



# FEDERATION COUNCIL

## 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, 31 January Urana Chamber	Tuesday, 28 February Corowa Chamber
Tuesday, 28 March Urana Chamber	Monday, 24 April Corowa 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

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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.

Visit Federation Council's website to see what job opportunities are going today!

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## 2022 Light Up Federation Winners Announced



Many residents and businesses adorned their homes with festive lights and decorations as part of Federation Council's annual Light Up Federation Christmas Lights Competition.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Patrick Bourke said, all of the registered displays were very impressive; they really brought the towns to life. It was obvious just how much time and effort the residents put into bringing their displays to life, it was great to see so many get involved.

"I commend all participants for taking the time to decorate their homes and brighten up our streets and businesses as part of the annual competition," he said.

Council is excited to announce the winners of the 2022 Light Up Federation competition;

**BEST DECORATED HOUSE:**  
**8 Bank Street, Howlong**

**BEST DECORATED STREET:**  
**O'Brien Court, Corowa**

**BEST DECORATED BUSINESS:**  
**Goodstart Early Learning Corowa**

Entries were judged on theme, light, presentation, general appearance layout and design and if the display reflects the spirit of the Christmas.

The winner of the Best Decorated House will receive \$800 of gift vouchers from their choice of local businesses.

The Best Decorated Business will receive \$200 of gift vouchers plus a decal for their business window.

The Best Decorated Street will have a custom sign recognising their achievement, that is attached to their local street sign.

Congratulations to our competition winners and to all who participated.



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## Federation Community Grants Program set to open



Round two of the Federation Council 2022/2023 Community Grants Program is set to open Monday 6 February 2023 with funds available to help local community groups, organisations and clubs to deliver a range of community projects and events.

Federation Council Mayor, Pat Bourke is encouraging not-for-profit groups and organizations to apply for a share in \$30,000 of funding for this year's second round of 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.

"If you are an eligible group and you have a great idea that can benefit the wider community, submit your initiative through the Community Grants Program via our online form by Friday 17 March."

Council encourages all groups wishing to apply to check Council's corporate website for the guidelines to ensure Council can assist as many groups as possible bring new ideas to fruition for the region.

The Community Grants Program will continue to operate in two funding rounds each year, in October and February. Applications close Friday 17 March at 5pm. Applications recommended for approval will be considered and announced to successful groups at the April Ordinary Council meeting. Find out more on Council's website.

## Stray Dog Sightings

Do you know that stray dog sightings should be reported to Council?

If you find a stray or lost animal please contact Council and a ranger will collect the animal from you.

During business hours, please call us or after hours complete our online customer request form available on Council's website.



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## **Commencement of Parking Patrols and Enforcement**

Federation Council will soon commence actively conducting parking patrols to ensure that timed parking, loading zones and disability parking in our main shopping precincts of Corowa, Howlong and Mulwala are enforced.

To ensure everyone has time to adjust to parking enforcement, Council Rangers will be monitoring the above mentioned areas up until Friday 3 March, 2023 and issuing warnings only. From Saturday 4 March, 2023 any vehicle found to be parked disobeying parking signage will be issued with a parking fine.

We encourage drivers to obey the regulated parking signs that are on display in our town centres.

Find out more by visiting Council's website.

## **Overgrown Vegetation**

Federation Council wishes to remind all landowners that they are responsible for maintaining the vegetation within their property boundaries, fencelines and nature strips in good order.

Council is receiving a large number of customer requests relating to overgrown vegetation and staff are responding as quickly as possible.

Warm weather along with generous rainfall is providing ideal conditions for grass, shrubs, weeds and vegetation to grow rapidly.

Due to the ground being wet and proving difficult to access in some areas, maintenance by landowners is taking longer than expected.

Please help keep our community safe by slashing, mowing or clearing overgrown vegetation.

To bring an issue to our attention, please lodge an on-line customer request from our website or contact us by phone.

Council appreciates your understanding and patience while we work through the requests.

## **Memorial and Lions Park Public Toilets Temporarily Closed**

Council wishes to advise the public that the Memorial and Lions Park Public Toilets located in Howlong are temporarily closed following recent floods.

We envisage that both public toilets will be unavailable for some time whilst the damage is assessed and repairs undertaken.

Council apologises for any inconvenience caused.

## **Council to apply for share of \$500 million in road funding**

The NSW Government has announced a \$500 million boost to help metropolitan and regional councils tackle the mammoth task of repairing the state's road network, following months of extreme weather events. Following the announcement, Federation Council confirmed its intent to apply for a share of \$500 million after months of joint Council advocacy work and lobbying efforts.

Premier Dominic Perrottet said the new Regional and Local Roads Repair program would provide even more support for councils to continue to carry out urgent repair work to ensure people stay connected and safe.

"We have listened to councils and we understand the pressure they are under from many months of wet weather. This funding boost will help councils continue the huge job of bringing roads back up to scratch to keep our state moving," Mr Perrottet said.

"We are making sure our roads are in the best nick possible so NSW families, truckies, farmers and tradies can travel around our state safely."

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Pat Bourke said the funding announcement was very welcomed news.

"We have been under pressure for months to bring our road network up to a drivable state following the extensive flooding experienced across our Local Government Area last year," he said.

"Given the extent of the damage, funding streams such as this will assist Council in our ongoing recovery work. We have a long way to go, but are thankful for the NSW State Government support through listening to our joint Council advocacy work and responding to our urgent call for further funding in a timely manner."



# Howlong SWIMMING POOL

The Howlong Swimming Pool is set within Howlong's sporting centre, Lowe Square. The large facility is the perfect place to spend the day with a fantastic kiosk, pools to suit all ages and seasonal swimming lessons for all abilities.

## Our large facility features:

- 25 metre pool.
- Toddlers pool.
- Kiosk.
- Change rooms with hot showers.
- Plenty of grass and picnic facilities.
- Dedicated and personable lifeguarding team.

The Howlong Swimming Pool is now open for the summer swimming season. Opening hours are:  
Monday - Sunday, 1pm - 7pm.

# COLLECTION CALENDAR 2023

FOR MORE INFO:  
[federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au](http://federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au)

Do you forget which bins to put out each week for kerbside waste collection?

No more guessing, download the 2023 kerbside bin collection calendar from our website or collect one from Council offices in Corowa, Howlong and Mulwala.

## Some Helpful Tips:

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.

Find out more about waste services from our website.



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