

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, 31 October Corowa Chamber	Tuesday, 28 November Urana Chamber
Tuesday, 19 December Corowa Chamber	

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.

Magpies Swooping



Spring often signals the beginning of the breeding season for our native birds, mainly Magpies and Plovers, which subsequently means swooping.

During the nesting season, a Magpie may swoop on people, clacking its beak. While alarming, it is usually an attempt to defend its family, so it is just a warning.

The good news is that a single magpie will swoop for only six weeks until their chicks leave the nest. A list of known swooping locations is available from Council's website to help protect you and your family.

If you know of a hot spot swooping location in the Federation Council local government area, share the location with us by contacting our customer service team.



Snake Sightings

Council has received reports of snake sightings throughout the Federation Council area.

During the warmer weather, snakes like to move onto greener pastures to find food or a nice warm place to rest, often placing them in close contact with humans.

If you see a snake, don't panic, back away to a safe distance. All snakes are protected in NSW and killing one is an offence. Only licensed people are allowed to catch or keep snakes. A licensed local herpetologist is able to catch and relocate a snake for a fee.

Find out more information from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment website:

www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/native-animals/native-animal-facts/snakes

Service NSW Savings Finder Appointments

Service NSW Savings Finder 



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.

Labour Day - Public Holiday

Federation Council services and facilities will have altered operating hours for the Labour Day Public Holiday scheduled on Monday 2 October, 2023.

The After Hours service for urgent matter will operating during the closure period as normal.

Visit our website for more information.

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.

Broadleaf Weed Spraying program

Council wishes to advise that herbicide applications will occur until mid October 2023 to all ovals, parks, cemeteries and recreation areas in the Federation Council area to selectively remove broadleaf weeds.

This annual program removes broadleaf weeds, reducing mowing frequencies and improving turf density. The selective herbicide that will be used is Javelin (20g/l Clopyralid, 15g/l Diflufenican, 300g/l MCPA). Please get in touch with the Council for further information or with any questions.

the Local Government Act 1993 and may be issued with a Penalty Notice.

Biosecurity Weed Control

With the commencement of Spring and the weather warming up, Biosecurity weeds are likely to become more prominent over the coming months.

Federation Council undertakes a Biosecurity weed inspection and control program throughout the year on Council land and roadsides to reduce the threat to primary production and biodiversity.

Council is currently prioritising the reduction and elimination of Biosecurity weeds, with a focus on problem weeds such as Chilean Needle Grass, St John's Wort, Spiny Burr Grass, Horehound, African Boxthorn, Blackberry, Silver leaf nightshade and Coolatai Grass to name a few.

A spot spraying program will be undertaken from September through to May with the following herbicides being used;

- Glyphosate 360 Bi Active
- Glyphosate 450,540
- Starane Advanced
- BS 1000 Wetter
- Metsulfuron-methy- Brush-off
- Spray Marker Dye- For High volume spot spray areas

Council is encouraging landowners to take effective measures to remove weeds from their property including spot spraying, biological control and chip and burn. To assist landowners, a range of information and resources regarding weeds can be found at any Council office, which includes printed materials to help with the identification of weeds. A full list of biosecurity weeds, active growth timings and locations can be found on Council's website.

For further information about Biosecurity weeds, please contact Council.

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.



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.

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





FEDERATION
COUNCIL

FEDERATION COMMUNITY EXPO

THURSDAY **19** OCTOBER

5:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

BANGERANG PARK
COROWA

FIND OUT WHAT IS AVAILABLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

FOOD

**M Live
Music!**

**FREE
GIVEAWAYS**

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