



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:

Tuesday 20 October 2020 Video Conference	
Tuesday 17 November 2020 Video Conference	Tuesday 15 December 2020 Video Conference

Vandalism in Howlong

Federation Council has seen an increase in reports of vandalism in Howlong over the last few months.

The reports have focused on the Memorial Park and Lowe Square public spaces with trees pulled out and motorbike tyre marks on turf areas included in the damage.

Council encourages residents to report vandalism that is witnessed or found in public spaces to police.

The cost of repairing the damaged infrastructure is considerable.

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



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 Leathem, 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.



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Australia Day Awards Nominations now open

Federation Council invites you to pay tribute to someone who makes you proud to be an Australian, that someone who has given outstanding service to the community. Nominate them for a Federation Council Australia Day Award.

NOMINATIONS are now open for 2021 Australia Day Awards, which recognise and celebrate people, community organisations, projects and events in the Federation Council area. Council is calling on all communities to make a special effort, including Community Committees and other organisations, to nominate their local champions and events.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Pat Bourke said "Council is calling on all in support of our many communities, to help build on this great event every year. Council recognises that many communities also host their own local events, and would also encourage attendance at the Federation Council event, from right across the Council area, and hope to receive many nominations. By building on this, we can continue to foster a Council-wide approach to celebrating our National Day, and honouring our local achievers. I know that with the strong support of the community, we can achieve this."

Citizen of the Year Award

The Citizen of the Year Award applauds an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the well-being of the Federation Council community through their leadership and/or voluntary service. Contributions can be in the areas of social, environmental, business and/or arts and culture.

Young Citizen of the Year Award

The Young Citizen of the Year Award recognises a young person aged under 30 years who has given outstanding service to the community.

The Local Achiever Awards

The Local Achiever of the Year Award celebrates local heroes in each town and village who go beyond to make their own community a great place to live.

The Community Event of the Year Award

The Community Event of the Year Award recognises an

event that best reflects the importance of strong community values and ties.

The Community Project of the Year Award

The Community Project of the Year Award acknowledges an individual or group who have staged the most outstanding community project.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from Council's website or can be collected from any of Federation Council Offices.

Nomination for the 2021 Australia Day Awards close 5pm on Friday 4 December 2020.

Award recipients will be announced at the official Australia Day Award Ceremony on Tuesday 26 January 2021 in Urana.

Residents are encouraged to consider who they believe makes a difference in the community, and nominate them to be recognised for their efforts and commitment. For more information contact the Community Development Team at Council on 02 6033 8999.

2021 Community Calendar Competition

Planning is underway for the 2021 Community Calendar, which will capture creating opportunity and celebrating community within the Federation Council area as the key theme.

Council is inviting residents to share the local treasures of their town by submitting photos that depict the community where they live.

Photographs could include a significant natural feature that promotes our Council area, the great clubs and local people, the wide open spaces, historic buildings, wild life, natural or man-made works of art – the options are endless!

Entries are being accepted in the following categories:

- On the Water.
- Outdoor Adventure.
- History, Arts & Culture.
- Food & Drink.
- Events & Festivals.
- Community and Sporting Groups.

Twelve photographs will be selected for use in the 2021 Community Calendar and a prize of \$100 per photo selected will be offered. The calendar is delivered to all residents in the Federation Council area and copies of the calendar are also made available for purchase. Entries close Friday 30 October 2020.

Find out further information including the conditions of entry, image requirements and permissions from Council's website.



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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.

'Love our destinations' Tourism Marketing Campaign

Destination NSW have launched their state-wide campaign 'LOVE NSW'. To complement this unique NSW based marketing campaign, Federation Council has created our own version of this bespoke to our towns. The LOVE NSW Campaign goal is to focus on turning dreams into reality by enticing holidaymakers to hit the road as soon as possible, and plan that next getaway. Encouraging people to stay 'locally' and spend 'locally' in NSW.

By aligning our own campaign activities and creatives we ensure we stay front of mind to those who know us (past visitors), hope to encourage those who may have not visited before and provide our many valued tourism operators with campaign assets to help everyone get involved.

This is a social media campaign, hence the more people that get involved the bigger it will be. We encourage you to participate, spread the word and encourage your customers to get involved too.

A campaign guide has been developed to support tourism operators to participate. All campaign assets are available for use and can be obtained by contacting the Corowa Visitor Information Centre at tourism@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au. Visit Council's website for further information, including how you can become involved.

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.

Arts and Cultural Strategy

Federation Council's draft Arts and Cultural Strategy has been prepared and endorsed by Council for exhibition and comment.

The Federation Arts and Cultural Strategy 2021-2025 will provide a strategic focus for Council to deliver on its commitment to developing and supporting arts and culture in the Federation Council area.

Residents are invited to review the draft document and provide feedback by 5pm, Wednesday 14 October, 2020.

Further information including the draft strategy is available from Council's website.

Accommodation Vacancy Independent Residential Unit for the Aged

Council currently has a vacancy available for Unit 1, 21 Hawkins Street Howlong.

The Unit consist of one bedroom, with a kitchen /living room, a bathroom and laundry.

Current rental is \$110 per week. Prospective residents must be holders of a relevant pension card and able to live independently.

Further information can be obtained from Council's website or by calling Ian Rich, Council's Property Officer on 02 6033 8989.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR PHOTO COMPETITION 2021

What does
Community
mean to you?

Find out more, including how to
participate at
www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

