



FEDERATION COUNCIL

Council Meetings

Ordinary meetings of Council are held on the third Tuesday of the Month commencing at 9.30 am and the meeting location is either the Corowa or Urana Chamber.

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 15 March	Tuesday 19 April
Tuesday 17 May	Tuesday 21 June
Tuesday 19 July	Tuesday 16 August
Tuesday 20 September	Tuesday 18 October
Tuesday 15 November	Tuesday 20 December

Federation Council a finalist in two award categories

A North of the Murray trail that celebrates one of the country's most iconic artists and a series of murals in the heart of Corowa that depict native animals in playful and cheeky poses have received finalist statuses in the 2021 Grey Nomad Awards.

Federation Council General Manager Adrian Butler said Council was delighted to receive the welcoming news late last week that the North of the Murray – The Shearing the Rams Trail and the Memorial Plaza Interactive Mural in Corowa have both been listed as finalists in the Best Grey Nomad Trail and Australian Street Art Awards categories of the highly respected Grey Nomad Awards.

"This finalist recognition is a credit to the staff and all stakeholders involved in the creation of these two amazing projects," he said.

"This is fantastic news not only for Council staff, but for our

whole region, with these two projects paving the way for an exceptional experience for residents and our visitors. This recognition is something everyone can be so proud of."

The Shearing the Rams Trail begins at the Corowa Visitor Information Centre and signifies the collaboration of six iconic attractions in close vicinity around Corowa, North of the Murray. Tom Roberts the famed Australian artist spent a considerable amount of time on Brocklesby Station, about 20 minutes north-west of Corowa, where he developed a series of sketches around the shearing sheds that would later become his most famous painting, 'Shearing the Rams'.

Grey Nomads Awards Director Kim Morgan said the Grey Nomad Awards shine a light on regional Australia by rewarding organisations and destinations that cater in an exemplary way to mature age visitors.

"In this way, the Awards are fostering a better lifestyle for over 50s by providing verified information that will guide their decisions on where to travel safely in 2022, where to stay and what to experience along the way," she said. "The ongoing uncertainty that faced tourism businesses throughout last year made it especially challenging for them to face each day with confidence and the unwavering customer focus that is necessary to be recognised in these Grey Nomad Awards. This means we especially want to acknowledge the tremendous commitment that Federation Council, as promoters of the North of the Murray - The Shearing the Rams Trail, and other finalists demonstrated this past year."

She said smart communities promote their street and outdoor art as a unique landmark – an attraction that visitors can see in only one place - and that makes their destination immediately identifiable, highly attractive and a drawcard for art-loving tourists.

"Arts tourists from within Australia are high value visitors – they stay 42.8% longer and spend 55.9% more when travelling than domestic tourists overall, according to an Australia Council for the Arts' Domestic Art Tourism: Connecting the Country Report," she said.

The judges said, "We love that the vision of a few local high school students to brighten what was a disused grubby space was embraced by Federation Council and has resulted in what's now a vibrant street art oasis celebrated by locals and visitors alike."

The winners in all 11 Australian Street Art Awards categories will be announced as part of an online celebration on March 4.



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Community Grants Program Round Two 2021/2022



Round Two of the Federation Council 2021-2022 Community Grants Program is to close 18 March 2022, with funds available to help local community groups, organisations and clubs to deliver a range of community projects and events.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Patrick Bourke is encouraging not-for-profit groups and organizations to apply for a share in second round of funding for this year's 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 medium events, applicable up to \$1,500 per applicant.

Find out more information about the Community Grants Program at <https://www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au/Community/Grants-Sponsorship-Awards/Community-Grants-Program>

Save The Date Seniors Big Day Out



The Federation Council will host the 'Seniors Big Day Out' on Sunday 27 March from 11 am to 3:30pm at ClubMulwala (271 Melbourne Street, Mulwala) as part of the 2022 NSW Seniors Festival. Council is inviting our senior residents to dust off your dancing shoes, wear something bright and cheerful, and show us what fun it is to be a senior in 2022. Thanks to Club Mulwala the program will include live music, and a delicious two-course lunch.

"I'm very excited to invite our senior residents to a special day to celebrate and socialise as part of the NSW Seniors Week celebrations," Mayor, Pat Bourke said. "Our seniors are the heart and soul of our communities and we love seeing them catching up with friends, enjoying themselves and reconnecting."

"This year the event will be at ClubMulwala and will include a fun packed afternoon of music and food, said Pat. "Council is grateful to the continued support from the Federation Ageing Well Committee and this year's event sponsor ClubMulwala."

Buses will be running from Corowa, Howlong, Oaklands and Urana to the event and return. Don't forget to book your bus ticket when you book your event ticket. Guests must be a resident of the Federation Council and aged 60 or over. Two hundred tickets are available from 9 am on Tuesday 1 March via the Council website or by ringing the Corowa Visitor Information Centre on (02) 6033 3221.



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Corowa Howlong Mulwala Flood Study



Federation Council has engaged consultant's WMAwater to undertake a detailed Flood Study for the towns of Corowa, Howlong and Mulwala. The flood study project commenced in late 2021 and is expected to be finalized in late 2022. Council is receiving financial assistance from the NSW Government's Floodplain Management Program to undertake the project.

The project will include an assessment of the recent extreme flood event at Corowa on the 29 / 30 January 2022.

Further project details are provided in the Newsletter available from Council's Website.

Off Leash Animal Exercise Areas

Do you know that Federation Council provides designated off leash areas to allow dogs to exercise off lead, run freely in a safe environment, enjoy off lead activities without interfering with the general public and provide opportunities for socialising with other dogs?

Residents are reminded that the walking and cycling tracks located in the Federation Council area are not designated off leash areas.

When utilising walking and cycling tracks with your dog please ensure they are kept on a leash.

A list of off-leash areas is available from 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.

Barking Dogs

A persistent barking dog can be unpleasant and cause negative consequences in people's lives. Federation Council recommends that if you have dog barking concerns in your neighbourhood to communicate with the owner to find a mutually acceptable solution. There are many reasons why dogs bark, find out these and further information from our fact sheet available from Council's website. If you feel an animal is being neglected or abused contact RSPCA.

Scavenger Trail



Explore the local area by wondering and uncovering some of the many local family and youth spots you may not have discovered yet. Find the hidden gems, water views and activities within the area.

While on your journey, scan the QR codes, and find out what's happening near you, following the clues on the map to uncover the location of the QR codes, leading you one step closer to some amazing local prizes and giveaways.

Find out more on Council's Website.



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Council experiences strong growth in land value



The NSW Valuer General, Dr David Parker, has published land values for the Murray region. The land values reflect the value of land only, as at 1 July 2021.

Land values across the Murray region have experienced a very strong increase since 1 July 2020.

The total land value for the Murray region increased by 28.9% between 1 July 2020 and 1 July 2021 from \$13.7 billion to \$17.6 billion.

Commercial land values overall showed a strong increase by 11.5%, driven by strong increases in Federation (24.8%), Edward River (14.7%) and Albury (10.7%). Murray River had a moderate increase (6.6%).

Overall, industrial land values increased by 12.2%, with the largest increase experienced in Federation (18.6%). Albury (14.2%) also experienced a strong increase driven by strong demand for industrial properties as the Albury Wodonga economy continues to expand.

Rural land values overall showed a very strong increase at 43.1%, including very strong increases in Berrigan (82.3%), Edward River (53.6%) and Federation (42.5%). Albury (14.5%) experienced a strong increase.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Pat Bourke said it was great to see in the Murray Region Land Values that the Federation Council LGA was topping statistics in respect to commercial land, industrial and rural land values.

“Over the last four years Council has had a very strategic approach when it comes to our marketing of the Federation LGA and promoting it as a great place to work, live and visit,” he said.

“Following the merger, an unprecedented level of investment has also gone into communities to improve the livability of our entire area and I think that has a lot to do with the increase in land values and why more and more people are choosing to work, live and visit the Federation region.”

Mayor Bourke said there was no doubt that after several difficult years on the land due to drought that the previous two harvest seasons have seen great success for local farmers and also attributed to the increase in rural land values.

“I believe there is certainly a growing confidence in the rural sector from a lot of residents I speak to,” he said.

“Due to this confidence there are many farmers who are investing heavily in their operations, especially family run operations with the hope of further favorable seasonal conditions. It is really great to see and undoubtedly a strong link to the increase in land values for this industry sector.”

Mayor Bourke said for Federation Council as a governing body, the results confirm the direction in which Council is going is the correct one.



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Federation Council LIBRARY STORYTIME 2022

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.

