



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

Community Grants Program

Round one of the Federation Council 2020-2021 Community Grants Program is now open with funds available to help local community groups, organisations and clubs to deliver a range of community projects and events.

Council is encouraging not-for-profit groups and organizations to apply for a share in \$72,000 of funding for this year's second round of Community Grants Program.

Eligible applicants can apply under one of three categories:

- Category 1 – Seed funding grant; to support the establishment of new initiatives, applicable up to \$3,000 per applicant.
- Category 2 – Emerging Grant funding; to support the promotion of emerging projects, applicable up to \$1,500 available per applicant.
- Category 3 – Community events grant; to support the strategic development for small to medium events, applicable up to \$1,500 per applicant.

The online easy to complete application form is available from Council's Corporate website. Applications close Friday 18 September 2020.



Guide to the Child Safe Standards

The NSW Office of the Children's Guardian has released the Guide to the Child Safe Standards.

This Guide has been designed to help all people working with children understand how their roles and responsibilities can make their organisation safer.

It explains the rationale for each Standard and provides guidance on what organisations can do to implement the Child Safe Standards and measure success.

The Child Safe Standards recommended by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse provide a framework so organisations can create cultures and adopt strategies to keep children safe from harm.

You can download a copy of the Guide to the Child Safety Standards or for more information visit the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian website <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/>



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Council implements new measures at Saleyards to ensure ongoing safety

On Monday 27 July Federation Council tightened its entry criteria to the Corowa Saleyard Complex.

Temperature and cross border permit checks are now compulsory for all persons authorised to enter the complex.

Federation Council mayor Pat Bourke said the latest changes were another fine example of how Council continues to adapt to the many challenges COVID-19 presents.

“On any typical day the Corowa Saleyards would be bustling with agents, buyers and other key stakeholders,” he said.

“From March this year, things have certainly been very different. Federation Council has been proactive from the beginning of the pandemic to ensure the sale can continue on a weekly basis and ensure sheep can continue to be delivered to the market.”

Mayor Bourke said Controls have included limiting attendance to essential personnel only and enforcing state government restrictions in regards to social distancing and personal hygiene.

“The latest COVID-19 safety plan now includes temperature testing of everyone in attendance and wearing of face masks mandatory for anyone coming from declared Melbourne hotspots,” he said.

“Up to 40 per cent of stock comes from Victoria, however, transporters and essential personnel have been able to obtain border entry permits which has allowed the sale to continue.”

While the number of livestock sold at the yards in the 2019-20 was down by more than 100,000 on the 12 months prior, the sale values are continuing to rise. The 674,304 head sold last financial year made \$123,682,743.90. In 2018-19 794,268 head fetched \$115,551,674.92.

Mayor Bourke said recent upgrades to the facility and strong management has ensured the saleyards is one of the most highly regarded and utilised livestock facilities in the state.

“The Corowa Saleyards is now considered the safest and best operated saleyards complex in the region, if not the state,” he said.

“Our dedicated Council team, with the cooperation of all our authorised personnel have made this possible and is a credit to all involved. Council will continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 situation and will amend operating practices and procedures in accordance with any future Public Health directives.”

Council adopts 2020/2021 Operational Plan, 2018-2021 Delivery Program and Financial Plans

Council has adopted its 2020/2021 Operational Plan, 2018-2021 Delivery Program and Financial Plans at its August Council meeting, held on 30 August 2020.

Combined, 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.

The overall plans primary focus is to ensure Council services are sustainable into the future, while delivering on the many major projects outlined in the Community Strategic Plan.

Under this year's budget Council will complete \$21.2M in capital projects. That includes \$1.6M to complete the Corowa Swimming Pool, \$0.3M for the Urana Aquatic Centre, \$1.9M for the new Howlong All Abilities Playground, \$0.9M in addressing draining problems and \$1.4M to complete the Mulwala Industrial Estate. We will continue to deliver \$8.4M in road works, \$1.3M on our sewerage network and \$1.7M on the water network. Find out more from Council's website.

Corowa Howlong & Mulwala Floodplain Risk Management Committee

Federation Council has resolved to establish a Corowa, Howlong, Mulwala Floodplain Risk Management Committee to oversee the development of studies and plans for the management of flood risk in the three towns. The committee is being formed in accordance with the NSW Floodplain Development Manual.

Nominations are being sought for community representatives for the committee for each of the towns. If you are interested in being a representative please complete the Community Membership Nomination Form available from Council's website.



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Council celebrates Local Government Week 2020 - Council's Do

Local Government Week is designed to showcase the work councils do in their local communities, including the wide variety of services they provide.

Local Government Week 2020 held from 3 to 9 August 2020 was the perfect opportunity to celebrate our community. This year's theme was 'Council's Do' and we celebrated the role that Federation Council plays in our community.

This year, Federation Council promoted and showcased services for Local Government Week online. Council highlighted the many services that are available to all members of the community and of course captured some of the many great projects delivered throughout the 2019/2020 financial year.

The 2020 Federation Council Local Government week initiative showcased:

- Launching Federation Disability Advisory Committee.
- Free online Food Safety Training.
- Launching the 2020 commUNITY Piano Project with EOI for the donation of a piano.
- Federation Council Mobile preschool with updates from the preschool children.
- Free guidance and appointments with Council staff for Development and Building.
- Department updates from Corporate and Community Services, Development & Environment, Engineering Services & Communication & Engagement.

Find out more from Council's website.

Broadleaf herbicide applications

Council wishes to advise that broadleaf herbicide applications will occur from mid August to mid October 2020 to all ovals, parks and recreation areas in the Federation Council area to selectively remove broadleaf weeds. The selective herbicide that will be used is Jolt (20g/l Clorpyrifos, 15g/l Diflufenican, 300g/l MCPA).

This process is to improve the turf density and quality which will also reduce mowing frequencies.

CommUNITY Piano Donation - Expressions of Interest

Federation Youth Council are calling for any community members, groups or venues that have a piano they wish to donate, for a further CommUNITY piano to be placed in a Federation Council town.

A CommUNITY Piano is a piano placed in the street which people passing by are encouraged to play. The concept originated quite by accident in Sheffield, England and is a world-wide phenomenon that the Federation Youth Council feel the area should be a part of. Street pianos are great not just for the music they bring, but are a powerful economic force, and act as a magnet for tourism. Even more important, they help educate and inspire, create a sense of shared ownership and responsibility, and stimulate creativity.

Concerned with the issue of inclusion and acceptance of young people, especially given current circumstances, the Federation Youth Council hope this is the catalyst for people to see each other, make conversation and come together without any prejudice.

Federation Council with Federation Youth Council are seeking piano/s that are:

- Lightweight and easy to transport.
- Made of Australian wood.
- Has been regularly tuned.
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Council will coordinate the transportation of the piano and the restoration/decoration of the piano. Once donated the piano will become the property of Federation Council and placed all across the Council area, to encourage inclusion, creation and acceptance.

Federation Youth Council will be working closely with Council to ensure the piano is compliant to footpath regulations, is covered under Council's public liability insurance and ensure the use of the pianos is in line with current NSW state restrictions.

Please note: Submitting an Expression of Interest to Council, is for Council to inspect the piano you are wishing to donate. Completing an expression of interest (EOI) in no way means, Council is collecting your piano for use, until an inspection and written confirmation with receipt has been completed.

Download the Expression of Interest Form from Council's website.



I Am Federation is a place where young people living in Federation Council towns and villages can come to connect, engage with each other and keep up to date on all news relating to people in the area.

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