



Federation Council is reviewing our

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

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CREATING OPPORTUNITY CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In accordance with Section 418(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), Federation Council advises that the Council meeting to be held on **Tuesday 26 November 2024** will include the presentation of the audited Financial Statements and the Auditor's Reports for the year ending 30 June 2024. A summary of the Financial Statements is provided below.

	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Income Statement		
Total income from continuing operations	73,907	57,721
Total expenses from continuing operations	51,853	47,615
Operating result from continuing operations	22,054	10,106
Net operating result for the year	22,054	10,106
Net operating result before grants & contributions provided for capital purposes	9,897	(3,245)
Statement of Financial Position		
Total current assets	81,199	59,527
Total current liabilities	(13,761)	(18,540)
Total non-current assets	815,333	737,869
Total non-current liabilities	(13,200)	(10,304)
Total equity	869,571	768,552
Other Financial Information		
Unrestricted current ratio (times)	4.16	3.49
Operating performance ratio (%)	16.45%	(3.98)%
Debt service cover ratio (times)	20.38	13.60
Rates & annual charges outstanding ratio (%)	8.09%	6.70%
Infrastructure renewals ratio (%)	71.92%	76.11%
Own source operating revenue ratio (%)	47.62%	48.93%
Cash expense cover ratio (months)	21.71	20.10

In accordance with Section 420 of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), any person may make a submission in writing to Council with respect to the Council's Audited Financial Statements or the Auditor's Reports. Submissions on the financial statements will be received in writing until 5pm **Tuesday 4 December, 2024**.

The Audited Financial Statements and the Auditor's Reports may be inspected on the Council's website:

www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au or copies may be viewed in person at the following Council offices up till 5pm **Wednesday 29 November, 2024**:

- 100 Edward Street, Corowa
- 30 William Street, Urana
- 59 Hawkins Street, Howlong
- 71 Melbourne Street, Mulwala

NEW FOOD SAFETY REQUIREMENTS APPLY SOON

There are just weeks remaining for local school canteens, childcare centres, supermarkets, coffee vendors selling food, and boarding schools to prepare for a new food safety standard enforceable in NSW from **8 December 2024**.

The standard introduces three new requirements for businesses depending on their food handling activities: Appointing a Food Safety Supervisor, ensuring food handlers are trained, and being able to show safe food practices. The national standard applied to most food businesses from 8 December 2023 however some business types in NSW received a further 12 months to comply. For more information, visit the NSW Food Authority website foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/safetytools

NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

In accordance with Council's Public Notification Policy regarding Development Applications, the following are hereby listed for public comment. Plans relating to these proposals are available for review from Council's website www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

DA NO.	Address	Zoning	Proposed Work
2024/89/2	35-37 Princess Street Urana	RU5 Village	Modification to Communications tower
2024/115	77 Hume Street Mulwala	R1 General Residential	2 Transportable Dwellings and Dual Occupancy

Following the recent announcement by Australia Post that mail deliveries to households will be reduced from a daily service, Council has extended the timeframe for responses to Development Application Notifications from 14 days to 21 days. The extension of time will ensure that the community is provided with adequate time to respond to proposed developments and will assist Council in receiving and addressing the views of the community when assessing proposed developments. Persons making a submission are required to comply with Section 147(5) of the Environmental Planning Assessment Act (Political Donations & Gifts Disclosure Statement). Forms are available from Council's administrative offices.

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
2024/114	8 Aurora Terrace Mulwala	Shed
2024/120	17 Ramsay Street Corowa	Demolition of Shed

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.

LIGHT UP FEDERATION CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMPETITION

Residents and business owners are invited to decorate their home or business to Light Up Federation this Christmas. The 2024 Light Up Federation Christmas Lights Competition will feature four categories that residents and business owners can enter.

- Best Decorated House
- Best Decorated Street
- Best Decorated Business
- People's Choice Award (all eligible entries will automatically be entered into the People's Choice category).

Residents, and businesses located close by but outside of the Federation Council boundary can submit a 'listing only' entry for public viewing. Entries close 5:00 pm on **Friday 6 December, 2024**. To register, simply complete the online form available from Council's website.

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:

- **Labourer Saleyards, Facilities & Town Services**
- **Leading Hand Sundry**
- **Team Leader Grader x2**
- **Heavy Plant Operator - Urana**
- **Learn to Swim Instructor x2**
- **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.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Federation Council is reviewing our Community Strategic Plan. The Community Strategic Plan is a shared vision of what the community aspires to see in our local government area in the future. It's reviewed every four years to align with your aspirations and priorities.

Between **28 October and 6 December, 2024**, we're listening to you. Please tell us what you think will improve our community as we look forward to 2040. Complete the Future Federation survey on Council's website today, or attend a community workshop or pop up near you.

Community Pop up or Workshop

Attend a community pop up or workshop near you to provide your valuable feedback to shape our future:

- Pop Up at Corowa Memorial Plaza: Wednesday, November 20 from 10am - 12 noon.
- Workshop at Club Corowa 'Miss Birdie Room': Wednesday, November 20 from 1pm - 2.30pm.
- Workshop at Club Corowa 'Miss Birdie Room': Wednesday, November 20 from 6pm - 7.30pm.
- Pop Up at Mulwala Bakery: Thursday, November 21 from 10am - 12 noon.
- Workshop at Mulwala Library and Resource Centre: Thursday, November 21 from 1pm - 2.30pm.
- Workshop Online: Thursday, November 21 from 6pm - 7.30pm.

Visit Council's website for further information.

SERVICE NSW MOBILE CENTRE

The Service NSW Mobile Service Centre is coming to Oaklands Rv Park, Milthorpe Street, Mulwala across from Lake Mulwala Erne Street and Urana at Macknight Park Anna Street on the following:

- Mulwala - **Wednesday 20 November, 2024** from 9am - 3pm
- Oaklands - **Thursday 12 December, 2024** from 9am - 12pm
- Urana - **Thursday 12 December 2024** from 1pm - 3pm

Find out more from the Service NSW website:

www.service.nsw.gov.au

RATE INSTALMENT NOTICE

Federation Council would like to advise residents that rate instalment notice two has been issued. The payment due date is **Saturday 30 November, 2024**. Flexible payment options are available, including direct debit and online payment via Council's website. If you are having difficulty paying your rates, you may be eligible for hardship relief. Find out more from Council's website or contact our Finance Department on (02) **6033 8999** for further information.

AUSTRALIA DAY NOMINATIONS - NOW OPEN!

Do you know someone who has given outstanding service to your community? Would you like to shine a spotlight on a local hero in your town? Are you a member of an amazing community group which deserves recognition? If so, consider submitting a nomination for the 2025 Australia Day Awards, which are now open! The Australia Day Awards program is a way to recognise people who make exceptional contributions to our local communities. Find out more and complete the online nomination form from Council's website.

Nominations close 5pm, **Monday 18 November 2024**.

FEDERATION COUNCIL

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