



FEDERATION COUNCIL

Council Meetings

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

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 20 July 2021 Corowa Chamber	Tuesday 17 August 2021 Corowa Chamber
Tuesday 21 September 2021 Corowa Chamber	Tuesday 19 October 2021 Corowa Chamber
Tuesday 16 November 2021 Corowa Chamber	Tuesday 21 December 2021 Corowa Chamber

Council thanks community post economic engagement

Federation Council has thanked the wider community following the completion of its recent Economic Development Strategy community engagement sessions.

Council invited members of the community to get involved in the development of the Strategy by completing a short online survey, and by attending one of the community workshops held in early May.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Pat Bourke said Council appreciated the high level of excitement that it received from the community during the consultation phase.

"Council is really looking forward to now finalizing the inaugural Economic Development Strategy," he said.

"We had over 100 participants attend the engagement sessions and to say our community is excited to develop the strategy is an understatement. The economy in the Federation Council region has traditionally been supported by strong agriculture sector, however, following the sessions it is evident that our region has a number of emerging sectors, such as manufacturing and retail, which will play a key role in our future economy. This Strategy will cater for all sectors in our region, and ensure we have a diverse, resilient and sustainable economy in the future."

Mayor Bourke said the Economic Development Strategy will position the regional economy for future success and enable economic benefits to be realised by local residents, businesses, investors and visitors.

"We want the Strategy to be guided by the Community. Economic development is not about Council dictating what will happen; it is about collaborating with the community to come up with strategic objectives that we can all work towards together. I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank the community for their input and I look forward with anticipation to the strategy coming to Council in draft format for public exhibition in the near future."

The purpose of developing the Economic Development Strategy is to provide clear and comprehensive strategic guidelines and tools for supporting the development of the Federation economy across the entire local government area.

The draft strategy will be presented to Council in July 2021, and placed on public exhibition for a 28 day period, before returning to Council for them to consider final adoption.





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Tim Fischer AC memorial sculpture unveiled



From humble beginnings, to greatness was the way Boree Creek's favorite son, Tim Fischer, AC was remembered by the hundreds who flocked to witness the unveiling of his memorial sculpture at the Tim Fischer Community Park in Boree Creek recently.

Urana artist Andrew Whitehead's found-metal likeness of Mr Fischer, titled 'The Last Train from Boree', was completed in June 2020 to much online acclaim.

However the planned installation and unveiling of the sculpture - scheduled to coincide with the first anniversary of Mr Fischer's death in August 2020 - was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Several notable Australian leaders joined Federation Council, Judy Brewer and the Fischer family at the event, including the NSW Governor Margaret Beazley, former Ambassador to the Holy See Melissa Hitchman, Member for Albury Justin Clancy, Member for Farrer Susan Ley, Major Sarah Winter and Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Patrick Bourke said it was a great honour to host the memorial event and unveil the Tim Fischer Memorial Sculpture, which is an amazing piece of artwork that will forever honour Mr Fischer's passion for both trains and that of Boree Creek.

"Tim is affectionately referred to as Boree Creek's favourite son," he said.

"This is where life started for Tim, and throughout his life, and his many achievements, somehow and some way he always found his way back here. That is why it brings me great pleasure, as the Mayor of Federation Council to have commissioned this statue to ensure that Tim's unwavering commitment and dedication to this community will forever stand the sands of time and be a constant reminder of his passion to our people, whether they had been the people of Boree Creek or that of our entire country."

NSW Governor Margaret Beazley spoke to the crowd about the sense of belonging and pride that Tim had for the Boree Creek area, and the honour it was to be involved in the unveiling.

Political figures in the Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormick, Member for Farrer Susan Ley and Member for Albury Justin Clancy all spoke to the impact Tim's life had on the democratic achievements of this country, and also the way in which he mentored political leaders – resulting in a highly respected and honourable legacy.

Mayor Bourke said he knew Tim would be humbled by everyone's efforts to come together the way everyone had to honour his life.

"Tim is certainly missed beyond measure, and I hope this sculpture acts as a magnificent reminder of the great man that the honourable Tim Fischer was," he said.

"I hope it also inspires our many young Australians who will visit the sculpture in the years to come to understand the history and legacy of the great Tim Fischer – and most importantly, in that from humble beginnings in places like Boree Creek, greatness can really be achieved."

Federation Council commissioned the \$40,000 artwork through the NSW Federal Government's Community Drought Funding Program.

Halve Waste Cloth Nappy Rebate

Halve Waste are offering residents the opportunity to access financial assistance in support of using cloth nappies.

Simply apply online and you can receive back 50% of the cost of cloth nappies purchased between 1 May and 30 June up to the value of \$100.

Find out more and apply online from the Halve Waste website: www.halvewaste.com.au



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Family and Friend Support Programs

Alcohol and drug use not only affects people using the alcohol or drugs, but it also has an adverse impact on their family, friends, and their community.

Family and peer support networks are critical to a person's recovery from alcohol/drug use, but too often, relationships become strained and users become isolated from their families, friends and social networks due to the problems arising from their alcohol or drug use.

Families and friends can play a critical role in the recovery of people using alcohol and other drugs. However, there is little support for families in this situation.

The Family and Friend Support Program is an online intervention and support package for families/friends supporting loved ones using alcohol/drugs. It includes information on how families and friends can best help their loved ones and protect them from adverse impacts of their lifestyle of drinking alcohol or using drugs. The Family and Friend Support Program recognises that supporting someone who is drinking or using can be extremely stressful, and aims to assist families and friends to best manage the demands of this role. Find out more from Council's website, including how to access the many free programs available www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Federation Drug and Alcohol Services and Support Think Tank

We need you!

Are you a:

- Service agency worker or organisation
- Emergency services agency worker or organisation
- Community based support worker, volunteer or community group?

Your participation is being sought in the upcoming Federation Drug and Alcohol Services and Support Think Tank to identify what is working well in relation to professional and community services supporting the Federation Council area, what can be improved on and potential solutions.

The Think Tank is made up of two on-line workshops:

- 1.30pm - 3.00pm - 7th July - To identify what we already have in the way of services and support, what we can build on and issues and gaps which may exist.
- 1.30pm - 3.00pm - 28th July - To identify possible solutions, collaboration opportunities, projects and programs to build on what we have, and address issues and gaps.

RSVP and further information please contact Mel Sporry,
email mel.sporry@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Register your Pet

Federation Council wishes to advise that cat registration reminder letters have been sent to all cat owners who have a cat that is microchipped and not yet registered.

Do you know that you are legally required to register your cat and lifetime registration is available for cats from 4 months of age?

At Council, there is no better joy for our rangers to be able to return your pet home safely, however, if your pet is not microchipped & registered we may not know where to return it to.

Registration is easy, contact Council and our friendly customer service team will assist you on P: 02 6033 8999.

Find out more from Council's website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Library Storytime

Federation Council invites children and their parents/carers to participate in FREE Storytime sessions that involve sharing stories, rhymes and themed activities at your local library.

Storytime 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.

Storytime sessions are held weekly at the Corowa Library and fortnightly at the Howlong and Mulwala Libraries.



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Local Government Election 2021

Federation Council's election will be administered by the NSW Electoral Commission and voting will be held on Saturday 4 September 2021.

Local Government elections in New South Wales are usually held every four years. However, the elections planned for 2020 were postponed for 12 months due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

Council will be hosting a number of Federation Council local candidate information sessions in July 2021. A series of online candidate information sessions will be conducted by the NSW Electoral Commission in the lead up to the 2021 NSW Local Government elections. The webinars will be held from April to August 2021 and will cover a range of topics, and prospective candidates are strongly encouraged to attend one of these. View more information on Council's website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Firewood Collection

Residents in the Federation Council area can apply to obtain a permit to collect firewood from road reserves for home heating during winter.

Firewood collection is limited to 1 April – 30 September each year.

To apply for a permit, residents must complete the application form and show proof that they reside in the Federation Council area (i.e. drivers licence). Applicants must certify on the application that they will abide by the permit conditions and acknowledge that Council is not liable for any injuries to person, or any loss or damage to property arising from the firewood collection activities. Applications received from outside the Federation Council area will not be considered.

Residents will need to apply for a permit each firewood season (each year). The permit application fee is \$31.00.

NSW Planning Portal introduction

The NSW Government is making the planning system easier to use with the introduction of the online NSW Planning Portal.

The NSW Planning Portal is a digital space where community, industry and government can work together to better understand and meet their obligations under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. The NSW Planning Portal is a single place to go for planning processes and transactions online, it is simpler, faster and more transparent for everyone.

The portal can be used to lodge and process Development Applications (DA's) including modifications, Complying Development Certificate Applications (CDC's) and for certificates under Part 6 of the EP&A Act).

From Thursday 1 July 2021, it will be mandatory to lodge your Development Applications (DA), Construction Certificates (CC) and Complying Development Applications (CDC) via the online NSW Planning Portal. Find out more by visiting Council's website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Nominate a location for the Portable Speed Board

NEW PORTABLE SPEED BOARD

www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au



Federation Council is inviting residents to nominate a street location where they would like to see the portable speed board located.

This street location could be one where an increasing number of vehicles have been using a road, vehicles that maybe speeding or to highlight general awareness of vehicle speed.

Nominate a street today online via Council's website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au