

Your Rates, Your Say!

Federation Council’s 2025/26 Rating Structure

Find out how you can have your say below or on Council’s website!
www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au



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:

- **Gardener/Horticulturist**
- **Learn to Swim Instructor - Casual**

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**.

NEW RESIDENTS KIT

Council has compiled the New Resident Kit to provide you with a handy reference guide to the services and facilities available from Council and within the community. A copy of the New Resident Kit is available on Council’s website as an e-book or you can download your own copy.

If you have recently moved here (or are about to) and would like to receive a New Resident Welcome Pack, you can pick one up from any Council office or contact Council on **(02) 6033 8999** and we will organise one to be delivered to you.

HEAVY PATCHING WORKS - HOPEFIELD ROAD BALLDALE

Federation Council is undertaking heavy patching road works on various sections of Hopefield Road, Balldale.

Starting from the 7km mark (Silos) to the 17km mark (Koorungal Rd intersection) from the Riverina Highway intersections.

- **Dates & Times: Monday 23 to Monday 30 June, 2025**, between 7am and 5pm, weather permitting.

Traffic controllers will be on site and motorists driving through the work zones are requested to follow signage for your safety and the safety of our workers. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we complete these important upgrades.

COMMUNITY DISASTER READINESS FORUMS: BE READY TO HELP WHEN IT MATTERS MOST

Disaster response begins at the local level, with neighbours supporting neighbours and communities coming together. Two practical forums are being held in Urana and Corowa to empower residents to act safely and confidently in the face of a disaster. These “All Hands on Deck” forums, funded by the NSW Reconstruction Authority, will focus on how spontaneous volunteers can effectively support disaster response. The sessions will cover crucial topics including:

- How community response integrates with the broader emergency system.
- Understanding and managing local risks.
- Leadership, safety, and decision-making during a crisis.
- A hands-on scenario activity.
- Self-care and supporting others during emergencies.

Who Should Attend?

The forums are designed for a wide range of community members, including sporting clubs, landholders, tradies, committee members, business owners, young leaders, new arrivals, and long-time locals – essentially anyone with a desire to help their community.

Join Us:

- Urana: 9:30am - 1:00pm, **Thursday 14 August, 2025**, at the Waterfront Pavilion.
- Corowa: 9:30am - 1:30pm, **Friday 15 August, 2025**, at the Corowa Golf Club.

Catering is included, and each session will feature a lucky door prize of two \$50 universal gift cards.

Register or Learn More:

You can register your attendance at <https://bit.ly/sponvoles>, though drop-ins are also welcome. For more information, contact Mary Hoodless at **0428 104 482** or mary@karooconsultancy.com.au.

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
10.2025.44.1	368 Jamieson Road Redlands	Alts Adds to workshop and amenities and construct new storage shed
10.2025.61.1	5 Keena Court Corowa	Demolish Shed and New Shed 54sqm
10.2025.67.1	3718 Federation Way Oaklands	Boundary Realignment

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.

FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Footpath replacement works commenced in Corowa on **Monday 23 June, 2025** at the following locations:

- Parade Place
- Gray Street
- Parliament Street

Contractors will be replacing dilapidated footpaths with new 1.5 metre wide paths as part of the Local Roads to Recovery Grant Program. There may be minor disruptions to pedestrians and motorists in these streets while the works are completed.

Council thanks our community for your patience and cooperation while undertaking this work.

NAIDOC WEEK

Come along to the Federation libraries these school holidays for a free art workshop, celebrate NAIDOC Week and acknowledge the rich and vibrant culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Join Auntie Iris Troutman, proud Kooma/ Kamilaroi/Ngaraba woman as she leads an interactive storytelling and art workshop where you will co-create a community canvas and then make your own footprint charm to take home.

- Mulwala Library, **Tuesday 8 July**, 1:30pm to 3:30 pm
- Howlong Library, **Wednesday 9 July**, 10:30am to 12:30 pm
- Corowa Library, **Wednesday 9 July**, 2:00pm to 4:00 pm

Suitable for ages 5-15. Adults welcome. Bookings are via the Council website or for more information please call Council.

NAIDOC Week (6-13 July 2025) is an opportunity for all Australians to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The theme for this year is “The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy” celebrates both the achievements of the past and the bright future ahead, emphasizing the strength and vision of the emerging generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and honouring the legacy they will carry.

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!

COROWA, HOWLONG & MULWALA FLOOD STUDY 2025

Flood Studies are complex and technical projects. In response to community feedback expressing the complex and technical nature of the reports, Council has developed a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) document to provide the community with answers to commonly asked questions. The FAQ document is available from Council’s website.

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

COROWA SALEYARDS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE - EOI COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE

Federation Council is looking for a community representative to join our Corowa Saleyards Consultative Committee.

This vital committee meets twice a year, providing a direct link between Council and stakeholders. Its purpose is to foster two-way communication, ensuring Council is fully informed of stakeholder needs and priorities for the Corowa Saleyards – both now and into the future. The Corowa Saleyards is a significant facility, operating as the fifth largest sheep and lamb livestock exchange in New South Wales. It’s proudly owned and managed by Federation Council. Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are open until **Friday 18 July, 2025**. For more information, including the online EOI form and the committee’s Terms of Reference, please visit Council’s website.

AUSTRALIA POST COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Applications are now open from not-for-profit organisations for the Australia Post 2025 Community Grants program. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for locally led and delivered projects that improve mental wellbeing outcomes and help people meaningfully connect in their community.

Applications close **Monday 7 July, 2025**. If your organisation is eligible, or you know of a worthy project in your area, find out more and apply at auspost.com.au/grants.

JUNE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Federation Council’s June Extraordinary Council Meeting is scheduled:

- **Monday 30 June, 2025.**
- 9:30am
- Corowa Chamber

The purpose of the meeting is to consider the adoption of Council’s Community Strategic Plan, Long Term Financial Plan, Delivery Program, Operational Plan and any other related plans/ documents for implementation from **Tuesday 1 July, 2025** following consideration of the submissions and the exhibition period. View the agenda for the meeting and access the live stream 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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