



Peace Through Service

The Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Guest Speaker: Adrian Bell, Principal Monaro High School

Intro: Margaret H

Thanks: Kevin D

This week our guest speaker was Adrian Bell, Principal of Monaro High School. He shared with us some of his experiences at previous schools that he has taught at across rural New South Wales.

After this he proceeded to ask "What is Gonski?". Gonski is the most comprehensive investigation of the way schools are funded in Australia. The final report was released in 2012 and found Australia is investing far too little in education, particularly in public schools. As a result of this lack of funding many students are missing out on the resources they need and this is resulting in growing gaps in achievements.

Gonski recommended a \$5 billion a year injection of funding into schools (750% to public schools) and an overhaul on distribution to ensure the

In NSW funding that goes directly to public schools need to be increased to 70% from the current 10%.

Some of the changes this would create which would benefit students would be:

- Smaller class sizes;
- Extra specialist teachers in literacy and numeracy;
- Greater support of students with high needs or disabilities;
- Additional training and classroom support for teachers.



Richard & Adrian



John C, Adrian & Dugald

Adrian said the report also found that:

- Around 12% of students have a disability
- A further 7.3 have additional needs relating to difficulties in learning behaviours including dyslexia, reading, communicating and ADHD.

He feels that decisions need to be made to build a better public school culture that promotes creativity and innovation and where teachers are encouraged and supported to try new things. Also that decisions should be made at the local level - it is a big change and a long overdue recognition of the capability and professional judgement of leaders in our schools. Local decision making will ensure that NSW continue to have a great public school system. Adrian told us that the framework for Monaro High students is quality leadership, quality instruction, quality learning relationships, improving outcomes and opportunities for all students. He also said that he enjoys communicating with other Principals in the area to

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THREE MINUTER

None this week

Photo Gallery



Rob S & Katrin



Maree & Kevin D with Lou M



Neil B & Friends



A Rotary Market Stall



Katrin & David H with visiting ensemble members



Lou M & Wolfgang running the BBQ



Allan Fjording & Kevin D



Irene & Steve S & Katrin



John K, Noel & Kayleen Williams

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Ashley C

Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing themselves.

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**WE MEET WEDNESDAYS 6.00PM FOR 6.30PM
AT THE SOVEREIGN MOTEL (OPPOSITE KENTUCKY FRIED) SHARP ST. COOMA**

Theme of the Month for Cooma Rotary:

Membership Extension

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Sunday 19th August was market day. We had 36 stalls on what turned out to be a near perfect day after the dismal weather of Saturday. It was a quiet start to the day but by 11am the numbers were quite high for the guest entertainers. Viva la Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble consisting of 26 school aged wind and percussions musicians and a young conductor, gave us a professional performance which could be heard at all corners of the park.

John King raised the possibility of the Club assisting the Salvation Army with catering in times of emergencies. Several Rotarians volunteered to assist if and when required.

Preliminary Notice: From Tuesday 23rd October until Thursday 25th October we will be hosting the Group Study Exchange Team from Mississippi. The team consists of 2 young women, 2 young men and a female team leader. We need 3 to 5 people to host these guests. There will also be the need for assistance with professional visits etc for the team. On Friday 26 October the team will be heading to Batemans Bay for the Rotary conference, we will be needing assistance to transport them to Canberra or if anyone is going to the conference they may be able to take some of them.

Further details will be made available closer to the visit. Direct any offers of assistance to Katrin .

Group Study Exchange to Mississippi - 4 weeks in April 2013. Applications are now open and the theme is "Health Care" with a particular interest in Aged Care.

Exchange student Allie Adams is in Austria. She said she is having a great time, she went hiking with the Scouts and has now joined up and been on 2 further hikes. She saw Mum and Dad at the Military Tattoo in Scotland. And is enjoying studying at her host school.

This Weeks Attendance: 28 out of 41 - 83%

Visiting Rotarians: Greg Williams (Albury Nth), Sid Lukins (Kwinana, WA)

Guests: Adrian Bell (Club), Lea Nickel (Club), Noel & Kayleen Williams (Peter D), Allan Fjording (Mark J-N), Irene (Steve S), Maree (Kevin D)

Apologies: Graham F, John V, Darrel G, Tony S.

We Also Missed: Peter A.

Leave: Chris A.

Make-ups: None

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ROSTERS	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Attendance	Mark J-N Rob S	Lou Claire
Property	Ken D Hass	Katrin Geoff
Fellowship	Margaret E Clair N	Margaret E Clair N
Markets	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Katrin - MR Wolfgang - V John K John V Elaine S Lou M	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA - MR John C - V Joe Marco Claire Les

SOME SIMPLE RULES ABOUT ROSTERS

GENERAL

Members rostered on and not able to attend are to make arrangements with another member to take their place.

MARKETS

Those nominated to tow the caravan or chuck wagon are to be at the Rotary shed no later than 8am. Ensure you get the key to the shed from David Holgate PRIOR TO THE EVENT so the equipment can be set up early. If you are unable to tow the van or chuck wagon PLEASE ASK SOMEONE WHO CAN, or advise David Holgate before the event. Others nominated should be at the park by 8.30am.

Next Weeks Program	Three Minuter	Thought of the Week
Guest Speaker: Georgie Hatfield & Dominic Hogatek - An Orphanage in Sth America Intro: Jim H Thanks: Les S	Tony S	Dugald M

MEMBER HAPPENINGS

ANNIVERSARIES	BIRTHDAYS	YEARS OF SERVICE
John & Yvonne Mercer 32 years on 7th August	Ashley Constance 11th August Robin Simms 14th August David Byrne 15th August Trish Libauer wife of David 18th August	Ken Prendergast 5 years on 8th August - following on from previous service with Cooma RC and in PNG including being Chairman. David Holgate 45 years on 12th August Dugald Mitchell 43 years on 12th August Mark Cooper 3 years on 19th August Margaret Hassall 3 years on 19th August

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