

## Proposed Permanent Special Rate Variation

### POP UP SESSIONS

Corowa • Mulwala • Howlong • Urana - 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:

- **Operations Officer (Plant Operator) Urana**
- **Leading Hand Sundry**
- **Senior Town Planner**

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.

### LIBRARY STORYTIME

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! 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.

- Corowa Library, every Friday morning, 10:30am. **02 6033 8941.**
- Howlong Library, 1st Thursday of the month, 10:30am. **02 6026 5055**
- Mulwala Library, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10:30am. **03 5744 3439**

Find out more by contacting one of the above libraries or visit Council's website.

### HOWLONG COUNCIL OFFICE AND LIBRARY TEMPORARY LOCATION

Federation Council is pleased to advise it will be undertaking important accessibility improvement building works at the Howlong Council Office and Library. To facilitate these important improvements, the Howlong Council Office and Library will temporarily relocate to the Howlong Community Hall for approximately 4-6 weeks. The move will begin on **Friday 28 February**, and the service will operate from the Community Hall starting **Wednesday 5 March 2025**. Please note that services will be unavailable between **Friday 28 February** and **Tuesday 4 March 2025**. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

### BOOK BINGO AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Calling all book lovers! Come and join Book Bingo 2025! Open to all Federation Council library members, Book Bingo challenges you to explore new genres and authors. It's a fun way to discover new reads and enjoy some friendly competition. Everyone who completes a bingo card (25 books!) will win a prize. Plus, we'll hold a prize draw at the Corowa Library on **Wednesday 28 May 2025** for even more prizes! Join in the fun and find out more by visiting your local library. Learn more from Council's website.

### IT'S TIME TO SHINE: SENIORS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITION

Artists aged 55 and over are invited to submit new work to an upcoming community exhibition to be held at the Corowa Art Space in 2025. The exhibition will be on display from **Saturday 22 March** until **Sunday 27 April 2025** to continue the fun and the celebration of our esteemed older community members following NSW Seniors Festival and the Time of Your Life Seniors Expo at Club Corowa. Artists interested in submitting their work can download a submission form with further details from Council's website or enquire at [communityevents@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communityevents@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au). Artworks and completed forms will need to be delivered to Corowa Civic Centre no later than **Monday 17 March 2025**.

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

In accordance with Council's Public Notification Policy and Community Participation Plan, the following Development Applications are hereby listed for public comment. Plans relating to these proposals are available for review from Council's website [www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au](http://www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au)

DA NO.	Address	Zoning	Proposed Work
10.2025.9.1	5 Pool Avenue Mulwala	B2 Local Centre	Two Storey Dwelling

Following the decision by Australia Post that mail deliveries to households will be reduced from a daily service, Council 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
10.2023.202.1	62 Victoria Street Howlong	3 Lot Torrens Title Subdivision & Demolition of ancillary buildings
10.2024.185.1	73 Birdwood Street Corowa	Shed
10.2024.179.1	1 Hemphill Close Mulwala	Patio Extension

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.

### HELP SHAPE COUNCIL'S PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICE!

Federation Council is inviting local residents, architects, developers, and business and industry representatives to share their views on our Planning and Development Service. Your feedback is vital in helping us shape and enhance the service we provide to our clients. Please take 10 minutes to complete our survey available from Council's website and contribute to the future of this important service. The survey will be available until 5pm, **Thursday 13 March, 2025**.

### PLANNED MAINTENANCE WORK - JOHN FOORD BRIDGE

Transport for NSW will carry out essential maintenance work on John Foord Bridge, Corowa on **Sunday 2 March, 2025**. There will be some traffic impacts to motorists crossing the bridge and pedestrians using the nearby shared path. Please follow the directions of the traffic control. To limit the impact on the community, work will be undertaken at night between 8pm and 6am, weather permitting.

### SERVICE NSW MOBILE CENTRE

The Service NSW Mobile Service Centre is coming to our region.

- **Wednesday 5 March 2025**, 10am - 3pm, Lake Mulwala Erne Street
- **Monday 10 March 2025**, 1pm - 3:30pm, Oaklands RV Park, Milthorpe Street
- **Thursday 27 March 2025**, 10am - 3pm, MacKnight Park, Anna Street

Find out more from the Service NSW website: [www.service.nsw.gov.au](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au)

### POP UP SESSIONS - PROPOSED PERMANENT SPECIAL RATE VARIATION

Federation Council is holding pop-up sessions in your area this March to discuss the proposed permanent increase to general rates, which has been submitted to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) by Council for assessment. Find us in Corowa, Mulwala, Howlong, and Urana. See the schedule below:

- Corowa: **Monday 3 March**, 10-11:30am (Memorial Arcade)
- Mulwala: **Monday 3 March**, 1-2:30pm (Bakery)
- Howlong: **Tuesday 4 March**, 10-11:30am (Bakery)
- Urana: **Tuesday 4 March**, 1-2:30pm (Takeaway)

We want to hear your questions and provide you with information. Find out more from Council's website.

### TIME OF YOUR LIFE SENIORS EXPO

Federation Council is inviting residents aged over 60 to have the time of their lives at Club Corowa on **Sunday 16 March 2025** from 11am to 2pm. The Time of Your Life Seniors Expo is an event designed to empower residents aging in the Federation Council community with valuable information, support, and resources. Visit the many stalls and find out about the services and programs available to you from Government, aged service, health and wellbeing, legal and advocacy providers, along with community, social, and fitness groups. The one-day program will include guest speakers, interactive stallholders, demonstrations, and health screenings. A complimentary two course lunch will be available for pre-registered guests. To ensure you can have a relaxing day and take home all your goodies' buses will be available from across the Council area. If you want to catch the bus, make sure you book one ticket for lunch and one ticket for the bus.

- Bus from Mulwala Library at 10:15 am
- Bus from Howlong Community Centre at 10:30 am.
- Bus from Urana Council Chambers at 9:45 am
- Bus from Oaklands CWA Rooms at 10:00 am

There are 150 tickets available. Book tickets online via Council's website or call the Corowa Visitor Information Centre on **(02) 6033 3221**.

### GENERAL RATES ESTIMATOR

Council is pleased to provide residents with the general rates estimator tool from our website. Your rates help Council maintain our beautiful region and provide income to run essential community services and infrastructure. They can be paid annually or quarterly. This estimator will help you calculate your Council general rates for the next two financial years - 2025/2026 and 2026/2027. This estimator tool does not reflect additional charges such as water, sewer and waste charges. It is an estimate only and does not include rebates, pensioner concession or other adjustments and is subject to change. Calculate your rates today on Council's website!

### SERVICE NSW COROWA OPENING HOURS

For the foreseeable future, Federation Council has made the decision to close Service NSW Corowa every Friday. Our new operating days and hours are as follows:

- Monday to Thursday 9:30am - 4:30pm

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

## FEDERATION COUNCIL

Corowa General Office

Civic Centre, 100 Edward Street, Ball Park  
Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm

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