



October 2024 Update:

**FEDERATION COUNCIL ELECTIONS:**



HCPA's Cheryl Cook (Secretary) and Sue Warne (Treasurer) have been elected and will form part of the new Federation Council for the next 4 years. The 'Howlong First' ticket achieved an outstanding result at the polls on 14 September with 20% of first preference votes (1086) across the shire falling into their hands. This result was simply amazing and showed that their consistent campaign message to "Vote Group G above the line" worked both in Howlong and at pre-poll in Corowa, where they topped the Group voting as well. Full credit goes to the other three candidates who supported on the ticket - Mike Gardiner, Damien Glass and Dave Longley. This campaign was always a team effort and this win is as much theirs as is Cheryl & Sue's. Bravo!!



**DAVID LONGLEY** - *Wherever your journey takes you in your retirement from local government, make sure you enjoy it! HCPA and the Howlong community thanks you for your loyal service of 8 years as our local councillor. Your heart and soul has always been with Howlong and you fought hard on its behalf. Time is all yours now - good luck!!*

**CEMETERY TOILET:**

At long last things are on the move!! With some early fundraising activities done by our committee plus a very generous donation from the Howlong Local Thrifty Store we have raised \$18,000. We've also had generous donations of materials and in-kind labour for construction. This allows us to commence installation of the septic system and foundations for the toilet building, however we do need to raise another \$5,000 to construct the actual building. Fencing will be upgraded, and the entrance posts repainted too. After the lengthy planning process endured by the committee over 2+ years it is very pleasing to see how close we are to fruition.

**CROSS STREET RESERVE - TREE PLANTING:**

About 1000 seedlings planted on Sunday 28 July are now growing well. Take a walk down there and see how lovely the area is looking - the walking path and nature is a wonderful asset for our town so let's all take advantage of it coming into the spring weather. A small team of volunteers have offered to keep watering the plants during the hotter months and we are very grateful for their input - a huge thank you to Catherine & Stuart Taylor and Lydia Burbridge who've been down there keeping an eye on the plants and watering when needed.