

# Progressing Cobden Inc A0033175Y

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## AGENDA – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2024, Heytesbury Room, 7pm

**PRESENT:** Cath Jenkins, Justin Keane, Eunice Dawe, Dana Wood, Barb Cowley, Bec Huth, Adam Higham, Ron Greagen, Frank Martin, Jo Beard, Kelvin White

**APOLOGIES:** Milton Parlour, Heather Walsh, Wendy Matheson, Ewen Robbins, Lenny Dobbins, Judith Gribble, Jennifer Kripp, Helen Smith, Aregawi Chivell, Misty Angus

New Cobden Scout leader Justin Keane was introduced. He explained his background and interest in the role.

### 1. **CONFIRMATION OF JUNE MINUTES:** Moved B Cowley/C Jenkins CARRIED

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

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

- Robert Irvine (Melbourne): Encouragement for Council to maximise benefits offered by Rail Trail especially for Cobden
- Brooke Walsh (CobdenHealth): PC support for promoting EOFY fundraiser for our health organisation
- Cobden Rotary Newsletter
- Business Corangamite: Vote for Timboon in Tourism awards
- Pat Robertson (Rail Trail): Request for PC/CBN letter of support for bridge funding
- Pat Robertson (Rail Trail): Letter of support for PC application for trail signage grant
- Jo Beard: Letter of support for PC grant application to Volunteer Australia – partnership category
- Regional Development Victoria: PC unsuccessful application for Tiny Towns grant
- Belinda Savage, Sharyn Finlayson, Jacob Densley, Howard family, Andrew Stubbings and Frank Martin: Tourism Committee responses around signage, Racecourse Reserve and weekend event opportunities
- Dean Finlayson (Corangamite Shire): Tandarook Park signage
- Fonterra: What's happening at Fonterra?

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

- Bec Huth: PC Rules of Association via Frank Martin
- Jo Beard: Request for letter of support for Volunteers Australia grant application
- Dean Finlayson/Jo Beard (Corangamite Shire): Tandarook Park signage
- Racecourse Reserve groups: Invitation to Tourism Committee meeting
- Aaron Moyne: PC request for support for signage along Princes Highway
- Pat Robertson (Rail Trail): PC request for letter of support for PC application for trail signage grant
- Pat Robertson (Rail Trail): PC letter of support for Rail Trail grant application for Bridge 13 funding
- Progressing Cobden DL: PC minutes, Tourism committee agenda, Development Forum and CobdenHealth appeal
- Duncan Morris (Airport Management Committee): Thoughts on an east-west runway for more accessibility
- Rail Trails Community grants program: Submitted by F Martin on PC's behalf

Receipt of inward/endorsement of outward correspondence: Moved D Wood/E Dawe CARRIED

### 3. **TREASURER'S REPORT (F Martin): To July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting**

#### 1. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

This report provides a summary of the full year's operations for the 2023-24 financial year. Finalisation of the financial year results may result in minor changes to the information provided; however it can be taken to be reasonably accurate.

#### **OVERALL FINANCIAL HEALTH**

The **Balance Sheet** shows **Assets of \$113,203.84** and **GST Liabilities of \$1455.03** representing **Net Assets of \$111,748.81**.

The **Assets** of the organisation are available to our **Activities** as follows – see next page:

ACTIVITY OR PROJECT	TOTAL RESERVE	RESERVED AMOUNT	UNRESERVED AMOUNT
Group Administration	\$8308	\$0	\$8308
CBN	\$14,017	\$0	\$14,017
Festivals	\$12,788	\$0	\$12,788
Pioneer Park	\$9453	\$1500	\$7953
VIC	\$5349	\$0	\$5349
Historical Society	\$7089	\$2386 (TBC)	\$4703 (TBC)
Lake Cobden	\$1356	\$0	\$1356
Cobden Story	\$24,522	\$18,000	\$6522
Podcast	\$5258	\$5258	\$0
Airstrip	\$23,609	\$23,609	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,1749</b>	<b>\$50,753</b>	<b>\$60,996</b>

## ORGANISATION FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The **P&L Report** shows a **Net Profit** of **\$3052.62**. However, if we remove the Airstrip Fund-raising trust funds from the P&L analysis we show an underlying **Net Loss** of **\$20,556.81**

The **Profit and Loss** for each significant activity area are summarised below –

ACTIVITY OR PROJECT	INCOME 2023-24	EXPENDITURE 2023-24	NET PROFIT
Progressing Cobden	\$6967.34	\$10,759.58	\$-3792.24
CBN	\$20,275.01	\$24,930.70	\$-4655.69
Pioneer Park	\$4337.81	\$448.61	\$3889.20
VIC	\$28,928.64	\$31,951.51	\$-3022.87
Historical Society	\$31,539.38	\$28,730.97	\$2808.41
Phoenix Project	\$3802.38	\$19,586.00	\$-15,783.62
Airstrip Fund-raising	\$23,609.43	0	\$23,609.43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$119,459.99</b>	<b>\$116,407.37</b>	<b>\$3052.62</b>

## 2. GRANTS

### a. New Grants

- i. Successful with a FRRR (Gardiner Foundation) grant for the Historical Society.
- ii. Further applications on behalf of the Historical Society have been lodged with Wannon Water “Ripple Effect” and an answer is awaited.
- iii. Corangamite Council grants closed on 13<sup>th</sup> May. Four grants were proposed as follows:
  1. A Berrybank Project grant application has been lodged for major exterior refurbishment of the old Chocelyn Hall, home of the Historical Society.
  2. A Community Grant application has been lodged for Christmas on Apex on behalf of Progressing Cobden.
  3. An application is being prepared by Misty Angus on behalf of the Pioneer Park committee. She has had discussions with the Council Events co-ordinator – it is not yet clear under which grant category this application will be lodged. I am not able to report anything further.
  4. An application is being considered for the Kidding Around school holiday program and the organisers are looking at having this auspiced by a third party other than PC. I have no further information on this application.
- iv. Ready Now grant applications were successful for –
  1. A mobile phone upgrade for the VIC – to be compatible with the 4G network from 1<sup>st</sup> July.
  2. Exterior signage for the Historical Society.
- v. An application has been lodged with Rail Trails Australia for a Community Grant to provide signage to assist trail users to find their way into Cobden and back to the trail.

## 4. OTHER REPORTS

### 4.1 Cobden Technical School students (L Dobbins/E Robbins in absentia):

Recreation Centre AGM: No major changes to the terms and conditions of using the facility for the upcoming year. Any sporting organisations interested in utilising the Centre are encouraged to contact the manager, Belinda Savage at CTS.

Year 10 Work Experience: Last week, the Year 10 students successfully completed their work experience. We extend our thanks to local businesses that hosted our students and provided valuable learning opportunities.

Year 9 Urban Camp: Year 9 students participated in an Urban Camp last week. This experience was sponsored by DOXA, a Melbourne-based charity that supports schools in making camps accessible to all students.

Staff Updates: We are pleased to announce that Mr Bouman will be returning next term after taking long service leave during terms one and two. Additionally, we will be welcoming two new teachers in term three – one will be joining the Vocational Major team, and the other will be teaching Mathematics.

**Camperdown College students (D Wood)**: Comprehensive report included MND fundraising activities, the Year 9 and 10 trip to Indonesia and the ski trip coming up in term 3.

4.2 **Racecourse Reserve**: No meeting, no minutes. See Tourism Committee

4.3 **Pioneer Park (H Walsh)**: Pioneer Park open for School Holidays. Had good open day yesterday. Plans being implemented for the SWAP meet in November. Cheers from chilly Eumungerie.

4.4 **Mini-Festivals & Events**: See CBN report and Information Centre reports

4.5 **Cobden & District Historical Society (F Martin)**: Reported on success with grants and work being done to accommodate these grants while the hall is closed – eg furniture, fittings and the back room. Members attended the Tourism group meeting to discuss Racecourse Reserve. No more good news about remaining money scammed from CDHS a few months ago.

### 4.6 TWENTY 20 VISION ACTION GROUPS:

#### 4.6.1 Tourism/Grand Tourism Plan:

- **Tourism Committee**: June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting – **see report attached**. Emphasis on signage, particularly off rail-trail into town. Frank Martin has submitted grant application. Discussion about events around the Gift and increasing capacity of groups at the Racecourse Reserve.
- **Free camp on Golf Club land**: See below
- **Cobden V.I.C. 3266 (W Matheson)**: We have attended two retailer meetings. Retailers are having a few days of events etc from Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July. The Information Centre has organised 'Sarge' Hart to talk on the Whisky Trail, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July, between 2 pm - 3pm, at Nell's, followed by nibbles and whisky tasting. Free camp numbers are well down, resulting in slower sales at the centre.
- **Building Cobden's Tourism Capacity (K White)**: Cobden Story – about nine to mount on frames/walls. Pamphlet(s) being prepared for those who wish to follow the storyboard trails.
- **Jo Beard's gig on 106.3**: A session on Cobdenhealth was suggested as a worthy topic for the segment. Previously promoted the fitness centre but happy for further ideas. Also Free Camp, Golf Club WOG and social hit, Go Karts, Mini Trains, Mini Golf, Restoration Group, Historical Society, Dairy Park, social bowls, Cubs and Scouts, Anzac event at Cemetery and Cenotaph, Laundromat, Kin & Folk, V.I.C, Alderwood events, Kidding Around Cobden, Adams Bikes, Streetscape works including Butter seats, Rail Trail, touched on Story Boards but Whitey will get bigger gig here, CWA celebrations, Heytesbury House B & B special, Walking Club, Cobden Volleyball, local Op-Shops, School events, Development Forum, plus lots of shout-outs for special achievements or important upcoming sporting events.

#### 4.6.2 Town Appearance

- **Streetscape (J Beard)**: Western Star Butter seats in place have drawn positive comments. Replacement plantings done, along with gopher parking and signage. Project almost complete with bike rack and also further bin installation near Reichas to occur.
- **Lake Cobden (F Martin)**: Shire's Parks and Gardens looking at submission. Re water-side, CCMA not being co-operative. Land-side, hopefully work will begin once the replanting of the street is completed.

#### 4.6.3 Facilities, Infrastructure and Services (FIS)

- **Cobden Aerodrome Community Asset Committee (E Dawe, J Beard):** Next meeting Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August. In response to a question through the Tourism committee regarding the chances of an east-west strip, Jo said the best position would be at the northern end and it was seen as space for more hangars – so not a priority.
- **Tandarook Park (J Beard):** Park entrance signage being replaced, BBQ shelter refurb works awaiting start, new footpath network \$125k in 2024/25 budget.
- **Cobden Community Safety Team (J Beard):** Next meeting Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Awaiting availability of new acting principals at local schools.

#### 4.6.4 Volunteers and Organisations (VO):

Our Cobden Story partnership nomination has been prepared (but not sent) for the awards offered by Volunteering Victoria – closes July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks Jo for supporting letter.

#### 4.6.5 Cobden Business Network (Cath Jenkins):

- Monthly dinner held on 26<sup>th</sup> June with David Rae Corangamite Shire to provide an update and discussion around small business.
- Cobden Development Forum on 19<sup>th</sup> June was well-attended. Included a CBN presentation.
- Two retailers' forums have been held – it has been decided to run a shopping event in the days between July 25<sup>th</sup> to July 27<sup>th</sup>.

### 5. CORANGAMITE SHIRE (J Beard):

- Upcoming Council elections info. Nominations are from Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Sept until Midday Tues 17<sup>th</sup> September. Caretaker begins Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept – Election Day on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September.
- Community Kitchen Tables walk-ins, Alderwood Manor 6-8pm Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>, thanks to those who attended. Being held various times and locations but next one at Camperdown Theatre Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> July 12-2pm. <https://www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Places-and-Events/Events-and-Festivals/Community-Kitchen-Tables>
- 2024/25 Council Budget adopted. <https://www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Council/News-and-Media/Latest-News/Corangamite-Council-adopts-2024-2025-Budget>
- Youth Round Table, 12-25years-old, Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> July 10am -12pm <https://www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Council/News-and-Media/Latest-News/Young-people-invited-to-share-their-vision-for-Shire%E2%80%99s-future>

All reports received on motion of F Martin/A Higham.

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### 6. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- **PC revitalisation/review:** Bec Huth led a discussion on reviewing the organisation known as Progressing Cobden . . .  
What is PC's purpose? What are its goals?  
How should it be governed and administered?  
Does Cobden and district know PC exists? Communication with the people it is working for?  
Its membership – how can we make PC more representative? Different age-groups?  
Who can vote?  
Strengths and weaknesses?  
How does it maintain momentum?  
Inspiration from our most senior Eunice Dawe and constructive suggestions from our most juniors Dana Wood and Justin Keane encouraged the meeting to decide to convene an event themed 'What should PC look like in the future?' after our AGM on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August. Invitations to be extended to groups and the community to help. What do people want of an organisation like PC?

### 7. Close Meeting: 9pm

### 8. Next meeting: AGM on August 5<sup>th</sup> followed by 'What should PC look like in the future?'