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The Good & Bad



in Bankstown Local Court this week.

● **BOWSER** the dog - and his Padstow family - wanted to pass on the "biggest thank you possible" to the firemen who rescued him when he managed to get his head stuck in a wall. No details were given on how Bowser managed to get stuck, but according to his family, the firemen were "amazing, certainly knew their job and took great care of Bowser's safety".

● **SHOPPING** at Westfield Liverpool, an off-duty Bankstown police officer spotted an 18-year-old man wanted for an alleged connection to a Chapel Road South robbery earlier this year. The teenager allegedly bashed a young man and stole his phone and bag in company with a group of men at 4am on February 27. The police officer recognised the young man from CCTV images collected from Bankstown Railway Station and he was arrested and charged with robbery in company. He was refused bail and will appear



lice directions. Bail was refused and he will appear in Bankstown Local Court this week.

● **NETBALLERS** came to Bankstown from all over the state on the Sunday, as Bankstown City Netball hosted approximately 110 teams for a representative carnival at Deverall Park. Organisers said the carnival was played in a tremendous atmosphere and it was wonderful to see so many country associations represented including Woy Woy, Kiama, Shoalhaven, Southern Highlands, Wollondilly, Maritand, Ulladulla, Bahurst, Eurobodalla and Dubbo. They gave a special thanks to Bankstown Council for ensuring the grounds and building were in "pristine condition".

● **IF YOU** haven't bought your mum a present yet, consider the Lions Club of Yagoona's annual Mother's Day Stall at Bass Hill Plaza on Thursday, May 6. They will have a fine array of craft items, including baby and children's knitwear, with all of the stalls proceeds going to projects to help those in need. The club will also have membership information available for anyone who wants to join them and give back to the community.

● **THE** staff at the *Torch* love a nice gift basket and staff member Maxine Campbell organises raffles us throughout the year to raise money for the Cancer Council's Relay For Life. Maxine wanted to thank the Cincotta Discount Chemist at Campsie, who have been generous supporters of these raffles. They donated a massive (and, according to the winner's friends, delicious) Darrell Lea Easter Egg for last month's Easter Raffle, and a Kate Moss Perfume Gift pack for this week's Mother's Day raffle. Good luck to everyone who bought a ticket.

● **PICNIC POINT** resident Kathleen wants to thank the volunteers from the Bankstown State Emergency Service (SES) for their help last month after a large fall-on guntree branch affected two neighbouring homes. Describing the swift response of the unit on a Friday evening she said they showed "obvious expertise" and were "heartening and unselfish". Kathleen added that "such voluntary services in our society deserve much more credit". Well done.

● **A MAN** who refused to obey directions when Rickard Road, Bankstown was closed after a motor vehicle accident has been charged with traffic offences, assaulting police, resisting police and possessing a prohibited weapon. A struggle with police allegedly resulted after the man refused to obey po-



Bankstown Sports' Doug Shedden and Dion Bourne, welcome the Bankstown Sports Express with 3801 train guard, and 3801 Limited general manager professor John Glastonbury and Bankstown mayor Tanya Mihaluk.

All stations to Bankstown

THE nostalgic sounds and smells of steam train travel made a welcome return to Bankstown on Sunday with the visit of the newly named 'Bankstown Sports Express'.

The locomotive made three shuttle journeys from Central Station to Bankstown and back to Central Station on Sunday as part of a unique historical event open to the public.

On its final run of the day the 100-year-old veteran steam loco was met at Bankstown Railway Station by the Bankstown mayor Tanya Mihaluk, and Bankstown Sports directors Doug Shedden and Dion Bourne.

Club secretary manager John Macekay said for the first time in Bankstown Sports Club's history it has had an operational steam train named after it. He said the event was another way the club offers train enthusiasts and the wider public an insight to a world hard to find elsewhere in Sydney.

On display in the club are rail memorabilia that all give a glimpse into a time and place of Australia's past.



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