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**‘Tis The Season For Christmas Cheer In Canterbury Bankstown**

Sydney, New South Wales - On Monday 12th December 2022, the Canterbury Bankstown Chamber of Commerce (CBCC) will host their annual Christmas Party at the Entertainment Park in Milperra in Canterbury-Bankstown. Inviting Chamber members, local families, and the wider community to join in on the Chamber’s Christmas spirit, the CBCC aims to spread joy, build bonds, and create connections for the Canterbury-Bankstown people as 2022 ends and 2023 begins.

The Entertainment Park is the perfect venue for a community Christmas Party, with a wide variety of activities and games. Generously, the Entertainment Park has offered free ten-pin bowling sessions for the CBCC’s guests. There will be a free face and nail painting station for children, and free back massages from qualified massage therapists for adults needing some end-of-year stress relief. All children under 8 years of age have free access to the play area, and all children under 12 years of age will receive a $10 voucher to use within the Entertainment Park.

With support from the event’s major sponsor, Allied Integrated Management, the Christmas Party will be catered to with a delicious buffet and free-flow soft drinks. Corporate partner Collappor8 will be organising a themed scavenger hunt for the event. There are prizes to be won, including a door prize for 10 lucky attendees of the Christmas Party.

In particular, the CBCC has invited the members and families of the Australian Defence Force stationed at Holsworthy and Bankstown Police Command to thank them for their service to the local community. Many areas of Canterbury-Bankstown were faced with flooding or were at risk of flooding in 2022, and the ADF or Bankstown Police’s support was invaluable in keeping the local area safe.

Wally Mehanna, CEO of the CBCC, emphasises this sentiment. “Canterbury-Bankstown is such a diverse and colourful community,” says Mehanna. “The Chamber is grateful for the opportunity to thank and celebrate our Defence Force and Police’s contributions in keeping our community safe as we faced record-breaking rains and floods.”

The Chamber understands that being able to celebrate Christmas is a gift in itself. So many communities throughout NSW will still be grappling with the effects of extensive rain, unable to truly embrace end-of-year festivities. To bring Christmas cheer to these communities, the CBCC is holding a Christmas Tree appeal, inviting guests to bring a small gift to the Christmas Party and place it under the Christmas Tree. The CBCC will donate all received gifts and donations to St Euthemia College (SEC) in Bankstown, who will then take the donated gifts to flood-ravaged Lismore in Northern NSW as part of their ‘Library For Lismore’ project.

“We are extremely honoured to be able to contribute to SEC’s project to convert a shipping container into a library and functional classroom for Lismore South Public School,’ says Mehanna. “The students have been working so hard to raise money to make their ‘Library for Lismore’ happen all year, and we hope that these extra gifts and donations will help make the library even more spectacular and well-received by the Lismore community.”

The CBCC Christmas Party will be held on Monday 12th December from 5 pm at the Entertainment Park in Milperra, Canterbury-Bankstown. Tickets are $30 per person. We look forward to seeing you there!

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