

This is Future Federation 2025-2026: Have Your Say this May!

Shape the Future of our community!

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Find out more by visiting Council's website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au or scan the QR code below.

We hope to see you in May!



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**
- **Building Maintenance Officer**
- **Property Officer**
- **Library and Customer Service Office**
- **Sundry Gang Labourer**
- **Heavy Plant Operator**
- **Casual Early Childhood Educator**

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.

BOOK BINGO AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Calling all book lovers! Come and join Book Bingo 2025! Open to all Federation Council library members, Book Bingo challenges you to explore new genres and authors. It's a fun way to discover new reads and enjoy some friendly competition. Everyone who completes a bingo card (25 books!) will win a prize. Plus, we'll hold a prize draw at the Corowa Library on **Wednesday 28 May 2025** for even more prizes! Join in the fun and find out more by visiting your local library. Learn more from Council's website.

LIBRARY STORYTIME

Bring your little ones (0-5 years) to FREE Storytime at your local library! Stories, rhymes, and themed activities await at Corowa, Howlong, and Mulwala.

- Mulwala - 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10:30am
- Corowa - Every Friday, 10:30am
- Howlong - 1st Thursday, 10:30am

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.

CONNECTIONS EXHIBITION COROWA ART SPACE

Corowa Art Space is excited to present Connections, a thought-provoking art exhibition by artist and photographer Col Strauss. This exhibition invites viewers to reflect on the beautiful threads that weave together the fabric of their lives. Col's work acts as a catalyst for reminiscence and aims to evoke powerful memories and emotions, transporting viewers back to cherished moments and significant places. Connections illustrates the fundamental human need for belonging and the emotional significance of relationships with family, friends, time and place, nature, and pets.

Connections will be on display from **Friday 2 May** to Tuesday **20 May 2025**. Corowa Art Space's operating hours are Wednesday to Friday, 10am to 4pm, and Saturday to Sunday from 10am to 2pm.

REDLANDS ROAD SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has implemented a reduction in the speed limit on a section of Redlands Road in Corowa, effective from **Tuesday 29 April**. The speed limit has been lowered from 80 km/h to 60 km/h between 130 metres west of Jasmin Court and the 100 km/h change point, 1160 metres west of Cemetery Road.

Motorists are advised that signage will be installed in the coming days to indicate the new speed limit. Additionally, road markings and a VMS board will be used to alert motorists of the upcoming change.

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
10.2024.153	10 Hawkins Street Howlong	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.

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.

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:

- Rand
- Boree Creek
- Urana
- Daysdale
- 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.

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Why your voice matters this May:

Federation Council is committed to working with you, our community. In line with our Community Engagement Strategy and the Local Government Act 1993, we want your feedback on the following key planning documents that will shape the next year and beyond:

- Draft 'This is Future Federation' Delivery Program / Operational Plan & Budget 2025-2026
- Draft Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) 2025-2035
- Draft Revenue Policy 2025-2026

Here's how you can get involved

- Review online & submit feedback: Access the draft plans and complete the online submission form from **Wednesday 30 April** on Council's website: www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au
- Email us: Share your thoughts via email to: council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au
- Visit our offices: Pick up and complete a feedback form available from Wednesday, April 30th at any of our Council offices in: Corowa, Howlong, Mulwala & Urana
- Mail your feedback: Send written submissions to: PO Box 77, Corowa, NSW, 2646. Submission lodgement closes at 5pm on **Thursday 29 May**.
- Book a one-on-one meeting: Speak directly with Council's Senior Executive team. Call (02) 6033 8999 to arrange a meeting between **30 April** and **29 May**.

Drop-In Information Sessions: Share your thoughts directly with your Councillors!

- Corowa: **Monday 26 May** (9am - 11am) at Corowa Bakery
- Howlong: **Monday 26 May** (1pm - 3pm) at Howlong Bakery
- Mulwala: **Wednesday 28 May** (9am - 11am) at Mulwala Bakery
- Urana: **Wednesday 28 May** (1pm - 3pm) at Urana Take Away Store

Working together, we can:

- Deliver services and initiatives that are important to our community.
- Make informed financial decisions.
- Balance current and future community needs.
- Ensure Federation Council is financially strong and sustainable into the future.

Find out more on Council's website. We hope to see your or hear from you in May!

SERVICE NSW COROWA

We regret to inform you that Service NSW Corowa will be closed due to staffing constraints until

Monday 5 May, 2025. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Service NSW Albury & Finley

is open, and you can also reach us at

13 77 88 or service.nsw.gov.au.



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