



FEDERATION COUNCIL

Council Meetings

Ordinary meetings of Council are held on the third Tuesday of the Month commencing at 9.30 am.

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 2021 ordinary meetings of Council commencing at 9:30am.

Tuesday 16 November 2021
Corowa Chamber

Council Confirms Double Vaccination Status for Entry into Facilities

This month NSW has taken its first steps towards re-opening as the State has passed the 70 per cent double vaccination target.

In line with NSW Public Health Orders, proof of COVID-19 vaccination will be required upon entry to certain Council owned and managed facilities.

The changes have been introduced as part of the Re-opening NSW roadmap.

To minimise the risk of Covid spreading, entry to the following facilities will only be permitted for members of the community who are fully vaccinated, until further notice:

- Corowa Library;
- Howlong Council Office and Library;
- Mulwala Council Office and Library;
- Corowa Aquatic Centre; and
- Corowa Visitor Information Centre.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Pat Bourke said this was both an exciting and challenging time for the Federation community, local businesses and residents prepare for the reopening roadmap to commence on Monday.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many residents and local businesses that are working diligently to ensure we are prepared to implement the reopening roadmap across the Federation Local Government Area," he said.

"While I understand there will be some residents who have concerns about the entry restrictions coming into place, I assure everyone that these rules are aligned with government regulations and designed to keep our communities safe throughout the staged reopening period. I have full faith that our residents will continue to work with Council and all businesses as we strive to reach a new Covid normal. Throughout the course of this pandemic, our residents and local businesses have proven themselves time and time again to be resilient and adaptable in changing times and I know we will do it again."

In closing, Mayor Bourke commended the Federation Local Government Area and its residents on what he described is an outstanding achievement in respect to vaccination rates.

"Currently we are sitting at 94.2% single dose, and 62.5% double dose," he said.

"These stats are another fine example that show the commitment of our residents to reopen our community safely. Well done to everyone and keep up the great work."

With the first vaccination milestone being reached, the NSW Government is also easing a number of restrictions as part of the Reopening NSW roadmap, which will allow fully vaccinated adults to enjoy more freedoms from next Monday, October 11. See Council's Website for details.

**Let's do this -
let's get
vaccinated!**





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Change in Waste Facility opening hours

Federation Council has resolved to alter the Corowa, Howlong and Mulwala tip opening hours at the October monthly meeting of Council.

In July 2021, a number of changes were introduced in respect to tip opening times and days of the three waste facilities in Corowa, Howlong and Mulwala which resulted in Council receiving high numbers of written community submissions in that the preferred opening day of Council's waste facilities over the weekend period was a Sunday, rather than a Saturday.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Pat Bourke said Council would like to thank all residents who took their time to provide feedback which has resulted in new changes to the opening times of the facilities to better meet the needs of the community.

"Feedback strongly recommended to Council that Sunday was a more convenient day for our residents to utilize our tip services, compared to Saturday's where the majority of our residents are either working or have sporting commitments," he said.

"Council took this into consideration and have now resolved to move the opening day from a Saturday to a Sunday to better service the community during the weekend period."

Mayor Bourke said Council and the community are both aware of the facilities currently running at a financial loss each year due to the gate fee income being significantly less than expenditure required to operate each site.

"This is why it is so important that we review decisions like this with the community to ensure Council is providing an even allocation of opening hours, whilst also ensuring we have a funding mechanism in place to cover the cost of providing this service. With the Corowa landfill nearing the end of its life, Council is faced with an upcoming large closure and rehabilitation cost, plus the cost of a new transfer station so Council will continue to explore cost saving measures in consultation with our residents to ensure that our community can still have access to essential waste services as well as being able to fund large upcoming expenditures at our

sites as they arise."

The change in tip opening hours and times is set to take effect from Tuesday 9 November, resulting in the last Saturday that the waste facilities will be open is Saturday 6 November. The first day of Sunday operation will be Sunday 14 November.

The new hours from Tuesday 9 November will be:

| Waste Facility Opening Hours | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Corowa Waste Management Centre | Tuesday 9am to 12pm | Sunday 1pm to 4pm |
| Howlong Waste Management Centre | Tuesday 1pm to 4pm | Sunday 9am to 12pm |
| Mulwala Transfer Station | Wednesday 9am to 12pm | Sunday 9am to 1pm |

Are You Flood Ready?

Here's some important information if you live, work or holiday on a floodplain about what you need to do to be prepared for potential floods.

Above-average rainfall is expected in the upper Murray catchment in October and there is an increased chance of flooding, particularly on the floodplains between Hume Dam and Yarrawonga Weir.

There are three things you can do to be prepared:

- Develop your personalised flood emergency plan for your home and property

www.ses.nsw.gov.au

www.ses.vic.gov.au/plan-and-stay-safe

- Sign up (or check your details are up to date) for WaterNSW's Early Warning Network to be notified by SMS, email or landline about dam and supply activities during periods of flooding or high releases

www.watarnsw.com.au/supply/ewn

- Check the Bureau of Meteorology to receive the latest weather information including warnings, river conditions and rainfall in your area

www.bom.gov.au/australia/warnings

www.bom.gov.au/australia/flood

Be prepared early so you know what to do!



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Council launches Age Friendly Engagement & Communication Guide

Age-Friendly Engagement & Communication Guide



In 2018, Council's adopted the Ageing Well Strategy 2018-2022 with the aim of making the Federation Council a more inclusive community and a great place in which to grow old.

To work towards achieving this goal, the Federation Council in collaboration with the Ageing Well Advisory Committee have created an easy to use Age-Friendly Engagement and Communication Guide.

"We want to assist Council staff, service providers, businesses, and the wider community in the Federation Council area be aware of the needs of older people when communicating about their services, information and activities," said Ageing Well Ambassador and strong advocate of the resource, Liz Seeliger.

The Federation Council is an ageing population. In 2016, 35.2% were older adults (60 years and over). Therefore it is important that the Council effectively engages and communicates with our older residents in our work to ensure our policies, programs and services are relevant and work for the people across the life cycle.

In an age-friendly community, ensuring information is accessible to older people involves using plain language, oral and print communication and ensuring electronic equipment and automated services are easier to use.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Pat Bourke said effective engagement and communication with older people involves actively listening and genuinely responding to what matters to them most. It is open, inclusive and supports a dynamic dialogue between the Council and the community.

"Council communicates with people many times every day, either face to face, on the phone or in writing," Mayor Bourke said.

"It is important that we ensure inclusive consultation and communication is best practice. This guide provides some valuable tips and suggestions on how people can apply an age-friendly lens to their daily work. We are encouraging not just Council staff to use this guide, but the broader community as we continue to create an all-ages-friendly community in the Federation Council region. While the focus of this guide is on older people, we are really pleased that the advice contained within is relevant to communicating with all residents and visitors to the Federation Council area.

A copy of this resource is available for download on Federation Council's website:
www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Registering Your Pet

Do you know that you are legally required to register your dog or cat? The registration fee is a once-only payment, which covers the cat or dog for its lifetime in NSW, regardless of any changes in ownership.

Registration in another state or territory cannot be transferred to NSW.

At Council, there is no better joy for our rangers to be able to return your pet home safely, however, if your pet is not microchipped and registered we won't know where to return them to.

Registration is easy, contact Council and our friendly customer service team will assist you.

Find out more from Council's website.

**ARE YOU
KEEPING YOUR
BEST MATE SAFE?**



Summer Season

Splash

It's nearly time to make your Summer Season Splash!

The Corowa Aquatic Centre Team is excited to announce we have been busy preparing for our Summer Season – which will see the official opening of our entire facility to patrons.

Join us this Summer Season from November 1.

Mark the Summer Season opening dates in your calendars and come with family and friends and spend a day relaxing poolside and enjoying the fun of a splash in the sun-dappled water. For further information, including opening hours, summer season passes and experiences on offer visit the Corowa Aquatic Centre website.