

THIS IS FUTURE FEDERATION 2024 2025

Federation Council is asking the community to help shape Future Federation 2024-2025. We are hosting a number of engagement opportunities at a number of locations and times during the month of May.

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POSITION 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 this opportunity is for you:

• 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**.

TENDER: FOOTPATH REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Federation Council is seeking tenders from suitably qualified and experienced contractors to remove and construct new reinforced concrete footpaths totaling 430 lineal metres along sections of Bailey Street Mulwala and Corowa Road Mulwala. Documentation relating to the Tender have been uploaded to the Tenderlink portal. No charge is made for documents downloaded through this site.

Closing: 2pm, **Monday 20 May, 2024**.

ON EXHIBITION

At Council's April ordinary meeting it endorsed the draft Southern Riverina Drought Resilience Plan and draft Legislative Compliance Policy for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

The draft Southern Riverina Drought Resilience Plan has been developed through the collaboration of Berrigan Shire, Edward River, Murray River and Federation Councils' communities. Feedback closes 5pm, **Wednesday 29 May 2024**.

The draft Legislative Compliance Policy sets out Federation Council's position for complying with obligations under state and federal law. Feedback closes 5pm, **Wednesday 5 June 2024**.

Council is inviting the public to review the draft plan and policy and provide feedback. Both documents are available for viewing from 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

RATE INSTALMENT NOTICE FOUR ISSUED

Federation Council would like to advise residents that rate instalment notice four has been issued.

The payment due date is **Friday 31 May, 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. Contact our Rates Department on **(02) 6033 8999** for further information.

FIREWOOD COLLECTION SEASON

Annually, residents can collect firewood on designated Federation Council road reserves for home heating with a permit until the end of September. Further information including where you can and can't collect firewood, as well as relevant fees and permit information is available from our website.

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
2023/178	11 Grevillea Terrace Mulwala	Dwelling and Shed
2023/193	91-93 Milthorpe Street Oaklands	Relocatable Dwelling
2024/16	39 Townsend Street Howlong	Swimming Pool

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.

THE 'CURRAWA CROSSING' ART EXHIBITION

The 'Currawa Crossing' exhibition is returning in 2024! Indigenous Artists from across the Riverina and Murray regions are invited to submit work to the community exhibition to be held at the Corowa Art Space.

The exhibition will be on display from the **24 May – 14 July 2024** and will run to coincide with National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and artistic achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples residing in the region.

Artists interested in submitting work can find out more and download a submission form via Council's website.

SERVICE NSW COROWA AGENCY - JULY ALTERED OPERATING HOURS

The Service NSW Corowa Agency will operate with altered opening hours during the month of July 2024.

The agency will be closed on Wednesday's during July as follows;

- **Wednesday 3 July**
- **Wednesday 10 July**
- **Wednesday 17 July**
- **Wednesday 24 July**
- **Wednesday 31 July**

Council apologises for any inconvenience caused and thanks you for your continued support and understanding.

Visit the Service NSW website www.service.nsw.gov.au anytime for assistance.

LAKE MULWALA LOWERING

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority has advised that the water level in Lake Mulwala will be gradually lowered by 1.5 metres for maintenance works on the weir and bridge.

- When: The water will recede gradually over the next 5 weeks.
- Why: Essential maintenance on Yarrawonga Weir and Mulwala Bridge.

Please note this is NOT a full drawdown of Lake Mulwala like in 2022. Once all work is complete the lake will be refilled ahead of the next irrigation season. This work is done in collaboration with Goulburn-Murray Water and Transport for NSW.

Boat ramps and access points may be affected, and water users are requested to always check conditions.

ENGAGE WITH US THIS MAY: FUTURE FEDERATION 2024-2025

Federation Council is pleased to advise that our draft Delivery Program, Operational Plan, Budget 2024-2025, updated Long Term Financial Plan and Revenue Policy are available for review from Council's website following their endorsement at the April Council Meeting.

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 are on public exhibition until 5pm, **Tuesday 4 June 2024**.

Residents are encouraged to review our draft strategic plans and are invited to provide feedback via our;

- Online form available from Council's website
- Email to council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au
- Complete a feedback form in any one of our offices
- Send in feedback to PO Box 77, Corowa, NSW, 2646
- Phone: (02) 6033 8999.

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:

Public Meetings

- **Wednesday 15 May:** Urana Bowling Club, 6pm - 8pm
- **Monday 20 May:** Club Mulwala, 6pm - 8pm
- **Wednesday 22 May:** Howlong Golf Resort, 6pm - 8pm

Drop-In-Sessions

- **Monday 27 May:** Corowa Civic Centre, 10am - 1pm.
- **Tuesday 28 May:** Howlong Library, 10am - 1pm.
- **Wednesday 29 May:** Mulwala Library, 10am - 1pm.
- **Thursday 30 May:** Urana Council Chamber, 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.

LIBRARY STORYTIME

Federation Council invites parents and carers to Storytime sessions at the Corowa, Howlong and Mulwala Libraries. Storytime is scheduled as follows;

- **Mulwala - Every 2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month 10:30am**
- **Corowa - Friday 10:30am weekly**
- **Howlong - Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month 10:30am**

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.

Find out more on Council's website.

FEDERATION COUNCIL

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