



FEDERATION COUNCIL

Council Meetings

Ordinary meetings of Council are held on the third Tuesday of the Month commencing at 9.30 am. Residents and rate payers are cordially invited to attend.

The following schedule outlines the 2020 ordinary meetings of Council:

Tuesday 28 January 2020 Corowa Chamber	Tuesday 18 February 2020 Corowa Chamber
Tuesday 17 March 2020 Corowa Chamber	Tuesday 21 April 2020 Urana Chamber
Tuesday 19 May 2020 Corowa Chamber	Tuesday 16 June 2020 Corowa Chamber
Tuesday 21 July 2020 Corowa Chamber	Tuesday 18 August 2020 Urana Chamber
Tuesday 15 September 2020 Corowa Chamber	Tuesday 20 October 2020 Corowa Chamber
Tuesday 17 November 2020 Urana Chamber	Tuesday 15 December 2020 Corowa Chamber

Meetings are also filmed and available for viewing later from Council's website: www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Tech Savvy Seniors

Federation Council is pleased to offer the Tech Savvy Seniors program during February and March at the Howlong Library. This program provides the introductory computer skills required to develop the confidence necessary to embrace technology for socialising, accessing important information services or conducting personal business.

Session times: 10am – 12 noon.

Introduction to Smartphones and Tablets	Wednesday 19 February
Introduction to Emailing	Wednesday 26 February
Introduction to Internet	Wednesday 4 March
Introduction to Online Shopping and banking	Wednesday 11 March

Contact the Howlong Library to book your place and to find out further information.

Festival of Fun for Seniors

Join Federation Council this March to celebrate the 2020 NSW Seniors Festival. This year, Council is hosting the "Festival of Fun for Seniors" a two week program with a range of events celebrating the valuable contributions older people make to our community.

Event	Date	Time	Venue
Taste of Life	Monday 2 March	10am-2pm	Corowa RSL Club
Gray Matter Trivia	Wednesday 4 March	10am-2pm	Urana Bowling Club
Spring into Life Expo	Tuesday 10 March	10am-2pm	Corowa Golf Club
Roving Retirees Mystery Bus Tour	Thursday 12 March	11am-2pm	Mystery Destination
Ageing Well Luncheon	Sunday 15 March	11am-2pm	Yarrowonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort

Events are free to attend and participants must be over 55 and a resident of the Federation Council. Carers welcome. Bookings for the above events will open from Monday 3 February 2020 from Council's website.

Expressions of Interest for Land Rezoning

Council is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI's) from property owners and or developers seeking to undertake residential or commercial development on land where it is currently not permitted under current zoning rules.

This could be the development of existing rural land, or the upzoning of urban land for more intensive development.

Priorities for site development include those that will encourage new dwellings, economic development, job creation and contribute to the future sustainable growth of Federation.

EOI Submissions close Friday 7 February 2020 at 4:30pm.

The EOI process is being managed by consultant's GHD on behalf of Council.

To submit an EOI or find out further information:

- Phone: 1800 810 680 (free call).
- Email: community.input@ghd.com
- In writing to: PO Box 77, Corowa, NSW, 2646, or visit Council's website.



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Emergency Management Procedures

Council is aware that some community members are concerned about the ongoing bushfire situation and seeking information about the process that Council will follow if an emergency event was to occur in our region. Whilst it is important that we assist and support our community, in an emergency event, a coordinated response is led by the relevant emergency agencies such as the Rural Fire Service, State Emergency Service and Police.

In the event of a bushfire or another emergency event, Council's role is to provide support and resources and take direction through an incident control centre.

If required, the incident control centre determines when and where relief / evacuation centres are established. Once this happens, a multi-agency effort will swing into action and appropriate resources deployed.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who have been fighting the bushfires and our community for its support and generosity during the past few weeks.

To assist residents and visitors, we have put together a central resource which details Council's Emergency Management Plan, bushfire evacuee assistance along with links to Federal and State Government information. This information is available from Council's website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan

The Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) consultations closed late 2019 and Council is now in the process of undertaking the next stages which include:

- Prioritisation of suggested treatments (these come from both the afore-mentioned consultations and outstanding items from previous PAMP).
- Update Maps (to show both existing and proposed Pedestrian Infrastructure).
- Draft Plan - design and layout.

The Draft Plan will then be submitted to Council and from there placed on public exhibition for community review and comment which we estimate to occur during May 2020.



A further update will be provided in the April edition of the Howlong Grapevine.

Water Quality and Conservation Measures

Federation Council wishes to advise that the water quality in the Murray River may change over the coming weeks due to bushfire contaminants and run off from forecast rain fall.

Significant rainfall events following bushfires can create extreme water quality issues due to erosion and contaminants coming from ash, fire retardant usage and erosion run-off into the river system.

Council is requesting residents to be mindful that supply and water pressure during peak periods (10am – 5pm) may be impacted due to the quality of available source water from the river off takes.

To ensure continued reliability of the water supply, residents located in Corowa, Howlong and Mulwala are asked to review their daily water usage and implement water saving measures.

We request residents to be water wise and avoid watering gardens during the hottest part of the day between 10am – 4pm when evaporation is high. When watering gardens, use a watering can or a trigger nozzle on a hose so that you only water those areas that need it.

Due to the current drought, Council is considering the introduction of water restrictions, however, will monitor the situation and provide updated information to the community over the coming weeks. Further information about being water wise is available from the Water NSW website.



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Learner Driver Mentor Workshop



Federation Council conducts free Learner Driver Mentor workshops for supervisors of learner drivers that aim to increase knowledge and confidence.

Expressions of interest are invited for the next workshop (date and time to be confirmed) - register now by completing the online form from Council's website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Kerbside Bin Collection Calendar

Do you forget which bins to put out each week for kerbside waste collection?

No more guessing, download the 2020 calendar from Council's website.



Hawkins Street Disabled Parking Relocation



Council is proposing to relocate the disabled parking in Hawkins Street, Howlong from outside the Hume Bank to outside the IGA supermarket, due to safety issues at the current location.

Features of this proposed relocation are:

- Install a 45 degree angle parking disabled parking space in front of IGA.
- Relocate existing bench seat to the front of the bakery.
- Install a pram/kerb ramp where existing bench seat is currently located.
- Line-mark a disabled space (including bollard) to the immediate western side of the disabled parking space to allow safe access to/from vehicle.
- Black out the old parallel disabled parking line-marking.

Council is inviting the community to provide feedback on this proposal by 5pm Friday 28 February, 2020. Further information is available on Council's website.

Light Up Federation Winners Announced

The 'Light Up Federation' Christmas Light Competition is over for another year and Council would like to congratulate the houses and businesses that put their lights up and got into the Christmas spirit.

Over 210 votes were received with the winners of the 2019 Light Up Federation are:

Best Decorated House: 8 Hay Street, Corowa

Best Decorated Street: O'Brien Court, Corowa

Best Decorated Business: Corowa Ambulance Station

Further details available from Council's website.