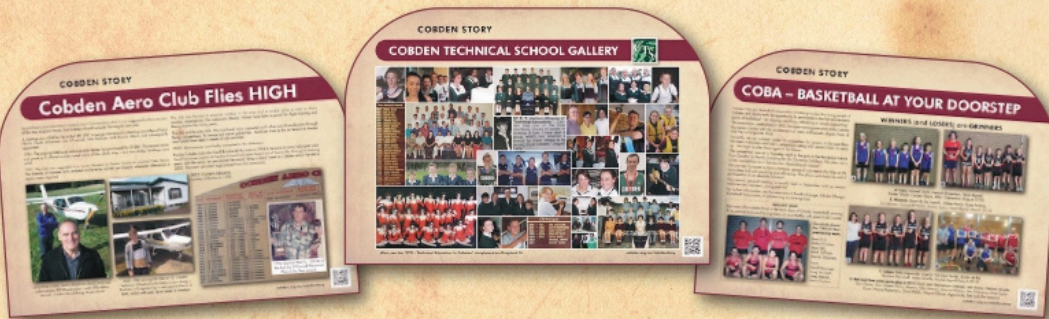


# COBDEN STORY



The **COBDEN STORY** proudly tells of families, individuals, organisations and businesses that have been an integral part of the town's history. You'll find storyboards on walls and stands along many of the town's pavements and walking tracks.

Maps can be found at the Visitor Centre and other businesses, online via the QR code on the back of this brochure and at [cobden.org.au/csmmap.pdf](http://cobden.org.au/csmmap.pdf).

We hope you will discover something interesting on every board. You might read about people you know, pieces of Cobden history you've forgotten or did not know, even some humour in some of the stories.

Many storyboards await your attention. Perhaps read a paragraph a day, check the photographs or just scan the QR codes for future reference.

Yes, you may find some errors, maybe some fibs – if so, please send an email to [cobdenstory@cobden.org.au](mailto:cobdenstory@cobden.org.au), or let the Visitor Centre know and we'll amend them next time.

The stories can also be found online at [cobden.org.au/cobdenstory](http://cobden.org.au/cobdenstory) with some storyboard pages having additional photos.

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While working on this project, our adage has always been: "There is a story on every corner."



The Cobden Story has many more pages (and corners) to turn.

Watch this space!

# Every Cobden Storyboard

You can check out the Cobden Storyboards from go to whoa, or you can do the five trails more leisurely, one at a time. The plaques are on both stands and walls (w),

Whichever way you choose to do it, enjoy the 80+ stories that are uniquely Cobden . . .

## TANDAROOK LOOP\*

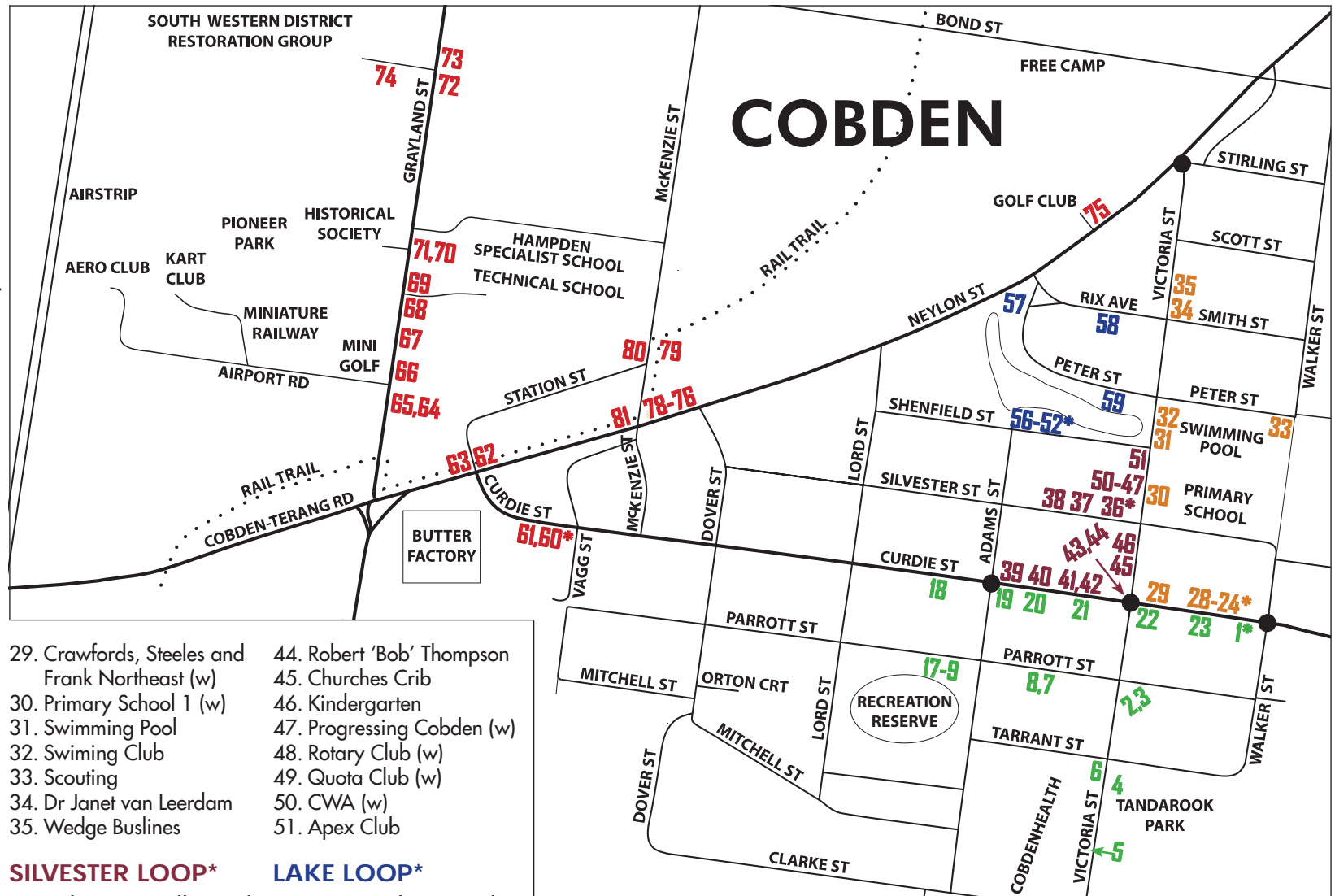
Your south-bound trek will provide rich Cobden history everywhere you look!

- Gaut Motors
- Clarrie Smith/Saleyards
- Senior Citizens
- Tandarook Botanical Park
- Cobdenhealth
- Dr Jim Reid
- Heytesbury House
- Barrett Family
- Sporting Gallery
- Junior CFNC (w)
- Senior CFNC (w)
- Recreation Reserve (w)
- Tennis Association (w)
- Thorold Merrett (w)
- Marie and Jim Osborne (w)
- Peter Walsh (w)
- Cricket Club (w)
- St Brendan's Church
- Eliza Morehouse
- Bill Roberts
- St Mary's Church
- Nos 25-33 Curdie St
- Post Office

## WEDGE BUS RUN\*

From Cobden Story Central, you will arrive at the bus depot.

- Primary School 2 (w)
- Cobdenhealth 2 (w)
- Cobden Story: Making History (w)
- Lee Family (w)
- Technical School 2 (w)



- Crawfords, Steeles and Frank Northeast (w)
- Primary School 1 (w)
- Swimming Pool
- Swimming Club
- Scouting
- Dr Janet van Leerdam
- Wedge Buses

## SILVESTER LOOP\*

From the Civic Hall's south wall and around the loop to Apex Park.

- Hampden/Heytesbury/Corangamite Shires (w)
- Pipe Band (w)
- SES (w)
- T. S. McQuinn and Son
- Alderwood Manor
- Frank Martin
- Parlours Hardware
- Thompsons Hotel

- Robert 'Bob' Thompson
- Churches Crib
- Kindergarten
- Progressing Cobden (w)
- Rotary Club (w)
- Quota Club (w)
- CWA (w)
- Apex Club

## LAKE LOOP\*

'Connie' sends you to the Connection Rotunda and back to the angling club jetty.

- 'Connie' Sculpture
- Dr Daniel Curdie
- Alma MacDonald
- Tom and Ida Webster
- First Nations
- Connection Rotunda
- Bowling Club
- Angling Club

## CIRCUITE DE SAVAGE\*

Leap from Vagg Park to the circuite and enjoy a 4km lap . . . clockwise.

- J. H. Vagg
- Butter Factory
- Circuite de Savage
- GreenCon
- Aerodrome
- Aero Club

- South West Kart Club
- Miniature Railway/Mini Golf
- Technical School 1
- Hampden Specialist School
- Pioneer Park
- Historical Society
- Turf Club
- Restoration Group
- Running Rail
- Golf Club
- Basketball
- Night Netball
- Volleyball
- Rail Trail
- Skate Park
- Fire Brigade