



CURRAWA CROSSING

Free art exhibition celebrating the work of First Nations artists across the Riverina & Murray regions.
On display at the Corowa Art Space.

28 MAY - 13 JULY 2025

Image: Detail of Botanical Gardens by Patricia Cerminara

 **FEDERATION COUNCIL**

 **Bridging Now to Next**

 **THE NEXT GENERATION: STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY**

POSITIONS VACANT

Federation Council is committed to being a quality Council with a strong focus on the delivery of services that continually meet community expectations. If you are committed to excellent customer service, being a competent team player and have a focus on results orientation that drives strategic thinking and fosters a culture of innovation, learning and continuous improvement, then one of these opportunities is for you:

- **Learn to Swim Instructor - Casual**
- **Revenue Officer**

A more detailed advertisement and position description can be obtained from Council's website. Emailing: jobs@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au or by phone on (02) 6033 8903.

LIBRARY CRAFT SESSION - PAPER ROSES

Transform discarded books into something beautiful! Give them a new lease on life and join our super fun Paper Roses Library Craft Session and transform them into gorgeous decorations for your home. No experience needed – it's simple, creative, and totally satisfying!

Here's where the magic happens:

- Mulwala Library: 10:30am, **Wednesday, 25 June**
- Corowa Library: 2:30pm, **Wednesday, 25 June**
- Howlong Library: 10:30am, **Thursday, 26 June**

Spaces are limited, so don't miss out! Call your local library by calling **02 6033 8941** or email corowa.library@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au to book your spot. Let's get crafty!

MEET A FIREFIGHTER LIBRARY STORYTIME

Big news for little heroes!

Corowa Library is celebrating 'Thank a First Responder Day' with a special "Meet a Firefighter!" Storytime!

- **Friday 13 June, 2025**
- 10:30am
- Corowa Library

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to thank our local heroes! See you there!

Find out more by contacting the Corowa Library by calling **02 6033 8941** or email corowa.library@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

FOR THE FUTURE: AGRICULTURE MEETS ENVIRONMENT

Are you or someone you know aged between 18 to 30? Join Corowa District Landcare for a one-day road trip designed especially for young adults interested in farming, land management, and the environment.

Travel across the region to visit a selection of local farms where you'll explore how natural assets like soil, native vegetation, wetlands, threatened species and biodiversity intersect with everyday agricultural operations.

- **Tuesday 1 July, 2025**
- 8:30 am to 9:00 pm
- Departing and returning to Corowa, all day parking available
- A free Landcare event - everyone welcome

What's included?

- Bus transport to farms throughout the day, departing and returning to Corowa
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea
- Dinner at the Newmarket Hotel in Corowa
- Complimentary book Natural Asset Farming: Creating Productive and Biodiverse Farms (valued at \$45)
- Complimentary Corowa District Landcare reusable bag

Visit the Corowa District Landcare website for all the details: www.corowadistrictlandcare.org.au/events/forthefuture

This event has been supported by the NSW Government through Murray Local Land Services Awareness Raising Activities to Promote the Value of On-Farm Natural Assets program.

DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS

Public notice is given pursuant to Section 101 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, that the Council has granted development consent in respect of the following developments. The consents are available for public inspection by contacting Council during business hours.

DA NO.	Address	Approved Work
10.2025.31.1	61 Hawkins Street Howlong	Alterations to existing service station building

Federation Council advises that there are significant delays to all applications being lodged for each stage of the development process. Staff shortages, in conjunction with the increasing complexity of the NSW Planning Portal Processes required to be undertaken by Council has seen pre-lodgement assessment times increasing to 6-8 weeks and average determination times taking between 10-12 weeks. We ask you for your cooperation as Council officers concentrate on clearing the backlog of applications while maintaining all other legislated services.

APPLICATION TRACKER

Federation Council is excited to announce the launch of our updated online Application Tracker, making it easier than ever to stay informed about building and planning applications. This user-friendly tool provides greater transparency and accessibility to information regarding applications being assessed by Council. The Application Tracker provides convenient access to the current status of applications being assessed by Council, as well as those that have already been determined. You can now find information on:

- Development Applications (DAs)
- Complying Development Certificates (CDCs)
- Construction Certificates (CCs)
- Development Modification Applications
- Section 68 (Local Government Act) Applications

Access the Application Tracker here:
<https://datracker.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au/>

We're also working hard to bring you the ability to view lodged documents directly through the tracker in the near future. For more detailed inquiries, please don't hesitate to contact us at planning@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

To learn more about the development process, relevant legislation and policies, and how to lodge your application via the NSW Planning Portal, please visit our website.

DIGITAL CEMETERY PLATFORM

Federation Council launched "Chronicle" an online platform that opens the doors to our region's rich history through the digital records of our cemeteries.

Recognizing that cemeteries are more than just resting places, but also vital repositories of our community's past, Council partnered with Chronicle to digitize records and create a user-friendly platform accessible to everyone.

Visit the Federation Council website to access the new platform and begin your journey of discovery. You can also find more information about the project and the history of our cemeteries on our website.

MOBILE PRESCHOOL SERVICE

At Federation Council, we believe that every child deserves access to high-quality early education, no matter where they live. That's why our Mobile Preschool plays such a vital role in bringing a nurturing and stimulating learning environment directly to families in our rural communities.

Our Mobile Preschool provides a comprehensive Preschool Education program for children aged 3 to 5 years, operating Tuesday through Friday during the NSW school terms. We pride ourselves on creating a safe, supportive, respectful, and nurturing environment where children can learn, grow, and thrive.

We are proud to serve families in the following communities:

1. Rand
2. Boree Creek
3. Urana
4. Daysdale
5. Oaklands

We understand the challenges that distance can sometimes present, which is why we are pleased to offer transportation options to our families, making it easier for children to attend our program.

Learn more and complete the online expressions of interest form from Council's website.

CURRAWA CROSSING ART EXHIBITION

Celebrating Aboriginal art and culture from the Riverina & Murray region, this powerful exhibition returns to Corowa Art Space. Honouring National Reconciliation Week's theme "Bridging Now to Next," it's a must-see. Plus, immerse yourself in Wiradjuri language & culture with short films from Miil Miil Productions! On display until **Sunday 13 July, 2025**.

- Wednesday - Friday 10am - 4pm, Saturday - Sunday 10am to 2pm
- Entry is FREE!

UNDERSTAND YOUR RATES, AND HAVE YOUR SAY!

Federation Council is seeking community input on its proposed rating structure options for the 2025/26 financial year, following approval from IPART for a 19% increase in total rate income. This increase aims to fund essential services and infrastructure. The discussion paper outlines four options for applying this increase, balancing base rates and ad valorem rates to address cost of living challenges and support vulnerable ratepayers. The proposed ordinary rate revenue for 2025/26 is \$15.4 million. Residents, businesses, and farmers are encouraged to review the discussion paper, use the online rate estimator, and provide feedback by 5pm on **Friday 27 June**.

One-on-one meetings with the Chief Financial Officer are also available by calling **(02) 6033 8999** until **Friday 27 June**. For further information, visit www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

PRIVACY AWARENESS WEEK NSW 2025

Privacy Awareness Week NSW takes place from **16-22 June, 2025** and this year's theme is Privacy - it's everyone's business and focuses on privacy being a shared responsibility where everyone has an important role to play. By working together, the protection and security of personal information can be maintained. Federation Council is a proud Champion of Privacy Awareness Week NSW 2025 and is committed to protecting the privacy of NSW citizens. This Privacy Awareness Week, consider these privacy protection measures to help you be more privacy conscious:

- Protecting your privacy starts with being cautious about what you share. Think twice before posting personal details on social media or other platforms. Only connect and share with people you know.
- Use strong, unique passwords for different accounts. This helps prevent unauthorised access to your personal information. Regularly update your passwords to enhance security and enable two-factor authentication wherever possible.
- Be cautious of phishing scams and unsolicited requests for personal information. Verify the source before providing any details.
- Shred unwanted papers that show your personal information.
- Report any data breaches or suspicious activity to the relevant authorities. Stay vigilant and proactive in protecting your information.

Learn more from Council's website.

FIREWOOD COLLECTION

Firewood collection season is now open until the end of September, 2025. Residents can collect firewood on designated Federation Council road reserves for home heating at certain times of the year (**1 April – 30 September**) with a permit. Further information including where you can and can't collect firewood, as well as relevant fees and permit information is available from our website.



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