



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 these opportunities is for you:

- **Casual Labourer Facilities**
- **Operations Officer (Plant Operator) Urana**
- **Aqua Fitness Instructor**

A more detailed advertisement and position description can be obtained from Council's website. Emailing jobs@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au or by phone on (02) 6033 8903.

COUNCILLORS ENDORSE TO PROGRESS WORK ON SPECIAL RATE VARIATION PROJECT

Federation Council has resolved to endorse the progress of work required for an application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a 69.94% permanent Special Rate Variation (SRV) over two years commencing 1 July 2025. It is important to note that these increases effectively include the temporary 19% increase applied in 2023/24 and temporary 17% applied in 2024/25. The motion put to Council's November Council meeting endorsed the updated 10 year Long Term Financial Plan to be placed on Council's website and public exhibition seeking community feedback for a period of 28 days. Council also adopted the recommended changes to the Delivery Program 2022-2026, and for the updated Delivery Program 2022-2026 to be placed on Council's website and public exhibition seeking community feedback for a period of 28 days. Council resolved to continue to explore opportunities for financial initiatives through cost containment strategies, productivity improvements and revenue opportunities. Federation Council has been on a financial improvement journey since it was formed in May 2016 from the merger of Corowa Shire Council and Urana Shire Council. There has been community engagement on a future Special Rate Variation since mid 2021. Feedback from IPART in June 2023 detailed improvements that could be made to Council's community engagement around the proposed increase to general rates, with improvements since implemented. Comprehensive community engagement was undertaken in May 2024 and July 2024 on the need for the proposed SRV increase and the impact that it would have on ratepayers and the ability to renew assets that are important to the community. Residents are encouraged to view the SRV project information available on Council's website

2025 TIME OF YOUR LIFE SENIORS EXPO

Calling all community groups, sporting clubs, businesses, age care and health services seeking to connect with Federation Council seniors!

Join us at the 2025 Time of Your Life Seniors Expo, on Sunday **16 March 2025**, at Club Corowa, from 11am to 3pm.

Showcase your products and services to the largest growing sector in the Federation Council area and the surrounding region. This expo offers a unique opportunity to engage with seniors at every stage of their ageing journey, providing them with valuable resources, information and support.

To register your interest in holding a stall, please read the Terms and Conditions, and complete the online EOI form available from Council's website. If you would like more information call Council on **02 6033 8999** or email communityevents@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au.

DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

Federation Council's December 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled:

- **Tuesday 17 December 2024**
- 9:30am
- Urana Council Office.

Residents and ratepayers are cordially invited to attend Council meetings or watch the meeting via live stream, which allows observing Council business via a computer or mobile device. The live stream is available for access from the Federation Council website, along with the previous minutes and the agenda for the meeting.

DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS

Public notice is given pursuant to Section 101 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, that the Council has granted development consent in respect of the following developments. The consents are available for public inspection by contacting Council during business hours.

DA NO.	Address	Approved Work
2024/139	7 Arnott Street Corowa	Carport
2024/79	29-43 Neill Street South Corowa	Dwelling

Federation Council advises that there are significant delays to all applications being lodged for each stage of the development process. Staff shortages, in conjunction with the increasing complexity of the NSW Planning Portal Processes required to be undertaken by Council has seen pre-lodgement assessment times increasing to 6-8 weeks and average determination times taking between 10-12 weeks. We ask you for your cooperation as Council officers concentrate on clearing the backlog of applications while maintaining all other legislated services.

ON EXHIBITION

A suite of Federation Council key strategic documents are now available for the community to review on public exhibition as follows:

- Draft Delivery Program, Operational Plan & Annual Budget. Feedback closes 5pm, **Tuesday 24 December, 2024.**
- Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2024 – 2034. Feedback closes 5pm, **Tuesday 24 December, 2024.**
- Draft Councillor & Staff Interaction Policy. Feedback closes 5pm, **Friday 27 December, 2024.**
- Draft Councilor Expenses & Facilities Policy. Feedback closes 5pm, **Monday 6 January, 2025.**

Council invites residents to review the draft documents from Council's website or at any Council office and provide feedback. Anyone interested in providing feedback should do so in writing, addressed to the General Manager, PO Box 77, Corowa NSW 2646 or email to council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au.

REPORTS & STATEMENTS NOW AVAILABLE

Federation Council is pleased to present its:

- Annual Report for the 2023-2024 financial year. The Annual Report provides an overview of Federation Council's operational and financial performance during the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
- Annual Financial Statements 2023-2024. The financial statements set out the financial performance, financial position and cash flows of Council for the reporting financial year period. The format of the financial statements is standard across all NSW Councils and complies with both the accounting and reporting requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and requirements as set down by the Office of Local Government.
- State of Our Region Report 2021-2024. The State of our Region Report covers the three-year term of the previous Council and tracks Council's progress against the Community Strategic Plan (CSP). The report provides information that sets the scene for the new council and includes achievements to date and highlights future work to be undertaken.

Read the full reports & statements from Council's website.

HOWLONG WATER MAINS UPGRADE NOTIFICATION

Federation Council will be undertaking water main upgrade works in Howlong that will impact on the water supply as follows:

- **Wednesday 11 December, 2024**, 9am – 3pm
- Townsend Street, Golf Club Drive & Sarah Court
- **Thursday 12 December, 2024**, 9am – 3pm
- Hawkins Street

- **Tuesday 17 & Wednesday 18 December, 2024**, 9am – 3pm
- Townsend Street, Emily Court, William Place, Kennedy Street, Read Street, Jude Street, Marie Court, Holbeach Street, Gibson Place, Billyday Court, Oolong Road, Jude Road & Meredith Street

- **Thursday 19 December, 2024**, 9am – 3pm
- Townsend Street & Jude Street

No water will be available during the disruption so residents are encouraged to fill containers with water for drinking, cleaning and flushing toilets. Following re-connection the water may be discoloured and you are advised to let taps run until the water clears. Residents and businesses that are impacted will receive written notification. Council apologises for any inconvenience and please contact Council with any concerns or questions.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SERVICES & FACILITIES

During the Christmas Holiday period, Council offices and services will have altered operating hours and public holiday closures.

Kerbside bin collection dates for all towns will be as usual over the Christmas and New Year period. Residents are reminded to place their bins out for collection the night before as collection may occur earlier.

Over this time, Federation Council encourages residents to submit any non-urgent requests via the online form available from Council's website. The requests will be reviewed and actioned from **Thursday 2 January 2025**.

The After Hours service for urgent matters will operate during the closure period as normal. Phone 1800 110 088 to access this service.

Federation Council Councillors and staff would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and happy New Year! Full details are available from Council's website.

LIGHT UP FEDERATION CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMPETITION

Ho ho ho! 'Tis the season for festive lights and decorations! Check out the most amazing Christmas lights and decorations as part of this year's 'Light Up Federation' Competition! 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**.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION ADVERTISING CUT-OFF FOR 2024

In accordance with Council's Community Participation Plan and the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021, notification or advertising of development applications is not undertaken during the period **18 December 2024 and 10 January 2024**. The first advertisement published in the new year will be on **Wednesday 15 January 2024**.

FISCHER COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Federation Council is pleased to invite community members to participate in the Fischer Community Leadership Program. The 2025 program will take place in Howlong, commencing in late February.

The program focuses on leadership fundamentals, building confidence, and strengthening core skills. Participants will connect with local leaders and guest speakers, and will be supported to develop, scope, and pitch their community-led project concepts.

The program is ideal for people aged 18 and over who are aspiring, emerging or current leaders, including sporting leaders, local committee members, and emergency services volunteers. All people are welcome, and we deeply value diversity of thought and experience. Through funding, the cost to participate is only \$60.

For more information, including session dates and to apply, visit

<https://avclp.org.au/fischer-community-leadership-program/>
Applications close **Friday 7 February, 2025**.

FEDERATION COUNCIL

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Civic Centre, 100 Edward Street, Ball Park
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