



FEDERATION COUNCIL

Clean Up Australia Day

STEP UP TO CLEAN UP
» REGISTER A CLEAN UP

Clean up Australia Day is on Sunday 6 March 2022 and you are invited to step up to clean up your local area. Community groups, associations, businesses, schools and individuals are invited to participate by registering a Clean Up on [cleanup.org.au](https://www.cleanup.org.au). Clean Up Australia will provide you with a Clean Up Kit and other materials to run the day.

Clean Up Australia Day is held on the first Sunday of March every year and encourages people to clean up their local areas. Participants can host or attend clean ups organised by local community groups, which can be found on the Clean Up Australia website.

The annual Clean Up Australia Day was first started 20 years ago by founder and Chairman Ian Kiernan AO, who passed away on 16 October 2018. Australians have devoted 36 million hours to cleaning up the environment, through Clean Up Australia Day removing the equivalent of more than 380,000 ute loads of rubbish.

The Business Clean Up Australia Day staff engagement and team-building events are a great way for organisations to connect their teams through shared experiences. The next Business Clean Up Day is on Tuesday 1 March 2022 but you can run a Business Clean Up event any day of the year!

A School Clean Up Day is a great way to inspire your young people to learn about the impact of rubbish on their local environment while playing an active role in their community. Register your school and work together on School Clean Up Day on Friday 4 March - it can be the school grounds, a local park, or maybe bushland near your school - it's up to you.

Register now at <https://www.cleanup.org.au/> or call 1800 282 329 for more information.

Federation Council 2021 Election Results Officially Declared

Councillors have been declared by the NSW Electoral Commission for the Federation Council Local Government Area following the Local Government elections held on the 4th December 2021. The final distribution of preferences and announcements occurred on Tuesday, 21 December at 10.30am at the returning office in Sanger Street Corowa.

Councillors in order of election are as follows: Patrick Bourke, Andrew Kennedy, Aaron Nicholls, David Longley, Shaun Whitechurch, Sally Hughes, Rowena Black, David Fahey and Gail Law.

Federation Council General Manager Adrian Butler said Councillors will be officially sworn in to their roles at the first Council meeting to be held on the 23rd December.

"A Mayor and Deputy Mayor election will also be conducted as required at the first meeting of Council to determine which Councillors will hold those positions," he said.

"I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the new Councillors and also thank Council staff who have worked to make the transition for the newly elected body as seamless as possible. We have a busy period of community engagement and planning work, leading to adopting a new budget and updated plans for July 1 2022 onwards".

Council Services Update – Covid 19

Council would like to notify residents that we are experiencing staff shortages due to Covid-19.

Federation Council General Manager Adrian Butler said Council, like other businesses across our community are working through this latest set of challenges to ensure the continuity of our services are maintained.

"As a result, it may take longer than usual for our staff to respond to customer requests and inquiries. Council appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate through these challenging times together."

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Pat Bourke said on behalf of Council, he would like to extend his thoughts to all local businesses who are similarly impacted.



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Our Community – Our Opportunity – Community Strategic Plan Review – Have Your Say!

Federation Mayor and Deputy Mayor elected



Federation Councillor Patrick Bourke has been elected the Mayor of Federation Council.

Cr Bourke was elected Mayor at an ordinary meeting of Council in December.

Federation Councillor Shaun Whitechurch was elected Deputy Mayor.

Cr Bourke said it was an enormous honour to be elected to lead Federation Council for a further term.

“I could not be prouder to be elected as Mayor to lead the amazing group of Councillors that have been elected by our people,” he said.

“I look forward to continuing to engage across the Council area to ensure our communities voices are heard right across the Council region. Over the past four years, Council has laid the groundwork for what we want to achieve over our term, particularly through our Council Plan. We’ve undertaken a lot of consultation to bring our community with us as we work through important issues, with further consultation planned in early 2022.”

Cr Whitechurch said he was also honoured to be elected as Deputy Mayor for a second term.

“My goal in life is to make a difference in our communities and leave it a better place than I found it,” he said. Being a Councillor and Deputy Mayor, gives me the opportunity to effect real positive change for our community, its residents and visitors. I look forward to continuing to make a real difference and provide my insight and perspective throughout the decision making process.”



It is time to have your say on planning for our community’s future.

The ‘Our Community – Our Opportunity’ Federation Council Community Strategic Plan 2018-2028 is our highest long-term plan for our community.

It reflects our vision, aspirations and priorities for the future and outlines how we will work together to achieve these goals. It maps our journey of:

- Where are we now?
- Where do we want to be in ten years’ time?
- How will we get there?
- How will we know we’ve arrived?

Every four years, following an ordinary election of Councillors, Council must review the Community Strategic Plan (CSP). In preparation of this process, we have begun reviewing and updating our CSP. Any changes to the CSP must be endorsed by Council before 30 June 2022. A survey has been formulated to gain community feedback to assist with the revision of our current CSP.

We encourage our residents to think about:

- Are the current Strategic Objectives still relevant?
- Should there be more focus on particular objectives? Less focus?
- What are the things that your community needs over the next ten years?

Council encourages you to take part in the survey online or by completing a hardcopy of this survey and returning it to any one of our Council Offices in Corowa, Howlong, Mulwala and Urana. All surveys are required to be submitted by 5pm, Tuesday 1 March 2022. View Council’s website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au for further information.



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Council presents End of Term Report 2017-2021

Council is pleased to present its End of Term Report 2017-2021.

At its December meeting, Council resolved to note the report and present it to the community.

Under the NSW Government's Integrated Planning and Reporting Legislation for Local Government, Council is required to produce a report on its progress in implementing the Community Strategic Plan – 'Our Community – Our Opportunity' during its term.

The aim of this report is to provide the community with a status of how Council is progressing toward achieving its Strategic Plan - Our Community – Our Opportunity. Federation Council adopted its Community Strategic Plan - Our Community – Our Opportunity in 2018. The plan is a ten year long term plan that identifies where the Federation Council community want to be in the future. It outlines the community's priorities and aspirations and how these will be achieved.

This plan assists in shaping the future of the Federation Council Local Government Area (LGA). It provides the direction for the provision of key projects and services which enable Council to meet the needs of the community and deliver good quality services and facilities.

It integrates asset, service and financial plans so that Council's resource capabilities are best matched to the community's needs and shows how Council is working towards achieving a better quality of life for all who live, work and visit in Federation Council. This is a dynamic strategy that is evaluated consistently and also comprehensively reviewed at the end of Council's term. This report will focus on the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2021.

"The End of Term report seeks to support the new Council and provide guidance and clarity on the future needs of the community."

Council will soon be engaging with the community to review its Community Strategic Plan - Our Community – Our Opportunity as per legislative requirements via community workshops and an online survey.

Visit Council's website to view the end of term report.

2021 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 360 votes were received and the winners of the 2021 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: Courthouse Kitchen, 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, Cr Pat Bourke thanked all participants and those who voted in this year's competition.

"We had a record breaking amount of votes this year, which just confirms how fantastic this competition is for our community," he said.

"There were so many amazing entries this year and Council hope that you enjoyed viewing the wonderful Christmas light displays that registered as part of this much loved initiative."

Awards were presented to recipients at the upcoming Australia Day Celebrations.



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Council & community celebrate Australia Day

Residents, friends, family and visitors celebrated everything that's great about living in Australia at this year's Federation Council Australia Day celebrations. The sun shined down on the crowd that were joined by Australia Day Ambassadors Ralph and Kathy Kelly, Federation Council representatives and the Rotary Club of Corowa to participate in festivities at Bangerang Park in Corowa on January 26.

Ralph and Kathy Kelly, founders of the Thomas Kelly Foundation delivered an inspirational address speaking about their eldest son Thomas, who was 18 years old when he died in tragic circumstances in July 2012, in Sydney's Kings Cross. Determined not to let a similar fate happen twice, the Kelly family established the Thomas Kelly Youth Foundation implementing the 'Take Kare Safe Space' (Take Kare is after Thomas Kelly's initials) program in December 2014, with a vision of 'ensuring all of our youth come home safely'. Operating Friday and Saturday nights from 10pm – 4am with teams of volunteers across three key sites, assisting people who may be intoxicated, or drug affected, under age youth, people who are vulnerable or those subjected to physical and sexual assault, self-harm, violence and theft. The Foundation works closely with emergency services, the liquor industry and local communities in order to share the common vision of saving lives.

The Kelly's vision is to take kindness to every corner of Australia, something they are undoubtedly achieving.

In his welcome address, Federation Council Mayor, Cr Pat Bourke said on Australia Day we celebrate all the things we love about Australia; land, sense of fair go, lifestyle, democracy, the freedoms we enjoy, and particularly our people.

"Today we celebrate our people, the people of Federation Council who go above and beyond in their respective areas to ensure our communities thrive and grow. Our awards nominees here with us today are very special people, whose donation of time and effort warrants this type of special celebration. I am so proud of our community and those in it who continue to go above and beyond in their respective areas to ensure our

communities thrive and grow, especially in the midst of such challenging times."

Council would like to congratulate all the award recipients and nominees for the 2022 Federation Council Australia Day Awards.

*2022 Citizens of the Year: Dean and Lauren Holgate of Mulwala.

*2022 Community Group of the Year: Country Womens Association – Oaklands.

*2022 Local Achievers of the Year: Kerrie Ormond of Corowa, Fran Weidner of Howlong and Dean and Lauren Holgate of Mulwala.

Light Up Federation Award Winners:

Best Decorated House: Lisa Edmonds of Corowa.

Best Decorated Street: O'Brien Court, Corowa.

Best Decorated Business: Court House Kitchen, Howlong.

Council would also like to thank the Rotary Club of Corowa for their event management support.

