



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

## Join the team



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## Residents to receive R U OK Resources



Federation Council and the Federation Primary Prevention Team cares about the health and wellbeing of our community. They acknowledge that many communities have been doing it tough after extreme weather events and the ongoing impacts of COVID.

In an aim to assist people and provide them with supporting resources, Council and the Federation Primary Prevention Team have partnered on the 'Our Council Cares Card' initiative.

The 'Our Council Cares Card' includes a list of some of the State, National and local services that people can get in touch to talk about how they are feeling or determine what assistance is available. These services are also there as a sounding board for people to talk through how you may be supporting someone else who is under mental distress. Every household across the Federation LGA should expect one in their mail boxes. The Our Council Cares Card and Conversation Resource have been co-developed by NSW Council staff in customer facing roles. In collaboration with the Mental Health Commission of NSW and R U OK? The distribution of Our Council Cares Cards was funded through the NSW Governments Partnerships: Local Councils Program – Stage 2.

Extensive mental health resources including self-help and online counselling support can be accessed on the Commonwealth Government's Head to Health website. For local services MapMyRecovery features an online interactive map of mental health and drug and alcohol services available across the Murrumbidgee region, making it easy to locate appropriate services.

If you or somebody you know needs help, call Lifeline on 13 11 14, Beyond Blue on 1800 512 348 or the NSW Mental Health Line on 1800 011 511.



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## Council approves funding and endorses Howlong Water Supply Upgrade



At its February meeting, Council endorsed approximately \$3.8 million for major works to allow upgrades to the Howlong Water supply network.

Projects identified will allow works to increase the performance and reliability of the overall network for existing users, and allow some capacity for future growth in Howlong, equating to approximately 300 new connections (or equivalent tenements).

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Pat Bourke said Council was pleased to support the recommendations provided by Council officers.

"I want to firstly stress there are no issues with the current water availability for Howlong users, so there is no need for any concern," he said.

"This is about ensuring Council does not continually approve future developments, without improving the current network. Council could not continue to approve new development knowing this would mean less and less water supply (pressure/volume) for its existing users, and so unfortunately late last year numerous applications for subdivisions had to be refused."

Mayor Bourke said the need for major infrastructure works to improve the provision of water infrastructure to service the urban area of Howlong is deemed as urgent.

"Council has been actively working towards identifying works to improve network capacity whilst also

strategically planning for future development," he said. It is critical that this work coincides together."

Design and tender documentation will now be 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.
- Mayor Bourke said it is estimated that design and tender documentation will finalised and referred to the budget preparations for 2022/2023, and he is confident that 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.

"Council will continue to engage with the community on these projects and notify residents of any works that will affect their water supply for short periods of time whilst works are carried out," he said.

"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. Notwithstanding that, this work is still expected to take between 3 to 4 years. Works proposed will not affect the continuity of current water supply and that is something Council would like to reiterate to our residents."

Mayor Bourke said Council Officers continue to meet with developers to ensure they are aware of works proposed to address current and future capacity issues.

"Council would like to thank developers and local trades for their patience and understanding," he said.

"Whilst current water capacity issues have caused some angst for developers, and this is understandable and unfortunate, it is imperative that this work be progressed now as a matter of urgency to allow for future development in a strategic and sustainable manner. This Council does not shy away from making decisions in the longer term interests of our communities."



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## Seniors celebrate Big Day Out at ClubMulwala



Nearly 200 of Federation Council's senior residents enjoyed a special luncheon as part of the 'Seniors Big Day Out' program on Sunday.

Arriving by coach, seniors from across the Council area meet their Mulwala friends in the Anzac Room at ClubMulwala, and were treated to a delicious two-course lunch.

In line with the NSW Seniors Festival theme, guests 'Reconnected' as they tapped along to live music, danced, caught up with old friends and mingled with new ones. Ray McCartney, was a crowd favourite who entertained everyone into the afternoon with his repertoire of classic hits.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Pat Bourke said it was fantastic to hear the positive reviews from many attendees following the celebration.

"The Seniors luncheon has always been one of the most popular events on Council's calendar," Mayor Bourke said.

"It is a great opportunity for our seniors to engage with other like-minded seniors, in a social atmosphere with delicious food and live entertainment on offer."

Mayor Bourke said Council would like to sincerely thank ClubMulwala for their continued support and sponsorship, as well as the members from the Ageing Well Advisory Committee who ensure each event hosted is a great success.

## Federation, Indigo, Moira and Berrigan, Councils sign MOU



Federation, Indigo, Moira and Berrigan councils have signed a memorandum of understanding to improve their region as it recovers from the pandemic and prepares for a population increase.

All four mayors, and their general managers and CEOs came together in Mulwala on Wednesday, March 30 to officially sign the MOU agreement, which outlines agreed-to principles, including open information sharing, maximising services to meet the needs of the community, reducing costs and duplication, and seeking innovation.

Councillors from all four bodies voted unanimously for the agreement to be established to effectively remove jurisdictional lines.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Pat Bourke said whilst the MOU was formed on the basis of achieving better community outcomes, he had no doubt the agreement would also be a gamechanger in respect to our region attracting funding.

"I believe that by working together with a strategic focus, that our united goals and projects will attract more funding from state and federal governments," he said.

Mayor Bourke said it is apparent there is crossover with so many items within councils, whether it be tourism, health, road infrastructure and bridges. "We need to work together," he said.

"It's extremely important we aren't duplicating services, infrastructure or amenities on both sides of the river so collaboration is key to that. I see what we have been able to achieve from an advocacy perspective throughout Covid where we united to support our communities and make a difference. This is just the beginning and I look forward with anticipation to achieving more. Onwards and upwards is our way."

# NATIONAL 16-22 MAY 2022 VOLUNTEER Better Together WEEK

Volunteers in our community are invited to celebrate National Volunteer week by attending a complimentary lunch at the Waterfront Pavilion, Urana.

**Date: Sunday 22 May 2022**

**Time: 11:30am – 2:00pm.**

Community members are required to register their community group and volunteers to attend. Register to attend the event and book your bus tickets from Council's website.



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## FIREWOOD COLLECTION PERMIT 2022

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[www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au/Environment-Waste/Animals-Plants/  
Firewood-Collection](http://www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au/Environment-Waste/Animals-Plants/Firewood-Collection)

## Save the Date

Federation Council  
invites residents to the  
Howlong Water Information  
Session

**Tuesday 10 May, 2022**

The Mighty River Room  
(Howlong Football & Netball  
Clubrooms) 6pm - 7pm.

Find out more from  
Council's Website.