

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.

2025 Council Meeting Dates:

Tuesday 25 March Urana Chamber	Tuesday 29 April Corowa Chamber
Tuesday 27 May Corowa Chamber	Tuesday 24 June Corowa Chamber
Tuesday 29 July 2025 Urana Chamber	Tuesday 26 August 2025 Corowa Chamber
Tuesday 30 September Corowa Chamber	Tuesday 21 October Corowa Chamber
Tuesday 18 November Urana Chamber	Tuesday 16 December Corowa Chamber
Find out more on Council's website.	

Council releases FAQs on proposed rate increase

Following the recent announcement of Council's formal decision to apply for a 69.94% cumulative increase to general rates, Council has released a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document to address community concerns and provide transparent information.

Council acknowledges the significance of the proposed increase and is committed to open communication with residents. The FAQ document compiles the numerous questions received from the community and organizes them into common themes for easy navigation.

The FAQ covers a range of topics, including the rationale behind the proposed increase, its potential impact on residents, and the next steps in the process.

Federation Council Mayor, Cr Cheryl Cook said the FAQ document aims to provide clarity and address the most frequently asked questions from the community.

"We understand the community has many questions about this proposed rate increase, and we want to ensure they have access to clear and concise information," said Mayor Cook.



"The FAQ document is a direct result of community feedback, and we encourage everyone to review it."

The FAQ document is available for download from this page. Residents are encouraged to review the document. While the FAQ addresses many common questions, Council welcomes further inquiries. Residents can submit additional questions or comments by emailing Council directly on council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au or, by commenting on the Council's Facebook page.

Council values community input and is committed to a transparent process.

General Rates Estimator



Federation Council is pleased to provide our residents with the general rates estimator tool from our website.

This tool allows you to receive an estimate of your Council rates for a full financial year, taking into consideration the proposed Special Rate Variation scenario for 2025-2026.

The estimator tool does not reflect additional charges such as utility charges (water & sewer) and waste charges.

It is an estimate only and does not include rebates, pensioner concession or other adjustments and is subject to change.

Visit Council's website.

Howlong Council Office and Library temporary relocation

Federation Council is pleased to advise it will be undertaking important accessibility improvement building works at the Howlong Council Office and Library.

To facilitate these important improvements, the Howlong Council Office and Library will temporarily relocate to the Howlong Community Hall for approximately 4-6 weeks.

The move will begin on Friday 28 February, and the service will operate from the Community Hall starting Wednesday 5 March, 2025. Please note that services will be unavailable between Friday 28 February and Tuesday 4 March, 2025. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



Draft Health Position Statement - Council & Regional Business Chamber

The draft Health Position Statement - Council and the Regional Business Chamber is now available on public exhibition. The position statement advocates for Strategic Investment in Albury Wodonga Regional Health Infrastructure, Services and Murrumbidgee Local Health District Infrastructure (Corowa and Urana) and Services across the Federation Local Government Area. Council is also seeking the community views of the recent decision to close the Corowa Hospital aged care wing. Council invites residents to review the draft statement from Council's website or at any Council office and provide feedback. Feedback closes 5pm, Friday 7 March, 2025.

Library Storytime



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!

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.

- Howlong Library, 1st Thursday of the month, 10:30am. **02 6026 5055**
- Corowa Library, every Friday morning, 10:30am. **02 6033 8941.**
- Mulwala Library, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10:30am. **03 5744 3439**

Find out more by contacting one of the above libraries or visit Council's website.

Service NSW Corowa Opening Hours

For the foreseeable future, Service NSW Corowa will be closed every Friday. The new operating days and hours are as follows:

- Monday to Thursday 9:30am - 4:30pm

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



It's Time to Shine: Seniors invited to participate in Community Art Exhibition

Artists aged 55 and over are invited to submit new work to an upcoming community exhibition to be held at the Corowa Art Space in 2025.

The exhibition will be on display from Saturday 22 March until Sunday 27 April 2025 to continue the fun and the celebration of our esteemed older community members following NSW Seniors Festival and the Time of Your Life Seniors Expo at Club Corowa. Artists interested in submitting their work can download a submission form with further details from Council's website or enquire at communityevents@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Artworks and completed forms will need to be delivered to Corowa Civic Centre no later than Monday 17 March 2025.

2025 Time of your life seniors Expo



Federation Council is inviting residents aged over 60 to have the time of their lives at Club Corowa on Sunday 16 March 2025 from 11am to 2pm.

The Time of Your Life Seniors Expo is an event designed to empower residents aging in the Federation Council community with valuable information, support, and resources. Visit the many stalls and find out about the services and programs available to you from Government, aged service, health and wellbeing, legal and advocacy providers, along with community, social, and fitness groups.

The one-day program will include guest speakers, interactive stallholders, demonstrations, and health screenings. A complimentary two course lunch will be available for pre-registered guests.

To ensure you can have a relaxing day and take home all your goodies' buses will be available from across the Council area. If you want to catch the bus, make sure you book one ticket for lunch and one ticket for the bus.

- Bus from Mulwala Library at 10:15 am
- Bus from Howlong Community Centre at 10:30 am.
- Bus from Urana Council Chambers at 9:45 am
- Bus from Oaklands CWA Rooms at 10:00 am

There are 150 tickets available. Book tickets online via Council's website or call the Corowa Visitor Information Centre on (02) 6033 3221.