



Compassion: The Dalai Lama yesterday

A goal for Dalai Lama

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THE Dalai Lama drew a hardy crowd of true believers to The Domain yesterday. He was welcomed on stage by Sydney Swan Brett Kirk just as the wind died away and the sun peeped out over an estimated crowd of 12,000.

Kirk, a Buddhist, looked as if he had just kicked 10 goals in a grand final as he introduced "the world's most spiritual leader" and presented him with a signed Swans jersey, which the Dalai Lama then wore over his shoulder.

The 71-year-old religious leader spoke with passion about compassion and peace.

"The more we focus on the causes of happiness, then happiness comes... as a symptom of that," he said. "Whether there is soul, or not, where there is God, or not, we must practice compassion. If possible, help others, if not, at least restrain (from) harming action.

"Ultimately, change must take place within ourselves."

"You only have to look at His Holiness and you want to smile," Kirk said.