

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

Howlong Swimming Pool Season Opening Times



Federation Council is pleased to advise residents and visitors of the Howlong Swimming Pool opening times for the 2020-2021 season:

From December 2020 to the end of March 2021, the pool will be open daily, 1pm - 7pm. Entry is free for the 2020/2021 season.

LED Streetlight Upgrade Project

Work to upgrade more than 1490 streetlights to energy efficient technology will begin in January as part of a major energy efficiency project that will save hundreds of thousands in electricity bills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions for the ratepayers of Federation Council.

The switch to LED technology will see a 329 MWh per year reduction in power use, delivering savings of approximately \$102,000 each year in maintenance and electricity costs.

Find out more information about this project from Council's website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Community Grants Program Opening Soon

Federation Council's Community Grants Program Round Two will open for applications on Monday 8 February 2021 until Friday 19 March 2021.

The Community Grants program aims to support and empower local clubs and not-for-profit community organisations to deliver activities, programs, projects and events that contribute to the vibrancy of the Federation Council area.

Further information including the program guidelines and online application form will be available from Council's website.



Light Up Federation Winners announced

The 'Light Up Federation' Christmas Light Competition is over for another year and Council would like to congratulate the houses and businesses that put their lights up and got into the Christmas spirit.

Over 240 votes were received with the winners of the 2020 Light Up Federation are:

Best Decorated House:

8 Hay Street, Corowa. The winner of the Best Decorated house will receive \$800 cash.

Best Decorated Street:

O'Brien Court, Corowa.

The Best Decorated Street will have a sign placed below their existing street sign to recognise their success.

Best Decorated Business:

Howlong Bakery, 53 Hawkins Street, Howlong.

The winner of the Best Decorated Business will receive \$200 cash and a decal recognising them as the Best Decorated Business to display in their shop window.

Federation Council Mayor Pat Bourke said he would like to congratulate award winners, as well as those residents who participated to be a part of spreading the Christmas joy this year.

"We hope that you enjoyed viewing the wonderful Christmas light displays that registered as part of this much loved initiative," he said.

"This event continues to grow and grow each year and it is heartwarming to hear of the many families who travel around our region to partake in voting, which adds to the magic and spirit of Christmas in Federation Council."

Award recipients were formally recognized at the Australia Day festivities on January 26 at the Urana Aquatic Centre.

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.

Visit www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au for further information. Federation Council is proud to partner with GrantGuru to provide you with this free service.

Road Works Kennedy & Holdbeach Streets Intersection Howlong

Federation Council wishes to advise that road works have commenced on the intersection of Kennedy and Holbeach Streets Howlong until mid-February 2021.

This work will address the poor condition of the pavement of the intersection and is being funded by the Local Roads Capital Infrastructure Grant.

The intersection will be closed for periods to allow excavation works but access will be available at night.

Normal working hours for this construction activity will be Monday to Friday, from 7:00am- 5:00pm. When travelling through the construction site please be aware of the road crews, equipment and potential traffic delays during the construction.

Motorists are requested to pay attention to traffic control signs including reductions in the speed limit. Alternative parking is recommended during these hours; please refrain from parking out the front of your residence whilst the bulk earthworks are being undertaken. Residents will be able to gain access to their properties at night.

Please note that all road work is dependent on the weather conditions.

Audited Financial Statements

Federation Council is pleased to present it's 2019-2020 Annual Report and audited financial statements to the community. The reports outline Council's performance and achievements over the 2019-2020 financial year period. The reports are available from any Council office or for download from Council's website.



Council welcomes green zone classification

On January 18 at 6pm, the New South Wales border zone area moved to a green zone, ensuring easier movement for people on either side of the border.

This includes Federation Council, Albury City, Balranald Shire, Bega Valley Shire, Berrigan Shire, City of Broken Hill, Edward River Council, Greater Hume Shire, Hay Shire, Lockhart Shire, Murray River Council, Murrumbidgee Council, Snowy Monaro Regional Council, Snowy Valleys Council, City of Wagga Wagga and Wentworth Shire.

Federation Council Mayor Pat Bourke said the green zone change was an issue that Council had been advocating heavily on and welcomed the announcement. "This change will go a long way in ensuring that our region is more accessible to our Victorian visitors who we know, make up the majority of visitors to our Council area," he said.

"It is fantastic to see that finally common sense decisions are being made in respect to our border communities. Our tourism industry will still require longer term support and this is something we will actively keep pursuing to ensure our businesses receive the help they so desperately need to recover from the continued economic losses that border restrictions create."

Cross-border communities do not need to apply for a travel permit, as long as they carry a valid form of ID with their address – like a driver licence – and have not been in a current orange or red zone area in the last 14 days.

Orange zone areas include: the Blue Mountains, Wollongong and all Greater Sydney LGAs except for Blacktown City, Burwood, Canada Bay City, Canterbury-Bankstown, Cumberland, Fairfield City, Inner West, Liverpool City, Parramatta City and Strathfield Municipality.

Anyone who has been in the LGAs of Blacktown City, Burwood, Canada Bay City, Canterbury-Bankstown, Cumberland, Fairfield City, Inner West, Liverpool City, Parramatta City and Strathfield Municipality in the last 14 days (other than for transit), are still not permitted

to travel to Victoria without an exemption, exception or essential worker permit.

Anyone living in a cross-border community who has been in an orange zone in the last 14 days (other than for transit) – such as the Greater Sydney area, must apply for an Orange Zone Permit and agree to the conditions including the requirement to get tested within 72 hours of arrival and remain in self-quarantine until they receive a negative result.

Anyone living in a cross-border community who has been in one of the 10 LGAs currently in the red zone in the last 14 days also cannot travel to Victoria without an exemption, exception or essential worker permit.

Exemption applications will no longer be required for those LGAs being downgraded to an orange zone – unless people have also been in a red zone in the last 14 days – and will not be considered. People can apply for an Orange Zone Permit via the Service Victoria website at service.vic.gov.au.

For more information call the coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398 or visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

National Livestock Identification System Changes Effective 1 January 2021

Integrity Systems have advised there has been a number of important changes to the Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) National Vendor Declaration (NVD) effective 1 January 2021.

Only the current NVD Version 0720 and eNVD's will be accepted to process stock through a sale.

Any vendors/producers presenting with older NVD versions or eDECs must follow the Integrity Systems eNVD process or contact their helpdesk, prior to the start of the sale, otherwise their stock cannot be sold through saleyards and they will be turned away.

This change will be effective from the first sale at the Corowa Saleyards on Monday 4 January 2021.

Further information including the memo distributed to agents and the notification documentation from Integrity Systems is available from Council's website.

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Note this calendar is for the areas marked on this map only. Refer to separate calendar for services elsewhere in Federation Council.



- Be mindful not to overload the bins maximum weight is 80kg
- Place bin close to the kerb with the handle facing toward your property
- Place your bin out the night before your collection day or by 6am on the morning of collection
- Keep clear of overhanging branches and power lines .
- Please leave at least one metre between bins and other objects, including fences and vehicles.

Organics Organics will be collected on the same day

every week.

General Waste

General Waste will be collected on alternate weeks to your Recycling day.

Recycling Recycling will be collected on alternate weeks to your General Waste day.

To find out more call **CLEANAWAY** on **13 13 39** or visit our website halvewaste.com.au