

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, 22 October Corowa Chamber	
Tuesday, 26 November Urana Chamber	Tuesday, 17 December Corowa Chamber

2024 Council Elections



Polling booths will be open on Election Day, Saturday 14 September, 2024 from 8:00am – 6:00pm.

- Memorial Hall, 86-88 Sanger Street, Corowa
- Council Office, 30-32 William Street, Urana
- Corowa Public School, 244 Honour Avenue, Corowa
- Corowa South Public School, 158 Hume Street, Corowa
- Howlong Public School, Hawkins Street, Howlong
- Mulwala Civic Centre, 71 Melbourne Street, Mulwala
- Oaklands Central School, Coreen Street, Oaklands
- Urana Public School, 62 William Street, Urana

If you are voting in person you must vote at a venue in your enrolled council area. You cannot vote at a venue in another area.

If you are unable to cast your vote on Election Day you can cast a pre poll vote at Memorial Hall Corowa from Sunday, 7 September until Friday, 13 September or at the Council office in Urana from Wednesday, 11 September until Friday, 13 September. These locations offer Pre-Poll options only.

Federation Council's election will be administered by the NSW Electoral Commission and the election will be held on Saturday, 14 September 2024.

Find out more on Council's website.



Corowa Art Space to Host the 2024 Bald Archy Prize

The Bald Archy Prize is returning to the Corowa Art Space for its 28th year. The Bald Archy Prize will be on display daily from Saturday 7th September until Sunday 6th October.

The Bald Archy prize was started by the late Peter Batey OAM in a corrugated iron shed at Coolac, just north of Gundagai in 1994, as a send-up of the prestigious portraiture award the Archibald Prize. The Bald Archy Prize celebrates the lighter side of art and the larrikin Australian spirit. Calling for paintings that include wit, slapstick, vulgarity, farce, black comedy, irreverence and everything in between, the prize pokes fun at Australians distinguished in art, letters, politics, sport or the media. The award continues to be judged by Professor Maude the Sulphur Crested Cockatoo whose eye for art matches her wicked wit.

With twice as many works as the previous year, 40 portraits will be on display at the Corowa Art Space. This year the exhibition features portraits of Australians and people of note such as Bob Katter, Jacinta Price and Scott Cam. The 2024 winner of the \$10,000 prize was awarded to artist Judy Nadin, for her work Flippin' Kerfection, a satirical caricature depicting Australian professional soccer player Sam Kerr OAM's iconic celebratory backflip in exaggerated action.

Also included in the exhibition is the work of Corowa's own Michael Mack, "I have three works entered and really enjoyed painting them. It's an opportunity to extend yourself and have a lot of fun. It would be great if other local artists submitted work next year. I'm looking forward to another great Bald Archy." Visitors will be able to hear all about Michael's creative process at his Artist Talk being held 11am on Wednesday 25th September.

Entry to the exhibition is \$5 for adults, free entry for children under 18. Opening times are Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm and on weekends 10am – 2pm. For further enquiries about the Bald Archy Prize's tour to Corowa, contact communityevents@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au or **(02) 6033 8936**.

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.



Council calls for new Ageing Well Members after Seven Years



The Federation Ageing Well Committee is looking for new members. In 2017, Council endorsed the inaugural Ageing Well Committee and Ageing Well Ambassadors and after seven years are publicly calling for new members.

The Ageing Well Advisory Committee is made up of up to ten volunteers of the community, who are passionate about promoting a better lifestyle for everyone in their later years. The 2023/2024 committee members were Stanley Bromley, Wendy Evers (Corowa), Liz Seeliger, Vivian Spilva (Mulwala), Jenny Enever, Mike Gardiner (Howlong), Yvonne Perrin (Oaklands), Jenny Hearn (Urana) and Councillor Representative, Cr Gail Law.

There are currently four community representative positions available, and to be eligible you must be over 55, and reside in the Federation Council Local Government Area.

The Ageing Well Advisory Committee meets at the Corowa Civic Centre on the first Monday of the month at 10:00 am. Members can join face to face or via video conferencing.

If you are proactive and passionate about ageing well and enjoy being part of a fun and friendly group, we invite you to nominate to be a 2024/2025 member on the Federation Ageing Well Committee. An online nomination form is available on the Council website or alternatively you can obtain a hard copy form from the Corowa Civic Centre, Howlong Library, Mulwala Library or the Urana Council Office. Nominations will close 5pm, Monday 30 September, 2024.

For more information contact Amber at Federation Council on **(02) 6033 8999** or email communityevents@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au.



Australia Day Event EOI



Howlong community groups invited to partner on

2025 Australia Day Event

Federation Council is interested in working with a Howlong based community group, organisation or business that is passionate and already doing wonderful things to enrich the community, to help coordinate the official Australia Day Ceremony.

The event will be held on Sunday 26 January, 2025 in Howlong, NSW. Council will coordinate the formalities of the event, including the welcome address, Welcome to Country, citizenship ceremonies, award presentations, ambassador guest speaker, flag raising ceremony and the singing of the National Anthem.

The successful community group, organisation or business will work with Council to organise the event on the day.

EOI Submissions are being invited until 5pm, Monday 9 September, 2024. Submissions can be made via Council's website or in writing and addressed to Federation Council's Community Projects and Events Officer.

Corowa, Howlong & Mulwala Flood Study

The draft Flood Study report is on public exhibition to Wednesday 11 September 2024. The Flood Study presents the results of detailed investigations into both Murray River and local runoff flooding conditions, focusing on impacts to the townships of Corowa, Howlong and Mulwala. Parts of Howlong are affected by local runoff flooding which includes Majors Creek flooding. Howlong is largely unaffected by Murray River flooding.

The following options are available for person's interested in viewing the Flood Study document, seeking further information and/or asking questions in regards to the study either online or in person:

- The full Flood Study report is available for viewing on Council's website as an E-book or it can be downloaded as a PDF file.
- Individual videos specific to Howlong, Corowa and Mulwala are able to be viewed from Council's website.
- A paper copy of the full report is available for viewing at Council's Corowa office (100 Edward Street).

Any person interested in making a submission should do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Federation Council, PO Box 77, Corowa, NSW 2646 or by email to council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au. Submission will be received until 5.00pm on Sunday, 29 September 2024. If you require further information outside the above options, please contact Trevor Clark at Council's Corowa Office on **02 6033 8999**. Find out more on Council's website.