

MEDIA RELEASE

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COUNCIL CALLS FOR SPECIAL CARE ON EASTER ROADS

Narrandera Shire Council is calling on local drivers to take special care on the roads this Easter, as part of a combined push to drive down a soaring road toll in NSW.

General Manager, George Cowan, said Narrandera Shire Council was working closely with the NSW Government to keep people safe on our roads, following a doubling of the road toll over the Christmas-New Year holiday period.

In 2017, 392 people lost their lives on the road, while there were more than 12,000 serious injuries.

“Statistics from the NSW Centre for Road Safety show that each year, more than two-thirds of all fatalities occur on country roads,” Mr Cowan said.

Narrandera Shire is unwavering in its commitment to reducing these horrifying statistics. “In our local government area alone, there were 3 fatal crashes between 2012 and 2016, and 36 crashes involving serious injury.

“The experts tell us that the main behavioural factors contributing to these deaths and injuries are:

- Speeding – 42 per cent
- Illicit drugs use – 19 per cent
- Tired drivers and riders – 18 per cent
- Drink-driving – 15 per cent, and
- Seatbelt non-usage – 12 per cent.

A moment’s inattention, a one-off case of speeding, fatigue or not realising you’re over the limit could result in a lifetime of regrets – or no life at all. Please be safe this Easter long weekend.

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