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CONTEXT

The City of Wodonga is located on the Murray River in north-east Victoria, 300 kilometres from Melbourne. It covers an area of 434 square kilometres and is bounded by Towong Shire to the east, Indigo Shire to the south and west, and the NSW municipalities of Albury City and Greater Hume Shire to the north. Owing to its border location, Albury and Wodonga function as a single economic zone with employment, investment and services shared across both locations. Albury Wodonga is Australia's 18th largest city, and services a regional catchment of approximately 180,000 people.

The municipality of Wodonga includes the main urban centre of Wodonga as well as the satellite settlements and suburbs of Bandiana, Baranduda, Barnawartha North, Bonegilla, Castle Creek, Ebden, Gateway Island, Huon Creek, Killara, Leneva and Staghorn Flat.

Wodonga's population is approximately 42,000 and is projected to reach approximately 57,000 by 2036. Wodonga has a young population in comparison to the state and regional average, with the median age being 36 years.

Wodonga contains many natural assets of national, state and regional importance including the Murray River, Lake Hume and the hills surrounding the City.

The Hume transport corridor is one of the nation's most important rail and road linkages. Wodonga's location on this corridor provides a popular stopover for travellers and a significant freight destination and distribution point.

Wodonga has a diverse economy that provides a stable employment base. Manufacturing, public administration, freight, logistics, warehousing, healthcare and social assistance are the main industries.