

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, 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

Join the team!



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!

Capital Works Program Update

Council has an ongoing program of capital works and upgrades to buildings, parks, playgrounds and roads across the Federation Council Region. The following activities were undertaken during February 2023 by Federation Council's Works teams.

Staff have continued to undertake heavy patching repairs throughout the network with assistance from contractors, as ground conditions allow. This situation is being closely monitored and as conditions improve, further remediation works can be prioritised.

- John-Street Drainage
Road reconstruction completed, including stabilising pavement and new seal.
- Corowa – Mulwala Cycleway
Seal booked for remaining unsealed sections early March, weather permitting.
- Settlers Road Upgrade
Final trim grading and new seal.
- Balldale Road 8km reconstruction – LRCI Grant
Works commenced on the first 1km section, approx. 2km north of Riverina Hwy. Works include: survey set out, rip up existing narrow pavement, construct new 9m wide formation, batters and 200mm gravel pavement
- Federation Way Upgrade – HVSP Grant
Continuation of works on Federation Way south of Daysdale township. Works include: earthworks, formation, batters, gravel pavement, new seal, guideposts and signage.
- Maintenance Grading/Flood Repairs
Settlers Road, Larcombes Road, Fergusons Road, Skehans Lane, Caringa Lane, Wells Lane.
- Gravel Re-sheeting Program
Waverley Road, Tom Roberts Road completed.
- Road Side Rural Slashing
Hopefield Road, Izons Road, Hopefield Siding Road, Mahonga Lane, Coreen Balldale Road. Corowa Aerodrome grass runway strip.
- Table drain Maintenance
Table drain Maintenance carried in urban and rural drains, only in zones where no impact can be made on the Sloanes Froglet (between April and October breeding season).
- Sealed Roads
Pothole repairs on sealed urban and rural roads with the Corowa based Flocon patching truck and the Urana based Jet Master patching truck.
- Customer Requests
Numerous Customer Requests responded to for drainage, potholes, signs and footpaths.



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Federation Council is asking the community to help shape Future Federation 2023-2024.

We are hosting a number of engagement opportunities at a number of locations and times during the **month of May**.

THIS IS FUTURE FEDERATION 2023 2024

Find out more: www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Engage with us this May on 'Future Federation 2023-2024'

Federation Council is asking the community to help shape Future Federation 2023-2024 by providing further input into its combined Delivery Program and Operational Plan, and other supporting strategic documents.

Council's combined Delivery Program and Operational Plan is an important document that sets out Council's action plan for achieving the community priorities outlined in the Community Strategic Plan (CSP). It identifies the specific projects, programs and activities that Council will conduct to progress community priorities, as well as initiatives required to fulfil Council's legislative responsibilities. This is supported by the Annual Budget which outlines how Council will fund the delivery of services and projects to its community. It funds services like managing waste, maintaining infrastructure, community facilities and parks, operating libraries, events and services to people at all stages of life. This is 'Future Federation 2023-2024'.

Council will be presented with the draft Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Annual Budget, along with the updated Long Term Financial Plan, at its April meeting of Council. These documents provide a guide to Council's operations and help the organisation meet community demands for services and infrastructure by maximising what it can achieve with its available resources, whilst planning for a sustainable future.

Council's key strategic documents will be on public exhibition from Wednesday, April 26 through to 5pm on Wednesday, May 31. During this time, we will be seeking further feedback from the community on these draft key strategic documents.

This includes our:

- Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan (including Annual Budget);
- Draft Fees and Charges 2023-2024; and
- 10 Year Long Term Financial Plan.

Council is committed to engaging with the community on the draft suite of documents, and will be hosting a number of engagement opportunities during the month of May. Please see our poster included in this edition or Council's website for more information, times and locations.

Responsibilities of Pet Ownership

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 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.

Find out more about registration, microchipping, off leash areas, lost and impounded animals on Council's website.

Firewood Collection Season



Firewood collection season is now open and will run until the end of September.

Residents can collect firewood on designated Federation Council road reserves at certain times of the year with a permit.

Further information including where you can and can't collect firewood, plus all of the relevant fees and permit information is available from our website.

Miki City exchange set to return



Federation Council is excited to announce that students from Miki City, Japan, will be visiting the Federation Council as part of the Sister City Cultural Exchange Program.

The Miki City Federation Council Sister City cultural exchange program is in its 26th year. The program involves students visiting Japan every second year and Japanese students coming to Federation Council on the alternate year.

With the impacts of Covid-19, this year will be the first travel exchange to take place since 2019, with the Federation Council hosting visitors from Miki City during late August 2023. Students and chaperones, as well as dignitaries from Miki City Council will likely attend.

Guests will stay with local host families, to enable them to experience everyday life in an Australian household for up to a week.

Federation Council Mayor Cr Patrick Bourke said, it is a great opportunity for the Federation community to get involved in the sister program by hosting students, chaperones and dignitaries.

"Many special lifelong friendships have developed between our cities and communities as a result of becoming involved in hosting."

Other benefits of being a host to chaperones, students and dignitaries can include:

- Participate in a rewarding and life changing experience.
 - Develop an understanding and appreciation of other cultures.
 - Establish connections and broaden horizons in your home and within the local community.

- Support a program that continues to provide young people with opportunities to see and experience the world and grow.
- Participate in a good deed, for your family, the local community, and also the broader world.

The last visit to Federation was in 2018 where 14 families, five local businesses and two schools were directly involved in the program, including hosting. In total around sixty local people contributed to the success of the exchange.

For any community members and families interested in hosting students, chaperones or dignitaries during the August 2023 exchange program, please complete the Expression of Interest form available from Council's website. Further queries can be made via phone on **(02) 6033 8999** or email council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au.

Library Storytime



Have you attended Library Storytime sessions at the Corowa, Howlong and Mulwala Libraries?

Excite your child's imagination, share the pleasure of reading and encourage a love of books. Children and their parents/carers can 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.

- **Corowa Library - Friday each week at 10:30am (except in NSW School Holidays).**
- **Howlong Library - Friday each fortnight at 10:30am (except in NSW School Holidays).**
- **Mulwala Library - Wednesday each fortnight at 10:30am (except in NSW School Holidays).**

2023 Fischer Community Leadership Program

Applications are now open for the 2023 Fischer Community Leadership Program. This year, one program will run in Jindera, and the other in Corowa. Commencing in May and running through to September, eight sessions will be delivered to both locations on Monday evenings in addition to a full-day combined workshop during June.

Participants will receive leadership training from facilitators and guest speakers, with a focus on building and strengthening core leadership skills. A key component of the program will involve project management, with participants undertaking the scoping and planning of small community-led projects. Individuals from across all facets of the community are encouraged to consider applying, including young adults, people living with a disability, first nations and members of migrant communities.

Further information is available from Council's website.



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Pop Up Sessions

- Monday, May 1: Corowa Pop Up Session, Memorial Plaza: 11am - 2pm.
- Tuesday, May 2: Howlong Pop Up Session, Howlong Bakery: 11am - 2pm.
- Wednesday, May 3: Mulwala Pop Up Session, Mulwala Bakery: 11am - 2pm.
- Thursday, May 4: Urana Pop Up Session, Urana Take Away: 11am - 2pm.

Public Meetings

- Monday, May 8: Mulwala Public Meeting: Mulwala RSL Club: 5.30pm - 7pm.
- Wednesday, May 10: Corowa Public Meeting: Corowa RSL Club: 5.30pm - 7pm.
- Monday, May 15: Urana Public Meeting: Urana Council Office: 5.30pm - 7pm.
- Wednesday, May 17: Howlong Public Meeting: Howlong Golf Resort: 5.30pm - 7pm.

Drop in Sessions

- Monday, May 22: Corowa Drop In Session, Corowa Civic Centre: 10am - 1pm.
- Tuesday, May 23: Howlong Drop In Session, Howlong Library and Resource Centre: 10am - 1pm.
- Wednesday, May 24: Urana Drop In Session, Urana Council Office: 10am - 1pm.
- Thursday, May 25: Mulwala Drop In Session, Mulwala Library and Resource Centre: 10am - 1pm.