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Chair: Ron Greagen
Secretary: Kelvin White
Treasurer: Frank Martin

MINUTES – Monday 3rd July, 2023, Heytesbury Room, Civic Hall – 7pm

PRESENT: Ron Greagen, Juli Dwyer, Barbara Cowley, Jennifer Kripp, Judith Gribble, Eunice Dawe, Wendy Matheson, Kelvin White

APOLOGIES: Heather Walsh, Milton Parlour, Frank Martin, Jo Beard, Joanne Heard, Chelsea Hatherall, Helen Smith

1 **CONFIRMATION OF JUNE MINUTES:** Moved B Cowley/J Dwyer CARRIED

2 **CORRESPONDENCE (from/to PC, CBN or any PC committee)**

2.1 **Inward correspondence: From . . .**

- Laura Hultgren (CBN) re Kindness Project
- Terang Co-op: Open letter regarding closure of May Noonan Hostel
- Janelle Rohan: Allied health hub now exists in Curdie St – opportunity for promotion?
- Great Ocean Road Regional Tourism (GORRT): Tourism Talk – Greatopia, Top (Small) Tourism Towns . . .
- Corangamite Shire E-News: Free RATS, Free E-waste disposal, Draft Shire budget released . . .
- CMCA/Corangamite Shire: Regarding Cobden's RV-Friendly status
- Cobden Rotary Newsletter(s)
- Our Community: Not-for-profit Treasurer Awards – closed June 25th
- Wannon Water: Apply for our Regional Advisory Forum
- Hester Philip (Fonterra): Thanks for correspondence re tourism. Will organise a date for catch-up
- Sandra Timmins: Weekend Notes gave Cobden and Timboon excellent coverage. Won Editor's Award
- Samantha Fox (Corangamite Shire): Signage information – approvals required
- Laura Hultgren (CBN): Jo Birley (GORRT) is happy to attend a Tourism meeting
- Laura Hultgren (CBN): See Tourism committee report – strong online presence and collaboration required
- Great Ocean Road Regional Tourism (GORRT): Join the Disaster Ready Great Ocean Road Program
- Robert Lambell: Camperdown and District Historical Society re Indigenous History meeting
- Aaron Moyne (Corangamite Shire): Congratulations on free camp. No further planning action needed
- Jarrod Woff (Corangamite Shire): Racecourse Reserve meeting on June 28th
- Corangamite Shire: Grow and Prosper launch – Wednesday 5th July at Alderwood 7am
- Catherine Jenkins (CBN): Success re Mental Wellbeing of Business Communities Grants Program Round 2
- Laura Hultgren (CBN): Children's Week - \$1000 grant available for repeat of 'Kidding Around Cobden'?

2.2 **Outward correspondence: To . . .**

- CTCT: Summary of meeting for publication
- CBN: Allied health hub now exists in Curdie St – opportunity for promotion?
- PC distribution list: Apply for Wannon Water's Regional Advisory Forum
- PC distribution list: Minutes of June meeting followed up by summary of main points
- PC distribution list: Geoff Edlund's Weekend Notes article re Cobden and Timboon
- PC distribution list: Notices and notes for sub-committee meetings
- Eastern Marr Corporation re Acknowledging Cobden's Indigenous History meeting
- Robert Lambell: Camperdown and District Historical Society
- PC distribution list: Agenda and reports for July meeting

Receipt of inward/endorsement of outward correspondence: Moved J Gribble/W Matheson CARRIED

3 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

(See Reports/Business/General Business next pages)

4 **TREASURER'S REPORT (F Martin in absentia):**

BALANCE SHEET – How healthy we are in a financial sense.

- Total Current Assets (Bank Accounts + Debtors) = \$126854, increase approx. \$850 since end of May
- Debtors at 30/6/2023 = \$17466
- Liabilities – Creditors \$2809.93 – paid early June
- Reserves – all aspects of Progressing Cobden's diverse program of projects and activities have adequate reserves for the current organisational plans.
- **Summary – healthy organisation.**

Profit and loss reports for committees, groups and activities – see attached

Membership report – see attached

Grants report – see attached

Receipt of Financial report: Moved J Kripp/J Gribble

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5 **OTHER REPORTS**

5.1 CTS Students (T Perriss/W Perriss): No report

5.2 Racecourse Reserve (R Greagen): From meeting on Wednesday – Rotary reported on the ultimately successful Cobden Connection celebration at the rotunda and golf club on Thursday. A grant has been received to concrete half the shed floor, Rotary to pay for other half. The mini-golf course is wet but activity is proving very successful – with double the income since COVID. The SWME reported train rides are also increasing. **Public liability insurance has tripled so prices have lifted moderately.** Bendigo Community Bank birthday was successful. Fire risk along the Kart Club fence a major concern. The SWDRG reported they were working with the Shire re insurance issues. The airstrip committee has gained two new members, both with experience and another with a State-level CFA background. The new loading pad is working well. Some part of Hallyburton's Rd will be sealed. There will be an increment in the fee structure for use of the strip. Racecourse Reserve meetings will probably go quarterly with September 27th nominated as the next date.

5.3 Pioneer Park (H Walsh in absentia): Sunday Funday 19th November 2023

5.4 Mini-Festivals and Events: No report

5.5 Cobden & District Historical Society (J Gribble/J Kripp): We have purchased the computer and hard drive from Australia Post grant. Courtesy of Western District Newspapers, the hard drive is having Cobden Timboon Coast Times installed and all will be set up soon. We are open during school holidays and Sundays, weather permitting or by request – phone 0417 951766. Vintage kitchen utensils display in hall and sports display in Curdie Arcade shop window. Family history queries are being dealt with, and on-line history stories receiving favourable comments.

5.6 TWENTY 20 VISION ACTION GROUPS:

5.6.1 Tourism/Grand Tourism Plan

- **Free camp on Golf Club land:** Has hosted its first guests. PC's representatives on the management committee with the Golf Club are Frank Martin and Wendy Matheson.
- **Dump Point issues (K White):** Rick Frost ordered professional signage to explain the dump point no-nos. Installed in the last fortnight. Need another sign informing location of Free Camp area.
- **Cobden V.I. C. 3266 (J Dwyer):** Looking forward to installation of reverse cycle split system thanks to cooperation of building's owner. Meeting endorsed agreement with owner. V.I.C. has a new volunteer but generally quiet time. Have donated quilt to raise funds for Anglicare. Funds raised for Angus appeal.
- **Building Cobden's Tourism Capacity (K White):** Report attached. Rail Trail chair Pat Robertson attended. Awaiting confirmation of meeting date with Fonterra representatives. Next meeting Monday 31st July.

5.6.2 Town Appearance

- > **Streetscape (J Beard):** Still awaiting finalisation of concrete driveway replacements, weather permitted, as well as brickwork to be uplifted and replaced by lawn by same contractor on roundabout approach islands. New out-stands on corner of Victoria /Silvester streets also to be installed providing the gateway 'entrance feel' to business area.

Hinged banner poles have arrived and awaiting installation in coming month. New timber bin surrounds ordered, will be installed once supplied. Fancy feature seats shaped like old 'butter press' still being custom-designed and appropriate contractor to be engaged.

Council Parks & Gardens team reviewing garden bed planting gaps and species.

- **Lake Cobden:** Scouting Group to carry out work during June. No contact yet. Jo Beard reports: Fonterra's Good Together Team have committed to helping complete the rear wall of the BBQ shelter. Roberts Builders are confirming previous quote to construct rear wall to existing shelter for weather protection for user enjoyment. Part funding had already been obtained via a grant but will be finally achieved thanks again to Fonterra. A new sign has been installed near the car park following the re-staining of jetties, and general clean up thanks to Fonterra. Even has a Western Star logo which looks fabulous.

5.6.3 Facilities, Infrastructure and Services (FIS)

- > **Cobden Aerodrome Community Asset Committee (J Beard/E Dawe):** Committee met earlier in June. Upgrades to loading pad completed. New secure fence around the clubrooms is being quoted and will be installed asap. Landing fee structure will be implemented as per Master Plan, following Aviation Data received to help inform the new fees. AVData records landings/take offs and types of aircraft utilising the strip. This will be really useful. No submissions have been received to carry out fence repairs around the clubhouse. Will there be an opportunity for funding towards payment of a worker?
- > **Tandarook Park (J Beard):** Adopted Council Budget has \$50,000 included for stage 1 works following Master Plan process.
- > **Tandarook House (J Beard):** Building upgrade works awaiting contractor to be endorsed at Salvation Army's Board meeting then we will all know who and when works to finally occur. But imminent.
- > **Cobden Community Safety Team (J Beard):** Local team significantly busy. Jo/Police met with a security camera expert to discuss town camera installation project and will get feedback from Community Safety Team before proceeding with funding opportunities. May require auspice from Progressing Cobden but Jo to update as required. Next CCST meeting this month.
- > **Cobden Structure Plan (J Beard):** Final stages nearing. Amendment C59 to return to Council meeting in July following public submissions received. All positive. Council endorsement will inform the State Government's final planning approval to the amendment.

5.6.4 Volunteers and Organisations (VO):

Rotary Club of Cobden Handover Dinner on June 29th sees David Childs continue as president. Paul Harris Fellowship recognition to George Hanks and Joyce Roberts. Organisations presented with donations.

5.6.5 Economic Sustainability/Education and Training:

- > **Cobden Business Network (CBN):** No report.

6 Digital Media Group/Marketing:

- (i) Podcast production (Cobden – Now We're Talking): No action
- (ii) Cobden Media Opportunities sub-committee: May meeting report was attached to June minutes. Next meeting: Monday 10th July at 7pm in Heytesbury Room.

7 Corangamite Shire (J Beard):

Budget adopted. Circuite de Savage lighting project – anticipated that works will commence onsite in July/August. Sixty solar lights will be strategically installed along Bond, Grayland and Neylon streets (between Grayland and McKenzie streets). Exciting project.

- 8 **Phoenix Project (C Hatherall):** Phoenix Project has hosted two creative workshops during the month of June. One public, and the other with the Cobden Art Group.

- 9 **Cobden's Indigenous Heritage (K White):** Meeting on Monday 26th June attended by Anita Chivell and Joanne Heard with an apology from Misty Angus. We discussed the background to the meeting and the efforts taken to bring interested people together to achieve a result. The Eastern Maar Corporation hoped to get a representative there but that did not work out. Robert Lambell of Camperdown has volunteered to help us by providing material that could be used on a storyboard on this subject. We have informed Eastern Maar we still want their assistance but we are going to let the community know we are looking for the help of anyone or any organisation who would like to be involved.

All reports were received on the motion of E Dawe/B Cowley

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9 **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Upcoming events: Cobden Rotary doing a **Lego event** on Wednesday 5th July in the Anglican Church hall – gold coin entry. Afternoon tea available. Bookings to G Kimber 0439 079 098.

Corangamite Shire: Grow and Prosper launch – Wednesday 5th July at Alderwood 7am for breakfast

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/grow-and-prosper-launch-roadshow-2-cobden-tickets-653586664307>

Push Up Challenge: No report.

Children's Week – \$1000 grant available – for repeat of 'Kidding Around Cobden' event? Applications close 16th July to run an event during Children's week 21 October to 29 October 2023

<https://www.vic.gov.au/2023-childrens-week-grant-guidelines>

No action from meeting attendees.

Heytesbury Haven: No report regarding recent family visit.

Corangamite Shire CEO David Rae visit to Rotary Club on Thursday 3rd August – 6pm for 6.15pm dinner \$15. Room for up to 12 Progressing Cobden or Cobden Business Network members. Numbers and names to Frank Martin (0428 363 375) or Kelvin White (0429 921 876) by July 26th.

Vietnam Veterans' Vigil at Cobden Cemetery on Thursday 3rd August. 10.30am for 11am start. 60 years since the Australian Army's arrival in South Vietnam. Commemorative Service. All welcome.

10 **CLOSE MEETING:** 7.35pm

11 **PC AGM:** Monday 7th August followed by a normal monthly general meeting

Next sub-committees (as referred to in Minutes)

Monday 10th July: Cobden Media Opportunities – 'Spreading the Word' – 7pm-8.15pm. Heytesbury Room

Monday 31st July: Building Cobden's Tourism Capacity – 7pm-8.15pm. Heytesbury Room

All residents and representatives of groups and businesses are welcome to attend these workshops. If you have an idea, some knowledge, a passing interest or a passion, you are encouraged to attend.