

Celebrating CWA connects Cobden community . . .

Cobden's CWA branch celebrated its 76th birthday while hosting the annual Combined Service Clubs' Dinner at Cobden Golf Club on July 19th.

Eighty-two representatives from 23 Cobden organisations dined and reported on their activities during the year. The evening again reinforced the important role that volunteers play in keeping communities like Cobden connected. The impressive two-minute reports were very informative!

CWA president Val Maynard hosted the event and asked the branch's longest-serving member Doreen Sullivan to cut a birthday cake made by member Barbara Porter.

Another highlight was a presentation by Tony Featherston from Cottage by the Sea, a holiday program at Queenscliff that supports needy children and families. Funds raised from a fun-auction conducted by Garry Ross were donated to the cause.

Other current CWA office-bearers include vice president Judy Morgan, secretary Dawn Robertson and treasurer Lorraine Oates. The branch has 22 members and meets at 1 pm every second Monday of the month at the Cobden Uniting Church.

Pictured clockwise from top right: Doreen Sullivan (left) and Val Maynard cutting the birthday cake (inset); Judy Morgan (inset); Dawn Robertson and Lorraine Oates; Shirley Rohan and Sue Ralph; Neville Robertson and Bill Nelson.



CONNECTING COBDEN

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Students connect with Cobden workplaces . . .

A wonderful way for young people to 'dip their toes' into the world of work. Just before the mid-year vacation, Cobden Technical School's year 10 students ventured out on two weeks of work experience. Thanks to all the employers who provided valuable placement opportunities for them.

Left: Maddie McInnes enjoyed a busy fortnight, spending the first week at Cobden Kindergarten with Ryan Armistead (left), Mia McVilly and friends and preparing and serving culinary delights to Oasis Café customers during the second week (inset).

Right: Rebecca Rohan scales the musical heights in the Cobden Primary School music room,

Below left: Twins Grace (left) and Lara Taylor entertain Paige Holster at Cobden Primary School.



Reunion re-connects Cobden champs . . .

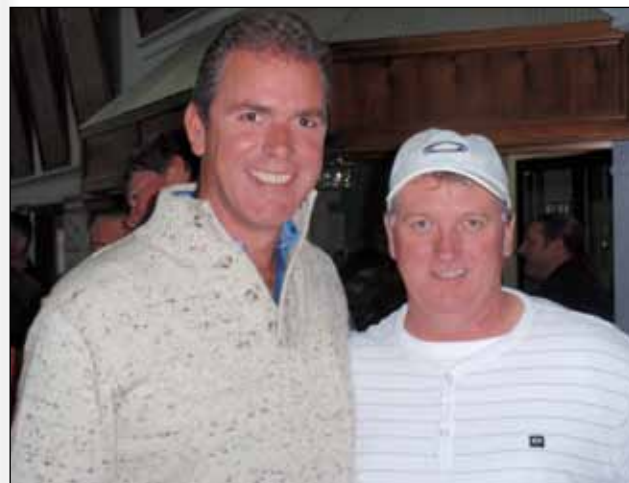
Cobden Football Netball Club recently held a reunion day for former players, officials and supporters, including those connected with premierships at all levels.

Visitors included Des Mackay, Greg Chessum (Queensland), Brad Gaut (Western Australia), Barry Mackay (Koo Wee Rup), Brett Alexander (Leopold), Scott Lord (Gisborne) and Craig Pertzell (Hamilton). Locals who welcomed the visitors included Laurie Green, Neil Grayland, Keith Simmonds, Jim Rohan, Neal Simmonds, David Hallyburton, Dominic Kerr, Mark Smith, Darren Mounsey and Craig Davis.

Right: 1983 under 18 premierships coach Jim Dalziel renews acquaintances with Bernie and Glenda Foster.

Below right: Champion Bomber Peter Finch chats with under 18 premierships player Robert "Potsy" Herbert (Bendigo).

Below: 1983 under 18 premierships players Paul Blain (left) of Warrnambool and Robert Richardson (Ocean Grove) reminisce about the glory day.



COBDEN CALENDAR

- 1st August:** 12 noon Senior Citizens' Luncheon. 5595 1693
- 5th August:** 7.30pm Progressing Cobden AGM, Heytesbury Room, Civic Centre.
- 14th August:** 7.30pm Historical Society AGM. Grayland Street.
- 18th August:** 1.30pm Cobden Senior Citizens' hall. "The Wanna Bees". \$5 entry includes afternoon tea. 5595 1693
- 19th August:** 7.30pm CopRice festival meeting. Heytesbury Room, Civic Centre.