

Community Meetings



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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:

- Lifeguards
- Learn to Swim 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.

PRE-LODGE MEETINGS FOR DEVELOPMENT REQUIRING CONNECTION TO THE WATER SUPPLY NETWORK - HOWLONG

The contract for water main upgrade works in Howlong to increase water supply and reliability was awarded earlier this year, with an anticipated completion date of December 2023. Given the timeframes for construction of developments and the likely timing for connections to the water supply network, Council wishes to advise that we can now schedule pre-lodgement meetings to discuss proposed development with a water demand greater than a 3 bedroom dwelling, or greater than 1 allotment. This includes residential, commercial and industrial developments.

A reminder to applicants that the information provided with applications for development with a water demand of greater than a standard 3 bedroom dwelling or greater than a single residential allotment (known as an Equivalent Tenement, or ET) needs to provide appropriate commentary in response to the requirements of Clause 7.9 Essential Services of Corowa LEP 2012 in their supporting Statement of Environmental Effects. It will not be acceptable to state only that urban services are available and can be connected. A more detailed calculation of the water demand from the development (calculated using the NSW Water Directorate Guidelines) must be provided. This will enable Council to avoid the over-allocation of the additional supply generated by the current water main works.

Requests for pre-lodgement meetings should be submitted online via the following link: www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au/Building-Planning/Building-Renovating/Booking-an-Inspection-or-Meeting

Please note that owing to significant resource constraints, we can only book meetings when staff are available to attend so delays may be experienced. We apologise for the delays, but we are currently prioritising reduction of the backlog of lodged applications throughout the local government area.

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.

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.

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
2023/74	248 River Street South Corowa	2x carports

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.

2024 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD NOMINATIONS

The annual Federation Council's Australia Day Awards honours and acknowledges individuals and groups who have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over several years. Residents are encouraged to consider who they believe makes a difference in their community, and nominate them to be recognised for their efforts and commitment. Online Nomination Forms are available from Council's website for the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year Award
- Young Citizen of the Year Award
- The Local Achiever Awards
- Community Group of the Year

Nominations are now open and close 5:00pm on **Monday 20 November 2023**. Find out more from Council's website.

FEDERATION COMMUNITY EXPO - SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Whether you are new to the Federation Council area or a long-term resident keen to know more about what local community groups and organisations have on offer, everyone is invited to the Federation Community Expo on **Thursday 19 October**, from 5:30pm at Bangerang Park in Corowa. This is a free community event to showcase the organisations, clubs, groups, and service providers in the Federation Council area. It will include displays and interactive activities, food, giveaways and live music throughout the afternoon. Find out more from Council's website.

MAGPIES SWOOPING

Spring often signals the beginning of the breeding season for our native birds, mainly Magpies and Plovers, which subsequently means swooping.

During the nesting season, a Magpie may swoop on people, clacking its beak. While alarming, it is usually an attempt to defend its family, so it is just a warning.

The good news is that a single magpie will swoop for only six weeks until their chicks leave the nest.

A list of known swooping locations is available from Council's website to help protect you and your family. If you know of a hot spot swooping location in the Federation Council local government area, share the location with us by contacting our customer service team.

SNAKE SIGHTINGS

Council has received reports of snake sightings throughout the Federation Council area.

During the warmer weather, snakes like to move onto greener pastures to find food or a nice warm place to rest, often placing them in close contact with humans.

If you see a snake, don't panic, back away to a safe distance.

All snakes are protected in NSW and killing one is an offence. Only licensed people are allowed to catch or keep snakes. A licensed local herpetologist is able to catch and relocate a snake for a fee.

Find out more information from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment website: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/native-animals/native-animal-facts/snakes

INDEPENDENT REVIEW UPDATE - PUBLIC MEETINGS

Council extends an invitation to its residents to attend upcoming public meetings in Corowa and Urana this October. The purpose of these meetings is for residents to receive an update on the Independent Review currently being undertaken by Professor Joseph Drew. These meetings will also provide ratepayers with the opportunity to provide valuable feedback in respect to this ongoing review.

At an extraordinary meeting on Friday, July 14, 2023 Council resolved to appoint the Institute for Regional Futures (University of Newcastle) to undertake an independent peer reviewed business case study on the financial sustainability of Federation Council and the advantages and disadvantages of amalgamation. An integral part of this project is to seek feedback from the community to accompany the findings that will be contained in the final report. Public meetings will be held on:

- **Monday 16 October** from 6.30pm-8pm at Club Corowa.
- **Tuesday 17 October** from 6.30pm-8pm at the Waterfront Pavilion Urana.

Find out more from Council's website.

NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR NSW FOOD BUSINESSES

Recent changes to the Food Standards Code have introduced new requirements for all businesses that prepare and serve food in NSW.

From 8 December 2023, businesses that handle unpackaged food requiring temperature control, and serve it ready-to-eat, must have a qualified Food Safety Supervisor and ensure all food handlers are trained in food safety and hygiene. Higher-risk enterprises must also be able to demonstrate their safe food handling practices.

While some businesses already require a Food Safety Supervisor in NSW, the requirement is new for school canteens, childcare services, charities and not-for-profits, correctional centres, delis and supermarkets, and some coffee vendors.

Find out more from Council's website.

JACKIE MERCHANT - AUTHOR VISIT

Join Australian author Jackie Merchant as she introduces her three young reader novels at the Howlong and Corowa Libraries.

- Howlong Library, **Wednesday 11 October**, 5pm
- Corowa Library, **Thursday 12 October**, 5pm & 7:30pm

The novels include; The Promise Horse, The Pony Question and The Homecoming Horse.

Book your place today at your local library.

SERVICE NSW SAVINGS FINDER APPOINTMENTS

Are you interested in finding out what rebates are available from Service NSW? Book a one on one appointment with a Service NSW representative at the Corowa Service NSW Agency. Appointments are available on the first Tuesday of each month from 9.45am - 2.30pm.

The NSW Government is helping to reduce the cost of living with more than 70 rebates and vouchers. Book your appointment by contacting Federation Council

P: 02 6033 8999 or in person

at the Corowa Service NSW Agency located in the Corowa Civic Centre.

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