



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, 28 November Urana Chamber	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.

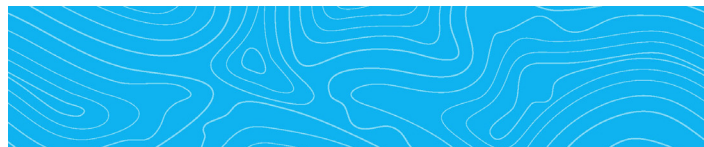
From 8 December 2023, businesses that handle unpackaged food requiring temperature control, and serve it ready-to-eat, must have a qualified Food Safety Supervisor and ensure all food handlers are trained in food safety and hygiene. Higher-risk enterprises must also be able to demonstrate their safe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

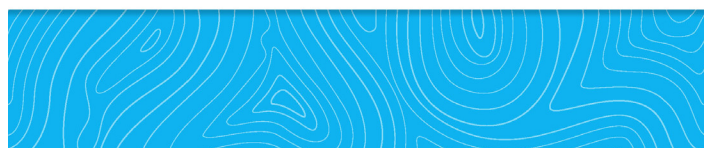
Find out more from Council's website.



Howlong Swimming Pool Summer Season opening



Howlong SWIMMING POOL **RE-OPENING**



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.

Overgrown Vegetation

Spring is now upon us bringing weather conditions that promote abundant growth of grass, shrubs, weeds and other vegetation. As the fire restriction period is fast approaching, Council is encouraging your help to keep our community safe by ensuring properties are regularly maintained now and into the future.

Federation Council wishes to remind all landowners that they are responsible for keeping the vegetation within their property boundaries, fence lines and nature strips in good order.

Council staff will undertake routine inspections over the coming months and will respond to resident concerns about excessive vegetation growth on properties.

To bring an issue to our attention, please lodge an online customer request from Council's website or contact our customer service team by phone.

Land reported to Council as having overgrown vegetation may be issued with an Order 21 in accordance with Section 124 of the Local Government Act 1993 and may be issued with a Penalty Notice.

Corowa Aquatic Centre Summer Season Opening



COROWA AQUATIC CENTRE

Our summer season commences Monday 1 November 2023 - 31 March 2024.

With a 50m outdoor Olympic pool, a 25m indoor heated pool, indoor program pool and a splash park the Corowa Aquatic Centre welcomes everyone to enjoy the water all year round.

Mark the Summer Season opening dates in your calendars and come with family and friends and spend a day relaxing poolside and enjoying the fun of a splash in the sun-dappled water.

- Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 7am-11am; 3pm-7pm
- Tuesday & Thursday: 6am-7pm
- Saturday & Sunday: 7am-6pm
- Public Holidays: 10am-6pm

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.



Council to receive \$5.8m for road repairs

Federation Council will receive \$5,893,920 for road repairs as part of the \$15 million in new funding announced for the Albury electorate from the Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund (RERRF) announced in the 2023-24 NSW Budget.

During a visit to Albury last week, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Jenny Aitchison said the Minns Labor Government's new cash injection would enable local councils to press ahead with urgent road and pothole repairs.

"Whether it's fixing potholes, sealing roads, resurfacing or rehabilitating sections of road — this new fund will help councils undertake much needed work to repair their road networks," Minister Aitchison said.

"I am also pleased to see councils will be able to prioritise what roads to spend this new money and allocate it to where they believe the community need is greatest."

Budget figures shown below reveal councils in the Albury electorate will receive more than \$15 million from RERRF.

- Albury City Council - \$1,469,646
- Federation Council - \$5,893,920
- Greater Hume Shire Council - \$5,329,065
- Snowy Valleys Council - \$3,045,308

Minister Aitchison said the funding amount allocated to each council was based on the total kilometres of regional and local roads each council was responsible for managing.

"The Minns Labor Government's RERRF will deliver \$390 million to 95 eligible councils across NSW, including Albury City, Federation, Greater Hume and Snowy Valleys Councils. to upgrade their roads," Minister Aitchison said.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Pat Bourke said Council welcomed the funding announcement.

"This is fantastic news for our region and Council warmly welcomes this generous funding allocation through the Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund," Mayor Bourke said.

"We have a large road network, and funding such as this goes a long way in helping Council address our critical infrastructure priorities. Council looks forward to commencing works under this program as soon as possible."



2024 Australia Day Award Nominations



Do you know someone who has given outstanding service to your community?

Would you like to shine a spotlight on a local hero in your town?

Are you a member of an amazing community group which deserves recognition?

If so, consider submitting a nomination for the 2024 Federation Council's Australia Day Awards. Federation Council Mayor, Cr Patrick Bourke said, "The Australia Day Awards program is a way to recognise people who make exceptional contributions to our local communities. The awards provide the community with an opportunity to celebrate an individual's achievement or contribution to the Federation Council region."

"The Australia Day Awards honour citizens and community groups of the Federation Council who have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years."

Citizen of the Year Award

The Citizen of the Year Award applauds an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the wellbeing of the Federation Council community through their leadership and/or voluntary service. Contributions can be in the areas of social, environmental, business and/or arts and culture.

Young Citizen of the Year Award

The Young Citizen of the Year Award recognises a young person aged under 30 years who has given outstanding service to the community.

The Local Achiever Awards

The Local Achiever of the Year Award celebrates local heroes in each town and village who go above and beyond to make their own community a great place to live.

Community Group of the Year

The Community Project of the Year Award acknowledges a community group or organisation that in the last year has been inspirational in bringing the community together. They may have hosted an event, delivered successful programs or have found ways to connect with the community.

Detailed guidance to help complete a online nomination form is available from the Council website. Before beginning you will need to gather some key information:

- The contact details of the person or group you are nominating. We encourage you to seek their permission before nominating.
- A short case of why/who you are nominating; including
 - Examples of how they have demonstrated outstanding qualities
 - What they have done to make things better for others
 - The role(s) or area(s) in which they have excelled
 - The period of time, or dates of service (if known)
 - Evidence of other awards or recognition received by the nominee
- A referee (including contact details)

Award recipients will be announced at the official Australia Day Award Ceremony on Friday 26 January 2024 in Morundah.

Nominations forms are available via Council's website. For more information contact the Community Development Team at Council on **(02) 6033 8999**. Nominations for the 2024 Australia Day Awards close 5pm on Monday 20 November 2023.

Mayor and Deputy Mayor re-elected

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Patrick Bourke and Deputy Mayor, Cr Shaun Whitechurch will continue in their respective leadership roles following an extraordinary meeting on Friday, September 22.

Mayor, Cr Patrick Bourke was re-elected to the position of Mayor, unopposed.

Deputy Mayor, Cr Shaun Whitechurch was re-elected to the position of Deputy Mayor, defeating Councillor Rowena Black, who was also nominated for the position 5-3. Mayor Bourke and Deputy Mayor Whitechurch will hold their positions for a 12-month period, until September 2024.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Patrick Bourke thanked the Councillors for putting their trust in him for the next 12 months.

"Thank you to my fellow Councillors for their continued support and I look forward to serving Federation Council for the remainder of my term," Mayor Bourke said.

Federation Council Deputy Mayor, Cr Shaun Whitechurch said he was honoured to be re-elected to the position of Deputy Mayor.

"I look forward to working alongside Mayor Bourke and fellow councillors over the next 12 months to make positive contributions and address the challenges that lie ahead for our region," Deputy Mayor Whitechurch said.



Capital Works Program Update - August 2023



Council has an ongoing program of capital works and upgrades to buildings, parks, playgrounds and roads across the Federation Council Region. The following activities were undertaken during August 2023 by Federation Council's Operations Works teams.

- Balldale Road 8km reconstruction – LRCI Grant Works recommenced in August. Section 4km to 6km of bulk earthworks and widening in preparation of new gravel pavement in September.
- North Street, Mulwala - Kerb & Channel and footpath New footpath, kerb and gutter and drainage have been installed on Corowa Road at North Street Mulwala and Lang Street Mulwala. Asphaltting of the road surface in front of new kerb & gutter to be completed when contractors become available.
- SRV Gravel Resheeting - Narrow Plains Road 1.35km west from Wangamong Road rail crossing. Sandy Ridges Road 2.3km south from Buraja Road.
- Maintenance Grading Council secured funds from the NSW Government under the Regional Local Rural Road Repair Program to undertake road repairs on sealed and unsealed roads after the floods in late 2022. Council is using this grant to fund the maintenance grading of unsealed roads leading up to another large harvest season. See tables below of graded roads.
- Table drain maintenance - Table drain maintenance focussed on customer requests during winter. Please Note: Works were carried out only in zones where no impact can be made on the Sloanes Froglet (between April and October breeding season).
- Sealed Roads - Numerous customer requests for pothole repairs on sealed urban and rural roads have been received and actioned with the Corowa based Flocon patching truck and the Urana based Jet Master patching truck. Work is continuous on all roads such as:

Federation Way south/north, Jerilderie Road, Boree Road, Urana/Boree/Morundah/Oakland and Rand township and rural roads. The impacts of the flooding and recent prolonged period of wet weather are still a significant issues that the operations staff are working hard to get on top of.

- Maintenance Crew/Sundry Crew - Culvert installations/ Repairs Patching with cold mix, Sign replacements, Guild posts, General maintenance in townships, Working on both construction jobs when needed.
- Flood damage repairs, Fulfilling customer requests, Floating plant throughout the shire, Operating loader in pits and stock piles, Table drain maintenance, Roadside tree sucker removal/spraying.
- Heavy Trucks - Carting waste/gravel for earthworks, culvert replacement on Cullivel Rd, Gravel carting for Balldale Road, Carting stone for patching trucks and Jetpatcher Carting excess spoil from Mulwala to Corowa Landfill for cover & capping.
- TNSW / RMCC Maintenance works under the RMCC agreement.
- Quarries - Planning is well under way for the blasting of 100,000 tons of blast and crushing at the Balldale and Daysdale quarries. The gravels will be used for upcoming RRRP and capital works programs. Awaiting contractor.
- Slasher - Corowa Landfill Bynedale Rd Rand township and surrounds.
- Corowa Aerodrome - Twice weekly inspections carried out to ensure compliance with the MOS 139. Repairs to lights as required. Herbicide spraying on runway shoulders.
- Construction 1 & 2 - Pothole repairs in unsealed urban roads. Corowa Road Mulwala North Street footpath, kerb & channel and drainage. Table drain maintenance, drainage and culvert works, urban and rural roads. Gravel patching urban unsealed roads.

Pre-lodgement meetings for development requiring connection to the water supply network - Howlong

The contract for water main upgrade works in Howlong to increase water supply and reliability was awarded earlier this year, with an anticipated completion date of December 2023. Given the timeframes for construction of developments and the likely timing for connections to the water supply network, Council wishes to advise that we can now schedule pre-lodgement meetings to discuss proposed development with a water demand greater than a 3 bedroom dwelling, or greater than 1 allotment. This includes residential, commercial and industrial developments.

A reminder to applicants that the information provided with applications for development with a water demand of greater than a standard 3 bedroom dwelling or greater than a single residential allotment (known as an Equivalent Tenement, or ET) needs to provide appropriate commentary in response to the requirements of Clause 7.9 Essential Services of Corowa LEP 2012 in their supporting Statement of Environmental Effects. It will not be acceptable to state only that urban services are available and can be connected. A more detailed calculation of the water demand from the development (calculated using the NSW Water Directorate Guidelines) must be provided. This will enable Council to avoid the over-allocation of the additional supply generated by the current water main works. Requests for pre-lodgement meetings should be submitted online via the following link: <https://www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au/Building-Planning/Building-Renovating/Booking-an-Inspection-or-Meeting>

Please note that owing to significant resource constraints, we can only book meetings when staff are available to attend so delays may be experienced. We apologise for the delays, but we are currently prioritising reduction of the backlog of lodged applications throughout the local government area.

