

Council to lodge Special Rate Variation application 69.94%

PERMANENT INCREASE TO RATES

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www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

CREATING OPPORTUNITY CELEBRATING COMMUNITY



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:

- **Works Officer - Construction & Maintenance**
- **Learn to Swim Instructor**
- **Utilities Coordinator**

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.

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

Federation Council invites qualified and experienced businesses to participate in our Request for Quotation (RFQ) process to deliver the project outlined below.

- Desludging of Corowa and Mulwala Sewerage Treatment Plant
- Closing: **Friday 28 February, 2025, 5pm**
- RFQ 2025-223

Documentation relating to the above is available via the eProcure link from Council's website.

ON EXHIBITION

Draft Federation Ageing Well Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

The draft Federation Ageing Well Advisory Committee Terms of Reference is now available on public exhibition. Council invites residents to review the draft document from Council's website or at any Council office and provide feedback. The Federation Ageing Well Advisory Committee provides feedback and advice to Council on how to support residents to age well in the Federation Council Local Government Area. It is an advisory committee of Council. The Committee is made up of members of the community, who are aged over 55. Feedback closes 5pm, **Monday 10 February, 2025.**

Companion Animal Management Plan and Local Orders Policy Keeping of Animals and Birds

At Council's January ordinary meeting, Council endorsed the updated Companion Animal Management Plan and Local Orders Policy keeping of Animals and Birds for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

Council is inviting residents to review the documents and provide any feedback by 5pm, **Monday 24 February, 2025.**

The draft 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

Federation Council would like to advise residents that Rate Instalment Notice three has been issued.

The payment due date is **Friday 28 February, 2025.**

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.

STRONGER COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM NOW OPEN

Nominations are now open to not-for-profit organisations to apply for funding under the Commonwealth Government's Stronger Communities Program. Cash grants of between \$2,500 to \$20,000 is available to spend on new equipment or upgrades, installing solar panels, computer or I.T. gear, adding new war memorials and much more.

Initial applications are welcome through an Expressions of Interest form and it is strongly advised to carefully check your eligibility, including the type of items or activities you can take on, listed in detail with the official government guidelines available from The Hon Susan Ley MP website www.sussanley.com/helping-farrer-communities-become-stronger/. Expressions of Interest close 5pm, **Monday 10 February, 2025.**

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
2024/92	Oaklands Berrigan Rd, Oaklands	Use of existing buildings within the existing Vertrex Oaklands Site
2024/175	24 Ash Avenue Corowa	Verandah
2024/156	49 Adam Close Mulwala	Dwelling and Garage

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 seeking expressions of interest (EOI) from residents, architects, developers, and business and industry representatives in the Federation Council local government area (LGA) and frequent planning and operational partners of Council to join Council's Planning and Development Service Review Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG). The aim of this group is to provide a mechanism for residents and stakeholders to communicate concerns and needs within the LGA in relation to planning and development. This input will then form part of the final information presented to the full Council as part of the finalised Service Review into Planning and Development.

Council invites representatives from established community groups and individuals from the LGA to apply. There will be a maximum of two meetings held as part of your commitment.

Applicants must:

- Be a resident of the Federation Council LGA and or work on a regular basis as a consultant on developments in the Federation Council area; and
- Either represent an established local community group, or demonstrate a capacity to communicate with, and represent, residents.
- Represent a relevant stakeholder group (i.e., architects, major employers and industries, planning and operational partners).

Find out more on Council's website.

ESSENTIAL ENERGY GRANT

The Essential Energy Grants Program is now open to support eligible community groups contributing towards positive outcomes for regional communities. Grants up to the value of \$15,000 are available for community-based initiatives supporting the environment, education, resilience or related to the energy transition. Eligible groups include not-for-profit organisations, charities and community groups located within Essential Energy's network area. More information about the program can be found at essentialenergy.com.au/essentialgrants. Nominations close on **Monday, 31 March 2025.**

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. We look forward to seeing you at our first Corowa session **Friday 7 February 2025.**

COUNCIL TO LODGE SPECIAL RATE VARIATION

Federation residents, we need your input!

Since we announced Council's formal decision to apply for a 69.94% cumulative increase to general rates, we've received an overwhelming response online. We understand this is a significant increase, and this decision was not made lightly.

As your Council, we are committed to transparency and accountability when managing public funds. We truly value an informed community and appreciate your engagement on this important issue.

We know this decision raises many questions, and we want to ensure you have the answers you deserve. To help with this, we are in the process of creating a Frequently Asked Questions document.

Find out more on 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. Bookings for the event and bus transport open **Wednesday 12 February 2025** at 9:30 am. Book tickets online via Council's website or call the Corowa Visitor Information Centre on (02) 6033 3221.

2025 BIN COLLECTION CALENDARS

Do you forget which bins to put out each week for kerbside waste collection?

No more guessing, download the 2025 kerbside bin collection calendar from Council's website or collect one from Council offices in Corowa, Howlong, Mulwala or Urana.

Some Helpful Tips:

- Be mindful not to overload the bins – maximum weight is 80kg.
- Place bin close to the kerb with the handle facing toward your property.
- Place your bin out the night before your collection day or by 6am on the morning of collection.
- Keep clear of overhanging branches and power lines.
- Please leave at least one metre between bins and other objects, including fences and vehicles.

Find out more about waste services from Council's website.

FEDERATION COUNCIL

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