

## COBDEN - THE CARING COMMUNITY

The Combined Service Clubs' dinner at Cobden Golf Club was another outstanding success with many of the town's organisations coming together to celebrate another year of working in our community.

The highlight was the face of Peter's Project, Vicki Jellie, speaking about her six year battle to raise funds for a radiotherapy centre in Warrnambool. She spoke of the highs and lows of the campaign and the important role of the media in the promotion of the project.

L2P Feasibility Study coordinator Jo Brooks provided attendees

with an explanation of the learner driver mentor program. Much interest was shown by potential volunteers who would assist young L-plate drivers attain their 120 hours of driving experience - despite having limited access to vehicles or adult support.

This year's dinner was organised by the Rotary Club of Cobden with host Garry Ross keeping the evening moving along. Any district club or organisation is invited to take on the coordination of the event in 2015. You can be assured of marvellous support from Cobden's volunteer groups. Just email Kelvin White - see address below.



Above: Guest speaker Vicki Jellie and Andrew Stubbings  
Right: Monica Noy and Helen Chivell  
Far right: Shirley Rowan and Dora Beaton



## Among other things, we learnt that . . .

- Progressing Cobden is holding \$1100 for Neighbourhood Watch in the town. It would be fantastic if a small group of residents could assist with re-establishing this wonderful community program.
- Cobden CWA donated \$4000 to district organisations during 2013-14. That's why we call them Chicks With Attitude!
- The Airstrip Fundraising Committee won't rest until the airstrip becomes an airport in an effort to boost tourism in the area.
- Red Cross Calling raised \$5426 in Cobden and Camperdown this year.
- The South West Model Engineers are active at the miniature railway park. Members are looking forward to the CopRice Spring Festival on the October 17th-19th weekend, New Year's Eve and numerous private runs in the lead-up to Christmas.
- The Men's Shed is six years old and has twenty members. On Tuesdays, a two-course lunch is available for only \$5.
- Ninety-five year-old Quota International has an Australian president for the second time in three years. Each president puts out a pin as a fundraiser. This year, it's in the shape of a boomerang - because kindness, caring and sharing always return - just like a boomerang.
- The Lake Cobden Project Team is working towards the

construction of a shelter over the barbecue area so it can be used for the greater part of the year.

- Cobden Probus has 85 members. Ninety-six bowlers attended the annual bowls day with the money raised given to the local fire brigade and the community effort to renovate our war memorial.
- St Mary's Anglican Church's partnership with Anglicare passed on thirty casseroles to those going through cancer treatment. Christian Reformed Church members also assisted. Can you help? Ring Kaye 0400 453 145.
- Only 18 months-old, LinC (Love in the name of Christ) is an ecumenical volunteer service run by a group of Cobden and Camperdown churches. LinC has helped 49 people in all sorts of ways - including providing transport. Phone no: 0437 233 233.
- One of Cobden and District Historical Society's former members has donated her entire collection of hand-written history of Cobden and its families.
- In October, Cobden Senior Citizens have an inter-club annual birthday celebration with entertainment and afternoon tea.
- Camperdown -Timboon Rail Trail Committee has worked with Gnurad Gundidj Leadership School and Camperdown College students on boardwalk and shelter projects this year. Next year, it is planned to have Cobden Technical School involved.

- Cobden Civic Hall Committee of Management's eight members have overseen many improvements - sound and lighting, the courtyard garden outside the President's Room, a ramp from the kitchen to the Heytesbury Room, a magnetic whiteboard and storage for the trestle tables and legs.
- Cobden District Health Services Board is looking at the possibility of building independent living units next to the CDHS facility so that people who want to downsize but remain fully independent, have the opportunity to move closer to the services and benefits on offer.
- Among other wonderful projects, the Cobden Conference of St Vincent de Paul provides handmade beanies, gloves, mittens, scarves and rugs to the homeless.
- It was the busiest year on record for the Cobden State Emergency Service Unit with five fatal road accidents, and many trees brought down by strong winds contributing to the 55 call outs. Four new members were inducted, bringing operational membership to 16.
- Cobden and district has more than 70 clubs and organisations that would all benefit from one or two additional members. Plenty of opportunity for all to get involved in some small way. Be assured, you don't have to know how to run meetings or take minutes - there are all sorts of ways to contribute - and to benefit!



Enjoying their evening at the Combined Service Clubs' dinner, clockwise from top left: Jeannine White with Ric and Pat Robertson; Eddie McDowell; Murray Kelson; Helen Watts and Pam Savage; Rhonda McGauchie and Paul Wagner; Steve and Sue Leversha; Garry Ross with Merv and Mary Holloway; Ashley Fagan and Jeff Mason



### COBDEN CALENDAR

**Saturday 4th October:** Support Small Business Day. [supportsmallbusinessday.vic.gov.au](http://supportsmallbusinessday.vic.gov.au).

**Monday 6th October:** 7.30pm Progressing Cobden meeting, Heytesbury Room, all welcome.

**Friday 17th October - Sunday 19th October:** CopRice Cobden Spring Festival. Theme "Legends". Phone: 5595 4243. Website: [cobdenspringfestival.com.au](http://cobdenspringfestival.com.au).

**Senior Citizens' Hall:**  
Bowls 1pm Mondays. Cards 1pm Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays. Hoy 1.30pm first Saturday of the month.

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