



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:

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| 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 |

Coronavirus Community Update

The safety of our staff, Councillors, volunteers, contractors, customers, and our communities is Council's top priority. You will by now be aware that there is a lot of information circulating regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

We understand our communities concern given the potential seriousness of the situation, and ask you to be fully informed and listen to evidence-based, real-

time advice of health professionals and government officials.

We are following the advice from the NSW Government and take advice on all public health matters from the State and Federal Health Departments, who also in turn reference the World Health Organisation.

These are trusted sources that are updated frequently and should be your point of reference for any information.

NSW Health Website

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Federal Government Website

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

Our staff, led by our senior executive team and supporting staff as required, are monitoring developments relating to Coronavirus (COVID-19) daily and assessing any potential impact on our Council services and events. We aim to maintain our current level of service to residents and businesses during this period where possible.

Business Support

To ensure our local business community feels supported, is well informed and knows where and how to access advice, financial support and practical resources throughout the Coronavirus (COVID-19) health pandemic, Council is currently developing support resources to assist our business community at this time and beyond.

Please register your interest to receive this information by completing the online form available from Council's website or contact Council via phone.

What is safe to flush down your toilet

Following recent toilet paper shortages, our staff have seen an increase in wipes and other items being disposed of down the toilet.

A reminder to residents that paper towel, tissues, newspaper and wet wipes even if they are marked 'flushable' should not be disposed of in your toilet. Disposing of these items in your toilet can cause sewer pipe blockages which can lead to sewage overflows into homes.

Toilet paper is the only item that is safe to flush down your toilet. Thank you for your co-operation and please contact Council with any questions.



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Council thanks Howlong community for Howlong parking engagement

Council wishes to thank the community for their recent input into disabled parking in Hawkins Street, Howlong.

The overwhelming response from the community is that this area remains the preferred location for a disabled car park.

The existing disabled parking spot does not conform with the current requirements. It lacks the required loading/access area and an appropriate kerb ramp onto the existing footpath. Council is also aware of a number of falls in the area.

A discussion was held in mid April with community representatives and staff in relation to overcoming the issues with the existing disabled park.

The consensus of the discussion was to relocate the disabled parking spot three spaces to the west of the existing disabled park. This allows space for the installation of a dedicated access area on the eastern side. The overall size of a compliant disabled car park is equivalent to two normal car parks. This is also a suitable location to install an access ramp onto the footpath (see sketch).

The group also discussed the possibility of a second disabled park nearer to the Resource/Library centre. Unfortunately the drop off between the footpath and the kerb gutter increases from the bakery eastward. This means that kerb ramp slopes will be far greater than the current Australian Standards allow. It was agreed that Council staff would continue to explore options to provide suitable access in this area.

Please contact Council's Road Safety Officer if you wish to discuss further on (02) 6033 8999.



Federation Youth Council Elections



Federation Council is calling for nominations for the 2020/2021 Federation Youth Council.

The Federation Youth Council comprises a group of young people who represent youth across the Federation Council. It provides a forum to express their views, advise Council on youth-related issues, and help organise youth driven and focused events and activities.

The Federation Youth Council began in 2018 and have delivered a number of projects to make a better place for young people. Throughout the 2019/20 period, Federation's youth Councillors bought Federation Councils first Soccer League, introduced the new community piano, held Corowa's first Colour run, and began to activate a youth space down Sanger Street with a mural and much more.

The Youth Council have represented young people on important issues such as Council's Community Strategic Plan and steering communities on major projects such as the pool and skate park.

Federation Council, encourages Youth from all Federation Council towns and villages alike between the ages of 15 – 25 to become part of this year's 2020/21 Youth Council. If you are creative, love working as a team to bring initiatives to life and care about the youth in our communities, this is a job for you. Acknowledging travel is sometimes difficult, this year Council has introduced the ability to attend meetings by video conferencing or alternatively by alternating meeting locations between towns.

Anyone who has an idea or opinion or who is passionate about making change should nominate and have a go. The Federation Youth Council is a way to have a say about your experience as young person, and topics and issues that you are passionate about. You might even become our 2020/2021 Youth Mayor!

Nominate today via the online form available from Council's website. Nominations are open until Friday 22 May 2020.



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Ageing Well Resource

“Get informed, get involved and get connected”, is the message from Federation Council as they launched the Ageing Well Resource Guide recently at the Festival of Fun for Seniors.

Statistics tell us that the information ‘gap’ between services provided, sporting groups, and community groups and the degree to which seniors know about them is wide.

Federation Council developed an Ageing Well Resource Guide to assist new and existing residents to find the services on offer for seniors living in the Council area. The aim of the Ageing Well Resource Guide is to encourage individuals to become actively involved and participate in their local community through volunteering and recreation.

It also serves as a guide to what services are available in the area to support people as they reach milestones in later life.

The Ageing Well Resource Guide serves a variety of purposes. It offers listings for health and social services, social and leisure activities, arts and cultural activities, local services and facilities and transport and travel times, and much more.

Council called it a one stop resource for seniors, their families and caregivers, “The Ageing Well Resource Guide consolidates all of the resources seniors need by offering a vast array of support for our older population, their families and caregivers,” said Mayor Pat Bourke.

The Ageing Well Resource Guide is a free resource, available in hard copy and will soon be an electronic resource on the Council’s website. Hard copies can be picked up from any Council office within the Federation Council area.



Responsibilities of Pet Owners



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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Are you creative & like
working as a team to make
ideas come to life?

Do you love your
local area?

Are you 15-25 years of age
and want to make an impact
for Youth in your area?

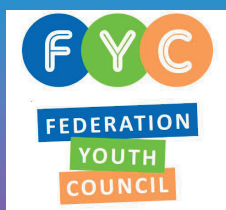
Complete the online Application Form.

www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Youth Council Elections open 14 April until 22 May 2020



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