

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.

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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:

- **Water Cart Operator x 2**
- **Team Leader Reticulation**
- **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.

NSW GOVERNMENT SURVEY

In our 2024 Community Satisfaction Survey you told us that more services, particularly health, were required in our community. Now's your opportunity!

The NSW Government is conducting a survey to obtain your views on a range of NSW Government services - including health, education, policing and fire services. It's a five minute survey. Let's make sure the NSW Government hears the views of our community! Closes **Sunday 11 May, 2025**.

<https://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/supporting-regional-essential-services>

HOWLONG COUNCIL OFFICE & LIBRARY

Federation Council is pleased to advise the Howlong Council Office and Library building renovations on 59 Hawkins Street are nearing completion.

The service will be temporarily closed on **Tuesday 13 May 2025**, to relocate from the Howlong Community Hall to its permanent location at Hawkins Street, Howlong.

The newly refurbished facility at 59 Hawkins Street will re-open to the public from **Wednesday 14 May 2025**, at 10:00 am.

We look forward to showcasing the improvements and welcoming you to the newly refurbished building.

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 until **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.

SERVICE NSW COROWA

We are pleased to advise customers that the Service NSW Corowa agency has re-opened with the following hours:

- Monday to Wednesday: 9:30am to 4:30pm
- Thursday: 9:30am to 4:30pm, lunch break 12:30pm to 1:30pm
- Friday: 9:30am to 1pm

The Service NSW app is available to download via the Apple App Store or Google Play store. You can also reach us on **P: 13 77 88** or service.nsw.gov.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
10.2025.13.1	107 River Street, South Corowa	Shed
10.2025.30.1	1 Sisters Lane, Howlong	Shed
10.2025.33.1	61 Wannani Road, Mulwala	Dwelling Additions
10.2024.81.1	Milthorpe Street, Oaklands	3 lot Subdivision
10.2025.42.1	118 Waterwood Court, 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.

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.

RATE INSTALMENT NOTICE FOUR

Federation Council would like to advise residents that Rate Instalment notice four has been issued. The payment due date is **Saturday 31 May, 2025**. Flexible payment options are available, including direct debit and online payment via Council's website. If you are having difficulty paying your rates, you may be eligible for hardship relief. Find out more from Council's website or by contacting our Finance Department on **P: 02 6033 8999**.

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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

- Email us: Share your thoughts via email to: council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au
- Visit our offices: Pick up and complete a feedback form available 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 until **Thursday 29 May**.

Drop-In Information Sessions: Come and chat with Council Staff and Councillors to find out more!

- Corowa: **Monday 12 May** (11am - 1pm & 5pm - 7pm) at the Civic Centre
- Howlong: **Wednesday 14 May** (11am - 1pm & 5pm - 7pm) at the Howlong Library
- Mulwala: **Monday 19 May** (11am - 1pm & 5pm - 7pm) at the Mulwala Library
- Urana: **Wednesday 21 May** (11am - 1pm & 5pm - 7pm) at the Urana Council Chamber

Community & Councillor Conversations:

- 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

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

ROAD WORKS - BULLECOURT ROAD COROWA

Federation Council advises that road pavement stabilisation and bitumen sealing on Bullecourt Road (between Whitehead street and Honour avenue, Corowa) started Tuesday 6 May, 2025 and will last about two weeks, potentially causing 3-5 minute traffic delays. Temporary driveway access limitations may occur, with on-site traffic controllers coordinating alternatives. Please observe all signage and traffic controller instructions.

For further information or questions please contact Council **P: 02 6033 8999**.



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