



Councillor William Maslin

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Gundagai Shire Councillor, William Maslin, today visited St Patrick's Parish Primary School to give a presentation on Local Government and its role in the local community.

The students were very keen for an update on the activities of the Gundagai Youth Council and what stage the Youth Council is at with the skate park project.

Yarri Park became the topic, with students very happy with the new playground equipment recently installed. Some added another bigger slippery dip and more swings wouldn't go astray either!

"Then came the segment any politician dreads – question time...," Cr Maslin said.

"You are never too sure what the topics are going to cover and you always sit there on edge hoping that particular ones don't come up either.

"Nevertheless you guessed it, it took a while, but it came, 'Do you think the Dog on the Tuckerbox should be moved into town?'

After a bit of an illusory answer, Cr Maslin put the question back to the students requesting a show of hands for each option. Interestingly a large majority of students indicated that it should remain at the 5 Mile, but there were no suggestions as to what to do with it!

Other questions included: Cr Maslin's thoughts on Kevin Rudd, who will succeed the Deputy Mayor Cr Abb McAlister and why Cr Maslin stood for Council.

When asked what his political goals were, "to one day represent the federal division of Riverina," Cr Maslin said.

"It is great to see the students interested in local politics and a pleasure it was to be able to give them some insight into to Local Government," Cr Maslin concluded.

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Note: The students will be sitting in on the next Council meeting set down for the 8th September 2009. The election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor will also take place.