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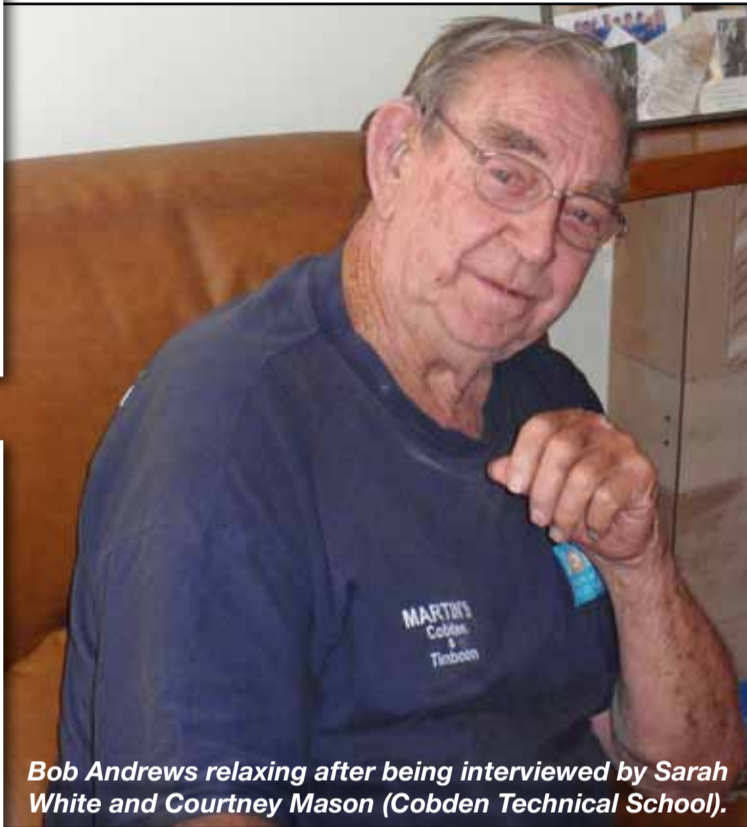
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• Sarah



• Courtney



Bob Andrews relaxing after being interviewed by Sarah White and Courtney Mason (Cobden Technical School).

Characters of Cobden - Bob Andrews

Well-known Cobden identity Bob Andrews was not sure why he had been chosen to feature in the first of our "Characters of Cobden" series. As he said when we visited his Stirling Street home for the interview . . .

"I'M NOT A PUBLICITY MAN"

Anyway, we thought the 83 year-old retired plumber should be recognised for his contribution to his community, particularly for his 65 year involvement with the Cobden Fire Brigade. Bob, who was born and raised in Cobden, still shows great interest in his community.

The eldest of four children, Bob attended Cobden Primary School to Year 8. His father worked with the Shire on the roads. Apart from a short period when his family lived near the racecourse, his home-place has always been in Stirling Street.

Although he was a Cobden Turf Club life-member, he admits to not being a good punter.

In 1946, Bob was invited to join the Cobden Fire Brigade. He soon discovered it was a "good service to the community" and good fun as well. Not only was he captain of the brigade for twelve years, Bob and his competition running team won the B Grade State Fire Brigade Championships in 1981. "My word, we celebrated, long and hard," he laughed.

Bob is a life member of the brigade and, even after 65 years, he still manages to attend meetings and help out around the fire shed.

As a young local bloke, Bob played his fair share of football. He played for ten years at Cobden when they were known as the "Soldier Beetles". He said that ten years was not long enough but, fortunately, he did not sustain any injuries.

In 1948, he played in his first and only premierships with Cobden. He told us there are only two other living members of that team - Peter Rankin and Bernie McQuinn (plus mascots John Murphy and Colin Gaut).

Although football has expanded, Bob still barracks for the North Melbourne Kangaroos. Bob thinks the change from VFL to AFL is great because it is giving more young fellows a chance to play football.

When does he think North Melbourne will win another premierships? Probably 2030 because "Geez, when will that happen?" His family has had a long affiliation with the Cobden Football Netball Club as the senior best and fairest award is called the Andrews Cup named after his Uncle Albert Andrews.

After doing many different odd jobs, Bob became a plumber. He chose this job because a position was available and "jobs were scarce in those days." Australia was coming out of a depression.

He is known to be an experienced windmill man, a description which he rejected with "it just happened." When asked if he had any funny stories about windmills, he responded, "There is nothing funny about them." He sees windmills as pretty obsolete because there are more efficient ways of getting water to the larger herd sizes.

"Got to keep working" is Bob's advice to young people but he had no words of wisdom for politicians and the local council. His response was, "Not getting involved with that."

Bob is clearly a man who is satisfied with his life. He has seen constant improvements in Cobden with the arrival of the technical school, the airstrip, a bigger and better dairy factory, sporting grounds and other facilities.

He does like the strong community spirit. "All getting together and having a go clearly works for Cobden," he said.

COBDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL No 864 PROUDLY "BUILDING ON THE PAST"

Cobden Primary School is committed to continuous improvement and achieving excellence in teaching and learning at every level. The school is building a reputation for high academic achievement in English and Maths.

Teaching staff also provide quality learning programs in other curriculum areas. In particular, they are very proud of their performing and visual arts program which runs across the school. The curriculum provides a comprehensive health and physical education program which assists students to develop healthy lifestyle choices.

The current enrolment is around 200 students. Sixteen dedicated staff members provide high standard teaching, integration support, administration and cleaning for the school community.

The following excerpts (1840-1995) are taken from "**Building On The Past**" which was researched by Alan Hart and written by Gary Kimber.

Connecting Cobden has added more recent items with the help of principal Peter Lee and business manager Sue Wilson.

Enjoy the trip down memory lane and also see page 3 for reflections from former students, young and old.

Timeline:

- 1840: Dr Daniel Curdie is first white settler in area.
- 1850s: Other settlers arrive. Town known as "Lovely Banks".
- 1865: Town of Cobden proclaimed. First "school" is held at the home of Mr George Braithwaite who is paid by early settlers to teach their children. Braithwaite's son, John, is first Education Department employee to teach at Cobden.
- 1870: After four years of campaigning by local residents, a timber State School is built on same site as today's school. Officially opened on June 14th, with George Braithwaite as head teacher.
- 1872: Eighty people attend the school.
- 1876: Education Dept give permission for a dance at the school, using school band.
- 1877: Cobden defeats Camperdown in "friendly" State School cricket match.
- 1879: Infants' room is erected at a cost of £236. Many children suffer from ringworm.
- 1880: Head teacher Mr C Smithwich is given purse of sovereigns as farewell gift.
- 1882: Head teacher Mr C Baker tells Education Dept it is not possible to support him and his wife on £50 a year.
- 1888: After five years of campaigning for more space, an additional bluestone building is completed at a cost of £809. Average attendance - 129.
- 1890: Thirty children leave after head teacher (Mr Roget) is accused of "unmercifully beating a boy with a riding whip." Mr Roget is replaced by Mr W Spring in 1891.
- 1897: Head teacher Mr J Corr is appointed the registrar of births and deaths.
- 1900: Health officer condemns school's inadequate roof, windows, floors - unfit for occupancy.
- 1902: Cows destroy students' garden. Fence built around the garden is stolen.

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School Council president Adam Collins (left), Peter Lee (principal), Jacinta Henriksen (year 6), Junior School Council president and secretary Hayley Riches and Cally O'Shannassy and assistant principal Clare Monk.



The Uniting Church in Cobden was formed in 1977, as part of the nation-wide union of three existing churches; Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregational. A decision was taken to use the existing Methodist building in Curdie Street as our place of worship, and further extensions were built and officially opened in 1981. The prime hilltop property of the old Presbyterian church was subdivided and sold as residential blocks.

Back then there were three outlying parishes; Stoneyford, Cobrico and South Purrumbete; with changing demographics and increasing ability to travel, over the years these churches have all closed.

Cobden Uniting has always been served well by a succession of ministers which have, until 2007, been resident in the town. More recently, seeking ways to staff our churches differently, Cobden has joined the Corangamite Shared

Ministry, and with Camperdown and Derrinallum, share a minister, administrative support, and soon a pastoral care assistant.

Rev Cameron McAdam, who lives in Camperdown, gives us constant encouragement to share our faith within the church, the broader community and beyond, with a strong emphasis on social justice, which is one of the cornerstones of Uniting Church policy.

CHAPLAINCY

As a means of reaching out to our community four years ago Cobden Uniting Church approached the Cobden Technical School to discuss the appointment of a chaplain to the school, and this was duly established, with the church fully funding this position for one day per week.

We were delighted that Rev Malcolm Ward, the pastor at Naringal Baptist Church, accepted this appointment. He is a much respected member of the school's welfare team and offers support, guidance and care to students. Cobden Uniting is very proud of initiating this chaplaincy, and we are delighted that the school appreciates its value and has applied for the new round of Federal funding for chaplaincies, which will be announced shortly.

OPPORTUNITY SHOP

Our Op-shop provides a valuable service to the community, providing low-cost clothing and household items. It also provides food parcels and clothing or goods to people who for any reason find themselves in need.

The shop is managed mainly by the women of the church but also benefits from the generous giving of their time by other local volunteers.

For the last few years proceeds from the Op-shop have helped to support the funding of the school chaplaincy; currently there are conversations taking place about re-development of the Op-shop at 50 Curdie Street.

KIDS' PROGRAM

Last year the church initiated a new after-school program; a "Kids' Story Workshop" for primary school children; this has been led by Cobden CRE teacher, Jamie Rothman, and Cameron McAdam. This workshop runs on the last five Tuesday afternoons of each school term, and the children

have great fun with craft, songs, stories and other activities. A wonderful home-cooked afternoon tea is also provided for them.

Cobden Uniting enjoys working with the other Cobden churches at ecumenical occasions, such as the combined service for the Cobden Spring Festival; the last two of these were held under canvas, at the Dairy Park, and wet weather notwithstanding, were most successful.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Our womenfolk meet monthly at Uniting Church Adult Fellowship which is not in fact restricted to "Ladies Only" but we are still waiting for our first male members!

As well as responsibilities for the Op-shop, they provide catering for functions at the church, funerals, birthdays etc., and also regularly provide lunch at the Senior Citizens'.

Other activities include guest speakers, fashion days, parish teas, and of course Pancake Day. An excellent afternoon tea is promised; and lots of companionship and chatter.

A new president, Eunice Maskell, has just been elected; Lorraine Oates is secretary and Gwen Mounsey treasurer.

There is also a men's tea held monthly; again a friendly happy occasion; the men bring along food to share, and the chatter may even outdo that of the women! All groups would be delighted to have some new members.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Like all organisations, management is needed in order to function smoothly and we have an elected group of elders, who deal with worship and pastoral care concerns, and the church council which attends to outreach, finances, property maintenance, and all other activities. Jamie Rothman chairs the church council, with Gwenyth Steele as secretary and Barbara Cowley treasurer.

The Cobden Uniting Church lives through the dedication and energy of its members. Church is held every Sunday at 9am, except fifth Sundays when the Corangamite Shared Ministry joins together, usually in Camperdown at 10.30am.

New faces are always welcome into our friendly family.

- Gwenyth Steele -



Margaret Matthews making pancakes at the recent SHARE Appeal pancake day.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL PROUDLY "BUILDING ON THE PAST"

- 1908: Old infants' room and another room replaced. Lavatory suggested at a cost of £50. Residence for head teacher is erected.
- 1909: Miniature rifle range erected at the school for local detachment of cadets.
- 1910: Head teacher Mr Heggie applies to have Mary McQuinn as a junior teacher.
- 1919: Nearly 100 students absent from school due to whooping cough epidemic.
- 1924: Extensive renovations made and electricity is introduced!
- 1930: Cobden swimming pool is opened and available for swimming classes.
- 1933: School is involved in "Back-to-Cobden" week. Mr Hedley Jobling is head teacher and Miss Forster an assistant.
- 1935: Curdie House wins inter-school sports against smaller local schools.
- 1937: School suffers major polio outbreak.
- 1940: School population is 194.
- 1942: World War 2 - 100 parents dig trenches in pool reserve for 220 children 326 feet long four feet six inches deep.
- 1950: The school is seen as "an attractive building with all classrooms



Josh Smith (left) and Dylan Jeffery in the playground.



Tyler Lenehan ... in a pensive moment.

- possessing every amenity".
- 1953: Wendy Howard (Grade 2) and Elizabeth Rix (Grade 1) present gifts to Miss Malloy and Miss Young. School dux is Judith Whitehead.
- 1954: Mr J Cameron is head teacher.
- 1957: Rosamond Thompson receives dux award from Mr C W George (A E George and Sons) and an Apex scholarship from club president Malcolm Roberts.
- 1959: Athletic sports events include goal throwing, football kicking, cricket ball throwing, plus egg and spoon, wheel-barrow, hopping, sack and running races.
- 1960: Mothers' Club membership is 73. Cuisenaire rods are introduced.
- 1965: Led by Mrs M Molan (president) and Mrs K McQuinn (secretary), Mothers' Club celebrates its 30th birthday.
- 1967: Head teacher Mr R Bridges transfers and is replaced by Mr P Bartels in 1968.
- 1969: School fair highlights are mini-golf, pony rides, art show and home-made cakes.
- 1970: School's centenary is celebrated

with huge "Back-to". Oldest student returning is Mrs Amy Clarke - nee Spall (86 years-old).

- 1971: Mr Jeff Binder is principal and Marg Tongs begins her Cobden teaching career.
- 1973: With 244 students and ten staff, multi-grades are introduced - prep, grades 1 and 2 students in one room.
- 1974: Mr Steve Woodcock begins as principal. Cooperative society formed to provide library books and furniture.
- 1980: Thirty students travel around Victoria on "Train of Knowledge".
- 1983: "Puss in Boots" on stage.
- 1988: Principal is Mr Gary Kimber. School community fights to keep portable room.
- 1989: Headlice presents as a real issue.
- 1990: Five houses to four houses - Barrett, Curdie, George and Silvester.

"Buddies" commences. Sue Wilson starts as business manager.

- 1991: Structured working bees begin.
- 1994: Indonesian introduced as school's Language other than English (LOTE).
- 1996: Assistant principal for six years, Mr David Snell is appointed principal.
- 2004: RSL Hall is purchased.
- 2006: Mr A Dowling begins as principal.
- 2009: Mr Peter Lee is new principal. Geelong Football Club players visit school as they win premierships - Steve Johnson, James Kelly, Andrew Mackie . . .
- 2010: Cobden swimming pool floods with water on bottom oval, 31 students diagnosed with whooping cough and new learning centre is built under the Building Education Revolution.
- 2011: More refurbishments thanks to the Better Schools program.



Shannyn Robbins (left), Casey Smith and Ally Dickson enjoying a hot lunch prepared by Mr McKenzie's year 5-6 group.

Cobrico Fire Brigade

- always ready for action -



Cobrico Fire Brigade captain Philip Downie (left) and secretary Ken Smith pictured on the fire truck.

Cobrico Bush Fire Brigade, formed on April 12th 1936, was the first brigade in this area, preceding Cobden by several weeks. Brigades were originally known as Bush Fire Brigades but, in 1945, the Government changed the name and they became known as Rural Fire Brigades.

Brigade equipment in the early times consisted of leather-beaters and a few privately-owned knapsacks. A few years later, when funds became available, a square iron tank was acquired and a semi rotary hand pump and hose was fitted. It had the capacity of 200 gallons (900 litres).

In 1944 a Heytesbury Shire grant of twenty pounds (\$40) and donations from members bought two 150 gallon tanks fitted with low down hand pumps. The following year a government grant of sixty pounds allowed the purchase of two tractor power take off pumps. A tractor was able to tow a trailer and tank and also drive the pump all in the same operation. In later years a 1000 gallon tank and close coupled engine and pump unit was purchased, and a Vintern VHF two way radio was also added some years later.

In 1972 the brigade was issued with an Austin complete truck unit, however due to the absence of a fire station it had to be housed in the shed of a brigade member. This unit was eventually replaced with an updated Austin and then in 1984 the Austin was replaced with a new Hino Diesel 600 gallons.

The current vehicle, also a Hino, came from Bannockburn in 2008 and is housed at the Cobrico Fire Station, which was built in 1979 by voluntary labour for \$1000.

The first office-bearers were captain, Joe Kerr, secretary Bill Andrews, Comms Officer, Mrs Violet Kerr (who was the Cobrico Post Mistress). Membership for each farm was 5 shillings (50¢).

In 2012, 15 of the 20 members are active. Office-bearers complete advanced training while members complete minimum skills training.

The current office-bearers are captain, Philip Downie, secretary, Ken Smith, lieutenants, James Kerr Gavin Mulholland, Louie Cavarsan and Barry Coad. New members are always welcome.

From information supplied by **Les Kerr**

WHO AM I?

When were you born? In the 1930s.

Which schools have you attended? Coburg Primary School, Upwey High School.

Your AFL team? Geelong.

How do you relax? Crosswords, needlework, reading.

Favourite holiday destination? I enjoyed Norfolk Island.

Your favourite television show? I like English drama.

Best book you've ever read? I like Catherine Cookson books.

How many brothers and sisters do you have? One brother, four sisters.

How many children do you have. Four children and five grandchildren.

Your worst habit? Talking too much.

Cobden's best feature? Caring people.

Your favourite subject at school? English.

Current clubs or organisations? Uniting Church, Garden Club.

Your proudest achievement so far? Reaching 80.

The name of this Cobden identity will be revealed in the April edition of Connecting Cobden.

COBDEN CALENDAR

Friday 23rd March: Ageing Well Expo, Senior Citizens' Hall, 10am-3pm. Contact Lyn Russell or Tracey Mitchell 5595 3100.

Sunday 25th March: Country Music Afternoon, Senior Citizens' Hall, 1.30pm, \$5, afternoon tea provided. Contact: Irene Wyles 5595 1850.

Thursday 29th March: Blumes' Fashions, Cobden Uniting Church, 10.30am. Soup and sandwich luncheon, stall. \$10 entry.

Monday 2nd April: Progressing Cobden meeting 7.30pm. Heytesbury Room.

Saturday 7th April: Hoy, Senior Citizens' Hall, 1.30pm. \$2 entry plus small gift.

Sunday 15th April: Dairy Park, Historical Society, Miniature Railway and Restoration Group, Racecourse Reserve.

Saturday 28th April: Cobden & District Kindergarten's Baby & Kids' Market. Cobden Civic Hall, 9am-1pm. Entry by gold coin donation. New and second-hand items, for children aged 0-10 years, will be for sale. Contact: Fiona Hanks 0429 797 418.

Sunday 29th April: Country Music Afternoon, Senior Citizens' Hall, 1.30pm, \$5, afternoon tea provided. Contact: Irene Wyles 5595 1850.

MEMORIES OF COBDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Meeting friends who are still friends now over 35 years later. *Barb (Osborne) Semmens.*
- Pedro. Taught me to draw and Moose's daughter Rhianon and I were the best of friends. *Lee (Alexander) Scott.*
- Making Christmas decorations and walking to the Cobden Butter Factory for a look at it. Swimming lessons in the freezing water. *Wendy (Bourke) Gleeson.*
- Mr Hedley Jobling, the head teacher, I loved him. Climbing on the tank stand to spy on two teachers who were engaged to be married. I thought it was funny. *Alma (Wilson) MacDonald.*
- The start of the new school year. Getting new books, pencils, uniform and shoes. The best part was sport. *Marj Staggard.*
- The friendships that were made and have lasted until today. Princess Alexandra visited Camperdown and we went and saw her, my first use of the camera. *Heather (Meade) Walsh.*
- As a student, sitting and listening to Mrs Holton tell stories of her travels around the world, particularly to Japan. I was in Grade 2 at the time. I think that is why I have always had the travel bug. Fifty-three countries and many more to come. *Barbara Kerr.*
- Moving on from using pencil to using pen and ink. I felt so grown up when this occurred. I guess many children would not be aware of school desks with inkwells. *Marilyn Rantall.*
- Playing in the trenches (war years) and sports days against Camperdown. Town rivalry still goes. *Tony Merrett.*
- Loved school, got on well with all my teachers. *Chris Sleep.*

HISTORY ON DISPLAY

Cobden & District Historical Society (with Elizabeth Wilson)

Our organisation's aim or purpose is collecting and preserving items of local history, including schools, dairy and sheep industries, war memorabilia, etc.

We call it "preserving the old and present for the future."

We were established in 1985 at the request of many locals and were helped in this by Heytesbury and Camperdown societies. We started with 14 members.

We currently have ten members and we would welcome any interested folk to join us. No specific qualifications are needed - just be interested in what we are trying to do.

We meet in our home - the old Chocelyn Hall in Grayland Street, Cobden at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month, except January.

We are fortunate to have been in our own home since 2004 and we are busy setting it up as our museum. We successfully ran the local art festival for 18 years. In 1995 we participated in the "Back To Cobden" which commemorated 100 years of the Heytesbury Shire and 140 years of Cobden State School.

Our current office-bearers are - president, Judith Gribble, secretary, Elizabeth Wilson, treasurer, Alma MacDonald, vice-president, Jennifer Kripp.

We are open to the public and ask for a gold coin donation on the third Sunday each month from 1.30pm. We have had books published including "Our Cobden and District 1840-1920" and "100 Years Down The Line."

Please contact any of the above for information. We will do our best to help you.

FROM THE HISTORY BOOKS ...

- We note that teachers each day will fill lamps and clean their chimneys.
- Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's session.
- Men teachers may take one evening a week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly.
- Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed. (*I wonder if marriage was considered unseemly? EW*).
- Men teachers were forbidden to appear in public wearing shirt-sleeves unlinked or rolled; hair was to be closely cropped.
- Women were not to be in public in a bathing costume, bloomers for cycling skirts slit to expose ankles or bustle extensions over ten inches.



Secretary Elizabeth Wilson welcomes visitors.
Inset: Home of the Historical Society.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY
WELCOME

SEE THE BOMBERS FLY UP, UP ...

(with Wayne Gibson)

The 2012 football/netball season is almost upon us with practice matches already played. The committee would like to take this opportunity to reintroduce the club back to the community as we feel we have lost touch over recent years.

With a full committee for the first time in five years and good numbers on the track the club is moving in the right direction. One of the main focuses this year will be to participate in community events. This has already started with the club being involved in the Relay for Life fundraiser at the Terang trots last month. Please contact anyone on the committee if you feel the club can assist your community event in any way.

The club has been fortunate to appoint two stalwarts to the senior coaching roles. Kerry McGlade will oversee the senior netball and her assistant for the year is Maddie Smedts. Maddie has state league experience and will be a welcome addition to what will be a relatively young side this year. Other coaches/captains will be appointed as we get closer to the start of the season.

Wayne Robertson has been appointed senior football coach. Wayne has been in or around the coaching game for a number of years and was delighted to get the opportunity to coach his beloved Bombers. The club has also appointed Simon Morris to the reserve coaching

role and we have Bill Askew and Dave Smith overseeing the under 18s for the second year. With the recruitment of Joe Dare (former VFL player) and his younger brother Lincoln and the development of the young list, we are looking to move forward in the 2012 season.

RIPPER FIRST GAME

The first game of the year (against Terang/Mortlake on Saturday 14th April) is set to be a ripper with all the juniors playing before the seniors. The under 12s will kick off the day at around 10am with the senior game commencing at 7pm. Stay tuned for more information on this day as we get closer to the start of the season.

In recent years the club has only had moderate success on the field with most recently the A1 netballers winning the 2011 premiership. But as a club we feel that premierships should not be the only measurement of success. One of the key goals for the club is to develop players so that they can move on and play at higher levels and in the past three years we have had three players drafted into the AFL – Ben Cunnington (Kangaroos jumper no 10), Gary Rohan (Swans – no 16) and Jackson Merrett (Bombers no 33). Also, we have had three or four players per season try out and play for North Ballarat in the VFL and numerous kids invited to train with the Geelong Falcons. Once again in the current season there are three Cobden players



training with North Ballarat and as many as seven of our under 18s trying out with the Geelong Falcons. This is a great achievement for a small country club.

From a social point of view, we are hoping to introduce a season launch and we have approached Gary Rohan to see if he would be available to assist us in this launch. This will be well advertised in the CTCT (keep an eye out on the website or our facebook page for other social events happening during the season).

BECOME A MEMBER

Memberships will go on sale in early March. These will be available from Marie Osborne down in the Cobden Mall, or Jan Foster and Kelli Pekin and obviously at the season launch. We are also looking to introduce a distance membership for any of the past players or members who have moved away from Cobden but still would like to be a member of the club.

Like all voluntary clubs, we are always looking for assistance and that is still the case for the 2012 season. If you are interested in helping out the club we have a number of match day roles to fill or one-off roles such as coordinating one of our major functions or being involved in the development of a new strategic plan or reviewing the club's constitution. Please feel free to contact Wayne Gibson on 0408529501 to discuss any of these options.

Another topic which has been hotly debated is the club logo and whether it is time to develop a new logo. As a committee we feel that this is a decision for the members (past and present) of the club. At present we have our current logo (above) and one other which has been presented to the club. These can be found on our website. The committee would like your input into this matter and would be delighted if anyone out there would like to design a new logo and present it to the committee. This can be done by emailing the logo design to the club at cfnc@bigpond.net.au or provide feedback on the logos at the club's website.

To stay up-to-date on all of the latest results, gossip and events for the 2012 season please go to either the club's website www.cobdenfnc.vcfl.com.au or the newly created facebook page Cobden Football Netball Club (not Cobden Football Netball Club Inc).

Cobden Football Netball Club Established 1879

2012 CFNC Committee

President	Wayne Gibson
Vice-President	Russell McCann
Secretary	Kelli Pekin
Treasurer	Trevor Gardner
Assistant Treasurer	Cath Umland
Match Day Secretary	Cameron Beaton
Netball Director	Belinda Rohan
Assistant Netball Director	Amy Stringer
Football Director	David Dickinson
Sponsorship	David Buckle
Cattle Club	Greg Darcy
Match Day Operations	Mark Loving
Communications	Brendan Cook
Membership & Merchandise	Jan Foster
Social	Bronte McCann
Recreation Reserve	Jacob Pekin
	Mick Foster
	Wayne Gibson
Sports Club	



Cobden's Leigh Evans (left) marks in front of North Warrnambool's Jeremy Parkinson.



2011 A1 Netball Premiers - Back: Kym Goonan (left), Janine Hutt, Tarryn Hill, Sam Holland, Amy McGlade, Jacoba Wagstaff. Front: Renae Sullivan, Helene Myers, Kerry McGlade.

February's "Who Am I?"

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Drew Semmens

likes to relax by listening to music and admires Ricky Ponting, Brent Harvey and his Mum and Dad.

His favourite school subject is PE and the best book he has ever read is Captain's Diaries 2009.

Drew is a member of Cobden Football Netball Club and Bellarine Athletics Club and you may be surprised to know he likes to play golf.



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Fred van Leerdam

finds the variation of jobs the best thing about his work, as he is always doing something different.

His favourite AFL team is Carlton and he enjoys watching Bones, Water Rats and action shows on television.

Fred's favourite Cobden feature is the lake area and he has two dogs, Mate and Abbey and three cats, Zoe, Pip and Scout.



Barbara Cowley asks: How many words can you find using the 16 letters of

Connecting Cobden?

There are at least ...

- 64 four letter words
- 25 five letter words
- 7 six letter words
- 9 seven letter words
- 1 eight letter word
- 4 nine letter words
- 1 ten letter word

Enter your list of words (no proper nouns), with name and phone number, in either of the "Connecting Cobden" boxes in Ritchies Supermarket or David Falk's Real Estate office by 11th April.

A prize will be awarded for the most words found.

No correspondence will be entered into!

Letter to the Editor

Re Doggy Doo

While walking with my mate Jack along Circuite de Savage, I was surprised at the number of "Barker's Nests" deposited along the track.

My sister Princess, who lives in Geelong, makes sure her mate Kate takes along a plastic bag to tidy up any "Barker's Nests" she leaves behind. Jack and Kate are very considerate about other track users getting their daily exercise.

So I would like to speak up for all other walking track strollers who would like to walk doggy doo free, and ask all dog owners like my Jack to take along a plastic bag and clean up your act.

Cheers Scruffy
(Registered name and Kennel address supplied)