Brewarrina Central School Google Tour description

The following is a description of the 360 degree virtual reality Google Tour of the Brewarrina Aboriginal Fish Traps. The tour was created by Stage 3 Brewarrina Central School students for the Branyi Bayann Niiringal project.

The Google tour is a mini website that has 5 scenes. Each scene has a 360 degree image with information embedded in the website.

# Scene 1

This 360 image is taken from the river bank overlooking the Aboriginal Fish Traps on the Barwon river. There are trees on both banks of the river and the traps can be seen in the river. The traps look like circles of piled up hand-sized to foot-sized rocks. Water flows freely between the circles. The weir can be seen in the distance. Behind the bank is a long corrugated iron fence.

The following information can be viewed when you click on the scene:

## Fish Traps Overview

Brewarrina Fish Traps, NSW

The Brewarrina Fish Traps are estimated to be over 40 000 years old. They are located in the outback township of Brewarrina which is situated in the Barwon District in New South Wales.

There are three points of interest labelled on the 360 degree image with the following information:

## Point of interest one:

The weir

The construction of the weir in 1971 was to provide the township with an ongoing water supply.

## Point of interest two:

The river

They are located on the Barwon river, which is part of the Murray Darling River system.

## Point of interest three:

The fish traps

The site was heritage listed in 2005 to preserve the Fish Traps for future generations.

# Scene 2

This 360 image is taken from the river bank overlooking the weir on the Barwon river. The weir is a concrete wall that spans half the width of the river and stops the water from going down to the fish traps. The other half of the river is large boulders packed together neatly in rows that allow some of the water to go down to the fish traps.

There are four points of interest labelled on the 360 degree image with the following information:

## Point of interest one:

Animals

Brewarrina Fish Traps, NSW

There are a variety of native and non-native animals that inhabit the Brewarrina Fish Traps

## Point of interest two:

Marine life

Some of the marine life includes Murray Cod, Golden Perch, European Carp, yabbies and turtles. Europeans brought carp over to clean out the waterways but it was unsuccessful, which has resulted in overpopulating the water.

## Point of interest three:

Land animals

There are other animals near the Fish Traps that live on the land this includes, kangaroos, wallabies, emus, echidnas and foxes.

Point of interest four:

Birds

The waterbirds include pelicans and brolgas.

# Scene 3

This 360 image is also taken from the centre of the large boulder section of the weir and has several students walking across the boulders. There is a good view down the river towards the fish traps and the bank where the first 360 degree image was taken.

There are four points of interest labelled on the 360 degree image with the following information:

## Point of interest one:

Nature, plants and land

Brewarrina Fish Traps, NSW

Around the Fish Traps there is a lot of land and a large variety of tree and grass species.

## Point of interest two:

Plants

The most common trees found in the area are the Eucalyptus, Mulga and Gidgee trees and the ground cover plant Salt Bush.

## Point of interest three:

Fish trap rocks

The rocks in the Fish Traps were moved from areas around Brewarrina thousands of years ago by Aboriginal people.

Point of interest four:

Useful rocks

Near the Black Rock formation, Ochre can be found.

# Scene 4

This 360 image is taken at the boat ramp on the river bank up the river behind the weir. There is a jetty next to the boat ramp. On the road leading to the boat ramp you can see the open back of a ute with a large wooden box in it and a backpack sitting on the tailgate. The driver's door is open.

The following information can be viewed when you click on the scene:

Brewarrina Fish Traps

People and community

Barwon River, Brewarrina

There are three points of interest labelled on the 360 degree image with the following information:

## Point of interest one:

The fish traps

The fish traps have changed over many years by rocks moving, weeds growing and the recent drought. People in Brewarrina celebrate around the Fish Traps with ceremonies and festivals.

## Point of interest two:

Things to do

Local children like to use the Fish Traps for playing, swimming, fishing and spending time with their mob (friends and family).

## Point of interest three:

Uses

It is a common spot for camping and caravans. People use the Weir to cross to and from Barwon.

# Scene 5

This 360 image is taken from the centre of the fish traps. The weir, and banks can be seen in the distance. There are also students wandering along the shore.

The following information can be viewed when you click on the scene:

Story and language

Brewarrina Fish Traps, NSW

There are eight common dialects in Brewarrina, the main group is the Ngemba people.

There are two points of interest labelled on the 360 degree image with the following information:

## Point of interest one:

The footprint of Biame

A long time ago in the Ancient land of Brewarrina Aboriginal people always used to tell the tale of Biame.

## Point of interest two:

Dialects

The other dialects include the Walarai, Murrawarri, Kimilaroi, Baranbinja, Koama, Wailwan and Kula people.