

Time of Your Life

SENIORS EXPO

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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:

- **Senior Town Planner**
- **Works Officer - Construction & Maintenance**
- **Learn to Swim Instructor**
- **Utilities Coordinator**

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.

COUNCIL RELEASES FAQs ON PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

Council has released a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document to address community concerns and provide transparent information. Council acknowledges the significance of the proposed increase and is committed to open communication with residents. The FAQ document compiles the numerous questions received from the community and organizes them into common themes for easy navigation. The FAQ covers a range of topics, including the rationale behind the proposed increase, its potential impact on residents, and the next steps in the process.

Residents are encouraged to review the document. While the FAQ addresses many common questions, Council welcomes further inquiries. Residents can submit additional questions or comments by emailing Council directly on council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au or, by commenting on the Council's Facebook page. Council values community input and is committed to a transparent process.

CARMONN FRENCH EXHIBITION - SOLID GROUND

Corowa Art Space is pleased to host the solo exhibition 'Solid Ground' from widely exhibited painter and sculptor Carmonn French. Hailing from rural NSW, Carmonn draws inspiration from the Australian landscape, infusing her work with a deeply personal and romantic connection to nature. Her expressive and raw style, often conveyed through inks and oil paints, reflects her father's legacy as a stonemason, honouring the natural world and its ability to shape both the physical and emotional landscape. 'Solid Ground' is now open at Corowa Art Space until **Sunday 16 March 2025**. Entry is free and opening times are Wednesday to Friday 10am – 4pm and on weekends 10am – 2pm. To find out more about the artist please visit www.carmonnfrench.com.au

LIBRARY STORYTIME

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! Children and their parents/carers can participate in FREE story time sessions that involve sharing stories, rhymes and themed activities. Storytime sessions are suitable for ages 0-5 years and run for 30-45 minutes.

- Corowa Library, every Friday morning, 10:30am. **02 6033 8941.**
- Howlong Library, 1st Thursday of the month, 10:30am. **02 6026 5055**
- Mulwala Library, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10:30am. **03 5744 3439**

Find out more by contacting one of the above libraries or visit Council's website. We look forward to seeing you at our first Corowa session **Friday 7 February 2025**.

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
2024/52	2 Chapman Street Urana	Manufactured House
2024/83	65 Milthorpe Street Oaklands	Relocated building to be used as dwelling
2025/6	12 Damian Crescent Mulwala	Shed

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.

DRAFT HEALTH POSITION STATEMENT - COUNCIL AND REGIONAL BUSINESS CHAMBER

The draft Health Position Statement - Council and the Regional Business Chamber is now available on public exhibition. The position statement advocates for Strategic Investment in Albury Wodonga Regional Health Infrastructure, Services and Murrumbidgee Local Health District Infrastructure (Corowa and Urana) and Services across the Federation Local Government Area. Council is also seeking the community views of the recent decision to close the Corowa Hospital aged care wing. Council invites residents to review the draft statement from Council's website or at any Council office and provide feedback. Feedback closes 5pm, **Friday 7 March, 2025**.

HOWLONG POOL UPDATE

Federation Council wishes to advise residents and visitors that the Howlong Swimming Pool is booked for the Howlong Public School swimming carnival on **Thursday 20 February, 2025**. The 25m pool will be unavailable to the general public from 1pm - 3pm. The toddler pool will be available as per normal opening hours, 1pm - 7pm.

ON EXHIBITION

Companion Animal Management Plan and Local Orders Policy keeping of Animals and Birds

At Council's January ordinary meeting, Council endorsed the updated Companion Animal Management Plan and Local Orders Policy keeping of Animals and Birds for public exhibition for a period of 28 days. Council is inviting residents to review the documents and provide any feedback by 5pm, **Monday 24 February, 2025**. The draft documents are available for viewing from Council's website or at any Council office. Anyone interested in providing feedback should do so in writing, addressed to the General Manager, PO Box 77, Corowa NSW 2646 or email to council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au.

SERVICE NSW COROWA OPENING HOURS

For the foreseeable future, Service NSW Corowa will be closed every Friday. The new operating days and hours are as follows:

- Monday to Thursday 9:30am - 4:30pm

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

Federation Council invites qualified and experienced businesses to participate in our Request for Quotation (RFQ) process to deliver the project outlined below.

- Desludging of Corowa and Mulwala Sewerage Treatment Plant
- Closing: **Friday 28 February, 2025**, 5pm
- RFQ 2025-223

Documentation relating to the above is available via the eProcure link from Council's website.

TIME OF YOUR LIFE SENIORS EXPO

Federation Council is inviting residents aged over 60 to have the time of their lives at Club Corowa on **Sunday 16 March 2025** from 11am to 2pm.

The Time of Your Life Seniors Expo is an event designed to empower residents aging in the Federation Council community with valuable information, support, and resources. Visit the many stalls and find out about the services and programs available to you from Government, aged service, health and wellbeing, legal and advocacy providers, along with community, social, and fitness groups.

The one-day program will include guest speakers, interactive stallholders, demonstrations, and health screenings. A complimentary two course lunch will be available for pre-registered guests.

To ensure you can have a relaxing day and take home all your goodies' buses will be available from across the Council area. If you want to catch the bus, make sure you book one ticket for lunch and one ticket for the bus.

- Bus from Mulwala Library at 10:15 am
- Bus from Howlong Community Centre at 10:30 am.
- Bus from Urana Council Chambers at 9:45 am
- Bus from Oaklands CWA Rooms at 10:00 am

There are 150 tickets available. Bookings for the event and bus transport open **Wednesday 12 February 2025** at 9:30 am. Book tickets online via Council's website or call the Corowa Visitor Information Centre on **(02) 6033 3221**.

COROWA AQUATIC CENTRE - FREE COME & TRY DAY

Have you and your family been to the Corowa Aquatic Centre? If not, why not come along with your friends and family to our FREE Come and Try Day.

- **Sunday 23 February 2025**
- 8am - 6pm

Make a splash in the indoor pool, swim some laps in the outdoor 50m pool or simply watch the kids enjoy the Splash Park. Includes free entry for adults, children and spectators for the day. Corowa Aquatic Centre staff look forward to welcoming you!

IT'S TIME TO SHINE: SENIORS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITION

Artists aged 55 and over are invited to submit new work to an upcoming community exhibition to be held at the Corowa Art Space in 2025.

The exhibition will be on display from **Saturday 22 March** until **Sunday 27 April 2025** to continue the fun and the celebration of our esteemed older community members following NSW Seniors Festival and the Time of Your Life Seniors Expo at Club Corowa.

Artists interested in submitting their work can download a submission form with further details from Council's website or enquire at communityevents@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au. Artworks and completed forms will need to be delivered to Corowa Civic Centre no later than **Monday 17 March 2025**.

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