

## Council Elections 2024

### Saturday 14 September

Federation Council's election will be administered by the NSW Electoral Commission. Find out more on Council's website or below!  
[www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au](http://www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au)



#### 2024 COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Council elections for Federation Council will be held on **Saturday, 14 September 2024**.

##### PRE-POLL VOTING

If you are unable to cast your vote on Election Day you can cast a pre-poll vote at Memorial Hall Corowa from **Saturday, 7 September** until **Friday, 13 September** or at the Council office in Urana from **Wednesday, 11 September** until **Friday, 13 September**.

Pre-poll voting will be available for the following locations:

**Memorial Hall, 86-88 Sanger Street, Corowa.**

• **Wednesday, 11 September 2024, 8:30am - 5:30pm**

• **Thursday, 12 September 2024, 8:30am - 8:00pm**

• **Friday, 13 September 2024, 8:30am - 6:00pm**

**Council Offices, 30-32 William Street, Urana.**

• **Wednesday, 11 September 2024, 9:00am - 5:00pm**

• **Thursday, 12 September 2024, 9:00am - 5:00pm**

• **Friday, 13 September 2024, 9:00am - 5:00pm**

##### POLLING BOOTH LOCATIONS

Polling booths will be open on Election Day (Saturday 14 September) from 8:00am – 6:00pm at the following locations;

• 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.

Please note the Memorial Hall Corowa and Urana Council Office will not be open on Election Day, Saturday 14 September 2024.

These locations offer Pre-Poll options only.

##### POLL BALLOT PAPER

At the 2024 NSW Local Government elections electors in Federation Council will be given a 'poll' ballot paper to complete, in addition to their Councillor ballot paper.

The result of a council poll is determined by a majority of the votes cast. Voting in a council poll is not compulsory for electors and the result is not binding on the council.

You will be asked three questions:

• Do you believe that the forced amalgamation by the State Government in 2016 was a mistake?

• Should the State Government compensate ratepayers for the ongoing costs of the amalgamation?

• Do you support that Council should approach the State Government to guarantee representation for the former Urana Shire?

Each question requires a "Yes" or a "No" answer. If you decide to answer "Yes" to one of the questions, place a tick in the square next to the word "Yes". If you decide to vote "No" to a question, place a tick in the square next to the word "No". Do the same for each question.

For more election information and to access voting options including relevant postal and pre-polling application forms, key dates and lodgement portals visit <https://elections.nsw.gov.au/voters/voting-options> or call the NSW Electoral Commission on **1300 135 736**.

#### 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:

- **Manager Utilities**
- **Service NSW Officer**
- **Manager Operations**
- **Aqua Fitness Instructor**

A more detailed advertisement and position description can be obtained from Council's website.

Emailing [jobs@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jobs@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au) or by phone on **(02) 6033 8903**.

#### 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
2024/91	35 Wandoo Court Mulwala	Alterations and Additions to Dwelling
2024/73	136 River Street South Corowa	Carport

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.

#### DRAFT RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE POLICY

At Council's August ordinary meeting, Council endorsed the draft Related Party Disclosure Policy for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

The draft policy aims to assist Council in complying with disclosure requirements concerning key management personnel (includes Councillors), their close family members and entities controlled or jointly controlled by any of them stipulated under the Australian Accounting Standard AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures and the Australian implementation guidance for not-for-profit public sector entities (AASB 124).

Council is inviting residents to review the draft policy and provide any feedback by 5pm, **Wednesday 2 October, 2024**. The draft policy is available for viewing on Council's website or at any Council office. 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](mailto:council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au)

#### SERVICE REVIEW - HOWLONG SWIMMING POOL - HAVE YOUR SAY!

A service delivery review has been undertaken of the Howlong Swimming Pool which considers options for service delivery models that align with existing practices across Council's range of public pool facilities.

Council has endorsed the Tiered Supervision Model as the preferred model for the Howlong Swimming Pool.

Council is seeking feedback from the community and pool stakeholders before implementing the new service delivery model.

You are encouraged to view the recommended service model and complete the survey from Council's website.

Alternatively, provide your submission in writing addressed to the General Manager, Federation Council, PO Box 77, Corowa, NSW 2646 or by email to [council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au).

Submissions will be received until 5.00pm on **Friday 20, September 2024**.

#### BALD ARCHY PRIZE

The Bald Archy Prize is on display at the Corowa Art Space until **Sunday 6 October**.

The exhibition holds twice as many works as the previous year with 40 portraits to explore.

Corowa's own Michael Mack features in the 2024 Bald Archy Prize with three paintings entered. To hear all about Michael's creative process, come along to his Artist Talk being held 11am, Wednesday **25 September** at the Corowa Art Space. Register for the event from Council's website.

Adults entry \$5 and children are free. Large groups are welcome. Opening times: Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm and Saturday & Sunday 10am - 2pm.

Find out more from Council's website.

#### BROADLEAF WEED SPRAYING

Council wishes to advise that herbicide applications will occur during September and October 2024 to ovals, parks, cemeteries and open spaces in the Federation Council area. This annual program treats broadleaf weeds and assists with reducing mowing frequencies and improving turf quality. The selective herbicide that will be used is Javelin (20g/l Clopyralid, 15g/l Diflufenican, 300g/l MCPA). Please get in touch with Council for further information or with any questions.

#### CHILD, YOUTH & FAMILY STRATEGY

Federation Council is excited to announce the development of our 4-year Children, Youth, and Family Strategy. As part of this important initiative, we invite all community members to participate in our comprehensive survey and Pop Up sessions.

##### POP UP SESSIONS COMING SOON

These sessions are an excellent opportunity for parents, youth, and community members to engage and share their thoughts.

##### Session Details:

• **Monday 16 September** (1pm – 4pm) – Lake Mulwala Bakery

• **Tuesday 17 September** (10am – 1pm) – Corowa Memorial Plaza

• **Tuesday 17 September** (11am – 1pm) – Urana Council Office

• **Tuesday 17 September** (2pm – 4pm) – Howlong Bakery

• **Tuesday 17 September** (2pm - 5pm) - Oaklands Central School

Don't miss this opportunity to have your say and make a real difference in our community. Your input is invaluable as we work together to create

a brighter future for all families in the Federation Council area.

Complete the survey today and help us build a stronger, more supportive community for generations to come. The survey will be open until 5pm, **Tuesday 1 October, 2024**. For more information and to complete the survey visit Council's website.

#### 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. Overhanging or encroaching vegetation from private property onto footpaths can make moving around the neighbourhood difficult for all pedestrians, particularly vision-impaired people, people with disability, wheelchair, and mobility scooter users, or parents pushing a pram. It can also reduce the area people can safely walk on the footpath, and restrict access.

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.

## FEDERATION COUNCIL

**Corowa General Office**

Civic Centre, 100 Edward Street, Ball Park

Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm

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