

# **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, 25 June	Tuesday, 30 July
Corowa Chamber	Urana Chamber
Tuesday, 27 August	Tuesday, 22 October
Corowa Chamber	Corowa Chamber
Tuesday, 26 November	Tuesday, 17 December
Urana Chamber	Corowa Chamber

# **Library Storytime**



Federation Council invites parents and carers to Storytime sessions at the Corowa, Howlong and Mulwala Libraries.

Howlong Library Storytime takes place every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 10:30am (except in NSW School Holidays).

Children and their parents/carers can participate in FREE story time sessions that involve sharing stories, rhymes and themed activities.

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.

### **National Volunteer Week**



To celebrate National Volunteer Week, Federation Council offered twenty grants of \$250 to not-for-profits, 355 committees, clubs and local community groups, organisations or schools with a volunteer branch or committee, to assist with commemorating and appreciating their volunteers' contributions. The Micro Grants are funding a range of gratitude celebrations that are projected to benefit over 300 volunteers, with events such as afternoon teas, award presentations, outings, luncheons, barbeques, and training and development.

The Micro Grants are supporting groups from varied sectors right across the Federation region. These celebratory events may be a great opportunity to get in touch and meet up with your local community volunteer groups to understand the work they do. National Volunteer Week is the perfect occasion to take the first steps towards volunteering and making a positive impact within your community.

Federation Council congratulates the 2024 Volunteer Week Micro Grants recipients:

Amaranth Foundation

- Balldale Recreation Reserve
- Corowa CWA
- Corowa District Historical Society Inc
- Corowa District Landcare
- Corowa Federation Little Athletics
- Corowa Rescue Squad VRA Rescue NSW
- Gallery 294 Corowa Arts Co-operative Ltd
- Howlong Historical Society
- Howlong Men's Shed
- Howlong Playgroup
- Mulwala Library History Group
- Oaklands and District Lions Club
- Oaklands CWA
- Rand Bowls & Community Club
- Sing Australia Corowa
- St Mary's Catholic Primary School
- Tunzafun Community Volunteer Group
- Urana Progress Association
- Urana Vintage Machinery Club Inc

Council would like to acknowledge and thank the hardworking volunteers of the Federation region who serve our community. Council is fortunate to be directly supported by 19 Section 355 Committees as well as 10 Advisory Committees, the Youth Council and individual volunteers across departments such as libraries, cemeteries, art galleries and tourism.



#### **General Rates Estimator**



Your rates help Council maintain our beautiful region and provide income to run essential community services and infrastructure. They can be paid annually or quarterly.

You can estimate your rates using the General Rates Estimator 2024/2025 on Council's website.

This estimator tool does not reflect additional charges such as utility charges. It is an estimate only and does not include rebates, pensioner concession or other adjustments and is subject to change.

## **Capital Works Projects**

Council has an ongoing program of capital works and upgrades to buildings, parks, playgrounds and roads across the Federation Council local government area. View the activities that were undertaken during March 2024 by the Federation Council's Operation Works from Council's website.

# King's Birthday Public Holiday

On behalf of Federation Council, Councillors and Staff we would like to wish you and your families a happy and safe King's Birthday Long Weekend.

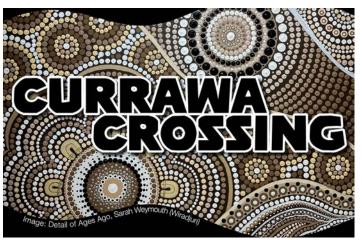
During this period, Council Offices, facilities and services will have altered operating hours and Public Holiday closures. Find further details on Council's website.

#### **Electronic Newsletter**

Council produces a number of electronic newsletters to engage with our community and visitors.

Visit Council's website to subscribe.





The 'Currawa Crossing' community exhibition featuring works from Indigenous Artists from across the Riverina and Murray regions is on display at the Corowa Art Space.

The exhibition is on display from Friday 24 May until Sunday 14 July 2024 and will run to coincide with National Reconciliation Week and National NAIDOC Week to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and artistic achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples residing in the region.

Entry to Currawa Crossing is free. Open Wednesday - Friday 10 am - 4 pm, Saturday & Sunday from 10 am to 2 pm.

# **Applications Open for Federation Youth Council**



Council is calling for passionate young people to nominate for the Federation Youth Council for 2024 / 2025.

Federation Youth Council is open to 12–25-year-old young people who live, learn, or work in the Federation Council area. Mayor Councillor Patrick Bourke is encouraging young people to consider joining the Youth Council.

Applications for Youth Council are now open and close at 5pm on Wednesday 31 July 2024. If this is something you're interested in, we encourage you to apply!

The application form, and further information is available online via the Council website.

