

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.

2023 Council Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, 19 December Corowa Chamber
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When approval has been provided by the General Manager for members of the public to address Council the Public Forum will be held at 9am.

New requirements for NSW food businesses



Recent changes to the Food Standards Code have introduced new requirements for all businesses that prepare and serve food in NSW.

From 8 December 2023, businesses that handle unpackaged food requiring temperature control, and serve it ready-to-eat, must have a qualified Food Safety Supervisor and ensure all food handlers are trained in food safety and hygiene. Higher-risk enterprises must also be able to demonstrate their safe food handling practices.

While some businesses already require a Food Safety Supervisor in NSW, the requirement is new for school canteens, childcare services, charities and not-for-profits, correctional centres, delis and supermarkets, and some coffee vendors.

Find out more from
Council's website.



Make memories that last this Summer



Corowa, Howlong, Mulwala and Urana will play host to five events during December, January & February which are a must visit.

Whether you come for the fun or just discover it on your adventure, you're bound to enjoy the North of the Murray events this Summer!

Light Up Corowa:

Friday 1 December, 5pm - 8:30pm, Bangerang Park
Get ready to kick off the festive season in style at Light Up Corowa, a dazzling Christmas celebration that promises to fill your heart with warmth and wonder!

Rock on the River, Corowa:

Saturday 2 December, 4pm-8pm, Rowers Park
Immerse yourself in the rhythmic tunes of Australia's best at Rock On The River, an extraordinary evening of live Aussie music against the serene backdrop of Rowers Park.

Howlong Twilight Christmas Festival:

Saturday 16 December, 3pm - 9pm, Lowe Square
Embrace the spirit of the season at Howlong's Twilight Christmas Festival, a heartwarming celebration of joy, community, and holiday cheer that promises a day filled with delightful experiences and unforgettable moments.

Mulwala Family Fun Day:

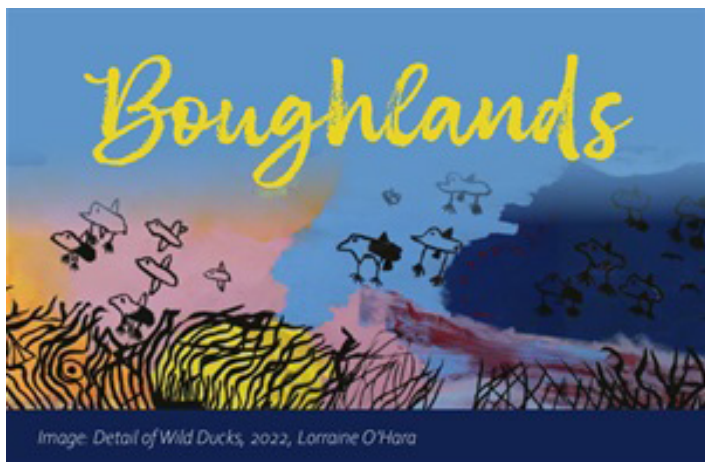
Saturday 27 January, 12:30pm - 9:30pm, Mulwala Water Ski Club
Featuring free kids rides 1pm to 6pm, music, delectable food, a water ski show, laser light show and more.

Urana Flame N Feast:

Saturday 3 February, 4pm - 8pm, Urana Aquatic & Leisure Centre
Prepare your taste buds for a fiery adventure at Urana Flame N Feast, the ultimate BBQ food festival that promises a sizzling evening filled with smoky delights and mouth watering moments.

Find out more! www.visitthemurray.com.au

Art to Celebrate International Day of People with Disability



International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD) occurs every year on the third of December. IDPwD is a United Nations observed day which aims to promote community awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Patrick Bourke said this year, Federation Council is celebrating the day by hosting a group exhibition which will be on display at Corowa Art Space, featuring work by several artists from the Art Factory.

"Facilitated by the Riverina Community College in Wagga Wagga, the Art Factory is a unique contemporary arts studio that has established itself as a leading regional 'supported studio'," he said.

"The supported studio model found across the world, offers a creative, social and safe space which supports professional artists with disability. The Art Factory has supported the emergence of professional artistic practice, meaningful employment and leadership opportunities for people with learning disabilities in regional NSW since 2016. The studio currently has a roster of over 30 practicing artists."

The forthcoming exhibition titled 'Boughlands' features a series of work from eight artists made in response to the flora, fauna, and landscape of the Fivebough and Tuckerbil Wetlands. A wide range of media, surface, colour and texture is explored. Looking through the lenses of each artist, the works are interpretive and respond to the history, visuals and sounds of the wetlands.

Boughlands will be available to view at Corowa Art Space from Friday 1st of December and closes on Sunday 14th January. The gallery is open Wednesday to Friday from 10am until 4pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 2pm.



Federation Lights Up for Christmas



It is that time of year to start dusting of the decorations, untangle the twinkling lights, test the inflatable Santa, and start planning with your neighbours the best exterior illumination to rival Chris Griswold!

The Federation Council is inviting residents and businesses to enter their dazzling Christmas display in the 2023 Light Up Federation Christmas Light Competition and go into the running to win a share of \$1,000 of gift vouchers for local businesses.

The three categories for this year's competition include:

- Best Decorated House
- Best Decorated Business
- Best Decorated Street
- People's Choice Award (NEW CATEGORY)

To register, submit the online entry form or complete a hardcopy form at any Council office or Library. Entries close 5:00 pm Friday 8 December, 2023.

To help you arrange your drive to see the lights and decorations a flyer of all registered homes and businesses will be available from Monday 13 December, at all Council offices and libraries. The flyer can also be downloaded from the Council's website.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to vote for their favourite display by jumping on the Council website from Monday 11 December and voting for the People's Choice Award.

Judging of the Best House, Street and Business will take place on from Monday 11 December 2023 to Saturday 23 December 2023. The winners of the 2023 Light Up Federation Christmas Lights Competition Winners will be notified via email or phone within 28 days of the closing date. Winners will also be published in Council Snippets in the Corowa Free Press and Yarrawonga Chronicle newspapers and on Federation Council's corporate website. For more information including terms and conditions visit the Council website.

Jingle all the way to the Council website, register your house, street or business in the 2023 Light up Federation Christmas Lights Competition!



Council announces 2023/2024 Community Grants Recipients



The Federation Council's Community Grants Program assists community groups and organisations to deliver events, activities, and programs that enhance the lives of local communities, celebrate important community occasions, and provide opportunities to develop social cohesion and connection in the Federation region.

The Federation Council's Community Grants Program offers two fund rounds per financial year. The total allocation is \$60,000 per annum, with \$30,000 allocated to each funding round. Funding is up to \$3,000.

2023/2024 Community Grants Program - Round One opened on Monday 7 August and closed on Friday 15 September 2023. The recipients represent various disciplines, including community work and welfare, children and families, youth, disability, seniors, health promotion, events and tourism, arts and culture, skill development and training, volunteers, and sport and recreation.

Federation Council congratulates the Round 1, 2023/2024 Community Grant Program recipients, who were announced at the October Ordinary Council meeting:

- \$1,000 cash contribution to the Morundah Bush Entertainment Committee to assist with the cost of hosting the Peter Denehey Concert at Morundah.
- \$327 cash contribution to the Sing Australia - Corowa to support the cost of purchasing new music books.
- \$2,500 cash contribution to the Mulwala Progress Association to support the cost of purchasing lighting & decorations for the Mulwala Christmas tree.
- \$1,750 cash contribution to the Savernake School of the Arts Reserve Trust to assist with the cost of hosting the Festival of Small Halls at Savernake.

- \$3,000 cash contribution to the Annual Riverina Harvest Ball Committee Inc. to assist with the cost of cement and stencil works at the Oaklands Memorial Hall.
- \$1,000 cash contribution to the Khaki Vehicle Enthusiasts Inc. towards the cost of event hats, plaques, and participant packs at the 44th Corowa Swim-in and Military Vehicle Gathering.
- \$758 cash contribution to the Corowa & District Historical Society towards the cost of getting an upgrade to their computer memory and backup storage.
- \$1,000 cash contribution to Intereach Inc- Corowa towards the cost of hosting "Mocktails and Masterpieces" an arts initiative as part of the 2023 International Day of People with Disability.
- \$2,500 cash contribution to Mulwala Community Garden Inc. towards the cost of the Mulwala Community Garden signage and advertising.
- \$3,000 cash contribution to the Mulwala Football Netball Club to support the cost of hosting the NETFIT Coaching Masterclass – Train like an elite netballer in Mulwala.
- \$2,415 cash contribution to the Corowa Business Chamber to further scope and seek community consultation on their proposed Volunteer Training Program.
- \$1,750 to the Howlong Golf Club to assist with the cost of hosting an all-abilities golf workshop in partnership with Amaranth Foundation in Howlong.
- \$2,500 to the Our Town Balldale Committee to assist with the cost of hosting the Balldale Annual Summer Events Program.
- \$1,750 to the Oaklands CWA to assist with the cost of hosting the CWA of NSW Women's Dinner in Oaklands.
- \$1,750 to The Inner Wheel of Corowa District to assist with the cost of hosting an International Women's Day Lunch in Corowa.

2023/24 Christmas & New Year Operating Hours



During the Christmas Holiday period, Council offices and services will have altered operating hours and Public Holiday closures.

Full details are available from Council's website.

Federation Council Councillors and staff would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

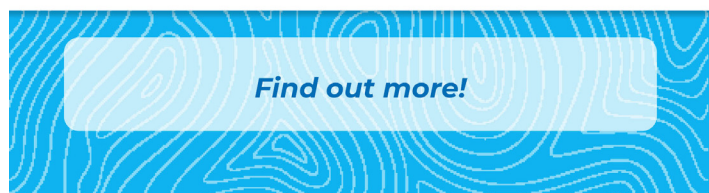




Howlong Swimming Pool Summer Season opening



Howlong SWIMMING POOL **RE-OPENING**



Find out more!

The Howlong Swimming Pool is set within Howlong's sporting centre, Lowe Square. The large facility is the perfect place to spend the day with a fantastic kiosk, pools to suit all ages and seasonal swimming lessons for all abilities. Our large facility features:

- 25 metre pool.
- Toddlers pool.
- Kiosk.
- Change rooms with hot showers.
- Plenty of grass and picnic facilities.
- Dedicated and personable life guarding team.

Opening Hours

The Howlong Swimming Pool is usually open for the summer swimming season from Monday - Sunday, 1pm - 7pm. The pool will open for the summer season from Monday 4 December, 2023.

Service NSW Savings Finder Appointments

Are you interested in finding out what rebates are available from Service NSW?

Book a one on one appointment with a Service NSW representative at the Corowa Service NSW Agency. Appointments are available on the first Tuesday of each month from 9.45am - 2.30pm.

The NSW Government is helping to reduce the cost of living with more than 70 rebates and vouchers.

Book your appointment by contacting Federation Council **(02) 6033 8999** or in person at the Corowa Service NSW Agency located in the Corowa Civic Centre.



Are your water safety skills ready for summer?

Find out with the Royal Life Saving 'Summer Ready' checklist. NSW, ACT and Tasmania still suffer the highest rates of drowning in the country, and regional areas record drowning rates nearly double the rates of metropolitan areas. Together, we can change the tide by ensuring our water safety skills are up to date as we approach another scorching Summer.

Royal Life Saving has created a free downloadable Summer-Ready checklist designed to help you, your friends and your family ensure a safer summer. Now is the perfect time to:

- Learn to swim
- Gain the skills to save a life
- Chat with your doctor
- Check your medication

The record drownings experienced last summer were tragic losses, and how we prepare for this summer will be crucial. Whether people travel to the beach or enjoy their local waterway or pool, we all have a role to play to ensure our communities are 'swim-ready'.

We know that prevention is the key to enjoying the water safely this summer, so please take the time to download the checklist and spread this important message. Download from the Royal Life Saving website:

www.drowningprevention.org.au/are-you-summer-ready

Library Storytime - Howlong



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

Children and their parents/carers can participate in FREE story time sessions that involve sharing stories, rhymes and themed activities. Story time sessions are suitable for ages 0-5 years and run for 30-45 minutes.

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.

Howlong Library

59 Hawkins Street, Howlong. Second Friday of each month 10.30am. Enquiries P: 02 6026 5055