

Home Hill leads Christmas fun

HOME HILL will be leading the way at the centre of Christmas Festivities in the Burdekin in December, as Christmas Carol singing and residential Christmas decorations will be among the highlights leading into Christmas Day.

This year's Shire Community Christmas Carols, which alternates annually between Ayr and Home Hill, will take place on Sunday, December 9 at Watson's Green in Home Hill from 5.30 pm. Entry is free.

On top of that, the Home Hill Chamber of Commerce will follow up on the initial success of their Night of Christmas Cheer in 2017, with another night of Carols entertainment led by the Home Hill Choral Society and the Burdekin Brass Band on Tuesday night, December 18 at the Comfort Stop. The night's entertainment will commence at 6pm and those attending have been advised to take their own chairs. The Home Hill Chamber is also encouraging residents to light up their properties throughout the town as they have in previous years.

The Chamber will announce a winner of the trophy for the best

decorated residential property at the Night of Christmas Cheer on December 18. Judging will take place on Sunday night, December 16.

The Community Carols on December 9 will be led by television's 'The Voice' star, René Le Feuvre, who grew up in the Burdekin before moving to the Gold Coast and rising to prominence on this year's season of Channel Nine's *The Voice*.

The talented singer impressed judges with his heartfelt rendition of *I Like Me Better* by Lauv, impressing coach, Boy George enough to turn his chair and select Le Feuvre for his team.

Since then, he has performed at major events including the *Sweet Days, Hot Nights Festival* and the Transplant Games opening ceremony.

Le Feuvre said he was super excited to come back to the Burdekin and perform as part of the 2018 Community Christmas Carols.

"I really love being in North Queensland and I know this will be a fun night for everyone involved," he commented. Nine News Adelaide reporter, Reece D'Alessandro, who also grew up in Home Hill, will compere the evening.

Mayor Lyn McLaughlin said Le Feuvre and D'Alessandro will light up the stage alongside other Burdekin talents, including singers Jasmin Delle Baite and Amaia Licciardello.

"The Burdekin Community Christmas Carols has previously had some big performers and this year is no exception," she said.

More than 40 local dancers, singers and musicians will join in the celebrations on stage, including KHDance, Perform Music Choir and Rhythm Edge Dance School.

The community event will include free face painting, a photo booth, market stalls and a Children's lantern parade. Cr McLaughlin said children can also expect visits from Christmas Minnie and Mickey Mouse and, of course, Santa Claus.

The Burdekin's youngest stars are also being encouraged to feature in the celebrations by taking part in the traditional children's lantern parade.

"Our Burdekin and Home Hill Libraries will be hosting lantern making workshops in the days leading up to the Christmas Carols, during which children can create their very own lantern," the mayor said. "Those who are unable to attend the workshop are encouraged to make a lantern at home and using a battery-operated candle, bring their lantern to the event and join in on the procession.

A Christmas Lantern Workshop will be held at the Home Hill Branch Library on Friday, December 7 from 3pm to 5pm.



Harvesting in the 1960's era

Huge support for 2018 festival

A FEAST of entertainment offered to residents of the Burdekin over several weeks has concluded another successful Home Hill Harvest Festival, with huge crowds turning out on Saturday, November 10 for the annual Parade and Mardi Gras.

To a theme of "Black and White", the Festival was well received by the public, with local businesses, organisations and individuals playing a huge part in its overall success.

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Home Hill News staff in the lock-up.

WITH local residents on the lookout to find that gift to please a loved one or a special family member, our readers are urged to first visit local Home Hill traders to see what is on offer before travelling out of town.

It is getting harder for small businesses in the town to compete with everything that is available in the big cities and through online shopping, but any effort to give a local business an opportunity to provide a lasting gift would be appreciated by the trader and more than likely by the gift recipient.

It is amazing what is available through local businesses, whether they are operating in the central business district or in home occupations.

New and old businesses—such as the Burdekin Artisans “170 On The Avenue” (adjacent to Ashworth’s) - or even our advertisers in this issue can provide some unique gifts—just take the time to visit them and see what unique gifts are available.

You may be surprised with what you are able to find!

REMEMBER a decade or more ago when Home Hill was the centre of attention amongst people throughout North Queensland celebrating Christmas, as large numbers of travellers came to our town to inspect the impressive displays offered by local residents?

Wouldn’t it be good to see those numbers again coming to our town to see what artistic displays are on offer from the Home Hill residents who decorate their residential properties with an ever increasing variety of displays for the festive season?

Some of those residents can no longer devote the time and effort to creating the scenes that they offered back in those days—but judging by the displays provided for public view for Christmas 2017, there are still many local residents with that artistic ability to create something beneficial.

The Chamber of Commerce is again encouraging local residents to add to the town’s decorative outlook by lighting up their front yards with whatever

The finer points of Home Hill . .

A COUPLE of months ago, we commented on the volunteering efforts of Home Hill resident, Doug “Chippo” Chappell as he led the way in the growing and burning of the crop of sugar cane as well as the cutting of the cane used in the Sweet Days, Hot Nights Festival held in June.

Since then, we have had a photo of Chippo filling in as the referee in the Town of Origin rugby league game leading into the Harvest Festival—a difficult task to remain unbiased when he has been a Home Hill supporter all his life—but he did an excellent job to keep the peace between the two sides.

However, questions were asked during the Harvest Festival procession when Chippo (pictured) was seen sucking on a lollipop in the back seat of the Home Hill Police paddy wagon—just what had he done wrong to end up in that position??

However, everything is okay and he has remained on the right side of the law. Chippo told us it is the first time in many decades that he has actually seen the Harvest Festival procession, as he is usually marshalling the floats and marching units and is usually still at the starting point when the parade winds its way down Eighth Avenue. We don’t know just how much of the procession he did see this



year from the back seat of the paddy wagon, but he did seem to be enjoying that lollipop.

they are able to provide.

Anything from a strand of lights in a tree in the front yard to a impressive display of lights and decorations is going to help the town’s festive display and the Chamber’s judges will be looking for the most creative efforts to be awarded the trophy for the most outstanding residential display for 2018.

There will be no financial prize, but there is a shield that will be presented to the winner at the Chamber’s Night of Christmas Cheer to be held at the Home Hill Comfort Stop on Tuesday night, December 18.

Judging will take place on Sunday night, December 16 and Home Hill residents are urged to have their decorations and/or lights in place for the judging that night. There will be no necessity to submit an entry form as every effort will be made by the judges to inspect all streets and avenues in the town.

THE Home Hill Chamber of Commerce extends the Season’s Greetings to all the readers of *The*

Home Hill News. We are coming to the end of the fourth year that the Chamber has sponsored the publication and in that time, the circulation of readers has increased both in the hard copies printed each month and increasing numbers of email copies that are sent out throughout the Burdekin district. It started with two pages and is now up to eight pages each month and the Chamber’s thanks go to the management and staff of Wilmar for its valuable sponsorship, which ensures it is produced on time and in colour. It is pleasing to see so many people in Home Hill and Ayr interested in reading about what is happening in Home Hill.

A reminder also that any business can get its advertising message across to local readers for a very cheap price—just contact the Chamber. A reminder also that there will be no publication of *The Home Hill News* in January with the next edition to be printed at the beginning of February, 2019.

- DAVID JACKSON

Family prominent at official opening of new surgery

IT was a family occasion recently, when Dr Sarat Tata's new Home Hill Surgery was officially opened to his many patients and the local public in a ceremony at the Eighth Avenue site.

A large crowd gathered outside the premises to watch on as Mayor Lyn McLaughlin joined family members in cutting the ribbon to declare the new facility open,

Cr McLaughlin referred to the positivity that the new practice brought to that part of the town in conjunction with a new car washing business under construction nearby.

Those in attendance were impressed with the standard set in developing the new Home Hill surgery.



Joining in the family fun at the cutting of the ribbon to officially open Dr Sarat Tata's Home Hill Surgery were (from left) Nadia Polnok, Mr Narahari Rao Tata, Mayor Lyn McLaughlin, Dr Tata's wife, Pavani Ganapathi, Dr Sarat Tata, Sirisha Manda, Murthy Manda, Dr Satya Pulavarthy, Dr Ram Yandra, Britt Forrester, Fina Raitelli and Amanda Frew and (front) Saketh and Sanjana.

Joint Service Clubs' effort for Golden Octopus



THE Home Hill Lions and Rotary Clubs combined recently to host a steak burger stall at the RUM weekend. The proceeds from the event were donated back to the Golden Octopus Foundation, to assist them in their very important work of assisting childhood sufferers of all types of cancer. The combined clubs donated \$750 to the organisation from their fundraising efforts.

President of Home Hill Lions Club, Nyree Woods (left) and Lions Club Treasurer, Kevin Mann with Keely Johnson representing the Golden Octopus organisation, along with Social Director of Home Hill Rotary, Richard Creek and Rotary Club president, Mike Newton after the handing over of the cheque from the joint club activities at the RUM function.

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Weeks 23 ending November 17

Cane crushed	This Week	Season to Date
Invicta		3,011,843
Pioneer	11,591	1,693,838
Kalamia		1,586,337
Inkerman	51,292	1,731,597
Burdekin	62,883	8,023,614

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Invicta		15.11
Pioneer	15.55	15.11
Kalamia		14.79
Inkerman	14.85	14.89
Burdekin	14.98	15.00

Comments —

WEEK 22—A total of 298,000 tonnes of cane was crushed in the week, which was also the final week of crushing for two of the Burdekin mills. Kalamia tipped its last cane on Thursday, November 8 and Invicta finished on Saturday November 10. Pioneer tipped its last cane on The total Burdekin crop is expected be around 8.02 million tonnes.

WEEK 23—Just under 63,000 tonnes of cane was crushed in the last week of crushing for the Burdekin mills for 2018.

Inkerman tipped its last cane in the early hours of Friday morning, November 16.

In total, the four Burdekin Mills crushed just over 8.023 million tonnes of cane for the season, at an average CCS of 15.00 units.

Wilmar Sugar's Burdekin team thanks all growers, harvesting contractors and employees for their efforts throughout the 2018 crushing season.

Peter Luke
Cane Supply Manager,
Burdekin Region

CCS was also the highest recorded for the Burdekin in 2018, making Burdekin sugar the sweetest of them all. The four Burdekin mills processed a total of 8.02 million tonnes of cane this year, but the headline achievement is the region's high sugar content. At 15 units, the Burdekin's season average CCS is the highest in the Australian sugar industry for 2018. At 15 units, the Burdekin's season average CCS is the highest in the Australian sugar industry for 2018," Burdekin Regional Operations Manager Paul Turnbull said.



Directors of the South Burdekin Community Financial Services Limited (Home Hill and Ayr Community Bank Branches) are (from left, back) Con Christofides, Paul Benvenuti, Robyn Haller and Kim Casey (appointed May 16, 2018) and (front) Max Musumeci, Col Casswell, Darren West (chairman), Lou Loizou and company secretary, Nicole Tennant.

Second Community Bank finalised

THE South Burdekin Community Financial Services Limited finalised another year of community banking in Home Hill at their annual meeting held in November, with Board Chairman, Darren West presenting his Annual Report for the 2018 Financial Year.

In the report, he highlighted the finalisation of the transaction for the purchase of the Ayr branch of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited during June 2017, by way of an overdraft facility and some cash reserves held by the company. Now that they have had a full year of trading in Ayr, Mr West said it was the intention of the Board to issue a prospectus, so that all Ayr residents had the opportunity to purchase shares in their very own Community Bank® branch.

"The capital raised will be used to retire debt," he reported and indicated that they can proceed with it in early 2019, after they had met all the regulatory requirements.

"With the additional volume and mix that comes with the Ayr Community Bank® Branch, we believe we are able to handle the current economic climate of very low interest rates that has affected our margins slightly," he said.

"With the volume increase, we are capable of producing a steady profit for which the team has worked hard to achieve."

Mr West said they had a total business portfolio of \$141.5 million be-

tween the two branches, which he believed was a great result under the current low interest environment and it showed they are now making a difference to the banking services that they are able to provide to their community.

Mr West said Senior Branch Manager, Rebecca Roy and her dedicated staff had, as always, performed their duties in a most professional and efficient manner, which had been the backbone of their growth for the past years.

He also acknowledged Karen McKaig and Debbie Marano, who have left the Community Bank® branches after many years of service and thanked all of the staff for their continued support of the Directors in their quest of achieving the common goal of profitable branches and company.

Mr West also thanked his fellow Directors—"an amazing group of community-minded people who have always given of their time and support to achieve our goals and objectives".

Once they had acquired the Ayr branch, Mr West said they would look to appoint more Directors from Ayr, with Kim Casey appointed.

"As new Directors join our Board, they come with fresh ideas and views, which will enable us to grow both of our Community Bank® branches," he said.

"Without the support, generosity and the confidence of our shareholders and the community, we would not have achieved these results thus far."

Russ Reguson honoured at successful Derby Day

THE Burdekin Race Club is continuing its run of successful race days in 2018, as a well-supported Derby Day meeting in early November is to be followed by another on Saturday, December 1, which will be a Memorial Day to recognise former long-serving members of the Home Hill Club.

In thanking club members and friends who contributed to making the day the success that it was, club president Torrie Davies pointed to “the highlight of the day” being the “Ladies under the Fig Trees Event, which was obviously well supported by the community”.

Mr Davies said good verbal reports from the day were still flowing throughout the district.

The Club President also referred to the presentation of Life Membership to long serving Race Club member and Burdekin Bookmaker, Russ Reguson, which he said, was well deserved and received by the punters.

Russ Reguson first plied his bookmaking trade in February,

1966 when he fielded at a Townsville meeting and from then on called the odds at every country town in the region every Saturday—a total of 64 meetings for each year.

Over the fifty-plus years that he has operated as a bookmaker in the area from Mackay to Cairns and west to Prairie, Mr Reguson said he was now the oldest living licensee in North Queensland.

He recalled times back in his earlier days of fielding with “56 or 57 other bookmakers at race meetings in Home Hill and Ayr” at a time when there was no TAB. At those times, the trainers had big stables of horses.

He said he would retain his licence to operate a remote stand at future major Home Hill race meetings.

The five past Home Hill Race Club supporters to be honoured with races names after them on Saturday, December 1, include Les Sibson, Peter Tapiolas, William (Cody) Prizeman, Keith Mann and Humphrey Heatley.



Long-time Burdekin Bookmaker, Russ Reguson in a familiar position in front of his stand and (inset) receiving his Life Membership Award from Race Club president and another Club Life Member, Trevor Davies.



Rapt in Rumba (Ngairé Nelson) wins the first race at the Derby Day meeting in November ahead of Chat Time and The Flash One

Festival carries on with huge success

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The annual Harvest Festival Ball featured the crowning of the Festival Queens, with Christie Gist, representing the Home Hill Rotary Club being named Personality Queen, while the Burdekin Netball Association's entrant, Cailin Betteridge, was named the 2018 Festival Charity Queen.

During the Mardi Gras, the entrants were again introduced to the crowd, where the Home Hill Lions Club's Yasmin Scott was presented with the Participation Award. The crowds lined Eighth Avenue for the Parade, with out-

standing entries from businesses and organisations as well as a look at the sugar industry of the past through the eyes of the Vass family team, with several entries led by a cane harvester from the 1960's era.



Festival Queen entrants on stage on Saturday night (from left) Christie Gist (Personality Queen), Cailin Betteridge (Charity Queen), Jacquelyn Young and Yasmin Scott (Participation Award winner).

Pool chairlift upgrade

POOL users with reduced mobility will be able to more safely access the Home Hill Swimming Pool following an upgrade of the existing mobility chair lift.

Mayor Lyn McLaughlin said the new chair lift featured a comfortable seat with a foot rest and adjustable arm rest, as well as the addition of a safety belt.

“This new chair lift replaces the older style lift previously installed at Home Hill Swimming Pool and is the same as the chair lift that was installed at the Ayr Swimming Pool last year,” she said. “Council is especially pleased to announce the upgrade this week as temperatures soared across the state. This chair lift is a great asset and ensures that everyone has a chance to access and enjoy the pool.”

Support for Remembrance Day ceremony



Home Hill RSL Sub-Branch president, Richard Kelly (right) addresses the crowd at Remembrance Day and (inset) young Rowen Petersen waits to lay a wreath.

THE Home Hill community turned out in large numbers on November 11 at a ceremony in front of the Burdekin Memorial Hall, to remember the 100-year anniversary of the signing of the Armistice to end the First World War.

Over 70 residents of all ages gathered on the footpath in front of the names of servicemen and women who enlisted in the War, with many not returning to their families at the end of the conflict in 1918.

The service was led by Home Hill RSL Sub-Branch President, Richard Kelly and was addressed by Rev Dway Goon Chew, Cr Uli Liessmann and ex-Naval serviceman, Bill Lewis, who read the moving poem (below).

A large number of wreaths were also laid at the front of the hall during the short ceremony to remember all those who had given their lives in the conflict in the defence of our freedom and it ended with the playing of The Last Post and Reveille.

YOUNG FELLOW ME LAD

“Where are you going young fellow me lad on this glistening morning of May,

I’m off to join the Colours Dad, they are involving more men they say.

But you’re only a boy young fellow me lad, you’re not obliged to go!

I’m seventeen and a quarter Dad and ever so strong you know!

God bless and keep you young fellow me lad you’re all my life you know.

Don’t worry Dear Dad, I’ll soon be back and I’m awfully proud to go!

Why didn’t you write young fellow me lad, I’ll watch for the post each day— and I miss you so and I’m awfully sad and it’s months since you went away.

But I’ve the fire in the parlour lit and I’m keeping it burning bright till my boy comes home and there I sit into the Silent night.

I hear them say they they’ve gained new ground—but a terrible price they’ve paid. God grant my boy you’re safe but oh I’m afraid — afraid.

They’ve told me the truth young fellow me lad, you’ll never come back again. Oh God the dreams and the schemes I’ve had and the hopes I’ve nursed in vain.

For you passed in the night young fellow me lad but you proved in the cruel test the screaming shell and the battle hell— that my boy was one of the best

And you’ll live! You’ll live young fellow me lad in the gleam of the Evening Star— in the woodnote wild, in the laugh of a child and all sweet things that are.

And you will never die my wonderful boy, while life is noble and true—for all of our beauty, our hope, our joy we owe to our boys like you.

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Cr Uli Liessmann reports on council activities –



WHAT a great Harvest Festival — the parade was one of the best I've seen in many years and what a crowd! To see the procession and enjoy the Mardi Gras, 10 out of 10 for a fabulous event. It will be a hard act to follow next year.

On November 11, 1918, following on the heels of the Harvest Festival, I felt privileged to take part in the ceremony to honour and remember the anniversary of Armistice Day. It was 100 years since the end of the First World War and is recognised at the 11th hour on November 11th.

Included in the ceremony was a great Aussie poem read out by Bill Lewis, which he had received from his grandfather, which was very fitting for the occasion.



December 1 will see the Dedication of the new Home Hill War Memorial (pictured), which will take place at 10am in Home Hill Memorial Park, to where it has just been relocated from the old RSL site.

This memorial has had a major upgrade by the members of the Home Hill RSL Sub-Branch.

Have you ever been to Brandon and had a look at the

Burdekin Machinery Heritage Centre?

They had an open day display on Sunday, November 12, which was well worth the drive for everyone interested in old machinery. You could also join, as there are many Home Hill blokes in the club and you can be sure they will make you welcome.

We now have a brand new doctor's surgery in town and I bet we are the envy of many rural towns throughout Queensland, if not Australia, that would dearly love to have a doctor of this calibre.

This is a major boost with a positive outlook for Home Hill. Thanks to Dr Tata, his family and the rest of their team.

Water infrastructure—There is nothing more important than water— it is more important than gold.

Have a think about this - Have you ever thought how much work and infrastructure goes into delivering a drop of water to your kitchen tap or out of your garden sprinkler?

We all take it for granted, in fact I think we believe it's our right to have this service, never thinking of what is involved.

At present we are having major upgrades in pumps etc. here in Home Hill, as I mentioned in my last newsletter. Storage in Home Hill is not so great. At best, we have a short time of water in reserve and only then if ratepayers conserve their water usage.

Ayr is also receiving a major pipeline and pumps upgrade.

Now where am I going with this story? Home Hill and Ayr need more potable drinking water storage. This means large water storage tanks on the ground, in case there is a problem due to bad weather or a major break down, where more time is needed by council staff for repairs.

So far, all work is done with council day labour creating a gang of workers who will be skilled in this kind of work plus keeping jobs local.

As this is the last letter of the year, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

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



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Students' Visual Arts on display

YEAR 12 students in both Visual Arts and Visual Arts in practice at the Home Hill State High School recently hosted an exhibition of their work titled "Growth", which demonstrated their growth as artists.

The work featured was created across the whole year and was selected from their entire portfolios.

The Opening Night was wonderful, with people from the community, the school and parents, as well as the current year 11's, who gave useful feedback and asked questions of the young artists, including an art critic.

Described as "a terrific event", it contributed towards boosting students' confidence and built what is hoped to be a lasting relationship between the Burdekin Artisans and the School. The School expressed their gratitude to the Artisans for supporting them in the venture as well. The students are planning an exhibition next week for the years seven to 11, entitled "Beginnings".



ABOVE: Featured art work on the invitation by Chay Gesu; and RIGHT: Two of the artists, Aimee Gibson and Louisa Daley.



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

Burdekin Community Christmas Carols, Sunday, December 9, 2018 at Watson's Green, Home Hill. Sing along to all your favourite Christmas Carols with Special Guest, Rene Le Feuvre.

Home Hill Chamber of Commerce Night of Christmas Cheer—Tuesday evening, December 18, from 6.30pm at the Home Hill Comfort Stop. 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 summer 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