



ABOUT HAWERA

With a population of 11,000, Hawera is the second-largest town in the Taranaki region of New Zealand's North Island. Just 20 minutes' drive from Mount Taranaki, Hawera also acts as a hub for the large oil and gas industry based in Taranaki.



South Taranaki offers a great outdoor lifestyle with its unspoilt beaches, mountain, rivers and lakes. Members of the close knit community and visitors can enjoy a large range of activities, such as concerts, festivals, museums, tramping, fishing and surfing.

The district is one of the prime dairying areas in the country and is home to the largest dairy complex in the southern hemisphere.



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HAWERA HOSPITAL



An Introduction to Hawera Hospital

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Hawera Hospital is one of two Taranaki District Health Board hospitals. The other is Taranaki Base Hospital in New Plymouth. The new \$7.9M Hawera Hospital opened to patients in 2002 and was formally opened by Prime Minister Helen Clark.

The 26-bed hospital offers a comprehensive health service. The sun filled hospital includes 21 inpatient beds with private ensembles and four maternity beds, with a fully equipped birthing room.

Hawera Hospital offers outpatient and community services including district, allied health and public health services. A 24-hour Emergency Department provides emergency services.

■ SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Inpatient Ward
- Xray
- District Nursing
- Laboratory
- Mental Health
- Physio / Occupational Therapy
- Emergency Department
- Maternity
- Outpatients
- Palliative Care
- Community Health

■ TYPES OF DOCTORS EMPLOYED/ OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

There are opportunities for doctors at Hawera Hospital to work in the areas of internal medicine, geriatrics and emergency medicine.

All positions are at a MOSS level and a number of our doctors work within both the inpatient setting and ED.

All medical staff at Hawera Hospital maintain collegial relationships with senior medical staff at Taranaki Base Hospital, providing a supportive environment while working in a rural hospital. Ongoing education is supported.

Dr Ben Nieuwoudt – Medical Officer of Special Scale (Inpatients)



Dr Nieuwoudt came to Hawera Hospital from South Africa in 2003. He brought his family to New Zealand for a better lifestyle. It was a picture of Mt Taranaki that helped make up his mind to come to South Taranaki. “That was the thing that did it for me.” He says he likes working in smaller hospitals.

“You get to know the patients well and they’re happy to come back and see a familiar doctor.”

■ COMMUNITY HEALTH SECTOR

Taranaki District Health Board has two health centres in South Taranaki – at Patea and Opunake. And next door to Hawera Hospital is SouthCare Medical which provides primary health services to about 11,500 registered patients throughout the district. Other health care providers in South Taranaki include Ruanui Health Centre, which provides health services to Ngati Ruanui and other community groups.

Dr Mohammad Humayun – Accident and Medical Practitioner (Emergency Department)



Dr Humayun is originally from Bangladesh but gained most of his medical experience in South Africa. He started at Hawera Hospital in 2002. He says South Taranaki is a quiet and secure place to live. “We like the people, the environment and the mountain – we go there quite often.”

Dr Jens-Peter Link – Medical Officer of Special Scale (Inpatients)



Dr Link is originally from Germany, where he trained as a registered GP. He began working at Hawera Hospital in 2007 and enjoys the variety of work. Dr Link says Hawera is a great place to bring up a family. “What I like most about working here is the welcoming community.”