

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, 30 January Corowa Chamber	Tuesday, 27 February Corowa Chamber
Tuesday, 26 March Urana Chamber	Tuesday, 30 April Corowa Chamber
Tuesday, 18 May Corowa 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.

Sign up to Electronic Newsletters



Federation Council produces a number of electronic newsletters to engage with our community and visitors regularly and to showcase the vast array of Council projects and updates.

Keep up with the latest and subscribe by visiting Council's website or scanning the QR code above.



Make memories that last this Summer



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!

Rock on the River, Corowa:

Saturday 20 January, 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.

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.

We would like to thank the community for attending the Light Up Corowa event (on 1 December) and the Howlong Twilight Christmas Festival (on 16 December).

Find out more! www.northofthemurray.com.au



Photo: Light Up Corowa



Get Live and Local at the 2024 Federation Ageing Well Festival

Federation **AGEING WELL FESTIVAL**

11-24 March 2024



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.

Art to Celebrate International Day of People with Disability

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 until Sunday 14th January. The gallery is open Wednesday to Friday from 10am until 4pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 2pm.



Australia Day Awards Ceremony



Come along and celebrate Australia Day at the Federation Council's Day Awards Ceremony at Paradise Palladium Theatre in Morundah on Friday 26th January.

The ceremony commencing at 10am will include the announcement of the Federation Council Citizen of the Year Award, Young Citizen of the Year Award, Community Group the Year Award, the Local Achiever Awards as well as recognition of the Student Achiever Award recipients.

The Awards are provided by Federation Council, and decided by Council's Elected Australia Day Awards Panel.

Live entertainment and a complimentary lunch will follow the ceremony. Residents are encouraged to register their attendance for catering purposes. Registrations can be made with Council via the website, by calling 02 6033 8999 or by emailing communityevents@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Federation Council's 2024 Australia Day Awards and Ceremony is assisted by the National Australia Day Council.

Extreme Heat Tips

As we head into the warmer summer weather, Federation Council encourages residents and visitors to look after yourself, your family and pets by following these tips:

- Stay hydrated and drink enough water.
- Keep out of the heat, look for shade, wear a hat and try not to be outside during the hottest parts of the day (11am-4pm).
- Encourage people to look after themselves and keep an eye out for the young, elderly, neighbours and friends.



- Don't forget your pets and animals, ensure they have plenty of water and shade.
- Cool your home by closing blinds in the morning before the sun gets hot.
- Never leave kids, adults or pets in hot cars as the temperature can increase quickly.
- Council offices and libraries in Corowa, Howlong, Mulwala and Urana are air conditioned and provide a cooler environment.
- NSW Health - Beat the heat and stay well during hot weather.
- Follow NSW Rural Fire Service for updates and information. - In an emergency ring 000.

Join the team!



Discover what job opportunities Federation Council has for you. There are a range of job types that could suit your interests, lifestyle or career plans and which will support Council's local community, businesses and visitors.

If you are passionate about delivering great customer service, working for a progressive and innovative Council, and making a difference to your local community, please apply by visiting Federation Council's website to see what job opportunities are going today!

SWIMVAC - Royal Life Saving Learn to Swim Program



Registrations are now open for the Royal Life Saving's SwimVAC program hosted at the Howlong Swimming Pool and Corowa Aquatic Centre in January 2024.

- Monday 8 January - Friday 19 January, 2024

SwimVAC is a swimming and water safety holiday intensive program for children from 6 months - 14 years of age.

Register today from the Royal Life Saving's website
www.drowningprevention.org.au/swimvac

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.



2022-2023 Annual Report



Federation Council is pleased to present its Annual Report to residents for the 2022-2023 financial year.

It is one of the primary methods used by Council to demonstrate accountability to the community. It reports Council's performance against the adopted Delivery Program and agreed actions as outlined in the 2022-2023 Operational Plan.

Council is required to produce an Annual Report that provides details of the organisation's activities and finances over the period of the previous financial year.

The Annual Report serves to provide assurance that Council is acting in accordance with its adopted plans by demonstrating an ongoing commitment to transparency, accountability and strong governance. View the Annual Report from Council's website.

Independent Review update - Report & Recommendations

Council noted Professor Drews report 'The Advantages and Disadvantages of Amalgamation and Federation Council's Financial Sustainability' and recommendations at the November Council Meeting.

The report was commissioned by Council in June 2023, and after an expression of interest process, Council awarded a contract to the University of Newcastle, led by Professor Joseph Drew, to complete this work. The process commenced in July and has now finalised.

Council resolved to receive further reports regarding the consideration of implementation of the recommendations. Download the report and recommendations from Council's website.

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.