



FEDERATION COUNCIL

Council Meetings

Ordinary meetings of Council are held on the third Tuesday of the Month commencing at 9.30 am. Residents and rate payers are cordially invited to attend.

The following schedule outlines the 2020 ordinary meetings of Council:

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| Tuesday 17 March 2020 Corowa Chamber | Tuesday 21 April 2020 Urana Chamber |
| Tuesday 19 May 2020 Corowa Chamber | Tuesday 16 June 2020 Corowa Chamber |
| Tuesday 21 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 |

Meetings are also filmed and available for viewing later from Council's website: www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Free Learner Driver Mentor Program



Federation Council conducts free Learner Driver Mentor workshops for supervisors of learner drivers that aim to increase knowledge and confidence. Expressions of interest are invited for the next workshop (date and time to be confirmed) - register now by completing the online form from Council's website.

Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan (PAMP)

The Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) community consultations closed late 2019 and Council is now in the process of undertaking the next stages which include:

- Prioritisation of suggested treatments (these come from both the afore-mentioned consultations and outstanding items from previous PAMP).
- Update Maps (to show both existing and proposed Pedestrian Infrastructure).
- Draft Plan - design and layout.

The Draft Plan will then be presented to Council for endorsement and from there to community for comment and further input which we estimate to occur in May 2020.

From the consultations, 81 locations have been identified across the Council area as requiring treatments. In addition there are 61 outstanding actions from the previous PAMP.

Council looks forward to providing a further update when the draft plan is available for review and feedback.

Federation Council Library Programs Howlong Storytime

Excite your child's imagination, share the pleasure of reading and encourage a love of books.

Federation Council invites parents and carers to participate in FREE story time sessions that involve sharing stories, rhymes and themed activities.

Story time 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 at the Howlong Library is held every second Friday from 10.30am.

Council Pools Close for Summer Season

Council wishes to advise residents that the Howlong, Oaklands and Urana swimming pools will close for the 2019-2020 summer season on Sunday 15 March. Council and Pool Staff would like to thank swimmers and visitors for their patronage throughout the 2019-2020 summer season.



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Community Grants Program



Round two of the Federation Council 2019-2020 Community Grants Program is to open Monday 9 March 2020, with funds available to help local community groups, organisations and clubs to deliver a range of community projects and events.

Council Mayor Pat Bourke is encouraging not-for-profit groups and organizations to apply for a share in \$60,000 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

"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 Monday, April 6."

Council encourages all groups wishing to apply to check Council's corporate website for the upcoming tutorial on how to fill out the new and simplified online application form, as well as the updated 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 April. Applications close Friday, April 10 at 4pm. Applications recommended for approval will be considered and announced to successful groups at the May Ordinary Council meeting.

Tech Savvy Seniors Program

Federation Council invites residents to participate in the Tech Savvy Seniors Program at the Howlong.

Tech Savvy Seniors gives older people, the opportunity to develop the skills and confidence to use technology for socialising, accessing important services or conducting personal business.

Sessions during March are scheduled as follows;

- Introduction to the Internet, Wednesday 4 March, 10am - 12 noon
- Introduction to online shopping and banking, Wednesday 11 March, 10am - 12 noon

To register for any of the programs scheduled at Howlong Library, please contact the Howlong Library on (02) 6026 5055.





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Corowa Saleyards upgrades to occur

At its January ordinary meeting, Federation Council awarded a tender to Corowa based firm, Focus Engineering for \$431,926 to complete upgrade works to the Corowa Saleyards.

The Corowa Saleyards is owned and managed by Council and has been operating for more than sixty years. The facility is well respected and utilized by industry professionals across several states throughout Australia.

Council programs major maintenance to the saleyards, once every five years and tender works awarded were identified for the 2019/2020 financial year and will ensure improved compliance with Work, Health and Safety requirements, animal welfare and increase holding capacity.



Project upgrades include:

- Construct and install auctioneers walkways overhead and independent of existing selling pens; and
- Construct and install 29 new selling pens

Federation Council Mayor Pat Bourke said the saleyard facility has experienced consistent market growth over the last twenty years, at a time when the industry has faced a number of challenges including the impact of long-term drought.

“Recent upgrades to the facility, access and transport linkage improvements and strong management has ensured the Corowa Saleyards is one of the most highly regarded and utilised livestock facilities in the state,” Mayor Bourke said.

“Currently, the Corowa Saleyards is recognised as one of the four largest saleyard facilities in New South Wales and in order to future proof the operation, appropriate innovative planning in and around sustainability and growth must be pertinent to any future strategic decisions. Council looks forward with anticipation to witnessing this upgrade and further strategic upgrades planned for the site come to fruition.”

Bindii Eye weed treatment



Council staff and contractors are currently treating weeds commonly known as Bindii Eye in Corowa, Howlong and Mulwala.

This is the second round of treatment in the last 3 weeks using a Broadleaf herbicide.

Council thanks residents for their patience whilst treatment is underway and for reporting weed locations.

Please lodge a customer request or contact Council to report locations of Bindii Eyes.



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