**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

**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
• 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