



# FEDERATION COUNCIL

## Council Meetings

Federation Council resolved at its April 2022 ordinary meeting, that future Council meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month from May 2022.

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.

2022 Council Meeting Dates:

Tuesday 28 June	
Monday 18 July	Monday 15 August
Monday 19 September	Monday 17 October
Monday 21 November	Monday 19 December

## Join the team



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.

- Building Surveyor
- Sewerage Treatment Plant Operator
- Reticulation Officer
- Utilities Engineer

Find out more and apply today from Council's website [www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au](http://www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au)

## Delivery Program and Draft Budget Exhibition



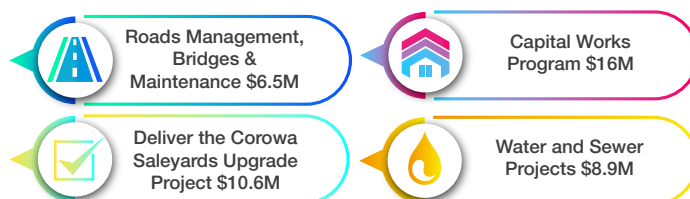
At its monthly meeting on Monday, May 16, Council endorsed a suite of draft strategic documents for public exhibition.

Combined, these documents provide a guide to Council's operations and help the organisation meet community demands for services and infrastructure by maximising what it can achieve with its available resources.

The suite of documents intend to set the direction of Council and include the following:

- A list of the principal activities to be undertaken by the Council, together with the objectives, strategies and performance measures for each activity;
- A rating structure for the year 2022-2023 to be effective from 1 July 2022;
- A full listing of fees and charges for the 2022-2023 financial year; and
- A 10 year Financial Plan.
- Draft Asset Management Strategy.
- Draft Workforce Management Strategy.

Council invites feedback on the draft documents from all interested stakeholders and members of the community before 5pm Tuesday, June 14, 2022.



See Council's website for more information.



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**Council thanks Howlong community following water engagement**

## HOWLONG WATER Information Session

Federation Council has thanked the Howlong community for their engagement, following the Howlong Water Information Session held in the Mighty Murray Room on Tuesday, May 10.

The purpose of the info session was to provide residents with an update on major works identified to improve the performance of the town's current water supply and strategic planning underway to allow for future growth in Howlong.

At the February meeting of Council, Council endorsed for design, approval and tender documentation to be progressed in respect to projects identified for Howlong's Water Treatment Plant and Reticulation Network.

Council supported the recommendations provided by Council Officers to ensure the performance of the reticulation network would be improved for current users, and allow for future growth and development in Howlong. Council has been actively working towards identifying works to improve network capacity but also strategically plan for future development. It is critical that this work coincides together.

Design and tender documentation is currently being prepared for:

- A 375 mm rising main from the treatment plant to the Read Street Howlong Water Tower.
- The refurbishment of the existing water tower.

- An additional 2.5 megalitre water tower to be constructed in the Read Street Howlong road reserve.
- A new 375 mm trunk water main to be constructed along Townsend Street Howlong, from Victoria Street to Kennedy Street Howlong.
- For other ancillary works, and a road closure for Read Street between Hawkins Street and Pell Street, and minor modification works to the existing treatment plant.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Pat Bourke said it is estimated that design and tender documentation will finalised and referred to the budget preparations for 2022/2023. Council will identify funding streams for the 22/23 budget, including likely to be partly from loan borrowings, partially from Council's water funds held in reserve, and ideally some State Government assistance.

"More will be known on the timeframe of delivery of these works, once tenders have been awarded for each project, and Council will be working as quickly as it can to ensure this work occurs in a timely manner," he said.

"Notwithstanding that, this work is still expected to take between three to four years. Works proposed will not affect the continuity of current water supply and that is something Council would like to reiterate to our residents. Council will continue to engage with the community on these projects ongoing and notify residents of any works that will affect their water supply for short periods of time whilst works are carried out."

Mayor Bourke said Council greatly appreciated the engagement from the Howlong community, as well as assistance received from the Howlong Progress Association in supporting Council to host the community forum.

See a copy of the presentation 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 from Council's website:

[www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au](http://www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au)



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## Corowa Aquatic Centre celebrates its first birthday



The Corowa Aquatic Centre welcomed visitors to the facility on Tuesday to celebrate its first year of operation since opening to the public in April last year.

Memories created over this time were shared amongst the crowd, before cutting the official birthday cake to mark the occasion.

More than 33,000 admissions have been recorded at the Corowa Aquatic Centre since opening, with numbers expected to continue to grow in the thousands throughout the course of the next year.

The \$10.2 million dollar facility regional significant facility features a 50m pool set within the picturesque Ball Park Precinct, a 25m indoor pool, indoor program pool, kids' splashpark and café.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Pat Bourke said the centre has offered residents and visitors to the Federation Region many ways to have fun, relax or achieve fitness goals. "Our patronage numbers prove that this investment in quality infrastructure has been an overwhelming achievement to improve the health and wellbeing of our community. The Corowa Aquatic Centre is undoubtedly a drawcard for our region and made Federation Council an even greater place to live and visit."

Federation Council's Duty Officer of Public Pools, Jo Laws said the team were so proud to celebrate the centre's first birthday.

"We have so many amazing community members that utilise this facility, and for some of them it really has been life changing," she said.

"It feels like just yesterday that we opened the doors to the centre for the very first time and now I look at where we are and it is such a credit not only to our amazing team, but all our patrons who make our centre an inclusive and fun place for all."

The Corowa Aquatic Centre welcomes over 400 children weekly to participate in their Learn to Swim Program which has been one of the most successful programs launched by the centre to date.

## Council receives Disaster Declaration following January storm event

The Federation Council Local Government Area has now received a Natural Disaster Declaration following the severe weather event that occurred in Corowa on 31 January 2022. Federation Council is now one of nine Local Government Areas that are eligible for disaster assistance.

The additional nine LGAs are: Blayney, Central Darling, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Federation, Hay, Junee, Lockhart, Snowy Valleys and Upper Lachlan. Assistance is being provided through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Assistance available under the DRFA may include: Help for eligible people whose homes or belongings have been damaged (eligibility criteria apply);

- Support for affected local councils to help with the costs of cleaning up and restoring damaged essential public assets;
- Concessional interest rate loans for small businesses, primary producers and nonprofit organisations; and
- Freight subsidies for primary producers.

For information on personal hardship and distress assistance, residents are encouraged to contact Service NSW on 13 77 88. To apply for a concessional loan, residents are encouraged to contact the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593 or visit [www.raa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au).



# Federation Council Community Strategic Plan On Exhibition

The Draft Federation Council 'Our Community-Our Opportunity' Community Strategic Plan is now on public exhibition.

Following each Local Government Election, it's Council's responsibility to lead a review of its Community Strategic Plan in consultation with the community.

This plan outlines the community's vision for the future of the Federation Council Local Government Area, including our shared priorities for the next ten years. It

is part of our statutory Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) suite which guide Council. The plan must be prepared and delivered as a partnership between Council and its community stakeholders, including state agencies, community groups and individuals.

Council is inviting residents to review the Draft Community Strategic Plan and provide any feedback by 5pm Monday, June 13, 2022.

The draft plan is available for viewing below or at any Council office. Anyone interested in providing feedback should do so in writing, addressed to the General Manager, PO Box 77, Corowa NSW 2646 or email to [council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au)

# BALD ARCHY TO RETURN TO COROWA ART SPACE IN 2023



Australia's premier satirical art competition, The Bald Archy Prize, is back for its 27th year and the Corowa Art Space will again be a proud host of the exhibition from 8 September to 8 October 2023.

The Bald Archy Prize art exhibition last toured in 2019 and was exhibited in the ACT, Queensland, Victoria and NSW venues including Wagga Wagga and the wider Riverina region in southern NSW.

The prize is a send-up of the prestigious Archibald Prize and has been successfully attracting large audiences since its inception in 1994, due to it's Australian sense of humour "taking the mickey"!

Entry details, tour dates and locations, and more about the history of The Bald Archy Prize can be found at [baldarchy.com.au](http://baldarchy.com.au)