

Council Meetings

The Ordinary meeting of Council is responsible for dealing with matters relating to finance, works, development, planning, health, building and community services. This meeting also makes a decision on Committee recommendations and is the forum for making the final decision of Council.

Residents and ratepayers are cordially invited to attend Council meetings.

2023 Council Meeting Dates:

Monday, 24 April Urana Chamber	
Tuesday, 30 May Corowa Chamber	Tuesday, 27 June Corowa Chamber
Tuesday, 25 July Urana Chamber	Tuesday, 29 August Corowa Chamber
Tuesday, 26 September Corowa Chamber	Tuesday, 31 October Corowa Chamber
Tuesday, 28 November Urana Chamber	Tuesday, 19 December Corowa Chamber

Join the team!



Discover what job opportunities Federation Council has for you. There are a range of job types that could suit your interests, lifestyle or career plans and which will support Council's local community, businesses and visitors.

If you are passionate about delivering great customer service, working for a progressive and innovative Council, and making a difference to your local community, please apply by visiting Federation Council's website to see what job opportunities are going today!

Howlong, Oaklands and Urana Swimming Pools

Federation Council wishes to advise residents that the Howlong, Oaklands and Urana outdoor swimming pools will be closing for the summer season.

Council and pool staff would like to thank swimmers and visitors for their patronage. We know how much the community values our local pools and we look forward to welcoming you all back when the regular season commences again later in the year.

The Corowa Aquatic Centre is open all year round. Find out more information from the Corowa Aquatic Centre website www.corowaaquaticcentre.com.au

Responsibilities of Pet Ownership

Council has recently reviewed the NSW Companion Animals Register which includes the details of micro chipped cats and dogs residing in the Federation Council area.

This review has found there are companion animals that are yet to be registered with Council as legally required.

As part of Council's Companion Animals Compliance Program, reminder letters are currently being issued to residents where this applies.

Our furry friends are so important in our lives and at Council, there is no better joy for our rangers to be able to return your pet home safely, however, if your pet is not registered they may not know where to return them to.

Registration can be completed at any Council office during business hours and further information is available from Council's website.

On Exhibition

Council's draft Public Art Policy has been reviewed and endorsed by Council at its February ordinary Meeting for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

The draft Public Art Policy outlines how Council can create high quality public spaces and respond to and reflect the communities' vision for existing and future public art works within the area. This Policy will assist in delivering actions from the Arts and Culture Strategy.

The Policy covers the management, maintenance, commissioning and acquisition process as well as the deaccession process.

Council is inviting residents to review the draft policy from its website and provide any feedback by 5pm, Tuesday 11 April 2023.



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Council commences engagement on Future Federation 2023-2024

Federation Council has thanked residents for their engagement over the past week, as Councillors and Council staff hosted a series of pop up sessions in Corowa, Howlong, Mulwala and Urana as part of their Future Federation 2023-2024 launch.

Federation Council is asking the community to help shape Future Federation 2023-2024 by providing input into its combined Delivery Program / Operational Plan and Annual Budget.

Council's combined Delivery Program and Operational Plan is an important document that sets out Council's action plan for achieving the community priorities outlined in the Community Strategic Plan (CSP). It identifies the projects, programs and activities that Council will conduct to achieve the commitments of the Delivery Program. This is supported by the Annual Budget which outlines how Council will fund the delivery of services and projects to its community. It funds services like managing waste, maintaining infrastructure, community facilities and parks, operating libraries, events and services to people at all stages of life. This is 'Future Federation 2023-2024'.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Pat Bourke thanked residents for their conversations and feedback over the last week and said he is encouraging everyone who lives, works, studies or visits the Federation Council region to be a part of this ongoing engagement opportunity.

"Feedback from our community is a critical component in supporting the development of these plans," he said.

"Future Federation 2023 – 2024 will outline the way in which we deliver services and projects to our community and we are very keen to hear from all people who use our services, or plan to in the future. We want to hear people's ideas and priorities so we can use those suggestions to develop our plans that will not only meet the needs of our community within Council's financial capability, but also strengthen it." Mayor Bourke said community feedback is valuable in creating change and helping shape Future Federation 2023-2024.

"Much of our upcoming budget is committed to funding services, programs and infrastructure projects that were identified through the development of the Community Strategic Plan, and Council's Long Term Financial Plan with you, our community. Through the engagement that informed the development of these plans, you told us what's important to you. Now we want to know how you think we should prioritise our actions and associated budget over the coming year as we continue to deliver on those plans. If you missed out on one of our pop up sessions, you can still provide feedback and Council will also be providing further pop up sessions, town meetings and other engagement opportunities on this in the near future."

Mayor Bourke said Council also remains committed to continuing to engage on its Special Rate Variation Application that is currently with IPART for determination.

"Federation Council is one of thirteen councils across NSW that have applied to (IPART) for a special variation to increase income from rates above the rate peg," he said.

The Special Rate Variation proposed for Federation Council is for four years from 2023/24 to 2026/27 at 19%, 17%, 14% and 10%, inclusive of any maximum rate peg amount set by IPART each year. Council's Special Rate Variation Application will determine Council's ability to commit additional funding to priorities as set out in our Long-Term Financial Plan, and it has been great to have further conversations with our community to ensure these priorities are consistent with what our community has told us previously. Future Federation 2023-2024 are the plans that underpin our commitment to the community and I look forward to continuing to engage with our community to identify priorities that will allow your Council to make important financial decisions, balance current and future needs, and ensure we are financially sustainable well into the future."

Council is receiving feedback from the community as part of phase one of their community engagement plan until Monday, April 3. There will be further opportunities for engagement with the community on Future Federation 2023-2024 in May 2023.

Anyone who lives, works, studies or invests in Federation Council or visits our region and uses Council facilities or accesses our services, is invited to review the information provided, ask questions and provide feedback during this time.

Ways to provide feedback

- Complete the submission form on Council's website
- Email: council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au
- Complete a feedback form in any one of our Council offices in Corowa, Howlong, Mulwala and Urana.
- Send in feedback to PO Box 77, Corowa, NSW, 2646.
- Phone: (02) 6033 8999.

Visit Council's website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au for further information.

Council welcomes new Director of Engineering - Theo Panagopoulos



Following an extensive recruitment process, Federation Council is pleased to welcome Theo Panagopoulos into the role of Director of Engineering.

Theo has extensive experience in senior leadership roles in Local Government and is committed to delivering the best possible outcomes for the community, with due consideration to the ongoing sustainability of council operations.

Theo was previously the Manager Infrastructure & Projects at Wodonga City Council. Prior to this, Theo was the Manager Infrastructure & Works, Team Leader Projects and Design, Manager Design and a Senior Projects Engineer. During his tenure at Wodonga City, Theo has also acted in a number of roles including Acting Director Planning & Infrastructure, Acting Manager Planning and Building and Acting Manager Assets.

Federation Council General Manager, Adrian Butler said Theo's proven track record of delivering innovative outcomes and his passion for the community he serves really stood out among a strong pool of applicants.

"We are delighted to welcome Theo to the team, and with his comprehensive local government knowledge and experience he is already proving himself to be a valuable addition to Council as one of our senior leaders," he said.

"I look forward to working with Theo, other directors and Council to continue to deliver quality services and outcomes for the betterment of our communities."

In his role, Theo will be responsible for asset management, project management, road safety, utilities engineering, operational treatment of water and sewer, construction and maintenance of roads, bridges and drainage, waste services, cemeteries and parks and recreation.

Theo, who commenced in his new role in February said he was very excited to be joining the Federation Council team.

"I have lived and worked in Wodonga for the last 18 years and love the region and everything it has to offer," he said.

"When the role at Federation Council came up, I saw it as a wonderful opportunity to challenge myself and apply the skills I have developed throughout my career here in Federation.

The Delivery Program and Operational Plan are key reporting documents that are one method of letting the community know what's been achieved and what's on the future agenda. In my role as Director Engineering Services, my priorities will be to ensure we deliver on the outcomes as agreed by the community within allocated budgets, agreed time frames and to a very high standard."

Firewood Collection Season

Firewood collection season will open from Saturday 1 April and will run until the end of September.

Residents can collect firewood on designated Federation Council road reserves at certain times of the year with a permit.

Further information including where you can and can't collect firewood, plus all of the relevant fees and permit information is available from our website.

Library Storytime



Have you attended Library Storytime sessions at the Corowa, Howlong and Mulwala Libraries?

Excite your child's imagination, share the pleasure of reading and encourage a love of books. Children and their parents/carers can participate in FREE story time sessions that involve sharing stories, rhymes and themed activities. Story time sessions are suitable for ages 0-5 years and run for 30-45 minutes. 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.

- **Corowa Library - Friday each week at 10:30am (except in NSW School Holidays).**
- **Howlong Library - Friday each fortnight at 10:30am (except in NSW School Holidays).**
- **Mulwala Library - Wednesday each fortnight at 10:30am (except in NSW School Holidays).**



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