

## STAND FOR YOUR COMMUNITY – CALL FOR COUNCIL ELECTION NOMINATIONS

Federation Council Administrator Mike Eden is encouraging more people - including women, young people and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds - to stand for their community at this year's September Local Government elections.

Mr Eden believes a greater representation of candidates from all walks of life would not only strengthen Federation Council, but also ensure it has a greater voice for all ratepayers.

"Councillors have an important role to play in making decisions that respond to the changing needs of the community," Mr Eden said.

"Serving the local community as an elected councillor is a challenging but rewarding role.

"It doesn't matter if you don't think you have the experience in local government – if you are passionate about your community and want to make a real difference then I encourage you to consider this opportunity and stand for your community."

Federation Council has a population of over 12,000, of which over 70% of these are eligible voters. Anyone who is eligible to vote at Council elections in NSW is also eligible to stand for election as a councillor.

Prospective nominees should firstly check to ensure they are on the electoral roll for Federation Council by contacting the NSW Electoral Commission.

"Our Council should be a reflection of the people and communities they serve," Mr Eden said.

"Bringing diverse views and experiences to decision making will ensure our local communities get the best solutions and outcomes."

The Office of Local Government has prepared a range of materials to assist prospective candidates in making an informed decision about standing for local government elections.

These resources can be found by visiting [www.olg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au)

Nominations to become a councillor open on Monday, 31 July 2017 and close at noon on Wednesday, 9 August 2017.

Nomination forms will be available on the NSW Electoral Commission website [www.votensw.info/](http://www.votensw.info/)

The NSW Local Council Elections will be held on Saturday, 9 September 2017.

## CLUBS NSW GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

The Clubs NSW grants program is now open.

Community groups are invited to apply for funding through the ClubGRANTS (Category 1) Scheme – ClubsNSW projects that achieve priorities in the follow areas will be considered: -

- Community welfare and social services
- Community development
- Community health services
- Employment assistance activities

Groups operating in Victoria or outside of the council area may apply for funding assistance if they are able to demonstrate a service is being provided to NSW residents.

Innovative new projects are encouraged as are applications for other important projects.

Application forms can be obtained from any Federation Council office or from the ClubsNSW website [www.clubsnsw.com.au](http://www.clubsnsw.com.au)

These applications should be forwarded to the participating Clubs by 5pm Friday, 30 June 2017.

Further information concerning ClubGRANTS Category 1 funding can be obtained from the ClubsNSW website.

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

In accordance with Council's Public Notification Policy regarding Development Applications, the following are hereby listed for public comment. Plans relating to these proposals may be inspected in Council's Planning Department during normal working hours.

DA NO.	ADDRESS	ZONING	PROPOSED WORK
2017/100	111 Clarke Street Howlong	Residential R1	Addition to Dwelling
2017/101	38-40 Poseiden Road Corowa	General Industry IN1	Storage Sheds

Any persons may make a submission on the proposal within a period of fourteen (14) days from the date of this notification. Persons making a submission are required to comply with Section 147(5) of the Environmental Planning Assessment Act (Political Donations & Gifts Disclosure Statement). Forms are available from Council's administrative offices.

## 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, without charge, at the Corowa Civic Centre, 100 Edward Street, Corowa between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday:

DA NO.	ADDRESS	APPROVED WORK
		No Development Consents to be advertised.

## JUNE COUNCIL MEETING

Residents are advised the June Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 29 June 2017.

Ordinary meetings of Council are held in the Federation Council Chambers at the Corowa Civic Centre, 100 Edward St Corowa. Residents and ratepayers are cordially invited to attend Council meetings.

To present to Council, please advise the General Manager in writing by 5pm on Thursday preceding the Ordinary June meeting.

## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS & CELEBRATION

Federation Council would like to recognise and honour those individuals, groups and organisations that help to make our communities a great place to live.

As part of Volunteer Week 2017, Federation Council is encouraging residents to celebrate the valuable contribution volunteers make to the community by nominating them to receive a Volunteer Recognition Award.

Residents can nominate individuals who show compassion, commitment and hard work or a whole group who offer their time and skills to help others in the community.

Council will be hosting a free event in July to recognise nominated volunteers. The 2017 Volunteers Awards Celebration will be an opportunity to say 'thank you' to volunteers for their efforts.

Nominations are open until Friday, 23 June 2017 and Council is asking residents to consider who they would like to thank for their contribution to the community.

For further information, please visit Council's website or phone **(02) 6930 9100**.

## FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY

From 1 July 2017, the NSW Government is introducing a fairer system for funding our community's fire and emergency services. At present, these services are funded by a levy on insurance, which will be removed from 1 July. From this time, all properties, not just insured properties, will directly contribute to the cost of these services through the Fire and Emergency Services Levy (FESL).

The FESL will be paid alongside your council rates. You will be notified in July of your FESL contribution as part of your council rates notice, or a separate notice for non-rateable properties. Like council rates, you may pay the FESL annually or quarterly.

The FESL paid will, in part, depend on your properties classification as a residential, farmland, industrial, commercial or public benefit, and whether or not the land is vacant.

Residents are now receiving a letter from council with their properties classification. No action will be required if you agree with the classification of your property.

If you disagree with your properties classification, you can request a review by contacting Federation Council on **(02) 6033 8970** or [rates@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rates@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au) and completing the FESL – Review Application Form available on Council's website.

Further information, residents are encouraged to visit [www.fesl.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fesl.nsw.gov.au) or phone **1300 78 78 72**.

## AVAILABLE GRANTS

A range of grant programs and awards exist to support groups to implement community projects and celebrate their achievements.

For further information about how to access financial assistance, prepare competitive grant applications and nominate for awards, visit [www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au/Community/Grants-Awards](http://www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au/Community/Grants-Awards)

## DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM 2017- 2020 AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2017-18

Community feedback captured at recent community information sessions has been considered for the draft Delivery Program 2017-2020 and Operational Plan 2017-18 to be placed on public exhibition from 27 May 2017 - 23 June 2017.

The Delivery Program and Operational Plan is intended to set the direction of Council and includes the following:

- A list of the principal activities to be undertaken by the Council, together with the objectives, strategies and performance measures for each activity
- A rating structure for the year 2017-2018 to be effective from 1 July 2017
- A full listing of fees and charges for the 2017-2018 financial year
- A detailed statement of the proposed estimates of income and expenditure for the period 2017-2020 together with a statement of the proposed budgets for those years
- A 10 year Financial Plan.

A copy of the presentation and budget summary is available on Council's website for those residents who were unable to attend one of the community information sessions.

The draft documents will be on public exhibition from 27 May 2017 until 23 June 2017 and can be viewed on Council's website or in hard copy at any Council office.

Following public exhibition of the draft documents, the final Delivery Program 2017-2020 and Operational Plan 2017-18 will be adopted by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 27 June 2017.

## Corowa General Office

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