



FEDERATION COUNCIL

Council Meetings

Ordinary meetings of Council are held on the third Tuesday of the Month commencing at 9.30 am.

The following schedule outlines the 2020 ordinary meetings of Council:

Tuesday 21 April 2020 Urana Chamber	
Tuesday 19 May 2020 Corowa Chamber	Tuesday 16 June 2020 Corowa Chamber
Tuesday 21 July 2020 Corowa Chamber	Tuesday 18 August 2020 Urana Chamber
Tuesday 15 September 2020 Corowa Chamber	Tuesday 20 October 2020 Corowa Chamber
Tuesday 17 November 2020 Urana Chamber	Tuesday 15 December 2020 Corowa Chamber

Meetings are also filmed and available for viewing later from Council's website: www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Arts & Cultural Survey

Federation Council is committed to creating a vibrant arts and cultural environment for our residents and visitors.

Federation Council recently established an Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee which will provide Council with strategic advice and informed feedback about arts and cultural development in the Federation Council area.

The Federation Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee invites everyone who lives, works and connects with arts and culture in the Federation Council to help us rank priorities and shape the future of arts and culture in our communities. The information will be used to inform an Arts and Cultural Strategy for the Federation Council.

The survey will take around five minutes of your time, and your answers will be completely anonymous. The survey is available from Council's website and open until Thursday 30 April 2020.

Community Grants Program



Round two of the Federation Council 2019-2020 Community Grants Program is now open, with funds available to help local community groups, organisations and clubs to deliver a range of community projects and events.

Eligible applicants can apply under one of three categories:

- Category 1 – Seed funding grant; to support the establishment of new initiatives, applicable up to \$3,000 per applicant.
- Category 2 – Emerging Grant funding; to support the promotion of emerging projects, applicable up to \$1,500 available per applicant.
- Category 3 – Community events grant; to support the strategic development for small to medium events, applicable up to \$1,500 per applicant.

Eligible applicants can apply for grant funding for one-off projects through one of the nine focus categories:

- Arts and Culture;
- Events and Tourism;
- Community Work and Welfare;
- Skill Development and Learning;
- Health Promotion;
- Accessibility and Inclusion;
- Young People;
- Senior Residents; and
- Children and Families

This year a new online application for has been introduced.

The program guidelines and online form are available from Council's website.

The Community Grants Program will continue to operate in two funding rounds each year, in October and April. Applications close Friday, April 10 at 4pm.

Applications recommended for approval will be considered and announced to successful groups at the May Ordinary Council Meeting.





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Ageing Well Resource



“Get informed, get involved and get connected”, is the message from Federation Council as they launched the Ageing Well Resource Guide recently at the Festival of Fun for Seniors.

Statistics tell us that the information ‘gap’ between services provided, sporting groups, and community groups and the degree to which seniors know about them is wide.

Federation Council developed an Ageing Well Resource Guide to assist new and existing residents to find the services on offer for seniors living in the Council area. The aim of the Ageing Well Resource Guide is to encourage individuals to become actively involved and participate in their local community through volunteering and recreation.

It also serves as a guide to what services are available in the area to support people as they reach milestones in later life.

The Ageing Well Resource Guide serves a variety of purposes. It offers listings for health and social services, social and leisure activities, arts and cultural activities, local services and facilities and transport and travel times, and much more.

Council called it a one stop resource for seniors, their families and caregivers, “The Ageing Well Resource Guide consolidates all of the resources seniors need by offering a vast array of support for our older population, their families and caregivers,” said Mayor Pat Bourke.

The Ageing Well Resource Guide is a free resource, available in hard copy and will soon be an electronic resource on the Council’s website. Hard copies can be picked up from any Council office within the Federation Council area.

Australian Billy Cart Championships

Federation Council regrets to inform to advise that a very difficult decision has been made to postpone this year’s annual Australian Billy Carts Event, scheduled to be held during the Easter long weekend.

The advice from the Federal Government and taken up by the State Government, is that non-essential large gatherings of people should be cancelled as an early measure to prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

This decision was not taken lightly, however the health of our staff, volunteers, competitors and crew, community members and our visitors is paramount. Federation Council has to ensure we play our part in doing all we can to minimise the spread of this virus across Australia, as per expert advice it would be irresponsible to continue with the event.

We extend our sincere thoughts to all those who will be impacted by this decision. This comes at a difficult time for many in our community and especially our retail sector, as economic conditions prove challenging across the country. Council will now engage with the many stakeholders of this event, and any other future Council owned events should cancellations or postponements occur, to manage the changing situation and advise the public accordingly. Council will also liaise with any other event owners, especially if they are on Council’s owned or managed land, to provide advice where possible. Council finally will be continuing to engage with local businesses, with the purpose of attaining the impacts the Coronavirus is having on its operations to provide that information to State and Federal governments.

TransGrid Community Partnerships Program

TransGrid’s Community Partnerships Program (CPP) is open, with applications closing on Friday 1 May.

TransGrid’s CPP provides funding of up to \$5,000 for community and not-for-profit organisations across NSW. The program provides funds for projects or activities that provide a lasting benefit to local communities, particularly those that improve or promote public safety, wellbeing, health, education or the environment.

Further information in relation to the program is available online at <https://www.transgrid.com.au/being-responsible/community-partnership-program>



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Coronavirus Community Update

The safety of our staff, Councillors, volunteers, contractors, customers, and our communities is Council's top priority.

You will by now be aware that there is a lot of information circulating regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19). We understand our communities concern given the potential seriousness of the situation, and ask you to be fully informed and listen to evidence-based, real-time advice of health professionals and government officials.

We are following the advice from the NSW Government and take advice on all public health matters from the State and Federal Health Departments, who also in turn reference the World Health Organisation.

These are trusted sources that are updated frequently and should be your point of reference for any information.

- NSW Health Website <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>
- Federal Government Website <https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

Our staff, led by our senior executive team and supporting staff as required, are monitoring developments relating to Coronavirus (COVID-19) daily and assessing any potential impact on our Council services and events. We aim to maintain our current level of service to residents and businesses during this period where possible.

Feeling unwell?

The most common Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms reported include:

- Fever;
- Breathing difficulties;
- Cough;
- Sore throat; and
- Fatigue/tiredness.

One way to help control the spread of the disease is to practice good hygiene habits:

- Always washing hands with soap and water before eating and after visiting the toilet (minimum 20 seconds);

- Covering your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing, and disposing of used tissues immediately;
- Avoiding close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms; and
- Seeing a health care professional if you are unwell, and staying away from your workplace and other public places.



Public Events

It is important to note that Federation Council is not the sole event organiser for all public events in our local government area and a number of other event owners may cancel or defer events at this time. Following official advice, Council is taking a firm position in postponing Council owned and managed events. Council will continue to engage with event stakeholders to advise them of its position in respect to official advice as it continues to develop.

Travel Advice

The risk of exposure to Coronavirus (COVID-19) is believed to be highest for those people who have travelled through a high risk country in the past 14 days. However, there are an increasing number of other countries at risk of Coronavirus.

Please visit the smart traveller government website for up to date information on any travel restrictions.

Council will continue to disseminate and update information on it's website as it becomes available in relation to the Coronavirus.



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OUR COMMUNITY MOVEMENT

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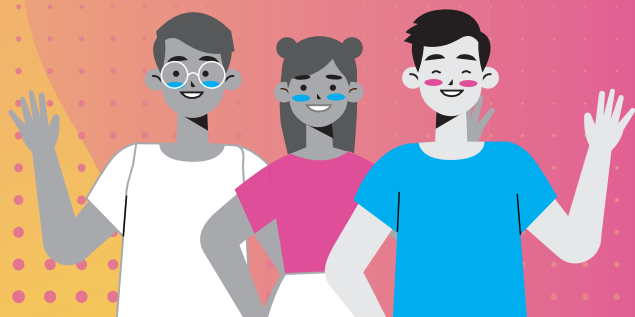
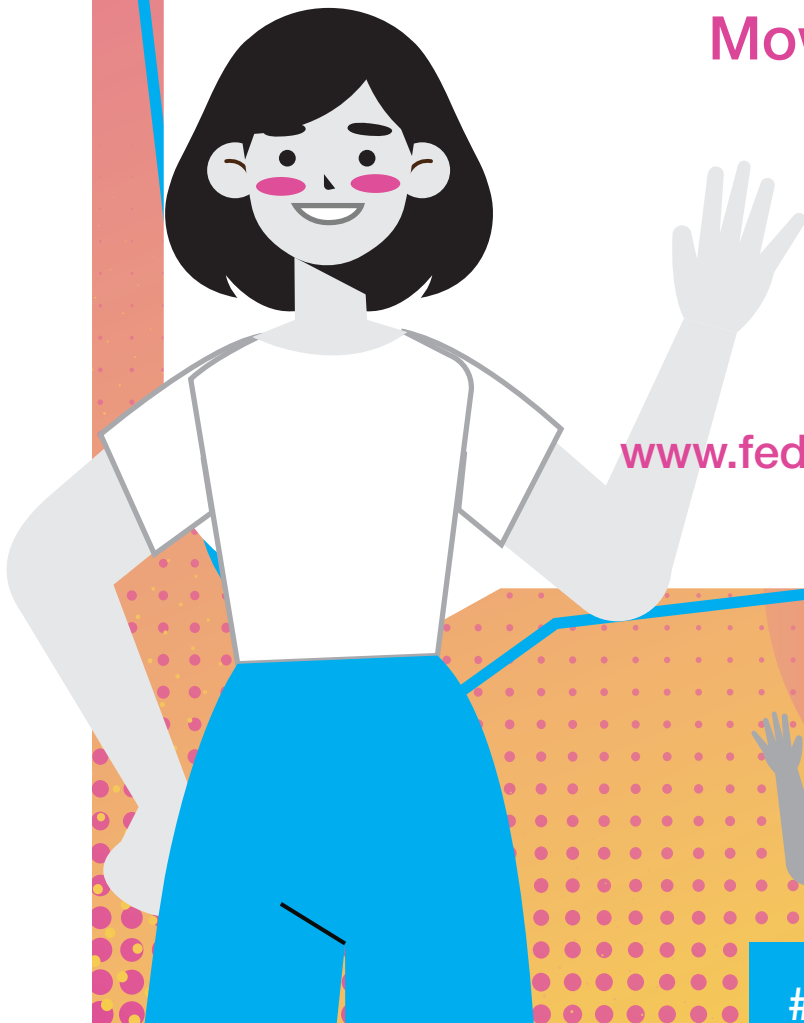
Times are tough right now.
Let's band together, look out for each other
and support our community.

Do you know someone self isolating?
Can you help with...

Collecting groceries, Urgent supplies,
Mowing lawns, Bin day,

Walking the dog,
a friendly Chat etc.

For more information visit
www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au



#OurCommunityMovement