

Right to Know Week NSW 2024

23 - 29 September 2024

Mainstreaming Access to Information and Participation in the Public Sector in NSW

RTK CHAMPION

Find out more below!



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:

- Senior Learn to Swim Instructor
- Cleaning Officer
- 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 SATISFACTION SURVEY

From **Tuesday 24 September, 2024** Federation Council will undertake an independent quantitative Community Satisfaction Survey project. The research objective is to determine the community's satisfaction with Council services, as well as the importance of service areas and facilities to provide Council with guidance on the future needs of the community.

The research outcomes will also inform Council's progress in achieving its Community Strategic Plan measures and support the ongoing development of Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. It will also provide us with benchmarking data with other similar Local Government Areas.

Micromex Research will be conducting 200 resident telephone surveys to support the data collation component for this project on behalf of Council. Micromex Research is a market and community research provider based on the Central Coast of NSW.

Find out more from Council's website.

SEWER NETWORK UPGRADE - MANHOLE LOCATIONS

Due to capital upgrade works on Council's sewer network, our team are in the process of locating and raising sewer manhole lids to ground level in Corowa and Mulwala with this work continuing until the end of 2024. Residents may or may not be aware that a sewer manhole is located within their property boundary or front nature strip. Our team will request access to your property and if you are not home will leave a generic calling card to request that you contact the council and arrange access when it's suitable. This important work is vital to maintain the sewer network to a high standard and we thank you for your cooperation. Please contact the Council with any questions.

BALLOON ANTICS - HOWLONG & COROWA LIBRARIES

Balloonic Bruce is bringing lots of fun, colour, action, and excitement to the Howlong and Corowa Libraries this October! Attend this ballooncentric show with the family for \$5 per person at the following locations:

- Howlong Library: **Friday 11 October, 2024** - 10:30am
 - Corowa Library: **Friday 11 October 2024** - 2:00pm
- Bookings are essential please call the Howlong Library on (02) 6026 5055 or the Corowa Library on (02) 6033 8941.

KITE MAKING - MULWALA LIBRARY

Have a flying good time this school holidays at our Kite Making activity. Attend this kit making activity with the family for \$5 per person at the following location:

- Mulwala Library: **Wednesday 2 October, 2024** - 10:30am
- Bookings are essential please call the Mulwala Library on (03) 5744 3439.

TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC STORYTIME

Calling all little bookworms! Corowa Library invites you to join them for a special Teddy Bear's Picnic Storytime! Bring along your favourite teddy and enjoy free snacks!

- When: **Friday 27 September, 2024**
- Where: Corowa Library
- Time: 10:30am

BYO drink and teddy, fruit will be supplied. Find out more on Council's 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
2024/82	13 Gray Street Corowa	Part Demolition Additions to House & New Shed
2024/102	230 Orford Street South Corowa	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.

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

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.

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.

OAKLANDS MEDICAL CENTRE - OFFICIAL OPENING

Federation Council is very pleased to invite you to the official opening of the Oaklands Medical Centre on **Friday 27 September, 2024** at 11am - 2 Hunter Street Oaklands.

This project was the result of funding from NSW Government Stronger Communities Grant and Federation Council, and is a great success story!

Light refreshments will be provided after the opening and we encourage people to come and celebrate this important new health service for Oaklands and the surrounding region. Find out more on Council's website.

RIGHT TO KNOW WEEK

It's Right to Know Week NSW 2024. The week runs from **23 - 29 September** and the theme is Mainstreaming Access to Information and Participation in the Public Sector in NSW.

Federation Council is a Right to Know Week NSW Champion and is committed to taking proactive steps towards supporting public participation through greater digital transparency.

Learn more about NSW information access legislation from the Information and Privacy Commission website www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/RTK2024 or from Council's website.

COROWA AQUATIC CENTRE - SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

The Corowa Aquatic Centre has some fun activities for you and your family to enjoy this Spring school holidays.

- Our casual family entry pass will be discounted from **23 September to 13 October, 2024**. Instead of paying \$21 it will be discounted to \$10 per day. Yep, you heard it right! Bring your family along for just \$10 - that's a \$11 saving off the usual price!
- Pool Disco is scheduled on **Friday 27 September 2024**, 4:30pm - 6:30pm. Celebrate the end of school term, get your groove on, and enjoy music, singing, and dancing with your friends. Child entry includes a lollie bag and meal deals will be available for purchase.
- Don't forget the same day pass outs are also available. This means if you pay to enter on any given day you can return during the same day at no extra cost.
- The colouring in table will be available along with toys and activities available upon request from reception.

Come along and join in the fun during the school holidays. We would love to welcome you and your family! Parental guidance is required for children up to 12 years of age.

HALLOWEEN DISCO AND TRICK A TREAT

Federation Youth Councillors are excited to announce they are holding a disco at the Memorial Hall in Corowa on **Thursday 31 October, 2024** with the theme being "Halloween." This event is free for ages 11 - 17 years and doors will open at 7pm.

Before the disco, there will be a Halloween Party Trick or Treat event from 5pm to 6:30pm. This event is a free family friendly event with each child receiving a bag of lollies. There will be spooktacular games to participate in and a costume competition. Get in early with your tickets to ensure you don't miss showing us your signature moves -the zombie walk, the witch's broom ride, or the fang-tastic Monster dance! It's going to be a great Halloween - We can feel it in our bones! To register visit the Council website.

Halloween Party Trick or Treat

- **Thursday 31 October, 2024**
- 5 pm to 6:30 pm
- Family Friendly. Everyone welcome.

Halloween Disco

- **Thursday 31 October, 2024**
- 7 pm to 10 pm
- Memorial Hall, Sanger Street, Corowa
- Ages 11 - 17 years

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