



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION 2021

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Saturday 4
September

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Federation Council's election will be administered by the NSW Electoral Commission and voting will be held on **Saturday 4 September 2021**.

Local Government elections in New South Wales are usually held every four years. However, the elections planned for 2020 were postponed for 12 months due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

All residents are encouraged to check their enrolment details prior to the election date by calling the NSW Electoral Commission on 1300 135 736 or by visiting their website.

Council will be hosting a number of Federation Council local candidate information sessions in July 2021.

• **Afternoon Session:** Thursday, 1 July at 2pm.

• **Evening Session:** Thursday, 1 July at 6pm.

Location: Memorial Hall, Corowa.

Please register your details if you wish to attend via the online form on Council's website.

A series of online candidate information sessions will be conducted by the NSW Electoral Commission in the lead up to the 2021 NSW Local Government elections.

The webinars will be held from April to August 2021 and will cover a range of topics, and prospective candidates are strongly encouraged to attend one of these. View more information about the upcoming Election on Council's website.

FEDERATION DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES AND SUPPORT THINK TANK

The Federation Drug and Alcohol Services and Support Think Tank has been developed to provide an opportunity for alcohol and drug (and mental health related) service providers and community support networks to share their work and discover the opportunities to collaborate and work together to have a positive impact on harm minimization and effectively servicing client needs.

Two facilitated on-line workshops (via Zoom) :

1. 1.00pm – 2.30pm Wednesday 7th July 2021

To identify within the Federation Council area:

- What is working well in the service provision space - recognise, celebrate and build on.
- Issues and gaps in relation to service provider abilities towards having an impact on the reduction on reliance of drugs and alcohol in the Federation community.

2. 1.00pm – 2.30pm Wednesday 28th July 2021

To identify:

- Potential solutions that will influence impactful and positive sustainable change within service provision throughout the Federation Council area
- Opportunities for ongoing collaboration between agencies currently active in this space.

This free event is funded by NSW Health and proudly supported by Federation Council.

Register to attend from Council's website or by contacting Council.

REGISTERING YOUR PET

Federation Council wishes to advise that cat registration reminder letters have been sent to all cat owners who have a cat that is microchipped and not yet registered.

Do you know that you are legally required to register your cat and lifetime registration is available for cats from 4 months of age?

At Council, there is no better joy for our rangers to be able to return your pet home safely, however, if your pet is not registered we may not know where to return it to.

Registration is easy, contact Council and our friendly customer service team will assist you.

Find out more from Council's website.

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
2021/112	1755 Merton Road Mulwala	Shed
2021/114	48 Defence Drive Mulwala	Industrial Shed
2021/108	58 Defence Drive Mulwala	Industrial Storage Shed
2021/30	3 Lara Close Mulwala	Dwelling

NOMINATE A LOCATION FOR THE PORTABLE SPEED BOARD

Federation Council is inviting residents to nominate a street location that they would like to see the portable speed board located.

This street location could be one where an increasing number of vehicles have been using a road, vehicles that may be speeding or to highlight general awareness of vehicle speed.

Nominate today online via Council's website.

DISCOVER GRANTS WITH FEDERATION COUNCIL

Federation Council is excited to provide Grant Finder to all local businesses, community groups, organisations and individuals. Grant Finder provides a comprehensive list of grant and funding opportunities available to you.

Never miss a grant opportunity again!

Register on Council's website today to receive email alerts for new grants, save your favourites and access tips to help you apply for grants.

Federation Council is proud to partner with GrantGuru to provide you with this free service.

LIBRARY STORYTIME

Federation Council invites children and their parents/carers to participate in FREE Storytime sessions that involve sharing stories, rhymes and themed activities at your local library.

Storytime sessions are suitable for ages 0-5 years and run for 30-45 minutes.

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.

Session Details:

- **Corowa Library** - Friday each week at 10:30am (except in NSW School Holidays).
- **Howlong Library** - Friday each fortnight at 10:30am (except in NSW School Holidays).
- **Mulwala Library** - Wednesday each fortnight at 10:30am (except in NSW School Holidays).

SUBSCRIBE TO COUNCIL ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

Federation Council produces a number of monthly electronic newsletters to engage with our community and visitors regularly and to showcase the vast array of Council projects and updates.

Stay connected and subscribe to the news topics of interest to you or all of Council's electronic newsletters via Council's website.

HALVE WASTE CLOTH NAPPY REBATE

Halve Waste are offering residents the opportunity to access financial assistance in support of using cloth nappies.

Simply apply online and you can receive back 50% of the cost of cloth nappies purchased between 1 May and 30 June up to the value of \$100.

Find out more and apply online from the Halve Waste website:

www.halvewaste.com.au

RATES HARMONISATION PROJECT – HAVE YOUR SAY!

Federation Council is required to create one general rate structure following the merger of Corowa Shire Council and Urana Shire Council.

This rates harmonisation process is:

- A requirement under the Local Government Act 1993;
- To be effective from 1 July 2021 for the 2021-22 Rate year.

Corowa Shire Council's and Urana Shire Council's rating structures varied greatly and the harmonisation project has attempted to realign to a common rate structure, providing a consistent approach for all Federation Council ratepayers.

Council has considered numerous different rating structure options to address rates harmonization, striving to ensure that there is equity across the Council area with all ratepayers making a contribution to services. General rates are a form of taxation and under Rating Principles set by the NSW Government, consideration is given to equity, where people of equal capacity pay the same amount of tax and people with more wealth pay more tax compared to those with less wealth.

Council invites feedback on the rate harmonisation options from members of the community before **5pm, Wednesday 30 June, 2021**. Feedback is encouraged to be provided via Council's website.

NSW PLANNING PORTAL INTRODUCTION

The NSW Government is making the planning system easier to use with the introduction of the online NSW Planning Portal.

The NSW Planning Portal is a digital space where community, industry and government can work together to better understand and meet their obligations under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. The portal is a single place to go for planning processes and transactions online, it is simpler, faster and more transparent for everyone.

It can be used to lodge and process Development Applications (DA's) including modifications, Complying Development Certificate Applications (CDC's) and for certificates under Part 6 of the EP&A Act).

From **Thursday 1 July 2021**, it will be mandatory to lodge your Development Applications (DA), Construction Certificates (CC) and Complying Development Applications (CDC) via the online NSW Planning Portal. Find out more by visiting Council's website.

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