



# FEDERATION COUNCIL

## Council Meetings

Ordinary meetings of Council are held on the third Tuesday of the Month commencing at 9.30 am and the meeting location is either the Corowa or Urana Chamber.

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.

2022 Council Meeting Dates:

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

## 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 \$35.00.

## Council outdoor pools close for summer season

Council wishes to advise residents that the Howlong, Oaklands and Urana outdoor swimming pools have now closed for the summer season.

Council and Pool Staff would like to thank swimmers and visitors for their patronage and patience throughout the season as we dealt with some unforeseen disruptions. 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 offering a 25m indoor pool, 50m outdoor pool, splash park and lots more.

Find out more: [www.corowaaquaticcentre.com.au](http://www.corowaaquaticcentre.com.au)

## Happy Easter holiday

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.

Find out further information from Council's website [www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au](http://www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au)

## Library School Holiday Program

Join in the fun these school holidays with the Vegetable Plot at the Corowa and Howlong Libraries on Tuesday 12 April, 2022.

The Vegetable Plot are brilliantly talented musicians who are passionate about healthy eating. Be surprised at how excited your kids will be about vegetables and fruit when they groove along to the mix of blues, funk and disco beats.

This activity is suitable for children aged 0-12 years and adults are welcome.

Cost: \$5 per person.

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



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## Council Update - Japanese Encephalitis Virus

### COUNCIL UPDATE



Council is updating the Federation community following the confirmation of a Japanese Encephalitis Virus (JEV) case in the region.

Japanese encephalitis is a rare but potentially very serious life threatening infection of the brain caused by a virus that can be spread to humans by mosquitoes. The virus has been recently detected in Victoria and NSW, including Corowa. People in affected areas who are exposed to mosquito bites may be at risk of infection.

Council advises that a comprehensive public health response is underway and importantly, the NSW Government via the Public Health unit, is the lead agency. Council has and will continue to engage with them on this matter. This will assist Council to better understand the consequences of this emerging very serious pathogen and to work with the NSW Government to assist with implementing control measures if possible, and providing education via communication.

On Friday evening, Australia's Acting Chief Medical Officer, Dr Sonya Bennett has declared the unfolding situation in Australia concerning JEV a Communicable Disease Incident of National Significance.

The declaration was made under the Emergency Response Plan for Communicable Disease Incidents of National Significance, in consultation with the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee.

Dr Bennett's declaration followed her giving the National Security Committee of Cabinet a briefing earlier this week on the unfolding situation regarding JEV.

"I have declared the JEV situation a Communicable Disease Incident of National Significance after determining a national approach is required in relation to coordination of health policy, interventions and public messaging," Dr Bennett said.

"A national working group of communicable disease, vaccine and arbovirus experts has been established to support the response, including mosquito surveillance and control measures and identification of those at direct risk, and for the rollout of vaccines. Public health communications regarding mosquito protection will target affected communities."

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Pat Bourke extended Council's thoughts to the local family affected.

"Council will continue to liaise with health authorities and provide any assistance possible, to support the ongoing management of this new and serious threat to the Federation community," he said.

"Now is the time for our residents to take health advice, including limiting your exposure to mosquitoes and being even more aware of their increased presence in our community following the recent unprecedented rain events. Council will provide updates on the evolving situation as it becomes available."

Dr Marianne Gale, NSW Health Acting Chief Health Officer, said the best way to avoid infection is to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes which are most active between dusk and dawn.

"NSW Health is cautioning people undertaking outdoor activities such as camping and fishing to carefully consider their plans. This is especially important for people planning activities near waterways or where mosquitoes are present, particularly the Murray River and its branches," Dr Gale said.

"People should be particularly vigilant given the recent wet weather conditions, which have led to very high mosquito numbers that may increase further in the coming days and weeks."

Residents are encouraged to view further information on Council's Website.



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## Tech Savvy Seniors Program



Federation Council invites residents to participate in the Tech Savvy Seniors Program at the Corowa, Howlong and Mulwala Libraries during March and April 2022.

This program provides introductory computing skills required to develop the confidence and skills necessary to embrace technology for socialising, accessing important services or conducting personal business.

The program will include the following topics:

- Introduction to Smartphones
- Introduction to the Internet
- Introduction to cyber safety
- Introduction to NSW seniors card

Find out further information about each session by going to Council's website:  
[www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au](http://www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au)

- Mulwala Library:  
2pm, weekly until Tuesday 12 April.
- Corowa Library:  
10.30am, weekly until Wednesday 13 April.
- Howlong Library:  
2pm, weekly until Wednesday 13 April.

## Library Story Time



Federation Council invites parents and carers to Storytime sessions at the Corowa, Howlong and Mulwala Libraries.

Children and their parents/carers can participate in FREE story time sessions that involve sharing stories, rhymes and themed activities. Storytime 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.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a maximum of 15 people are able to attend. Bookings are required before attendance and can be made via the online form on Council's Website [www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au](http://www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au) or by contacting the Corowa Library on P: 02 6033 8941.

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

## Barking Dogs

A persistent barking dog can be unpleasant and cause negative consequences in people's lives. Federation Council recommends that if you have dog barking concerns in your neighbourhood to communicate with the owner to find a mutually acceptable solution.

There are many reasons why dogs bark, find out these and further information from our fact sheet available from Council's website. If you feel an animal is being neglected or abused contact RSPCA.





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## Join the team

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

Find out more and apply today from Council's website [www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au](http://www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au)

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