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1. Executive Summary

1.1 Introduction

This Brewarrina Shire Council Social and Community Plan represent a detailed compilation of information about the community, its population, the services and facilities, and the key needs and issues of the communities that lie within the Shire of Brewarrina. The Plan incorporates ideas and suggestions from members and interested groups and organizations of these communities about how the needs should best be met and the issues addressed, and have been compiled in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (General) Regulation (2005).

The information for this Plan was compiled through a period of consulting with the community over an extended period of time, with participation from community service providers, community groups, businesses and other organizations in the Shire, in addition to members of the community, who participated in meetings, interviews, and focus groups, as well as informal discussions, and a response to a call for submissions for inputs on the Plan.

The information obtained has been used a basis for strategic planning and implementation of community services and activities within the Brewarrina Shire over the next five years.

1.2 Community Profile

The Shire of Brewarrina, is located in the Outback region of NSW along the banks of the Barwon and Darling Rivers, and covers an area of 19,155 square kilometres in the north-west of New South Wales, with the northern border of the Shire also the southern border of Queensland. The Shire of Bourke lies to the west of Brewarrina, and the Shire of Walgett to the east. The nearest major population and regional centre is the city of Dubbo, approximately 400 kms south-east of Brewarrina Town. .The estimated population of Brewarrina Shire in 2001 was 2060 persons (based on 2001 census)

The Town of Brewarrina, on the Barwon River, is the main population centre in the Shire, with two Aboriginal reserves, West Brewarrina and Barwon 4 within the town. The population of Brewarrina Town represents about 55% of the total population of the Brewarrina Shire Local Government Area.

In addition to Brewarrina Town, there are four other population centres within the Brewarrina Shire. The largest is the Village of Goodooga in the north-east of the shire with a population of approx. 375 (2001). Not far from Goodooga on the north-east border of the shire is the Village of New Angledool with an estimated population of approx. 40(2001). A further community of 65 persons(2001) lives at Weilmoringle in the north-west of the shire, whilst a small fluctuating settlement of between 10-40 persons live at the village of Gongolgon 45km south of Brewarrina Town. There is an estimated population of between 400-500 persons living on rural properties (ABS source)

Brewarrina Shire covers approx. 2.4% of the total land area of NSW and contains less than 1% (0.0363%) of the total population, with one person for every 8.7 sq. kms. This is compared to Sydney which covers 1.5 % (12,407 sq. kms) of the total area of NSW, and contains 62% of the total population.

The estimated population of Brewarrina, based on the latest available statistics(2001), is approx. 2060 persons, located in Brewarrina Town, Goodooga and various rural locations.(including Weilmoringle , New Angledool .,Gongolgon and Barwon Aboriginal reserve).

The Shire has a steadily declining population over past seven Census counts, with a decline of 204 persons since 1991(9.0%).The majority of the population of Brewarrina is younger than 45 years of age(72.9%) , with one third younger than 15 years.

A greater proportion of these younger people are amongst the Indigenous population.

In 2001, the Aboriginal people constituted the majority in each population grouping within the Shire with the exception of the Rural locations, with a total population of 1103 .This is the same situation in 2006.The Aboriginal population of the Shire has increased over the past ten years, as shown in the last three Census counts, with an of increase 163 (17.3%) between 1991 and 2001, and represents 53.5 % of the population as at the time of the 2001 census

1.3 Statistical Profile

This profile provides a summary of the characteristics of the Brewarrina Shire's population in accordance with the mandatory target groups, and is based largely on data obtained from the 2001 Census.

- Over the past 10 years, there has been a steady decline in population.
- The percentage of indigenous people to the total population has remained steady at 53.5%.
- The number of unemployed persons has increased, with a corresponding decrease in employed persons.
- The percentage of the population under 24 years of age has increased to 27.6 %, with an increase also in older persons above 64 years of age to .08% compared to .06% in 1991.

1.4 Mandatory Target Groups

The Department of Local Government has identified the key mandatory target groups, whose unique needs must be assessed, along with other groups in the community.

This group are:

- Children and families.
- Youth
- Women
- People with Disabilities

- Older persons
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.
- Persons from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds

The needs and issues as identified as applicable to these groups are detailed in this Plan, along with recommended actions to remedy these needs

1.5 Needs Assessment and Recommended Actions.

A review of the major issues confronting the Shire and more specifically the above mandatory target groups, and the existing facilities and services available in the Shire, was undertaken to determine the main areas of existing need, and to assess the adequacy of these facilities and services to meet these needs of the communities in the Shire,. The key issues were identified as a declining population and the decrease in employment opportunities as a result of the steady loss of businesses and employment sources over the past 15 years, and a subsequent decline in community services, public order and transport and communication. The characteristics of the population and the various communities and groups in the Shire and the particular issues relating to the often unique nature of the Shire were also taken into consideration when determining the needs and issues involved.

The needs of the communities in the Shire, and well-being of the residents and visitors of the Shire, have been determined by a review of the various identified target groups within the Shire and through a process of consultation, and meetings throughout the Shire, as well as the submissions of individuals and groups. This included meetings and interviews with representatives of various key community groups, as well as revision of the various Community Action Plans, and reports and minutes from the Community Working Party meetings. A schedule of these needs have been compiled as summarized hereunder, and a course of actions determined that were considered would ensure that these needs would be satisfied, and recommended strategies to ensure that these actions are effectively implemented.

A list of these needs and the recommended actions are included in the Plan for inclusion in Council management plan.

1.6 Review of previous Social and Community Plan.

(refer attached schedule)

Adoption of Social and Community Plan

This Plan was adopted by Brewarrina Shire Council at its ordinary Council meeting on

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2. Introduction

In 1996, the NSW Social Justice Directions Statement committed the State Government and the Department of Local Government to promote a more inclusive community by ensuring that government services are responsive to community need and diversity.

The Local Government (General) Regulation 1999 requires all councils in NSW to develop a social/community plan and report on identified access and equity activities in their annual reports. This Plan has been prepared in accordance with the updated version of the Department's 1998 Social and Community Planning and Reporting Guidelines in 2002, which was introduced to help Shire Councils meet this commitment and assist these councils to:

- a. Promote fairness in the distribution of resources, particularly for those most in need.
- b. Recognise and promote people's rights and improve the accountability of decision makers.
- c. Ensure that people have fairer access to the economic resources and services essential to meet their basic needs and to improve their quality of life.
- d. Give people better opportunities for genuine participation and consultation about decisions affecting their lives.

The regulation aims to recognize and build on the many existing council efforts to promote the wellbeing of their community members and effectively meet their needs through social planning. This requires all councils to:

1. Develop a Social/Community Plan or its equivalent.
2. Provide a statement about the access and equity activities planned by the Council, in its Management Plan and Annual Report.

2.1 What is a Social / Community Plan?

A Social / Community Plan is strategic by nature. It describes the local community, and identifies and summarises the key issues and needs facing the community, and formulates recommended strategies which the Council and /or other agencies could implement to address these needs. It sets the priorities, goals and activities required to respond to these needs, within a specific timeframe.

Most Plans incorporate a community profile, and needs statements, with a particular focus on highlighting the needs of underprivileged groups in the community, whose needs are always heard, understood or met.

An inaugural part of this Plan is the provision of an action plan, which:

- a. Outlines the precedence issues.
- b. The strategies to deal with these issues.
- c. The timeframes to implement these strategies.

- d. The resources required to achieve the goals of the Plan.
- e. The communal groups affected.
- f. The performance indicators to measure the effectiveness of the strategies.

The major aim of a Social Plan is to provide an important management tool by which the Council can recognize and study different issues within the community and analyse the available community services and amenities, to meet these needs in the community. In this way, the Council is able to more effectively identify any deficiency in available services and facilities, and be able to address the needs of the community more efficiently.

The role of this Plan is therefore multi-functional. It assists the Council to:

- Develop a greater understanding of the needs of the communities for which it is responsible, and particularly those most disadvantaged.
- Identify the strategies to respond to those needs.
- Identify the services and facilities required to meet these needs, and the services which the Council should have a role in funding.
- Advocate the services that should be provided by other bodies, such as other government agencies, community organizations or the private sector.
- Monitor variations in the needs of the community, and the ability of current services and models to meet those needs.
- Provide better services, facilities and regulatory activities to more sensitive and targeted areas.
- Achieve a more effective and cooperative relationship in planning of services, with other government agencies, community groups and private sector.
- More effectively address the quality of life issues and concerns, to benefit the whole community.

2.2 How does a Social/ Community Plan link in with other activities of the Council?

The Social/Community Plan links in with other activities of the Council in many ways. It assists the Council to take into account the needs of its community, and to provide or advocate for appropriate and accessible services and facilities for the benefits of the whole community.

The Plan provides demographic information concerning the local population, in addition to providing information on the needs of people in the community with disabilities, who are from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, aboriginal people, children and young and old people, women and the unemployed.

It incorporates also concerns in the general community on issues such as health, education, law and order and transport of the local community.

Strategies exist within the Plan to address such issues as deficiencies and shortfalls in available services to and facilities. This provides the Council with the responsibility to take action to give priority where necessary in the allocation of resources, and to seek possible sources of funding and grants if required.

In addition, the Plan includes the proposed activities and initiatives of the Council in regard access and equity activities to be undertaken to assist identified groups in the community. These activities will be incorporated into the next Management Plan of the Council, with outcomes of the action taken included in its Annual Report.

The Plan may also have an impact on other Council documents including the Local Environment Plan.

2.3 What are essential components of a Social/Community Plan?

A Social/Community Plan has many components, of which the essential components are:

- * Demographic data which shows the social or community composition of the people of the Council area
- * Human Needs Assessment, which has examined the wellbeing of the people of the area, and the unmet needs of the community, across a range of priority issues.
- * A list of recommended actions which will enable Council to choose priority initiatives to include in its next Management Plan.
- * Appropriate information concerning the needs of particular target groups.

These mandatory target groups include:

- Children
- Young People
- Women
- Older People
- People with disabilities including those with HIV/AIDS
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People
- People with culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Data and appropriate information concerning other specific groups such as low income earners, unemployed people, new residents and families should be included in the Plan.

2.4 What is the Scope of the Social Plan

The Plan seeks to identify the various needs of the people living in and also visiting the Shire. It determines whether it is Council's responsibility to take an action to meet their needs and also recommend action plans which are designed to meet these needs. It is planned to gradually develop the Social Plan into a comprehensive Community Plan by involving all service providers in the action planning process.

2.5 What will be done with the Social Plan?

The Social Plan is a living document subject to regular reviews and updates where necessary. The draft of the Plan will be displayed to the public for a period of 28 days and public comments are invited. Following the receipt of public, it will be presented to Council for formal adoption.

The Plan has a life span for five years, but modifications and refinements will be made in time for inclusion in Councils Annual Management Plan. Further planned expansion of the Plan will include input by organizations other than the Council that are meeting needs not identified in this edition of the Plan.

2.6 What is the Methodology and Consultation Process

This Social and Community Plan has been compiled in accordance with the guidelines for Social/Community Planning and Reporting issued by the NSW Department of Local Government(December 2002).

A Steering Committee representing the Council and the community was established to oversee the preparation of the draft plan.

The final meeting of this committee represented by a broad cross section of the community, as well as the Council, discussed a wide range of issues in the community and provided further information and recommendations for inclusion in the plan.

The information contained in this Social/Community Plan has been gathered through a process of community consultation by senior Council management staff in conjunction with a steering committee representing the Council, the working parties within the Shire and other interested groups in the community. Through a process of written submissions and reports, and consultation with local residents, target groups and appropriate government bodies, a profile of needs analysis within the mandatory groups has been obtained.

The Community Action Plans of the Working Parties of Goodooga and Weilmoringle, as well as Brewarrina (Ngemba Working Party), each focusing on those issues specific to each location, as well as the Shire as a whole have each had a substantial influence on the Needs, Issues and Recommended actions highlighted for their communities, and the Shire, in this plan. These plans provided the opportunity to gain community input over a range of issues, and to obtain a feedback on any deficiencies that may exist within the Plan, and an input on remedies to correct them.

The information sought from this community consultation process included:

- * Needs
- * Issues
- * Priorities
- * Strategies
- * Recommended actions

Similar needs and issues consistently emerged from the different community groups, and through the different consultative methods. With a relatively small population size, the needs and issues of one group in the community are often those of other community groups.

Particular emphasis was given to the main target groups, as identified by the Council (as summarized earlier in this Plan), during this community consultation process, as well as issues impacting on more than one group or the whole community.

Methods adopted to maximize the needs identification process and ascertain the best action plans, in addition to consultation in the community, involved sessions with interested stakeholders in the plan, as well as appropriate government departments and agencies and business and property owners.

Discussions with Brewarrina Shire Council staff across the range of its functions in relation to all aspects of the Social/Community planning and reporting process have also been conducted throughout the community consultation process. The large indigenous population in the region required an appropriate and often different accommodation in the approach towards the information gathering procedures within the local community.

2.7 Delivering the Social Plan

A range of considerations need to be taken into account for this plan to be delivered. There are seven mandatory target groups each with significant issues. In addition there are several community issues which are long term and complex with responsibility for delivery largely outside the scope of local government. Where Council does have the key responsibility to address an issue, a whole of Council response is needed to coordinate strategies across the different planning and delivery functions.

Given the limited financial resources available to Council, it is important to analyse the information collected and determine priorities so that resources are directed to those with the highest need.

Developing partnerships with other service providers, coordinating existing resources, building community capacity and strengthening the social planning process will contribute to more efficient and effective outcomes.

Building a sustainable community

Social planning aims to ensure that our local communities are resilient and self-sustaining as is possible with the limited resources available to the council. It does this by identifying priority social needs and responding to them through community development processes.

Community development is about working with communities, social service providers and government agencies to encourage communities to become self sustaining. It is about developing the skills and resources of the community to empower the community to respond to identified needs wherever possible.

According to the NSW government, a sustainable community is defined as being one that:

- Takes an integrated approach to creating a sustainable future.
- Maximises the use of its limited time and resources in areas that will yield the greatest strategic benefits.
- Develops plans that merge social and economic goals and build local capacity.

- Mobilises the community around priorities.
- Harnesses local support and attracts the outside resources needed to achieve its goals.
- Uses its critical mass of cooperating organisations to implement and evaluate locally based initiatives.
- Has strong, inclusive and visionary leadership.
- Encourages active participation, consultation and involvement for community well-being.
- Supports local investment in education, training and lifelong learning.
- Has access to positive and accurate information with which to evaluate its progress in achieving goals.⁹

There are a number of ways that communities can be assisted to achieve sustainability. They can be actively supported to gain funding and other resources, provided with training to develop and enhance their skills and knowledge, and have access to useful information.

⁹
Strengthening Rural Communities Resource Kit, Premier's Department, 2001, p.31

Supporting community services and voluntary organisations

Strengthening the governance and organisational capacity of local community organisations is much needed. There are small community organisations, unfunded or only funded on a part time basis. This has led to a fragmented service delivery network and most community based organisations are under resourced to address their skill development and other needs.

Our geographical isolation from major regional or urban centres is a major disadvantage for local organisations which need to travel long distances and pay high costs to access training courses. This is prohibitive for many.

Other levels of government have much to gain by ensuring that the local community organisations they fund to provide services on their behalf, are well governed and staffed by professional and well trained staff. There are cost efficiencies in this training and development being delivered locally and centrally.

Empowering through information

It became evident through this planning process that local residents need better awareness of available support and resources at times of need.

Members of our various communities often find it difficult to know which services to approach when they need assistance and find the different eligibility requirements frustrating. They can often miss out on needed services.

There are many areas where the services needed simply don't exist. Lack of awareness, however, means the services that are available may be under-used. A lack of knowledge also

leads to people accessing services when a crisis happens rather than at a stage where prevention could be possible.

Considerations for Council

The role of Council

Council's role in social planning is to demonstrate that the social needs of the community are recognised, identified and addressed. This process includes the development, monitoring, evaluation and review of social plans and the delivery of outcomes through a range of strategies. To be effective, this requires involvement and co-operation of all sectors of the community

The specific role of Council in responding to identified needs varies, depending on the specific issue or need identified. Many of the issues raised are the prime responsibility of other levels of government or other funded non government agencies. Council's role could involve:

- Providing a response through an existing or new Council service, program area or facility.
- Resourcing through financial, staff or in-kind support.
- Coordinating the participation of a range of stakeholders, including other government and non government service providers, to respond to specific issues.
- Advocating on behalf of local communities.

The assessment and measurement of economic, environmental and social impacts as well as the impacts of development are on going challenges for Council. To be effective, social planning must be integrated with environmental planning, economic development, local area planning and recreational planning and development.

A place based approach to coordinating Council activities

Our capacity to initiate and support projects tailored to the specific needs of each of the shire's towns, villages and communities, as well as many more localities, is constrained by available staffing and financial resources. Council can, and should however, play a role assisting communities to maintain a dialogue on local social, community and cultural planning issues.

During the community consultation process residents expressed a perceived lack of communication by different areas of Council about decisions affecting their town or village or communities.

Residents are often consulted about their needs but feel that they are not informed about the outcomes. The Social Plan community consultation process indicated that improved communication was needed including reasons for decisions made.

Despite Council's efforts at keeping the community informed and the role that Community Working Parties play, it is clear that communication between Council and local communities

could be improved. Approaches to be investigated could include the development of a community consultation policy and the formation of an Aboriginal Community based consultative committee, representing the Aboriginal community in the Shire. This committee will perform an advisory role to the Council and government bodies and will facilitate improved communication between the indigenous Community Working Parties, Aboriginal community and the Council.

Resource capacity

Council's capacity to address identified social issues is constrained by limited resources, including finances. The shire has a relatively low rate income and our services and facilities need to cover a large geographical area. Community expectations are also increasing. In addition to broad strategies such as improving service coordination and the development of Working Partnerships with government organisations, it will be necessary to investigate all alternative sources of funding and resources such as grants and subsidies.

Another possible source of funding is from other levels of government, although many grants are only provided on a common contributory basis. The Council receives a substantial support from a number of State and Commonwealth Government service providers. One of the most significant of these providers is Department of Community Services, which provides funding support for a number of community services such as Child care, Youth Services, Pre-School Education, Vacation Care, Women's Safe House, Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Family Services.

A strategic approach to identifying social needs will help Council to respond effectively to any funding opportunities that become available as well as allow Council to assist community based organisations to access funding.

Criteria for setting priorities

Through the social planning process a large number of needs have been identified, some of which are beyond the capacity of Council and other service providers to deliver. It is therefore necessary to develop priorities to ensure that the limited financial resources available are targeted to the areas of greatest social need.

Criteria for setting priorities include:

- Whether the needs are those of the seven mandatory target groups identified in the NSW Department of Local Government Social Planning Guidelines as the most vulnerable groups in the community
- How frequently the need or issue was raised through all of the consultation processes
- The level of Council and other resources likely to be available to respond to the need
- The indications from data and evidence, such as the Community Profile, social research and the experience of social service providers.

These criteria have been used in the table of strategies to support the timeframe for initiating appropriate action or follow up on the needs identified.

Timeframe

Another important consideration in the delivery of this plan is the timeframe in which each strategy is likely to be achieved. Although this is a five year plan, some of the strategies will be achieved in less than five years while others will take considerably longer. With some of the bigger issues such as transport, progress may be about improvement in small steps over time. In the table of strategies for the delivery of this plan the likely timeframe has been indicated as short term (within 1 year), medium term (1-5 years), long term (5-20 years) or ongoing response.

Health and Wellbeing

The health and wellbeing of residents of the Shire is an important indicator for the quality of life experienced by the community as a whole and can affect the ability of residents to participate in community life.

A number of factors impact on a community's wellbeing. These factors include the social and economic conditions that residents experience such as access to education, health and sustainable employment opportunities.

Creating the conditions for good health and wellbeing means taking a longer term view because the results are often not felt for many years. There are many stakeholders and agencies that need to work together to improve a community's health and wellbeing including the NSW Department of Health through the local Area Health Service, private medical practitioners, other state and federal government departments, local government and community members themselves.

There are also a number of challenges in the Brewarrina Shire in maintaining and improving the wellbeing of our community due to the spread of the population across some fairly isolated rural areas and the limited services able to cover this population spread.

The main provider of health care services in the shire is the Greater Western Area Health Service (GWAHS).

As well as the community health centres, the GWAHS operates a public hospital in Brewarrina town. Community Health outreach services are offered in outlying towns. In addition, The Brewarrina Aboriginal Health Service provides a vital health care service for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People in the Shire, with an extensive range of clinical consultation, counselling, anti and post natal care services to name a few. In Goodooga, the health service operates in conjunction with the Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service, whilst in Weilmoringle the Outback Division of GP's, in conjunction with the G.W.A.H.S., provide most of the primary health services.

Promoting a Healthy Community

Healthy communities is a world wide movement built upon the philosophy that health is determined by many factors including economic and environmental sustainability, social justice, social conditions, political access and cultural opportunities. It is based upon a recognition that social and economic factors impact on the health and wellbeing of the community and accepts that the health and wellbeing of a community is best achieved by the cooperative efforts of everyone that lives and works in that community.

The promotion of a healthy community is a way for Council to contribute to the health and wellbeing of the shire's residents.

Recommended Strategies:

1. Foster the partnership with Greater Western Area Health Service, Brewarrina Aboriginal Health Services, Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service, Orana Haven Rehabilitation Centre, Outback Division of GP's, Ochre Health, and the Community Working Parties, in creating a healthy community.
2. Take into account what is needed to have a healthy and active community when making planning decisions in Council
3. In partnership with others, seek opportunities to promote healthy environments throughout the shire.
4. To support health authorities, in conjunction with the relevant agencies (including Outback Division of GP's, Ochre Health, local RTO's and employment agencies) to recruit and retain adequate skilled work force.
5. To support the Aboriginal Medical Service in the provision of health services to the indigenous residents in the community, and its continued delivery of vital health care.
6. To support the Health services programs operated by GWAHS in the Shire.

Learning and Education

After decades of major change in work and leisure patterns, there is a need for related changes in the way that people learn. There is a growing focus on providing lifelong learning opportunities which leads to more inclusive, creative and vibrant communities. Lifelong learning involves all forms of learning, both formal and informal, with the home and the workplace increasingly becoming places for learning. Changes in technology are providing more opportunities for informal learning.

Education and learning are important issues for our shire because of the relative small numbers of residents having completed Year 12, and there is also a much smaller proportion that has post school qualifications. A recent significant development has seen schools in the Shire commencing or are planning to commence education in local languages and cultural history

A lack of post-school education options and the need to retain students in school for longer are important issues for our community particularly for young people and Aboriginal people.

Recommended Strategies

1. To support local schools in their commitment to working with the communities in the Shire, to best develop courses and strategies to meet the needs of students.
2. To support with schools in their development of cultural history and local indigenous languages courses in their education curriculum.

3. Continued support of Council's Sister City relationship with Warringah Council and the development of cultural, sport, art, staff and education exchange programs between the two municipalities.

Libraries as learning centres

Libraries play an essential role in developing and supporting life long learning communities. Free access to educational books, resources and technology such as computers, printers and the internet means that our libraries make learning possible for many.

Our libraries are well used by residents. Providing free access to computers, printers and the internet is increasingly becoming one of the most important services provided by our libraries. Census data reveals that households in the Brewarrina shire use computers and the internet less frequently than those across NSW as a whole. It also shows that a much lower proportion of households in the shire actually have computer or internet access in their homes. It is imperative that these information technology resources remain accessible, up to date and of a high quality. Currently the number of available computers is not keeping pace with community demand. There are plans in place to upgrade existing computers and internet technology in early 2007.

The Council recognises that providing free access to a wide variety of both educational and recreational reading opportunities will enhance the wellbeing of all target groups and further the aim of encouraging life long learning. The existing library facilities in Brewarrina are being expanded and refreshed, with new and refurbished, with new shelving and décor, as well as new and increased book resources.

Linking employment, education and training initiatives

It is important to link economic development strategies with the activities of education providers. Whether through further education or tertiary studies our education providers TAFE and various schools in the shire play a crucial role in developing the shire's workforce. Labour force participation rates are relatively low, only 51% of the population in the shire of working age is employed or looking for work. This compares with 56% labour force participation for NSW as a whole.

Recommended Strategies:

1. Strengthen the Brewarrina Library Service, developing information resources for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and other mandatory social planning target groups, gay men and lesbians, health issues and community as a whole.
2. Facilitate lifelong learning in the Brewarrina shire.
3. Develop Brewarrina Shire Council as a learning organisation
4. Examine feasibility of expanding library access to other areas of the Shire, including a deposit station at Goodooga.
5. Expand the availability of internet services to residents at Library, through the upgrading of existing computers and technology systems.

3. Review of Previous Social and Community Plan

The Brewarrina Social and Community Plan of 2004 identified a number of needs and issues within the community.

These needs and issues were of

A. Mandatory Target Groups

- of: Children
 Young People
 Women
 Older People
 People with Disabilities
 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People
 People from Culturally Diverse Background

TARGET GROUP	STRATEGY, GOAL, TARGET	STATUS
CHILDREN	Brewarrina Youth Centre- Continue to pursue funding from FACS and DOCS. To provide required services and facilities at the centre	<u>Achieved and continuing. Main issue is availability of Qualified staff.</u>
	Play equipment in parks and reserves- Consult with community to ascertain the most appropriate playground equipment to meet the community needs. Council investigate funding opportunities to purchase play equipment and upgrade / restore existing items as well as providing soft fall material, fencing, seating, garbage receptacles and signage. The play areas be constructed in such a way as to ensure ease of use and low maintenance. Play equipment for this age group needs to be contained within a fenced area with self-closing gate and have parent seating outside the fenced area Consideration be given to proximity to shade for the hot summer months. (subject to external funding)	<u>Partially achieved.</u> Provision of play equipment in parks is continually reviewed. Given funding limitations funding to provide all equipment is still outstanding and will be reviewed in 2007
	Recreational Activities- Council and the Community Working Party work collaboratively with the Department of Sport and Recreation to assist the sports co-ordinator in developing recreational programs for children within the community and to generate funding to expand their operations to Goodooga and Weilmoringle.	<u>Partially achieved.</u> Youth services staff are developing recreational and sports programs to involve all sectors of community- additional funding to extend operations to Goodooga and Weilmoringle to be sought after review of requirements.
	Children's Cultural Development- That the Community Development Officer facilitate the formation of a cultural development group including representation from the schools, child care centres, pre-schools, play group, Aboriginal Elders and the Brewarrina Shire community. Pursue funding to ensure the continuation of the Brewarrina Circus Skills Program.	Not achieved. To be reviewed in 2007. Ongoing

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	Brewarrina Mobile Resource Van- New service provider to deliver age appropriate programs to children and families in outer lying areas of the Shire.	Achieved
	Family Day Care- The establishment of 24 hour home based care within the community.	To be reviewed in 2007
	Vacation Care – Council's Community Development Officer to investigate the establishment of a program for children aged 0 – 5 years. <i>Please note: The Brewarrina Child Care Centre is closed during the school holidays.</i>	Achieved Partially funded by DOC's
	After School Care- Council's Community Development Officer to investigate the guidelines to establish an after school care program in Brewarrina for children aged 5 – 12 years.	Not achieved due lack of qualified staff and funding.
	Brewarrina Child Care Centre- To develop a strategy to attract casual workers for the centre.	Ongoing- to be reviewed in 2007
YOUNG PEOPLE	Young and single peoples housing / accommodation- Council to encourage a private developer and/or residents to invest in the community through the establishment of affordable rental accommodation.	Not achieved
	Work experience and job training information- Support the continuation of work experience placements including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ school based Links to Learning Program ▪ Access Group Training ▪ CDEP ▪ Yamagarra Centre ▪ Secure Federal and State funding to fully fund traineeships and apprenticeships Encourage business within the Shire to participate in work experience programs, traineeships and apprenticeships.	Ongoing- Council to continue to encourage businesses to participate in work experience and training programs
	Sports Co-ordinator- Encourage and support the Sport and Recreation Development Officer in the development of appropriate activities including the formation of a tennis, netball, basketball and soccer competition.	Ongoing Sport and Recreation Development officer is organising a range of sports activities for youth and children.
	Support the continued employment of the Sport and Recreation Development Officer who is funded by the Premier's Department for a period of 2 years.	Ongoing
	Bike tracks-	N/A
	Brewarrina Youth Council- The Youth Council be supported and encouraged by the Brewarrina Shire Council. That the Brewarrina Youth Council act as a liaison group with the Brewarrina Shire Council for this age group. If at any time there is no YCDO or Youth Worker to carry out this liaison role on behalf of Council, an appropriate person from another community service could be approached to fulfil the role temporarily.	Youth council is not currently operating- Establishment of a new youth services body currently under review. Currently under review with community groups and service providers.
Arts and Cultural Events/Programs- Support existing programs such as normal operations of Youth Centre and the Brewarrina Circus Skills Program and too encourage other organisations to be involved. State and Federal agencies as first priority to fully fund the operation of the Youth Centre. Also support is needed for new programs that are developed through the Youth Centre and Community.	Ongoing Additional funding is being sought to support new programs for youth activities	
WOMEN	Social Interaction- Existing women's groups and organisations be encouraged to develop and implement a range of activities to enhance the social fabric for women within the community.	Ongoing

	<p>Domestic Violence- Recognise domestic violence as a community issue and support the activities of the regional violence prevention specialist in addressing problems and implementing prevention strategies.</p> <p>Support the need for continued funding for the Ourgunya Women's Refuge and Bulgan Place in Brewarrina.</p>	<p>Ongoing Levels of violent attacks are falling with tighter alcohol sales regulations. Involve Brewarrina Aboriginal Health Service and Orana Haven Rehab. Centre. In the process</p>
	<p>Women's Personal Grooming- The Chamber of Commerce encourage existing businesses to stock a wider range of products to meet the needs of women within the community.</p> <p>Economic Development Officer to investigate the interest in the establishment of a fitness centre.</p>	<p>Chambers of Commerce is not operating. An ongoing issue.</p> <p>Not feasible at this stage</p>
AGED CARE	<p>Aged Care Accommodation- Expedite and expand the second stage of Brewarrina Shire Council's aged self-care housing project.</p> <p>Seek funding support from Federal and State Governments. Legacy and the Masonic Lodge have indicated they will try and support.</p> <p>Greater West Area Health Service, Brewarrina Aboriginal Health Service and other service providers investigate opportunities for high dependency aged care accommodation with the Brewarrina Health Service Facility.</p>	<p>Second stage not proceeded with due to lack of suitable funding</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
	<p>Roads and Footpaths- A plan be developed within the appropriate Council department/s for a progressive upgrade of Brewarrina town roads and footpaths. Consideration be given to coordinating such an activity with main street aesthetic improvement (also a 'high priority' need).</p> <p>Appropriate signage and / or demarcation of access ways be installed.</p> <p>Repairs be carried out throughout the town to bring 'trouble spots back to a safe condition.</p>	<p>Upgrading is ongoing and reviewed regularly The Master plan Project scheduled for completion in 2008, should see Brewarrina town footpaths and roads Are significantly upgraded</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
	<p>Dog Control- A Brewarrina Shire Council staff member responsible for town dog control attend group meetings and liaise with Senior Citizens groups re: Councils dog control strategy and any current concerns of older people in this respect.</p>	<p>Achieved</p>
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES	<p>Home and Community Care (HACC) - To be updated when issues and gaps identified.</p>	<p>Ongoing- needs assessed as they occur</p>
INDIGENOUS PEOPLE	<p>Brewarrina Community Action Plan- Current initiatives to continue until GH&D plan proposed for comment.</p>	<p>Refer to Needs sections in Mandatory Target Group for Indigenous People.</p>

B. General Issues in the Shire, which impact on many or all mandatory groups, which are subject to identification and review for actions.

These include: -

- Health**
- Economic Development and Tourism**
- Community Facilities**
- Cultural Development**
- Sports and Recreation**
- Transport**
- Housing**
- Community Safety and Law & Order**
- Employment, Education and Training**

A summary of these needs and issues and action initiated in respect to each need and issue is contained in the attached review of the previous Source and Community Plan.

STRATEGY	STATUS
<p><u>Health</u> The overall improvement of Health Service to the Shire in conjunction with Ngemba Working Party and Barwon Darling Alliance. And GWAHS and Brewarrina Aboriginal Health Service, Orana Haven Rehab. Centre</p> <p>Attraction and retention of qualified and skilled medical staff.</p> <p>Improvement of health education.</p>	<p>Health services have shown a significant improvement with the inauguration of Brewarrina Health Services into the Greater Western Area Health Service., and the key role that the Brewarrina Aboriginal Health Service, Orana Haven Rehab. Centre, and other Medical services are contributing to level of delivery of health services</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - working with Outback Division of GP's, Ochre Health,local RTO's and employment agencies to recruit and retain skilled workforce. <p>Ongoing, in co-ordination with community groups.</p>
<p><u>Economic Development and Tourism</u> To support the promotion and establishment of local businesses, and the upgrading and promotion of cultural and tourist attractions.</p>	<p>Council continues to support incentives to set new businesses and expand existing businesses, including a new business body, Brewarrina Enterprise Alliance.</p> <p><u>Aboriginal Cultural Museum</u> - due to reopen in 2007</p> <p><u>Brewarrina Fish Traps</u> - in process of being upgraded</p> <p><u>Caravan Park</u> - in process of being upgraded</p> <p><u>Accommodation</u> - There are plans to construct a Motel type accommodation in the near future. Currently being reviewed.</p>
<p><u>Community Facilities</u> Increase of facilities throughout the Shire to provide improved environmental and lifestyle services to both residents and visitors.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - all areas of facilities in the Shire have been assessed and maintenance and upgrading carried out where considered necessary.

<p><u>Cultural Development</u> To undertake measures and actions to improve level of cultural awareness in Shire and upgrade existing cultural structures and attractions in the Shire.</p>	<p>Ongoing (refer to economic development) Teaching of cultural history has commenced in Brewarrina Schools and local language education will commence at Brewarrina Central School in 2007, and has started at Goodooga Central School. A Cultural Plan for the shire is currently in process of compilation</p>
<p><u>Sports and Recreation</u> To improve level of sporting and recreational facilities in the Shire through identification of facilities required and funding sources analysed</p>	<p>Ongoing, with meetings with all sports and recreational and youth groups and service providers to assess best way to provide youth services to the Shire.</p>
<p><u>Transport</u> To improve the level and availability of transport services in and out of the Shire. This involves -repairing and upgrading identified sector of Kamilaroi Highway. -establish non-emergency transport services to Dubbo for non-urgent medical transport in co-ordinance with Area Health Service and Community working parties. -support extension of air line services of Airlink to Brewarrina.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Consult with Ngangana Community Transport and other transport providers in 2007</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p><u>Housing</u> To promote the investment in affordable rental accommodation in the Shire</p>	<p>N/A due to current economic environment</p>
<p><u>Community Services</u> To liaison with police and government agencies and community organisations to improve law and order and community safety issues in the Shire</p>	<p>Ongoing Recorded crime incidents in Shire have shown a decline in most areas of crime in 2005/06. Police Youth Liaison Officer commenced in 2006. A Crime Prevention Plan is currently in the process of being completed.</p>
<p><u>Employment, Education and Training</u> <u>Employment</u> The recruitment of greater skilled staff in council and promotion of incentive training of youth through full time mentors, in conjunction with CDEP.</p>	<p>Ongoing Council is continually seeking skilled staff and is promoting the training of young people in the employ of council, through fulltime members of staff, as mentors, where available CDEP is providing an ongoing key service in training and employment in the community, conjunction with the Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corp. in Goodooga and other areas</p>

<u>Education</u> To develop and implement programs to reduce truancy in local schools	of the Shire.
<u>Training</u> To promote training programs with mentors	Ongoing
	Not commenced to date- to be reviewed in 2007

N/A- Not achieved

4. Community Profile

The Shire of Brewarrina covers an area of 19,155 sq. kilometres in the north-west of N.S.W. The nearest major population and regional centre is the City of Dubbo approx. 400 kms to the south-east of the Brewarrina Town. The estimated population of the Shire in 2001 was 2060 persons (based on 2001 Census).

The majority of the land consists of rural properties which previously were engaged mostly in the production of wool and the grazing of cattle, with the continuation of drought and declining economic conditions in the region, had moved more into goat and other exotic farming with smaller economical and employment benefits to the Shire.

The Town of Brewarrina is the main population centre with an estimated 1200 persons, representing about 55.0% of the total population of Brewarrina Shire Local Government area. This includes the populations of two aboriginal reserves (West Brewarrina and Barwon 4).

There are four other population centres within the Brewarrina Shire. The largest is the village of Goodooga in the north-east of the Shire with population of approx.299 (2001 Census).The balance lives in rural regions, Barwon 4 Aboriginal reserve, Gongolgon. New Angledool and Weilmoringle, with the total estimated population to be approx. 500 persons.

Brewarrina is also home to the largest proportion of Aboriginal people of any Local Government area in N.S.W., with approx. 53.5% of the total population of the Shire(2001 Census).

The Aboriginal history of the land comprising the Brewarrina Shire constitutes a living part of its heritage. Perhaps the most significant feature of this history is the Aboriginal fisheries located in the Barwon River at the edge of the Brewarrina township. These fish-traps, date back to at least 40,000 years, and may be the oldest man made structure on earth, and are situated on the traditional land of the Ngemba people, which was the meeting place for inter-tribal ceremonies, involving large numbers of people who met on the river for trade and special tribal ceremonies .There is an equally significant aboriginal history in Goodooga , where the majority of the people are of the Yuwaalaraay language group, whilst in Weilmoringle, most of the residents derive from the Murrawari people

The continuing drought conditions and loss of businesses in the Shire over the past 10-15 years, has resulted in declining employment throughout the Shire, with a resultant deteriorating economical situation and difficult transition period. The consequences of these economic changes need to be identified and responsibly addressed to ensure that the community manages this transition period more smoothly. This is achieved by an effective social and community planning process, represented by this Plan.

The employment opportunities within the Shire have deteriorated further with the closure of one of the largest employers, the local kangaroo meat processing plant, in early 2006, and the increase of the unemployment rate in the Shire to over 10 %, with the indigenous people experiencing a higher rate of unemployment in all categories (20.9%) This has created a difficult dilemma in particular for the indigenous people, and the extended family and community relationships within their communities. For many, this has resulted in considering whether to leave the area which they have strong family and ancestral ties, to seek employment in an area where they may have very little or no family ties and of different

community infrastructure and demographic composition, and often without the necessary support systems.

The non-indigenous people in the community have also been adversely affected by this poor economic situation in the Shire, and as a result there has been increasing difficulty in obtaining and keeping experienced staff for all businesses in the Shire, in particularly the Shire Council, and attracting businesses to the Shire. The local CDEP service is an important factor in training and employment in the community. In Goodooga, the Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corp. through the CDEP, is a majority contributor to the availability of jobs and employment opportunities.

The social consequences of these deteriorating circumstances have seen employment, education of the children of the Shire, and in recent time's social unrest, becoming three of the main issues of concern to the community in Brewarrina, and have created a number of needs, many of which are interrelated

5. Statistical Profile- Overview

(Based on ABS Regional Profile- Brewarrina Local Government Area and 2001 Census)

The following demographic statistical information regarding the Brewarrina Shire, is based principally on data derived from the 2001 Census, and represents the social and community composition of the people in the Shire. It also reflects some of the key demographic trends emerging in Brewarrina Shire that have been reflected in the content of this Social Plan.

Analysis of Key Demographic Data.

5.1 Population Trends

(Schedule 1 and 2)

Brewarrina's population has experienced a steady decline since the early 1990s, reflecting a decrease of 204 persons since 1991. This decline in population numbers demonstrates the effect of the continuing drought conditions and loss of industries, businesses and services throughout the region. With continued closure of businesses and cessation of services since the 2001 census on which this data is based, the current population numbers will have continued to decline.

5.2 Age Profile

(Schedule 3 a. and b.)

The number of persons aged 65 years and over has increased steadily during this period. This increase is most evident in the non-indigenous population, although the numbers are relatively small. At the other end of the age scale, the number of children and young persons 15-24 years of age has increased by 13%.

- The number of indigenous children aged 0-14 years and those aged 15-24 years, in 2001, were 385 persons, compared to 160 non-indigenous persons, despite non-indigenous persons representing 46.5% of the population.
- Those persons 15- 64 years of age, have declined by 140 persons since 1991, reflecting a lower level of available workforce in line with the loss of businesses in the Shire, and employment opportunities in the Shire.

5.3 Indigenous Persons Profile

(Schedule 5)

- The indigenous population has grown by 161 persons since 1991, to 1101 persons by 2001, whilst the non-indigenous population numbers have fallen by 365 persons in the same period.
- The indigenous population represents 53.5% of the total population of the Shire.
- The median age of indigenous persons is 25 years, compared to 38 years for non-indigenous persons.
- The number of females in the indigenous community is 531(48.3%) of indigenous population, whilst non-indigenous females are 427 persons or 44.6% of the non-indigenous population

5.4 Labour Force Compilation

(Schedule 4 a and b.)

- The total labour force in the Shire is 876 persons, comprising 349 indigenous persons and 522 non-indigenous persons. The total number of unemployed persons is 96, of which the majority are indigenous (73).
- This represents an unemployment rate of 20.9%, for indigenous persons, compared to 3.8% for non-indigenous persons.
- Females represent 40.0% of the labour force.
- The size of the labour force has declined from 1071 persons in 1991 to 876 in 2001, a loss of 195 jobs or 18.2%
(With the continued down turn of the economic environment in Brewarrina over the past 5 years, these labour force numbers will continue to decline.)

5.5 Time Series Indicators and Trends

- The median weekly income per person in the Shire is \$300-\$399, and \$600-\$699 for households, with median weekly indigenous income of \$200-\$299, approx. 50-60% of non-indigenous persons.
- 271 persons or 29 % of the non-indigenous employed persons hold senior management, administration or professional positions in the Shire compared to 54 (19%) of the indigenous workforce .This represents that indigenous persons are employed in only 7% of the total highest paid positions in the Shire.
- In the indigenous population, only .9% of persons over 15 years of age achieved Year 12 education status, compared to 33% in the non-indigenous population.

5.6 Various Selected Characteristics

The following reports in support of the Statistical Profile of the Brewarrina Shire Council are included in this Plan. The data in these reports has been compiled mainly from information obtained in the 2001 Census. It must be recognised that there would be variances from data as at the date of this Plan. Where significant, reference has been made to such changes in the content of the Plan.

- 1. Population Profile-** A summary of population in the Shire, by sex, age group, birthplace and language, and identifying the indigenous persons by sex residing in the Shire.
- 2. Population Characteristics-** Population of Shire by key groups (Children, Persons 15-64 yrs, Women, Older persons- 65yrs and over, Indigenous persons,) Employment and Median weekly income.
- 3. Age Distribution -** Indigenous and non-indigenous population of Shire, in age groups, sex and marital status.

4. **Labour force Status-** Labour force of the Shire identified by sex and full and part time work status, with comparison with previous two census statistics. Also labour force by age group, employed and unemployed.
5. **Indigenous Persons Profile-**A summary of indigenous population in the Shire, by sex and age group and employment status , and identifying number of persons in CDEP employment, as well as unemployment rate.
6. **Employment in the Shire by Industry-** Number of persons employed by type of industry and business, with comparison .with previous two census, illustrating trends in employment by nature of employer. Also employment in industries by age group.
7. **Education status of population-** by type of educational institution attending, by indigenous status.

Schedule

1.

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Population Profile (Based on 2001 Census)			
Category	Males	Females	Total
Total Persons	1102	958	2060
Aged 15 yrs - 64 yrs	813	679	1492
Aged 64 yrs & over	84	91	175
Aboriginal	556	519	1075
Torres Strait Islander	0	0	0
Both Aboriginal and Torres	13	12	25
Australian Born	985	880	1865
Overseas Born	27	28	55
English Speaks only	988	908	1865
Speaks other language	14	13	27
Birthplace			
Australia	396	286	682
Fiji	3		3
UK		4	4
China			0
Ireland	3	3	6
New Zealand	3	6	9
Germany	3		3
Hong Kong		3	3
Elsewhere	3	3	6
Not stated	9	8	17

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2. Population Characteristics (Based on 2001 Census)

Characteristics	No. persons	Percentage	Comparison previous Census	
			1991	1996
Children(0 - 14 yrs)	568	27.6	632	660
Persons(15yrs.-64 yrs)	249	12.1	219	228
Women	958	40.6	1077	1049
Older People(>65 yrs)	175	8.4	149	169
Indigenous People	1101	53.5	940	1173
Employed	781	89.1	900	776
Unemployed	95	10.9	171	113
Not in Labour force	558	26.5	501	575
Total Persons	2060	100	2264	2193
Median Weekly Income	\$300.00-\$399.00			

3.a.

**AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS 2001 Census of Population and Housing
Brewarrina (A) (LGA 11200), 19188 sq. Kms**

**BO4 AGE BY REGISTERED MATITAL STUATUS BY SEX
Persons aged 15 years and over**

	<u>Married</u>		<u>Separated</u>		<u>Divorced</u>		<u>Widowed</u>		<u>Never Married</u>		<u>Total</u>		Persons
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
15-19 years	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	47	62	50	112
20-24 years	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	54	78	61	139
25-29 years	25	24	0	3	0	0	0	0	65	54	90	81	171
30-34 years	34	29	0	0	3	0	0	0	66	60	103	89	192
35-39 years	28	25	8	3	4	3	0	0	45	37	85	68	153
40-44 years	38	38	5	0	7	5	3	0	39	25	92	68	160
45-49 years	28	29	4	4	6	4	4	3	24	15	66	55	121
50-54 years	30	29	3	3	8	3	0	4	19	6	60	45	105
55-59 years	28	21	7	3	7	7	0	4	7	6	49	41	90
60-64 years	22	26	3	0	3	0	3	4	1	3	42	33	75
65-69 years	18	14	0	3	3	3	3	7	4	4	28	31	59
70-74 years	17	12	0	3	3	0	5	8	6	3	31	26	57
75-79 years	14	8	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	14	17	31
80-84 years	4	4	0	0	3	0	3	3	0	3	10	10	20
85 years +	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10	0	0	3	10	13
Overseas Visitors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	3
TOTAL	293	269	30	22	47	25	24	52	419	320	813	688	1,501

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3.b.

Population Age Distribution (based on 2001 census)				
Estimate Age Distribution	Indigenous	Male	Female	Total
0-14 yrs		188	197	385
15-44		277	236	513
45-64		87	77	164
65 yrs /over		17	23	40
Total Persons		569	533	1102
Estimate Age Distribution	Non-Indigenous	Male	Female	Total
0-14 yrs		87	73	160
15-44		210	173	383
45-64		126	87	213
65 yrs /over		62	65	127
Total Persons		485	398	883
Estimate Age Distribution	Total Population	Male	Female	Total
0-14 yrs		289	279	568
15-44		511	418	929
45-64		218	168	386
65 yrs /over		82	91	173
Total Persons		1100	956	2056

note: excludes visitors

4. a

AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS 2001 Census of Population and Housing
Brewarrina (A) (LGA 11200) 19188 sq. Kms

X13 AGE BY LABOUR FORCE STATUS (FULL-TIME/PART-TIME) BY SEX (2 of 2)
Persons aged 15 years and over (excluding overseas visitors)

	<i>Employed, working:</i>			<i>Unemployed, looking for:</i>			<i>Total labour force</i>	<i>Not in the labour force</i>	<i>Not stated(c)</i>	<i>Total</i>	
	<i>Full-time(a)</i>	<i>Part-time</i>	<i>Not stated (b)</i>	<i>Total employed</i>	<i>Full-time work</i>	<i>Part-time work</i>					<i>Total unemployed</i>
PERSONS											
15-19 years	17	15	3	35	10	4	14	79	53	0	102
20-24 years	43	22	0	65	11	3	14	109	56	6	141
25-29 years	61	33	6	100	6	3	9	129	61	6	176
30-34 years	71	37	3	111	8	10	18	104	57	5	191
35-39 years	66	24	0	90	8	6	14	116	40	6	150
40-44 years	68	25	7	100	10	6	16	83	45	7	168
45-49 years	54	17	6	77	3	3	6	65	35	6	124
50-54 years	43	22	0	65	0	0	0	56	34	6	105
55-59 years	41	9	6	56	0	0	0	34	32	3	91
60-64 years	23	8	0	31	0	3	3	50	34	6	74
65 years and over	33	7	10	50	0	0	0	49	111	13	174
Total	520	219	41	780	56	38	94	874	558	64	1,496

(a) Full-time is defined as having worked 35 hours or more in all jobs during the week prior to Census night.
 (b) Includes persons where employment status was stated and full-time/part-time status was not stated.
 (c) Includes persons who did not state their labour force status.

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4.b.

Labour Force Status (based on 2001 census)					
	<u>1991</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Movement over 10yrs</u>	
Employed				Increase	Decrease
Males					
Full Time	419	350	324		95
Part Time	102	93	103	1	
Total	521	443	427		
Females					
Full Time	186	184	196	10	
Part Time	150	119	115		35
Total	336	303	311		
Full Time	605	534	520		85
Part Time	252	212	218		34
Total	857	746	738	11	249
Unemployed					
Male	104	86	72		32
Female	67	27	23		44
Total	171	113	95		76
Total Labour Force					
Male	625	529	525		100
Female	403	330	351		52
Total	1028	859	876		152

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Indigenous Persons Profile (based on 2001 census)							
Indigenous Persons	Male	Female	Total	% pop.	Movement in 10yrs		
					Increase	Decrease	
Total	569	534	1103	53.05	169		
under 15 yrs	188	197	385				
15yrs-24 yrs	95	72	167				
25yrs-64 yrs	269	240	509				
Over 64 yrs	17	23	40				
18 yrs &over	361	313	674				
Under 18yrs	208	221	429				
Indigenous Persons in Labour Force							
	Male		Female		Total		
Employed	156	120	276				
CDEP	56	35	91				
Other	100	95	195				
Unemployed	55	18	73				
Total	211	138	349				
Not in labour force	162	189	351				
Unemployment Rate	26.10%	13.00%	20.90%				

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Employment by Industry (based on 2001 census)						
	1991	1996	2001	Movement over 10 yrs		
				Increase	Decrease	
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	277	194	201			76
Mining	8	3	0			8
Manufacturing	27	25	22			5
Electricity, Gas and Water supply	8	0	6			2
Construction	27	23	27			0
Wholesale Trade	15	10	12			3
Retail Trade	58	52	50			8
Accommodation, Cafes	28	27	22			6
Transport	15	11	7			8
Communication	18	4	3			15
Finance and Insurance	10	6	3			7
Property and Business Services	18	61	49	31		
Govt. Administration and defence	70	90	76	6		
Education	76	92	85	9		
Health and Community Services	94	111	107	13		
Cultural and Recreational Services	0	7	9	9		
Personal and Other Services	53	26	50			3
Non- classifiable economic units	3	10	10	7		
Not stated	93	23	36			57
Total	898	775	775	75		198

6.b.

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Brewarrina (A) (LGA 11200) 19188 sq. Kms								
X20 INDUSTRY BY AGE BY SEX (3 of 3)								
Employed persons (excluding overseas visitors)								
	<i>15-24</i>	<i>25-34</i>	<i>35-44</i>	<i>45-54</i>	<i>55-64</i>	<i>65-74</i>	<i>75 years</i>	
	<i>years</i>	<i>years</i>	<i>years</i>	<i>years</i>	<i>years</i>	<i>years</i>	<i>and over</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>PERSONS</i>								
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	17	39	38	48	32	18	10	202
Mining	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manufacturing	5	6	4	3	5	0	0	23
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Construction	4	7	8	3	6	0	0	28
Wholesale Trade	5	3	7	3	0	0	0	18
Retail Trade	8	10	16	5	4	3	0	46
Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants	3	6	4	3	3	0	0	19
Transport and Storage	0	0	3	7	0	0	0	10
Communication Services	0	3	3	0	6	0	0	12
Finance and Insurance	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	6
Property and Business Services	8	14	11	10	4	3	0	50
Government Administration and Defence	11	20	29	11	9	0	0	80
Education	8	35	20	15	6	0	0	84
Health and Community Services	15	33	25	19	6	6	0	104
Cultural and Recreational Services	0	3	0	3	3	0	0	9
Personal and Other Services	8	19	12	10	3	3	0	55
Non-classifiable economic units	0	3	7	3	3	0	0	16
Not stated	6	5	8	0	3	6	6	34
Total	98	212	195	146	93	39	16	799

7. a

**AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS 2001 Census of Population and Housing
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I04 TYPE OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION ATTENDING (FULL-TIME/PART-TIME) BY INDIGENOUS STATUS BY SEX

Persons

	<u>INDIGENOUS</u>			<u>NON-INDIGENOUS</u>			<u>NOT STATED</u>			<u>TOTAL</u>		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Pre school	18	19	37	6	7	13	0	0	0	24	26	50
Infants/Primary:												
Government	76	86	162	11	11	22	0	3	3	87	100	187
Catholic	7	9	16	24	24	48	0	0	0	31	33	64
Other Non Government	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Total	83	99	182	35	35	70	0	3	3	118	137	255
Secondary:												
Government	27	33	60	3	3	6	0	3	3	30	39	69
Catholic	0	3	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	3	6
Other Non Government	3	0	3	0	3	3	0	0	0	3	3	6
Total	30	36	66	6	6	12	0	3	3	36	45	81
Technical or Further Educational Institution:												
Full-time	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Part-time	6	6	12	8	17	25	0	0	0	14	23	37
Not stated(a)	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Total	9	9	18	8	17	25	0	0	0	17	26	43
University or other Tertiary Institution:												
Full-time	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Part-time	0	3	3	12	11	23	0	0	0	12	14	26
Not stated(a)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	7	7	12	11	23	0	0	0	12	18	30
Other:												
Full-time	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Part-time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not stated(a)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Not attending	373	337	710	399	322	721	13	5	18	785	664	1,449
Not stated(b)	57	24	81	23	5	28	30	13	43	110	42	152
Total	570	534	1,104	489	403	892	43	24	67	1,102	961	2,063

(a) Includes persons who were attending a Technical or Further Educational Institution, University or another type of educational institution, but did not state whether full-time or part-time.

(b) Includes persons who did not state whether or not they were attending an educational institution, and persons who stated they were attending an educational institution but did not state which type of educational institution.

7. b.

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I05 HIGHEST LEVEL OF SCHOOLING COMPLETED(a) BY INDIGENOUS STATUS BY SEX

Persons aged 15 years and over

	<u>INDIGENOUS</u>			<u>NON-INDIGENOUS</u>			<u>NOT STATED</u>			<u>TOTAL</u>		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Year 8 or below	88	77	165	54	19	73	3	0	3	145	96	241
Year 9 or equivalent	68	52	120	44	30	74	0	3	3	112	85	197
Year 10 or equivalent	102	102	204	138	105	243	3	0	3	243	207	450
Year 11 or equivalent	18	21	39	15	18	33	3	0	3	36	39	75
Year 12 or equivalent	27	37	64	114	130	244	0	0	0	141	167	308
Still at school	9	11	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	11	20
Did not go to school	7	3	10	4	0	4	0	0	0	11	3	14
Not stated	62	32	94	32	25	57	22	11	33	116	68	184
Total	381	335	716	401	327	728	31	14	45	813	676	1,489

6. Assessment of Needs and Issues Actions

6.1 Introduction

The Council has determined the needs of the communities in the Shire and in particular the identified main target groups, and reviewed the existing facilities and services in order to assess their adequacy to meet these needs, which had been identified after an extensive period of consultation and meetings throughout the Shire, as well as submissions of individuals and groups, all within a relatively small timeframe. In undertaking this assessment, the characteristics of the population, and the particular issues relating to the unique nature of the Shire, were taken into account, in firstly compiling these needs, and secondly determining the strategies to ensure that the recommended actions are effectively implemented.

The recommended actions listed have been comprised from two major sources:

1. They represent the ideas and suggestions of the seven key target groups, as listed hereunder, and the broader Brewarrina Shire community, as determined through community consultation, and consulting the Community Working Party's Action Plans of 2005, and matters arising from the meetings of these Working party's, and other relevant groups and committees in the Shire.
2. They have been compiled through community consultation, by the staff of Brewarrina Shire Council as part of the process in finalizing this Social and Community Plan. In identifying the issues and needs, and the strategies and actions necessary to address them, this has involved taking into account actions that have been applied in other communities, as well as particular structure of the Brewarrina Shire community.

There is positive indication that the communities of the Shire, and its various groups and working parties, to participate effectively in co-operating in the implementation of the strategies detailed in this Plan. Some of the recommendations relate to ongoing community consultation strategies which could result in optimizing the sharing of information regarding the identified needs and issues in the community.

The recommended actions are stated in accordance with the guidelines of the NSW Dept. of Local Government, and are delineated by target group, issue and others by location or community, such as Weilmoringle, Goodooga .The timeframe for the implementation of these actions are based on comments and reports obtained during the community consultation process, and the availability of funding where required.

6.2 List Of The Major Needs And Issues.

The major needs and issues in the Shire, as identified by the Council, are detailed hereunder, after taking into account all information gained and input received during the extensive period of consultation throughout the community. They are categorized under three groups:

- a. General Needs and Recommendations
- b. Needs and Recommendations by the seven target groups.

- c. The unique needs of the communities of the villages of Goodooga and Weilmoringle in the Brewarrina Shire.

In a number of instances, the needs of the target groups and the villages will interrelate with those included in the list of issues included in the general category.

6.2.1 General Needs and Issues by Type of Need or Issue.

The issues contained in this category are those that are not specifically included in (b) and (c) above. The main issues and needs are detailed in the following categories:

- A. Health and Wellbeing.
- B. Economic Development and Tourism.
- C. Communities Facilities
- D. Cultural Development.
- E. Sports and Recreation.
- F. Transport.
- G. Housing.
- H. Community Safety and Law and Order.
- I. Education, Employment and Training.

Refer to following pages

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General Needs and Issues by Type of Need or Issue

A. Health and Wellbeing

Objective:

To ensure that people of the Shire have health services to meet their needs and live in a healthy and safe environment.

Assessed Needs	Council Goals	Target Date
Greater access to preventative health services	Support community groups (, men's group, home services, etc) to provide preventative programs in areas of domestic violence and assault in the community. Consult with GWAHS on preventative health initiatives. Consult with GWAHS and AMS and Orana Haven Rehab. Centre and other health care providers on preventative health initiatives.	Ongoing Review of action required to be determined by Sept 2007
Improve effectiveness and access to drug and alcohol services	To consult with schools and community drug action team to further promote drug and alcohol education in school Consult with GWAHS, AMS and Orana Haven Rehab. Centre and other D&A groups on best initiatives in D&A education and rehabilitation	Ongoing Prepare report by 3 rd quarter of 2007
Attracting and retraining qualified and skilled hospital and medical staff	To consult with hospital and medical authorities to determine staffing needs and identify ways council can assist.	Ongoing
Increased awareness of health and welfare in the community	To increase promotion of available health and welfare services in community and range of available health support services in consultation with various health services.	Ongoing
To provide improved transport facilities to Dubbo and other regional and metropolitan areas for specialist, mental health and dental services	After consultation with health services and other groups in Brewarrina government funding services to support obtaining the appropriate transport facilities Consult with transport providers on securing recurrent funding for health transport.	Sept 2007
Maintain and improve health care access to the community	To consult with health care services to review ongoing levels of satisfaction with health care in community Maintain HAC as integral link between health service and community. To consult with GWAHS, AMS and other health care service providers.	Ongoing To be constantly reviewed during course of plan.

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B. Economic Development and Tourism

Objective:

1) To provide the foundation for sustainable economic development in the Shire attracting investment and strengthening the Shire business and industry environment and stimulating employment opportunities.

2) To enhance the economic development and the image of the Shire, by actively promoting the Shire as an attractive tourist destination

Assessed Needs	Council Actions	Target Date
Motel or similar accommodation in Brewarrina	To support renovation / reconstruction of existing motel facilities and establishment of new accommodation enterprises	Ongoing New accommodation facilities due for commencement in 2007/08
Upgrading of existing caravan park	To conduct feasibility of upgrading / improving Caravan Park	Position on caravan park facilities under review.
Improvement of signage in shire	To ensure that signage in Shire is upgraded to requirements of the Council	Ongoing
Greater Tourist Promotion	To ensure that main tourist attractions in Brewarrina are actively promoted including the Fishtraps, Cultural Museum and other significant heritage sites and attractions	Ongoing in co-operation with indigenous groups. Significant improvements of major heritage sites due for completion in 2007.
	To undertake promotions and programs to assist Brewarrina to become a major arts, cultural and entertainment centre	Ongoing. Under constant review in conjunction with indigenous groups and business community.
Development of small enterprises	To undertake an awareness program to promote development and business opportunities in the Shire and retain existing businesses	To commence 2006 and onwards Providing ongoing support to Brewarrina Enterprise Alliance in promotion of businesses
Determine current future status of Brewarrina businesses	Conduct a survey of existing businesses to establish a profile of current businesses and future business and enterprise development in Shire	By July 2007 in conjunction with Govt. departments and Brewarrina Enterprise Alliance

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General Needs and Issues by Type of Need or Issue

C. Community Facilities

Objective:

To ensure that the quality and quantity of recreational and cultural facilities are maintained at a level to meet the expectations of the communities and in accordance with available funding.

Assessed Needs	Council Actions	Target Date
Upgrading of parks and sporting equipment and facilities in conjunction with Sports and Recreation Officer and involvement of volunteers / parents in the community. Funding to be sought for these activities from State and Federal sources	To promote the formation of sporting and recreational clubs and bodies in Shire and provision of sporting equipment as required	To be undertaken in 2007 in conjunction with community and sporting groups
Increase of social and recreational facilities in Shire, particularly for children and young people 12-18 years	To support the development of activities and programs at Brewarrina Youth Centre. To utilise the facilities at the Brewarrina Youth Centre to create greater social contact and recreational opportunities for young people in the community Consult with community on facilities most required in Shire.	In process Subject to a review of youth and children services, and best means of delivery in the shire in 2007
To increase availability of library's information and services by greater utilisation of electronic technology and improving assess ability to library services	Promote library services to increase access to library services and resources in conjunction with Moree Regional Library Installation of new computers and internet technology at Library. Refurbishment of Library and increased library book stock.	Ongoing. New computers to be installed in 2007, along with refurbishment of library

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D. Cultural Development

Objective:

To foster cultural renewal and wellbeing within Aboriginal communities in the Shire

Assessed Needs	Council Actions	Target Date
To improve the level of knowledge and understanding of cultural history and awareness in the Shire	Greater use of Youth Centre facilities to increase participation in cultural activities and programs(eg NAIDOC week, Aboriginal fisheries programs etc)	Due for review in 2007
To encourage the introduction of indigenous history and culture learning programs and subjects on school	To promote a greater awareness of cultural history and aboriginal languages and cultures in the Shire.	Commenced at Brewarrina Central School- and Goodooga Central School-ongoing
To promote the knowledge of Aboriginal arts among the people in the Shire	To utilise Historical Society and government departments and bodies and programs to increase a greater understanding of Aboriginal Arts and cultural background in the community.	Ongoing, to be increased in 2007
	To raise awareness of Aboriginal and other community cultures heritage and show issues in schools and child care premises with assistance from local aboriginal community.	Schools to be approached to raise this awareness-2006 onward
	Assist schools to promote local aboriginal and history and issues in conjunction with indigenous community. Develop contacts with regional arts and cultural bodies.	Ongoing at Brewarrina Central School with introduction of Ngemba language in stage 3 in 2007.and Goodooga Central School introducing Yuwaalaraay language. St Patrick's school to commence cultural studies in 2007

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E. Sports and Recreation

Objective:

To increase the involvement of the communities in the Shire in recreational activities. In particular to provide programs in conjunction with Youth Services in the Shire, that meet the current needs of the young people in the Shire

Assessed Needs	Council Actions	Target Date
To ensure greater utilisation of facilities of Brewarrina Youth Centre	Structure programs and activities at youth centre in conjunction with youth development officer and sports & recreation officer.	Commenced 2006,with programs planned to increase youth activities
To ensure council swimming pool is maintained and operated effectively for all the community	Encourage use of pool by sports and recreation clubs and bodies in shire. To review the condition of the pool to ensure it complies to health and public use requirements.	To be reviewed regularly during 2007
To maintain a high level of healthy and safe recreational facilities for young people in the shire	To support the establishment of a Youth body in the Shire co-ordinating sports and recreational activities and facilities. Conduct a survey to establish needs of young people.	By March/April 2007. Complete in 2007
To continue to foster the Council's Sister City relationship with Warringah Council	To co-operate with Warringah Council on the development of sports and recreation exchange programs	Ongoing
To foster partnership with recreational and sporting organisations	To ensure that current partnership with Far West Sports Academy is continued	Ongoing

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F. Transport

Objective:

To ensure that adequate transport facilities are available to the people of Brewarrina Shire to enable them to participate in everyday activities in their communities, and attend medical services outside of the Shire where necessary.

Assessed Needs	Council Actions	Target Date
Public road transport to Dubbo and other regional centres	To approach current coach services provider Frasers's Coaches to determine if current services to Dubbo and other locations from Brewarrina can be increased.	N/A Follow up in 2007
	Co-ordinate this approach with Bourke Shire Council	
	Investigate availability of funding to support/ subsidies extension of existing coach services, and the provision of health transport through existing providers(Ngangana Community Transport etc)	follow up in 2007
Regular air services to Dubbo and other regional centres	To liaise with Airlink to provide services in and out of Brewarrina on a weekly basis	To be revisited in 2007
	To investigate what is required to upgrade airport to meet Airlink requirements	As above.
	To determine funding available to make improvements and operational cost of airport	As above.
	Conduct a survey of Brewarrina Community groups, businesses and residents to assess demand for a regular air service from Brewarrina.	As above.

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G. Housing

Objective:

To ensure that the people of the Shire are able to achieve housing, that is both affordable and adequate for their needs.

Assessed Needs	Council Actions	Target Date
To improve the status and availability of housing for Aboriginal people in the shire	Review of the housing situation in the shire and compile a report on the needs and recommend actions , in conjunction with community working parties, and other community interested parties required to correct any short falls or problems with maintenance or availability of houses in the shire	Ongoing To be discussed with CWP's in 2007
	Consult with Community Working parties if action required to determine sources of funds available to satisfy any needs identified	After completion of above

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H. Community Safety and Law and Order

Objective:

To provide the foundation for achieving safe and secure communities throughout the Shire

Assessed Needs	Council Actions	Target Date
To improve the level of law and order and crime prevention in the Shire	Continue to work with police to improve community safety	Ongoing
	Consult with community groups and businesses on their recommended actions to address any law and order problems in the Shire	To be included in Crime Prevention Plan
	To establish a crime prevention plan, on which current and future initiatives for the reduction of crime in any sector of the Shire will be based. Formation of a Crime Prevention committee	Sept 2007 July 2007

Note: Records show that the incidence of reported crime has declined overall in 2006, with increase police personnel. During the year, and tighter alcohol regulations

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I. Education, Employment and Training

Objectives:

- 1) To participate in the provision of community facilities and services to ensure that education and training services are available to all sectors of the Shire.
- 2) To support local businesses and enterprises in the development of employment initiatives.
- 3) To encourage participation of the young people in the shire, in post school training and courses.

Assessed Needs	Council Actions	Target Date
<u>Education</u> To ensure that children in shire receive greater knowledge of aboriginal culture and history	Assist schools to promote local aboriginal history and issues in conjunction with consultation with indigenous community	Ongoing Discuss with schools in 2007
Greater emphasis to be placed on career education and training	Discuss with schools on broadening education syllabus to include subjects on job training and placement	Ongoing Review by 2 nd half 2007
To increase the level of drug and alcohol education in schools and youth groups and community working parties	Schools in co-operation with council and community groups to organise programs and sessions to broaden drug and alcohol awareness with school age children. Support Govt. and community organised programs on drug and alcohol education	Ongoing- with Police Youth Liaison Officer attending schools, And Youth Centre.
To improve level of special education for slow students (and talented students)	Adequacy of current special education programs at Brewarrina Central School to be reviewed periodically with school principal. St Patrick's school to be approached on their programs for slow students. Ascertain what adequacy of education in schools for talented students.	Ongoing
Adequacy of education programs for 'at risk' young people	Combined effort of Council, schools and communities to identify and put in place education programs for those 'at risk' young people.	Currently being reviewed. Follow up 2 nd half 2007
<u>Employment</u> To enhance employment services and facilities in Brewarrina.	1. Identify areas where council might be involved in local employment initiatives including consultation with CDEP. 2. Examine feasibility of developing projects in the shire, in conjunction with business community, working parties and government bodies	Ongoing plan for 2007
Declining employment opportunities in Brewarrina	Businesses in Brewarrina to be approached on possibility of employing more students on work experience Brewarrina Council in conjunction with the community groups and Government bodies and agencies examine the feasibility of developing funded businesses in Brewarrina to provide employment, income and greater future security for Brewarrina community.	To be reviewed in 2007 Businesses to be surveyed in 2007
<u>Training</u> To provide access for young people for self improvement and work related education	Investigate opportunities for programs to assist in preparing people for local employment (TAFE, Local schools, CDEPetc)	By July 2007
	Funding to be sought to support the employment of young people in training positions with businesses in Brewarrina	To commence in 2007 after discussion with businesses

6.2.2 Issues and recommendations by Mandatory Target Groups.

The seven main mandatory target groups, as identified by the Dept. of Local Government are:

1. Children
2. Young people
3. Women
4. Older people
5. People with disabilities
6. Aboriginal people.
7. People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Following the completion of the needs assessments of each of the seven mandatory target groups, it was observed that many of the issues raised were also common of many of the target groups, as well as the wider community. Therefore in some instances, similar needs and recommended actions are shown in two or all three of the needs groups as described earlier.

Refer to following pages

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Needs, Issues and Recommended Actions

1. Children

All persons aged between 0 and 11 years.

Characteristics:

In 2001 there were 485 children living in the Shire
Children comprised 23.5% of Shire's population
151 non-Indigenous children and 334 indigenous children were in this age bracket.

Priority Needs:

Need for more effective crime prevention strategies
Increased and more suitable sport and recreational activities and facilities
Improve current activities and facilities and staffing at Brewarrina Youth Centre
Increase in cultural development
Increased play equipment in Parks
Improved child care equipment and facilities

Action Plan:

Needs	Actions	Target Date
Lack of effective measures to reduce crime occurrence in the community.	To discuss with schools, child groups and police on best methods of preventative crime education programs Police Youth Liaison Officer to conduct an educational program at schools and community groups	2007 Commenced October 2006
To increase in sport and recreational activities and facilities	Increased interaction of Sports & Recreation Officer, Youth Development Officer and Youth Centre to improve level of sports available. Support continuation of Circus Skills Visits	December 2006 Ongoing
To improve facilities , activities and staffing of Youth Centre	Council to continue to upgrade existing facilities and equipment at Youth Centre	Ongoing
To improve level of cultural education and development of children	Seek co-operation of individual communities in Shire and Community Working Parties to increase the level and type of cultural education amongst indigenous and non-indigenous children. Approved schools in the Shire to adopt increase education of cultural issues and history.	To be reviewed in 2007 Commenced Bre. Central School in 2006
Upgrade and increase play equipment in parks	Check existence and condition of current equipment in parks, to ensure best equipment and facilities are in operation Seek advice from community groups on most suitable equipment	Ongoing in 2007
Child care facilities and program	Review current services at Child Care Centre to determine adequacy of facilities and programs. Assess where improvements can be made in conjunction with community groups, parents and government agencies.	July 2007
Pre-School Facility	Review current services at pre-school to determine adequacy of facilities and programs	July 2007

Summary:

There are a number of services currently available to children under 12 years of age. i.e. Pre-School, Child Care Centre, Early Childhood Health Centre, Young peoples activities at Youth Centre, Public and Private Schools programs, Sports grounds, swimming pool, and Sports and Recreation activities, Aboriginal Health Service and more. At Goodooga, a Youth Centre is operating in conjunction with other youth activities, and the revamping of the Kane Mason oval.

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2. Young People

All persons aged between 12 and 24 years.

Characteristics:

In 2001 there were 327 persons aged between 12 and 24 yrs living in the Shire
These young people comprised 15.8% of Shire's population

Priority Needs:

Need for more effective crime prevention strategies
Increased and more suitable sport and recreational activities and facilities
Improved employment opportunities through work experience
To provide improved social, employment and life style through development of facilities and programs through Youth Centre and sporting groups

Action Plan:

Needs	Actions	Target Date
Reduction of crime by youth in shire	Adopt advice from Police and schools and community groups on most effective methods to be adapted to minimise youth crime in Shire. Police Youth Liaison Officer to conduct educational programs at Schools and community groups.	July-Sept 2007
To increase level of sports and recreational programs in communities in the Shire	Seek co-operation of DOC's and Department of Sport & Recreation and other funding bodies to establish range of programs for adoption in youth activities in Shire. Investigate grants and funding to develop these programs	March 2007 & Ongoing
To expand existing programs and activities at Youth Centre. To encourage greater involvement of youth in Shire	Co-ordination with young people and community groups to assess best programme and activities for youth in the Shire. Continue support for Circus Skills visits. Conduct a survey of all families, young people and interested community groups to obtain a short list of most preferred activities for youths in Shire.	March 2007 & ongoing Ongoing Sept 2007
To establish more sporting clubs and organized various sports events and competitions in the Shire	See advice from community and youth organizations and schools and Sports & Recreation on best and most acceptable forms of sporting competitions in Shire for children and young people. This could be done through circulars at school, shops, youth centre, swimming pool and street talk.	Sept 2007
To identify the possibility of work experience in community to encourage young people leaving Shire or about to leave school to obtain valuable exposure to various types of experience in work place	Discuss problem of job experience with schools, TAFE and encourage businesses within Shire to participate in work experience programs where feasible.	2 nd half 2007 Survey businesses to assess availability of work experience opportunities

Summary: The current services are available to young people in the Shire

1. A Youth Centre based in Brewarrina and Goodooga offering a range of activities and facilities, during and after school hours
2. Employment of Youth & Community Development Officer and two Youth Workers, based principally at the Youth Centre
3. Employment of a Sport & Recreational Officer involved in providing a wide range of sporting and recreational activities and programs to the youth of Brewarrina

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3. Women

Characteristics:

In 2001 there were 958 women living in the Shire
 Women comprised 46.4% of Shire's population
 Of the 348 women in the labour force, 328 were employed
 Indigenous women comprised 531 persons (20.6%) of population.
 Indigenous women comprised 55% of all women in the Shire.

Priority Needs:

Improved personnel safety and law & order
 Reduction in the level of violence involving women.
 Survey of needs of women to assess adequacy of health services
 Increase in level and adequacy of women's facilities
 Improved social contact opportunities.
 Greater post school training and education courses to improve employment opportunities

Action Plan:

Needs	Actions	Target Date
Improved personal safety and law & order in streets and home	Increased street patrols by police. Use of aboriginal liaison officers / volunteers to identify and counsel offending persons. Involvement of Police Youth Liaison Officer to assist in educating young people on ceasing crime occurrence in community.	Commenced Ongoing from 2006
To ensure that violence in the Shire, particularly domestic violence to women, is reduced	To provide continued support to community groups and organisations addressing these issues. Continue to support and provide funding for Ourgunya Women's refuge and Bulgan Place.	Ongoing
To improve the levels of social interaction of women	Review the needs amongst women for greater social contact opportunities in the community, through consultation with working parties, women's groups, by discussion with women in the community. Provide support to interested groups to develop activities and programs to improve their well being in communities. Seek funding to provide these activities and programs, and person to support the implementation of these activities and programs. Support implementation of an Aboriginal women's self-help group.	Commence in 2007 and ongoing
To investigate adequacy of medical services available to women in the Shire	Assess through consultation with community the adequacy of existing health services for women and support any upgrading required. Work with GWAHS & Brewarrina Aboriginal Health Service to obtain permanent midwife	Review by July 2007
To obtain increased adult education courses aimed at providing improved occupation skills and abilities	Approach TAFE and Department of Education, schools to ascertain availability of adult courses. Also if local businesses can provide funded / unfunded job associated courses.	June 2007 & review courses by end of 2007

Summary:

It is generally acknowledged that women in the Shire experience varying degrees of socio-economic disadvantage in the community. Despite representing 46.4% of the population, the (2001 census) only 328 women or 16% of the population are employed, with no significant opportunities for future employment. 115 or 35% of these jobs are part time.

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4. Older People

All persons aged 65 years and over.

Characteristics:

In 2001 there were 165 people aged 65 years and over living in the Shire
This represents 8.4 % of the population.
Indigenous persons represent 53 % of the general population but only 24 % of the older people.
It is estimated that the proportion of older people in the Shire will have increased significantly to 2006

Priority Needs:

Better maintenance of housing.
Improved senior person's meeting places and recreational facilities.
Improved availability of transport facilities to attend meetings, medical services
Safety at home and on the streets
Increased support staff for home care

Action Plan:

Needs	Actions	Target Date
To improve standard of living of older people in Shire, through improved meeting and recreational facilities	To continue to monitor needs of aged citizens for improved meeting and recreational facilities in the Shire	Ongoing
Ensure housing of aged persons in Shire is adequately maintained	Review current level of maintenance of housing of Shire's older citizens, to assess need and extent of maintenance required if any, in conjunction with indigenous community.	Ongoing
Increase availability of suitable transport for aged persons to access medical centres, recreational places and shops	Review availability and suitability of transport facilities for aged residents to attend medical services, meetings and shops. Consult with transport providers on improving these services(eg Ngangana Community Transport)	Review by 3 rd quarter 2007
Safety at home and on the streets	Consult with police and community working parties and interested groups on best measures to lower concern of aged persons for own safety	Review by 3 rd quarter 2007
Increased support staff for home care	Assess through community working parties and aged persons groups on extent of requirements for extra support staff	By 3 rd quarter 2007
Financial security adult retirees.	To assess the effect of lower property valuations have on older persons equity in homes and ability to access funding where required, in conjunction with CWPs.	Complete in 2007

Summary:

The ageing of the general population will place an increased demand for community services in the Shire. There is an increasing requirement to ensure that the older people, as they become less mobile, have improved access to services. There will be an increasing demand for aged and nursing home beds as the population ages and residents may be required to move from their communities.

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5. People with Disabilities

Characteristics:

Disability in this case refers to impairment such as loss of sight, speech or hearing slowness in learning, incomplete use of limbs, head injury, mental illness lasting more than 6 months.

It includes those persons who have a limitation to perform certain tasks associated with daily living. This limitation must be due to a disability and in relation to one or more areas: self care, mobility, verbal communication, schooling and employment.

Priority Needs:

Improved transport to Shire facilities, shops and medical services.

Increased and more suitable sport and recreational activities and facilities

Improved public conveniences and related facilities

Respite services / facilities for carers

Action Plan

Needs	Actions	Target Date
Greater and more flexible transport availability to attend medical centres and shops	1. Identify persons with disabilities and determine best actions to meet their special needs	Conduct review in 2007
	2. Where transport is considered a priority need, assess type and time of transport and develop a budget and plan to meet this requirement	Ongoing Prepare report by Sept 2007
	3. Identify funding to meet any costs associated with transport facility	
Ensure all main township pathways and access to shops provide better use by physically disabled people	Conduct a review of all known problem areas and initiate action to correct where necessary	Ongoing
To upgrade all town toilet facilities to meet requirements of disabled people	Same as above	Ongoing
To provide overnight / long term respite services to allow carers a break	Conduct a review of current and future care and accommodation requirements and prepare action analysis	By 3 rd Quarter 2007

Summary:

As with the Aged groups (65 years and over), there is expected for these persons with disabilities in the community to require increased use of community support services and medical nursing care accommodation as they become older.

As at 2006, 137 persons in the Shire were in need of a disability support pension. This number of pension recipients has increased steadily over the past 5 years. This represents approximately 7% of the population and does not include the many people who are ageing and / or in difficulties, who do not qualify for a pension.

As the growth rate of older age groups increase there is an increased demand for community support services, and medical, nursing and hospital facilities and services.

The council intends to identify these residents requiring additional services as a result of disabilities and other ailments to ensure that adequate services are available in the community to meet their needs.

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6. Aboriginal & Torrens Strait Islander People

Characteristics:

In 2001 there were 1101 indigenous persons living in the Shire: Male- 569: Female- 532
Indigenous persons comprised 53.5% of Shire's population
Unemployment rate for indigenous persons is 20.9% compared to 10.9% for whole of Shire
Population numbers of indigenous persons in Shire have increased between 1991-2001
whilst non-indigenous persons has decreased.

Priority Needs:

(A detailed list of Needs and Issues confronting these people and recommended actions is attached)

Action Plan:

Needs	Actions	Target Date
	Refer Attached Schedule	

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7. People from Culturally Diverse Backgrounds

Characteristics:

In 2001 there were only 27 persons who speak a language other than English. (refer CDB)

About 10% of Shire's population was born in another country than Australia.

Residents in the Shire represent 10 different countries.

Priority Needs:

Identify residents of CDB and their special needs and requirements

Increased and more suitable sport and recreational activities and facilities

Action Plan:

Needs	Action	Target Date
To assist person with problems arising from their diverse cultural background	Identify the persons and their problems and determine which actions would best resolve the issues	First 6/9 months 2007
To assist these people to be inquired in recreational groups and facilities in community	Identify requirements from CDB in regard to recreational facilities and see support from individuals and established groups in the community	First 6/9 months 2007
To assist the community to better understand the requirements of these people.	Identify issues that these persons may have in conducting a livelihood in Brewarrina, and problems arising there from.	First 6/9 months 2007.

Summary:

Brewarrina Shire is a fairly diverse community, with residents born in 10 different countries. There is no significant known main issue or need identified for these persons from diverse cultural backgrounds

6. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

a. Introduction

The Council has identified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as a major cultural group, residing in the Brewarrina Shire, representing 1102 persons or 53.5% of the Shire's population. This represents an increase of 17.1% or 161 in population numbers in the 10 years 1991-2001. In the same period the non-indigenous population has declined by 365 persons. It is likely that this trend would have continued over the past five years to 2006.

b. Needs and Goals

Background:

The Brewarrina Aboriginal Community through its Brewarrina Community Action Plan and in co-operation with The Ngemba Community Working Party has determined 4 main needs and goals as the framework for the action plan. Similar goals are have been determined by the Goodooga and Weilmoringle Community Working Parties, and outlined in the appropriate sectors later in the Plan.

The **Ngemba Community Working Party** was established seven years ago to develop a social and housing plan for the Aboriginal community of Brewarrina, and has representatives of each Aboriginal organisation in the community, as well as each of the four sections of the town - Barwon Four, West Brewarrina, Newtown, Billabong and Brewarrina Town., which are elected each year. The Brewarrina Community Action Plan was developed by the Working Party, with the main priority to ensure adequate training in governance and fiscal management in the Aboriginal community. This has resulted in the establishment of the Brewarrina Business Centre, which has been involved in developing skills in Aboriginal organisations in the community, and assists in the provision of effective financial management to these organisations, and the sourcing of funding for various important projects in the Brewarrina community. Today, it is performing an important function, in not only the Aboriginal community, but the whole of the community.

Similar working parties exist in Goodooga and Weilmoringle communities, and are described in the sectors on the Goodooga and Weilmoringle later in this Plan.

Shared Responsibility Agreements- SRA.

In conjunction with the Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation (MPREC), Brewarrina has established six SRA agreements:

1. Over-arching SRA- Makes Brewarrina part of Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly.
2. Re-engaging Youth SRA-To find alternative educational models.
3. Community Parks and Gardens SRA-Establish community park in West Brewarrina and Barwon Four.
4. Community Bus SRA-Funding and first year's operational funding for 25 seater bus for the use by the community.
5. Women's Business SRA-Funding to assist women to establish their own business and self help group.
6. Brewarrina Business Centre SRA – Funding for setting up the BBC, and first year's funding, as well as training.

Each of these SRA's are projected to have a considerable influence on the solution of the needs identified within the Aboriginal community of Brewarrina.

Brewarrina Aboriginal Community Justice Group.

The ACJG (Aboriginal Community Justice Group) has been established by the NSW Aboriginal Justice Advisory Council, and originates from the NSW Aboriginal Justice Plan, and represents the local Aboriginal people in assessing crime and other offences of concern to their communities, and to assist to develop the best ways to address these problems. Its aim is to reduce crime by providing a role for the local Aboriginal community in sanctioning offenders, and developing programs that will service to prevent or reduce crime in the communities.

This group, through its coordinator, has proposed a plan to institute a youth strategy to enable the Group to plan for future activities, and enhance existing relationships with current service providers. The main strengths of this group is that they are able to work with young people, adult offenders and the victims of crime. To this end, they have held two meetings on youth issues in the Brewarrina community in 2006, with the aim to create a greater awareness of youth needs and issues in the community, and to highlight the need to develop a youth activity plan, that will identify future projects, funding and contacts with other service providers.

Aboriginal Community Consultative Committee

This committee, representing the Aboriginal community in the Shire, will be formed in 2007 to provide an overall strategic direction to the community, and to advise the Council and government bodies on issues and requirements of the Aboriginal community. In addition it will work in partnership with Council to help implement projects in the interest of the Aboriginal community in particular and the community in general.

These are:

- 1. Culture**
- 2. Lifestyle**
- 3. Well Being**
- 4. Self Determination**

This Community Plan is a result of a review of earlier reports and plans and consultations with the members of the Ngemba Community Working Party and the aboriginal community, and identifies and examines the needs and requirements of the community that are of most concern in each category, and determines the key actions required to achieve these goals and meet these needs of the community.

These actions are intended to address the many significant challenges that face the Brewarrina Aboriginal Community. There has been a clear expectation by the Brewarrina Aboriginal community that the Government Agencies will work in a coordinated and true partnership with the Community in addressing these real and serious concerns.

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A. Culture

1. Understanding and respect of Aboriginal Cultures

Needs	Strategy	Target Date
To develop a greater understanding and respect of Aboriginal people and their diversity of cultures at Brewarrina	To support the promotion of workshops and programs in the community to foster a general understanding of aboriginal people by investigations with indigenous communities, the key issues to be addressed and seeking out funds where available.	To be followed up in 2007 (contact appropriate organisations by July/Sept 2007)

2. Awareness of Cultural History

Needs	Strategy	Target Date
Promote greater awareness of cultural history and languages of the people of Brewarrina	To support the establishing of learning programs in schools and community To support the establishing of Ngemba language courses in schools	Currently taught in Brewarrina Central School Ngemba language courses commence in 2007 (Local language is also being taught at Goodooga)

3. Assistance to Young People at Risk

Needs	Strategy	Target Date
Assistance to young children 'at risk' through mentoring by elders and aboriginal community	To promote support where required to assist this mentoring program	To be discussed with Aboriginal community – in 2007

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B. Lifestyle

1. Improvement in Lifestyle and Environment and Community.

Needs	Strategy	Target Date
To improve the environment of urban Brewarrina to provide a better living environment for all the community	<p>1. To support the promotion of Brewarrina as a "Meeting Place" for indigenous people through annual festivals. (Festival of the Fisheries, NAIDOC Celebrations)</p> <p>2. To continue beautification of Brewarrina through improvements in surrounding towns, and implementation of an urban streetscape program.</p>	<p>Inaugural part of existing festivals- to be continued in 2007</p> <p>Ongoing strategy with major town upgrading and beautification project planned for 2007/8</p>

2. Safer Community

Needs	Strategy	Target Date
To provide a safer community	<p>1. To assist in the development of preventative and early preventive safety programs. Involve Police Youth Liaison Officer in problems.</p> <p>2. Encourage a number of road safety measures in the community- to be discussed with police</p> <p>3. Support Ourgunya Safe House model in community.</p>	<p>Ongoing Organise meeting with Police 2007</p> <p>Introduction 2007</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Increase the level of facilities and opportunities for young people in the community to undertake recreational and sporting activities to alleviate boredom and inactivity	<p>1. Provide access to visiting coaches to teach young people in various sports, and continue chosen sports.</p> <p>2. To increase where required the availability of sporting equipment and facilities for young people in the community.</p> <p>3. Conduct a survey to determine main needs of young people in the community.</p>	<p>To be followed up in 2007</p> <p>Ongoing- regularly reviewed by Youth staff at in conjunction with community. Discuss survey with CWP's in 2007</p>

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C. Community Well Being

1. Health Services

Needs	Strategy	Target Date
To improve access to Health services	1. To support GWHAS & AMS in the continued improved availability of health services, particularly to Aboriginal people in the community. 2. Assist to identify positions for Aboriginal Health workers and local sexual workers. 3. Investigate the obtaining of greater access to Dialysis treatment. 4. To meet with AMS, Orana Haven Rehab. Centre & other indigenous health providers in 2007, to explore ways in which the Council can assist in the provision of health services to the community.	Short fallings in health services to be identified by consultation with CWP's and Health service providers Complete review by Sept 2007

2. Drug and Alcohol Services

Needs	Strategy	Target Date
To improve the availability and extent of drug and alcohol services in the Shire	1. To meet with community representatives to agree on current shortfalls. 2. Investigate the development of an education program at schools. 3. Put in place a process to identify existing gaps in D & A services in conjunction with D & A groups, Police, schools, medical services.	Meeting of leaders of Drug & Alcohol groups in 2007 to determine ways to approach this issue

3. Home Care

Needs	Strategy	Target Date
Increased Home Care Support	To organise interested community representatives to meet with Government organisations (FACS, DADHC, GWAHS) to confirm needs, training and support required for home care workers and carer families.	Organise meeting in 2007 to discuss issues

4. Aboriginal Child Care

Needs	Strategy	Target Date
Establishment of Aboriginal child care services.	To arrange a meeting of community groups and Govt. departments and organisations to agree on the most suitable service for the Shire.	Meeting to be called in 2007

5. Aged Care

Needs	Strategy	Target Date
Improve Aged Care services	1. To investigate areas where access to transport, home services and health related equipment can be improved. 2. To maintain retention of Aged Care Facility.	Review services prior to calling meeting to discuss where services can be improved Sept 2007

6. Housing

Needs	Strategy	Target Date
Additional housing for aboriginal families	1. Consult with CWP on housing needs to determine extent of housing shortfall, including a survey of population and overcrowding in housing.	To be reviewed in 2007

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D. Self Determination

1. Improvement in skills and abilities of Aboriginal community.

Needs	Strategy	Target Date
1.To achieve a greater ability amongst Aboriginal people to maximise employment and business skills and abilities	1. To liaise with community working parties and govt. agencies to secure funding to establish training programs and facilities. 2. To work with wider community to develop and implement plans to develop educational programs and services for the aboriginal community. 3. To investigate the establishment of a consultative community committee to be responsible for development of business and employment opportunities in conjunction with indigenous communities.(CWP's, Brewarrina Business Centre)	Ongoing in 2007

2. Greater Involvement of Aboriginal community in enterprises.

Needs	Strategy	Target Date
1. To encourage the aboriginal community to reduce dependency on welfare, and limited local employment.	1. To seek support and funding from Govt. organisations and the wider Brewarrina community to support, establish or invest in enterprises, in and outside Brewarrina, in conjunction with CWP's and interested groups in the community.. 2.Involvement of Community Working parties in assisting to investigate and access the feasibility of investment in enterprises and businesses. 3. Promote and support existing aboriginal businesses in conjunction with CDEP.	This is an ongoing project to be developed in conjunction with needs (1).

6.2.3 Needs and Recommended Actions of Goodooga and Weilmoringle Villages. *(as per attached schedules)*

1. Assessment Of Issues And Needs For Communities Of Villages Of Goodooga And Weilmoringle

Villages Of Goodooga And Weilmoringle

Preamble

The villages of Goodooga and Weilmoringle, located in the north-east and north-west regions of the Brewarrina Shire, and as described in the attached community profiles.

The communities in each of these villages are represented by a Community Working Party, which consist of a broad representation of various sectors of each community.

The Brewarrina Shire Council is represented on each working party, and a member of each working party is a councillor on the council.

The council, through attendance at monthly meetings and continuing consultation and communication with the working parties and their representatives, maintains a good understanding of the needs and issues of each community, expressed through the forum of the working parties. The council provides support in areas of social and community planning, ongoing community consultations and funding, as required, to these working parties, and closely monitors the needs and issues in the villages.

A. Goodooga

Profile

The village of Goodooga is located in the north-east of the Brewarrina Shire and has a population of 299 persons. 78% of the population are Aboriginal people with many identifying their traditional language group as Yuwaalaraay.

In 2003, the Goodooga Community Co-operative Ltd was formed as one of the first projects involved in the Aboriginal Enterprise Projects of the Barwon Darling Alliance aimed to assist in the economic development of aboriginal communities. Its main objective is to foster creation of viable community businesses, long term employment and community services to Goodooga. To date, this co-operative has been responsible for developing the combined Youth Centre and Community Centre project as well as other important community programs.

Employment

There is a participation rate in the workforce of 66% with 96 people in the workforce, including 41 persons on the CDEP payroll. This figure masks the dependency on CDEP part-time employment and the levels of unemployment associated with seasonal work in the rural sector, particularly in the current drought. Goodooga CDEP reports (in November 2006), there were 75 participants with MPREC, 41 CDEP, 34 other.

The Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation(MPREC) was established in 2003, as an initiative of the Murdi Paaki Regional Council, for the purpose of managing and operating the Community Development Employment Programs(CDEP), implementing training and

developing enterprises, and provides asset and fund management to eight communities including Goodooga.

The effectiveness of the delivery of CDEP services in a community such as Goodooga, is dependant upon the level of interaction with the community, through their Community Working Parties, and the development of long term plans for the community. The level of this effectiveness can be gauged by the high number of employment participants(75) with MPREC. Through it's involvement in CDEP in Goodooga, MPREC has been responsible for the completion of a number of projects in the community, including the upgrading and landscaping of the Doreen Peters Park in 2006.

Income

The residents of Goodooga are highly dependent on CDEP wages and welfare payments and have a medium family weekly income of between \$600 and \$699 per week.

Health

Health services are provided mainly by the Goodooga Multi-purpose Service Centre and Hospital, with the Community Health, and the Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service in conjunction with Goodooga Health Service. Goodooga is serviced by a resident GP, who does not have access to VMO (Visiting Medical Officer) rights to the Health Service, and visiting health specialists on an out-patient basis. Many of the Primary Health Care Workers and Assistants in Nursing and Enrolled Nurses are local Aboriginal people.

As part of the Royal Far West Outreach Service, to country and outback children, a range of visiting specialist's services are being introduced to the community. (see health services directory)

There is a 24 hour emergency service and an ambulance service, with a large emphasis on service delivery on primary health.

Housing

The majority are getting old, rendering some uneconomical to repair and owned by Bodha Ltd (managed by Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation) or Goodooga Local Aboriginal Land Council. As a result, there are current demands for new housing in the community. A Shared Responsibility Agreement was made in 2006 with MPREC for up to 32 air conditioners in Goodooga houses as part of a program of improvements in living facilities and conditions.

Transport:

There is no bus service to go shopping, to medical appointments and visiting other towns.

Education

The ABS 2001 Census recorded the number of children attending school as 76 children and Goodooga Central School teaches from Kindergarten to Year 12 level. A Goodooga pre-school also provides vital early childhood education and is a participant of Indigenous Education Strategic Initiative Program. MPREC is currently delivering an excellent language program.

Services

Community services and facilities in Goodooga are very limited, with a steady decline in services in all sectors in recent times, with a particular lack of social and recreation facilities. The planned re-opening of the Bowling Club represents a positive move to establishing a centre of sporting and social activity in the community.

The town has no local supermarket, service station, butcher, baker or newsagency with a large number of households going to Lightning Ridge or Brewarrina for their shopping.

There is particularly a shortage of facilities and services for children and young people. This situation was improved during the year with the restoration of Doreen Peters Park (MPREC Project) and the new lighting and landscaping of Kane Mason Oval, which will enable the oval to be used in the evening, as well improvements to the town landscape , roads and environment in 2006.

Source Information

The majority of the data in this plan concerning Goodooga was derived from the Goodooga Community Action Plan: 2005, prepared by the Goodooga Community Working Party which had been formed to present a Community based forum to represent the community, and co-ordinate with Brewarrina Shire Council to ensure that the needs and issues of the community are closely and accurately monitored by the Council. Much information was also sourced from the minutes of the meeting of the Community Working Party, the Community facilitator, Ms. R. Black, and other local sources including the Goodooga Newsletter, "Magpie Flash", which commenced in October 2006.

Lightning Ridge/Goodooga Reference Group.

This group has been established under the Murdi Paaki Partnership Project, to support the communities of Lightning Ridge and Goodooga in the implementation of their Community Action Plans, and the appropriate Shire's Social and Community Plans, as well as the implementation of the outcomes of negotiated Shared Responsibility Agreements.

The Reference Group involves representatives from the Community Working Parties, and the Walgett and Brewarrina Shire Councils, as well as the business sector.

B. Weilmoringle

Profile

The village of Weilmoringle is a small remote rural settlement located within Brewarrina Shire, in NSW. It is located in the north-west area of the Shire, in a region where most of the residents are descents of the Murrawari people, and live on their own traditional country; their ancestors , too, having lived around the Culgoa River for thousands of years. Other residents came to Weilmoringle from Southern Queensland , and have an association with the place dating back to the 1920's. It has an approximate population of 69, from 17 households and 18 families.

Employment

The employment level is low, with only 19 persons employed, all part time, and most on CDEP. The economy of the region depends on sheep and cattle grazing. However only a few residents are still employed in that sector, and then on a part-time basis. A number of employments opportunities are expected to generated from the acquisition of the Weilmoringle by the Indigenous Land Corporation on behalf of the Murrawari Tribal Elders group, with the view of handing the property across in working condition in the future.

Housing

The existing housing is in reasonable condition having undergone a major repair and maintenance programme. Five new houses have been constructed. All residents are tenants of Weilmoringle Local Aboriginal Land Council, with the housing managed by Murdi Paaki Regional Housing Corporation.

Health

Health services are mainly primary health services, provided by the Outback Division of GP's, in conjunction with G.W.A.H.S, with a local aboriginal health worker and visiting mental health workers.

Transport

There is no public transport to the area, with the community bus owned by CDEP currently being out of order. A majority of households (approx. 12) have a serviceable car, with nearest towns Brewarrina , Goodooga , followed by Lightning Ridge.

Services

The town is serviced by only one small shop with most households going to Brewarrina, Lightning Ridge, and to a lesser extent Bourke and Goodooga, for shopping and medical services.

Education:

The Weilmoringle Public School teaches to Year 6 level. In 2004, the number of children enrolments at this school was 19, all indigenous students. There are no preschool or child care facilities.

Source Information

The majority of the data in this plan concerning Weilmoringle was derived from the Weilmoringle Community Action Plan: 2005, prepared by the Weilmoringle Community Working Party which had been formed to present a Community based forum to represent the community, and co-ordinate with Brewarrina Shire Council to ensure that the needs and issues of the community are closely and accurately monitored by the Council, as well as the minutes of the meeting of the Community Working Party.

Brewarrina / Weilmoringle Reference Group.

This group is similar to the Lightning Ridge/Goodooga Reference Group , described in the Goodooga community section of the Plan., servicing the Brewarrina and Weilmoringle communities, and with the same goals and responsibilities.(refer page 62)

C. Main Strategic Issues And Actions

The main strategic issues and actions in each community have been identified in the following target areas, in the Goodooga and Weilmoringle Community Working Party's Action Plan.

Goodooga

Local decision making
Community Affairs
Learning
Working out of welfare
Spiritual Wellbeing
Physical and Emotional Wellbeing
Community Services generally
Housing
Town Infrastructure

Weilmoringle

Local Decision Making
Citizenship and respect for
contribution to society
Spiritual Wellbeing
Economic independence through
endeavour
Easing of minds

The key needs and actions in each community are similar, and in summary (are not put in order or importance), although the emphasis for each action may vary from community to community.

Needs and Actions

1. To achieve higher levels of skills and personal development amongst community members to enable them to improve job readiness.
2. To improve opportunities for employment in each community.
3. To investigate alternative income sources for the community
4. The continuing provision of accessible and adequate standard of health care, irrespective of income
5. To develop a greater level of cultural understanding and respect in the community and through increased education on cultural history and local language in schools
6. To reduce level of excessive substance use and physical abuse in the community
7. To improve sporting and recreational facilities for children and adults
8. To improve the level and quality of services and programs that will benefit the community
9. To continue necessary housing maintenance and construction of new housing as identified and funding available.

It is recognised that each community has its own specific issues that are unique to their community. The Council will continue to provide support to the communities in satisfying these issues.

(A SUMMARY OF THE MAIN NEEDS, AND RECOMMENDED ACTIONS TO RESOLVE THESE NEEDS IN EACH VILLAGE IS ATTACHED)

Weilmoringle Village- Summary of Needs And Recommended Actions - 2006

Needs	Action	Target Date
1. Develop a greater culture of respect in community	1. To involve elders in teaching aboriginal languages and culture at Weilmoringle Public School	To be followed up in 2007
2. Greater accessibility to adequate health care to all community members	1. To develop a programme of improved awareness an understanding of community health and wellbeing. 2. To establish complimentary transport services for patients requiring medical service in all locations. 3. To participate in a regular review of health services and assist in any upgrades, where required.	Ongoing Excellent service to support medical requirements in community are being provided by Outback Division of GPs
3. Reduce level of excessive and illicit substance abuse in community	To improve level of individual counselling services in substance abuse available in the community. To assist develop better communication and education strategies on substance abuse in community.	To be reviewed in 2007 in conjunction with government bodies, police, school and CWP.
4. Reduce occurrence of threatening behaviour and active physical abuse in community	To improve level of individual counselling services in threatening behaviour and physical abuse available in the community, Consult with police and community leaders to arrive at best solution	To be reviewed in 2007 in conjunction with government bodies, and police, and CWP
5. Improve sporting and recreational facilities for children and adults	To assess suitability of existing sporting and recreational facilities in the community and replace old or unsafe play equipment. Acquire funding , where required, to upgrade or increase facilities	Ongoing in community
6. Improved personal skill levels and development of community members	To assess results of existing training programs with TAFE. Determine additional training programmes where required and investigate the need for these programmes in the community	Regularly reviewed with CDEP, employment bodies and education department.
7. Reduce reliance of community members on CDEP support	To identify available industries and businesses that the community could undertake with assistance of CDEP. To develop meaningful business plans and assistance in formulating budgets and guidance in future operations through guidance from government agencies.	To be undertaken over 2007 year in conjunction with CDEP
8. Promote appropriate income and resource options for the community.	To involve support of Local and Government bodies to develop a community business and employment strategy to assess viability of establishing enterprises and improve employment opportunities in community	To be undertaken in 2007

* CWP- Weilmoringle Working Party

Goodooga Village- Summary of Needs And Recommended Actions - 2006

Needs	Action	Target Date
1. Achieve higher levels of skills and personal development amongst community members to enable them to improve job readiness.	To review results achieved from existing education and training programs, and determine areas where improvement can be achieved in better job training in conjunction with CWP, CDEP, MPREC and other. Operating the Store and the Bowling Club as a single management unit to best utilize available skills and reduce costs.	Ongoing from start of school in 2007. To commence with lease of Bowling Club in 2007
2. Improve opportunities for employment for Goodooga people.	To develop a community employment strategy to determine best opportunities for employment in the area, in conjunction with MPREC, CDEP and CWP. Examine further training in Goodooga sheep industry.	Ongoing Finalise in 2007.
3. Investigate alternative income sources for the community.	To co-ordinate with CWP and service providers to assess best income opportunities for the community.	Ongoing.
4. The continuing provision of accessible and adequate standard of health care, irrespective of income.	To regularly review the level of health care in the community in conjunction with Greater Western Health Services and make recommendations on any improvements assessed to improve health services. To support the Respite Care Service and Carers Service.	Ongoing.
5. Develop a greater level of cultural understanding and respect in the community through increased education in cultural history and local language in school.	To provide support to schools and children's groups, to increase the teaching of cultural history and local language in schools. To involve elders where possible in the teaching of this language and culture. To support the schools, where required, to maintain cultural learning in their teaching program.	To discuss with schools in 2007.
6. Reduce the level of excessive substance use and physical abuse in the community.	To assist develop better communication and education strategies on substance abuse in the community, where required.	To be reviewed in 2007 in conjunction with govt agencies, school and police.
7. Improve sporting and recreational facilities for children and adults in the community.	To assess the suitability of existing sports and recreation facilities in the community and replace old or unsafe play equipment. To assist the CWP to prepare a sports and recreation action plan for the development of facilities and programs for children and adults Renovate the tennis courts and re-establish the tennis club. Developing the Bowling Club as a social and sporting venue	To be undertaken over 2007 year

	<p>To assist in obtaining funding where required. To support the development of a new Youth Centre and Community Centre through MPREC. To support the visits by the Walgett PYCY mobile van to Goodooga.</p>	<p>Project due to commence in 2007. Ongoing.</p>
<p>8. Improve the level and quality of services and programs that will benefit the community.</p>	<p>To be reviewed by CWP and Council in conjunction with Govt. agencies and departments and Goodooga Community Co-operative and MPREC</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>9. Establish a School canteen service to provide breakfasts and lunches for children.</p>	<p>To establish a healthy Food Canteen at Goodooga Central School , providing breakfasts and lunches for children in conjunction with Co-op, school and MPREC</p>	<p>Commenced at start of school in 2007.</p>
<p>10. To examine the feasibility of establishing a waste recycling operation, as an enterprise, on the site of Goodooga Tip.</p>	<p>To assist the Goodooga community through it's working party to develop a feasibility study and business plan for this project.</p>	<p>To be reviewed in 2007.</p>
<p># CWP = Goodooga Working Party.</p>		

MPREC= Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corp.

7. Conclusions

An analysis of the services and facilities of the Shire highlights a range of key issues which need to be addressed, if the identified issues and problems and needs are to be solved. Our analysis of the need and issues in the community, confirms the solution to many cases, lies in:

1. The coordination of services and facilities or sources of funding, and
2. The co-operation of all community groups, working parties, service and funding providers, and
3. The people of the shire, irrespective of race, background, position or wealth.

There are a number of barriers to attaining these three goals.

- a. The many differences in cultures, values and attitudes.
- b. The inflexibility of many of the requirements of government agencies and departments and officers.
- c. The lack of understanding of many of the shire's issues and problems.
- d. The often poor level of communications between all parties involved.

This often can result on many of the issues of the Shire becoming more difficult than necessary. Whilst funding is a necessary requisite in most areas of needs, the solutions to many of the issues are not necessarily solved by the provision of more funding, but by the improvement in the type and level of communication, awareness, understanding and working relationships. All these are critical in resolving the issues and needs facing the community of Brewarrina.

Despite many problems that the Council and some sectors of the community have incurred over the past 1-5 years (Public inquiry, drought conditions, closure of businesses) many initiatives have been, or will be taken to improve the overall lifestyle of the people of Brewarrina. During the past year, a review of the progress that has been achieved, highlights the considerable advancement the shire has achieved in this time. The decline of many of the crime incidents is one example.

A key concern remains, as highlighted by the Community Profile, the continuing decline in the population of the Shire, a 10 percent fall since 1991. Along with such factors as:

1. Decline in employment opportunities (this is clearly illustrated with the closure of the Kangaroo Meat Plant earlier this year, with a loss of 20-25 jobs, plus considerable revenue into the community.)
2. The increased level of economic hardship in the Shire, as the drought continues, which generally means less income and spending in the town.
3. The safety and security issues which can affect the attractiveness of the whole of Brewarrina Shire, as a place for shopping and tourist attractions, which it has been in past years.

Summary:

In summary, the demographic and statistical profiles of the Shire do not reflect the real needs and issues outlined in the Shire.

Brewarrina Shire, despite the challenges and issues outlined in this Plan, is an attractive, quiet small region, with a rich aboriginal culture, and an incredible pioneering history, to when the Brewarrina area on the Barwon and Darling rivers, was major wool region.

This plan is structured to ensure that the Shire and it's people, has a future with improving services and facilities, and a comfortable and safe lifestyle .

8. Access and Equity Activities

8.1 Summary of Management Plan Requirements

Councils are required to include

- a) An access and equity activity summary in their management plans, i.e. a summary of significant access and equity activities planned for the period covered by the management plan; and
- b) Detailed access and equity activity statements in their management plan or a separate access and equity action plan.

Councils are also required to devise performance targets for each access and equity activity and monitor and evaluate their implementation as part of their annual report preparation.

Councils intends to include the following access and equity activity summary in its next management plan and include detailed access and equity activity statements in the format set out below.

8.2 Access and Equity Summary Statement

Brewarrina Shire Council is committed to the promotion of the Shire by encouraging development through effective leadership, community involvement and facilitation of services. To assist in meeting this aim Council intends to take into account the needs of its residents and visitors and provide or advocate for appropriated and accessible services and facilities for the benefit of the community.

Council has developed a Social Plan to assess the needs of the community and which it intends to consider when formulating its next Management Plan. The Social Plan includes demographic information about the local population in addition to an assessment of the needs of the community generally and the following specific target groups

1. Children
2. Young People
3. Women
4. Older People
5. People with disabilities
6. Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islander People
7. People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds

A copy of the Social Plan is available from the Council's website, www.breshire.com

A summary of Council's proposed activities and initiatives in relation to access and equity activities to be undertaken over the next 5 years to assist identified groups within the community is outlined in this Management Plan. An access and equity activity is defined as on which assists Council to:

- Promote fairness in the distribution of resources, particularly for those most in need;
- Recognise and promote people's rights and improve the accountability of decision makers;

- Ensure that people have fairer access to the economic resources and services essential to meeting their basic needs and improving their quality of life; and
- Give people better opportunities for genuine participation and consultation about decisions affecting their lives.

A summary of Council's achievements in relation to access and equity each year will be included in its Annual Report.

9. References

The following represents a list of information sources which were referred to in compiling this plan.

A. Links To Other Plans

In order to promote an integrated approach to planning, the Social and Community Plan has been linked into planning documents from all levels of government organisations.

This plan supports initiatives and objectives raised in the following NSW government social policy framework documents.

1. Young People

NSW Youth Policy – Working Together / Working for Young People 2002-2006
(Office For Children And Young People)

2. Women

NSW Government Action Plan for Women
(Department for Women)

3. Older People

The NSW Healthy Aging Framework 1998-2003
(Department for Aging, Disability and Home Care)
Aging and Disability Department Data Profile for Brewarrina Local Government Area -2004

4. People with Disabilities

NSW Government Disability Policy Framework
(Department of Aging, Disability and Home Care)

5. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

NSW Government's Statement of Commitment
(Department of Aboriginal Affairs)

6. People From Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds

Building on Our Cultural Diversity
(NSW Government)

This planning document has direct links to the Brewarrina Shire Council Crime Prevention Plan 2006, which is currently in the process of completion.

The Social and Community Plan 2006 emphasises an integrated approach to Social and Community Planning, and as such, is linked to the Council's Management Plan, and the planning process of each of the departments of Council.

By adopting this integrated approach, the delivery of services identified in this plan, is likely to be more cost effective, with less duplication of resources.

In summary, the plan aims to promote development in all sectors of the Shire, which is ecologically sustainable. This is to be achieved through the utilisation of community resources, which ensures that the ecological assets of the Shire are not compromised.

B. Regional and Local Plans and Reports

Bourke Shire Council- Bourke Social Plan 2005

Bega Valley Shire Council- Bega Valley Social Plan 2006

Mid-Western Regional Council - Social Plan 2006

Dubbo City Council - Social Plan 2005

Warrindah Council - Social Plan 2001-2005

Brewarrina Community Action Plan 2005 (incorporating Ngemba Working Party) – Glitteridge Haskings and Davey Pty Ltd

Goodooga Community Action Plan 2005 - Burns Aldis Community Development Consultants

Weilmoringle Community Action Plan 2005-Burns Aldis Community Development Consultants

Weilmoringle Community Housing and Environmental Health Plan- 2000- Burns Aldis Community Development Consultants

Goodooga Community Housing and Environment Health Plan for Goodooga Community 2000 - Burns Aldis Community Development Consultants

Brewarrina Community Environmental Health Plan 1999 – Glitteridge Haskings and Davey Pty Ltd

Information about Problems Related to Drinking Alcohol in Brewarrina- Brewarrina Community Working Party- May 2005

C. Reports

Orana Regional Development Board - Orana Region Aged Care and Retirement Study 2004

NSW Attorney General's Department Crime Prevention Division – Community Crime Prevention Manual

NSW Health Far West Service Area Plan Strategic Directions 1998-2003

NSW Education, Science and Training- Partnerships Empower - Far West NSW Indigenous Communities 2005

Association of Children's Welfare Agencies (ACWA) and Centre for Community Welfare Training (CCWT) - Children and Young People of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Background in Out-of-home Care in NSW

D. Publications and Guidelines

NSW Premiers Department- A New Direction for NSW – State Plan

NSW Ministry of Arts- Cultural Planning Guidelines for Local Government – 2002

Second Cultural Accord 2002-2005 (between NSW Ministry for the Arts and Local Government Association of NSW and Shires Association of NSW)

Department of Local Government- Social and Community Planning and Reporting Guidelines – 2003

E. Statistics

ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing Regional Profile: Brewarrina Local Government Area

ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing Basic Community Profile: Brewarrina Local Government Area

ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing Indigenous Profile: Brewarrina Local Government Area

APPENDIX

**Brewarrina Shire Council
Community Social Plan**

2006

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ABORIGINAL ORGANISATIONS

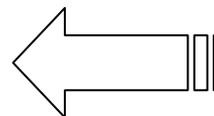
ABORIGINAL ORGANISATIONS

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BREWARRINA

CONTACT

SERVICE



Brewarrina Aboriginal Cultural Museum

The Fisheries, Bathurst St
P.O. Box 12 Brewarrina NSW 2839

ATSIC - Murdi Paaki Regional Council

ph. 6839 2421

Jenny Barker

Museum Exhibit & Shop/ Souvenirs/ Gifts
Historical literature/ Aboriginal hand made
items for sale.

Brewarrina Aboriginal Medical Service

5 Sandon St
Fax. 6839 2477

Monday to Friday 9am-5pm

ph. 6839 2150

Helen Mannix
or **6828 1611**
Christine Corby
Walgett Aboriginal Medical
Service

Clinical consultation/
Health screening
Domestic violence counselling
Home visits
Adult immunisation
Assistance with medical related issues /
specialist appointments

"Caring for Aboriginal and Islander People in our community"

Federal: Office of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health.

Associated with:

State - Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council
N.A.C.C.H.O.

Brewarrina Local Aboriginal Land Council

107 Bathurst St
Fax. 6839 2174

ph. 6839 2066

Gary Lord
Chairman

Land and Housing

**Ngemba Aboriginal & Islander Housing
CoOp**

102 Bathurst St

Housing

North Star Construction Aboriginal Corp.

25 Wilson St
Fax. 6839 2059

ph. 6839 2447

Jenny Barker
p. 6839 2542

House construction

Northern Star Aboriginal Corporation

36 Naveen St
Fax. 6839 2059

ph. 6839 2409

Jenny Barker

CDEP & Employment initiatives

- Murdi Paaki Regional Council

ABORIGINAL ORGANISATIONS

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**North-West Aboriginal Community
Options Project.**

26 Bathurst St

HACC

ph. 6839 2188

Aboriginal Home Care Service. Respite.
Assistance with domestic duties.
Transport. Yard maintenance.
Tuesday social morning & lunch

Orana Haven Aboriginal Corporation

Byrock Rd
Fax. 6874 4987

ph. 6874 4886

Ted Simpson
Rodney Robbins

D & A Rehabilitation

Bullgarnie Aboriginal Corporation

Brewarrina

Ph.68392357

Brewarrina Community Street Patrol

Ngemba Community Working Party

PO Box 117
Brewarrina

Ph. 6839 2542

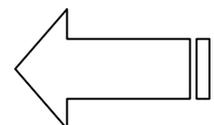
Meeting last Wednesday of month
at 5pm at Senior Citizens

Family First

Young St

supporting families during pregnancy
and in the early years of a child's life

GOODOOGA



Pulkurru Aboriginal Corp.

6 Warraweena St

- Murdi Paaki regional Council

ph. 6829 6273

Allan Lamb

CDEP

Employment & training

Goodooga Community Working Party

CDEP- Warraweena St, Goodooga

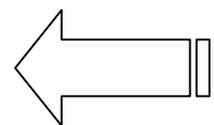
ph. 6829 6273

Debralee -Secretariat

Community working group

Environmental health plan

WEILMORINGLE

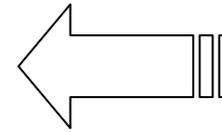


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ACCOMMODATION

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BREWARRINA

CONTACT

SERVICE

Bulgan Place

Bathurst St
Fax. 6839 2353

NSW Dept. of Community Services (D.O.C.S)

ph. 6839 2354

Leslie Beetson

Proclaimed place/ Accommodation Refer.
Crisis & dom. Violence.

Brewarrina Shire Council Caravan Park

Church St

Brewarrina Shire Council

ph. 6839 2152

Fran Carter

Caravan/ Camping Park
27 sites. On site van all facilities
Pets on leash

Hotel Brewarrina

Bathurst St

ph. 6839 2019

Tim & Ros Mannix

Hotel 15 rooms.
Air cond. Laundry. Parking.

**Four Mile
Lion's Camping & Picnic Area**

Barwon River
off Yarrawin Rd to Carinda

Brewarrina Shire Council

ph. 6839 2106

Inquiries Shire Office

Camping & picnic facilities
Toilets/Showers. Tables & seats.
Boat ramp. Garbage bins.

Royal Hotel

Bathurst St

ph. 6839 2283

Hotel 9 rooms.
Air cond. TV. Dining room. Lounge.
Laundry. Parking.

Bokhara Hutz

35kmls North of Brewarrina

ph. 68744921

Cathy & Graham Finlayson

Farm stay accommodation

Lynch's Cabins

Located on Bridge Road Brewarrina

ph: 68392045

Allan Lynch

3 Cabins with power and water
Camping facilities

ACCOMMODATION

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**ACCOMMODATION
GOODDOGA**

ACCOMMODATION

Telegraph Hotel/ Motel
Adam St

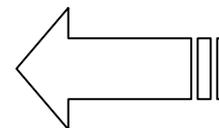
ph. 6829 6222

Hotel/ Motel 7 Units
Air cond. TV. Phone. Dining room. BBQ.

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Phone



BREWARRINA

CONTACT

SERVICE

Commonwealth Bank
69 Bathurst St

ph. 6839 2102
Peter Asbury
Bank Manager

Bank services.

Australia Post
Bathurst St

ph. 6839 2009
Brian & Theresa
Johnson

Post/ courier and post shop
EFTPOS*****
St George Banking

Brewarrina Bakery
Bathurst St

ph. 6839 2036
Julie Jefferies

Take-away food

South Brewarrina Butchery
28 Wilson St

ph. 6839 2034
Steven Harding
Pauline Johnston

Butchery, fruit & veg

Brewarrina Trading
35 Bathurst St

ph. 6839 2338
Mark Brown

Newsagency, Gifts, White goods
Stationary

Brown's Warehouse
15 Bokhara St

ph. 6839 2020
Kevin Brown
Sheridan Gwyn

Furniture, Hardware, Household items
Gardening tools and supplies

Cafe De-Luxe
Bathurst St

ph. 6839 2071
Angelo & Margaret
Pippos

Cafe, Take-away, general store
Dine-in: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

St Mary's Pharmacy Brewarrina
47 Bathurst St
Fax 6839 2089

For Friendly Service

ph. 6839 2089
Fathy Ibrahim

*Pharmaceuticals*Ear piercing*Manchester
*Passport photo's*Skin care & beauty*
Kodak processing
Merchandise monthly specials

Culhanes Clothing Mart
79 Bathurst St

ph. 6839 2367

Clothing & Footwear

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Dowell's Fuel
39 Doyle St

ph. 6839 2073
Debbie & Steve Dowell

Shell bulk fuel & oil products.
Full driveway service/ Drinks/ Party Ice
Authorised inspection station/ All mechanical
repairs/ Full tyre service.

Brewarrina Cash & Carry
36 Bathurst St

ph. 6839 2011
Lyn Crawley

Fresh fruit & vegetables from the Sydney
markets/ Frozen goods/ Dairy foods
Free home delivery/ Liquor department
for all your beverage needs.

Brewill Pty Ltd (Riteway)

ph. 6839 2023
Richard & Alison
Willaboughby

Grocers/ General store

Brewarrina Glass & Hardware Supplies
53 Bourke St
Fax 6839 2091

ph. 6839 2091
Ian & Trish Light

Hardware/ Building/ Gardening requirements
Key cutting

"Red's Transport"
C.J. & A.R. Redmond
23 Culgoa St
Fax 6839 2509
PO Box 147 Brewarrina 2839

ph. 6839 2242
Chris Redmond
Mob. 0418 634 564

Livestock-Grain-General Haulage Contractor
Road Train Services-Cotton Seed & Local
General Haulage-Wool Cartage to Sydney
and Backloading General Freight.

Lights Transport
53 Bourke St

ph. 6839 2091
Mob. 0412 059 997
Ian Light

All wool and general carrying available
to and from Dubbo

Peter Johnston Transport
Bourke St

ph. 6839 2143
Peter Johnston

Livestock Transport Services

Brewarrina Newsagency
35 Bathurst St
Fax 6839 2338

ph. 6839 2338
Mark Brown

Newsagency/Stationery/Gifts/Drinks
Confectionery/Lotto etc
EFTPOS*****

Brian Johnson Real Estate
Bathurst St

ph. 0429 392 009
Brian Johnson

Real Estate sales & rental

Yamagurra
77 Bathurst St

ph. 6839 2300
Penny Johnson

Student Enterprise Centre
Product sales
Brewarrina Tours

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Wulf's Service Station - Ford
97 Bathurst St

ph. 6839 2250
Wulf Reichler

Service Station. Rego. Mechanical repairs

Elders Limited
28 Bathurst St
Fax. 6839 2438

ph. 6839 2003
Tim Gregory
Principal

Stock & Station Agents

McKenzie R.G
Bathurst St

ph. 6839 2130
Bob McKenzie

Stock & Station Agents

Lucky Bamboo Chinese Restaurant
Bourke St

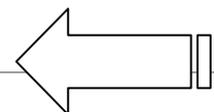
ph. 6839 1896
Jason & Tracy

Chinese Meals

GOODOOGA

CONTACT

SERVICE



Australia Post
Brenda St

ph. 6829 6233
Jan Swift

Postal services

Jorob Traders Pty Ltd
Adam St

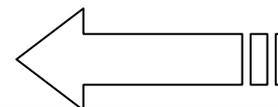
ph. 6829 6322
John Burke

Transport Services

COMMUNITY WELFARE SERVICES

COMMUNITY WELFARE SERVICES

Phone



BREWARRINA

CONTACT

SERVICE

Brewarrina & District Rural Counselling

Accessed through Bourke Rural Counselling
27 Mitchell St, Bourke

ph. 6872 3255

Mob-0427 473 433
Mob-0408 973 723

Personal & financial counselling
Service to Brewarrina Shire and in some instances beyond
Advisory service to farm families in times of financial difficulties.

Brewarrina District Meals On Wheels

Acacia House 11-13 Church St

DUBBO - Cath Cooper
NSW Dept. Ageing & Disability

ph. 6839 2147

Estelle
Co-ordinator

Meals for the elderly/ housebound
Frail aged & disabled.
Frozen meals delivery into rural area.
Tuesday social morning & lunch

Brewarrina Youth Centre

Young St

NSW Dept. of Comm. Services.
Brewarrina Shire Council

ph. 6839 2403

ph. 6839 2106

Age group: 12-24.

Activities centre - six days /evenings
Education / life skills / art craft
Special activities & sports events

Community Facilitator

Bathurst St

ph. 6839 1800

Bill Palmer

Brewarrina and Weilmoringle communities

Ourgunya Safe House

56 Church St

ph. 6839 2532

Women's Refuge / a safe house available to anyone who needs it

Family First

Young St

ph. 6839 1878

Home Care Service of NSW

11 Church St

ph. 6839 2185

Provides services assisting and supporting the frail, aged or disable to live independently in their own homes
- social support, transport, etc

Centrelink & Aust. Country Information Service

Bathurst St
Bourke Customer Service Area
Canberra (02) 6219 3273
Brewarrina Shire Council

ph. 6839 2448

Alana Hardy

Soc. Sec. Centrelink. Information. and processing

Country Information Service

Centrecare

Ph

Community services, incl youth activities

COMMUNITY WELFARE SERVICES

Job Link Plus
95b Bathurst St
Nationwide **FREECALL 1300 650 012**
477 Pittwater Rd
BROOKVALE NSW

ph. 6839 2757

COMMUNITY WELFARE SERVICES

Employment services / jobs listings /
interview / referral
Local, regional, state wide and nationwide

Brewarrina Volunteer Drivers Scheme
11 Church St (Acacia House)

ph. 6839 2188

Transport services to frail aged people and their
carers.

Bulgan Place
Bathurst St

ph. 6839 2354
Leslie Beetson

drug & alcohol accommodation and counselling
emergency & crisis accommodation to people in need

Community Service Centre
Bathurst St

ph. 6839 2482

Commonwealth Carelink Centre

ph. 1800 052 222

Information service for older people & people with
disabilities, their families and carers.

Commonwealth Carer's Respite Centre

ph. 1800 059 059

Providing care and support to carers in provision of
respite care for frail or disabled people

Yetta Kninnakkal Correctional Centre

Ph. 6874 4717

Youth correctional centre.

GOODOOGA

Community Facilitator
Po Box 796
Lightning Ridge 2834

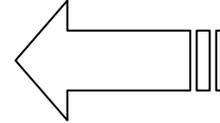
ph. 6829 1888
Rebel Black

Goodooga and Lightning Ridge

CHURCHES

CHURCHES

Phone



BREWARRINA

CONTACT

SERVICE

Anglican Church
4 Young St

ph. 6839 2332
Les Darcy
Church Warden
Fred Wandmaker
Rector

Church services

Catholic Church
113 Bathurst St

ph. 6839 2055
Sister Maureen
Tanya Gilligan

Community service

Uniting Church
Bourke St

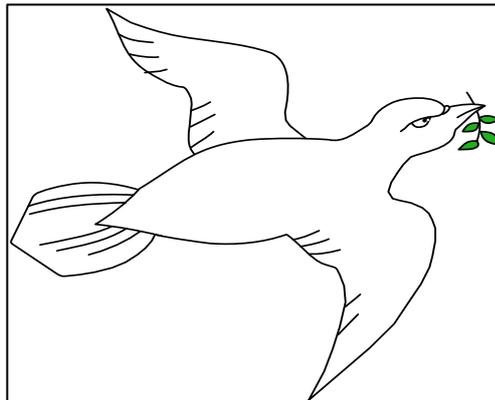
ph. 6839 2363
Dianne Hardy

Church services

Revival Church
Bogan St,
The Billabong

ph. 6839 2357
Duncan Ferguson

Church services



GOODOOGA

Anglican Church

ph. 6829 0597
Rick Maude

Church services on the 3rd Sunday of each month
from 7.30pm

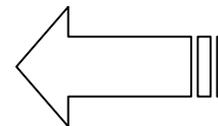
CHURCHES

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CLUBS & ASSOCIATIONS

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Phone



BREWARRINA

CONTACT

SERVICE

Brewarrina Golf Club
Charlton Rd

ph. 6839 2252
Hilary Hertslet
Linda Hutchinson

18 holes with Clubhouse air con. / refig.

Brewarrina Jockey Club Inc
Showground

ph. 6839 2598
Brian Johnson

Race meetings

Brewarrina RSL Club
Bourke St

Lucky Bamboo Chinese Restaurant

ph. 6839 2151
Bill Lenehan
Secretary Manager

Restaurant. Bands. Draws. Air con.
Pokies. Snooker. Keno. Beer Gdn.
EFTPOS*****
Functions. Children's area.

Brewarrina Clay Target Club
Bokhara St

NSW Clay Target Association ACTA

ph. 6839 2054
Clare Kesby
Club Secretary
Colin Betts
Club President

Clubhouse/ grounds.
Membership-reciprocal rights with other clubs.
Monthly shoot last Sunday each month.
John Ryan Memorial Handicap April/ May.
Continental shoot Sept.
Christmas shoot Dec.
Away shoots around NSW & QLD.

CWA - Country Women's Association

ph. 6874 4834
Joyce McMullen

Country women's meeting's / activities

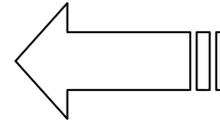
**Isolated Children's Parents Association
Brewarrina**

ph. 6839 1813
Vivian Slack-Smith
Chairperson

CLUBS & ASSOCIATIONS

NEW ANGLEDOOL

CLUBS & ASSOCIATIONS



The Angledool Progress Association

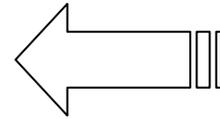
George Cross
President

Issues and community matters related to
New Angledool/ Angledool.

EDUCATION

EDUCATION

Phone



BREWARRINA

CONTACT

SERVICE

Brewarrina Central School

Bourke St
Fax 6839 2325

Dept. of Education.

ph. 6839 2186

ph. 6839 2195

Don Harvey
Principal

Primary & secondary state school

St Patrick's School

Bathurst St
Fax. 6839 2230
Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese

ph. 6839 2017

Sister Jan
Principal

Catholic primary school

Brewarrina Child Care Centre

Bourke St

Brewarrina Shire Council

ph. 6839 2385

Jay Pippos

Childcare from 2 months

22 places / 6 babies
Special learning carer & Nurse

Gainmara-Birrilee Preschool Association

9 Church St
Fax. 6839 2311
D.o.C.S.

ph. 6839 2311

6839 2629

Frayne Barker

Pre school/ childcare

TAFE

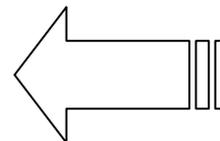
Bourke St
Fax. 6839 2473

ph. 6839 2433

Alicia Johnson

Training

GOODOOGA



Goodooga Preschool

PO Box 62, Goodooga

ph. 6229 6260

Pre-school education and preparation for school

Goodooga Central School

Doyle St
Fax: 6829 6294

Dept. of Education

ph. 6829 6257

Ray Bale
Principal
Bill Stanton
Aborig. Liaison Officer
Jan - Admin.

Primary and secondary classes - K-12
most of the students live in the town

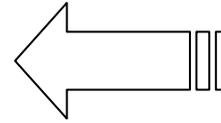
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Weilmoringle Public School

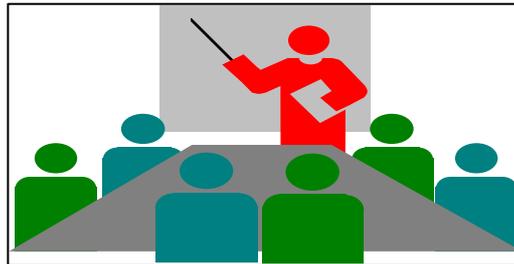
P & C Association

ph. 6874 4941

Mr Chris Tyson
Principal

Primary school education.

In March 1999 there were 19 children enrolled at the school 15 from the Wyaliba community & 5 from surrounding farms.



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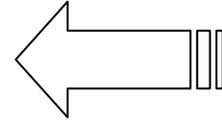
In an emergency dial 000

Phone

BREWARRINA

CONTACT

SERVICE



Brewarrina Police Patrol

96 Bathurst St
Fax. 6839 2453

68 305599

Snr Sgt Brett
Marshall

11 Police Officers.
Police services. Youth Liaison Officer.
2 Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers.
Domestic Violence Officer.

The Darling River Local Area Command - Bourke
Darling River Local Area Commander **ph. 6870 0800**

**Emergency
Dial 000**

Western Region **ph. 6881 3104**

Brewarrina Ambulance Service

Ambulance Service of NSW
9 Wilson St

ph. 13 1233

**Emergency
Dial 000**

Emergency medical attention
Paramedics

Macquarie Mid & Far West Area Sector Office
62 Windsor Pde Dubbo - **6883 4333**

Brewarrina Fire Brigade

98 Bathurst St
Zone Commander NSW Fire Brigades 3/34-36 Bultje St
DUBBO 2830 **ph. 6839 2689**

ph. 68392232

**Emergency
Dial 000**

Attend fires in town.
Fire control and extinguishment.
Fire safety and prevention.

**NSW Rural Fire Service - Brewarrina
District (LGA)**

9-11 Young St
Fax. 6839 2268

ph. 6839 2589

David Hagarty
Superintendent
Office hours 8am-5pm

**Emergency
Dial 000**

Attend fires outside of town area within
Shire boundary. Support town brigade.
Fire prevention and suppression.
Community education and information.
Training and provision of equipment.
16 brigades throughout Brewarrina
Shire/ 200 volunteers.

SES

Young St

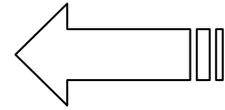
ph. 6839 2336

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GOODOOGA



Goodooga Police Patrol

Adam St

ph. 6829 6244

Police services.

2 Police Officers.

The Castlereagh Local Area Command - Walgett

Castlereagh Local Area Commander **ph. 6828 6899**

**Emergency
Dial 000**

Western Region **ph. 6881 3104**

Ambulance Service - Goodooga

13 1233

C/- Goodooga Health Service

Ph. 6829 6312

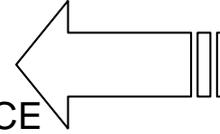
Emergency Dial - 000

In an emergency dial 000

GOVERNMENT

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Phone



BREWARRINA

CONTACT

SERVICE

Brewarrina Shire Council

57 Bathurst St
P.O. Box 125 Brewarrina NSW 2839
Fax. 6839 2100
Email: breshire@brewarrina.gov.nsw.au

NSW Department of Local Government

Civic Tower Building
66-72 Rickard Rd
BANKSTOWN 2200
Ph. 9793 0793 Fax. 9793 0799
Locked Bag 1500 BANKSTOWN 2200

ph. 6839 2106

Sunil Prakash
Suneal Adhikari
Francois Van Der Berg
Linda Hutchinson
John Keenan

6839 2385
c/- Shire Office
6839 2152
c/- Shire Office
c/- Shire Office
6839 2278
6839 2275
6839 2428
6839 2448
6839 2336
6839 2403

6829 6356

6839 2106

General Manager.
Engineering Works & Services.
Environmental, Health & Building Services.
Finance Manager
Manager Of
Administration and Community Services

Council Childcare Centre - Bourke St
Aged self-care units - Doyle St
Caravan Park - Church St
Sporting Ovals - Dooral St
Parks & reserves
Swimming Pool - Church St
Racecourse - Naveena St
Mobile Resource Van - Sandon St
ACIS - Bathurst St
SES Headquarters - Young St
Youth Centre - Young St

Goodooga Maintenance

Brewarrina Community Centre

Brewarrina Tourist Officer

57 Bathurst St
Fax: 6839 2642
Brewarrina Shire Council

68 392 106

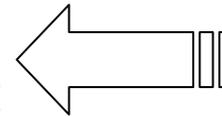
Fran Carter

Tourist information

HEALTH

HEALTH

Phone



BREWARRINA

CONTACT

SERVICE

Brewarrina Aboriginal Health Service

5 Sandon St
Fax. 6839 2477 **Primary Health Service**

9am-5pm

"Caring for Aboriginal and Islander People in our community"

(Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service)

37 Pitt Street, Walgett

ph. 6839 2150

Helen Mannix
or **6830 5013**
Christine Corby -Walgett
Aboriginal
Medical Service

6828 1611

Provides general practitioner (Doctor) services,
Health screenings
ante/post natal care, and assistance in seeking
health services and advice.

Brewarrina Community Health Centre

Doyle St
Fax. 6839 2708

NSW HEALTH
Greater West Area Health Service - Upper Western
Sector

ph. 6830 5013

Judy Caswell

Medical/ health
Aboriginal Liaison Officer
Co-ordinator
Registered nurse
Community mid-wife's

Early childhood nurse
Audiometrics
Immunisation
Aboriginal Education Officer
Pregnancy at risk support worker
Diabetes management
Men's and women's Health

Brewarrina Hospital & Health Service

Doyle St
PO Box 113, Brewarrina NSW 2839
Fax. 6839 2208

NSW HEALTH
Greater West Area Health Service - Upper Western
Sector

ph. 6830 5000

Tara Walker
Manager

Casualty / Outpatients / Emergency

20 beds. 12 long-term. 8 acute.
6 dialysis chairs.

Midwives / Trauma nursing / first line emerg.

Palliative Care
Visiting specialists
Aboriginal Liaison Officer

**Home Care Service of NSW
Volunteer Drivers Scheme
Community Options Program**

11-13 Church St
Fax. 6839 2469
Home & Community Care

ph. 6839 2188

Di Wilcox
Co-ordinator

In home care and assistance for the frail
aged and disabled.
Transportation.
Weekly social morning.

Brewarrina Dental Service

Sandon Street

Ph. 1300 552 626

GWAHS Public Dental
Services

Dentistry care for children under 16
Available once a month

**Barwon River Medical Centre
Dr Deon Heyns**

Sandon St, Brewarrina

ph. 6839 2294

General practitioner.

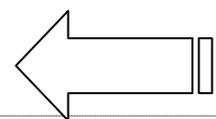
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GOODOOGA

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Goodooga Health Service

Walgett St
PO Box 56, GOODOOGA NSW 2831
Fax. 6829 6388

ph. 6829 6311

Margo Anderson.
Manager

ph. 6829 6312

Pilot health service model - mps without acute care beds/ emergency/ longstay/ respite care/ rehabilitation/ detox. / domestic violence/ set down care with visiting specialists as part of the Far West Outreach Service.

Community Health **ph. 6829 6287**

24 hour Accident Emergency service

16 hours * 7 days a week - Primary health care

DR V Benjamin

Doyle St

ph. 6829 6268

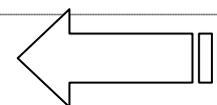
General practitioner.

Goodooga District Hospital

Walgett St

ph. 6839 6287

WEILMORINGLE



Weilmoringle Health Outpost

Health Outpost
NSW Health Department - Aboriginal Health Branch

ph. 6874 4869

6830 5013

Development of health & health related services
Community nursing & Health Screening

The Health Care Services available to Brewarrina residents are expended through the access to the following services

Walgett Aboriginal Medical Services

37 Pitt St, Walgett

ph. 6828 1611

6828 1798

Provides community midwife & Drug & Alcohol worker services to Brewarrina, as well as an extensive range of Health Services at Walgett

Bourke Aboriginal Medical Services

61 Oxley St, Bourke

ph. 6872 3088

Provides eye health screening to school children in Brewarrina.

Health Related Transport

ph. 1800 601 324

Provides transport to people to attend medical appointments in Dubbo

Community Health Services

Dementia – Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander 1800 242 630

Carer Program

Mental Health & Counselling Team 1800 665 066

Alcoholics Anonymous 131 144

ADIS- Alcohol & Drug Information Service 1800 422 599

AFAGMI- Friends of Mentally Ill 1800 655 198

Australian Breastfeeding Association 9639 8686

Life Line 131 114

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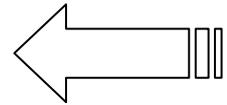
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Phone

WEILMORINGLE

CONTACT

SERVICE

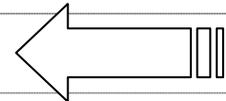


**Weilmoringle Sheep breeders
Association**

Fiona Thompson
Publicity Officer

Weilmoringle Merino Sheep breeders
Association.
Ewe performance evaluation
West 2000

BREWARRINA



Rural Lands Protection Board

24 Bathurst St
Fax. 6839 2047

ph. 6839 2047
After hours
Ph. 6839 2520

Elders Limited

40 Bathurst St

DUBBO STATE OFFICE - **Ph. 6884 3700**
168-172 Brisbane St Dubbo

ph. 6839 2003
Tim Gregory
Manager
ph. 6839 2301
mob. 018 870 031

Stock & Station Agents
Merchandise

R Donnelly

Wilson St

ph. 6839 2010

Shearing Contractors

Peter Johnston Transport

75 Bourke St

ph. 6839 2143
Peter Johnston
mob. 015 259 530

Livestock Transport Services

"Red's Transport"

C.J. & A.R. Redmond

23 Culgoa St

Fax 6839 2509

PO Box 147 Brewarrina 2839

ph. 6839 2242
Chris Redmond
Mob. 0418 634 564

Livestock-Grain-General Haulage Contractor
Road Train Services-Cotton Seed & Local
General Haulage-Wool Cartage to Sydney
and Backloading General Freight.

GOODOOGA

Mogila Station

10km NE Goodooga

ph. 6829 6044

Grazing property – part of 34586H Mogila
Merino Stud – managed by Lea.
Conducts basic shearing & crutching classes
for Goodooga young people under Ext.
Educ. Training Stat.

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B. Summary of Services and Facilities - Brewarrina Local Government Area

Health & Welfare Facility / Service	Number	Location
Hospitals	2	Brewarrina, Goodooga
Senior Citizens Rooms	1	Brewarrina
Community Centres	2	Brewarrina, Goodooga
Early Childhood Health Centre	1	Goodooga
Child Care Centres	1	Brewarrina
Retirement Homes	1	Brewarrina
Aged Care Homes	1	Brewarrina
Mobile Health & Welfare	1	Brewarrina
Pharmacists	1	Brewarrina
Doctors (private)	2	Brewarrina, Goodooga
Other Medical Services	2	Aboriginal Medical Service (Brewarrina)
Home Care	1	Brewarrina
Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation / Accommodation	2	Brewarrina, Gongolgon
Education Facility / Services		
	Number	Location
State Primary School	3	Brewarrina, Goodooga, Weilmoringle
Pre School	2	Brewarrina, Goodooga
Independent Primary School	1	Brewarrina
State Secondary School	1	Brewarrina
Independent Secondary School	0	
TAFE College / Adult Learning	1	Brewarrina
Tertiary Institutions	0	
Libraries	2	Brewarrina, Weilmoringle
Sport, Leisure & Recreation Facilities		
	Number	Location
Sporting Ovals	3	Brewarrina, Goodooga
Indoor Sports Centre / Youth Centre	1	Brewarrina, Goodooga
Swimming Pool	1	Brewarrina
Tennis Courts	1	Brewarrina
Bowling Clubs	2	Brewarrina, (Goodooga- in f of re-establishment)
Racecourse	1	Brewarrina
Harness Racing	0	
Greyhound Racetracks	0	
Motor Vehicle Racetracks	0	
Other Recreational Facilities	1	Golf Club (Brewarrina)
Transport Facilities		
	Number	Location
Passenger Rail Service	0	
Bus Service to Dubbo	1	Brewarrina
Air Service	0	
Tourism Facilities		
	Number	Location
Hotels	2*	Brewarrina, Goodooga
Motels	0	

Brewarrina Shire Council Social Plan

Caravan Parks	1	Brewarrina
Other Accommodation	1	Brewarrina
Restaurants	3	Brewarrina
Shopping Centres	1	Brewarrina
Service Clubs (RSL)	1	Brewarrina

* in process of reconstruction

Tourism Attraction in the Brewarrina Shire

Aboriginal Fisheries
Aboriginal Cultural Museum
Historical Barwon Bridge

C. Summary of Findings on Study of Aged Care and Retirement needs in Brewarrina Local Government Area

The attached report by Orana Regional Development Board is a summary of a study of the aged care and retirement needs in Orana Region, conducted in 2004, as it applies to Brewarrina Local Government area, and summarises the profile of Shire, from the point of view of facilities and services of aged persons.

This report illustrates an accurate resume of population data and movements in Brewarrina Local Government Area, and provided excellent support statistics for the council and service providers in the provision of aged care, health and various support services. This study duplicates in a number of areas, data on the demographic and statistical profile of the Shire, illustrated earlier in this Plan. However, it represents a comprehensive analysis of the Shire and the services and facilities available to the residents of the Shire, at the time of it's compilation in 2004. The report particularly shows the movement of persons in and out of the Shire since 2001, and the change in population profile as a result of this migration. The variations from this Plan are minimal and have been noted where necessary.

The report further illustrates investment opportunities as well as service implications associated with access to allied health services, transport and transport and existing infrastructure, and provides a profile of the Brewarrina Local Government area, for potential stakeholders, current and future service providers and interested parties within the Brewarrina community. It provides an insight into aged care and retirement needs in the Shire and any gap that may exist between the supply and demand for aged care and retirement facilities, therefore providing a basis for future investments, private and government, in aged services in the Shire.

The report provides an effective profile document on services, facilities and investment in the Brewarrina Local Government area.

NOTE: There are small variations in some statistical data in this study to the 2001 census data e.g. population totals, percentage of aged and other population in relation to variation to population. Also the Brewarrina Hospital Aged Care Units are not included in the survey, but are only available to hospital patients, and not the general Public. By including these aged Care units, the conclusion of the study of Brewarrina Local Government area, appears to be well serviced for the current population is incorrect, a more accurate position is that the Shire requires additional ILU'S to meet both and future needs.

BREWARRINA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

The Brewarrina Local Government Area covers an area of 19,188 square kilometres and includes two major towns, which are Brewarrina and Goodooga.

Profile of Brewarrina Local Government Area

Total Population ABS All persons counted at home & same SLA	Total counted Total counted at home and in the same SLA <i>(Source: ABS Census 2001)</i>	2,049 1,935																																										
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Current facilities and services for older people	<p>1. Residential Care: See under Health Services.</p> <p>2. Community Care, Support Services and HACC: <u>Home Care.</u> Domestic assistance, transport, case planning/review, assessment, nursing, meals, day care, home maintenance, personal care, social support, allied health, and other activities, which assist older and disabled persons who wish to stay in their home. 1 CCP operated from the office in Nyngan. <u>Meals on Wheels.</u> <u>Goodooga Weilmoringle Aboriginal Committee</u> – 8 Community Care Packages delivered in Brewarrina from the office in Goodooga.</p> <p>3. Health Services: <u>Brewarrina Hospital and Health Centre</u> – Operated by *Greater Western Area Health Service. Originally a 20 bed hospital with 24 hour emergency facilities. No resident doctor. In case of emergency assistance available from Broken Hill RFDS. Transfers are made to Bourke, Dubbo and Sydney. New section has been added which includes 9 high care and 3 low care aged care places being finalised March 2003. Radiographer Monday-Friday afternoons,</p>																																											

	<p>pathology collected by registered nurses and sent to Sydney/Bourke. Visiting specialists include obstetrician/ gynaecologist, physician, ENT, paediatrician, skin specialist, ophthalmologist, and physiotherapist (from Bourke each week). Primary health care includes frail aged assessment, diabetes clinic, early childhood clinic, antenatal and postnatal clinic, immunization, mental health, women's health, domestic violence, palliative care, health promotion, domiciliary nursing, court visits, mental health support, social work and transport.</p> <p><u>Goodooga District Health Service</u> - Provide primary health care and accident and twenty-four hours emergency care. The Centre does not have overnight beds. Patients needing overnight admission are transferred to Walgett, Dubbo or Sydney.</p> <p>4. Housing Assistance – Villages, SEPP5 developments, Department of Housing and other community arrangements.</p> <p><u>Department of Housing</u> – provides 49 dwellings ranging from bed sitter to 4 bedroom cottages. Of these, 4 dwellings are provided for pensioners over 65 years of age as 4 bed sitter dwellings.</p> <p><u>The Aged Units</u> – Owned and managed by the Brewarrina Council/Department of Housing – 4 x 1 bedroom units. Pay rent approximately \$80.00 per week.</p> <p>5. Medical Services and Related Health Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambulance Stations Brewarrina • Medical Centres 1 doctor in 1 medical centre Brewarrina Aboriginal Health Centre • Visiting Medical Officers (VMOs): Nil • Visiting Specialists Obstetrician/ gynaecologist, physician, ENT, paediatrician, skin specialist, ophthalmologist, *endocrinologist, *renal physician, *women's health doctors. • Dentists * 1 in Aboriginal Medical Service • Optometrist *Nil • Pathology *Visiting • Pharmacy *Brewarrina • Podiatry *Visiting • Physiotherapy *Visiting • Natural Health Services *Nil
<p>Infrastructure to support older persons –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transport ○ Labour market ○ Education facilities ○ Police services ○ Banking facilities ○ Shopping ○ Community facilities 	<p>Transport</p> <p>Bus Service - Nil – The Elderly and Disabled rely on Community Transport. The community rely on their own transport and walking.</p> <p>Coach – Bus to Dubbo</p> <p>Rail - Nil</p> <p>Taxi - Nil</p> <p>Airport - Nil</p> <p>Library</p> <p>Brewarrina</p> <p>Police Stations</p> <p>Brewarrina</p>

	<p>Clubs Brewarrina S/B RSL Club Ltd Lions Club</p> <p>Community Facilities Community Centre Senior Citizens Centre</p> <p>Banks *Brewarrina: 1 (Commonwealth)</p> <p>TAFE and Universities <u>TAFE NSW, Western Institute, Brewarrina Campus</u> Western Institute of TAFE - Course No. 3268 - Community Services (Mental Health work - Non Clinical). May work as a community educator or support worker in mental health.</p> <p>Offers a wide range of education and training courses focusing on local community needs, including computing and general education.</p> <p>University Location – Courses offered.</p>
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*Amended to reflect correct position

SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

Full details of demographic information follow this summary. (Source: ABS Census 1996 and 2001)

Population

- There are 2,049 people in the Brewarrina LGA.
- For persons aged 50 years and over, there are 434 people, which is 21.2% of the total population of the LGA. The median age of the LGA is 30 years, 6 years younger than for all of the Orana Region.
- Between 1996 and 2001 there was an overall decrease in the total population of 141 people. However, there was an increase of 29 people aged 50 years and over (6.7%).

Visitors to the Region

- There are 25 people aged 50 years and over (1.2%) who were visiting the LGA.

Indigenous People

- There are 1,100 people who identify as Indigenous, which is 53.7% of the total population.
- There are 144 people who identify as Indigenous who are aged 50 years and over, which is 7.0% of the total population.

Migration of people 1996 to 2001

NOTE:

ABS Census data has been obtained to identify:

- For persons who are living in the LGA now, where they lived 5 years ago.
- For persons who did live in the LGA five years ago, where they live now.

The questions relating to this aspect in the ABS Census form for 1996 and 2001 are essentially the same, and can therefore be compared. However, there are some issues which prevent the use of this data in comparing them with trends shown under the section of "population".

It is therefore not appropriate to compare the difference in the data in this section with the data in other sections of this report.

- There were 364 people who moved into the LGA between 1996 and 2001. Of these, 50 were aged 50 years and over. More than half of these people moved from Sydney, Coastal NSW and from other areas in NSW.
- There were 536 people who moved out of the LGA between 1996 and 2001. Of these, 53 were aged 50 years and over. More than half of these people moved to other areas in NSW or to other LGAs in the Orana Region.
- The net movement into and out of the LGA for the 5 year period was a loss of 172 people. For people aged 50 years and over there was a loss of 3 people.
- For people aged 50 years and over, the largest gains were from Coastal NSW and from Sydney. The net loss out of the LGA was to Other LGAs in the Orana Region, Queensland and Western Australia.

Income

- The median weekly individual income is between \$300 and \$399, which is the same as for all of the Orana Region.
- For people aged 55 years and over, 198 people (56.7%) have a median weekly individual income between \$120 and \$499.

Housing

- 379 people aged 50 years and over (88.1%) live in a separate house.
- 261 people aged 50 years and over (60.7%) own their own home or are purchasing a home. 93 (21.6%) are in rental accommodation.
- The median monthly housing loan repayments for the LGA are \$600-\$799, which is the same as the median for the Orana Region.
- The median weekly rent for the LGA is \$50-\$99, which is lower than the median rent payments for the Orana Region.

COMMENTS

In considering the benchmarks for the provision of aged care services and taking into account the recent closure of Brewarrina Village which operated 2 high care, 13 low care and 5 community aged care packages the LGA is reported as having 2 funded places more than is indicated by the number of residents. Applying the benchmarks, there is an:

- Supply equals demand for high care places;
- Undersupply of 9 low care places;
- Oversupply of 11 community aged care packages.

The ACAT and service providers report that all available residential and community care services are fully utilised. It is also reported that dementia care and services that are indigenous specific are limited or not available in the LGA.

The current aged care policy, which encourages services to support “ageing in place”, is acknowledged and supported within the LGA.

- ***As the benchmark figures indicates that supply is close to demand to service the current population and there is little reported or anecdotal information to dispute this, it would appear that the Brewarrina LGA is appropriately resourced in funded aged care places.***

Infrastructure is provided in the LGA for medical, health, and security. The LGA has limited access to a Coach to Dubbo and does not have access to Rail or Air services. There are a variety of activities and interests for older people to be involved in.

This study has been advised that the township is currently providing 4 community run self care retirement units. Using the benchmark of 3% for persons aged 65 years and over, the capacity for retirement village accommodation is close to being met, with only one ILU required.

- *The Brewarrina LGA appears to be well serviced for the current population however additional ILU's will be required to meet future demand.*

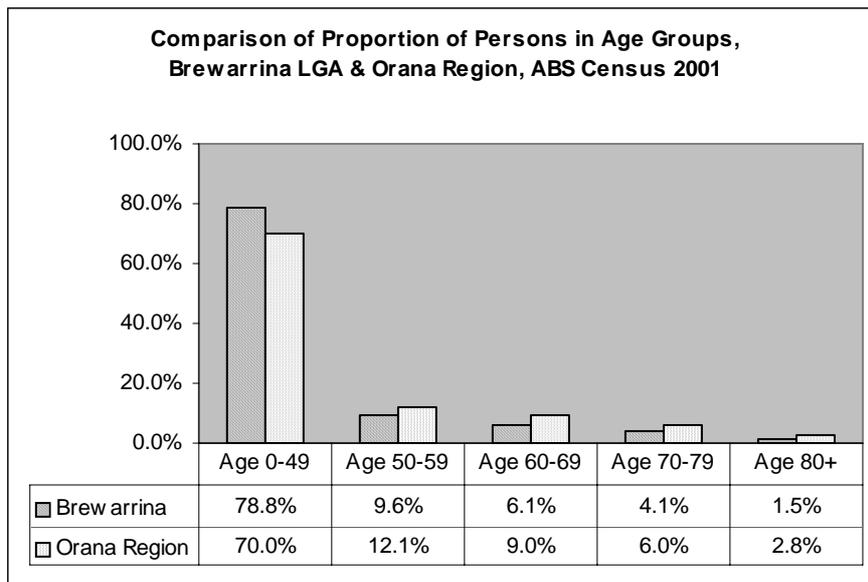
DEMOGRAPHIC DETAILS (Source: ABS Census 1996 and 2001)

POPULATION

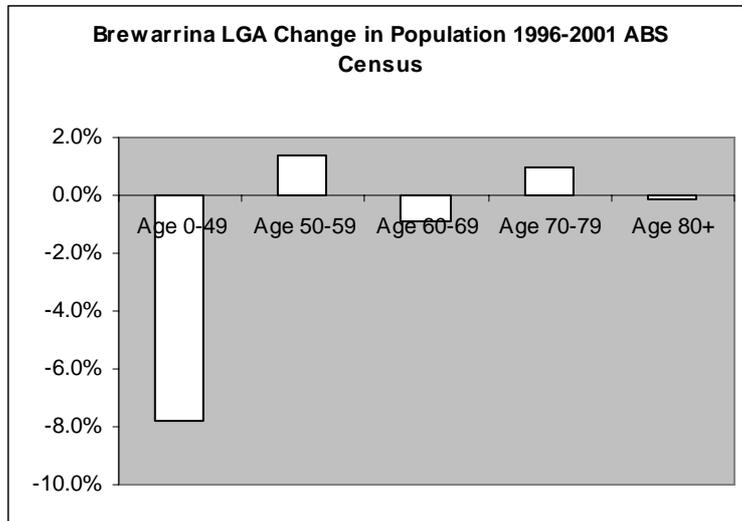
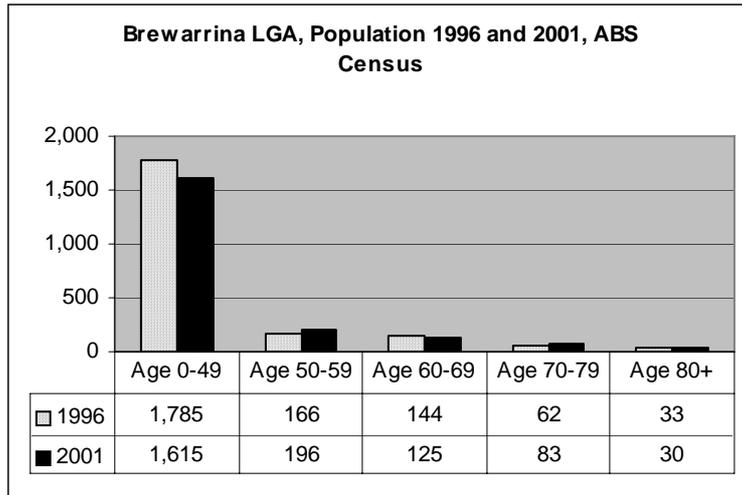
The population of the Brewarrina LGA at the time of the ABS Census 2001 was 2,049 people. Of these 434 were aged 50 years and over, as shown below.

<i>LGA</i>	0-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+	Total
Brewarrina	1,615	196	125	83	30	2,049

When the numbers of people in each age group are compared to the entire Orana region, there are 8.8% more people aged 0 to 49 in the Brewarrina LGA and there are 8.6% less people aged 50 years and over in the Brewarrina LGA. This is displayed the following graph.



From 1996 to 2001, there has been an overall decrease in the population by 141 people. During this period, there has been an increase of 29 people aged 50 years and over (1.3%), with the largest increase in the age groups of 50 to 59 years and 70-79 years (2.4%), as seen in the following graphs.



The median age (the mid point) for the Brewarrina LGA in 2001 was 30 years, which is five years younger than for all of NSW and six years younger than the overall median age for the Orana Region. This means that of the total population of Brewarrina LGA, half the population is aged 30 years of under and half are aged 30 years and over.

VISITORS TO THE LGA

Of the population aged 50 years and over, 406 were counted at home and three were visiting from within the Brewarrina LGA. In addition, 25 people were visiting from outside the LGA, including from other states.

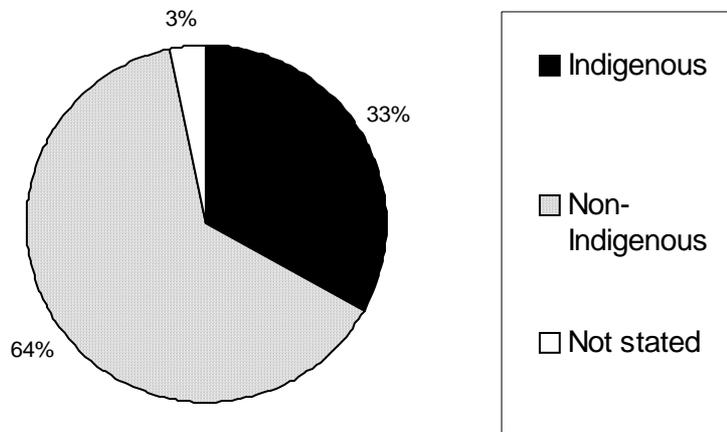
INDIGENOUS PERSONS

There were 1,100 persons who identified as Indigenous at the time of the Census, 2001. Of these 144 were aged 50 years and over or 7.0% of the population. The table below shows the Indigenous identify of all persons in the LGA.

Table showing Indigenous Identify for all persons in each age group for Brewarrina LGA, ABS Census 2001

<i>Brewarrina LGA</i>	Age Groups					Total	% of Total
	0-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+		
Indigenous Persons	956	85	37	16	6	1,100	53.7%
Non-Indigenous Persons	608	108	84	63	21	884	43.1%
Indigenous Identify not stated	51	3	4	4	3	65	3.2%
Total All Persons	1,615	196	125	83	30	2,049	100.0%

**Brewarrina LGA Persons aged 50 years and over, ABS
Census 2001**



MIGRATION INTO AND OUT OF THE LGA

ABS Census data has been obtained to identify:

- For persons who are living in the LGA now, where they lived 5 years ago.
- For persons who did live in the LGA five years ago, where they live now.

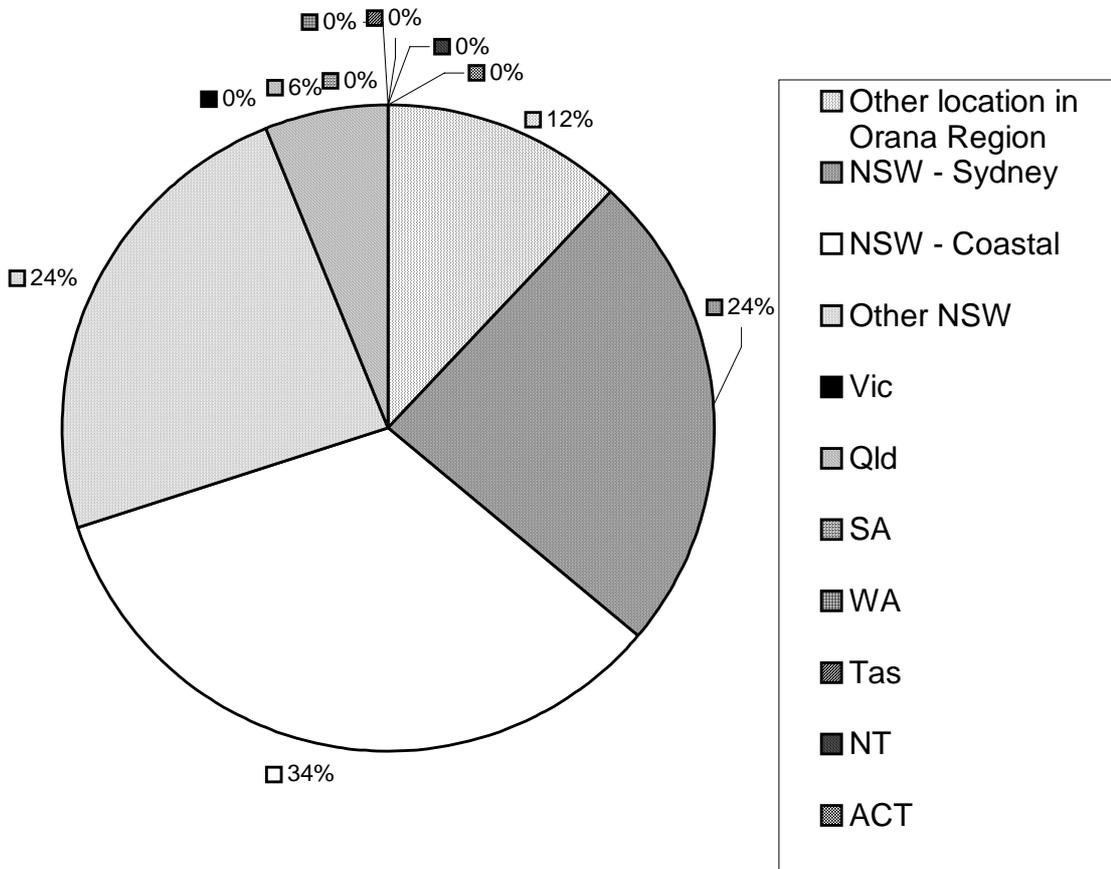
The questions relating to this aspect in the ABS Census form for 1996 and 2001 are essentially the same, and can therefore be compared. However, there are some issues which prevent the use of this data in comparing them with trends shown under the section of “population”.

It is therefore not appropriate to compare the difference in the data in this section with the data in other sections of this report.

Migration into the LGA

The Brewarrina LGA experienced an inwards migration of 364 persons (17.8%) over the five year period of 1996 to 2001. These people moved from a variety of locations within Australia. For those aged 50 years and over, 50 people (2.4% of the total population of the LGA) moved into the Brewarrina LGA. As seen in the graph and table below, of these persons 12% moved from other locations in the Orana Region, 24% moved from Sydney, 34% moved from coastal NSW and 24% moved from other areas in NSW. The remaining 6% moved from other states and territories in Australia.

Brewarrina LGA, Moved to Brewarrina LGA to Live, from Another Location, persons aged 50 years and over, ABS, 1996-2001



Brewarrina LGA - Moved to Brewarrina to Live, from another Location

Moved From	0-49	Aged 50+	Total
Other location in Orana Region	84	6	90
NSW - Sydney	56	12	68
NSW - Coastal	62	17	79
Other NSW	57	12	69
Vic	6	0	6
Qld	28	3	31
SA	9	0	9
WA	0	0	0
Tas	0	0	0
NT	4	0	4
ACT	0	0	0
Other Undefined	8	0	8
Total	314	50	364

The movement of people into the LGA from other LGAs within the Orana Region is shown in the table below. For people aged 50 years and over, the LGAs people moved from were: Dubbo and Walgett.

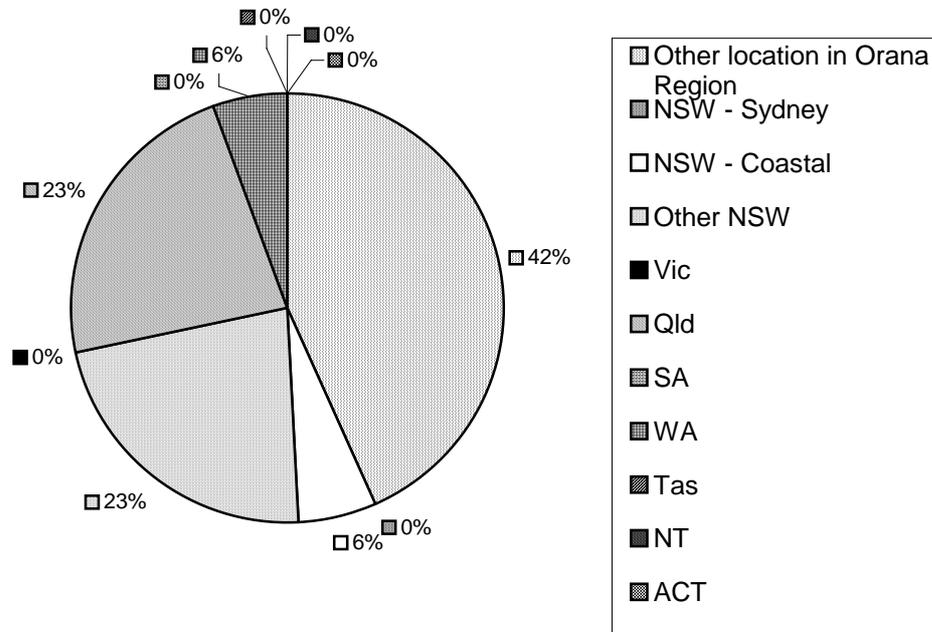
Brewarrina LGA - Moved to Brewarrina to Live, from another Location in the Orana Region

Moved From	0-49	Aged 50+	Total
Bogan	6	0	6
Bourke	18	0	18
Cobar	7	0	7
Coolah	0	0	0
Coonabarabran	0	0	0
Coonamble	0	0	0
Dubbo	18	3	21
Gilgandra	0	0	0
Mudgee	4	0	4
Narromine	6	0	6
Walgett	22	3	25
Warren	3	0	3
Wellington	0	0	0
Orana Region	84	6	90

Migration out of the LGA

The Brewarrina LGA experienced an outwards migration of 536 persons (26.2%) over the five year period of 1996 to 2001. These people moved to a variety of locations within Australia. For those aged 50 years and over, 53 people (2.6% of the total population of Brewarrina LGA) moved out of the LGA. As seen in the graph and table below, of these persons 42% moved to another LGA in the Orana Region, nil moved to Sydney, 6% moved to coastal NSW and 23% moved to other areas in NSW. The remaining 29% moved to other states and territories in Australia.

Brewarrina LGA, Moved from Brewarrina LGA, to Live at Another Location, Persons aged 50 years and over, ABS Census 1996-2001



Brewarrina LGA Number of persons who moved out of Brewarrina LGA to live at another location

Moved To	0-49	Aged 50+	Total
Other location in Orana Region	179	23	202

NSW - Sydney	46	0	46
NSW - Coastal	68	3	71
Other NSW	122	12	134
Vic	16	0	16
Qld	41	12	53
SA	3	0	3
WA	0	3	3
Tas	0	0	0
NT	3	0	3
ACT	5	0	5
Other Undefined	0	0	0
Total	483	53	536

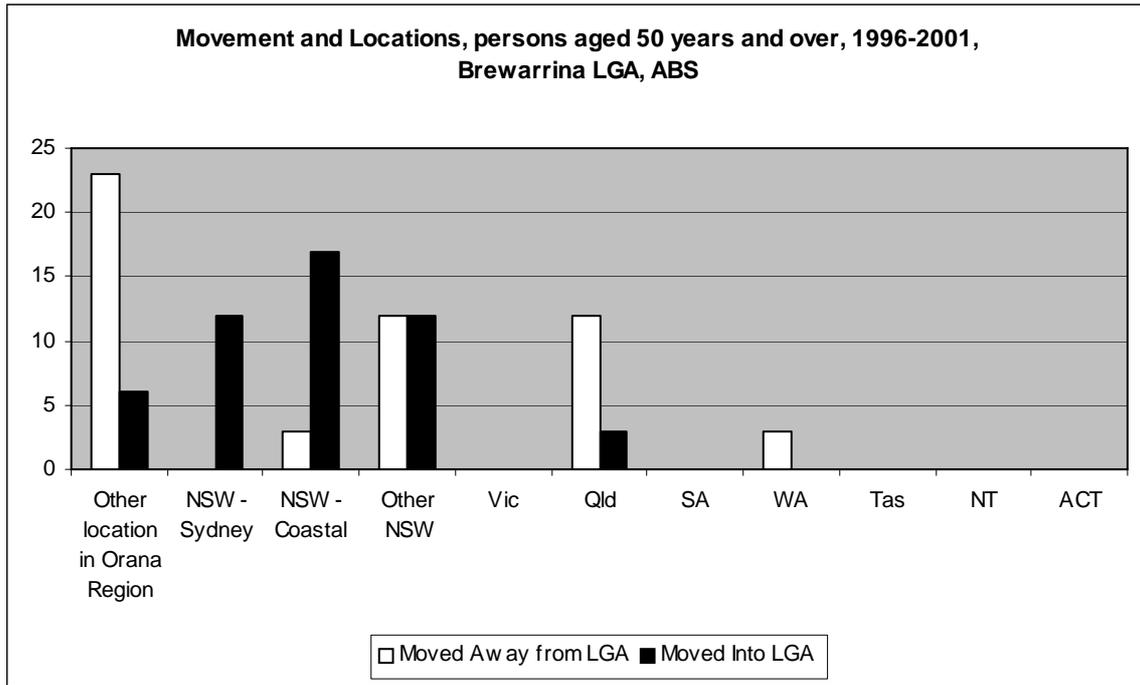
The movement of people out of the LGA to other LGAs within the Orana Region is shown in the table below. For people aged 50 years and over, the LGAs people moved to within the Region were Dubbo, Walgett, Bogan, Gilgandra and Narromine.

Brewarrina LGA - Moved out of Brewarrina LGA to live at another location within the Orana Region

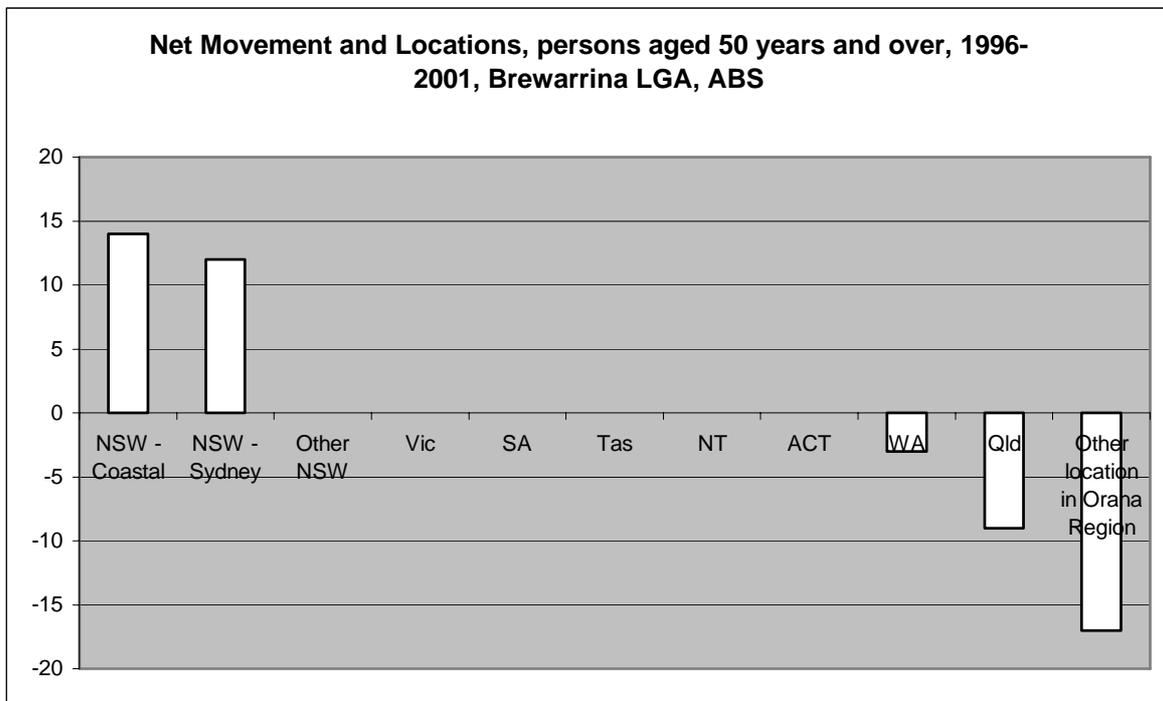
Moved To	0-49	Aged 50+	Total
Bogan	0	3	3
Bourke	33	0	33
Cobar	0	0	0
Coolah	0	0	0
Coonabarabran	14	0	14
Coonamble	6	0	6
Dubbo	85	7	92
Gilgandra	3	3	6
Mudgee	0	0	0
Narromine	10	3	13
Walgett	17	7	24
Warren	3	0	3
Wellington	8	0	8
Orana Region	179	23	202

Net migration

The net movement into and out of the Brewarrina LGA for the 5 years from 1996 to 2001 was a loss of 172 people of all ages. For people aged 50 years and over there was a loss of 3 people. The locations for the most movement were Other NSW Regions and Other LGAs in the Orana Region.



The locations from which the majority of persons moved to and from between 1996 to 2001 are shown in the following graph. It can be seen that the largest gains of population aged 50 years and over to the Brewarrina LGA was from Coastal NSW and Sydney. The loss of population aged 50 years and over was to Other LGAs in the Orana Region, Queensland and Western Australia.



WEEKLY INDIVIDUAL INCOME

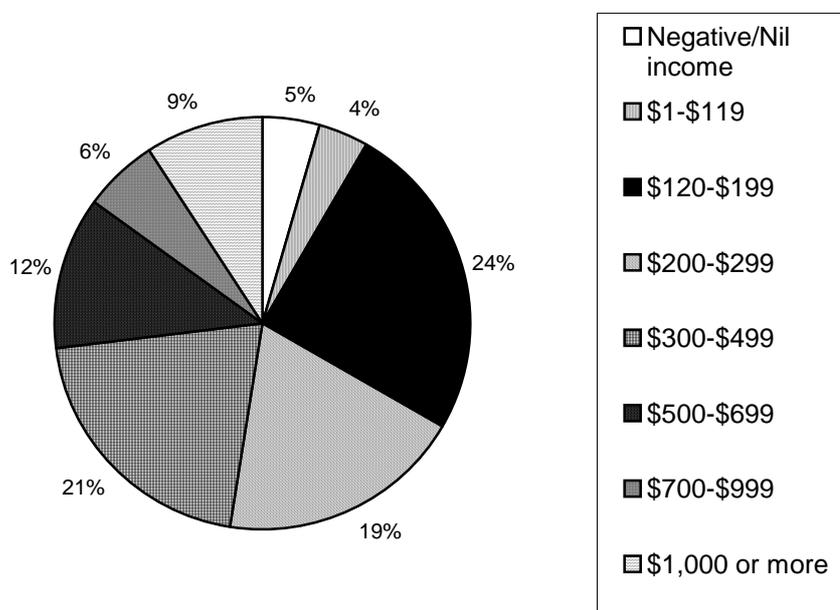
The median weekly individual income of all persons aged 15 years and over is \$300-\$399, which is the same as the median for the Orana Region and for all of New South Wales. Details for each age group from age 55 years and over are shown in the following table and graph.

Weekly Individual Income, Brewarrina LGA, ABS Census 2001*

Brewarrina LGA	55-64	65-74	75+	Total 55+
Negative/Nil income	8	3	3	14
\$1-\$119	3	9	0	12
\$120-\$199	40	24	12	76
\$200-\$299	14	32	13	59
\$300-\$499	34	14	15	63
\$500-\$699	16	11	10	37
\$700-\$999	15	3	0	18
\$1,000 or more	16	9	3	28
Not stated	17	14	12	43
Overseas visitors	0	0	0	0
Total	163	119	68	350

* *Note: The weekly Aged Care Pension Amount is \$183.75 for each person for a couple; and \$220.15 for a single person.*

**Individual Weekly Income, Persons
Aged 55 Years and over, Brewarrina LGA, ABS Census 2001**



DWELLING TYPE, OWNERSHIP AND TENURE

For persons aged 50 years and over 379 people (88.1%) live in a separate house.

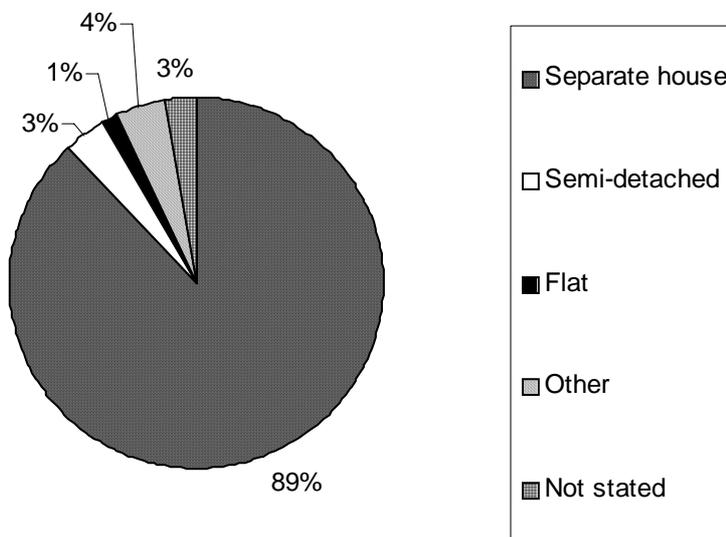
Type of Structure of Home, Brewarrina LGA, Persons Aged 50 years and over, ABS Census 2001

Type of Structure	Age 50-59	Age 60-69	Age 70-79	Age 80+	All ages
Separate house	169	104	86	20	1,845
Semi-detached	6	6	3	0	44
Flat	3	0	0	3	18
Other	6	6	3	3	44
Not stated	3	3	0	6	17
Total Structure type	187	119	92	32	1,968

* *Other: Caravan, cabin, houseboat, improvised home, tent, sleepers out, house or flat attached to a shop or office*

Of the 18 persons aged 50 years and over living in a dwelling classified as “Other”, 100% identify as non-Indigenous.

**Type of Dwelling, Aged 50 and over, Brewarrina LGA,
ABS Census 2001**

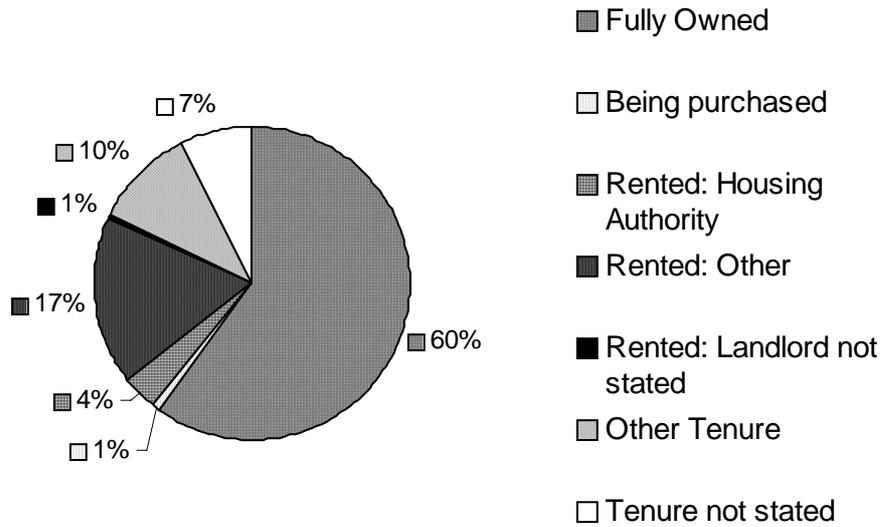


For persons aged 50 years and over, 261 (60.7%) own their own home or are purchasing a home, while 93 (21.6%) are in rented accommodation.

Home Ownership/Tenure, Persons Aged 50 years and over, ABS Census 2001

Brewarrina LGA	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+	Total aged 50 +	Total all ages
Fully Owned	99	79	60	20	258	533
Being purchased	3	0	0	0	3	195
Rented: Housing Authority	7	0	6	3	16	151
Rented: Other	42	25	7	0	74	746
Rented: Landlord not stated	0	0	3	0	3	12
Other Tenure	19	12	7	6	44	235
Tenure not stated	17	3	9	3	32	96
Total Tenure type	187	119	92	32	430	1,968

Brewarrina LGA, Home Ownership/Tenure, Persons aged 50 & over, ABS Census 2001



The median monthly housing loan repayments in Brewarrina LGA are \$600-\$799 and the median weekly rent is between \$50-\$99. A comparison with the Orana Region and the whole of New South Wales indicates that monthly housing loan repayments are the same as for the Orana Region and that median weekly rent is lower for the Orana Region. Both amounts are lower than for all of New South Wales.

	Median monthly housing loan repayments	Median weekly rent
Brewarrina LGA	\$600-\$799	\$50-\$99
Orana Region	\$600-\$799	\$100-\$149
New South Wales	\$1,000-\$1,199	\$150-\$199