

Council Meetings

The Ordinary meeting of Council is responsible for dealing with matters relating to finance, works, development, planning, health, building and community services. This meeting also makes a decision on Committee recommendations and is the forum for making the final decision of Council.

Residents and ratepayers are cordially invited to attend Council meetings.

2024 Council Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, 17 December
Urana Chamber

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 our positions are for you! Visit our website for our detailed advertisements and position descriptions.

Christmas / New Year



Christmas and New Years is right around the corner. Federation Council staff and Councillors would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday period!

Council services and facilities will have altered operating hours and/or closures. Check out Council's website for more information.



Light Up Federation



Residents and business owners are invited to decorate their home or business to Light Up Federation this Christmas. The 2024 Light Up Federation Christmas Lights Competition will feature four categories that residents and business owners can enter.

- Best Decorated House
- Best Decorated Street
- Best Decorated Business
- People's Choice Award (all eligible entries will automatically be entered into the People's Choice category)

Entries close 5:00pm on Friday 6 December, 2024. To register, simply complete the online form on Council's website or download a hardcopy form and submit to any Council office.

Entrants into the Light Up Federation Christmas Lights Competition will be deemed as having read the full terms and conditions before entry and as having accepted these terms and conditions. Download the Terms & Conditions below. Ho

Spread the Christmas cheer and get out and about to see the most beautiful light and decoration displays in our region! Don't forget to download the flyer and view the online map from Council's website so you can plan your trip, see all the displays, and find your new favourite. Voting for the People's Choice Award is now open online from Council's website until Saturday 21 December, 2024.

New Food Safety Requirements

There are just weeks remaining for local school canteens, childcare centres, supermarkets, coffee vendors selling food, and boarding schools to prepare for a new food safety standard enforceable in NSW from 8 December 2024.

The standard introduces three new requirements for businesses depending on their food handling activities: Appointing a Food Safety Supervisor, ensuring food handlers are trained, and being able to show safe food practices. The national standard applied to most food businesses from 8 December 2023 however some business types in NSW received a further 12 months to comply. For more information, visit the NSW Food Authority website: foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/safetytools

Sign Up to our Electronic Newsletter

Federation Council produces a number of electronic newsletters to engage with our community and visitors regularly and to showcase the vast array of Council projects and updates. You can stay connected and subscribe now by visiting Council's website.

Community Strategic Plan

Every four years, each New South Wales Council must work with their community to develop a Community Strategic Plan to document the community's aspirations and priorities. We are currently reviewing our Community Strategic Plan. Having a Community Strategic Plan ensures that our council planning originates from a sound understanding of the community's expectations around priorities.

You can get involved by completing the online survey on Council's website. The survey closes on 6 December 2024.

Council would like to thank the community for attending the various Pop-up sessions and workshops held during the month of November in Howlong, Urana, Corowa and Mulwala. Your feedback will help shape our future.

Let's work together to capture a future vision that respects our unique local area and lifestyle.

Responsibilities of Pet Ownership

Being a pet owner means there are responsibilities by law that are required to be adhered to.

Over the last few months, Council has received an increasing number of complaints in relation to aggressive dog behaviour and dogs escaping property and roaming the streets. To ensure the safety of your pet and the community, residents are reminded of some of the responsibilities of pet ownership to ensure your pet lives a full and happy life in our community:

- Provide a secure home environment so your dog cannot escape.
- Registration.
- Microchipping.
- Wearing a collar and identification tag with the name of the dog or cat, address or telephone number of the owner when in a public place.
- If you have moved residences, updating your contact details on your pet registration and microchipping records.
- When you take your dog to a public place they must be under the owners' effective control. This means on an adequate leash, chain or cord. If your dog is in an off leash area, it must be under your effective control.

Stray dog sightings should be reported to Council. If you find a stray or lost animal please contact Council and a ranger will collect the animal from you. During business hours, please call us or after hours complete our online customer request form: (add link to customer request form)

Our furry friends are so important in our lives and at Council, there is no better joy for our rangers to be able to return your pet safely, however



if the mentioned items are not followed we may not know where to return it to. Find out more from Council's website.

Howlong Swimming Pool - Summer Season

The Howlong Swimming Pool will be opening on Monday 2 December, 2024 for the summer season.

Same-day pass outs will be available which means you pay to enter on any given day and you can return during the same day - free of charge! Stop by the pool reception to organise your pass out.

We look forward to welcoming all of our valued patrons.

Royal Life Saving NSW School Holiday Program



Registrations are now open for the Royal Life Saving's SwimVAC program hosted at the Howlong Swimming Pool in January 2025.

- Monday 13 January - Friday 24 January, 2025

SwimVAC is targeted at children from 6 months - 14 years of age with the aim of getting as many children as possible to the 6 and 12 year-old national benchmarks for swimming and water safety.

Register today from the Royal Life Saving's website:
www.drowningprevention.org.au/swimvac

Proposed Drive through Bottleshop Howlong

Federation Council thanks residents who attended the community meeting to discuss the proposed Drive Thru Bottle Shop (86-96 Sturt Street, Howlong) development application DA 10.2023.210.1.

The meeting was held at the Howlong Community Centre, 110 Hammer Street, Howlong on Tuesday 12 November, 2024 from 6pm - 7.30pm.

The meeting provided an opportunity for the community to express their views on the proposed development in a public forum prior to the application being reported to Council for determination. The applicant was in attendance to respond to matters raised by the community. The proposed development will be put to Council for determination at the ordinary meeting of Council on Tuesday, November 26, 2024.

View further information on council meetings from Council's website.