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### **BREWARRINA TO BENEFIT FROM NEW TEACHER HOUSING**

The Member for Barwon, Kevin Humphries today announced the completion of a \$2.25 million project to provide new housing for teachers at Brewarrina Central School.

The new flexible design accommodation block in Bathurst Street is able to be converted into either two two-bedroom units or one three-bedroom unit and one one-bedroom unit.

Additionally, four one-bedroom units in Wilson Street have also been completed. Both housing projects have been purpose built to meet the needs of teachers and their families.

Mr Humphries said the Teacher Housing Authority provides an invaluable service to rural and remote communities across the state.

“In many rural and remote areas, there is limited accommodation available in the rental market and what is available often fails to meet the needs of teachers and their families,” Mr Humphries said.

The Teacher Housing Authority currently provides 25 residences for teachers at Brewarrina’s Central School, a leader in the Department of Education’s Connected Communities Schools program.

Brewarrina Central School Relieving Principal, Nada Dukic said the new teacher housing was welcome news for the school community.

“Knowing that our teachers are comfortable and well supported allows us to focus on achieving great outcomes for our students,” Ms Dukic said.

The latest housing in Brewarrina is in addition to the teacher housing recently completed in Wilcannia and Coonamble.

Mr Humphries said the Teacher Housing Authority manages around 1,450 residences in 280 rural and remote communities in NSW.

For more information on the role of the Teacher Housing Authority, watch the You Tube video on the THA website at <http://www.tha.nsw.gov.au/>

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