



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.

2024 Council Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, 16 January Corowa Chamber	Tuesday, 27 February Corowa Chamber
Tuesday, 26 March Urana Chamber	Tuesday, 30 April Corowa Chamber
Tuesday, 28 May Urana Chamber	Tuesday, 25 June Corowa Chamber
Tuesday, 30 July Urana Chamber	Tuesday, 27 August Corowa Chamber
Tuesday, 22 October Corowa Chamber	Tuesday, 26 November Urana Chamber
Tuesday, 17 December Corowa Chamber	

Public Forum

Members of the public have the opportunity to address the Council prior to Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings. The forum allows for verbal submissions/presentations from community members on items of business to be considered at the meeting. Conditions are outlined in Council's Code of Meeting Practice. Council holds Public Forums on the Monday before the Council meeting at 5.30pm. To apply to make a presentation at a public forum, please submit your request via the online form available from Council's website.

Community Grants Program Set to open

Round two of the Federation Council 2023/2024 Community Grants Program is set to open 5 February 2024 with funds available to help local community groups, organisations and clubs to deliver a range of community projects and events.

Council Mayor Pat Bourke is encouraging not-for-profit groups and organizations to apply for a share in \$30,000 of funding for this year's second round of Community Grants Program.

"The Community Grants Program is an initiative aiming to empower groups to develop ideas, projects and events that can contribute to the vibrancy and connected community of Federation Council," Mayor Bourke said. "We see this as a way to bring forward new ideas and help to develop existing projects to a new height."

The grants program is
a community
focused



initiative that gives Federation organisations a way of involving the wider community, their participation in local activities and, championing projects that have a strong economic and social impact."

Two rounds are facilitated each year, with a total amount of \$60,000 available to fund one-off projects through one of the eleven focus categories:

- Arts and Culture;
- Accessibility and Inclusion;
- Children and Families.
- Community Work and Welfare;
- Events & Tourism;
- Health Promotion;
- Seniors (Ageing Well);
- Sports and Recreation;
- Skill Development and Learning;
- Volunteers
- Young People.

Applications close Friday 15 March at 4 pm. Applications recommended for approval will be considered and announced to successful groups at the April Ordinary Council meeting.

Light Up Federation Winners



Residents and businesses lit up Federation with festive lights and decorations with Council announcing the Best Decorated Christmas light in the area.

Council is excited to announce the winners of the 2023 Light Up Federation competition;

- BEST DECORATED HOUSE - 106 Bank Street, Howlong
- BEST DECORATED STREET - Bank Street, Howlong
- BEST DECORATED BUSINESS - Rivergum Holiday Park, Corowa
- PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD - O'Brien Court, Corowa

The winner of the Best Decorated House will receive \$500 worth of gift vouchers from their choice of a local business. The People's Choice Award and the Best Decorated Business will receive \$250 of gift vouchers from their choice of a local business. The Best Decorated Street will have a custom sign recognising their achievement, that will be attached to their local street sign.

Federation Council would like to congratulate and thank the many residents and businesses that adorned their homes and shop fronts as part of the 2023 Christmas celebrations. Find out more from Council's website.



Get Live and Local at the 2024 Federation Ageing Well Festival



Federation Council is inviting senior residents to get live and local at the 2024 Federation Ageing Well Festival.

Join in the fun this March, by going to a senior's event in your local town. Bookings open Wednesday 7 February 2024 at 9:30 am. Book tickets via the links on Council's website or call the Corowa Visitor Information Centre on (02) 6033 3221.

Ageing Well = Exercise & Pamper Day

Get ready to be pampered or pamper yourself before you try a taster session of the MLHD Active Ageing Program or Yoga. Morning tea included.

Guest speaker: Exercise often to enhance your health and well-being.

Date: Tuesday 12 March @ 10 am.

Venue: Urana Waterfront Pavilion

Ageing Well = Eat Right Indoor Picnic

Roll out the gingham tablecloths, we are taking the outside inside and inviting you to the Eat Right Indoor Picnic.

Guest Speaker: Eat right to age well.

Date: Thursday 14 March @ 12 pm.

Venue: Howlong Golf Resort

Ageing Well = Be Social Paint and Sip Workshop

Unleash your creativity at the Be Social Paint & Sip Workshop. Local group Quirky Events will guide you from start to finish to create your own masterpiece. You buy the wine or your favourite beverage, and we'll provide all the materials including lunch.

Guest speaker: Be social, live life and experience happiness and satisfaction

Date: Monday 18 March @ 11 am.

Venue: Oaklands RSL Club

Ageing Well = Rest and Recreation Movie Day

Time to unwind in luxury and enjoy a bit of rest and relaxation as you watch a special movie screening at the R & R Movie Day. Followed by a delicious lunch.

Guest speaker: Quality sleep and making time to unwind and enjoy life is an important part of maintaining good health.

Date: Wednesday 20 March @ 10:30 am.

Venue: Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort

Ageing Well = Stay Sharp Trivia

Join us for an exhilarating day of brain-teasing fun, test your knowledge, and keep your brain sharp as our host takes you on a journey through a variety of mind-boggling categories. From pop culture and sports to history and local knowledge there's something to challenge every intellect! Lunch included. Guest Speaker: Stay sharp to elder abuse, scams and senior fraud.

Date: Sunday 24 March @ 11 am

Venue: Corowa Golf Club

Make a splash at the Corowa Aquatic Centre and the Howlong Pool during the NSW Seniors Festival and receive discount of casual admission at the for residents who show their seniors card at entry. \$3 entry instead of \$6 at the Corowa Aquatic Centre and \$2.50 entry at the Howlong Pool.

The Federation Ageing Well Festival celebrates ageing well in the Federation Council area. It recognises the important contribution older people make to our community.

The NSW Seniors Festival runs from 11 – 24 March 2024 and is about getting out and about, pick up new skills, learn what activities and services are available, join local clubs and groups in the community, meet others, and most importantly, have fun.

Please Note:

A festival for people aged over 60 living in the Federation Council Local Government Area. Companion Cards accepted.

As there is limited capacity for each event - please only register if you are a senior resident of the Federation Council and for one event only.

There are no buses this year so guests will need to make their own way to the events.

For more information and to book visit Council's website or call the Corowa Visitor Information Centre.

New Residents Kit

Council has compiled a New Resident Kit to provide you with a handy reference guide to the services and facilities available from Council and within the community to welcome new residents.

A copy of the New Resident Kit is available on Council's website as an e-book or you can download your own copy. If you have recently moved here (or are about to) and would like to receive a New Resident Welcome Pack, you can pick one up from any Council office or contact Council on **(02) 6033 8999** and we will organise one to be delivered to you.



Howlong's Magical Night: Twilight Market & Christmas Concert delights



Howlong came together to embrace the holiday spirit on Saturday, December 16th, with the captivating Twilight Market and delightful Christmas concert by MC Rodney Vincent transforming Lowe Square into a magical holiday haven.

The festivities came alive with enchanting Christmas carols sung by the Howlong Primary School choir, captivating performances by Empower Dance Academy, a heartwarming nativity scene presented by Children of Generation Life Church, and delightful entertainment from the lively Whistle and Trick kids' band. Adding to the magic, a circus roving performer added a touch of wonder.

The evening reached its pinnacle with a stellar ensemble of performers, including the musical talents of Rodney Vincent, Lachlan McIntyre, Belinda Mead, Antonia Maher, Colleen Bell and Taylah Jenkins. Accompanying them was the melodious touch of Paul Gibbs on the piano, creating a truly unforgettable experience.

Kids were singing and dancing the night away and excitedly dashed across the football oval when Santa Clause made his grand entrance in a fire truck.

The festive vibes were truly magical as the community gathered to revel in the twilight maker markets and Christmas concert. From 3pm, attendees explored a wonderful array of market stalls seeking holiday gifts while indulging in treats from a variety of food trucks, including favourites like Redhead and Chef, Redgum Wood Fired Pizzas, and Slinky Spuds.

Howlong Twilight Christmas Festival was possible with the generous support of the Howlong Progress Association and the Howlong Spiders Football and Netball Club.

The event was funded by the NSW State Government's Reconnecting Regional

NSW - Community Events Program and is part of five events taking place this Summer across the North of the Murray region.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Pat Bourke said Saturday evening at Lowe Square was nothing short of magical.

"The perfect weather conditions greeted us on Saturday as we came together in Lowe Square to celebrate the many wonderful things about Howlong and Christmas," Mayor Bourke said.

"The local performances were a highlight for me, as well as catching up with many residents who all said they thoroughly enjoyed the festival and holiday atmosphere. On behalf of Council I would like to thank the Howlong Progress Association, Howlong Spiders Football and Netball Club, Council staff, The Bravery and supporting organisations who worked tirelessly to ensure this event was a success and enjoyed by our community. Well done to all involved."

Animalia at the Corowa Art Space



**DIG YOUR PAWS INTO A MENAGERIE OF
ARTWORKS INSPIRED BY THE ANIMAL KINGDOM**

COROWA ART SPACE 🐾 18TH JANUARY UNTIL 3RD MARCH
OPEN WED - FRI 10AM - 4PM, SAT & SUN 10AM - 2PM



Art enthusiasts and school holiday makers will be able to dig their paws into a menagerie of artworks inspired by the animal kingdom at the upcoming 'Animalia' exhibition at Corowa Arts Space.

Featuring creatures big and small, the works on display are sourced from the Corowa Collection and from the private collections of several artists and collectors in the region. The free exhibition offers a unique glimpse of artistic interpretations by Australian artists who have paid homage to the beauty and wonder of the animal world.

Animalia will be available to view at Corowa Art Space from Thursday 18th of January and closes on Sunday 3rd March. The gallery is open Wednesday to Friday from 10am until 4pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 2pm.



Ageing Well Committee campaigns for no broken hearts this Valentine's Day



Photo: Wendy Eyers, Liz Seeliger, Councillor Gail Law, Yvonne Perin, Vivian Spilva and Stan Bromley.

To ensure there is no heartbreak this Valentine's Day, the Federation Ageing Well Committee is doing their bit by raising awareness about the importance of knowing CPR and being familiar with the nearest Automated External Defibrillator (AED), in case you need it in the event of an emergency.

Around 25,000 Australians suffer a cardiac arrest outside of hospital every year. The quicker a person in cardiac arrest receives CPR and defibrillation (if possible), not only improves their chances of survival but it can also help to improve the chances of them recovering fully and reduces the time to do so. Using a defib in the minutes before an ambulance arrives can double someone's chances of survival. In fact, research has shown that early cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillation in the first eight to ten minutes sees survival rates jump from 6% up to 75%.

Ageing Well Committee member, Yvonne Perrin wants people to know that the growing health issue of sudden cardiac arrest has a response we can all participate in, "You can play your part in making our community a safer place for everyone by completing a first aid course and having the skills and confidence to respond effectively with CPR, and knowing where the nearest defibrillator is located."

A defibrillator (sometimes called a 'defib', or AED if it's an automated external defibrillator) can save someone's life if they have a cardiac arrest. They are easy to use and take up no more room than a fire extinguisher. Those shocked by a public defibrillator had an impressive 47% survival rate, far higher than the 26% survival for those who were shocked first by paramedics.

"In the last few years, we have seen a number of public accessible defibs be installed across the Council area that are available 24 /7. There is now one outside the

Hume Bank in Corowa and Howlong, Club Corowa, Oaklands RSL & Bowling Club, Balldale Hotel, and the Howlong Football Netball Club.

Along with many local sports and community groups having defibrillators available in the club rooms," said Yvonne. "Knowing that there is AEDs that any community member can access at any time is comforting for many older people, especially those that live in our rural towns and villages where emergency services may take up to 45 minutes to arrive due to the distance." The Ageing Well Committee have recently been discussing

at their meetings AED Locator apps such as the Heart of the Nation app. "One of the committee members mentioned Heart of the Nation, created by the original yellow Wiggle, Greg Page OAM, which has an app that you can download onto your phone," said Ageing Well Committee member, Wendy Eyers.

"If you are willing and able to perform CPR, and are aged 18 or older, you can also register yourself as a community responder such as Good SAM to via the NSW Ambulance. It can call 000 for you, alert nearby responders when a cardiac arrest is happening so they can help with CPR, and deliver an AED and provides a map of devices nearby."

Wendy is also encouraging community groups, businesses and organisations with publicly accessible defibrillators to ensure their defibrillator is registered on the NSW Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Register, "Spending a few minutes and registering your defibrillator could make a real difference in saving someone's life giving the responder real time access to AED locations and their availability,"

The NSW Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Register is NSW Government initiative which will assist first responders in providing first aid, while also allowing communities, town planners and researchers to understand the availability of AEDs across NSW and look at opportunities to install new ones. As a person responsible for one or more AEDs, you can register your AEDs through your Service NSW account, following the prompts to 'Register my AED' or by going directly to register. aed.nsw.gov.au.

Request for Quote Consultancy Services - Children, Youth & Family Strategy

Federation Council is seeking Request for Quotation (RFQ) for consultancy services from community engagement specialists to assist Council in the development of its inaugural organisational-wide, four-year Children, Youth, and Family Strategy.

Documentation relating to the RFQ including the submission process, deliverables and selection criteria will be available from Council's website from Monday 12 February with submission received up to 5pm Monday 18 March, 2024.

Submissions need to be provided no later than 5pm, Monday 18 March 2024 by e-mailing council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au (Att. Manager Eco Development & Community).

Any queries or clarification in writing during the open Request for Quote period should be directed to Council's Community Development Team Leader via email: amber.harvey@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

