



FEDERATION COUNCIL

Council thanks community post Corowa Aquatic engagement sessions

Federation Council has expressed its sincere gratitude to the community members that engaged with Council at the four different community meetings recently.

The community meeting sessions provided residents with the opportunity to engage with Council and better understand the eagerly anticipated new Corowa Aquatic Centre, expected to open in April 2021. The meetings also allowed Council to consult and engage, on how a Special Rate Variation works and why Council is pursuing this as an option to help fund the operational costs and ongoing asset life cost of the Corowa Aquatic Centre.

At an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday, 2 February Federation Council voted unanimously to submit the Corowa Aquatic Centre Special Rate Variation Application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for determination.

Based on the extensive feedback, Council Officers recommended that the 2021/22 rate peg of 2% be applied based on the value of land only, and the Special Variation of 6% (\$1.26 per week/\$65.52 per year) if approved, be applied evenly to each property in the Federation Council area. This results in an increase to average residential rates of \$1.26 per week to go towards the operation costs of the new aquatic facility. If the variation is approved by IPART, average residential rates in Federation will remain in the lowest 20% in the state.

Federation Council General Manager Adrian Butler said he was so pleased to hear the many reports from community members that appreciated the information sessions and had gained a better understanding of what the proposed increase would be used for, and how it would be applied.

“Over the last 12 months, due to COVID, Council has been unable to host face to face community meetings such as this and it is certainly a part of the engagement process that I know Council and the community have really missed,” he said.

“Our recent sessions proved so beneficial to all stakeholders, which has allowed the community to gain

a greater understanding of where we are at in respect to the new Aquatic Centre and special rate variation journey. There was some concern that the rate variation would apply as a percentage on land value, but Council took into consideration the extensive feedback from the community when surveyed in December 2020 through to January 2021 and made the decision to apply an even fixed increase of \$1.26 per week to every residential household in the Federation Local Government area. This results in a \$65.52 annual increase per year, which would go directly to the operating costs of the new Corowa Aquatic Centre if approved by IPART.”

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Patrick Bourke said Councillors and Council staff found the sessions invaluable and appreciated the opportunity to meet face to face with residents once again.

A decision on the SRV application is expected to be announced by IPART in May 2021. Find out more on Council's website.

Youth Fest 2021

Federation Council celebrates National Youth Week every April by encouraging our youth to get involved and celebrate their contribution to our community.

NSW Youth Week in 2021 is from Friday 16 April to Saturday 24 April. This year's theme is 'Together More Than Ever' in which Federation Council and the Federation Youth Council will bring to life a series of events, across the Council area, in collaboration with community groups and businesses.

View the full program, book you place at each event now by visiting Council's website.

Firewood Collection

As the cooler weather approaches, residents in the Federation Council area are reminded that a permit is required to collect firewood from road reserves for home heating.

To apply for an annual permit, complete the online application form available from Council's website. Council staff will be in contact via phone to complete the application process.

Firewood collection is limited to 1 April – 30 September each year. Residents are required to apply for a permit each firewood season (each year).

The permit application fee for 2021 is \$31.00.



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CLUBGRANTS 2021 Category 1 – Applications now open

The ClubGRANTS program is now open.

Community groups are invited to apply for funding through the ClubGRANTS (Category 1) Scheme.

ClubGRANTS will fund local projects that address the following priorities: -

- Community Development
- Aged Services
- Youth Services
- Community Mental Health
- Emergency Services
- Veteran Welfare Services

Groups operating in Victoria or outside of the council area may apply for funding assistance if they are able to demonstrate a service is being provided to NSW residents.

Innovative new projects are encouraged as are applications for other important projects.

All applications for the ClubGRANTS program must be made through the new ClubGRANTS Online System. To register your organisation and make an application visit www.clubgrants.com.au

To be considered your application must be completed and submitted by 11.45 pm on Wednesday, 30 June 2021.

Further information concerning ClubGRANTS Category 1 funding can be obtained from the ClubsNSW website on www.clubgrants.com.au/how-to-apply

Council Portable Speed board

Federation Council's solar powered portable speed board is currently located in Howlong. The board provides real-time feedback to motorists of their vehicle speed and a reminder of the appropriate speed for the road they are travelling on. Speed is the biggest contributing factor to injury and fatality crashes on New South Wales roads with 29% of injury and fatality crashes in the Federation Council area involving speed. Find out more about road safety from Council's website.



LIBRARY STORYTIME 2021

Join in the fun, meet new people, introduce your child to a world of books and lay the foundation for a lifelong love of reading.

Howlong Library, Friday each fortnight at 10:30am (except in NSW School Holidays):

- 23 April
- 7 May
- 21 May
- 4 June
- 18 June
- 16 July
- 30 July
- 13 August
- 27 August
- 10 September
- 8 October
- 22 October
- 5 November
- 19 November
- 3 December

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a maximum of 20 people are able to attend at each library. Bookings are required and can be made via Council's website or by contacting your local library.

Library School Holiday Program – String Kitties

Join in the fun these school holidays and make a super cute adorable kitty to hold stationary or other bits and bobs at your local library.

This activity is suitable for children aged 5+ years and adults are welcome.

Cost: \$5 per person.

Session Details

Wednesday 7 April, 2 pm - Corowa Library.

Thursday 8 April, 11 am - Urana Council Office.

Tuesday 13 April, - 2 pm - Howlong Council Office and Library.

Wednesday 14 April, 10:30 am - Mulwala Council Office and Library.

Bookings are essential. To book your child a place, please phone (02) 6033 8941, email: corowalibrary@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au or visit your local library.



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Council Meetings

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

Due to COVID-19 restrictions regarding gatherings and the need to comply with social distancing measures, Advice from the NSW Office of Local Government is that Council meetings will continue to go ahead by audio-visual link and they should continue to be accessible to the public.

To help ensure we slow the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) within our workforce and the community from the 21st of April 2020 Council Meeting our public gallery has remained closed.

Federation Council is pleased to offer LIVE streaming of our monthly Council Meetings on YouTube. This gives residents the opportunity to observe Council business via their computers and mobile devices.

Please visit Council's website and click on the LIVE STREAM link to watch the Ordinary Council Meeting live on YouTube.

The following schedule outlines the 2021 ordinary meetings of Council commencing at 9:30am.

Tuesday 20 April 2021 Urana Chamber	Tuesday 18 May 2021 Corowa Chamber
Tuesday 15 June 2021 Corowa Chamber	Tuesday 20 July 2021 Corowa Chamber
Tuesday 17 August 2021 Urana Chamber	Tuesday 21 September 2021 Corowa Chamber
Tuesday 19 October 2021 Corowa Chamber	Tuesday 16 November 2021 Urana Chamber
Tuesday 21 December 2021 Corowa Chamber	

Festival of Fun for Seniors

Federation Council invites residents aged over 55 years to join the Festival of Fun for Senior's during April as part of the 2021 NSW Seniors Festival.

The Festival of Fun for Senior is a series of free organised tours encouraging people to get out and about, have fun and celebrate the wonderful

contribution seniors make to our community.

Guests can hop on a bus, be chauffeured to the event, and enjoy spending time with like-minded people.

Five events are scheduled over the two-week program which includes return buses to and from each event.

View the full program, book your place on each event and bus today by visiting Council's website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au



Discover Grants with Federation Council

Federation Council is excited to provide Grant Finder to all local businesses, community groups, organisations and individuals. Grant Finder provides a comprehensive list of grant and funding opportunities available to you. Never miss a grant opportunity again! Register on Council's website today to receive email alerts for new grants, save your favourites and access tips to help you apply for grants. Federation Council is proud to partner with GrantGuru to provide you with this free service. Visit Council's website for further information.

New Compostable Caddy Liners

Over the next few weeks, all households in Corowa, Howlong and Mulwala will receive an annual supply of fresh green liners for use in kitchen caddies. Designed to decompose easily into our environment, you may find they become weaker over time. A sticker will also be provided for placement on your yellow lidded recycling bin to assist residents with recycling. Fresh supplies of liners can be collected from any Council Office.

Howlong Pool Season Update

Council wishes to advise residents that the Howlong Swimming Pool has closed for the 2020-2021 summer season on Friday, March 19.

Council and Pool Staff would like to thank swimmers and visitors for their patronage throughout the 2020-2021 summer season.

Easter

HOLIDAY PERIOD

On behalf of Federation Council, our Councillors and Staff would like to wish you and your families a happy and safe Easter Holiday. During the Easter holiday period, Council offices, facilities and services will have altered operating hours and public holiday closures.

Corowa Visitor Information Centre (VIC)

Open as per normal operating hours.

Visit the North of the Murray website www.northofthemurray.com.au anytime.

Corowa Council Office

Service unavailable from 5pm Thursday 1 April until 8.30am Tuesday 6 April, 2020.

Corowa Library

Service unavailable from 5pm Thursday 1 April until 10am Tuesday 6 April, 2020.

Mulwala Council Office, Mulwala Library, Howlong Council Office & Howlong Library

Service unavailable from 1pm Thursday 1 April until 10am Tuesday 6 April, 2020.

Urana Council Office

Service will be unavailable from 4.30pm Thursday 1 April until 8.30am Tuesday 6 April, 2020.

Corowa Service NSW Agency

Service will be unavailable from 4.30pm Thursday 1 April until 9.30am Tuesday 6 April, 2020.

Visit the Service NSW Website www.service.nsw.gov.au anytime.

Council waste facilities located in Corowa, Howlong, Mulwala, Urana and Oaklands

The Corowa and Howlong Waste Management Centre and Mulwala Transfer Station will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. They will be open on Easter Saturday 1pm – 4pm.

The Urana & Oaklands Landfills will be closed Easter Sunday but will be open on Tuesday 6 April.

Oaklands will open 9am - 11am and Urana 1pm - 3pm.

Roadside bin collection will occur as per the normal pick up schedule.

For further information in relation to Council services and facilities please visit Council's website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

If you require urgent after hours assistance, please contact us on P: 1800 110 088.