

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, 26 September Corowa Chamber	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.

Community Grants Program



Round one of the Federation Council 2023-2024 Community Grants Program is now open, with funds available to help local community groups, organisations and clubs to deliver a range of community projects and events.

Eligible applicants can apply under one of three categories:

- **Category 1** - Emerging Grant funding, to support the establishment of new initiatives, applicable up to \$3,000 per applicant.
- **Category 2** - Emerging Grant funding; to support the promotion of emerging projects, applicable up to \$1,500 available per applicant.
- **Category 3** - Community events grant; to support the strategic development for small to medium events applicable up to \$1,500 per applicant.



If you are an eligible group and you have a great idea that can benefit the wider community, don't miss this opportunity to review the guidelines and submit your initiative via our online form before 5pm, Friday 15 September, 2023.

"We have a great guide available to all residents and organisations, that can assist with ensuring your application and initiatives are eligible for funding available through our website," Mayor Bourke said. Visit Council's website.

The Bald Archy is back!



Australia's premier satirical art prize, the Bald Archy Prize, is back at the Corowa Art Space from 8 September to 8 October.

The famous and infamous personalities were plentiful among the 22 finalists, but in the end, Albo, Scomo, Dutton, George Pell, Gina Rinehart, Ash Barty, Costa and even King Charles failed to take the crown in this year's hard-fought competition. The winner, instead, went to a portrait by Marty Steel of the founder of the Bald Archy Prize, Peter Batey who passed away in 2019.

Created in 1994 as a spoof of that more serious competition, the Bald Archy Prize provides artists of all styles and standards with a genuine opportunity, ranging from the hilarious to the bizarrely vulgar, to create portrait paintings of humour, dark satire, light comedy, or caricature. After the passing of Peter, the administration of the Bald Archy Prize was handed over to the Museum of the Riverina, Wagga Wagga.

Now known internationally as the only art competition in the world to be judged by a sulfur-crested cockatoo named Maude, the satirical side of this event has its basis in the irreverent, larrikin Australian comic comment, with great appeal to people from all walks of life, the reason why the exhibition of finalists keeps breaking attendance records wherever it is shown.

Entry cost for adults is \$5.00 and children are free. Group bookings are welcome.

Find out more about the Bald Archy exhibition at the Corowa Art Space from 8 September - 8 October 2023 on Council's website.

Open Monday - Friday 10 am - 4 pm, Saturday & Sunday from 10 am to 2 pm.

Tour dates and locations, and more about the history of The Bald Archy Prize can be found at baldarchy.com.au

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.

Water Main Cleaning

Federation Council will commence water main cleaning in the townships of Corowa, Mulwala and Howlong from Monday 28 August 2023.

Customers may experience short periods of dirty or discoloured water during cleaning. Works are expected to be completed by Tuesday, 19 September 2023.

Periodic water main cleaning is part of the ongoing commitment by the Council to maintain a quality water supply for its customers.

If you require any further information, please get in touch with Council on (02) 6033 8999 or view our website.

Selective Herbicide Applications

Council wishes to advise that herbicide applications will occur from mid August to 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.



Federation Community Expo Expressions of Interest

Federation Council and the Federation Interagency Committee is calling for Expressions of Interest from sporting groups, community organisations and service providers operating in the Federation Council local government area and further afield to join us at the inaugural Federation Community Expo.

The Federation Community Expo will be a one day event, scheduled on Thursday 19 October, 5:30pm – 7:30pm at Bangerang, Park Corowa. This event is being organised by the Federation Interagency Committee and is designed to connect people with their local community and a great opportunity to promote who they are and what they do.

Stalls are free, we just ask groups to provide their own information, resources, and staff to answer questions and give advice about their services or community group. We are also seeking community groups to hold a fundraising BBQ and /or drinks stall along with applications to perform or play music.

Why not make your stall stand out and provide an activity at your stall to ensure a vibrant, interactive atmosphere. You tell us what you want to do!

To express your interest in attending, please complete the online form available on Council's website or if you would like more information please contact Tracey Barkley or Amber Murphy of Intereach on 02 60 442 802 or Amber Harvey of Federation Council via email: communityevents@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au.

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

North of the Murray Event Series - Agency Appointed



A total of six Expressions of Interest were received to host the North of the Murray Events Series from businesses and agencies located across Australia.

As outlined in the EOI documentation and in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy, a detailed review and evaluation was undertaken of each individual EOI submission.

We are pleased to announce and introduce the successful agency who will plan, promote and coordinate the 'North of the Murray Event Series' to be held in Corowa, Howlong, Mulwala and Urana as The Bravery, Events, PR & social media agency.

With a roster of talented staff, The Bravery has over a decade of experience delivering integrated communications campaigns and event production services. Ranging from intimate bespoke dinners to large scale consumer activations that touch thousands of consumers, The Bravery has a depth of understanding of event design and execution, working closely with clients and stakeholders to deliver a unique experience that engage and excite.

The North of the Murray Event Series aims to facilitate economic recovery in the region by supporting tourism and drawing new people to the area.

The activity will provide opportunities for a revenue boost, reconnect communities and promote greater social cohesion.

An important aspect of the event planning will be to engage with as many local businesses, stakeholder and community groups as possible and thereby assist with rejuvenating the local economy. Further information will be shared in the coming weeks about this exciting announcement and ways that our community can be involved.



Federation Council's Australia Day Award Nominations to Open

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, which opens on Friday 15th September.

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."

Nominations available for the following awards:

- Citizen of the Year Award
- Young Citizen of the Year Award
- The Local Achiever Awards
- Community Group of the Year Award

Detailed guidance to help complete a online nomination form is available from the Council website.

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.





FEDERATION

COMMUNITY EXPO

THURSDAY **19** OCTOBER

5:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

BANGERANG PARK
COROWA

FIND OUT WHAT IS AVAILABLE
IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

LIVE
MUSIC

50 +
STALLS

FOOD

FAMILY
FUN

