



## Festival Sunday Fun Day

Fine weather contributed to a successful Family Fun Day at the CopRice Cobden Spring Festival and lots of happy faces were seen around festival venues. Our Connecting Cobden photographer captured some of the action of the day.

### Cobden Business Network Code

The Cobden Business Network was formed to:

- Provide professional support for all members.
- Promote a competitive business environment.
- Provide the best service to district residents to encourage them to shop locally.
- Encourage members to work together to maximise business opportunities.
- Provide full-time and part-time employment for district residents.
- Provide work placement opportunities for young people.
- Promote partnerships and relationships between organisations and businesses.
- Promote partnerships and relationships between business and business.

To facilitate these aims:

- It is important that all businesses join Progressing Cobden as a show of support for one another.
- All businesses should lead by example by shopping locally, where possible.
- If we cannot accommodate a client, we should refer him/her to another Cobden business and then to a business in a neighbouring town.
- If an issue arises between members, it must be resolved positively in a conciliatory and confidential manner.
- More experienced business people should be encouraged to act as mentors: younger members should be respected for their new ideas and enthusiasm.
- Bi-monthly network meetings will be scheduled for 60 to 75 minutes to maintain participation and interest, and to encourage attendance.
- Owners and employees should not park in front of their own or other business premises, particularly in the town's shopping area. Use of off-street parking and other nearby streets will make it easier for all customers to access Cobden businesses.

The CBN Code was formally endorsed at the network's September meeting.



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1. The sack race was keenly contested by Carl Newell (left), James Hallyburton, Zac Molan, Lily Jenkins and Elijah Unwin.
2. Michael Hose enjoyed his day ferrying passengers on the mini railway.
3. Luke Bourchier entertained the large crowd.
4. Taylor Hickey (back) and her sister Emily (front left) are pictured with Evie Frattner.
5. Cheyenne Carrigan's snake Vlad won the most unusual pet award in the Cobden Veterinary Clinic's pet parade.

Inset: Ellie McKenzie had her face painted in the Fonterra marquee.



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### "WHO AM I?"

- When were you born?** 1953.
- Which schools did you attend?** Yan Yean Primary School, Lalor and Merrilands high schools, La Trobe University.
- How do you relax?** Gardening, canoeing.
- Your favourite holiday destination?** Anywhere without people.
- How many children do you have?** Three.
- Your favourite television show?** Heartbeat.
- The best thing about your work?** Meeting people and helping them find what they need.
- What was the best piece of advice you ever received?** Look for the positive, even in the worst situation.
- To which clubs or organisations do you currently belong?** Naringal Baptist Church, lots of car clubs.
- One thing about you that might surprise our readers?** I ride motorbikes!
- The best book you have ever read.** The Bible.
- Your worst habit?** Not finishing things.
- Cobden's best feature?** The lake area.
- Your favourite subject at school?** Maths.
- Your proudest achievement so far?** My girls!!

The identity of this member of the Cobden Business Network will be revealed in the next edition of Connecting Cobden.

### FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION A BLOOMING SUCCESS

A new attraction at this year's festival was the "Seasol Front Garden Competition" which attracted 33 entries.

The winning gardens were **Best Native Front Garden**, Fred and Elizabeth Wilson, 3 Scott Street; **Most Colourful**, Sue and Graham Ralph, 32 Grayland Street; **Most Innovative**, Jenny and Kevin Rundle, 61 Neylon Street; **Best Fun Front Garden**, Robert and Gwen Mounsey, 10 Stirling Street; **Best Mature Front Garden**, equal winners, Ros Smith, 72 Silvester Street and Pat and Ian Wilson, 1180 Camperdown Road.

*Pictured (below), Sue Ralph in her prize winning colourful front garden.*



### FESTIVAL FISHING on FRIDAY



Enjoying the junior fishing competition at Lake Cobden on Friday evening were Abbey Robbins (left) and Karlee Russell.

Although no fish took the bait, there were plenty of eels that did. Of the 64 entrants Jesse Wason (heaviest catch), Macey-Lee Hickey, Melinda Baulch, Isaac Baulch, Laclan Baulch, Kurtis Robbins, Ky Smith, Billie Smith, Brock Smith, Sydney Bateman, Jack Simper and Nathan Patullolock were successful.

### COBDEN CALENDAR

- October 29th:** 6.30pm WEL Group "T @ Thommo's".
- November 2nd:** 1.30pm Hoy Afternoon. Cobden Senior Citizens Hall, \$2 and a small gift.
- November 4th:** 7.30pm Progressing Cobden meeting, Heytesbury Room.
- November 12th:** 6pm Cobden Volleyball Association South West Games.
- November 13th:** 5.45pm Cobden Business Network meeting at Thompson's Hotel.