



Council Meetings

The Ordinary meeting of Council is responsible for dealing with matters relating to finance, works, development, planning, health, building and community services. This meeting also makes a decision on Committee recommendations and is the forum for making the final decision of Council.

Residents and ratepayers are cordially invited to attend Council meetings.

2025 Council Meeting Dates:

Tuesday 26 August Corowa Chamber	Tuesday 30 September Corowa Chamber
Tuesday 21 October Corowa Chamber	Tuesday 18 November Urana Chamber
Tuesday 16 December Corowa Chamber	Find out more on Council's website.

Local Sport Grant Program

Does your club have new equipment it's been wanting to purchase or a program it's been planning to deliver but doesn't have the funds?

Applications are now open for the 2025 Local Sports Grant Program with sporting organisations eligible to apply for grants between \$2,000 and \$20,000.

The Local Sport Grant Program aims to support grassroots sporting clubs to increase participation, host events, improve access and enhance sport and recreation facilities.

Visit <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/local-sport-grant-program> for more information and to apply today!

Applications close 1pm Monday 18 August 2025.

Grants now open: Up to \$50,000 for mental wellbeing and suicide prevention

Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network (MPHN) is offering grants of \$5,000 to \$50,000 (GST exclusive) to support community-led initiatives that improve mental wellbeing, reduce suicidal distress and behaviours, and build local capacity for suicide prevention across our region.

To learn more about these grants including how to apply, access our Grant Guidance document via this website: <https://mphn.org.au/grants>

Applications close 5pm 8 August 2025
For more information,
please email tenders@mphn.org.au.



Request for Expressions of Interest - Miki City Advisory Committee

Federation Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from residents to join the Miki City Advisory Committee.

A visit from our Miki City friends is planned during 2026 and the committee will be active in assisting organising the itinerary, supporting host families and assisting with activities. In its 29th year, this enduring sister city relationship fosters invaluable connections between our two nations, offering alternating delegations from Federation Council and Miki City, Japan the chance to experience each other's cultures firsthand, create lasting memories, and forge lifelong friendships.

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are open until Friday 22 August, 2025. To express interest, please complete the online EOI form available from Council's website.

Howlong Library Storytime

The Howlong Library Storytime for August has been rescheduled to Friday 8 August, 2025 at 10:30am.

The theme for August is 'dads' so bring your little ones (0-5 years) to this FREE session for stories, rhymes, and themed activities. Join us in Howlong, or at our regular Storytime sessions in Corowa and Mulwala, to meet other families and introduce your child to the wonderful world of books!

Sessions are held:

- Mulwala - 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10:30am
- Corowa - Every Friday, 10:30am
- Howlong - 1st Thursday, 10:30am

The Bald Archy Prize



We're thrilled to have the Bald Archy Prize return to the Corowa Art Space! On display from 16 August until 14 September 2025. Save the date and come join the hilarity!

Adults entry \$5 and children are free. Large groups welcome. Opening times: Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm. Saturday & Sunday 10am - 2pm. More information to come about this spectacular exhibition, so watch this space. Visit Council's website.

Council thanks residents for engaging Howlong Water Information Session



Federation Council extends its sincere thanks to all Howlong residents who attended the successful Water Improvement Project Information Session held last week, Tuesday, July 22, at the Howlong Golf Resort. The well-attended meeting provided a valuable opportunity for the community to receive comprehensive updates on the significant progress and future plans for Howlong's vital water infrastructure.

The session covered key advancements already made, including the new 375mm trunk main along Townsend Street and the new rising main from the treatment plant to the Read Street Water Tower, which are now operational. Future strategic plans, such as the detailed hydraulic modelling being undertaken by NSW Public Works to identify specific areas for improvement, were also discussed. Potential major upgrades, including upsizing the town's central ring main and constructing a new, larger water storage tank, were outlined, along with estimated costs and timelines.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Cheryl Cook, expressed her appreciation for the community's strong engagement.

"It was fantastic to see so many Howlong residents attend last night's information session," Mayor Cook said.

"Your active participation demonstrates how deeply our community cares about reliable water services, and your feedback is incredibly valuable as we continue to roll out this crucial project. We are committed to transparency and ensuring residents are informed every step of the way as we work towards an enhanced water supply."

General Manager Adrian Butler acknowledged the complexities but reaffirmed Council's commitment.

"Council is aware there are long-standing challenges with water pressure and flow in Howlong, and our utilities team is diligently working through the strategic planning and implementation phases," he said.

"We are confident these works will deliver tangible improvements for current residents and support the town's future growth."

Help us improve Howlong's water pressure and flow by performing a simple Bucket Test at your home!

Federation Council is committed to upgrading Howlong's water infrastructure. As part of our detailed hydraulic modelling, we need your help to pinpoint areas of low water pressure across town. Your participation in the Bucket Test provides data that will directly assist our engineers in designing the most effective solutions.

What is the Howlong Bucket Test?

It's a quick, easy test you can do at home to measure your current water flow rate. All you need is a standard 10-litre bucket and a stopwatch (or your phone's timer).

Why Should You Participate?

- **Direct Impact:** Your results provide essential data for our engineers, helping us understand specific pressure issues in your area.
- **Better Solutions:** The more data we collect, the more accurately we can design upgrades to improve water pressure and flow for everyone.
- **Community Contribution:** Be a part of the solution for Howlong's water future!

How to do the Bucket Test (5 simple steps!)

1. Find a standard 10-litre bucket.
2. Open your garden tap (or other outdoor tap) closest to your water meter fully.
3. Time how long it takes to fill the 10-litre bucket.
4. Note down the time in seconds. Also note the time and day you recorded this information.
5. Complete the online form and send your test results to Council.

Share your results:

Please submit your bucket test results by completing the online form on Council's website.

Mayor Cook said every piece of data helps Council build a clearer picture of the network's performance.

"The bucket test is a simple way for every household to contribute directly to improving Howlong's water future. We encourage everyone to participate."

Council remains dedicated to delivering a robust and reliable water service for Howlong and will continue to provide updates as the project progresses.

