



FEDERATION COUNCIL

Council Meetings

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

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.

The last Ordinary Council Meeting for 2021 is scheduled to be held on Thursday 23 December.

Where to Vote this Local Government Election

Please see below polling booth locations for the upcoming Federation Council Local Government Elections to be held on December 4:

Venue	Opening Hours
Urana Central School	4 December 2021 8.00am - 6.00pm
Oaklands Central School	4 December 2021 8.00am - 6.00pm
Mulwala Civic Centre	4 December 2021 8.00am - 6.00pm
Howlong Public School	4 December 2021 8.00am - 6.00pm
Corowa South Public School	4 December 2021 8.00am - 6.00pm
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Pre-polling will be available at the following locations:

- Corowa Memorial Hall
- Urana Office of Federation Council

Council Elections 2021

The NSW Government has announced a new date for the Local Government Elections to occur. This has been set for Saturday, 4 December 2021.

Councillors are elected for a four year term, held on the second Saturday in September every four years. The postponement of 2020 Local Government elections to 4 December 2021, will not affect the schedule of subsequent council elections. After the December 2021 elections, the next Local Government election will take place in September 2024. All residents are encouraged to check their enrolment details prior to the election date by calling the NSW Electoral Commission on 1300 135 736 or by visiting their website www.elections.nsw.gov.au

Responsibilities of Pet Owners

ARE YOU KEEPING YOUR BEST MATE SAFE?

Over the last few months, Council has received many reports of stray dogs in the Howlong community so the following pet ownership responsibilities are shared to ensure your pet lives a full and happy life.

To ensure the safety of your pet and the community, residents are reminded of some of the responsibilities of pet ownership:

- Registration.
- Microchipping.
- Wearing a collar and identification tag with the name of the dog or cat, address or telephone number of the owner when in a public place.
- If you have moved residences, updating your contact details on your pet registration and microchipping records.
- When you take your dog to a public place they must be under the owners' effective control. This means an adequate leash, chain or cord. If your dog is in an off leash area, it must be under your effective control.
- Provide a secure home environment so your dog cannot escape.

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 the above items are not followed we may not know where to return it to. Find out more from Council's website.



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Christmas & New Year Operating Hours

During the Christmas holiday period, Council offices and services will have altered operating hours and public holiday closures.

Corowa Council Office

Close 1:00pm, Friday 24 December 2021 and re-open 8:30am, Tuesday 4 January 2022.

Corowa Service NSW Agency

Close 1:00pm, Friday 24 December 2021 and re-open 8:30am, Tuesday 4 January 2022.

Corowa Depot

Close 12:00pm, Friday 24 December 2021 and re-open 7:00am, Tuesday 4 January 2022.

Corowa Library

Close 1:00pm, Friday 24 December 2021 and re-open 10:00am, Tuesday 4 January 2022.

Urana Council Office

Close 1:00pm, Friday 24 December 2021 and re-open 9:00am, Tuesday 4 January 2022.

Urana Depot

Close 12:00pm, Friday 24 December 2021 and re-open 7:00am, Tuesday 4 January 2022.

Howlong Library and Council Office

Close 1:00pm, Friday 24 December 2021 and re-open 10:00am, Tuesday 4 January 2022.

Mulwala Library and Council Office

Close 1:00pm, Friday 24 December 2021 and re-open 10:00am, Tuesday 4 January 2022.

Corowa Aquatic Centre

Close 7:00pm, Friday 24 December 2021 and re-open 7:00am, Sunday 26 December 2021.

Corowa Visitor Information Centre

Saturday 18 December – open 10:00am – 2:00pm

Sunday 19 December – open 10:00am – 2:00pm

Monday 20 December – open 9:30am – 4:30pm

Tuesday 21 December – open 9:30am – 4:30pm

Wednesday 22 December – open 9:30am – 4:30pm

Thursday 23 December – open 9:30am – 4:30pm

Friday 24 December – open 9:30am – 4:30pm

Saturday 25 December – closed

Sunday 26 December – closed

Monday 27 December – open 10:00am – 2:00pm

Tuesday 28 December – open 9:30am – 4:30pm

Wednesday 29 December – open 9:30am – 4:30pm

Thursday 30 December – open 9:30am – 4:30pm

Friday 31 December – open 9:30am – 4:30pm.

Saturday 1 January - closed

Sunday 2 January - open 10:00am – 2:00pm

Monday 3 January - open 10:00am – 2:00pm

Tuesday 4 January - open 10:00am – 2:00pm

Wednesday 5 January onwards (resumes normal opening hours).

Kerbside bin collection dates for all towns will be as usual over the Christmas and New Year period. Residents are reminded to place their bins out for collection the night before as collection may occur earlier.

Over this time, Federation Council encourages residents to submit any non urgent requests via the online form available from Council's website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au. The requests will be reviewed and actioned from Tuesday 4 January 2021. The After Hours service for urgent matters will operate during the closure period as normal. Phone 1800 110 088 to access this service.

SwimVAC Program

Royal Life Saving NSW coordinates and delivers the SwimVAC Program throughout regional NSW.

SwimVAC is a Swimming and Water Safety holiday intensive program that runs over either 5 or 10 days from Monday 10 January - Friday 21 January 2022.

Aligned to the National Swimming and Water Safety Framework, SwimVAC programs encompass nationally recognised swimming and water safety benchmarks teaching swimming and personal safety skills to children of all skill abilities.

Federation Council is pleased to offer the SwimVAC Program from the Howlong Swimming Pool.

Find out further information and register for the SwimVAC Program from the Royal Life Saving website www.drowningprevention.org.au/swimvac

Howlong Swimming Pool Summer Season

The Howlong Swimming Pool will be open for the summer season from Wednesday 1 December, 2021.

Note: the Howlong Swimming Pool will be closed on Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 December due to lifeguard training.

Access is available every day from 1pm to 7pm. The above hours are weather permitting and subject to change.



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Make Federation Sparkle this Year!



Start dusting of the stored decorations, untangle the twinkling fairy lights, test the inflatable Reindeer, and start planning with your neighbours the most festive, and creative Christmas display.

It is time to enter the 2021 Light up Federation Christmas Lights and Decorations Competition!

Federation Council is inviting residents and businesses to enter their dazzling display to go into the running to win a share of \$1,000.

The three categories for this year's competition include:

- Best Decorated House
- Best Decorated Business
- Best Decorated Street

To register, submit the online entry form below or complete a hardcopy form at any Council office or Library. Entries close 5:00 pm Friday 10 December, 2021.

"I can't wait to take my family to see the streets and houses across the Council area decorated," said General Manager, Adrian Butler. "I think we could all do with some extra magic and sparkle this year!"

To help you arrange your drive to see the lights and decorations a flyer of all registered homes and businesses will be available from Monday 13 December, at all Council offices and libraries. The flyer can also be downloaded from the Council's website.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to vote for their favourite display by jumping on the Council website and completing the voting form.

Voting closes Friday 7 January 2022 with the winner to be announced via the Council's Facebook page and Snippets in the Howlong Grapevine, Urana District Newsletter, Corowa Free Press and Yarrowonga Chronicle.

How to enter

To register, simply complete the online form on Council's website or download the hardcopy form and email to communityevents@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au, or complete a hardcopy at any Council office or Library. Entries from residents and business owners are open until Friday 10 December 2021.

Prizes

- BEST DECORATED HOUSE: \$800.
- BEST DECORATED STREET: sign will be placed below existing street sign recognizing the success.
- BEST DECORATED BUSINESS: \$200 and a decal with their winning title to display.

Voting

Residents and visitors will be encouraged to vote for their favourite display once entries close.

So you can arrange to drive by the lights and decorations and cast your vote, a flyer of all registered homes and businesses along with the Voting Form will be available from all Council offices and Libraries, as well as in download form from Council's website.

Voting will close on Friday 7 January 2022 with the winners notified and invited to attend Council's Australia Day celebrations to be formally recognised and congratulated on their achievement.

Visit Federation Council's website for more information: www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Federation Community Calendar

Federation Council is pleased to present its 2022 Community Calendar. The thirteen images featured throughout the calendar were selected as part of the Community Calendar photo competition where a total of 70 images were entered from across our communities. A complimentary copy of the calendar will be made available for collection from Council offices in Corowa, Howlong, Mulwala and Urana from the middle of December 2021. We hope you love the 2022 Community Calendar as much as we do.