

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



### Firewood Collection



Residents in the Federation Council area can apply to obtain a permit to collect firewood from road reserves for home heating during winter. Firewood collection is limited to 1 April – 30 September each year and to road reserves identified on the Conservation Maps. Refer to the maps below for more information.

To apply for a permit, residents must complete the application form and show proof that they reside in the Federation Council area (i.e. drivers licence). Applicants must certify on the application that they will abide by the permit conditions and acknowledge that Council is not liable for any injuries to person, or any loss or damage to property arising from the firewood collection activities.

Approved permit holders must take care and follow safety precautions outlined in their permit at all times. Applications received from outside the Federation Council area will not be considered. Residents will need to apply for a permit each firewood season (each year). Visit Council's website.

### 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 February 2024 by the Federation Council's Operation Works from Council's website.

**Engage with us this May on Future Federation  
2024-2025**



Federation Council is asking the community to help shape Future Federation 2024-2025 by providing further input into its combined Delivery Program and Operational Plan, and other supporting strategic documents.

Council's combined Delivery Program and Operational Plan is an important document that sets out Council's action plan for achieving the community priorities outlined in the Community Strategic Plan (CSP). It identifies the specific projects, programs and activities that Council will conduct to progress community priorities, as well as initiatives required to fulfil Council's legislative responsibilities. This is supported by the Annual Budget which outlines how Council will fund the delivery of services and projects to its community. It funds services like managing waste, maintaining infrastructure, community facilities and parks, operating libraries, events and services to people at all stages of life. This is 'Future Federation 2024-2025'.

Council will be presented with the draft Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Annual Budget, along with the updated Long Term Financial Plan, at its April meeting of Council.

These documents provide a guide to Council's operations and help the organisation meet community demands for services and infrastructure by maximising what it can achieve with its available resources, whilst planning for a sustainable future.

Council's key strategic documents will be on public exhibition from Wednesday, May 1 through to 5pm on Tuesday, May 28. During this time, we will be seeking further feedback from the community on these draft key strategic documents. This includes our:

- Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan (including Annual Budget);
- Draft Fees and Charges 2024-2025; and

- 10 Year Long Term Financial Plan.

Council is committed to engaging with the community on the draft suite of documents, and will be hosting a number of engagement opportunities at the following locations and times during the month of May:

**Pop Up Sessions:**

- Monday 6 May: Corowa Memorial Arcade, Sanger Street, 10am - 1pm
- Tuesday 7 May: Howlong Bakery, Hawkins Street, 10am - 1pm
- Wednesday 8 May: Mulwala Bakery, Melbourne Street, 10am - 1pm
- Thursday 9 May: Urana Take Away Store, Anna Street, 10am - 1pm

**Public Meetings:**

- Tuesday 14 May: Club Corowa, Betterment Parade, 6pm - 8pm
- Wednesday 15 May: Urana Bowling Club, William Street, 6pm - 8pm
- Monday 20 May: ClubMulwala, Melbourne Street, 6pm - 8pm
- Wednesday 22 May: Howlong Golf Resort, Golf Club Drive, 6pm - 8pm

**Drop-In-Sessions:**

- Monday 27 May: Corowa Civic Centre, Edward Street 10am - 1pm.
- Tuesday 28 May: Howlong Council Office & Library, Hawkins Street, 10am - 1pm.
- Wednesday 29 May: Mulwala Council Office & Library, Melbourne Street, 10am - 1pm.
- Thursday 30 May: Urana Council Chamber, William Street, 10am - 1pm.

Council will also be hosting a series of round table stakeholder meetings with community groups during the month of May to capture further feedback. Find out more 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.

