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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:

- **Patching Truck Labourer x2**
- **Lifeguards**

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**.

OVERGROWN VEGETATION

Spring is now upon us bringing weather conditions that promote abundant growth of grass, shrubs, weeds and other vegetation. As the fire restriction period is fast approaching, Council is encouraging your help to keep our community safe by ensuring properties are regularly maintained now and into the future. Federation Council wishes to remind all landowners that they are responsible for keeping the vegetation within their property boundaries, fence lines and nature strips in good order. Council staff will undertake routine inspections over the coming months and will respond to resident concerns about excessive vegetation growth on properties. To bring an issue to our attention, please lodge an online customer request from Council's website or contact our customer service team by phone. Land reported to Council as having overgrown vegetation may be issued with an Order 21 in accordance with Section 124 of the Local Government Act 1993 and may be issued with a Penalty Notice.

WATER MAINS CLEANING

Federation Council has commenced water main cleaning in the townships of Corowa, Mulwala and Howlong. Customers may experience short periods of dirty or discoloured water during cleaning. Works are expected to be completed by **Tuesday, 19 September 2023**. Periodic water main cleaning is part of the ongoing commitment by the Council to maintain a quality water supply for its customers. If you require any further information, please get in touch with Council on **(02) 6033 8999** or view our website.

SELECTIVE HERBICIDE APPLICATIONS

Council wishes to advise that herbicide applications will occur from mid August to mid October 2023 to all ovals, parks, cemeteries and recreation areas in the Federation Council area to selectively remove broadleaf weeds. This annual program removes broadleaf weeds, reducing mowing frequencies and improving turf density. The selective herbicide that will be used is Javelin (20g/l Clopyralid, 15g/l Diflufenican, 300g/l MCPA). Please get in touch with the Council for further information or with any questions.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION WORKSHOP

Federation Council is proud to support the Corowa Business Chamber with their upcoming Workshop 'All you need to know about Development Applications.' Our very own Susan Appleyard, Director of Development & Planning and Terri O'Brien, Manager of Planning & Development will be there to discuss all things related to Development Applications.

- When: **Thursday, 31 August 2023**
- Time: 6 pm to 7.30 pm
- Where: Club Corowa (Formerly Corowa RSL).

RSVPs to hello@corowachamber.net or call John on **P: 0434 009 735**.

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
2023/43	72-74 Hawkins Street Howlong	2 Lot Subdivision
2023/67	40 Damian Crescent Mulwala	Shed
2023/72	99 Corowa Road Mulwala	Carport
2023/113	2-4 Hemphill Close Mulwala	Shed
2023/118	7 Hemphill Close Mulwala	Shed
2023/119	25 Adam Close Mulwala	Shed
2023/135	14 Marie Court Howlong	Swimming Pool

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.

UPGRADE TO APEX PARK MULWALA

Federation Council wishes to advise that Apex Park, Mulwala will be closed to the public from **Monday 4 September, 2023** until further notice. Council has been successful in receiving grant funding from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to upgrade facilities at Apex Park which includes the following works:

- Upgrade the public toilets,
- Install new park furniture,
- Install a new shade sail over the existing playground equipment,
- Upgrade park lighting,
- Install an accessibility ramp to provide entry to the Lake Mulwala fenced off swimming area,
- Install accessible concrete pathways.

Council apologises for inconvenience whilst these important works are underway and looks forward to providing the community with upgraded facilities at Apex Park. During the park closure the closest public toilets are located at Purtle All Adventure Park & Owens Bridges Reserve Boat Ramp.

INDEPENDENT PEER REVIEWED BUSINESS CASE STUDY OF FEDERATION COUNCIL

Council has resolved to appoint the Institute for Regional Futures (University of Newcastle) to undertake an independent peer reviewed business case study on the financial sustainability of Federation Council and the advantages and disadvantages of amalgamation. Professor Joseph Drew has prepared a series of videos to provide ongoing updates to the Federation community as the review progresses. Community members are encouraged to engage in this project. View the videos and more information about the review on Council's website.

SCAM AWARENESS WORKSHOPS

Federation Council invites you to attend free Scam Awareness Workshops being presented by Michael Palmer, Community Ambassador, nbn Local.

You will learn about:

- Main types of scams,
- Most susceptible groups,
- What to look out for,
- How to protect yourself,

The workshops will be held at your local library as follows:

- **Wednesday, 13 Sept** - Howlong 10.30am & Corowa 1pm
- **Wednesday, 27 Sept** - Mulwala 10.30am & Corowa 1pm

The duration of each workshop is approximately one hour and will include time for questions. Please book at your local library.

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM NOW OPEN

Round one of the Federation Council 2023-2024 Community Grants Program is now open, with funds available to help local community groups, organisations and clubs to deliver a range of community projects and events. Eligible applicants can apply under one of three categories:

- Category 1 – Seed funding grant; to support the establishment of new initiatives, applicable up to \$3,000 per applicant.
- Category 2 – Emerging Grant funding; to support the promotion of emerging projects, applicable up to \$1,500 available per applicant.
- Category 3 – Community events grant; to support the strategic development for small to medium events, applicable up to \$1,500 per applicant.

If you are an eligible group and you have a great idea that can benefit the wider community, don't miss this opportunity to review the guidelines and submit your initiative via our online form before 5pm, **Friday, 15 September, 2023**.

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION - 2023 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Council is currently developing its first organisational wide Community Engagement Strategy, which will set the key principles and supporting framework to further guide our community engagement within the Federation Council Local Government area. Council is seeking a Request for Quotation (RFQ) from suitably qualified community engagement professionals to support Council in delivering this project. Any queries or clarification in writing during the open RFQ period should be directed to Council's Manager of Communication & Engagement, Alannah Greenwood. Download the RFQ from Council's website. All responses to this opportunity must be lodged electronically to: alannah.greenwood@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au no later than 4pm, **Monday, 2 October 2023**.

FEDERATION COMMUNITY EXPO

The Federation Community Expo is scheduled on **Thursday, 19 October 2023**, from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm at Bangarang Park, Corowa. Local sports, community groups and not-for-profit organisations are invited to participate. Over 50 stalls are already registered. Don't miss your chance to be part of this amazing community event. Registrations close **Friday, 8 September, 2023**. Register your interest and find out more from the Council website.

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