

LAKE COBDEN PROJECT TEAM

In conjunction with the Corangamite Shire, the team is managing all aspects of the lake's transition into a scenic all-age recreation area.

SPRING FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

The committee works enthusiastically towards organising a weekend of activities for visitors and locals in October every year.

PIONEER DAIRY PARK COMMITTEE

The dedicated committee is aiming to provide visitors with an historical experience - artefacts and vehicles from Cobden and district's early days.

1. Economic Sustainability, Education and Training (Cobden Business Network)

- Buy Local Campaign
- CBN Website
- CBN Code
- Sponsorship Policy
- Business of the Month
- Business Survey
- Schools and Trade Training Centre
- Work Placement
- Business Promotions
- Business Breakfasts
- Christmas on Curdie
- Stirlo's Sausage Sizzle

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TWENTY20 VISION COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTION GROUPS

2. Organisations and Volunteers

- Connecting Cobden
- Cobden Community Facebook Page
- Volunteers' Dinner
- Stirlo's Sausage Sizzle
- Promotion of all groups in Cobden
- Youth participation in our groups and organisations

3. Town Appearance and Tourism

- Town Entrance Promotional Signs
- Progressing Cobden website
- Cobden Story
- Location of Western Star Big Butter Container
- Information Centre for Cobden

4. Infrastructure, Facilities and Services

- Health Services
- Police Services
- Emergency Services
- Education and Training
- Hot Spot Campaigns - streets, footpaths, seating and lighting
- Sport/Recreation Facilities
- Sealing of Airstrip
- Traffic Management including Parking and the Victoria Street Bridge
- Parks and gardens
- Community facilities eg halls and playgrounds

YOUR TWENTY20 (RE)VISION INVITATION

Cobden's Twenty20 Vision Community Plan is about to be reviewed.

After nearly four years of talk and toil, the action groups, officially launched in early 2011, will enlist the support of the community to take a good, hard look at the Twenty20 Vision action plans and set sail for the next few years.

All Cobden and district residents are officially invited to check progress so far and update the plans on Monday night, 2nd June at 7.15pm.

The venue is Cobden Sports Club at the Recreation Reserve. It is hoped all community groups and businesses will be represented at the review, as well as interested people of all ages.

Above is a Progressing Cobden organisational chart which shows how the Twenty20 Vision action groups work alongside other committees to provide forums for most issues affecting Cobden and district people.

As you can see, the four operating action groups are:

1. Economic Sustainability, Education and Training,

2. Organisations and Volunteers,
3. Town Appearance and Tourism,
4. Infrastructure, Facilities and Services.

These groups have been meeting regularly over the past three years to plan and implement various projects, some of which are listed on the chart.

It has been an amazing journey for those involved with much robust discussion, lots of frustration, yet satisfaction by the bucket-load.

As you wander around the lake, when you buy a sizzling snag at Stirlo's on Saturday morning, if you read up on a local identity who has done so much to keep Cobden connected or when you drive past one of the three "Discover Cobden . . . Making History" town entrance signs, you should feel pleased that many hands have made relatively light work of all these projects.

Our greatest friend is also our greatest enemy - it's a four-letter word - TIME! If anyone discovers a way to add an hour to a day or a day to a week, we'd like to know about it.

The Twenty20 review on June 2nd is not a recruiting drive. It is purely an opportunity to celebrate our successes

and seek community input as to where we go from here. An example of tweaking our community plan will be the formal addition of the sporting and community precinct concept to the Facilities action plan.

Your organisation might not have been involved in the first forum back in 2010, you may not have completed an on-line survey or you have an idea for the future development of the town . . . please come along and put it on the table. It won't be a long night - from 7.15pm for an hour or so.

We must thank the Corangamite Shire for its ongoing support. We were pioneers because Cobden was the first town to undertake the community planning process. We were praised and lauded for our bold foray into unknown territory. Thankfully, the shire maintains its strong support today.

Monday 2nd June will ensure we stay ahead of the pack. But it does need you and your organisation to contribute. We'll shout you a cuppa, a sandwich and a cake. With good food comes good ideas!

See you at the Sports Club!



Business of the Month COBDEN PHARMACY



Pharmacy staff: Bonnie Doolan (left), Debbie Fagan, Cathy Bell, locum Rossa O'Connell (back), Fiona Gee, Jenny Inglis

Owner: Alan Porter (BPharm, MPS)

Management: Peter Unger (BPharm, MPS), Jenny Inglis

Background to the business: Cobden Pharmacy has a long-standing history in the town. Alan Porter purchased the business from Neville Preston 15 years ago - in 1999. Among others, the business itself was formerly owned by Mr Eric Baker. Before moving to its present site at 43 Curdie Street, the pharmacy, built by Mr J F Hiscock, was located on "the butcher's corner" where Stirlo's Quality Meats is located today.

Ten things you may not know about Cobden Pharmacy and the people behind the business:

1. Proprietor Alan Porter lives in Sunbury, about 40 kilometres northwest of the City of Melbourne.
2. He also owns pharmacies in Sydenham, Casterton and Moonee Ponds. Despite his business interests in other parts of Victoria, he has been a Cobden District Health Services Board member for several years.
3. Alan is married to Kathy and has four children and eleven grandchildren.
4. The business is a member of the CarePlus pharmacy group.
5. Peter Unger took over the management of the pharmacy from Alan in 2005.
6. Peter lives in Warnambool with wife Christine and their two children.
7. Jenny Inglis lives at Elingamite with husband Chris. She and her sister Leanne McQuinn have worked at the pharmacy for 19 years.
8. Currently, the pharmacy employs nine full-time and part-time staff.
9. Over the many years that the pharmacy has served the community, staff members have included Paula Poole, Sonia Mackay, Ros Bamford, Jill Anderson, Toni Dalziel, Lynette Mounsey, Joan Hammond, Joan Howard, Marg Turner, Cheryl Oates, Maree Hutt, Sally Seabrook, Kirsty Green, Natalie Kittel, Sasha Baker and Helen McLaren.
10. While the pharmacy meets the needs of its customers in many different ways, it prides itself in supporting the local community and providing quality service.

SOME PEOPLE WITH TWENTY20 VISION:



Troy Bourke

Lake Cobden:

"The lake looks great. Credit to all the people who have put time and effort into making it a real showpiece. The walking track, the jetties, the whole lot!"



Rebecca Mahony

Cobden Business Network:

"It's good to see all the different businesses meeting and working together. No, I haven't seen the CBN website but I have seen the Cobden Community Facebook page. Social media is the way to get the message to younger people."



Dianne Van Heusden

Sporting Precinct concept:

"It would be an asset to the town. If the community works together and we get lucky with grants, we could have something quite special."



Emma Smith

Stirlo's Saturday morning Sausage Sizzle:

"It's nice to see people out on a Saturday morning enjoying themselves. It's good for the community and great for the organisations that get the opportunity to raise some money. Thanks Stirlo, the Bakery and McQuinns for making it happen."



Tania Reed

Connecting Cobden:

"Great. It's a good, little read. I'm waiting for a story on Dad. I reckon he's a legend."



Marcus Watson

Town entrance signs:

"They're pretty awesome. Once you've seen them, they're not something you're likely to forget."



Emma Pillar

Town entrance signs:

"Too big. A waste of money. The biggest signs in the world aren't going to make any difference if nobody knows anything about the town."

COBDEN CALENDAR	
Wednesday 14th May:	6.45pm Cobden Technical School Information Evening for prospective 2015 students. Johnno's Shed.
Sunday 18th May:	11am-4pm Cobden Miniature Railway Celebrating 20 Years. Train rides \$1, mini-golf, bbq, donuts, fairy floss, souvenir tickets, jumping castle, face painting, native animal zoo, Devonshire teas. Great family fun.
Sunday 18th May:	11am-3pm New market beginning at the Dairy Park. Range of stalls. Food available. Phone: 0419 951 768.
Monday 19th May:	7.30pm CopRice Cobden Spring Festival Meeting, Heytesbury Room. All welcome.
Monday 2nd June:	7.15pm Twenty20 Vision Community Plan Review, Cobden Sports Club. Supper provided, all welcome.
Senior Citizens' Hall:	Bowls 1pm Mondays. Cards 1pm Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays. Hoy 1.30pm first Saturday of the month.

CopRice Cobden Spring Festival
October 17, 18, 19, 2014 - Theme: Legends