

HOME HILL NEWS

Greetings from the Home Hill Business Community - No. 59, August 2020

Child Care service back in town

HOME HILL will soon welcome a new Child Care Centre in the town, as preparations continue on setting up a new Genius Child Care Centre in the building formerly occupied by the Village Kids organisation, which closed down at short notice at the end of 2017, leaving worried parents searching for a new service for their children over that Christmas-New Year period.

At that time, the Home Hill Chamber of Commerce, with the assistance of Mayor Lyn McLaughlin and staff of the Burdekin Shire Council, hosted a meeting to discuss the future of day care in the town.

A committee was formed with a view to setting up a new community-based centre in Home Hill, but with parents needing to find a replacement service as soon as possible, there was little chance for something to be done in the short term.

However, two-and-a-half years later, Genius Child Care has taken action to provide a new service to Home Hill parents, with a large amount of money being spent to upgrade the buildings, their surrounds and the children's play areas previously occupied by Village Kids, in time for its opening in the near future.

At the present time, the only staff member appointed for the new Centre is Burdekin born and bred Manager, Tamara Brush, who has 11 years of Child Care behind her, including four years in a leadership position at an Ayr facility. Ms Brush is currently awaiting the arrival of new furniture before more staff members are appointed and registrations will then be sought from the community for children to make use of the new facility

Genius Childcare is a premium childcare provider offering a holistic and nurturing early



Burdekin born and bred manager for the new Genius Child Care Centre, Tamara Brush with one of the new playground items relevant to this area.

educational experience to young Australians, with 20 services across Australia.

The new Manager said Genius was a Long Day Care Centre, which provides care for children aged six weeks to five years "and we are very excited to be joining the Home Hill community".

"We also offer Outside School Hours Care at our Home Hill Service," she said. "Genius separates itself from the market by offering a learning experience like no other.

"Genius is at the forefront of education and delivering quality care to the community, with four internal pillars that make us unique and an industry leader in premium childcare."

Ms Brush said the new facility would offer a service through to after-school care and fully catered meals through to afternoon tea supplied to the children using local produce.

"There will be more staff and educators coming on board and they will be diploma qualified," she said. "As numbers increase, there will be

two per room,"

She said the buildings had all been upgraded using as much local product as possible, with painting and landscaping and each of the rooms for the different age groups feature large illuminated photos, which were relevant to the specific name of the area –

- The Windmill Room for the Nursery, from six weeks of age;
- The Woodlands Room for the Toddlers;
- The Willows Room for the Junior Kindy;
- The Meadows Room for the Senior Kindy; and
- The Sunset Room for the Kindy Room.

After school care will be provided right up to 12 years of age, Ms Brush said, with the population totalling 80 at full capacity.



IT MAY be a couple of years too late for those left without child care back in 2018, but it is pleasing to see that Home Hill again has a major Child Care facility coming back to the community, after the loss of the previous provider, who closed up at very short notice in December, 2017.

While local parents have been able to make use of the services provided through smaller local care providers or some of the larger facilities in Ayr, it will be good for those parents to have a choice of where to send their offspring.

The Chamber of Commerce, along with the Mayor and council staff, took action back in 2017-18 to try to make up for the last-minute loss over the Christmas/New Year period, with a large number of people turning out to a public meeting, with a committee formed in an attempt to fill the loss left by the closure.

While local members of parliament also offered what help they could at the time, parents had no option but to take whatever spaces they could find to ensure their children were catered for.

Those parents may still be happy with their current situation—but they would be pleased to know that should the need arise now or in the future, they have somewhere else to make a choice.

And a visit to the Genius Child Care Centre shows that they have put a lot of effort into upgrading their new Home Hill facility for the benefit of all future users.

FOR those who may have forgotten, there will be a public holiday throughout the Burdekin Shire on Friday, August 14, for the annual show – even though a show will not take place this year,

The show holiday was to be held on Wednesday, June 24, but because the Burdekin Show was among the many events placed on the cancelled list because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, that date went by the way-side, even though the public is still entitled to the annual holiday.

The finer points of Home Hill . .



THE Home Hill Tennis Association has provided this photo of a trophy that is “home after 57 years”.

It is not a trophy that has been prominent on an annual basis in the Burdekin in recent years, even with the sport being so popular in our community.

The trophy is engraved as the S.T. Dunn & Son Cup for “Gents Open A Grade Singles” — which will bring back memories for long-time residents of the town, of a prominent grocery store in Eighth Avenue, where Country Timbers and Kitchens is now situated near the Comfort Stop.

Home Hill Tennis stalwart, Alan Hanson has provided some of the history of the cup, after it was returned to the Association by the wife and son of Kevin Gibbs., who was a prolific winner of the title around the 1950’s,

Apparently, with Home Hill tennis officials, Col and Kate Casswell in Townsville, while Col received medical treatment, Kate happened to meet up with the late Kevin Gibbs’ wife, Beverly, who revealed she still had the trophy, which was also won by Ayr competitors, Lloyd Good and Les Searle on at least two occasions each.

In those times, tennis was very popular throughout the Home Hill community, with many backyard courts including Hetherington’s, another near the Home Hill showgrounds and others around the community, with a competition being conducted between representatives of those various courts. The returned trophy has now been added to the many on display in the Home Hill Tennis Association clubhouse in the centre of the race course.

As a result, the holiday for this year has been aligned with the Brisbane Exhibition - even though that event has also been cancelled for this year – hence the August 14 date for everyone in this shire.

It means another long weekend on the local calendar, but at least it is a bit later in the year, compared to the many that come in the earlier months.

THE Home Hill Chamber of Commerce is planning to hold its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, August 19, commencing at 5.30pm at the Choral Society’s new “The Vault” home in the central business district and it is hoped that members will take the time to attend what will be the first meeting to be held for this year.

While executive meetings have been held during this time, the COVID-19 closure has curtailed any attempts to hold a meeting until now.

However, with the current situation in Queensland looking brighter than in other states, it is hoped the meeting can go ahead with enough room at “The Vault” to allow social distancing to take place.

Chamber officers will be checking to make sure all rules are followed and if there is any change, advice will be sent out by email.

Otherwise, with a new secretary in place, Cham-

ber members are encouraged to show their support, so that the organisation can start catching up on decisions that have been left behind over the past six months or more.

THERE were a lot of regional communities left without the regular appearance of their local news when country newspapers were shut down at the end of June—but as we pointed out at the time, Home Hill is still receiving its fill of news through what we can provide through this publication.

Now it seems, *The Home Hill News* may be used as an example of what could be done by other communities throughout the north to get their news.

Uli Liessmann has advised in his column in this issue of plans for a new local newspaper that is planned to be published later this month.

However, we are aware that copies of *The Home Hill News* have been distributed to residents of other communities to provide ideas for publications that could ensure those who do not like to read their news on a screen, can still get their printed newspaper in some form.

The Home Hill News goes out a lot further than the Home Hill community every month and we are pleased to see it being welcomed by readers everywhere. - DAVID JACKSON

Council quandary for Bowen Pipeline developers

THE Bowen Pipeline Company (BPC) has been left in a quandary over meeting the requirements of the Burdekin Shire Council in submitting an application to move the project forward towards construction.

Burdekin Pipeline Company Director, Sean Brown said September will mark two years "since we first approached Council to ask whether we could use the Council-controlled road reserves of Fifth and Sixth Avenues and south".

Mr Brown said BPC had not yet arranged a meeting with the Burdekin Shire Council (BSC).

"BSC says that we need to lodge an application and have it approved before they advise whether we can use the Council controlled road reserves.

"Why would anyone lodge an application for a house to be built on the neighbour's land without knowing what the neighbour thinks?" he commented.

"All we ask is to have an agreement with BSC (before we lodge), such that if we secure the following - Commonwealth approvals; State approvals; Building approvals (this is the BSC domain); and Construction funding - then BSC agrees that we can use the Council-controlled

road reserves along the proposed pipeline alignment."

Mr Brown said the BSC concerns "are the potential risks of the pipeline leaking during operations.

"They consider this a greater risk than the project not proceeding, because it does not stack up commercially and hence does not proceed".

He said the BPC engineers had offered multiple solutions to reduce or eliminate the risk of a low pressure water pipeline causing damage if it was to leak - all of which were rejected by the Burdekin Shire Council.

Green light for shovel-ready Home Hill projects

SEVERAL projects in Home Hill have been included in approved funding for \$1.95 million of projects to be carried out by the Burdekin Shire Council under the 2020-21 COVID Works for Queensland program

The list of Queensland Government-approved projects, to be completed before June, 2021 include stage one of the Burdekin Be Active Trail in Home Hill, rejuvenation of the Burdekin Memorial Hall entrance and upgrades to the Home Hill water supply.

Mayor Lyn McLaughlin said 13 shovel-ready projects had been approved across the shire to stimulate the Burdekin economy and foster job creation, as businesses recover from the impact of COVID-19.

"Significant funds will be utilised for installation of Inline Ultraviolet Disinfection for the Home Hill water supply and construction of stage one of the Home Hill Be Active Trail," she said.

Cr McLaughlin said other ongoing projects would also receive funding, including footpath renewal and sewerage pump upgrades.

Burdekin Shire Council endorsed projects in Home Hill in the 2020-21 COVID Works for Queensland program include—

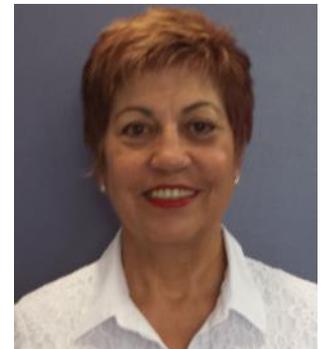
Burdekin Be Active Trail in Home Hill – stage 1;
Burdekin Memorial Hall entrance upgrade;
Council facilities' Wi-Fi network expansion;
Home Hill Transfer Station security fencing replacement;
Home Hill water supply Inline Ultraviolet Disinfection;
Shire-wide footpath renewal, and

Town entrance sign renewals.

Local Government Minister Stirling Hinchliffe said the coronavirus pandemic had affected economies across the globe.

"Australia is not immune, Queensland is not immune and the Burdekin is not immune," he said. "Queensland's plan for recovery is a plan for this region's future and that includes the COVID Works for Queensland program."

Several projects have also been included on the Ayr side of the Burdekin River, as part of the 13 projects that have been approved across the Shire.



Mayor Lyn McLaughlin

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Regional education scholarships

CONGRATULATIONS to the 13 students from across the Dawson electorate who received a Government-funded scholarship to assist with the costs of their tertiary education.

These students have benefited from up to \$18,000 towards the cost of their studies through the fourth round of scholarships awarded under the Morrison Liberal National Government's \$58.1 million Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships program.

It's only fair if you live in regional areas that you get the same opportunities to access higher education as those living in metropolitan areas and this financial support will help our students to do so. Scholarships are offered throughout 2020. Visit <https://www.qtac.edu.au/scholarships>.

Energy efficient grants for small business

SMALL businesses in Home Hill and surrounding areas can now apply for a grant to help lower their power bills as part of a Morrison Liberal National Government initiative to alleviate the impact of COVID-19. Up to \$20,000 is up for grabs for small businesses with an annual turnover of less than \$10 million. Small businesses across the region are the lifeblood of our community and the backbone of the Australian economy. Helping them to unlock energy savings will only strengthen these businesses. Apply for a grant at business.gov.au, or phone 13 28 46.

Build Urannah

FIND out a bit more about the 1.5 million megalitre Urannah Dam and show your support for a project that's going to create more than 1800 jobs, provide water security and open up more than 20,000ha of productive agricultural land. You can sign the petition to Build Urannah by visiting www.BuildUrannah.com.



Member for Capricornia Michelle Landry and Bowen River Utilities managing director John Cotter (right) joined George Christensen recently in touring the Urannah Dam catchment area.

Go Local First

I WOULD like to encourage Home Hill residents to 'Go Local First' by choosing locally produced and locally offered goods and services where possible. This terrific campaign is particularly important right now as businesses reopen their doors in line with the easing of COVID-19 restrictions. When you spend locally, you support local jobs and boost the economy and vibrancy



of your town and region, so be sure to Go Local First.

Authorised by Federal Member for Dawson George Christensen, 2/21 Milton St, Mackay Qld 4740. Phone 4944 0662

Burdekin Region Mills

Weekly Production Figures

Weeks 6 and 7—ending July 25, 2020

Cane crushed	This Week	Season to Date
Invicta	83,125	830,781
Pioneer	35,109	388,785
Kalamia	27,652	399,565
Inkerman	43,931	417,307
Burdekin	189,817	2,036,438

CCS	This Week	Season to Date
Invicta	13.65	12.92
Pioneer	14.24	13.47
Kalamia	14.14	13.34
Inkerman	14.24	13.44
Burdekin	13.97	13.21

Comments —

WEEK 6—Another solid performance from all Burdekin mills this week. There was a major stop at Inkerman for a scheduled clean and to carry out necessary repairs to No.1 mill. Total throughput of just over 400,000 tonnes was achieved, which is again above budget. The highest CCS sample was 17.0 from a rake of Q240 plant cane in the Pioneer area. Acknowledgement must go to the growing and harvesting sectors for maintaining a consistent supply of good-quality cane.

WEEK 7—Crushing was brought to a halt at all four Burdekin mills last week due to a significant rainfall event. Rainfall totals of 20 to 30mm were recorded across the district, with falls of more than 80mm reported in the Kalamia and Pioneer areas. Total throughput of just under 190,000 tonnes was achieved for the week. The four mills have now processed more than two million tonnes in total. The highest CCS sample was 16.9 from a rake of Q240 plant cane in the Pioneer area. Good communication between logistics staff and the harvesting sector leading up to the rainfall event resulted in minimal burnt cane being left in the paddock.

John Tait,
Cane Supply Manager,
Burdekin Region

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.

Groper Creek host to restored pre-1919 vehicles

with *Jeanette Garvey*

NEW 10kph speed signs have been erected as you drive into Groper Creek. Motorists are reminded that roadways within the reserve are shared with pedestrians and cyclists. There have been several "near misses" with children and elderly residents as motorists speed in too quickly. Locals are hoping to work with Council to install speed bumps and more signage to hopefully prevent a tragedy.



HOME HILL Boat Club meetings have returned to normal following the easing of COVID-19 restrictions. The Club is always looking for new local members who are wanting to become involved in progressing the Groper Creek community with meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month. Membership application forms can be obtained

by contacting the Groper Creek Caravan Park, gropercreekcaravanpark@gmail.com, or phone 4782 0186 for further information.



Arthur Scott with his 1915 Royal Enfield colonial combination sidecar.

BEAUTIFULLY restored pre-1919 manufactured cars and motorcycles turned heads recently when they called into Groper Creek.

Members of the Queensland Veteran Car Club and Historic Motorcycle Club of Queensland travelled from Bundaberg, Mackay, Cairns, Mission Beach, Magnetic Island and Townsville to join friends in Ayr and Home Hill for a scenic drive and catch-up.

The group met at Plantation Creek; pulled

over at the Burdekin Bridge for a stroll across our Silver Link; called past the Home Hill Aged Home to impress residents; then enjoyed a barbecue lunch at Groper Creek before touring to Charlies Hill and Tom's Toybox.



Veteran cars impressed visitors at Groper Creek



Home Hill Boat Club Commodore Ross Chapman (left) and Treasurer Alf Shand (right) recently presented Outgoing Commodore of 20 years, John Fahey with Life Membership



They're racing in Home Hill . . .

Burdekin Race Club Inc.—Future race dates

- 8th **August** 2020
- 12th **September** 2020
- 31st **October** 2020

Bigger fields, more events boosts Burdekin racing

THE Burdekin Race Club has received a boost through the increased support from northern horse trainers and owners, even though the first of their increased program of race meetings held in June went ahead without the general public being allowed in and the second with a restriction to 100 patrons for the July meeting.

The club did not have a good start to the year with race meetings cancelled, including their major event, the Burdekin Growers Race Day, which had been set down for May.

However, it was announced last month that the club had been allocated extra race meetings to compensate for their losses and Racing Queensland had also made a payment to the club to help cover some of the losses from the cancellation of the Growers meeting.

President Ricky Gudge told the July club meeting that nominations received had been excellent for their recent meetings, with 88 for the June event and 70 for July.

"Fields have not been better. Isn't it fantastic to not only have full



There were only trainers and strappers and their horses—and full fields in every race at the June Burdekin race meeting.

fields, but to have emergencies?" he asked, as he thanked Racing Queensland for not only supplying the racing but "also putting their hands in a little deeper in their pocket" and splitting races where required.

That was a reference to races being split at both the June and July meetings, resulting in six-race programs.

Mr Gudge said the Burdekin Club had received nothing but praise for "getting off our tails and supplying a product that was extremely needed". "We should be exceptionally proud of what we have provided, the track has been given great ratings and I know our smoko under the trees is a big winner," he said.

"What we learnt from the meeting on Saturday (July 11) will place us in a much better position when we race again on August 8. I believe that what the Burdekin Race Club has done will be looked at favourably in the future from headquarters."

Mr Gudge also lavished praise on the club's volunteers.

"You don't realise how quickly things can deteriorate when not used," he told club members. "There is much work to be done around our club to get it back up to the standards that we pride ourselves on."

The club has already started setting more dates for working bees to achieve those standards, as Mr Gudge appealed for the club to strive to get new people "for our club to continue to survive".

He urged members to "please try to recruit where you can".

While the Burdekin Club has applied for grants for improvements to the grounds, their only recent success was for new fencing to complete a section past the committee rooms, as well as 600 metres of the latest PVC running rail, which came through the excellent work of club secretary/treasurer, Leanne Gudge and which has already been delivered.

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Uli Liessmann comments . .

Uli Liessmann reports on local issues



IT WAS great to see a leader from one of the major political parties taking the time to visit Home Hill.

The visit was from the One Nation leader, Pauline Hansen, who dropped into Sweet FM radio station for a bit of a talk. This lady spoke well, showing a keen interest in the Burdekin and when answering questions put to her, she never steered away from the subject.

Pity some of the other leaders didn't take the time to find out where Home Hill is or, better still, where the Burdekin Shire is located in Queensland and have a bit of a discussion about the needs and wants of the Burdekin Shire.



Wally Ford at work on the Honour Board at the Memorial Hall complex

A TOP job has been done with the assistance of council employees, Chris Patrick and Wally Ford, in restoring a memorial plaque (honour board) to honour the fallen in the First World War, 1914 to 1919.

This plaque, when finished, will be hung in the small meeting room at the Memorial Hall for the RSL.

IN CASE you are wondering what is happening at the Home Hill Court House with all the scaffolding around the build-

ing, it is getting a major upgrade—the first in many years.



Sweet FM's Charlie Scuderi (left) with Eric Mann and Uli Liessmann at the former Home Hill Court House as works proceed on an upgrade to the building.

It was first built in 1937 and closed in 1963.

The upgrade is being undertaken by WF Construction, with an employment opportunity for about 10 men over many weeks in many trades.

This job includes roof cleaning, paint jobs, new gutter, down pipes and replacing all the pillars on the verandas anchoring the roof to the foundations, plus many other minor jobs.

All this has been made possible with Government funding and to the tune of 100k support from the council.

With this work having been carried out, this iconic building will have many years left.

THERE is a possibility of a new newspaper, the *Burdekin Local* being printed in late August to service the Burdekin and beyond. I spoke with the Director and he said, with the support both from the public and council, it will be a goer.

These are my views only. To contact me, please phone (mobile) 0439 822 064 www.uliliessmann.com.au .

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River gauges add to flood reporting reliability

FIVE new automatic high stage redundancy river gauges installed across the Burdekin Shire and Burdekin River catchment has ensured the Burdekin River flood reporting network is more reliable than ever.

The gauges, installed at Inkerman Bridge, Clare, Dalbeg, Myuna and Burdekin Falls Dam, will allow Burdekin Shire Council and the Bureau of Meteorology to better monitor and report river levels.

Burdekin Local Disaster Management Group Chair, Cr Lyn McLaughlin said the gauges, funded by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority's National Disaster Resilience Program, would provide a reliable backup to existing infrastructure ensuring accurate reporting of flood levels for all agencies.

"In the event of a disaster, time is of the essence, so having access to reliable technology to support our existing network is a great outcome," Cr McLaughlin said. "In the floods following Cyclone Debbie in 2017, a gauge on the Bowen River was damaged and gauges at Dalbeg and Clare on the Burdekin River were reporting incorrectly, so having duplicate gauges for reliable and accurate reporting is

essential for future weather events."

She thanked the Queensland Reconstruction Authority for recognising this as a priority for the Burdekin Shire and ensuring that in the event of wet weather, the shire will have the most accurate information possible to better respond.

Classified Advertisements

Home Hill Chamber of Commerce
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
"The Vault", Eighth Avenue, Home Hill
Wednesday, August 19, 2020
Commencing at 5.30pm

Limited time for career applications

PROSPECTIVE young apprentices looking for opportunities for a career start with Wilmar Sugar Australia's next generation of tradespeople have only days to complete their applications before they close on Sunday, August 2.

With Wilmar currently recruiting apprentices to start work early in 2021, the company's Training Superintendent, Daniel Shipard said opportunities existed in the electrical, fabrication, diesel fitting and fitting and turning trades, with 27 positions up for grabs across the company's eight sugar mills. He said apprentices could kick start their career in a challenging, high-tech industrial environment, supported by a great team. "Our apprentices get to learn their trade while working alongside some of the best tradespeople in their field. The diverse nature of our business means our apprentices get to perform a unique mix of industrial and civil work.

Kalamia Mill first-year electrical apprentice, Shenikah Grabs said she chose to learn her trade with Wilmar because of the company's well-rounded apprenticeships and high safety standards. "With Wilmar you get to do a little bit of everything and learn a really wide range of skills," she commented. New apprentices are provided uniforms, a professional tool kit and safety equipment and will have all their training fees paid for them. Applications close on Sunday, August 2.



Wilmar's Training Superintendent Daniel Shipard with Burdekin electrical apprentice, Shenikah Grabs.

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

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 5pm each day from Wednesday to Friday and 10.00am to 1pm Saturday.

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.

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

Burdekin National Servicemen's Association meets at the Home Hill Community Sports Club on the first Sunday of each month from February to December, starting at 9.30 am. Contact Secretary (4782 2368) or President (4783 5529).

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

Card making, scrapbooking, album making and assorted jewellery classes at Lynn and Mike's Craft Studio, Home Hill. Phone 0418 783 799 for details of how to participate.

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;

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 excellent **Home Hill Tennis complex** in the centre of the Home Hill Race Track; or at the **Home Hill Community Sports Club Inc.** (4782 1185) which offers roll-up bowls Thursdays and Sundays at 12.30pm with an open bar.

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;

Home Hill Swimming Pool (Eleventh Avenue) is open throughout the summer months—5.30am to 7pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 5.30am to 6pm Wednesday; 10am to 6pm Sunday.

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.

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.

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

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

Sing Along with the Home Hill Choral Society — every Wednesday evening at the "The Vault" - the Choral Society Hall in Eighth Avenue—from 7pm to 8.30pm. Everyone is 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.

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