

## 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:

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

When approval has been provided by the General Manager for members of the public to address Council the Public Forum will be held at 9am.

## Planning Regulations Change

Federation Council wishes to advise that planning regulations have recently changed in regards to who can apply for a post consent certificate;

- Construction Certificate
- Final Occupation Certificate
- Subdivision works certificate

The Environmental Planning and Assessment (Development Certification and Fire Safety) Regulation 2021 prescribes that applications for Construction Certificates (CCs), Occupation Certificates (OCs) and Subdivision Works Certificates (SWCs) may only be made by a person who is eligible to appoint a principal certifier for the development.

Council cannot accept applications for these Certificates unless the applicant is a person who is eligible to appoint a principal certifier for the development. Therefore, any application for these Certificates must be made by the owner/s of the land upon which the development will be carried out.

When uploading an application for a Certificate to the NSW Planning Portal, the owner/s of the land must be shown on the prescribed form as the applicant/s for the Certificate.

The owner can decide if they wish to have the application managed by a third party and provide their contact details as "care of" that third party (i.e. consultant, building firm, contractor, or the like).



## Federation Community Expo Expressions of Interest



Federation Council and the Federation Interagency Committee is calling for Expressions of Interest from sporting groups, community organisations and service providers operating in the Federation Council local government area and further afield to join us at the inaugural Federation Community Expo.

The Federation Community Expo will be a one day event, scheduled on Thursday 19 October, 5:30pm – 7:30pm at Bangerang, Park Corowa. This event is being organised by the Federation Interagency Committee and is designed to connect people with their local community and a great opportunity to promote who they are and what they do.

Stalls are free, we just ask groups to provide their own information, resources, and staff to answer questions and give advice about their services or community group. We are also seeking community groups to hold a fundraising BBQ and /or drinks stall along with applications to perform or play music.

Why not make your stall stand out and provide an activity at your stall to ensure a vibrant, interactive atmosphere. You tell us what you want to do!

To express your interest in attending, please complete the online form available on Council's website or if you would like more information please contact Tracey Barkley or Amber Murphy of Intereach on 02 60 442 802 or Amber Harvey of Federation Council via email:

[communityevents@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communityevents@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au).

## On Exhibition - Draft Asset Management Policy

Council's draft Asset Management Policy has been reviewed and endorsed by Council at its June ordinary meeting for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

The draft Asset Management Policy outlines the position which Council wishes to implement in relation to its physical assets. These assets include roads, footpaths, drainage structures, buildings, facilities, plant and equipment, water, sewerage and stormwater assets.

Council is inviting residents to review the draft policy and provide any feedback by 5pm, Wednesday 9 August, 2023.

The draft policy is available for viewing below or at any Council office. Anyone interested in providing feedback on the policy should do so in writing, addressed to the General Manager, PO Box 77, Corowa NSW 2646 or email to:

[council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au).

## Community Grants Program



Round one of the Federation Council 2023-2024 Community Grants Program will open on Monday 7 August 2023, with funds available to help local community groups, organisations and clubs to deliver a range of community projects and events.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Pat Bourke is encouraging not-for-profit groups and organizations to apply for a share of the \$60,000 of funding pool for this year's first round of the Community Grants Program.

"The Community Grants Program is an initiative aiming to empower groups to develop ideas, projects and events that can contribute to the vibrancy and connected community of Federation Council," Mayor Bourke said.

"We see this as a way to bring forward new ideas and help to develop existing projects to a new height. The grants program is a community focused initiative that gives Federation organisations a way of involving the wider community, their participation in local activities and championing projects that have a strong economic and social impact."

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 & Tourism;
- Community Work and Welfare;
- Skill Development and Learning;
- Health Promotion;
- Accessibility and Inclusion;
- Young People;
- Senior Residence; and
- Children and Families.

"We have a great guide available to all residents and organisations, that can assist with ensuring your application and initiatives are eligible for funding available through our website," Mayor Bourke said.

The Community Grants Program will continue to operate in two funding rounds each year, for funds to be distributed in October and April. Applications for Round One close 5pm, Friday 15 September 2023. Applications recommended for approval will be considered and announced to successful groups at the October Ordinary Council meeting.

## Miki City Memorabilia Display Celebrates a 26 year relationship



The Miki City Memorabilia Display will be on show at the Corowa Art Space from Friday 11 August until Sunday 3 September, 2023.

Federation Council is inviting residents and visitors to see the exhibition and explore the 26 year relationship between Federation Council, Australia and Miki City, Japan.

The Miki City Memorabilia Display will showcase mementos and artefacts from students and community members who have participated in the Miki City and Federation Council Sister City Exchange Program. Items include gifts presented to Federation Council, artworks, photos, ceramics and examples of the agricultural, hardware and blacksmithing industries which flourish within Miki City.

The exhibition coincides with the arrival of students, chaperones and dignitaries from Miki City who will be staying in our region in August.

Entry to the Miki City Memorabilia Display is free. Open Wednesday - Friday 10 am - 4 pm, Saturday & Sunday from 10 am to 2 pm at Corowa Art Space in the Corowa Civic Centre.



## Council Adopts 'Future Federation' Strategic Plans



Council has adopted its 'Future Federation' Delivery Program for 2023/24 at its June Council meeting.

The Delivery Program, incorporating the Operational Plan and Annual Budget, 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 specific projects, programs and activities that Council will conduct to progress community priorities, as well as initiatives required to fulfil Council's legislative responsibilities. 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.

Council endorsed a 19% increase to general rates for 2023/24. This is consistent with the recent IPART approval for a temporary increase to general rate income for a two-year period of 19% in 2023/24 and 17% in 2024/25. Further communication and information about the increase will be provided to ratepayers when 2023/24 rate notices are distributed.

In adopting the plans, Federation Council Mayor Patrick Bourke said the overall plan's primary focus was to ensure Council services are sustainable into the future, while delivering on the important objectives outlined in the Community Strategic Plan.

"Council unanimously supported scenario one that was publicly exhibited as it will provide capacity for Council to further address the asset management demands of existing infrastructure over an extended period of time and support Council to deliver its 45 services," he said.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 15 residents who wrote submissions to Council and the hundreds of people that we engaged with over the

two phases of engagement this year. Council responded to the call for an increase in community engagement methods and hosted 50 hours of face-to-face engagement with residents and other stakeholders and the feedback from this was a crucial aspect in the development of our plans."

Mayor Bourke said he looks forward to continuing to engage with the Federation community on how Council can be financially sustainable whilst delivering the services that our community expect and value and managing Council's assets with a longer term outlook.

"Council knows, and I think the community understands broadly, that Council's roads and other infrastructure need additional ongoing funding to get on top of the backlog caused by years of underfunding," he said.

"Having applied the rate increase for 2023/24 in full as per the IPART determination and staff recommendation, Council now has additional funds to commence the road back to financial sustainability. By way of example, these funds will enable the level of preventive maintenance on our road networks to increase, such as bitumen reseals to avoid total road failures that costs 10 times as much to then fix. Further work has and must be undertaken, alongside of our independent review, to ensure our plans can continue to not only meet the needs of our community in the short term within Council's financial capacity, but also strengthen it for the longer term."

Mayor Bourke said the next 6 to 12 months especially will be a time to engage further with the community on service level expectations and work on financial solutions together.

View adopted documents on Council's website.

## Bald Archy is Back!

Australia's premier satirical art prize, the Bald Archy Prize, is back at the Corowa Art Space from 8 September to 8 October.

The famous and infamous personalities were plentiful among the 22 finalists, but in the end, Albo, Scomo, Dutton, George Pell, Gina Rinehart, Ash Barty, Costa and even King Charles failed to take the crown in this year's hard-fought competition. The winner, instead, went to a portrait by Marty Steel of the founder of the Bald Archy Prize, Peter Batey who passed away in 2019. Created in 1994 as a spoof of that more serious competition, the Bald Archy Prize provides artists of all styles and standards with a genuine opportunity, ranging from the hilarious to the bizarrely vulgar, to create portrait paintings of humour, dark satire, light comedy, or caricature. After the passing of Peter, the administration of the Bald Archy Prize was handed over to the Museum of the Riverina, Wagga Wagga.

Now known internationally as the only art competition in the world to be judged by a sulfur-crested cockatoo named Maude, the satirical side of this event has its basis in the irreverent, larrikin Australian comic comment, with great appeal to people from all walks of life, the reason why the exhibition of finalists keeps breaking attendance records wherever it is shown. Entry cost for adults is \$5.00 and children are free. Group bookings are welcome. To find out more about the Bald Archy exhibition at the Corowa Art Space from 8 September - 8 October 2023 visit the Council website.





## Service NSW Corowa Agency

The Corowa Service NSW agency is located within the Corowa Civic Centre, Federation Council, 100 Edward Street Corowa.

### Opening Hours

Monday - Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm

### Services available

- Drivers licence transactions
- Vehicle registration transactions
- Driver testing
- Boating licence and vessel registrations
- Contractor licence applications
- Applications for birth, death and marriage certificates
- Seniors Card applications
- RSA/RCG competency cards
- Working with Children Checks

## Library Storytime - Howlong



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.

### Howlong Library

59 Hawkins Street, Howlong  
Second Friday of each month 10.30am  
Enquiries P: 02 6026 5055

### August dates

11 August & 25 August 2023.



## Ageing Well Community Consultations



The Ageing Well Advisory Committee and Federation Council is seeking feedback from older residents to get a better understanding of what ageing in the Federation Council looks like in 2023. The Committee and Council would like to hear your thoughts and ideas on what steps they can take to address the needs, priorities, and challenges of getting older and living in the Federation Council area. Your feedback will assist to develop the Federation Ageing Well Strategy 2024-2028 and subsequent four-year action plan.

### How to get involved and provide feedback

- Online Survey - available from Council's website.
- Post Cards - available from your local library or at the Council Customer Service Centre in Corowa, Howlong, Mulwala and Urana.
- Email - [council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au)
- Mail - Post to Federation Council, Ageing Well Feedback, PO Box 77, Corowa, NSW 264.
- In Person - Contact Amber on P: 02 6033 8974.

Consultation will close on Friday 25 August, 2023.

Further information is available from Council's website.

## Works Program Update



Council has an ongoing program of capital works and upgrades to buildings, parks, playgrounds and roads across the Federation Council local government area.

View the activities that were undertaken by the Federation Council's works teams by visiting Council's website.