



Engage Rotary - Change Lives

Guest Speaker - Simon Allen: Cooma Monaro Arts Council

Intro: Des T

Thanks: Tony S

The intro this week provided some insight to our guest speaker. In 1971 Simon completed engineering studies at London University and moved from England to Sydney and in 1978 he joined SMEC and so moved to Cooma. Cooma might have been home but he did not spend a lot of time here in the early stages as he spent a number of years assisting the developing countries of our region. In 2005 he retired and since then has spent a lot of time at the Cooma Golf Club - explaining why he had a better round than Tony S today - he is also on the committees of the Caledonian Society and the Arts Council, regarding which he is speaking tonight.

Simon started by saying that Cooma is very well endowed with clubs and societies ranging from service clubs like Rotary through sports clubs to special interest organisations like the Arts Council. The Arts Councils formal name is the Snowy Monaro Arts Council. He said he would touch on the history, objectives, financial status and activities of the Arts Council.

Firstly the history: the first Arts Council was started in the early Snowy days around about the 1950's. They hosted major productions, the Australian Ballet and some opera companies. All performances were held at the Civic Hall. There was less activity through the 1970's and 80's and in the mid 1990's the society was in danger of folding. At this time they came under the auspices of NSW Arts Outreach which advised that unless there was an increase in activities then the society would be disbanded. In response to this threat a new committee was formed with Carol Slater as President and Katrin Hackney as a committee member. The new Arts Council was incorporated in 1998.

There were 14 objectives for the new Arts Council to adhere to, 13 of those related to supporting and upholding NSW Arts and the 14th was the most important. It said the Arts Council was to encourage all kinds of artistic expression. They try and do this without stepping on the toes of other organisations which operate in town. The Council does participate in joint ventures like the Screenwriting workshop and the Feast of Poetry competition, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. In 2007 they joined forces with the Cooma Monaro Council to celebrate the centenary of poet and essayist - A.D. Hope.

The financial situation is dependant upon membership, they currently have 40 family and 40 single members. Other funds come from ticket sales to events and the occasional grant. The outgoings consist of a variety of insurances, the tuning of the piano, venue hire and a licence fee payable to the Australian Performing Rights Association for each concert. (cont p.3)



Pres Hass, Dave H, Glenyss & Simon



Simon



Tony S & Simon

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Rotary Theme of the Month - New Generations

This Week's News

This year the District Conference is being held in Merimbula/Pambula from Friday 11th to Sunday 13th October - all are welcome to attend Pres Hass has a variety of information if you are interested in attending or further information is at www.rotaryd9710.org.au - you will have a Whale of a Time.

There will be a bike ride coming through Cooma on 10 October, finishing at Merimbula in time for the conference - the ride is to publicise the End Polio Now Campaign, Pres Hass has details.

Margaret E has asked for you to save your tea bag labels for her to collect - they are going to raise funds for a wheelchair in Bega.

The next Cooma Little Theatre Production "Mixed Massages" is on 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th September at 8pm.

Kevin D visited with Dave L he is still very tired but is appreciating shorts visits but please telephone before arrival.

Ashley C shared the recent weekend at Tuross Head for the Exchange Students was very successful and a lot of fun getting to know those who are coming in and those who are outbound. He also said there are 2 candidates for RYPEN in September, one from Monaro High and one from St Pat's. He is looking for someone who can take them down on Friday 13th & bring them home on Sunday 15th.

Photo Gallery



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Tony S

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**WE MEET WEDNESDAYS 6.00PM FOR 6.30PM
AT DODDS HOTEL, COMMISSIONER ST. COOMA**

Simone Allen cont.

There have been an amazing list of performances, these include:

Past performers:

- The Don Burrow's Jazz Quartet;
- Southern Cross soloists;
- Flautist - Jane Rutter;
- Dance group - Flamenco Crew; and
- The Grigoryan Brothers.

Recent activities:

- The purchase of a new piano, with the assistance of various large and small donations and the sale of piano keys. The amount raised totalled \$35,000 which enabled the purchase.

Appearances by:

- The Strange Weather Gospel Choir;
- Nicoli Coziano - international piano competition people's choice award winner;
- Conquest - students from the NSW conservatorium of Music;
- Young @ Art, which was originally designed to showcase HSC students but has now grown to include other age groups; and
- The Remembrance Day concert.

So far 2013 has seen:

- Beauty of Baroque at St Andrew's church;
- Nicholas Young - pianist;
- Conquest and Young @ Art.

Later this year we will see:

- Lamplight Male Voice Choir from Wollongong and Lady's Mantel.

The Cooma arts scene is thriving and the Arts Council is alive and well and are always looking for new members.

This Weeks Attendance: 85%

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Rebecca , Simon & Glenyss Allen (Club), Miesje Blumer (Margaret)

Apologies: John C, John K, Graham F, Darrell G, Jim H, Dave L, Ken P, John M, Peter A.

Leave: None

We Also Missed: None

Make-ups: None

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ROSTERS	September	October
Attendance	Dugald M Kevin D	
Property	Peter D Graham F	
Fellowship	Margaret E Claire N	Margaret E Claire N
Markets	John K- Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Dave H - Res Neil B Joe V Les S Tony S Robb S	John K - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA

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 7am. Ensure you get the key to the shed from John King 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 Mark John-Natley before the event. Others nominated should be at the park by 8.30am.

Upcoming Program	Three Minuter	Thought of the Week
Guest Speaker: John Gill - Cooma Community Radio Intro: Mark J-N Thanks: John V	4 Sept - Claire N	4 Sept - Elaine S
	11 Sept - Elaine M	11 Sept - Tony S
	18 Sept - Marco R	18 Sept - Les S
	25 Sept -	25 Sept - Des T

Upcoming Guest Speakers - 11 Sept - Lucy Nesci - Feast of Poetry

MEMBER HAPPENINGS

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	JOINING DATE
Alan D - 5 Sept Claire N - 19 Sept Darrell G - 25 Sept Helen spouse of Graham - 2 Sept	John & Rosie K - 12 Sept Alan & Catherine D - 26 Sept	Katrin H - 13 Sept

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