

**Name of your facility:**

Brewarrina Health Service

**HSMN:** Tara Walker

**Introduction information on:**

- History on hospital/MPS and town. It is a largely Indigenous community of approximately 2000. The MPS has been open since 2004.

**Health Service/MPS information;**

- Bed numbers, 12 aged care, 4 ED, 6 dialysis, 8 acute.
- Services provided...24/7 medical cover, nurse practitioner and visiting specialists including ENT, ophthalmology, child health, renal.
- Shift Rosters as per the appropriate Award.
- Professional Development and Education provided. Support is given as far as possible to enable staff to attend.

**Hospital/MPS Accommodation**

- Description of accommodation provided . There are 6 shared units on site. They are available for 3 months.

**Temporary Accommodation**

- Motels or Hotels details the Middle Hotel, Bokhara Hutz.
- Caravan Parks...Brewarrina caravan park which has all on site amenities.

**Permanent Rental Accommodation**

- Is available at reasonable rates.

**Real Estate Agencies**

- Brian Johnson 0429392009

**Maps**

- Town, surrounding area – website: [www.nswtourism.gov.au](http://www.nswtourism.gov.au)

**Towns near your Health Service**

- Bourke is nearby town and is 1 hours drive. It has many historic sites including Fred Hollows grave.
- Dubbo is 4 hours and the major city for the area
- Lightning Ridge famous for it's opals is 2 hours drive.

**Local Newspapers**

- Brewarrina News. Published monthly. Available from the Tourist Information office. 02 68302106

**Transport**

- Local bus service. Country Link does several trips to Dubbo each week. [www.countrylink.nsw.gov.au](http://www.countrylink.nsw.gov.au)

- There is a daily flight to Sydney from Bourke.

### **Climate**

- Brewarrina has cold winters and hot summers. It is a dry heat with minimal rainfall. [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)

### **Education**

- Public school is Brewarrina Central school phone 02 68392186
- Private school is St Pat's. Phone 02 68392017

### **Childcare Centres/Pre Schools**

- Brewarrina Child Care Centre 68392385

### **Employment Agencies (for nurse's partners)**

- Centrelink

### **Local industry (major employers)**

- Agriculture...sheep and some cattle

### **Local attractions and activities**

- National parks near you here is Gundabooka and Mount Oxley within 2 hours of Brewarrina.
- Tourist attractions ie the fisheries that are world heritage listed.
- Annual activities, there is the local show as well as rodeo and horse racing
- Markets...held in winter

### **Shopping**

- Grocery there are 2 stores.
- Take away...2
- Furniture...1
- Clothing...1

### **Communication**

- Internet
- Mobile Network
- Post Office
- Newsagent.

These facilities are all available.

### **Financial Institutions**

- Bank...Commonwealth
- Other...ATM in 2 locations