



FEDERATION COUNCIL

Council Meetings

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.

2023 Council Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, 28 March Urana Chamber	Monday, 24 April Corowa Chamber
Tuesday, 30 May Corowa Chamber	Tuesday, 27 June Corowa Chamber
Tuesday, 25 July Urana Chamber	Tuesday, 29 August Corowa Chamber
Tuesday, 26 September Corowa Chamber	Tuesday, 31 October Corowa Chamber
Tuesday, 28 November Urana Chamber	Tuesday, 19 December Corowa Chamber

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Discover what job opportunities Federation Council has for you. There are a range of job types that could suit your interests, lifestyle or career plans and which will support Council's local community, businesses and visitors.

If you are passionate about delivering great customer service, working for a progressive and innovative Council, and making a difference to your local community, please apply by visiting Federation Council's website to see what job opportunities are going today!

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Howlong Medical Centre Expressions of Interest



HOWLONG MEDICAL CENTRE LEASE

Expressions of Interest

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Council is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI's) for a General Practitioner to lease the Howlong Medical Centre. The centre is located in the township of Howlong, NSW, 20 minutes to Corowa, 30 minutes to Albury, on the banks of the Murray River.

Located within the Southern Riverina region, the area is the centre of one of the most productive wool, grain, lamb and beef-cattle growing areas of Australia and is set within a fabulous small rural community.

The region boasts a great climate and vibrant atmosphere and is an ideal location for families, businesses and visitors to experience its exceptional lifestyle and opportunities.

Expressions of Interest close at 12 noon on the 17th of March. Find out more about this opportunity today on Council's website.

Memorial and Lions Park Public Toilets Temporarily Closed

Council wishes to advise the public that the Memorial and Lions Park Public Toilets located in Howlong are temporarily closed following recent floods.

We envisage that both public toilets will be unavailable for some time whilst the damage is assessed and repairs undertaken.

Council apologises for any inconvenience caused.



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Council lodges Special Rate Variation Application with IPART

COUNCIL LODGES SPECIAL RATE VARIATION APPLICATION WITH IPART



At its monthly meeting in January, Council resolved to move forward with lodging an application for a Special Rate Variation of 19%, 17%, 14% and 10%, inclusive of any rate peg to be phased in over the next four years.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Pat Bourke said that Council was one step further in its financial sustainability journey following the endorsement and lodgement of the Special Rate Variation application with IPART.

“Over the last couple of decades rates have not been set at a level where they needed to be which has significantly contributed to the underinvestment in the real cost of maintaining Council’s assets and providing services that our communities value,” he said.

“Council considered all community feedback after extensively engaging with our communities over recent years on service delivery and financial sustainability and we could have done nothing and watch the inevitable decline happen further of our assets and reduce services, or make the tough decisions that need to be made. We chose the latter, to ensure our communities have every chance to thrive and grow, whilst ensuring a strong focus remains on our financial sustainability and financial management for years to come.” Mayor Bourke said Council lodged the SRV application with IPART on February 3, 2023.

“I wish to assure the community that Council will continue to review its service level commitments, in further consultation with the community and generate continued and sustained efficiencies across all of our service areas,” he said.

“Council will also be receiving a report on pensioner subsidies to ensure we take into further consideration the impact this rate rise would have on our most financially vulnerable within our communities, and look at continued ways to best support them. Council thanks the community for their extensive feedback and engagement and looks forward to continuing this journey side by side.”

The Special Rate Variation proposed is for four years from 2023/24 to 2026/27 at 19%, 17%, 14% and 10%, inclusive of any maximum rate peg amount set by IPART each year.

IPART will determine the application across the following criterions: a demonstrated need for higher increases to charges; community awareness of their plans; a reasonable impact on ratepayers; a process to exhibit relevant council documents to the public; and a history of well-documented council productivity improvements and cost containment strategies.

The Special Rate Variation Application will be on the Council website and IPART website from February 3 and residents are encouraged to view the application and associated documents. A public submission opportunity directly to IPART occurred in February 2023, and Council anticipates it will receive a final decision on its application to be announced by IPART in May 2023.

Please see Council’s website for further information.

Community Grants Program



The Community Grants Program supports initiatives that deliver a range of social and economic benefits to communities across the Federation Council area.

Round Two of the 2022/2023 Community Grants Program is now open and will close on Friday 17 March, 2023.

To apply complete the online application form available on Council’s website.



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Federation Seniors Celebrate Together



Federation Council's senior residents recently celebrated together at the 'Something Old and Something New' events as part of the NSW Seniors Festival.

'Something Old' was all about acknowledging a time gone by and will be held at Morundah Paradise Palladium Theatre on Wednesday 8th February.

Many guests brought along something old and shared their stories with their tables and friends.

The highlight of the day, was young vocalist Corowa Dylan Forge who entertained and worked the crowd with his special show of crooning classics and Broadway's greatest hits.

Followed by a delicious lunch prepared by the Morundah Hotel staff with an old classic of rake of lamb and an amazing selection of old-fashioned desserts from Bread-and-Butter pudding to Sago Pudding! As one resident said "The coach trip was good the food fabulous and the entertainment enjoyable."

Further supported by another resident who said "It was lovely seeing the older community come together in their finery, reacquaint with known people, enjoy being entertained and spoilt with such wonderful food."

'Something New' was about the future and was held at the Corowa RSL Club on Sunday, February 12.

Everyone worked up an appetite on the dance floor or tapping their feet with Anthony Tenace with his hits throughout the ages, before they sat down to a two-course senior's lunch generously supported by the Corowa RSL Club.

Ageing Well Ambassadors, Jenny Enever and Liz Seeliger spoke about the benefits of the Gentle Exercise they run in Howlong and Mulwala along with the new Aqua Exercise classes for seniors at the Corowa Aquatic Centre and Howlong Public Swimming Pool.

Guests were transported to and from the events by Canns Bus Lines. Federation Council Mayor, Cr Pat Bourke said Something Old Something New is a Federation Council initiative supported by the NSW Government and the Corowa RSL Club. Council works closely with the Federation Ageing Well Committee to develop age friendly events and activities.

"Federation Council is very grateful to have received a grant under the NSW Seniors Festival Grant Program along with a ClubGrant from the Corowa RSL Club to be able to support the 2023 Seniors Celebrations," Mayor Bourke said.

"The two grants allowed Council to deliver two free events for our senior residents. The Council's seniors' celebrations are always a great opportunity for our senior residents to catch up with friends and celebrate the role they play and the valuable contributions they make to our community. Council would like to thank everyone involved in hosting and celebrating this much loved annual event."

For more information on the Gentle Exercise and Aqua Exercise Classes, contact Jenny on 0439117087 or Liz on 0425848618 or visit the MLHD Active & Healthy website.

Commencement of Parking Patrols and Enforcement

Federation Council will soon commence actively conducting parking patrols to ensure that timed parking, loading zones and disability parking in our main shopping precincts of Corowa, Howlong and Mulwala are enforced. To ensure everyone has time to adjust to parking enforcement, Council Rangers will be monitoring the above mentioned areas up until Friday 3 March, 2023 and issuing warnings only. From Saturday 4 March, 2023 any vehicle found to be parked disobeying parking and signage will be issued with a parking fine. We encourage drivers to obey the regulated parking signs that are on display in our town centres.

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Federation Council produces a number of monthly electronic newsletters to engage with our community and visitors regularly and to showcase the vast array of Council projects and updates.

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF PET OWNERS

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



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 exceptions 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 of dogs in NSW, greyhounds will still be required to be on a 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.

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