



BASF Supper Club

Recently a number of supporters have held very enjoyable and successful dinners in their homes to raise money for BASF. We think this is fabulous and we'd love to help our supporters do this more often.

Who do we need?

We need a social butterfly! If you love organising or hosting dinner parties we would love to you hear from you. We need someone who is enthusiastic and wants get a Supper Club up and running. If this is you, please call Susan Meyer 9555-1213.

Fundraising Committee

If you have time to join our fundraising committee, please contact Chris Franks at cfranks@bigpond.com.

Can You be a Friend?

We need compassionate people to befriend asylum seekers and refugees. If you have some time and would like to help, please call Susan on 9555-1213.

Farewell to Kate

Dear supporters and friends,

We decided after five years it was time to revamp our newsletter — we hope you like the new look.

There have been other changes for BASF since our last newsletter. Sadly, Kate Maclurcan has now left the Asylum Seekers Project. Prior to Kate's departure we held two fund-raising events at the Circle Café in Balmain.

The first event on 23 May was an afternoon tea and piano recital at which a well-known young pianist, Ambre Hammond, entertained us at the grand piano. Ambre played excerpts from her latest CD *Reverie* and

delighted the audience with tales of her experiences playing for audiences in country NSW and overseas. Ambre has indicated that when she returns from her current overseas engagements she will visit us and play again for us.

On the eve of Kate's departure, 30 June, the Circle Café was again the venue for a dinner to raise funds for BASF. The new Circle Café management prepared and generously donated the food for over 60 people who enjoyed the repast and mingling with new and old friends.

Kate sang a few songs for us and some of her family members were there to help with the dinner. The

Management Committee was very grateful for their assistance and to have so many there to farewell Kate. We will miss her and her unflagging enthusiasm and efforts to help asylum seekers and refugees.

I'm very excited to announce that our new fundraising committee is primed to start work in the New Year. If you would like to be part of our fundraising efforts, please contact Chris Franks at cfranks@bigpond.com.

On behalf of the BASF Management Committee, I would like to wish all of you a safe and happy festive season.

Virginia Walker
Honorary Chairperson
BASF

Community Development Support Expenditure scheme

The CDSE scheme is a joint program between the State Government and NSW Club industry. The program is funded by a tax on profits in excess of \$1 million per annum made from gaming machines in clubs.

Prior to her resignation, Kate Maclurcan prepared the CDSE submissions for funding to clubs in areas where our recipients live. CDSE Committees comprise representatives of the relevant Shire or

Council, the relevant clubs and the Department of Community Services.

The CDSE Committee in each area examines the submissions they receive very carefully before allocating funds to a charity.

We are extremely grateful for the financial assistance given to us by clubs under the CDSE scheme and BASF Management Committee is very pleased to have received a total of

\$38,000 in August this year.

The clubs who assisted BASF this year are:

Canterbury Bulldogs — \$10,000

City Tattersalls Club — \$10,000

Canada Bay Club — \$7,500

Club Five Dock — \$7,500

Petersham RSL Club — \$3,000

Asylum Seeker News

In each newsletter from now on I hope to bring you news about our asylum seekers. The numbers of asylum seekers and refugees we are supporting at any one time can fluctuate. We are currently assisting 62 people, of whom 17 are youths or children. They come from China, North-East Asia, Nepal, the Indian-sub continent (including Sri Lanka, Pakistan and

Bangladesh), Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, African countries and Aceh. Among them there are many good news stories to share.

I'll also be updating you on any ways that you can directly help asylum seekers. Currently we have a request from the Villawood Detention Centre.

Dan, the Activities Officer in the Housing section at

Villawood has asked if we know any people with art and craft skills that they would like to share with asylum seekers. Also in need are people who can speak Arabic, Farsi, or Tamil, and have some spare time during the week to visit and help asylum seekers who are in the Housing section. If you are able to help in this way, please call Dan on 9780 9300.

Virginia Walker, BASF Honorary Chairperson will be on leave for several weeks from 16 December 2010.

What's on

I'm planning to update you on our up and coming events in each newsletter. However, I'd like to take this opportunity for a little year-end house keeping.

I will be in hospital and rehabilitation for several weeks from 16 December. BASF mail will be forwarded to another Management Committee member while I am away. I will have my mobile phone with me but I may

not always be able to return calls immediately. My phone number will remain as 0418 261 160.

Funds donated by those supporters who are debited by credit card on a regular basis or by direct debit authorities will be debited as usual.

You can also use the details on the form below to make a direct deposit into the BASF account:

I will issue official receipts on my return to duty in February 2011.

If you currently receive snail mail from us but would prefer email please also let me know at asylumseekersfoundation@bigpond.com.

BASF Donation Form

Bridge for Asylum Seekers Foundation: PO Box 829, Five Dock NSW 2046. ABN 78 722 539 923
Tel: 9712 7784 or 0418 261 160 **Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible**

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Visa or MasterCard. Card No: _____

Name on card _____

Expiry Date: ____/____/____

Signature: _____

Direct deposit to: UnitingCare NSW/Act Bridge for Asylum Seekers Fndt
BSB 634 634. Account no: 100028813.

To ensure that you receive a tax-deductible receipt, please email your name and address, the date of the deposit and the amount deposited to asylumseekersfoundation@bigpond.com.