



# FEDERATION COUNCIL

## Council Meetings

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

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

<b>Tuesday 28 September 2021</b> Corowa Chamber	<b>Tuesday 19 October 2021</b> Corowa Chamber
<b>Tuesday 16 November 2021</b> Corowa Chamber	

## Have Your Say- Living with Disability in the Federation Council area

Council is inviting the community to provide feedback on their experiences of living with disability in the Federation Council area.

- Do you feel welcome and included in your community?
- What barriers do you face that make it hard for you to do the things you want to?
- Can you find and use public toilets?
- How easy is it to access local health, medical and disability support services?
- Are you able to access meaningful employment if you wanted to?
- Do you have any suggestions on how to improve the way council communicates with you?
- Is the Federation Council inclusive?

If you are a person with disability or a parent, family member or carer of a person with disability council would like to hear your thoughts.

In 2017, the Council adopted its current Disability Inclusion Action Plan. It has laid the groundwork for Council and strengthened its commitment to people with disability through advocacy, planning, project management and accessible resources. Your feedback will assist the council to develop a new Disability Inclusion Action Plan that outlines what steps the council will take over the next four years to remove barriers and improve access for people with disability.

You can provide feedback in a number of ways:

- Call the council and organise a face-to-face meeting with Council's Community Development Team Leader.
- Call and discuss your feedback over the phone.
- Get creative and show what an inclusive Federation Council looks like by creating us a picture, writing a poem or a song.
- Send an email to council with your feedback.
- Write your feedback down and post it to council
- Take one of the surveys online or print and complete a survey. There is an easy read version available.

While the focus of the feedback is on people with a lived experience of disability in the Federation Council area and what is important to them, all residents, businesses, community groups, and service providers are welcome to contribute their views.

The DIAP community consultation is open until 30 September 2021. To speak with someone about your feedback call Amber, Council's Community Development Team Leader on (02) 6033 8999 or for more information visit the Council website.

DISABILITY INCLUSION  
ACTION PLAN FEEDBACK

Have your say!

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## Federation Council launches New Resident Kit

Federation Council is excited to launch its New Residents Kit to the public which provides people moving to the area with a range of information on Council, community services and facilities.

The New Resident Kit includes a coffee table size New Resident Guide that contains a wealth of information on the Federation Council Local Government area as a whole.

This guide will complement several other Council created directories such as the Ageing Well Resource and Family and Children Services Card that provides contact details for a number of local services, schools, sporting and community clubs.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Pat Bourke said Council was pleased to add to its suite of Council created directories through the launch of the New Residents Kit.

“Often when you locate to a new area you don’t always know things like what day does the bin go out, what do I need to do to register my pet or when is the local waste facility or library open,” he said.

“Council hopes this kit will support new residents that have moved to our region in their transition. Across the Council area there is such diverse experiences – from great food to the great outdoors, amazing public art, and cultural experiences for visitors and residents to enjoy.”

To encourage people to discover what is available in their own backyards, Council has included a North of the Murray Official Visitor Guide, town maps and the Shearing of the Rams Trail.

Council is inviting interested local real estate agents and home builders to stock the kits and provide them to people interested in building here or when handing over the keys on the sale of a house. Alternatively, new residents to the Federation Council region can pick up a New Residents Kit from any Council Office or the Corowa Visitor Information Centre.

Mayor Bourke said Federation Council is committed to providing assistance where possible for new residents and businesses to make their move to area easy and stress free.

“We hope this New Resident Kits helps our newest residents to settle in, learn more about our wonderful Council area and allow more time to enjoy the local life-style.”

For more information or if you would like to stock the kit, please contact the Community Development Team at Council on (02) 6033 8999.

## Community Directory call out

Looking to recruit new members to your club or organisation?

Struggling to find volunteers?

Want a way for people to find you?

Federation Council is encouraging all locals to register and use the community directory on the council website.

The Community Directory is an online directory that aims to bring together a range of community services in the one space. It provides information for people who may be looking to join a sporting club or volunteer at a local service club. As well as links to service providers and support for people who may be needing assistance.

By registering you will receive the following benefits:

- You control your listing. If your details change, you can update your information for free at any time and ensure that members and the community have the right information.
- By registering you will receive relevant information from Council including upcoming initiatives, funding opportunities, workshops programs and events.
- It is an effective advertisement avenue to attract more volunteers as you can register as a volunteer run club who are looking for more volunteers.
- The directory includes an easy to use interface and groups can list across a number of different categories, making finding information a simple and straight forward process for users.

It is free to register and making a listing is easy. To create a listing visit the council website or for more information call Council on (02) 6033 8999.



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## Community Grants Program Round One 2021/2022



Round one of the Federation Council 2021-2022 Community Grants Program will open on Monday 9 August 2021, with funds available to help local community groups, organisations and clubs to deliver a range of community projects and events.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Pat Bourke is encouraging not-for-profit groups and organizations to apply for a share in \$60,000 of funding for this year's first round of the Community Grants Program.

"The Community Grants Program is an initiative aiming to empower groups to develop ideas, projects and events that can contribute to the vibrancy and connected community of Federation Council," Mayor Bourke said.

"We see this as a way to bring forward new ideas and help to develop existing projects to a new height. The grants program is a community focused initiative that gives Federation organisations a way of involving the wider community, their participation in local activities and championing projects that have a strong economic and social impact."

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.

Eligible applicants can apply for grant funding for one-off projects through one of the nine focus categories:

- Arts And Culture;
- Events & Tourism;
- Community Work and Welfare;
- Skill Development and Learning;
- Health Promotion;
- Accessibility and Inclusion;
- Young People;
- Senior Residence; and
- Children and Families.

"We have a great guide available to all residents and organisations, that can assist with ensuring your application and initiatives are eligible for funding available through our website," Mayor Bourke said.

"If you are an eligible group and you have a great idea that can benefit the wider community, submit your initiative through the Community Grants Program via our online form before 5pm, Friday 17 September."

The Community Grants Program will continue to operate in two funding rounds each year, for funds to be distributed in October and April. Applications for Round One close 5pm, Friday 17 September 2021. Applications recommended for approval will be considered and announced to successful groups at the October Ordinary Council meeting.

## Economic Development Strategy

Federation Council's draft Economic Development Strategy has been reviewed and endorsed by Council at its July Ordinary meeting.

This strategy outlines the framework to strengthen local business, empower our community, leverage key industries and enhance economic diversity and resilience.

The draft strategy is placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

Council is inviting the community to review the draft strategy and provide any feedback by 5pm Tuesday 7 September, 2021.

The draft strategy is available for viewing below or at any Council office. Anyone interested in providing feedback on the policy should do so in writing, addressed to the General Manager, PO Box 77, Corowa NSW 2646 or email to [council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au)



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## Mayor confident in resilient community

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Patrick Bourke has expressed his confidence in the local community and applauded Federation Council residents for their resilience displayed and the way in which they adapt during challenging times, following the NSW state wide lockdown announcement.

To protect the people of NSW from the evolving COVID-19 outbreak, new restrictions were introduced for all of regional NSW, effective from 5pm on Saturday, August 14.

Following updated health advice from NSW Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant, stay-at-home orders now apply to all people who live in regional NSW.

Mayor Bourke said the Federation Council community and its residents are known for their resilience and adaptability in uncertain times and he was confident residents would rise once again to face the challenges associated with the Delta strain of Covid-19 that the NSW State is currently battling to control.

“We have been dealing with adverse situations such as this well before COVID,” he said.

“As a community, we have battled our way through years of drought, before the tide finally changed for last year’s season. I continue to be in awe of our community, for the way in which we come together and support one another during challenging times. We prove ourselves time and time again.”

Mayor Bourke said he appreciated a call from local MP Justin Clancy on Saturday afternoon to let him know of the pending announcement of state wide lockdown.

“I would like to take this opportunity to really thank Justin and his team for their ongoing engagement and the advocacy work they continue to do on behalf of Council and our community,” he said.

“Justin understands the important role Local Government plays when it comes to situations just as this and I look forward to continuing to work with him and voicing concerns and items for consideration from our community for him to advocate strongly on our behalf.”

Mayor Bourke said he also received several calls over the weekend from local residents, community organizations and businesses following the announcement. “The attitude of people I spoke to on Saturday afternoon, and even on Sunday was nothing short of commendable,” he said.

“Everyone I spoke to said they know we all need to do our bit to get on top of this pandemic and stop it in its tracks before it comes into our region. Even though there was frustrations expressed in the way the lockdown was announced, and the time businesses had to prepare, everyone knew this step had to be taken.”

Mayor Bourke said the last 20 months have undoubtedly been hard for not only the Federation community, but communities’ right across Australia and believes the situation in NSW right now is of great concern.

“Border communities have done it extremely tough, with restrictions and decisions made on both sides of the river affecting the way in which our communities function immensely,” he said.

“Through strong advocacy efforts we will continue to bring issues to the forefront, and assure the community that we will keep pushing all levels of government for common sense approach decisions, especially when it comes to public health and economic decisions.”

In closing, Mayor Bourke said it is important that we continue to come together as a community, support each other, look out for each other, show kindness and consideration.

“Now more than ever, we must look out for the most vulnerable in our community and think locally in every decision we make,” he said.

“Council understands our community look to us as local leaders in times like this and we know we have an important ongoing role to play in this pandemic and that is being the conduit between leading agencies, and ensuring our community is reassured of its strength and resilient nature in times such as these.”

Further information relating to changes to Council facilities and services can be found on Council’s website [www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au](http://www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au)