica

- Thank you to Warren for taking up truck load of desks to DIK and then returning with truckfull of stationary for Veronica.
- Emma going to new family in December. Thank you to Tony and Angie who have been hosting Emma since her arrival.
- Thank you to Marie and Warren who have been hosting Thibaud since his arrival and will have him until January.
- Swim for Malaria a huge event. Revesby YMCA will promote it – need someone with a Senior Deepwater CPU certificate.
- Attended RAWCS meeting last Saturday.

Public Relations – Joan

- Has big plans for the future. Very interested in a WA radio program which goes to air regularly for ½ hour presenting Rotary.
- Attended ADG meeting for next year.
- Received form for Public Relations Kit - \$150.
- Reminded members about Community Chest tickets.

General Business

President Keri presented Sami Ryan with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Club for donating her time as "Funnyface" the clown at the recent Padstow on Parade. Sami explained how she had recovered from mental illness and this was something she enjoyed doing for herself and the community. She explained about carers and asked if the Club would consider sponsoring her partner Stephen for a Carers NSW course for approximately \$400. Keri asked that she formalise the request by writing so that it could go before the Board.