



FEDERATION COUNCIL

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 will be 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 2020 ordinary meetings of Council:

Tuesday 23 June 2020 Corowa Chamber	
Tuesday 28 July 2020 Corowa Chamber	Tuesday 18 August 2020 Urana Chamber
Tuesday 15 September 2020 Corowa Chamber	Tuesday 20 October 2020 Corowa Chamber
Tuesday 17 November 2020 Urana Chamber	Tuesday 15 December 2020 Corowa Chamber

Financial Support for Ratepayers

Federation Council would like to advise residents that the fourth instalment notices for land rates have been issued with payment due before Sunday 31 May. Water account notices have also been issued with payment due before Friday 22 May.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an unprecedented impact on our lives. Some of us are struggling financially as a direct result. At Federation Council, we have a

Hardship Policy to ensure that we take a fair and equitable approach with those residents suffering genuine financial hardship.

If you're facing genuine financial hardship in paying your rates, fees or charges, please get in touch with our Finance team on (02) 6033 8999, email council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au or complete the online application form available from Council's website.

We can have a chat about your individual circumstances and work out a payment plan together. We're here to help.

Drought Support for Federation Council



In 2019, the Federation Council Region was identified as drought affected by the NSW Department of Primary Industries and was subsequently invited to apply for \$1 million in funding from the Federal Governments Drought Communities Extension Program.

Part of this funding saw the appointment of a Drought Support Officer with Corowa District Landcare for a period of approximately six months. We are pleased to introduce you to Peter who is doing some great work across this space!

Library Home Delivery Service

Access your local library collection including books, DVD's and audio books via Council's home delivery service.

Items can be delivered within the town boundary of Corowa, Howlong and Mulwala or arrange to pick up from the delivery points in Urana, Oaklands, Rand, Balldale and Daysdale (social distancing rules apply).

Deliveries will occur on Wednesday for Corowa, Howlong and Mulwala, and every second Thursday to Urana, Oaklands, Rand, Balldale and Daysdale.

Register your interest by completing the online form from Council's website or contact Council.



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Grant Finder

Community groups and businesses operating in Federation Council will be able to more easily find and apply for grants with the launch of the Federation Council Grant Finder digital platform.

Federation Council has joined forces with Australia's most powerful grant search engine, Grant Guru, to deliver a free one-stop-shop website for business and community grants. Find out more about this fantastic new platform from Council's website.

Active Seniors

Staying physically active is the single most important thing we can do to stay fit and independent.

As we grow older we lose muscle strength and sense of balance and this can lead to a fall. The more active we remain, the better the chance of keeping our muscles strong, our joints mobile and maintaining good balance.

Jenny Enever, one of Council's Ageing Well Ambassadors and a MLHD Gentle Exercise Leader in Howlong has been staying active and at home during the COVID-19 health pandemic. Watch the exercise videos and download the flyers from Council's website.

Development Application notifications now online

As Council offices are currently closed to the public due to Covid-19, Development Application notifications have been made available via Council's website.

In accordance with Council's Public Notification Policy regarding Development Applications, Development Applications are listed for public comment.

Any persons may make a submission on the proposal within a period of fourteen (14) days from the date of this notification. Persons making a submission are required to comply with Section 147(5) of the Environmental Planning Assessment Act (Political Donations & Gifts Disclosure Statement). Forms are available from Council's administrative offices.

Mail: General Manager, Federation Council - 100 Edward Street, Corowa NSW 2646 (PO Box 77)

Email: council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Federation Youth Council Facebook Page

The Federation Youth Council have launched their Facebook page I Am Federation

I Am Federation is a place where young people living in Federation Council towns and villages can come to connect, engage with each other and keep up to date on all news relating to people in the area.

There will be information for youth, activities, resources and giveaways so let's build our youth community by liking and sharing the page and tagging people that may be interested. Find out more about the Federation Youth Council from Council's website.



Waste Management Strategy Consultation Results

Federation Council has recently completed consultation with our community in relation to its waste management services that it coordinates for residents.

The feedback received as part of the consultation will inform the development of a new Waste Management Strategy 2020-2030 for Federation Council.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Patrick Bourke said, the insights received are valuable and will assist with developing options for consideration as part of the development of a new Waste Management Strategy.

"I would like to thank residents for completing the online survey and advise that there will be another opportunity to have your say when the draft Waste Management Strategy is prepared and made available for public exhibition."

"Federation Council is committed to delivering effective and equitable waste management services to our residents to improve the liveability of our beautiful communities."

The results of the survey have been compiled and summarized by consultants Projectura and are available to view via video from Federation Council's website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au



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COVIDSafe app

The Australian Government has launched a new Coronavirus app, COVIDSafe.

The COVIDSafe app uses technology to automate and improve the current manual process of finding people who have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19.



This means you'll be contacted more quickly if you are at risk. It reduces the chances of you passing on the virus to your family, friends and other people in the community.

Downloading the app is voluntary, find out more from the Australian Government Department of Health website health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covidsafe-app

National Volunteer Week

To celebrate National Volunteers Week this year, Council is sharing the many beautiful, encouraging and heart warming stories that have been shared with us as part of the Community Champions: Changing Communities | Changing Lives initiative.

The initiative not only recognises our volunteers but individuals, neighbours and community groups who have shown compassion, kindness and a helping hand to people in their communities during times of need.

Council will continue to recognise the contribution Community Champions make and will be celebrating all together with the nominees once we are able to in person.

Council wishes to thank all community members who took the time to nominate their towns community champion and of course thank each of the nominees.

We invite you to read each of the community champions stories which are available from Council's website.

Responsibilities of Pet Owners

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Whether you consider yourself a dog person or a cat person, we all have a responsibility to our companion animals. Find out more!



Over the past 6 months, Council has seen an increase of dog incidents in Howlong. From dog attacks to dogs uncontrolled and escaping owner properties.

Whether you consider yourself a dog person or a cat person, we all have a responsibility to our companion animals.

Residents are reminded of the responsibilities of pet owners to ensure the safety of companion animals and the community.

- If your dog is in a public place it must be under the effective control of a competent person by means of an adequate chain, cord or leash. The expectations to this are; dogs exhibited at a show or engaging in obedience or agility trials or a dog secured in a cage or vehicle or in an approved off leash area. If your dog is being exercised in an approved off-leash area it must always be under effective control of a competent person.
- You are not permitted to walk more than four dogs at any one time in an on-leash or off-leash area.
- Just like all breeds dogs in NSW, greyhounds will be required to be on leash while in public at all times.
- A greyhound will still require a muzzle in an off-leash area if it has not undergone an approved retraining program. Greyhounds that have completed this program will continue to wear identifying green collars, or, alternatively the person in charge of the animal can carry a completion card.
- If your dog defecates in a public place it is an offence not to remove the faeces.
- Dogs are prohibited in children's play areas, food preparation/consumption areas, reception areas, public bathing areas, school grounds, child care centres, shopping areas and wildlife protection areas.
- Any cats & dogs that are sold or given away from 1 July 1999, must be microchipped and lifetime registered. Existing cats and dogs must also be microchipped and lifetime registered. Farm working dogs and greyhounds are exempt.

Please contact Council with any questions or if you require assistance.



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Ball Park Caravan Park and Foreshore Masterplans 2020 Exhibition

Have your say on the Ball Park Caravan Park and Foreshore Masterplans – a multifaceted masterplan project that has been undertaken to provide Council and the community with a framework that will guide opportunity, business planning and modeling in respect to the growth of our region and ensure together we can capitalize on our unique foreshore assets.

In 2019, Integrated Site Design was engaged by Federation Council to produce a master plan for Ball Park Caravan Park that will deliver commercial, environmental and social outcomes to comply with current regulations and encourage increased visitation and economic growth to the region.

This report demonstrates the capacity of Ball Park Caravan Park for redevelopment to provide a facility that caters for a broad market, offering contemporary accommodation and recreational facilities, supported by a business case demonstrating the forecast financial performance of the park.

The draft structure plans for the Corowa foreshore and surrounds and Morris Park are the outcome of a planning process involving engagement with councillors, management and staff of Federation Council and key stakeholders including representatives of locally based sporting clubs and the local land councils, the Corowa Business Chamber and Corowa Landcare.

Implementation of the structure plans will generate ongoing social, environmental and economic benefits to Corowa and the wider region – stimulating an active lifestyle, attracting greater tourism, and supporting local businesses and the local economy as a whole.

The plans are now placed on exhibition to seek feedback from the community. Council will then consider the outcomes of the community consultation before adopting the final plans to guide the long-term strategic development of Ball Park Caravan Park, Corowa foreshore and Morris Park.

View the master plan documents on Council's website: www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Residents and interested stakeholders are invited to provide a written submission on the Ball Park Caravan Park and Corowa Foreshore Structure Masterplans by either completing the online submission on Council's website, or by mailing your submission to: General Manager, Federation Council, PO BOX 77, Corowa, NSW, 2646, or via email at council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Federation Council Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020-2040

In accordance with Section 3.9 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 the Draft Federation Local Strategic Planning Statement has been prepared and endorsed by Council for exhibition and comment.

In accordance with Federation Council's Community Participation Plan the draft Plan is on public exhibition from Wednesday 20 May 2020 until Wednesday 17 June 2020.

A copy of the Draft Federation Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020-2040 is available on the Federation Council website www.federation.nsw.gov.au

Any person interested in making a submission regarding the plan should do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Federation Council, PO Box 77, Corowa NSW 2646 or email to council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au. Submissions will be received up to 5:00pm on Wednesday 17 June 2020.

If you require further information please contact Council's planning section on 02 6033 8999.

Queens Birthday Public Holiday

On behalf of Federation Council, Councillors and Staff we would like to wish you and your families a happy and safe Queen's Birthday long weekend.

Due to the Coronavirus COVID 19 pandemic, Council offices and some facilities have been closed to the public since Wednesday 25 March, however, remain open to staff only to continue to deliver Council services via website, phone and email.

During the Queen's Birthday long weekend, Council offices, facilities and services will have altered operating hours and public holiday closures. Find out more from Council's website.

We hope you all enjoy the Easter break and follow social distancing and restrict your travel to only the most essential of trips.