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And the good news is.... we have a dedicated 'Businesses' page that's waiting for your business logo & website (or Facebook) to be uploaded. This is a very cost-effective way to advertise! We are encouraging all residents of Howlong who own a business that services our area - whether it's large, small, shop front or home-based, to please come on board as a business member.

The annual business membership fee is just \$50.00. Simply log on and complete the online form – it's that easy!

Emergency Services:

50 people attended our public meeting on April 5th, including Adrian Butler GM Federation Council, and Deputy Mayor Shaun Whitechurch. The presentation by Ambulance NSW was very informative and well-received; with a strong indication of support for a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to be formed for Howlong, as the probability of a permanent ambulance is unlikely for a long time. Setting up a CERT will not be an overnight success and could take 12 months or so to establish. Ambulance NSW provides nationally accredited induction training, ongoing mentoring by local paramedics, wellbeing support, all personal protective equipment & uniform, all training materials, and a fully equipped ambulance response vehicle with fuel & insurance included. A list of 20 interested clinical volunteers has already been received, with a view to contact sporting and charitable clubs to see who else may wish to be involved. Ambulance NSW indicated a return visit possibly in June 2022, when they would meet exclusively with all clinical volunteers to drill down further with Q & A. This meeting will clarify what it means to be a first responder, plus the time and commitment that is required to become fully trained and qualified.

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Howlong Water Supply – Council Information Session

Federation Council endorsed a decision at their February meeting to stall further land development potentially for 3-4 years whilst upgrades to the water main pressure and supply are undertaken. Several subdivision applications were rejected in late December 2021, and this causes great concern for the growth of Howlong and the ability to provide future housing needs [which is already under enormous pressure]. Further to consider is the economic impact on owners and employees of our local building industry and businesses who supply goods & services. Council will host the information session and we strongly encourage you to attend and hear what plans have been considered to resolve the water pressure/ land development issues. This is a very important issue for Howlong residents!!

Howlong Water Supply Federation Council Information Session
6.00pm – Tuesday 10th May
Football Club - Mighty River Room