

Community Conversations

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MAYORAL MESSAGE



Welcome to the first edition of Federation Council's Community Conversations Newsletter for 2018.

The purpose of this newsletter is to engage with residents across the Federation region to highlight some of the many projects, programs and events that are currently being delivered across our many communities and to provide general information on council.

Federation Council is now governed by nine elected councillors, who provide leadership, establish policy and set the strategic direction for the organisation and the future of our Council area.

There are no wards or ridings in Federation Council, so all nine councillors represent the interests of all ratepayers and residents and councillors are actively encouraging communication between Council and the community. Councillors have had the privilege of meeting with many residents in the short time we have been in office and there will be many more opportunities to engage with your representatives as we continue to work with the community during our time in office.

We know that as a new Council, there is always lots of room to improve in our performance in the community, but I can assure you everyone is working very hard to continue to develop the Federation Council business.

Community feedback and engagement is important to Council and we look forward to continuing to work together to achieve positive outcomes for Federation Council communities.

Kind regards, Federation Council Mayor - Pat Bourke.

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COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Our Community – Our Opportunity – Federation Council Community Strategic Plan

Federation Council has completed the second stage of its ‘Our Community – Our Opportunity’ Community Strategic Plan journey with the successful completion of nine public workshops and two stakeholder meetings across the council area recently.

The Community Strategic Plan (CSP) is the key overarching vision and strategy for the Federation Council Local Government Area (LGA) as a whole. It encompasses civic leadership, social, environmental and economic issues in an integrated manner with input from all key stakeholders. It is a new ten year plan.

Over 200 members of the community took advantage of the number of workshops at a variety of locations to engage with Council and share their future vision for Federation Council and its communities.

A range of information was received and recorded by the facilitators and staff from Federation Council, with this data to be presented back to the community in a draft plan in May, for exhibition.

Mayor Pat Bourke said feedback highlighted many areas of interest and opportunities for the future, some of which will be a Council priority, whilst others may be the priority of other service organisations or government departments, with support or advocacy from Council.

“Councillors and staff embraced the opportunity to meet with members of the community and were pleased to see so many people with a passion for developing the future plan,” he said.

“Council received many ideas and insights into

the challenges and opportunities facing the future.”

Mayor Bourke said the ‘Our Community – Our Opportunity’ Community Strategic Plan reflects the insight, experience, vision, priorities, challenges and hopes for the future of the Federation Council community.

“The development of the Community Strategic Plan provides us all with the opportunity to participate and share our future vision for Federation Council and its communities,” he said.

“I would like to take this opportunity to applaud those community members who have joined us on this journey to ensure we create a powerful vision for our future.

“Council is looking forward to working together with the community in the years ahead to make this vision a reality.”

For more information on the Community Strategic Plan, visit Council’s website.

From this plan, Council has prepared a draft 4 year delivery program and a 1 year operational plan incorporating the annual budget. This is our commitment to the community.

From the plan..

Federation Council is valued for its natural environment, country lifestyle and its strong community spirit.

The top ten words residents used to describe their vision for the Federation Council area throughout the consultation period:

<i>Growth</i>	<i>Tourism</i>
<i>Employment</i>	<i>Infrastructure</i>
<i>Community</i>	<i>Development</i>
<i>Roads</i>	<i>Youth</i>
<i>Jobs</i>	<i>Pool</i>

STRONGER COMMUNITIES UPDATE

At the heart of the NSW Government's decision to create new councils was a commitment to creating stronger communities with local residents. The Stronger Communities Fund has been established as part of this commitment and aims to support residents, community groups and new councils to work together on projects that improve infrastructure and services. Here is an update on the projects funded.

Round One Completed Projects (\$50,000 and under projects)

Corowa District Landcare Inc. - Renewable Energy Forum

Urana Bowling Club - New kitchen

Rennie Netball Club on behalf of the Rennie Trust

Reserve - Rennie Rural Community Hub

Corowa Cricket Club - Cricket net and seat upgrade

Corowa Rutherglen Football Netball Club - Construction of a new netball court at John Foord Oval

Howlong Football Club - Club room upgrade

Tunzafun Amusement Park Mulwala - Solar Panels @ Tunzafun Amusement Park Mulwala

Boree Creek Community Committee - Memorial Hall repairs

Yarrawonga Mulwala Historical Society - Improve heating and cooling and lighting at the Pioneer Museum Mulwala

Corowa Racecourse and Showground Trust - Installation of water line

Oakland's Recreation Ground Committee - Oakland's Recreation Ground - netball/tennis court fencing

Corowa Rugby Club - Club room improvements

Savernake School of Arts Reserve Trust -

Savernake Hall - facilities upgrade

Corowa District Historical Society -

Upgrade security at Corowa Federation Museum

Urana Progress Association - Urana Adventure and Skate Park

Round Two Completed Projects

Corowa Civic Bowls - Corowa Civic Bowls Club - external ramp from clubroom to greens area

Urana Progress Association / Urana Arts and Historical Society - Walking Softly - recarpeting the courthouse

Daysdale Memorial Hall Committee - Daysdale Memorial Hall Committee - main hall and stage restoration of flooring

Corowa Men's Shed Inc - Corowa Tree of Life Community Garden

Howlong Cricket Club - Howlong Cricket Club - replace turf roller

Mulwala Football Netball Club Inc. - solar power generation

Remaining projects that received funding as part of round two are progressing well and nearing completion.



COUNCIL PROGRESSES MAJOR PROJECTS

Communities across the Federation Council who received an injection of funds to support successful projects under the Stronger Communities Major Projects Fund (>\$50,000) continue to see the benefits as projects are delivered.

Following the creation of Federation Council, almost \$9 million dollars was allocated to 15 infrastructure projects, allowing Council to progress many long standing community priorities.

The aim of the funding program is to support projects that create stronger and more vibrant communities.

Council's Interim General Manager Adrian Butler said staff were doing an outstanding job supporting the planning and delivery of these projects.

"Four of the fifteen projects are close to completion being the Corowa RSL Park renewal, Kyfinns Reserve Mulwala, Corowa Golf Club Cinema and Victoria Park Recreation Centre," Mr Butler said.

"The major projects delivery continues to create excitement throughout communities and Council and staff are looking forward to delivering the remaining major projects in the future.

Council is appreciative of the funding that has been provided as part of the NSW Governments Stronger Communities Fund, made available to newly formed councils and which has allowed these projects to come to fruition."

PROJECT COMPLETE / CLOSE TO COMPLETE	GRANT AMOUNT
Corowa RSL Park Renewal	\$115,451
Victoria Park Recreation Centre – Urana Netball Courts	\$165,00
Kyfinns Reserve Improvements Mulwala	\$197,087
Corowa Golf Club Cinema	\$585,000
PROJECTS IN PROGRESS	GRANT AMOUNT
Corowa Bangerang Park Renewal	\$500,963
Howlong Skate Park	\$153,000
Corowa Swimming Pool	\$1,500,000
Oaklands Medical Centre	\$346,942
Howlong Tennis Court Renewal	\$110,000
Victoria Park Redevelopment	\$75,592
Corowa Skate Park	\$333,170
Council wide Roads and Drainage	\$3,800,000
Mulwala All Abilities Playground and Foreshore Upgrade	\$855,650
Oaklands RV Park	\$102,373
Rand Sports Ground Upgrade	\$119,506

FUNDING FLOWS INTO FEDERATION

Further funding has flowed into Federation Council recently with Member for Albury Greg Aplin announcing a major new grant from the NSW Government to support a number of tourism related projects across the Council area. Federation, Albury and Berrigan councils received over \$11 million in funding to create new and enhance existing tourism precincts to support growth.

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Key components of the redevelopment project include for Corowa: Bangerang Park Adventure Playground (including accessible amenities block and landscaping); Café in Rowers Park; Corowa Boardwalk and Riverside Walking Track; River Revegetation; Interpretive Signage; and Lion's Park Boat Ramp. The Mulwala foreshore redevelopment will support better utilisation of public open space at the interface of Lake Mulwala for tourism and recreation purposes. It will focus specifically on redeveloping and repositioning key community areas.

The Corowa Mulwala Trail forms part of the Murray River Adventure Trail and includes the construction of a 42.9 km trail connecting Corowa and Mulwala. The trail will enable a bicycle connection between the two destinations incorporating interpretive signage along the trail that builds an awareness and appreciation of the natural landscape of the area.

Also as part of the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities fund, further funding will go towards three public toilet upgrades across the local government area, the Corowa



Cycleway Extension project and a 'limited mobility cabin' accommodation at the Urana Caravan Park.

This funding will allow the only major Urana accommodation provider to be able to provide limited mobility accommodation with the installation of a new cabin with a limited mobility access ramp. The Corowa Cycleway Extension project will involve the replacement of a 600m section of an existing, dual use pathway for walkers and cyclists and a 625m extension of the pathway through the Corowa Common and connecting with the Corowa Golf Club.

\$596,672 will go towards three toilet block projects across the local government area. This project will ensure that public toilet facilities across the council area meet the needs of residents and visitors, provide disabled access and baby change facilities and promote inclusiveness.

Council is thankful for this funding, and is confident that the delivery of these projects will only further support Council's goal of building stronger and sustainable communities.



SMOOTHER, STRONGER ROAD AHEAD AT MULWALA

Mulwala road users can get ready for a smoother, quieter road as works continue to progress on Melbourne Street.

The NSW Government has allocated \$800,000 for the project to provide a smoother, more durable road surface at Mulwala.

This work is part of the \$1.6 million fourth stage of a broader street improvement project being carried out and co-funded by Federation Council.

In addition to an upgrade of the road surface, work will also include the addition of pedestrian refuges, upgraded parking at Purtle Park, new kerb and guttering and drainage improvements. This revamp will improve the condition of Melbourne Street while improving road safety, pedestrian facilities and landscaping.

Work is currently being carried out by Federation Council in partnership with Roads and Maritime, between Havelock Street eastwards to the canal crossing.

This stage of the project is expected to be completed by the end of June.

Changed traffic conditions and lane closures will be in place for the safety of workers and motorists during this time.

For the latest traffic information, visit www.livetraffic.com, download the live traffic app or call the Transport Management Centre on 132 701.

DRAFT AGEING WELL STRATEGY ON DISPLAY

Following months of consultation with the community and careful review of the feedback collected, the [Draft Ageing Well Strategy 2018 - 2021](#) will be presented to Council at the May Ordinary Council Meeting. Following endorsement by Council, the document will be placed on public exhibition for a three week period to provide the opportunity for the community to review and submit feedback.

The Strategy and accompanying Action Plan outlines what Council and the community will do to support positive ageing in the Federation Council area.

Council has worked closely with a number of local senior residents who were engaged as Ageing Well Ambassadors.

The ambassadors have added great value to the project by leading the consultation phase and being actively involved in the development of the strategy.

Did we get it right?

Once endorsed by Council, the draft strategy will be available for review from Council's website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au or in hardcopy from any council office or library. Feedback should be provided in writing, addressed to the General Manager, Federation Council, PO Box 77, Corowa NSW 2646. Residents are encouraged to contact their local Ageing Well Ambassador if they would like to discuss the draft strategy.



AGEING WELL AMBASSADORS

Council extends its sincere thanks to the following Ageing Well Ambassadors who have played an integral role in the development of this important strategy.

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2018 VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS AND CELEBRATION

Who is at the heart of your community?

As part of the National Volunteer Week (May 21 -27), Federation Council celebrates the valuable contribution that volunteers make to the community with the opening of nominations for the Federation Council Volunteer Recognition Awards. Nominations will open on the Monday, 21 May and close at 4 pm on Friday, 22 June.

The Volunteer Recognition Awards is an annual celebration where local clubs, organisations, groups or individuals can nominate their volunteers to receive a recognition award and attend a 'thank you' event in July.

Council encourages everyone to nominate those individuals who show compassion, commitment and hard work or a whole group or organisation who offer their time and skills to help others.

Nomination forms will be available from Council's website or any Council Office once open.



COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM NOW OPEN

Round 2 of Federation Council's 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.

Projects planned to be delivered between June 2018 and April 2019 are encouraged to apply. The program is available to fund initiatives that:

- Promote a sense of community identity and pride.
- Stimulate economic growth within the community.
- Encourage wide participation in events and community projects.
- Promote Federation Council as a vibrant and diverse place to live and visit.
- Encourage and stimulate the growth of effective community development and cultural programs within Federation Council.
- Foster community partnerships.
- Council is encouraging applications of up to \$3,000 before Monday, 28 May 2018 at 4pm. Successful applicants will be notified in June 2018.

To obtain an application form please visit Council's website or any Council Office.

FESTIVAL OF FUN FOR KIDS

The Festival of Fun for Kids is on the community events calendar again!

The festival aims to bring our community and families together to establish a fun, learning environment and to promote Federation Council as a tourist and family destination.

Federation Council Mayor Pat Bourke said Council is looking forward to hosting the Festival of Fun for Kids.

“This year’s Festival of Fun for kids is sure to excite Council’s youngest residents from across the region,” Mayor Bourke said.

“With entertainment ranging from PJ Masks, Chrystal Valley Music and The Other Theatre Company, as well as interactive displays from the Fruit Fly Circus and Animals of Oz, there is something for everyone at this year’s event.”

In the lead up to the event, schools and residents across the Federation Council participated in the Sky Light Lanterns Workshops at St Mary’s Primary School making



their own milk bottle lantern to parade at the conclusion of the festival.

Mayor Bourke said Council have been delighted with the overwhelmingly positive response from Federation Council families and schools to the Festival of Fun for Kids.

“Seeing the great response that we are getting thus far has been a powerful reminder that events such as this provide the community and council with the opportunity to connect and be inspired through educational programs and entertainment,” he said.

Mayor Bourke said “Council is fortunate to also have strong support behind the scenes, in ways of event sponsorship and the many community groups and organisations who will be assisting in the lead up to and on the day.”

“Mark the 20th of May on your calendars and come along to be a part of the excitement that is – Federation Council’s Festival of Fun for Kids 2018.”

MAIN ENTERTAINMENT

- PJ MASKS
- THE VEGETABLE PLOT BAND
- GIANT COSTUME PARADE
- LANTERN PARADE
- THE OTHER THEATRE COMPANY
- ANIMALS OF OZ
- MC NATASHA QUINN
- FRUIT FLY CIRCUS WORKSHOPS
- CHRYSTAL VALLEY MUSIC
- JACK & HARRY KAY
- LUE EARTH FOUNDATION

With HEAPS more activities to suit the entire family!



Sunday 20 May 2018

1pm-5pm Corowa Racecourse



Come dressed up as your favourite storybook character



Come join in the fun and meet with your favourite PJ MASK characters!



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Country Arts Support Program

HOW TO CONTACT COUNCIL

COROWA OFFICE

100 Edward Street, Corowa

HOWLONG OFFICE

59 Hawkins Street, Howlong

URANA OFFICE

30 William Street, Urana

MULWALA OFFICE

71 Melbourne Street, Mulwala

Federation Council is committed to the delivery of excellent customer service and offers a number of ways for residents and visitors to connect with Council Offices.

To contact us or bring something to our attention, please use one of the following methods:

- Visit one of our Council Offices in person.
- Visit our website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au and click 'Connect'
- Call us on (02) 6033 8999 during business hours or 1800 110 088 after hours (for urgent issues).
- Send us a letter to PO Box 77, Corowa NSW 2646 or council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au
- Download the app, Snap Send Solve and report a problem from your iphone or android device.

A central customer service system is used to lodge requests and report issues identified by residents. It is important that all requests and issues are captured through this system to ensure they are managed in the most efficient way.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, 15 May 2018

Thursday, 19 June 2018

Tuesday, 17 July 2018

Tuesday, 21 August 2018

Tuesday, 18 September 2018

Tuesday, 16 October 2018

Tuesday, 20 November 2018

Tuesday, 18 December 2018

Live Stream via Federation Council's YouTube channel.

RATES INFORMATION

Rates are payable by **31 August, 30 November, 28 February and 31 May each year** and penalties apply for late payment. Local Government is the only sphere of government to send you a total statement of your tax liability for the year before your payment is due.

Residents are encouraged to read their rates notices carefully to ensure they understand the choices Council has made and the payment options available to residents.

Council can agree to more flexible payment arrangements for residents who have difficulty meeting their normal instalment payments. If you are having trouble meeting your payments, contact Council's Revenue Section in person, at Council Offices or by telephone on (02) 6033 8970.