



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 17 November 2020 Video Conference | Tuesday 15 December 2020 Video Conference |
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Federation Council investigate organics processing facility

Federation Council is currently exploring the feasibility of establishing a regional organics processing facility, and potentially a new landfill/recycling facility on a suitable site within the council area. Council is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI's) from landowners willing to enter a voluntarily sale of a suitable site for a potential new facility.

A preliminary feasibility assessment has been conducted by Talis Consultants. Council is now working with Talis Consultants to prepare a detailed feasibility study and business case to explore the viability of advancing this project. This will also provide clearer direction on the type of technology to be adopted, and where to

locate the facility.

Federation Council Mayor Pat Bourke said at this stage, Council has not identified a suitable site for the new landfill and organics processing/recycling facility.

"An initial site selection analysis has identified potential sites for a new landfill and organics processing site, however, these sites are privately owned, and Council would need to negotiate the purchase of land," he said.

"Locating a suitable site is an important part of the feasibility study and business case that is currently being developed. Council is committed to working closely with the community at this critical stage of the project to ensure any site identified for the facility is done in close consultation with all stakeholders and communicated to the broader community where appropriate."

An organics processing facility is a centralised plant that collects the garden and food waste from your kerbside green-lidded bin, processes the waste using a composting technology, and redistributes the composted product.

Mayor Bourke said processing organics on a regional level will increase the community's ability to recover and conserve resources. "It also reduces a large quantity of organics going to landfill or being transported long distances away from our Council areas," he said. "Other benefits include the local creation of employment and the end-to-end management of our own municipal waste."

Council have engaged local community engagement specialists, Projectura, to assist with the project to facilitate community involvement. If a suitable site is selected, the community will be invited to participate in a broad discussion on the project, and receive regular updates on the project as it advances. Register your interest for regular project updates and find out further information about the project at www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au





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\$9.2 Million for Corowa Saleyards redevelopment

Member for Albury Justin Clancy has announced \$9.2 million in NSW Government funding for significant infrastructure upgrades and the installation of new technology at the Corowa Saleyards.

"This will help local businesses create new jobs, boost trade and attract investment," said Mr Clancy.

"The funding will expand the Corowa Saleyards Precinct, which will improve facilities, improve animal welfare and teach young people practical skills.

"A new roof will be built over the existing facility to protect stock, staff and visitors from extreme weather conditions while a new water catchment system, upgraded lighting system and solar power will help reduce costs.

"The project includes the construction of a new multi-purpose learning centre in a partnership with NSW TAFE, which will provide young people with the opportunity to learn practical skills that will help them find a job in the agriculture sector," Mr Clancy said.

"The expansion and upgrade of the existing truck wash facility and the construction of a new commercial weigh station will also provide added convenience and safety to truck operators using the facility."

Federation Council Mayor Pat Bourke said this funding announcement is very much welcomed by Council, who have been working diligently on the overall masterplan for the Corowa Saleyards for some time.

"This funding commitment by the NSW State Government is so important, and will ensure that the strategic vision for this fantastic facility can continue to be brought to fruition," Mayor Bourke said.

"This significant injection will deliver some key critical stages, as part of the overall masterplan for the site. The projects focus on animal welfare, environmental responsibility, growth, safety, and to allow further future opportunities for the Corowa Saleyards to be unlocked in a holistic and strategic manner.

"The delivery of the projects made possible from this funding, will not only improve the Saleyards facility, but will go a long way in supporting the resilience of our local economy and wider agricultural trading market.

"We are so grateful to the NSW State Government, including our local Member Justin Clancy for his hard work, and Nationals Leader and Deputy Premier John Barilaro, who has visited this site previously, for this funding opportunity. I'd also like to pay special thanks to our Councillors on the Saleyards Committee, and all Councillors and Council staff, along with our agents and other stakeholder representatives on the Saleyards committee.

"This new investment complements Council's strong track record of investing back into the facility, including most recently the \$430,000 allocation to construct new auctioneer walkways overhead and the construction of 29 new selling pens."

Around 600,000 head of sheep pass through the Corowa Saleyards annually, generating average sales of more than \$81 million, and these upgrades will allow even more stock and sellers to make use of the facility, boosting sales and revenue.

Mr Clancy said the infrastructure upgrades and new facilities will provide positive economic flow-on effects for local businesses and suppliers.

"The Corowa Saleyards has a proud history spanning more than 60 years, with significant market growth during the past decade, despite a number of challenges such as long term drought, and the more recent challenges with COVID-19.

"These upgrades will enhance Corowa's reputation as a superior livestock selling facility, attracting additional visitors and traders, who will spend money in local stores, providing flow on benefits for local businesses and suppliers.

"This significant funding grant will also provide immediate economic stimulus by generating work for the tradies and suppliers who will be engaged to deliver the project."



Pictured from left to right: Mayor Federation Council, Cr Pat Bourke, President of the Corowa Associated Stock Agents Steve Grantham and Member for Albury Justin Clancy.



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Federation businesses invited to sign up to Council's free marketplace platform



 VendorPanel

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In an effort to increase the amount of opportunities and spend driven to the local economy, Federation Council have launched a platform that makes it easier for buyers to identify local suppliers and invite them to submit quotes and proposals for their projects and works.

VendorPanel Marketplace is free for suppliers to use. Once registered, they can receive invitations to quote on work across dozens of categories, from advertising to waste management.

Federation Council Mayor Pat Bourke said the platform manages all communication between buyers and suppliers, reducing admin, saving time and ensuring procurement good practice is followed.

"The economic benefits in other regional areas using Marketplace have been remarkable," he said.

"An audited case study of 26 Councils using the platform found that in 84.4% of cases jobs were awarded to local suppliers. The study also found that local suppliers were competitive, delivering on average 9.74% savings to the buyer."

James Leatham, CEO of VendorPanel, said Local Government and large businesses want to work with local suppliers where they can and VendorPanel provides the opportunity to do so.

"In fact, locals are often better placed to meet buyers' needs than larger, distant competitors," he said.

"VendorPanel Marketplace makes it easy for large organisations to find local suppliers and get better procurement outcomes, and it helps SMEs in the region to get access to these opportunities."

Local businesses are encouraged to register. Businesses that are interested can find out more information on Council's website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au or contact Council's Procurement department on (02) 6033 8999. VendorPanel Marketplace is entirely free for suppliers.

Register your pet

From 1 July 2020 the NSW Government has introduced annual permits for owners of non-desexed cats, restricted dog breeds, and dogs declared to be dangerous.

This means that owners of cats not desexed by four months of age will be required to pay an \$80 annual permit in addition to their one-off lifetime pet registration fee.

Owners of dogs of a restricted breed or declared to be dangerous will be required to pay a \$195 annual permit in addition to their one-off lifetime pet registration fee. This applies to dogs that are already registered.

Annual permits will create a stronger incentive to desex cats, which in turn will improve their health and well-being, and reduce behaviours such as roaming and aggression.

If your pet goes astray, the pound or vet can use your pet's microchip and registration details to contact you and quickly reunite you with your pet.

Animals can be registered through Federation Council or online with NSW Pet Registry. View more information on Council's website.

Waste Management Facility Fees & Charges

Federation Council has undertaken a major review of its Waste Management Facility fees and charges with a new fee structure commencing Friday 28 August 2020.

Council has also implemented a large range of new fees for various categories of recycling which are free, at cost or heavily subsidised.

The fees have been structured in a manner to encourage separation and recycling which in turn minimises the volume of rubbish being disposed of at landfill sites located in the Federation Council area.

Spring has arrived and so has the Magpie swooping season!

Spring has arrived and so has the Magpie swooping season! Remember, they are only protecting their babies! The good news is that a single magpie will swoop for only six weeks until their chicks leave the nest. During the nesting season, a Magpie may swoop on people, clacking its beak. While alarming, it is usually an attempt to defend its family so just a warning.

Council has prepared a list of known swooping locations along with some safety tips to help protect you and your family. If you know of a hot spot swooping location, share the location via our online form available from Council's website.

THIS AUSTRALIA DAY

NOMINATE A MATE!

Nominations accepted for each of the following categories:

Citizen of the year

Young Citizen of the Year
(Under 30)

Event of the Year

Project of the Year

Local Achiever Award

To nominate now, visit:

www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Or any Federation Council Office.



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