

HOME HILL NEWS

A welcome from the Home Hill Business Community - No. 40 - November 2018

Warm up to Harvest festivities

AFTER several weeks of pre-Harvest Festival Week events, the celebrations now warm up even more towards the final weekend of entertainment on Friday and Saturday, November 9 and 10.

The Queensland Country Home Hill Harvest Festival entertainment started early with the second Canefields Ephemera, which continued to draw visitors into Lloyd Mann Park to inspect the various artistic displays that are on show through to the final day of the festival on November 10.

"We have had plenty of support for this Year's Canefields Ephemera," a Festival spokesperson said. "Plenty of visitors from near and far have enjoyed the art in Lloyd Mann Park, so much so that two of the exhibits have been sold."

The Town of Origin Tri-Series also proved popular with spectators as teams from Home Hill and Ayr com-

peted for success in cricket, netball and rugby league. Home Hill was successful in winning the cricket and netball, while Ayr was a runaway winner in the rugby league.

The Burdekin Netball Association brought back the Mercantile Relay to the Home Hill Pool on October 13—a popular event that has added plenty of entertainment to festivals in the past.

The Burdekin Artisans also added to the feast of festival events with the "Rags to Runway" event at the Burdekin Motor Inn on October 27, at which local fashion designers took up the challenge to change second-hand clothing into unique modern fashions.

Those events now lead into the final hectic week of Festival activities, commencing on Friday night, November 2 with the annual Students' Ball at the Burdekin Memori-

al Hall. Students from all Burdekin High Schools will join together for one of their biggest nights of the year, as they present themselves in all their fashion finery at a night to remember.

Saturday is Derby Day at the Home Hill race course with the "Ladies Day at the Track" bringing out all the latest of fashions on display for one of the major lead-up races to this year's Melbourne Cup.

Sunday, November 4 starts with the Canefields Fun Run around the roads and farms in the vicinity of the Home Hill Golf Club from 6am.

That is followed by the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at the Burdekin Memorial Hall from 9am.

Sunday is a busy day on the program as golfers return to the Golf Club for the annual Ambrose Competition, with a 12 noon start.

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Chamber support for Streetscape project

THE Home Hill Chamber of Commerce has contributed \$500 to a Streetscape project currently being undertaken by the Arts Department of the Home Hill High School, which aims to give a new lease of life to empty shops in Home Hill's Central Business District.

Together with another donation of \$400 from the Home Hill Rotary Club, the \$900 will be used to produce as many colourful signs as possible to adorn the frontages of the empty shops in the business centre.

Teacher Roxanne Roberts said they undertook the project so that empty shops in the town did not look empty.

She said the students working with businesses in the town had prepared up to 15 designs to different themes to a size of about three metres by two metres.

Students from all years of study have been working on the designs throughout term two.



High School art students and teacher, Roxanne Roberts (top right) with one of the signs as students (front, from left) Naharleya Batts and Zana Clifford-Harmsworth accept the \$500 contribution to the Streetscape Project from Chamber Director, Erin Brennan.

A STATE Government decision to offer a 10 cent return on drink containers was well received when it was first announced—after all it was seen as a way of reducing the amount of rubbish left along the sides of our roads and highways by people who seem to find it hard to keep their rubbish in their vehicles until they find a suitable receptacle to dispose of it.

South Australia has had the legislation for decades and most residents down that way are accustomed to taking their containers back to a collection point.

However, while there are numerous advertisements on television reminding consumers of what is ahead of them from November 1, the lack of information on what people have to do is most conspicuous—in fact, it seems that getting to collection points to gain the 10 cent return may work against those who want to do the right thing.

The web site for the start of the scheme says there will be 230 sites available for collection of the 10 cents on offer per container—but when the local postcodes are entered, 4806 suggests the collection point is at “Rangemore Qld”, although the map point shows the 4807 point at the Bruce Highway, Giru, while 4808 advises of Brandon, but the map point again shows the Giru site.

Confused?

Advice on the web site is that more sites are to come—but at the present time, there is definitely no value for a Home Hill resident to even travel to Ayr for a \$2.40 return on a carton of empties, which defeats the purpose of the original legislation.

Surely, the best way to gain a return would be by taking the empties to where a person buys their replacement refreshments—which would also

The finer points of Home Hill . .

ALL eyes will be on the ladies as Derby Day celebrations take place at the Burdekin Race Club on Saturday, November 3.

After several months without local racing, the Burdekin Club is well prepared for their big day ahead of Tuesday's Melbourne Cup.



Burdekin Race Club members, Trevor Davies, Ray Tapiolas and Mark Vass prepare the VIP ladies area for Saturday's Derby Day race meeting.

be the quickest way to gain accessible collection points throughout the state. However, that could then produce another problem for already battling small business owners, who would have to find space to store large quantities of waste containers as well as wearing the cost until the government repays it. Hopefully, the program becomes more organised as soon as possible so that it can gain the benefits that were originally intended.

TOWNSVILLE seems to have developed the South-East Queensland disease of wanting everything on offer from governments to go their way.

The city was offered \$150 million from the Federal Government for a major rail project in what was promoted at the time as a “City Deal”, but when the State Government shelved that project, half of the money was allocated to a Port project in the area.

However, suggestions from politicians for the other half of the money to be spent outside the City area have drawn howls of protest from Townsville politicians, demanding that it all must be spent in their area.

How is that for sharing the wealth?

While a VIP area is set aside for the Ladies under the fig trees, it is also a family friendly day for everyone attending.

There will be five local races, Fashion prizes and children's entertainment and the Festival Queens will be presented during the afternoon.

Regional areas receive very little from governments to spend in their areas and it seems those in Townsville believe it is their right to claim all, no matter how much a redirection of funds would benefit the outlying areas around the city (and eventually the city as a whole).

The funds belong to all taxpayers and if there is a suitable project that will help all areas in the north, then why should there be any objections to how that money is spent.

We are sure the Burdekin region could make good use of all or part of the remaining \$75 million!

THE Chamber of Commerce is again planning its Night of Christmas Cheer at the Home Hill Comfort Stop on Tuesday night, December 18.

It will provide another Christmas celebration for local residents on top of the annual Council Carols evening, which alternates between Ayr and Home Hill.

The Council Carols are also being held at Watsons Green in Home Hill on December 9.

- DAVID JACKSON

Sweet FM's new direction on airwaves

THE radio airwaves in the Burdekin will be changing in the future, as a new Management Committee installed at local Radio Station, Sweet FM 97.1 undertakes a complete restructure of its procedures, making it easier for listeners to identify when programs go to air and for advertisers to make use of the promotional opportunities on offer.

The change has come into effect following a meeting convened mid-year by the Burdekin Shire Council urging supporters to attend a meeting to set up the new Management Committee following the loss of some long-term major supporters.

One of those supporters was the long-time voice of Sweet FM, Merle Scott, who relinquished her position earlier in the year due to ill health.

Chairwoman of the interim Management Committee, Rosemary Menkens said Mrs Scott had carried out a magnificent job since about 2005, undertaking on-air programs on a regular basis and leaving the station well organised.

"Merle was the total driving force for the station for well over a decade," she commented.

The new committee, which has been meeting monthly, comprises Mrs Menkens as Chairwoman, Bill Lawson as Secretary, Cheryl Platt as Treasurer and committee members, Malcolm Kirke, Robert Turner and Charlie Scuderi.

An annual meeting of the new committee was held near the end of October, with Mrs Menkens pointing out that Sweet FM was not a "community radio station" as many people referred to it, but is a "High Power Open Narrowcast" Station, broadcasting to the residents of and visitors to the Burdekin Shire.

With the assistance of a substantial grant received from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, the committee is now moving forward with a new studio to modernise its broadcasting capabilities.

Program Director, Charlie Scuderi, who was originally involved with the setting up of Sweet FM in January, 2000 and stayed with the station until September 2001, said the station was the brainchild of Kevin Benvenuti and Bill Saxby.

"Kev Ben co-opted me and got me involved working out programs until I left in 2001," he said.

With the new studio well on the way to coming into use, Mr Scuderi said he was in the process of set-



Sweet FM Chairwoman Rosemary Menkens (left) with Program Director Charlie Scuderi and Technician David Giffard.

ting up new programs and a station play list and getting them to air. "The music will be the same as before, with 5500 songs available at the present time," he suggested. "A lot still has to be tidied up as well as getting advertisements to air."

A new price list has been developed to make it easier for prospective advertisers to develop their promotional programs. The station also broadcasts free of charge funeral notices from both local Funeral Directors at 9am and 10am each day, followed by the weather forecasts.

"Advertisers can obtain 100 advertisements per week for \$100 per month plus a \$50 production fee," Mrs Menkens advised. "Once businesses are advertising, they will be welcome to come in for interviews." She said the station also had a close relationship with the Burdekin Shire Council in times of emergency.

The new committee is also organising its programs so that listeners will know exactly when specific programs are going to air. Some of the programs include Robert Turner's music on Monday afternoon, Cheryl Platt from 9am on Tuesday mornings and Malcolm Kirke with his classical

music that afternoon.

Tegan Palombi presents her program on Wednesday afternoon while Bill Lawson is on air on Thursday mornings.

Malcolm Kirke returns on Thursday afternoon, while Carol Betteridge is on Friday mornings and Monday nights. Frank White goes to air on Friday afternoons, along with Brian Carnes with his sports program.

Sweet FM also presents a fishing program with Dave Skinner on Saturday mornings and a regular community information show led by Shire Councillor and former policeman, Tony Goddard, while Chris Nissan highlights Rock to Heavy Metal Music from 11.30am that morning. A Christian Program is on air from 7.30am to 9am on Sunday with Donna Dabelstein, Heather Jorgensen and Christine Wassmuth, while Sid Ruskin presents his music to enjoy on Sunday afternoon.

Anyone wishing to contact Sweet FM should phone 4783 8394. With the station office not always manned, callers are urged to leave a message so that someone from the station can call them back.

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Weekly Production Figures

Weeks 19 and 20, ending October 20 and 27

Cane crushed	This Week	Season to date
	142,775	2,768,095
Pioneer	75,458	1,536,781
Kalamia	75,524	1,474,580
Inkerman	71,305	1,535,821
Burdekin	365,062	7,315,277

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Invicta	15.91	15.05
Pioneer	15.78	15.05
Kalamia	14.97	14.76
Inkerman	14.81	14.87
Burdekin	15.47	14.96

Comments —

WEEK 19— The Burdekin's four mills crushed just over 329,000 tonnes of cane in a week that included a scheduled stop at Inkerman Mill. There was also an extended stop at Invicta Mill to repair boiler tube leaks.

Cane supply at the four Burdekin Mills was impacted last week as a result of storms, with Inkerman Mill the worst-affected by the wet weather. Average CCS for the district remained high, with 15.50 units recorded for last week. The highest CCS reading for the week was 18.0 from rakes of Q208 first and fourth ratoon cane, recorded in the Invicta area.

WEEK 20—The Burdekin's four mills crushed just over 365,000 tonnes of cane. The 7 million tonnes crushed milestone was achieved early last week.

Average CCS for the district remained high, with 15.47 units recorded for the week. The highest CCS reading was 18.65 from a rake of Q183 third ratoon cane, recorded in the Invicta area.

With no further rain, the last day of crushing at each mill is forecast to be—Invicta November 10; Pioneer November 11; Kalamia November 7; Inkerman November 14.

Cane trains will continue to move about the district for several days after the last cane is crushed. Please continue to take care at level crossings.

Peter Luke
Cane Supply Manager,
Burdekin Region

All ready for Festive fun

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Presidents of local organisations have been invited to enter their team in the annual President's Bowls night.

This year, the Festival Committee have opened the competition up to individual businesses to enter. The event is to be held at the Home Hill Sports Club from 6pm on Tuesday, November 6.

The children of the Home Hill district and their pets of all sizes, shapes and colours will be featured at the Pet Show and Bolt for Bucks at Watson's Green from 5pm on Wednesday evening, November 7.

The festivities then head towards a major climax on Friday night, November 9, with the Gala Ball, at which the Festival Personality and Charity Queens will be announced. Conducted by the Home Hill Rotary Club, the Ball will feature a night of dancing and festivities.

Saturday features the annual Street Parade along Eighth Avenue from 5pm to 6pm, ahead of the Street Party in Ninth Street and Ninth Avenue, where various carnival attractions will entertain families well into the night.

"On the night of the Grand Parade and Street Party, we have a fabulous act, 'Luke Geiger Live', playing on the main stage" the festival spokesperson said.

"Luke Geiger is the lead singer and he is amazingly entertaining and also very funny. Luke has played many gigs over the past 10 years, which includes Race Days, Rodeos and Campdrafts, Weddings and Festive Season and Corporate Events. He has been fortunate to support such iconic bands as Evermore, Diesel, The Black Sorrows and ARIA Hall of Fame inductees, Mental as Anything. "He plays a great range of music including country, Aussie rock and top 40," the spokesperson said.

"MC for the night will be none other than comedian, Ryan Boccalatte. Ryan has kindly agreed to volunteer his time and razor sharp wit on the evening."

The main stage will have some room for dancing in front and tables and chairs, so the public can sit and enjoy the food stalls and live music.

The bar will also be right in line for a great evening.

Carnival attractions will keep the children and younger generation entertained while food and drink stalls will cater for the needs of everyone.

Queen entrants



Cailin Betteridge
Burdekin Netball
Association



Christie Gist
Home Hill
Rotary Club



Yasmin Scott
Home Hill
Lions Club



Jacquelyn Young
Home Hill Tennis
Association

Wilmar offers invitation for mill tours

MEMBERS of the Home Hill Chamber of Commerce and the Burdekin Community Association accepted an invitation from Wilmar Sugar to tour their Inkerman Mill factory recently.

The visitors, who were split into two groups, were given a unique opportunity to view the operations of the mill during the crushing season, with several members of the mill staff guiding them through the various parts of the milling process.

Mill tours are not a regular occurrence, but Wilmar has offered the opportunity to growers and business organisations to tour their various mills in each of their mill areas.

Those members of both organisations who accepted the invitation expressed their gratitude to the mill staff for the time taken to explain the operations and for the Wilmar hospitality at the end of the tour.



The second tour Chamber of Commerce tour group.



One of the groups on the tour of Inkerman Mill with staff members.



One of the tour groups listens intently to a Wilmar staff member as he explains part of the milling process. (Photos by courtesy of Wilmar)

Remembrance Day

HOME HILL residents will join the rest of the nation on Sunday, November 11, 2018, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, or Armistice Day as it was also known.

While Home Hill has a new Cenotaph in the nearby park, the Remembrance Day ceremony will once again take place in front of the Burdekin Memorial Hall, where the names of enlistees in the First World War are listed on plaques on the wall in front of the small meeting room.

The short service, led by Home Hill RSL Sub-Branch officers, will commence at 11am and will be conducted along similar lines to previous years.

Seating is provided for Ex-servicemen and women who regularly attend the service.

The Home Hill Chamber of Commerce acknowledges and appreciates the support of Wilmar Sugar's Inkerman Mill with the printing of the *Home Hill News*.

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Mayoral report . . .

Mayor Lyn McLaughlin addresses issues of interest to Home Hill residents and/or our visitors -



Mayor Lyn
McLaughlin

I would like to congratulate the Home Hill Harvest Festival committee for organising another year of community events.

The events so far have been fantastic and I have thoroughly enjoyed being able to attend some of them.

The Canefields Ephemera has again been a real stand out for locals and visitors. Council has installed concrete bases for the “?” and “Open for Ideas” art pieces, which will now be permanent additions in Lloyd Mann Park.

It was also great to see the Burdekin Netball Association reinvigorate the Mercantile Relay. This event is definitely an old one, but from all reports I heard, everyone had great fun. It would be wonderful to see the event grow bigger in the future.

A number of other events are coming up, such as the Rags to Runway, Gala Ball and Grand Parade and Street Party. Congratulations must also go to the Queen entrants for representing their sponsors so enthusiastically and for their fundraising efforts. Congratulations are extended to Dr Tata, who received the North Queensland Primary Health Network General Practitioner of the

Year Award at the myPHN Conference held in Mackay on September 1 and 2, 2018.

I am honoured to be invited to attend the official opening of the Home Hill Surgery on Monday, November 12. The team at Home Hill Surgery have taken a huge step in relocating the practice to increase services provided. I am sure the Home Hill Surgery will continue to provide a high standard of medical care to the members of the community into the future. Congratulations to Dr Tata and his team.

Council is continuing to work on the following projects -

- * The extension of the footpath on Seventh Avenue, from Seventeenth Street to Fourteenth A Street;

- * The Kirknie Landfill Hardstand and sediment basin being constructed by Burdekin Shire Council construction crew.

- * Urban reseals are also programmed for late November.

Finally, as the end of the school year fast approaches, I would like to wish all the school leavers the very best in their future endeavours, whether it be study or employment.

Lyn McLaughlin

Unlimited free dumping of shire waste

HOME HILL residents can take advantage of unlimited free dumping of domestic waste on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, November 24 and 25 as council helps residents to prepare for the coming cyclone season.

Council is opening the Kirknie Road Landfill for the free dump weekend, with gates open from 8am to 5pm each day to give everyone a chance to clear any rubbish they may have lying about.

Mayor Lyn McLaughlin said that as the shire nears disaster season, it was important to dispose of any unwanted items that could become a missile during a cyclone. “Now would be a great time to make sure yards are free of debris, fixtures are secured and gutters are cleared,” she said. “We ask that residents lend a hand to elderly neighbours, family and friends who may need help transporting

their rubbish to Kirknie Road Landfill.”

Residents are reminded that green waste, scrap metal, tyres and concrete must be separated prior to disposal and gas bottles, hazardous waste such as paints and solvents, chemical waste and contaminated soil cannot be accepted at Council landfill or transfer stations. Commercial waste loads and domestic asbestos disposal will continue to attract standard disposal charges.

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Unique gifts at Artspace

LOCAL residents looking for something different in the way of Christmas gifts this year, should take the opportunity to visit 170 Arts on the Avenue on Friday evening, November 16 for their *Christmas in the Artspace*. Doors will open at 7pm for the event, which will offer beautiful hand-made arts and crafts from which to make that gift selection.

An auction will also take place for a Christmas Table Runner and Centre Piece, while there will also be a lucky door prize for one successful participant. Wine and nibbles will also be available during the evening and raffles will be conducted on behalf of the Burdekin Artisans. Anyone planning to attend should advise the Artisans by November 10 for catering purposes.

Councillor comment . .



Cr Uli Liessmann reports on council activities –

Hello everyone— Quote of the week – *If not now, When?*

Good to hear that people on the Ayr side also like to read this newsletter. We could maybe improve it with letters to the editor and paid advertising for support to produce this newsletter.



Cr Uli Liessmann (right) and his wife, Loretta (obscured) listen as David Marino explains the milling process.

Earlier this month, we went on an excursion trip to In-kerman Mill. In a word, it was **great**— our guide was very helpful and answered all questions and what a change, compared to the 1970s when I was an employee, one of approximately 450 workers. Employment has certainly changed more for the better, but then, I'm not so sure Home Hill has changed along with it. I visited Ravenswood for a day, the road was rough and I reported this to council, who are now on the job grading the road. What amazed me is the quality of the local museum come display/exhibition, local historical display and early settler family history, all looked after by a great local historian.

Just thinking, maybe we should also have a museum to display our local history before all is lost. This could be a council project, an add-on to one of the libraries when funding is available. One can only hope.

We live in a particularly divided community, meaning we have doubled up on many similar organisations. Should we come of age and move into the 21st century and combine to make stronger and more viable organisations. This is where stakeholder engagement is critical and here I'm talking about the Chamber of Commerce. As one example, it would make good economic sense to have one strong organisation and look for new opportunity for the Burdekin, if this

was a stronger identity with a paid manager and maybe use the money that is paid to Townsville Enterprise for the sole use of promoting the Burdekin Shire. Hate it or like it, what are your views?

Council News— Council is in the process of upgrading four water bores near the water tower with more efficient submersible pumps and a new electrical switch board will also be installed in the water tower.

Sixteenth Street is getting a makeover and there are many other streets waiting for improvements. Another matter for road safety would be line marking country roads near intersections where necessary throughout the Shire.

Our greatest visual attraction in the Burdekin is the bridge, which is very hard to access, so in the next budget, I will be asking for consideration for a safe foot-path linking the Diorama to the bridge, making another addition to the tourist trail and sites to visit in the Burdekin. These are my views only.

To contact me, please phone (mobile) 0439 822 064 or email councillor.liessmann@burdekin.qld.gov.au .

Uli Liessmann



One of the council bores near the Water Tower.

The Burdekin's 2018 crushing season is under way

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Back to the Swingin' Sixties

THE Home Hill Choral Society is taking to the stage once again, bringing back the "Swingin' Sixties" in a Theatre Restaurant to be presented at the Choral Society Hall on Friday and Saturday, December 7 and 8.

Bookings are essential for the family-friendly show, which will relive the Sixties including digging out those old bell bottom pants. Songs to be presented include some from The Beatles, David Bowie, The Seekers and many more.

Tickets, priced at \$30 for adults, \$20 for students and \$10 for primary students, provides the entertainment and large supper and are available from Society members and Brennan's Tyrepower (0428 822 091).

Doors open at 7pm.



Ready to play their part in the "Swingin' Sixties" are (from left) Yasmin Scott, Brian Giddy, Tina Baillie and Angela Torrisi.

Places to see, things to do in the Home Hill district

Home Hill Harvest Festival—A variety of events for all ages throughout early November, culminating in the Procession and Mardi Gras on Saturday, November 10.

Home Hill Chamber of Commerce Night of Christmas Cheer—Tuesday evening, December 18, from 6.30pm. Entertainment for all the family led by the Home Hill Choral Society and the Burdekin Brass Band.

170 Arts on the Avenue—The Burdekin Artisans Community invite you to inspect their display of various arts and craft forms at the Ashworths Rock Shop complex from 10am to 4pm each day from Tuesday to Saturday.

Sing Along with the Home Hill Choral Society—every Tuesday evening at the Choral Society Hall in Ninth Avenue—from 7pm to 8.30pm. Everyone welcome to join in.

The Big Canecutters—Visit the former Home Hill Showgrounds (southern end of town across the railway line) to see the representation of the former canecutters that cut the Burdekin district's sugar cane crop before the advent of mechanical cane harvesting.

Old Time Dancing at the St Helen's Anglican Church Hall, Tenth Avenue, Home Hill every Saturday evening;

Mount Inkerman—approximately 12km south of Home Hill, near the township of Inkerman. Access to the top is via a narrow road, which is not suitable for caravans and a **"Nature Trail" for walkers**. The narrow road has been widened in sections and a number of new safety barriers installed. Recommend visiting as there are outstanding views of the surroundings such as cane and other farms.

Charlie's Hill World War II site, about seven kilometres south of Home Hill – former radar station during the second world war—Old igloos and gun emplacement still in place;

Pioneer Avenue Plaques – learn about the history of many of the pioneers of Home Hill and the Burdekin District by reading the plaques situated along the western side of the ti-trees in Home Hill's main street

Burdekin River and the Burdekin bridge - part of the Bruce Highway plus Home Hill Lions Club Diorama at southern end of bridge, which now features five new panels detailing the pioneering sugar industry work of John Drysdale and the town's early history;

Groper Creek - worth a look as it is a unique small village —one of the many creeks in the Burdekin Delta allowing access to the numerous fishing areas throughout the district—very popular with visitors who return each year to enjoy our climate over several months;

Beachmount/Wunjunga—Visitors can move off the Bruce Highway south of Home Hill to spend time at the community's beaches—Beachmount and the community of Wunjunga. Travel east off the highway south of Inkerman across gravel roads until meeting the sea in the vicinity of Funny Dunny Park where tourists can enjoy a stay in pleasant surroundings.

Home Hill Swimming Pool (Eleventh Avenue) is open throughout the winter months.

For the sports man and woman - Join in the friendly atmosphere at the **Home Hill Golf Course** (4782 1632—amongst the cane fields on Iona Road), at the **Home Hill Bowling Green** (4782 1185—in Ninth Avenue) which has also diversified into soccer; or at the excellent

Home Hill Tennis complex in the centre of the Home Hill Race Track.

Home Hill Service Clubs—The Home Hill Lions Club meets at the Crown Hotel on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The Home Hill Rotary Club meets at their Club House (58 Thirteenth Avenue, Home Hill) on the first Tuesday of each month and at the Malpass Hotel, Home Hill at 6.30pm on each other Tuesday night of the month. Visitors are welcome at both clubs.

Burdekin Toastmasters hold their dinner meetings at The Crown Hotel on the first and third Thursday of each month.

Comments on our town or services would be appreciated, Email ddjacko@bigpond.com or secretary@homehillchamber.com