

Many organisations took the opportunity to report general items of interest at the recent Cobden volunteers' dinner. Today, Connecting Cobden presents shortened versions of a few of those reports – with contact phone numbers.

These organisations rely heavily on volunteers to contribute to our community. Obviously, the door is always open to anyone with even a small amount of time to spare. It is also important to note that these groups provide great fellowship and valuable recreational and social outlets for their members. A win-win situation for all involved.

If you would like to know more about any of the organisations mentioned, please make a call and ask a question or two.

#### COBDEN COMMUNITY BANK (5595 1191)

1. More than \$320,000 has been given to community groups.
2. Its first shareholder dividend was announced recently.
3. Launched its first-ever Innovative Idea of the Year program.

#### ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH (0439 336 955)

1. A casserole bank is held on the second Sunday of the month - as a partnership with Anglicare.
2. Anyone is welcome to the bring-and-share, meal-and-movie nights at 6pm on Saturdays, when the next day is the second Sunday of the month.
3. On other weekends of the month, normal Sunday services are held at 11.30am.

#### SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICT RESTORATION GROUP (0408 104 912)

1. Over the last 12 months, six new sheds have been built.
2. A successful rally was held in March.
3. The park opens on the third Sunday each month, along with the Dairy Park and Miniature Railway – or by appointment for any group.

#### COBDEN FIRE BRIGADE GROUP (5539 5951)

1. Formed in 1942, the Group assists and coordinates the fire brigades within the old Heytesbury Shire – Bostocks Creek, Carpendeit-South Purrumbete, Cobden, Cobrico, Ecklin and Elingamite-Glenfyne brigades.
2. Founding members included the first Group Officer A E George, and G McConachy, A Havard, A Blake and A Price.
3. First appliance was a 1939 Bedford tray truck with a tank and pump issued in 1942 for £80.

#### CAMPERDOWN – TIMBOON RAIL TRAIL (5593 1104)

1. The hub at Glenfyne Hall has been completed and opened.
2. Has developed a Facebook page.
3. Information boards have been established along the Rail Trail.



*Cobden's Amos Merrett cycles the Camperdown-Timboon Rail Trail.*

#### COBRICO HALL (5595 1796)

1. New access ramp and rails, fridge and hot water service.
2. Holds a community Christmas function, and . . .
3. Three dances a year – next one is on Friday October 30th.

#### COBDEN & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY (5595 1162)

1. Displayed World War 1 items and memorabilia and supported refurbishing of war monument and school honour board.
2. Continued to supply family and district history to the general public, schools and other town groups as requested.

#### COBDEN RED CROSS (5595 1364)

1. The branch can supply bedding, clothing and support to those affected by house fire.
2. Red Cross Calling is held each year in March.
3. Meetings are bi-monthly on the second Wednesday of the month at Cobden Fire Station - 10.30am.

#### COBDEN AIRSTRIP FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE (5595 2215)

1. Contributed \$50,000 towards sealing of the airstrip (with new landing lights). Completed in 2013.
2. Continuing to fundraise for the upgrade and improvements to the airstrip by supplying supper at the monthly music and dance nights (first Saturday each month), raffles, linen parties and BBQs.

#### COBDEN STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES (5595 1352)

1. Five members have been accredited in first aid, roof top safety, storm and water damage.
2. Five members are currently being trained in road crash rescue.
3. Two members have been regularly deployed to Sydney to assist in storm response.

#### COBDEN CIVIC HALL (5595 1103)

1. Current committee is ten volunteers. More welcome!
2. Main hall and meeting rooms are accessible to all – no steps.
3. Heytesbury Room is equipped with data projector and whiteboard for meetings.

#### COBDEN QUOTA CLUB (5595 1231)

1. Celebrating 45 years of community service locally.
2. Developing a parking area at the Cobden Connection gazebo.
3. Coordinates Meals on Wheels roster delivery and Carols by Candlelight.



*Volunteers Elaine Dryburgh (left), and Bev Duffin prepare for the daily Meals on Wheels delivery, a program coordinated by Cobden Quota Club.*

#### UNITING CHURCH (5232 7111) / OP SHOP (5595 0135)

1. Welcomed new minister Rev Mele Fakahua-Ratcliffe in March.
2. Hours at the Op Shop, 50 Curdie St: 10am-4pm Monday to Friday, 10am-12 noon Saturday.
3. UFO Group (Un-Finished Objects) at the Op Shop on the second Monday and fourth Wednesday of each month 1-3pm.

#### COBDEN CEMETERY TRUST (5595 1951)

1. Seven Trust members meet and hold regular working bees.
2. Always positive feedback about the way the cemetery looks – a credit to its volunteers.
3. All cemetery burial records and plans will be updated in coming months.

#### COBDEN CWA (5595 1766)

1. Meetings held at 1pm on the first Monday of the month at Uniting Church Hall.
2. Celebrating 80th year supporting local and wider communities.
3. Won Spring Festival parade's prize for most humorous float – depicting 1950s scone-making.

#### COBDEN VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION (0419 043 103)

1. Tuesday nights. Three seasons of 10 weeks only. Spring begins in four weeks!
2. Mixed, men's and women's teams of at least six players.
3. Caters for all abilities, and people of all ages.

#### COBDEN SPORTS CLUB (0429 921 876)

1. New front and side windows, upgraded combi-oven, a new dishwasher, bain-marie and brand new round tables
2. Book the room, kitchen and bar (or any part of) for your function – very reasonable hire.
3. Bar prices are cheapest in Australia for this type of venue.



*Cobden Football Netball Club's Simon Murfett (left), Narelle Lucas and Lucinda Jubb at the recent country and western function at the Sports Club.*

#### THOMPSON'S HOTEL SOCIAL CLUB (5595 1024)

1. Social Club was formed about 2001.
2. Meets every Thursday night at Thompson's Hotel from 7pm.
3. Funds raised through membership and raffles are either put back into our local community, or used for social events for our members to promote fellowship within our Club.

**OTHER GROUPS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT A THREE-POINT SUMMARY FOR FUTURE CONNECTING COBDEN PAGES.**



## Business of the Month FONTERRA



*CBN chair, Trevor Clarke (left) and Andrew Nooy (Regional Operations Manager).*



**Business name:** Fonterra

**Ownership:** Fonterra NZ

**Management: Regional Operations Manager:** Andrew Nooy

**Site Manager:** Bruce Manson

**Product:** Produces the iconic Western Star Butter as well as numerous other branded spreads and butters. Also skim milk, whole milk and butter milk powders for both domestic and export supply. Now supplying fresh milk to Woolworths.

**Background:** The site was established in 1888 as a co-operative for the local area farmers. It has grown over time and now employs more than 300 people – including butter and powder operators, milk tanker drivers, maintenance staff and general management.

The site, previously owned by Bonlac, was taken over by Fonterra in 2006.

#### What you might not know about Fonterra:

1. Cobden is the biggest Fonterra site in Australia
2. Supplies products to Aldi and Coles as well as Woolworths
3. Total staff numbers equal to more than 15% of Cobden's population
4. Invested more than \$30 million in the new fresh milk plant supplying Woolworths
5. Have donated an average of \$10,000 to community programs per year over the last ten years

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#### Have you checked out . . .

cobden.org.au, cobdenbusinessnetwork.org.au, and the 'Cobden Community' Facebook page? These sites and page will keep you up-to-date about what is happening in and around Cobden.

You will find that they are linked to other wonderful websites eg Cobden Rotary, the Corangamite Shire, the Twelve Apostles, the schools, Cobden and District Health Service . . .

For information about our social media, talk to Barbara Cowley (5595 4243 or barbaracowley@bigpond.com). She will also be happy to help you set up a web page for your club, group or organisation on cobden.org.au.

#### COBDEN CALENDAR

**Wednesday 9th September:** Cobden and District Tennis Association AGM, 7.30pm, Sports Club.

**Monday 21st September:** 7.30pm CopRice Cobden Spring Festival meeting, Heytesbury Room.

**Sunday 27th September:** 11am-6pm Cobden Football Netball Club Presentation Day, Civic Hall.

**Saturday 10th October:** 1.30pm-4pm Spring Gala Extravaganza at Cobden Civic Hall. In aid of CDHS Anzac Wing.

**Every Saturday:** 8am "Spring into Summer" free fitness event with Belinda Savage, on "Circuit de Savage". Ph: 0419 587 036.