



Federation Council is reviewing our

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Influence our future! Find out more below.

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:

- Heavy Plant Operator - Urana
- Learn to Swim Instructor x2
- 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.

RATE INSTALMENT NOTICE

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

The payment due date is **Saturday 30 November, 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. Find out more from Council's website or contact our Finance Department on (02) 6033 8999 for further information.

ON EXHIBITION

At Council's October ordinary meeting, Council endorsed the draft Code of Meeting Practice for public exhibition for a period of 28 days. The Code of Meeting Practice for Federation Council has been adopted using the Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in NSW (the Model Meeting Code) is made under section 360 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (the Regulation).

This code applies to all meetings of councils and committees of councils of which all the members are councillors (committees of council). Council committees whose members include persons other than councillors may adopt their own rules for meetings unless the council determines otherwise.

Council is inviting residents to review the draft document and provide any feedback by 5pm, **Wednesday 27 November, 2024.**

The draft document is 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.

BILLABONG CREEK FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTATION

The NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy the Environment and Water is developing a new floodplain management plan under the Water Management Act 2000 for the Billabong Creek floodplain. This plan will replace the existing localised floodplain management plan developed under the Water Act 1912.

As part of developing the floodplain management plan, the department is seeking feedback on some key elements of the plan, including the proposed floodplain boundary and floodway network. Feedback on these elements can be made until **18 November 2024.**

Floodplain management plans set the rules for flood work development on floodplains in rural areas. They map the floodways and apply rules and assessment criteria for flood work approvals. You can find more information and book an appointment by visiting the department's website: water.dpie.nsw.gov.au, calling **1300 081 047** or by emailing floodplain.planning@dpie.nsw.gov.au

'FUSED' EXHIBITION

Beeswax, a blowtorch and damar resin are the unlikely ingredients that form the basis of Sharon De Valentin's upcoming solo exhibition 'Fused', which is exclusive to Corowa Art Space. 'Fused' explores the rugged beauty of banksias, the majesty of native gums, and the lively presence of magpies. Delicate roses, vast landscapes, and intricate stag head sculptures are complemented by small works crafted from found seeds, nuts, and papier-mâché clay. 'Fused' is open until **17 November 2024.** Entry is free and opening times are Wednesday to Friday 10am - 4pm and on weekends 10am - 2pm. 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
2024/90	4905 Riverina Highway Howlong	Dwelling

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.

COMMUNITY MEETING

Federation Council invites residents to a community meeting to discuss the proposed Drive Thru Bottle Shop (86-96 Sturt Street, Howlong) development application DA 10.2023.210.1. The meeting is scheduled:

- Howlong Community Centre, 110 Hammer Street, Howlong
- **Tuesday 12 November, 2024**
- 6pm - 7.30pm

This meeting provides an opportunity for the community to express their views on the proposed development in a public forum prior to the application being reported to Council for determination. The applicant has also been invited to attend to respond to matters raised by the community.

AUSTRALIA DAY NOMINATIONS - NOW OPEN!

Do you know someone who has given outstanding service to your community? Would you like to shine a spotlight on a local hero in your town? Are you a member of an amazing community group which deserves recognition? If so, consider submitting a nomination for the 2025 Australia Day Awards, which are now open! The Australia Day Awards program is a way to recognise people who make exceptional contributions to our local communities. Find out more and complete the online nomination form from Council's website. Nominations close 5pm, **Monday 18 November 2024.**

SWIMMING POOLS OPENING SOON

The Howlong, Oaklands and Urana Swimming Pools will be opening soon for the summer season:

- Howlong: **Monday 2 December, 2024** open daily 1pm to 7pm.
- Urana: **Saturday 30 November, 2024** open daily 7am to 7pm via access fob.
- Oaklands: **Saturday 30 November, 2024** open daily 7am to 7pm via access fob.

We look forward to welcoming all of our valued patrons.

Find out further information from Council's website.

LIGHT UP FEDERATION CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMPETITION

Residents and business owners are invited to decorate their home or business to Light Up Federation this Christmas. The 2024 Light Up Federation Christmas Lights Competition will feature four categories that residents and business owners can enter.

- Best Decorated House
- Best Decorated Street
- Best Decorated Business
- People's Choice Award (all eligible entries will automatically be entered into the People's Choice category).

Residents, and businesses located close by but outside of the Federation Council boundary can submit a 'listing only' entry for public viewing. Entries close 5:00 pm on **Friday 6 December, 2024.** To register, simply complete the online form available from Council's website.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Federation Council is reviewing our Community Strategic Plan. The Community Strategic Plan is a shared vision of what the community aspires to see in our local government area in the future. It's reviewed every four years to align with your aspirations and priorities.

Between **28 October and 6 December, 2024**, we're listening to you. Please tell us what you think will improve our community as we look forward to 2040. Complete the Future Federation survey on Council's website today, or attend a community workshop or pop up near you.

Community Pop up or Workshop

Attend a community pop up or workshop near you to provide your valuable feedback to shape our future:

- Pop Up at Howlong Bakery: Wednesday, November 6 from 10am - 12 noon.
- Workshop at Howlong Golf Resort: Wednesday, November 6 from 1pm - 2.30pm.
- Workshop at the Urana Council Office 'Council Chamber': Wednesday, November 6 from 6pm - 7.30pm.
- Pop Up at Corowa Memorial Plaza: Wednesday, November 20 from 10am - 12 noon.
- Workshop at Club Corowa 'Miss Birdie Room': Wednesday, November 20 from 1pm - 2.30pm.
- Workshop at Club Corowa 'Miss Birdie Room': Wednesday, November 20 from 6pm - 7.30pm.
- Pop Up at Mulwala Bakery: Thursday, November 21 from 10am - 12 noon.
- Workshop at Mulwala Library and Resource Centre: Thursday, November 21 from 1pm - 2.30pm.
- Workshop Online: Thursday, November 21 from 6pm - 7.30pm.

Visit Council's website for further information.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2024

Remembrance Day marks the end of fighting on the Western Front on November 11, 1918.

Every year, one minute of silence is held at 11am. This is the time to remember a relative, friend or ancestor or reflect on the sacrifice of those who have served and died in war.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

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.

FEDERATION COUNCIL

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