

Community Conversations

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MAYORAL MESSAGE

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

The purpose of this newsletter is to engage with residents from across the Federation region to highlight the many projects and works that are currently being delivered for the betterment of Council's communities.



Council and our local communities have achieved a lot over the last year and I encourage you to pause and reflect on these achievements over the Christmas break.

We hope to support more Council and community led initiatives in the future as they reap a range of benefits for the local community and drive tourism opportunities for the broader region.

A significant milestone achieved this year was the creation and adoption of Federation Council's first Community Strategic Plan, 'Our Community – Our Opportunity – 2018-2028'. This is a bold and aspirational plan, and I am looking forward to working with our communities and seeing the collaborative approaches that create positive and exciting outcomes for all as we continue to deliver on priorities set out in this plan.

In the coming year Council will remain committed to delivering an unprecedented amount of new infrastructure projects, as well as advocating for further opportunities.

Supporting our rural communities who are suffering from the effects of the drought and frost event in August will also remain a high priority of Council. The recent Youth Council initiative 'Flicks in the Sticks' drought movie night held in Oaklands was a major success, and provided a great opportunity for our residents to come together and support one another.

On behalf of Federation Council, and Council staff, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council looks forward with anticipation to an exciting year ahead.

Kind regards, Federation Council Mayor - Pat Bourke.



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AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION 2019

Celebrate Australia Day in Mulwala and enjoy a special day with your family.

Australia Day provides Council with the perfect opportunity for us to formally thank our people for the contributions they make to our communities.

Date: 26 January 2019.

Time: 10am arrival for 10.30am ceremony.

Location: Mulwala Ski Club On the grassed foreshore

on the edge of Lake Mulwala, at the Mulwala

Water Ski Club.

Awards Categories include:

- Federation Council Citizen of the Year
- Federation Council Young Citizen of the Year
- Federation Council Local Achiever of the Year Award
- Federation Council Local Achiever of the Year Award
- Federation Council Community Event of the Year
- Federation Council Community Project of the Year



Special occasion:

70 years of Australian citizenship for 2019.

Council would like to thank Co-Host Mulwala Water Ski Club and the Mulwala Progress Association for their event support. Visit Council's website for further information.

HELPING LEARNER DRIVERS BECOME SAFER DRIVERS

Federation Council conducts workshops for supervisors of learner drivers that aim to increase knowledge and confidence. Register your interest by completing the form below.



Topics covered during the 'Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers' workshop include:

- What is involved with being a supervising driver?
- Issues facing young drivers.
- · How the NSW graduated licensing scheme works.
- The importance of learner driver experience.
- · Lesson planning and dealing with stress, and
- Tips for safe solo driving.

Expressions of Interest are currently being taken now for the next workshop, so register your interest by completing the form on Council's website. These workshops are usually held after hours. Federation Council's Road Safety Officer will contact you to confirm a date and time for the next workshop.

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SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2019 NSW SENIORS FESTIVAL

Federation Council is encouraging senior residents to save the dates for the 2019 Baby Boomers Bus About. The Baby Boomers Bus About is a series of organised events and activities organised by Council as part of the NSW Seniors Festival. In 2019 the NSW Seniors Festival will run from Monday 11 February to Sunday 24 February 2019.

The Baby Boomers Bus About is an opportunity for all ages to join together and celebrate the role seniors play and the valuable contributions they make to the community. It allows senior residents of the Federation Council to connect with each other, provides an opportunity to get out-and-about, to learn new skills, participate in physical activity, or just have fun and socialise.

The 2019 Baby Boomers Bus About proposed scheduled of events include:

MELODIES AND MEMORIES

Monday 11 February Corowa RSL Club

Guests will be taken on a musical journey from the 1950's through to the 1980's with Morning Melodies followed by a light lunch at the Corowa RSL Club.

AGED CARE IN FEDERATION EXPO

Wednesday 13 February Club Mulwala

Brought to you by the Federation Council's Ageing Well Advisory Committee, the Ageing Well in Federation Expo will be held at Club Mulwala.

An opportunity to speak directly to professional service providers, under one roof, with information on health and lifestyle, future dependent living ideas, how to access care packages, financial planning advice/pensions, and leisure and lifestyle services in the Federation Council area and much more.

LOVE YOUR HEALTH, LOVE YOUR LIFE

Tuesday 19 February
Oaklands RSL and Bowling Club

Guests will be invited to participate in an introductory gentle exercise class classes at the Oaklands RSL and



Bowling Club. Information from local health and wellbeing services will be on site to have a chat and discuss.

Morning tea will be served.

MORUNDAH MOVIE MATINEE

Thursday 21 February Morundah Paradise Palladium Theatre

Guests will treated to an early lunch provided by the Morundah Bush Entertainment Committee followed by a movie in the wonderful Morundah Paradise Palladium Theatre.

AGEING WELL LUNCH

Sunday 24 February Howlong Golf Resort

Guests can meet new friends and catch up with old at the Ageing Well Lunch at the Howlong Golf Resort. A two course meal and soft drinks will be served.

The events have been tailored to provide opportunities for seniors to spend time with friends, meet new people, learn new skills, participate in physical activity and most importantly have fun.

Events are free and people can attend as many events as they like. Buses transport people from their town to the event or they may choose to make their own way there. Return buses to and from each event will run from Corowa, Howlong, Mulwala, Oaklands and Urana.

The Baby Boomers Bus About is supported through the 2019 NSW Seniors Festival Grants Program.

A full program including bus timetables and event bookings will be available mid-January.



WORKS & PROJECTS

Federation Council oversees millions of dollars of work across the region's road and transport network, recreation and community facilities. Find more about what works are planned and what has been completed from the Works and Projects section on Council's website.

Drainage Upgrade - Betterment Parade, Corowa

Drainage improvement works for Betterment Parade are currently underway. This is the largest storm water drainage works carried out in Federation Council as a single project. The project includes some thousand lineal metres of storm water drainage installation through Betterment Parade and John Street, two road crossings that connect into Federation Avenue drainage infrastructure. Also included is a water main upgrade for John and Airlie Streets.

Construction will occur through to early January, 2019.

Heavy Patching Road Maintenance Program

Council is undertaking a heavy patching road maintenance program and pavement stabilisation on some sealed roads throughout the Council area ongoing until March 2019.

Intersection rehabilitation - Romney St & Barooga Road, Mulwala

Council has recently completed intersection rehabilitation works on McCartney & Barooga Road & Romney Road, Mulwala.

Works included profiling and cutting the edges of failed pavement and laying asphalt over the fractured intersection. This application prolongs the life of this well used intersection. This work was carried out in conjunction with subcontractors Downer.

Bitumen Road Reseals

Council is committed to ongoing road maintenance and renewal to improve the local road network for driver safety and comfort.

Bitumen road reseals are underway throughout the Council area. Residents may have noticed road reseals occurring around town over the past few weeks. This is part of Council's ongoing road maintenance and renewal strategy which was identified by the community as a key priority.

Bitumen road reseals are required on all sealed roads at a period of around every 10 to 15 years depending on traffic volumes as the bitumen oxidises and starts to crack, letting water into the pavement.

Bitumen road reseals are underway throughout the Council area. Residents may have noticed road reseals occurring around the towns of Urana and Mulwala over the past few weeks. This is part of Council's ongoing road maintenance and renewal strategy which was identified by the community as a key priority.









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LIGHT UP FEDERATION

This Christmas season, Federation Council and the community will work together to 'Light Up Federation'.

Residents and business owners are invited to decorate their homes or businesses to Light Up Federation and show their community Christmas spirit through lights and decorations for everyone to enjoy.

This year the Light Up Federation will feature three categories that residents and business owners can enter:

- BEST DECORATED HOUSE
- BEST DECORATED STREET
- **BEST DECORATED BUSINESS**

So you can arrange to drive by the decorations and cast your vote, a flyer of all registered homes and businesses will be available from all Council offices and libraries, as well as in download form from Council's website from Monday 17 December.

Registered homes will be in the running to win \$800 cash for the 'Best House' category. One best house will be selected only.

The title of 'Best Street' is also up for grabs with the winning street in each town which has registered homes, to have a sign placed below their existing street sign to



recognise their success. The 'Best Business' will receive \$200 cash and a decal with their winning title to display.

Residents can vote for their favourite display by completing a voting form available at any council office, vote via council's Facebook page by choosing your favourite house on the voting poll or online.

Voting closes Tuesday 1 January 2019 with the winner to be announced via council's Facebook page, in the Howlong Grapevine, Urana District Newsletter, Corowa Free Press and Yarrawonga Chronicle.

2018 CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPERATING HOURS

During the Christmas holiday period,

matters will operate during the

Corowa Council office and Depot

Close 3:00pm, Monday 24 December 2018 and re-open 8:30am, Wednesday 2 January 2019.

Corowa Service NSW Agency

Corowa Library

Close 5:00pm, Friday 21 December 2018 and re-open 10:00am, Wednesday 2 January 2019.

Urana Council office and Depot Close 3:00pm, Monday 24 December

Howlong Library and Resource Centre

Mulwala Library and Council office Close 5:00pm, Thursday 20 December 2018 and re-open 10:00am, Wednesday

Corowa Visitor Information Centre

Saturday 22 December – open 10:00am – 3:00pm Sunday 23 December – closed

Tuesday 25 December – closed Thursday 27 December - open 9:00am - 4:00pm Friday 28 December - open Saturday 29 December - open Monday 31 December – open 9:00am – 4:00pm Wednesday 2 January - open 9:00am - 4:00pm (resumes

Council Tips and Transfer Stations



COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Council has resolved to allocate \$30,200 to 2018-2019 Community Grants Round One recipients.

The Community Grants program is designed to help local community groups, organisations and clubs to deliver a range of community projects and events.

Congratulations to this year's recipients!

Group	Funding Amount	Notes	Project
Across the Arts	\$2,250	Acquiring banners and promotional tools.	Across The Arts.
Chamber of Commerce	\$2,500	Install bunting in a diagonal pattern across Sanger Street, between Edwards Street and Isabel Street.	Corowa Christmas Festival.
Corowa Golf Club	\$2,500	For gazebos (shade) and marketing.	The Marcus Frazer Annual Golf Tournament.
Corowa Rotary - Federation Festival	\$2,500	Advertising for all Corowa area events.	Federation Festival Weekend - this includes the Federation Dinner, B&S.
Corowa RSL Sub-branch	\$2,500	Build a plinth around RSL Monument to accommodate brass plaques and removal of a tree.	Maintenance of RSL Monument on Honour Avenue.
Corowa Rutherglen Football Club	\$1,250	BBQ Supplies, Jumping castle and give away bags.	Family event at John Ford Oval.
Corowa Tree Of Life Community Garden	\$2,500	Presenter, materials, catering and bus for patrons.	Drought proofing your garden workshop.
CWA Oaklands	\$1,300	Replacement of existing roller blinds.	Maintenance of facility.
Morundah Bush Entertainment	\$2,500	Performer and promotion.	Opera Performance of Don Giovani.
Federation Museum (Corowa District Historical Society Inc.)	\$2,600	Purchase of acid free archival storage boxes and acid free tissue paper.	Historic Textile Collection – Protection and Storage.
Howlong Golf. Croquet Club	\$2,320	A gazebo for shade and shelter, fold up tables and comfortable chairs.	Trolley, Gazebo & Chairs.
Howlong Toy Library	\$2,800	Materials and storage.	Hosting 'play workshops'.
Savernake School of Arts	\$2,680	Performers and accommodation.	The Smoking Guns Band Live Music and Meal.
Total Funds Allocated:	\$30, 200		



HOWLONG SKATE PARK OFFICIALLY OPEN

Perfect weather conditions greeted the many smiling faces at Howlong Skate Park's Official Opening recently.

The official opening held at Lowe Square provided an exciting atmosphere for all ages with YMCA Action Sports Demonstrations, Timmy G prizes and giveaways, face painting and a barbeque.

The Stronger Communities Fund enabled the addition of the \$201,900 Skate Park to the Lowe Square Playground upgrade to create a recreational space that now caters for families, children and youth of Howlong.

The Howlong Youth Park Committee worked together with the community also for the skate park and raised \$15,000 towards the project. The project was also financially supported from the Howlong Lions Club (and Lions Australia) who committed \$25,000 along with \$5,000 from the Howlong Op Shop.

The design concept skate park was prepared by award winning skate park designers, Convic who are leaders in youth space and skate park design. The 'street terrain' style skate park has a number of features, including 900H (3ft) Quarter with Doorway, 300H (1ft) Kicker to Kicker, 400H Round Flat Bar, 350H Ledge, 1200H (4ft) Bank with 750H Jersey Barrier Extension,

Banked Hip, 1200H (4ft) Mini Ramp and a 1500H (5ft) Quarter Pipe.

Mayor Pat Bourke said Council was proud to celebrate the Howlong Skate Park opening with the Howlong community and hoped that Howlong's youngest residents would enjoy the new space for many years to come.

"A fantastic day was had by all at the opening and it was great to see so many smiling faces using the new skate park," Mayor Bourke said.

"The Howlong Skate Park project is one of the many new infrastructure installations or upgrades to occur as part of Council's Play Space Upgrade Program as Council is placing a strong focus on improving the liveability of our area, as we work to meet the needs of our residents, support youth and attract young families. Council would like to acknowledge the commitment to this project not only from our local groups, but that of the NSW Government who supported Council with a considerable financial contribution to deliver this new facility for the betterment of the Howlong community."

Member for Albury Greg Aplin said the NSW Government has been pleased to support the Federation Council's decision to invest near \$200,000 of merger funds into this community asset.

"This new skate parks gives our young people a positive reasons to get out and get active," Mr Aplin said.

"I would also like to acknowledge the magnificent support and hard work of the Howlong Youth Park Committee who pushed for the project and provided \$15,000, the Howlong Lions Club \$25,000 and the Howlong Op Shop \$5,000. This was a real community effort of which you can all be very proud. It's a tribute to Federation Council that we can work together on projects which build richer, healthier regional communities like Howlong."

Council would like to thank the following event supporters: NSW Government, Lions Club of Howlong and Australian Lions Foundation, Howlong Skate Park Committees, Howlong Op Shop, YMCA Action Sports Demonstrations, Timmy G and the Community of Howlong.







FLICKS IN THE STICKS ENJOYED BY ALL

As the sun set more than 50 people settled in for a night of entertainment at Oaklands Recreation Reserve in November to enjoy 'Flicks in the Sticks'.

Movies by Moonlight from Wagga inflated a huge five metre screen, while everyone else made the most of the inflatable mattresses and the fabulous food and drinks on offer by the Oaklands Cricket Club.

Around 8.30 pm the first screening was the family friendly comedy, Nut Job 2-Nutty By Nature. This followed the story of Surly the squirrel and his friends must stop Oakton City's Mayor from destroying their home to make way for a dysfunctional amusement park.

As the stars lit up the sky, and headers could be seen in the paddocks busy stripping their crops, the older teenagers and adults sat back and relaxed as Tomb Raider 2018 came on the screen. An action adventure film of Lara Croft, the fiercely independent daughter of a missing adventurer, who must push herself beyond her limits when she discovers the island where her father disappeared.

It was a great pleasure to see so many families and young people attending the night. Federation Youth Council would like to thank everyone who came out for the evening.

Flicks in the Sticks - Oaklands was a drought relief night hosted by the Federation Youth Council and supported by the Oaklands Recreation Ground Management Committee and the Oaklands Cricket Club.

JOIN IN THE FUN THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

Pom Pom Pocket Pals

Personality plus! Glue pre-made pom poms and foam shapes to make these delightful little Pom Pom Pocket Pals.

This activity is for children aged 5 years and over. Cost: \$5 per person (makes multiple).

Thursday 10 January 2019

10:00am - Mulwala Library, Melbourne Street

1:30pm - Urana Council Office, William Street

Friday 11 January 2019

10:00am - Howlong Library, Hawkins Street

1:30pm - Corowa Library, Corowa Civic Centre

Parliament of Owls

These make wonderful gifts or lolly boxes, sit nicely on top of bottles or in trees, and make pretty mobiles. This activity is for children aged 5 years + Cost: Free!

Wednesday 23 January 2019

10:00am - Mulwala Library, Melbourne Street

1:30pm - Oaklands CWA Hall, Milthorpe Street

Thursday 24 January 2019

10:00am - Howlong Library, Hawkins Street

1:30pm - Corowa Library, Corowa Civic Centre

Bookings are essential and children under 8 years must be accompanied by an adult. Activities suit children aged over 5 years, however younger children are welcome to attend if assisted by an adult.

To book your child a place, please phone (02) 6033 8941,

email: corowalibrary@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au or visit your local Library today.

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LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

Fostering a love of reading, supporting lifelong learning and providing a space for people to connect, Federation Council libraries play an important role in local communities.

In addition to the extensive range of reading material, eResources and DVD's, local libraries offer free computer and WIFI access, author talks, reading clubs, school holiday programs, story time sessions for children, community programs and family and local history information – to name just some of the services.

WHAT'S ON

STORY TIME

Excite your child's imagination, share the pleasure of reading and encourage a love of books.

Story time sessions are suitable for ages 0-5 years, run for 30-45 minutes and are FREE.

Join in the fun, meet new people, introduce your child to a world of books and lay the foundation for a lifelong love of reading.

COROWA LIBRARY 100 Edward Street, Corowa (02) 6033 8941

Friday 10:30 am weekly (excluding NSW School Holidays)

HOWLONG LIBRARY 59 Hawkins Street, Howlong (02) 6026 5055

Friday 10:30am for tnightly

MULWALA LIBRARY 71 Melbourne Street, Mulwala (03) 5744 3439

1st Thursday of the month 10:30am

To find out more about Council's library services visit a library near you or search libraries on Council's website.

Mobile Library

The Riverina Regional Mobile Library regularly visits the locations of Boree Creek, Oaklands, Rand and Urana.

Members can borrow books, magazines, audio books, DVDs, access the internet, ask about our eResources and collect items that have been reserved from the library collections.

View the mobile library calendar available on council's website and www.rrrl.nsw.gov.au to see when the library visits your community next.

The Urana Council Office and the Little Free Library located in Balldale also have a small collection of donated items available for borrowing.





FEDERATION SWIMMING POOL OPENING TIMES

Federation Council is pleased to advise residents and visitors of the Howlong, Urana and Oaklands Swimming Pool opening times for the 2018-2019 season.

Howlong Swimming Pool

Open daily from 1 December 2018 – 15 March 2019, 1pm – 7pm

FREE ENTRY.

Urana Swimming Pool

Normal Season Hours:

1 December 2018 - 15 March 2019

Monday: closed Tuesday: closed

Wednesday: 3pm - 6.30pm
 Thursday: 3pm - 6.30pm
 Friday: 3pm - 7.30pm
 Saturday: 1.30pm - 7pm
 Sunday: 1.30pm - 6.30pm

School Holiday Hours:

19 December 2018 - 30 January 2019

Monday: closed Tuesday: closed

Wednesday: 2pm - 6.30pm

Thursday: 2pm – 6.30pm
Friday: 1.30pm – 7.30pm
Saturday: 1.30pm – 7pm
Sunday: 1.30pm – 6.30pm

The above hours are weather permitting and subject to change.

Oaklands Swimming Pool

Normal Season Hours:

15 December 2018 - 15 March 2019

Monday: closed
Tuesday: 4pm-7pm
Wednesday: 4pm - 7pm
Thursday: 4pm - 7pm
Friday: 4pm - 8pm
Saturday: 3pm - 8pm
Sunday: 3pm - 7pm

School Holiday Hours:

19 December 2018 - 30 January 2019

Monday: closed

 Tuesday:
 2.30pm - 6.30pm

 Wednesday:
 2.30pm - 6.30pm

 Thursday:
 2.30pm - 6.30pm

 Friday:
 2.30pm - 8.30pm

 Saturday:
 2.30pm - 8pm

 Sunday:
 2.30pm - 7pm

The above hours are weather permitting and subject to change.

Connect with us digitally

Council has introduced a number of new electronic newsletters, with a strong focus on tourism, business and environmental health. Email *council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.* au and register your details today to receive Council news electronically, or alternatively follow us on Facebook @ Federation Council to stay up to date with the latest happenings in the Federation region.



HOW TO CONTACT COUNCIL

COROWA OFFICE
100 Edward Street, Corowa

HOWLONG OFFICE 59 Hawkins Street, Howlong

URANA OFFICE30 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, 19 February 2019

Tuesday, 19 March 2019

Tuesday, 16 April 2019

Tuesday, 21 May 2019

Tuesday, 18 June 2019

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.

HOW TO PAY YOUR RATES

Did you know there are numerous convenient ways that our residents can pay their rates?

- Pay online on our corporate website using the renowned BPOINT.
- You can send us cheques and money orders in the post, made payable to Federation Council.
- Through your bank BPAY.
- Direct Debit.
- Post Billpay at any Australia Post Office.