

Thursday 30 August 2018

## PIG FORUM ATTRACTS WIDE INTEREST

Visitors from across the Riverina and beyond will converge on Narrandera today to learn how they might diversify their income streams through involvement in the pig industry.

Farmers, investors and others will hear presentations from industry leader, Professor Robert van Barneveld, Group CEO and Managing Director of the SunPork Group, whose presentation will focus on SunPork value chains, SunPork plans for a new nucleus herd near Matong, challenges facing the pork industry and its business, key considerations for those considering an involvement in the pork industry and ancillary businesses required to support growth in the industry.

Jayne Morgan, Development Officer Pigs with DPI will tell those attending the forum that diversification is a business decision and it requires careful thought and information gathering. Jayne said today that the aim of her talk is to give an overview of the industry including regulations and where to find further information.

“I will have takeaway information for the interest of those attending,” Ms Morgan said.

Narrandera Shire Council, sponsor of the event, will be represented by Helen Ryan who will be the final speaker. Helen is Council’s Manager Development and Environment who also has plenty of experience in the pig industry through a former work role. Helen will discuss the available zonings across Narrandera Shire suitable for establishment of piggeries.

Mayor Cr Neville Kschenka, who will be opening the Forum at 10am at the Narrandera Ex-Servicemen’s Club, said “I am very pleased to be providing a warm welcome to all visitors to Narrandera today to explore what opportunities are available in the Shire to get started in the pig industry.”

He said that the expert panel of speakers was a positive indication of the standing of the industry and he was hopeful of a large attendance.

“Narrandera Shire is pleased to sponsor this event that will finish at 12.30pm with lunch,” Mayor Kschenka concluded.

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