

Community Conversations

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MAYORAL MESSAGE

Welcome to the second 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.

My fellow eight councillors and I have now had the privilege to govern Federation Council for 12 months and we are proud of the many achievements and community priorities that have been delivered during this period.

Council has recently adopted its first Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) suite of documents, including an overall budget of \$75M for 2018/19. The adoption of these documents involved a significant journey for Federation Council and its communities. This framework is what Council will use to continually work towards achieving our community’s vision, supported by the five pillars further detailed in this newsletter.

The coming 12 months in particular will remain an important time for Federation as Council continues to deliver many major projects that will define the future growth of our region. This work is led by Council Staff who are a credit to our organisation and I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank them for their commitment to the delivery of our unprecedented works program.

Community feedback and engagement remains to be a strong focus of 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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COUNCIL ADOPTS INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING DOCUMENTS

Federation Council has adopted its Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) suite of documents, including an overall budget of \$75M for 2018/19.

The Community Strategic Plan key outcomes to be focused on over the next 10 years include a recharged focus on -



BUILT FEDERATION: Maintained and improved infrastructure that meets the needs of residents and industry.



ECONOMIC FEDERATION: Growing, progressive and prosperous communities that build on sustainable manufacturing, agriculture and tourism, close proximity to other centres on both sides of the Murray and affordability.



NATURAL FEDERATION: Sustainable rural landscapes and waterways offering tranquillity and attractive recreational spaces.



SOCIAL FEDERATION: Close-knit and welcoming communities where people come together and support each other.



WELL-GOVERNED FEDERATION: Strong civic leadership and governance supporting equity across communities and effective communication with residents.

A number of key projects and initiatives as highlighted in this year's Delivery Program include:

- Corowa Swimming Pool complex redevelopment.
- Howlong Pre-school extension.
- Howlong and Corowa Skate Parks.
- Implementation of a Youth Council (recently formed).
- Lions Park boat ramp Corowa.
- Mulwala all-abilities playground.
- Owens Bridges reserve and Boat ramp upgrade Mulwala.
- Purtle Park Adventure Playground and Park upgrades Mulwala.

Continued improvements to our roads network will include:

- Federation Way, (a key arterial route through the Council area).
- The freight network around Boree Creek.
- Continued widening, sealing and rehabilitation on Bull Plain Road.
- On-going bitumen re-seals and patching programs, and gravel resheeting and unsealed roads maintenance.

“Council plans and policies are inter-connected and do not exist in isolation. Our Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework allows Council to bring its various plans together and to prepare holistically and sustainably for the future,” Mayor Bourke said.



NEW BOAT RAMPS CONSTRUCTED IN COROWA AND MULWALA

Council has recently completed an upgrade to the Lions Park boat ramp in South Corowa and the Owen Bridges boat ramp in Mulwala. The installation of the new concrete ramps has been much awaited by the community and will significantly improve access to the two waterways.

The Lions Park boat ramp upgrade was made possible due to grant funding received from the NSW State Government Boating Now Fund. Council is now preparing to begin the next stage of the project which includes the construction of a new car park at the site. The Owen Bridges boat ramp upgrade included the

widening of the ramp, new retaining walls on the north and south sides, plus bumpers and bollards.



RUTHERGLEN & COROWA UNLOCKED HAILED A SUCCESS

The inaugural Rutherglen & Corowa Unlocked event has been hailed a success, with hundreds of people flocking to participating sites across the region.

The weather couldn't have been better for people to explore the rich history and beautiful architecture of venues that opened their doors and welcomed visitors for a guided tour.

Coordinated by Federation Council and Destination Rutherglen, the event was designed to showcase what the region has to offer and encourage visitation during what is normally a quiet time of year.

Tours booked out quickly across a number of sites as the new event gained momentum following the program launch in July.

The weekend kicked off at The Convent Rutherglen where more than 130 people listened to a talk from heritage architects, Wendy Jacobs and Deborah Kemp before embarking on a tour of the iconic building. Throughout the weekend, a further 800 people explored the property at their own leisure.

Local residents, Brad and Robyn Moore were overwhelmed by the interest shown in their home and provided guided tours to more than 170 people over the course of the weekend. Built in 1898, Clendon House in Corowa has a rich history and many visitors had a past connection to the property and enjoyed sharing memories during the tours.

Lego workshops facilitated by local architects Phillip and Aaron from Regional Design Service were another popular activity on the



event program, with the young and young at heart taking the opportunity to learn the basic principles of architecture and design to recreate local landmarks.

The Federation Museum and Rutherglen Historical Society hosted a number of guided walks and talks over the weekend, which were well attended by both locals and visitors to the area.

Federation Council and Destination Rutherglen thank the owners and operators who participated in the programme for their efforts and generosity in supporting the event.

Easy to do business in Federation

Federation Council in conjunction with the Corowa Business Chamber is pleased to welcome and support the new Easy to do Business initiative available from Service NSW. This free service can now be accessed by businesses wanting to start up or grow a business in the Federation Council region.

The Easy to do Business initiative will assist new businesses establish and grow themselves faster and provide the opportunity to deliver their services to the public sooner.

Find out further information from our website.



AUSTRALIA DAY COMMUNITY EVENT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Expressions of Interest are invited from Mulwala community groups or organisations interested in partnering with Council to support the delivery of the 2019 Federation Council's Australia Day Community Event that will follow the official proceedings.

Australia Day celebrations will provide the host group with a unique opportunity to showcase their local community to a diverse range of residents and visitors.

The successful community group or organisation will work with Council to deliver an event that is family friendly, inclusive and provides an opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the occasion.

Council will coordinate the formalities of the event, including the welcome address, welcome to the country, citizenship ceremonies, award presentations, ambassador guest speaker, flag raising ceremony and the singing of the National Anthem.

Mulwala groups that have the passion and drive to plan, organise and execute this event, in partnership with the Federation Council events team, are encouraged to apply to host the celebration aspect of the Australia Day Event and Celebration outlining what they propose by 5pm, Wednesday 19 September.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Community Development Team at Federation Council on **02 6033 8999** or email communityevents@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

NEW BUS SHELTER FOR BOREE CREEK

Council has recently installed a new bus shelter at the Boree Creek Public School, including accessibility features and bus zone signage.

Works consisted of the installation of a new bus shelter, grouting of pavers and new seat construction. The final stage of the project involved the appointment of new bus zone signage, and minor backfill excavation works. Council hopes the Boree Creek School children enjoy their new bus shelter.



COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM OPENS SOON

Round One of Federation Council's 2018-2019 Events and Community Grants program will be opening soon, with funds available to help local community groups, organisations and clubs to deliver a range of community projects and events.

Federation Council is encouraging not-for-profit groups to apply for a share in \$60,000 of funding for this year's Events & Community Development Grants Program.

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

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

Visit Council's website for further details, including how to apply.

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.



COUNCIL INTRODUCES URANA SAVANNAH GOANNA

Council is very excited to announce the Urana Goanna sculpture has been installed outside the Urana Tennis Courts.

The Urana Goanna sculpture was inspired by the bark drawings of Yolngu artist, David Malangi, that are illustrated on the first Australian one dollar note (1966).

Urana Goanna is an addition to Council's impressive public art collection and sculpture trail. The sculpture trail will take you to a number of towns including Corowa, Urana, Boree Creek, Oaklands and Morundah where you will find some unique public art pieces. The public art pieces have all been completed by local artist Andrew Whitehead, and are a unique attraction that draw many visitors to the area.



COROWA POOL SOON TO BE A REALITY

Following extensive community consultation Council has resolved to move forward with the Corowa Pool Project and is currently preparing tender documents to progress this much awaited community project.

The tender will be guided by Option 4 as voted on at the Federation Council Ordinary Meeting in May 2018. This option includes a 50-metre pool, learn to swim pool and outdoor water play feature.

Comment and feedback on the results of the tender will be sought from the Pool Advisory Committee for the project which comprises a number of community representatives, including swim club members, an aquatic operator and members of the public as well as local Councillors and Youth Council representatives.

The Advisory Committee will continue to have involvement throughout the tender process from concept through to design with regular

opportunities to provide comment and feedback representing the diverse stakeholder groups.

The full tender process, (selection of a designer, provision of designs, review, comment and final design provision to council), is expected to take through to the end of 2018 to ensure the best possible outcome within the set budget, as Council continues to also investigate a heated pool option to further enhance the facility.

Council has been extremely proactive and has actively challenged the previous options and models presented to the previous Council over the many years. In consultation with the community and key stakeholder groups Council will continue to work as hard as it can to deliver a facility that is able to best meet the needs of many users and also taking into account something that is achievable from a capital expenditure point of view, being also mindful of ongoing operational costs.

Visit Council's website for further information on the development of this project as it progresses.



COUNCIL WELCOMES MIKI CITY VISITORS

Federation Council's strong friendship with Miki City has been further strengthened with the signing of a new Sister City Agreement by the two Mayors, Miki's chairperson and Federation's General Manager in a special visit to the area recently.

The Miki City Federation Council Sister City cultural exchange program is in its 21st year and the program involves students visiting Japan every second year and Japanese students coming to Federation Council on the alternate year.

This year from 21st – 27th August 2018 Federation Council hosted 16 visitors from Miki City. There were 10 students and 4 chaperones, as well as the Mayor and Chairperson from Miki City Council.

Guests stayed with 14 host families, which enabled them to experience everyday life in an Australia household for 7 days.

Council would like to thank the host families who supported the program in 2018. There were 14 families, five local businesses and two

schools directly involved. In total around sixty local people contributed to the success of this year's exchange. Special acknowledgement is extended to Talana Lane who, as well as hosting during the period, assisted with event organisation and translation of speeches at the official functions.

Council looks forward to 2019 when students from the Federation Council area will be given the opportunity to experience a trip to Miki City, Japan as part of the Sister City Cultural Exchange.

JOIN IN THE FUN THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

Crocodile Encounters!

Love them or not, people are fascinated by reptiles. Kids are invited to see, touch and learn about some of Australia's varied and unique reptiles and amphibians, to learn the value of biodiversity and conservation of all flora and fauna and talk about the effects of human impact on our ecosystems.

\$5 per child. Age: 5 years and over.

Urana Office - Friday 5 October: 10.30am.

Mulwala Library - Tuesday 9 October: 10.30am.

Corowa Library - Tuesday 9 October: 1.00pm.

Howlong Library - Tuesday 9 October: 3.00pm

Tweet Treats!

Invite birds into your garden with these tasty homemade treats and watch them twitter with happiness.

Free. Age: 5 years and over.

Corowa Library - Wednesday 3 October: 10.30am

Mulwala Library - Wednesday 3 October: 2pm

Howlong Library - Thursday 4 October: 10.30am

Oaklands CWA Rooms - Thursday 11 October: 11am

Bookings are essential. To book your place please phone (02) 6033 8941, email corowalibrary@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au or visit your local Library today.



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

"Six of the fifteen projects are now close to completion, or completed being the Corowa RSL Park renewal, Kyfinns Reserve Mulwala, Corowa Golf Club Cinema, Howlong Skate Park, Howlong Tennis Court 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
Howlong Tennis Court Renewal	\$110,000
Howlong Skate Park	\$153,000
PROJECTS IN PROGRESS	GRANT AMOUNT
Corowa Bangerang Park Renewal	\$500,963
Corowa Swimming Pool	\$1,500,000
Oaklands Medical Centre	\$346,942
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



YOUTH TO ENJOY NEW HOWLONG SKATE PARK

Howlong's youngest residents are sure to enjoy the newest infrastructure addition in their community being the Howlong Skate Park.

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.

The NSW Government's Stronger Communities Fund has enabled the addition of the \$201,900 Skate Park to the Lowe Square Playground upgrade to create a recreational space that will cater for families, children and the youth of Howlong.

The Howlong Youth Park Committee have worked together with the community for the skate park and successfully raised \$15,000 toward the project. They also gained financial support from the Howlong Lions Club (and Lions Australia) who generously committed \$25,000 along with \$5,000 from the Howlong Op Shop.

Federation Council Mayor Pat Bourke said Council was delighted to deliver the Howlong Skate Park project and hoped that Howlong's youngest residents would enjoy the new space for many years to come.

"Federation 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," he said.

"The Howlong Skate Park project is a fine example of the success that comes from Council partnering with our community to achieve great outcomes."

Finishing touches including landscape architecture of the new site have recently been completed and an official opening of the new skate park is currently being planned for mid-October.

Visit Council's website for opening event details.

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, 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.

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 – Commencing 2 October 2018.