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

Minutes – Monday 4th September, 2023, Heytesbury Room, 7pm

PRESENT: Ron Greagen, Chelsea Hatherall, Andrew Stubbings, Cath Jenkins, Greg Suter, Jennifer Kripp, Judith Gribble, Barb Cowley, Milton Parlour, Kelvin White

APOLOGIES: Sandra Timmins, Wendy Matheson, Jo Beard, Frank Martin, Willoughby Perriss, Helen Smith, Scott Wilkinson, Joanne Heard, Heather Walsh, Juli Dwyer

1 CONFIRMATION OF AUGUST MINUTES: Moved J Gribble/J Kripp CARRIED

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

2.1 Inward correspondence: From . . .

- Corangamite Shire – Growth and Prosper Visitor Economy Focus Group, August 16th
- Corangamite Shire E-News
- Reinier Bouman (CTS): Bird-boxes at the lake
- Helen Langley: Information about establishing bird-boxes
- Star Printing/GreenCon/Corangamite Shire: Discussions re Cobden Story project
- Great Ocean Road Regional Tourism (August)
- Cobden Story: Input for boards
- Donald Gibb (ROSTA): Passed on to Cr Beard
- Rotary Club Newsletters
- Information Centre façade signage discussions
- Dan Tehan MP: Newsletter – Federal Shadow Treasurer Angus Taylor in neighbouring towns
- Frank Martin: Thoughts on bird-boxes at the lake
- Corangamite Shire: Renewal of Pioneer Park lease – 5 years
- David Costin (Timboon Motors): Idea to hold roadshow in Cobden. Referred to CBN.
- FRRR Newsletter: Programs, opportunities
- Cobden Gift: Sponsorship and history
- Willoughby Perriss: Explanation about sporadic attendance at meetings – VCE, work commitments etc

2.2 Outward correspondence: To . . .

- PC distribution list: AGM minutes, 'PC Looks Back' summary and September agenda
- Cobden Story: Requests for input for boards
- Brooke Love (Corangamite Shire): Placement of RVF signage discussed at PC August meeting (F Martin)
- Information Centre façade signage discussion
- Reinier Bouman (CTS): Bird-boxes at the lake
- Helen Langley: Request for information about establishing bird-boxes
- Star Printing/GreenCon/Corangamite Shire: Discussions and Cobden Story art work
- Corangamite Shire: Agreement to renew of Pioneer Park lease – 5 years: To be endorsed (F Martin)
- Acceptance: Corangamite Shire – Growth and Prosper Visitor Economy Focus Group, August 16th
- PC distribution list: Painting bee at the lake
- Cobden Gift: History

Receipt of inward/endorsement of outward correspondence: Moved M Parlour/C Hatherall CARRIED

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
(See Reports/Business/General Business next pages)

4 TREASURER'S REPORT (F Martin): No report

5 OTHER REPORTS

5.1 CTS Students (W Perriss):

- > In the past month, CTS has held a wellbeing day for senior students with an excursion to Deep Blue hot springs and in-school activities including cooking, pottery and mini golf.
- > Further, seniors are now starting to prepare for the exam period beginning in early October and finishing mid-November for some.
- > School holidays will begin next week on September 16th.
- > Last week CTS held a maths and science expo which hosted students from five local high schools, with industry representatives from across the region.
- > SRC representatives group catered for the Cobden Senior Citizens luncheon in early August.

5.2 Racecourse Reserve (R Greagen): Meeting on September 27th

5.3 Pioneer Park (H Walsh): Lease extended with the endorsement of this meeting. Tabled. Moved M Parlour/C Jenkins that PC endorses the five-year extension of the Pioneer Park lease at the Racecourse Reserve. CARRIED

The Park has bookings for the next three months.

The Sunday Funday (November 19th) arrangements are well underway. 200 buckets have been received from the Bendigo Bank. Thanks for your continued support. Now to fill them!

5.4 Mini-Festivals & Events: Timboon Motors Roadshow September 15th, Cobden Gift Oct 14th

5.5 Cobden & District Historical Society (J Gribble/J Kripp): CDHS helping with Cobden Story and doing other research work. Excellent Facebook interest.

5.6 TWENTY 20 VISION ACTION GROUPS:

5.6.1 Tourism/Grand Tourism Plan:

- **Free camp on Golf Club land (J Beard):** Once we have signs installed CMCA has requested we organise a media release, we will have PC input. RV Friendly and Free Camp directional signage in hand. Signs to be ordered, then installed. CMCA has requested and been provided Cobden township photos for their website.
- **Dump Point (K White):** Another small clean-up required last week
- **Cobden V.I.C. 3266 (J Dwyer):** Façade signage still being played out. A Stubbings noted care needs to be taken to avoid terms like 'Gallery' if there is a chance of it not continuing long term.
- **Building Cobden's Tourism Capacity (K White):** Meeting Cobden Story deadline is a priority for people involved. A Stubbings and K White attended a Shire Growth and Prosper meeting last week that looked at the visitor economy and associated ideas eg making the most of the Rail Trail.

5.6.2 Town Appearance

- **Streetscape (J Beard):** Traffic islands around the roundabout completed and outstands in Curdie Street to be replanted. Hinged banner poles have been installed but concern was expressed about current limitations on type of banners able to be hung. Nothing to hold the bottom of the banners. M Parlour to ring manufacturer and refer to Shire.
- **Lake Cobden (M Parlour):** BBQ shelter wall project has progressed with painting the next task. The Connie sculpture area is looking shabby – it was wondered if an approach to the scouting groups would produce a positive response? CTS Hands-On Learning students have installed six bird boxes around the lake. Helen Langley helped with their placement.

5.6.3 Facilities, Infrastructure and Services (FIS)

- > **Cobden Aerodrome Community Asset Committee (J Beard/E Dawe):** No report
- > **Tandarook Park (J Beard):** No report
- > **Tandarook House (J Beard):** No further update from Salvos, still awaiting contractor announcement
- > **Cobden Community Safety Team (J Beard):** Thursday 31st August, led by Sgt Craig Jenkins, local VicPol, CFA, FRV, and Fonterra combined for an Emergency Management desktop exercise, 30 stakeholders involved in the exercise, including AV, SES, local schools and Shire.

> Township security cameras project progressing. Project scoped, final quote received and funding application being collated.

> **Cobden Structure Plan (J Beard):** No report

5.6.4 Volunteers and Organisations (VO): No report

5.6.5 Economic Sustainability/Education and Training:

> **Cobden Business Network (Cath Jenkins):**

New Membership

- GBM Technology, KK Massage, Apostle Signs, Cobden Pharmacy, 3M Catering, Hampden Vet Clinic, Rural People Co., Young's Quarries, Walsh Plumbing

Changes to CBN Executive

- Cath Jenkins has taken on the coordinator role from Laura. This is a six-month position with a view of it being ongoing
- Andrew Chivell has stepped down from the executive. Many thanks to Andrew for his contributions over the past few years

Signage

- New CBN signs have been put up in the IGA and Roadhouse. They have a QR code which directs interested people to the CBN Website. Also a notice board section
- Business card holders previously used at these sites have been donated to the Cobden Info Centre

Events

- 6th September at Alderwood Manor – Networking Dinner – free for any interested. Topics include changes to OH&S laws for employers relating to psychological safety in the workplace
- 15th September – Timboon Motors Spring Roadshow from 10am outside Anglican Church – display of vehicles and equipment and BBQ.
- 14th October – Cobden Gift – Businesses are encouraged to support this inaugural event.

Progressing Cobden's book-keeping

That Progressing Cobden adopts in principle a cloud software book-keeping system – subject to satisfactory costing and procedural arrangements being worked out in discussions before the next meeting. Moved C Jenkins/B Cowley

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6 Digital Media Group/Marketing:

- (i) Podcast production (Cobden – Now We're Talking)
- (ii) Cobden Media Opportunities sub-committee: Barb Cowley reported that she had been working on a new Progressing Cobden website. Attendees were most impressed with the finished product at Cobden.org.au

7 Corangamite Shire (J Beard): Cobden Shared Path lighting completed – see other sub-headings above

8 Phoenix Project (C Hatherall):

- Successful partnered event with 'Here' to host a women's luncheon filled with personal styling advice. SOLD OUT
- Successful music event with female singer-songwriters with catering by local business (Ikonic)
- "Phoenix Project", auspiced by Progressing Cobden after the 2018 St Patrick's Day fires, will be celebrating five amazing years and over 70 events for the community this November.
- As 2023 draws to a close, so will the name "Phoenix Project" and the fire relief nature of this endeavour. However, Alderwood Speakers has seen the difference these community events have made and will be restructuring its venue to continue to provide creative events to our community. There may be a slight intermission with changeover due to some venue upgrades. We aim to provide regular updates on any progress in anticipation of the new look "Alderwood Manor".

9 Cobden's Indigenous Heritage (K White):

Camperdown's Robert Lambell has been asked to write a draft for a Cobden Story board.

10 GENERAL BUSINESS:

Off-shore renewable energy area: Willoughby Perriss submitted information in support of the proposal for an off-shore windfarm off the south coast. While he was hoping for Progressing Cobden's support, members were reluctant to take a stance on this issue at this time – but some individual members took an interest in the topic.

Men's Shed Christmas trees: Andrew Stubbings informed the meeting a new approach would be needed this year. The secretary to talk with members of the Men's Shed to see if they would be interested in coordinating the project if pallets could be taken to the 'factory' by the business people themselves and if Progressing Cobden continues to do the promotion work.

11 CLOSE MEETING: 8.10pm

12 Next monthly meeting: Monday 2nd October