

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## NARRANDERA TOWNSHIP POPULATION

Narrandera Shire Mayor Cr Neville Kschenka today moved to clarify statements referring to the population of Narrandera Township.

The official population estimate for Narrandera is 4,375 according to the State Suburb definition used by Australian Bureau of Statistics. This information has been confirmed by Council's demographers, REMPLAN, who continually update economic and community data relevant to Narrandera.

The Mayor said today that this was a very welcome confirmation of the stability of Narrandera and dispelled any concerns raised by uninformed publications stating the population of the town to be under 4,000.

"I look forward to Narrandera growing its population as there are developments in the wind that could see strong growth in the foreseeable future. Development consent has been granted for two new highway service centres in Narrandera, in recognition of its strategic location at the junction of the Sturt and Newell Highways. Three major solar farm developments are also in the advanced stages of planning for the Shire. These and other initiatives are all likely contributors to increased jobs and population growth," said Cr Kschenka.

Cr Kschenka continued that reports of population decreases of almost 10% over the last 15 years are not reflective of the true trend as the population variation for Narrandera Shire, the last 10 years shows a much smaller decrease of only 2.5%.

"While population decreases are regrettable, they are unfortunately indicative of what is occurring in many small towns and shires in NSW and are reflective of seasonal conditions, advanced technology in the agri-business sector and other influences," the Mayor said today.

He added that the whole of Shire population as confirmed from the 2016 census is 5,893. Council is continually working on strategies to improve this number through increased business activity and population growth through economic development initiatives.

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Precis or Summary: Narrandera Township Population			
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