

HOME HILL NEWS



Greetings from the Home Hill Business Community - No 63 December 2020

Time up to have a say on parks master plan

TIME has run out for residents of Home Hill and district to have their say on a draft master plan, which aims to link Watson's Green with the Memorial Park in Ninth Avenue.

The community had most of November to inspect the plans on the Council's website or at the Home Hill Library, after they were adopted at a Council meeting at the end of October.

The plans included a new stage and youth activity hub on Watson's Green as well as a water feature, a nature play space and screening of the War Memorial in Memorial Park, amongst other things.

It is known that a number of local organisations took the opportunity to inspect the plans and have their say on the proposals including the Home Hill Chamber of Commerce, the Burdekin Brass Band, the Home Hill Sub-Branch of the RSL and the Home Hill Choral Society.

During discussions with the Chamber of Commerce on the plans developed by Ross Planning Pty Ltd in discussion with Council and community stakeholders, Mayor Lyn McLaughlin strongly urged organisations and individuals

to have their say on any aspects of the proposals.

Issues mentioned in the survey that have caused comment both in discussions through local organisations and from individuals include—

PARKING of cars on Watsons Green is a necessity during major events at the Burdekin Memorial Hall, as the amount of on-street parking is not enough to satisfy a capacity crowd at the hall;

THE Band Hall seems to be of solid construction and does not seem to be in "poor condition" as has been suggested and the Hall should be placed where it is most convenient to the Band—and still in Home Hill.

FROM comments put forward in the community, a lot of time and cost may have been saved by seeking community opinion prior to having a master plan drawn up;

POSITIONING of a stage in the southern corner (near the skate facility) puts it out of sight and out of mind—wouldn't it be better

to place it in a more prominent place such as nearer to Ninth Avenue (and away from the noise of youth on their skates)?

SOME of the visiting Carnival attractions for the festival may need to use Watson's Green instead of the adjoining road surfaces, especially if they have to hammer in stakes;

ANY form of "intersection treatment" placed at the corner of Ninth Avenue and Ninth Street to connect the two parks, could be damaged as heavy vehicles servicing the IGA Supermarket have to use that route because they have no access from the Bruce Highway end of the street.

SCREENING the Sports Club Shed could be better undertaken by making use of the community's many talented artists to paint a wall mural, rather than waiting for suitable trees to grow to serve the same purpose;

The council website indicates that community consultation at this stage ensures the feedback of the community is taken into account prior to future Master Plans of the parks being finalised.

Last bypasses state on highway issue

MEMBER for Burdekin, Dale Last has taken the issue of the camber of the Bruce Highway through Home Hill's Central Business District to the Deputy Prime Minister and Federal Minister for Transport, Michael McCormack after what he described as a "completely unacceptable" response from Queensland's Minister for Transport and Main Roads.

The problem with the Bruce Highway through the town was originally raised by the Home Hill Chamber of Commerce executive, when it was described as "an accident waiting to happen" and according to Mr Last, the Queensland government had chosen to ignore the problem.

"When this matter was raised with me, I contacted the Queensland Minister for Transport and Main Roads which is protocol," Mr Last said. "The Minister's response actually acknowledges that the road doesn't meet the road design standards, but goes on to say no action will be taken."

"That is completely unacceptable and the fact that the Minister denies the problem is due to resealing of the road means it has been



Dale Last MP

outside the road standards for 15 years," he said.

"There's work due early next year but, instead of fixing the problem, Minister Bailey is happy for the problem to just continue."

In an effort to get the problem fixed, Mr Last has written to Deputy PM, Michael McCormack hoping the federal government can "twist the arm" of the Queensland government.

"Whenever there is an issue with the highway, the state government tries to blame the federal government," Mr Last said.

"This time, the boot is on the other foot because the federal government is the majority funding source for the Bruce Highway and I doubt they will be impressed that people are being put in danger.

"You would think that a road that is outside the guidelines and is causing people distress and injury would be a priority, but it clearly isn't to the Queensland government. It seems yet another case where something tragic needs to happen in the Burdekin before a Labor state government will take action and that's an insult."

The Member for Burdekin said to acknowledge the problem and ignore it when you have the chance to fix it "is a slap in the face and I won't stand for that".

The finer points of Home Hill . .

THE people of the Home Hill community were once again strongly in support of recognising those who gave their lives in conflicts around the world when they turned out in force on Remembrance Day to honour the signing of the Armistice at the end of World War I. And credit must go to the youth of the district who showed that, as time goes on, they will continue to ensure the commemoration will carry on through their attendance and their actions. One of the pleasing aspects of the Home Hill service was the presence of a large group of year 10 and 11 students from the Home Hill High School, resplendent in uniforms and playing a prominent part in the ceremony including placing a wreath at the cenotaph. Then there were the three young men who were happily heading off to make use of the skateboards they were riding past the cenotaph, when they quickly realised that the service was under way. Full credit to them for picking up their boards and walking quietly past the Memorial Hall to ensure their actions did not interfere with the service.

THE Home Hill Chamber of Commerce hosted their regular bi-monthly networking meeting recently, although a clash with the third State of Origin match on the same evening did not help the attendance. The networking meeting was held at the Burdekin Artisan Community Association at 170 Arts on the Avenue and even though the chamber's membership has grown, the rugby league obviously took precedence. However, the meeting proved to be most informative for those who did attend, with a large number of issues raised and Mayor Lyn McLaughlin in attendance to answer many of the queries that members had about issues affecting the Home Hill community. The next meeting of the chamber will be a general meeting to be held at the Choral Society's "The Vault" in Eighth Avenue and with no league games clashing with the Wednesday, December 16 date, hopefully more

IT IS to be hoped that as many Home Hill residents as possible took the opportunity to have their say on the Draft Master Plan to link the Home Hill Memorial Park (pictured) and Watsons Green that was available for residents to inspect throughout most of November. The plans were available on line and at the Home Hill Library and the ideas for the development into the future will be dependent on the views put forward. Several local organisations took the opportunity to discuss various aspects of the plans including the Chamber of Commerce, the Burdekin Brass



Band, the Home Hill RSL Sub-Branch and the Home Hill Choral Society and there were a number of issues raised. During the Chamber discussions, the mayor regularly urged those with suggestions to submit them in writing so they could be considered by the

consultants. The time is now up for submissions to be made and it is to be hoped the views receive due consideration, especially those affecting the future of the Brass Band who play an important part in this town and the RSL, who have a new cenotaph facility in the Memorial Park.

members will take the time to attend and have some input into discussions in the lead-up to the Christmas break. There will be no meeting of the Chamber in January. The Artisans will host another future networking meeting to make up for the lack of support from members in November.

THE Chamber has received excellent support from the Council in the past month, with a quick response to a request from a previous meeting to clean up a section of the CBD footpath which was not very inviting to pedestrians. The chamber had requested the footpath between Seventh and Eighth Streets be cleaned up because of the combination of pigeon droppings, cigarette butts, cane ash and other debris left discarded on the footpath. Council quickly responded and workers made the area much more presentable to all passing traffic. Apparently the council is in the process of cleaning all footpaths with an inspection to be carried out by council staff with both local chambers of commerce in the respective towns in the shire to point out the areas that need a more concentrated clean-up effort.

WITH questions in our October issue relevant to progress on the proposed new water storage facilities to be built near the Home Hill Water Tower, Mayor Lyn McLaughlin was able to inform chamber members at the November meeting of work being ready to proceed on the project. Work on the support pad for the reservoir is currently underway and the council is undertaking a tender

process for other aspects of the project. The work will increase the reliability of the town's water supply into the future.

WITH Christmas only a few weeks away, we offer a reminder to residents to ensure they get their Christmas lights up around the town to show Home Hill is again displaying the Christmas spirit that it has been well known for in past years. It is readily noticeable that there are residents who have started early and have erected colourful lights throughout their homes and gardens. The Chamber of Commerce will again be recognising a local family with the presentation of the "Residential Christmas Decoration Award" for what they consider to be the best display selected from the many who take the time to put up their lights. Most of those who decorate their homes, do so without thought to a prize for their efforts. However, putting up just a strand of lights adds to the overall display throughout the town, without going to a large amount of expense. The award will be announced prior to Christmas.



THE Home Hill Chamber of Commerce extends its best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a more positive 2021 to all its members and to the community—both local and throughout the nation—who support the *Home Hill News* and look forward to its publication each month.- DAVID JACKSON

Our community remembered



THE Home Hill community has again remembered those who paid the supreme sacrifice in the First World War when a good crowd turned out for the annual Remembrance Day ceremony on November 11.

Conducted by the Home Hill Sub-Branch of the RSL, the commemoration ceremony to mark the end of World War I took place at the cenotaph in front of the Burdekin Memorial Hall, where wreaths were also laid and The Last Post and Reveille were played by bugler Raymond Petersen.

Joining members of the Home Hill RSL were local and visiting ex-servicemen and women, members of the National Servicemen's Association, a large group of Year 10 and 11 student leaders from the Home Hill High School and members of the local com-

ABOVE—Part of the crowd that attended the Remembrance Day ceremony in Home Hill; (RIGHT) RSL Sub-Branch President, Richard Kelly lays a wreath at the cenotaph.



munity who took the time to join in the short ceremony. Addresses were delivered by the President of the Home Hill RSL Sub-Branch, Richard Kelly, businessman Uli Liessmann and Padre Andrew Ballin before a large number of those present participated in the wreath-laying ceremony.

A morning tea for the participants followed the ceremony with refreshments donated by the Home Hill Bakery.

Golden wedding

GOLDEN wedding anniversary celebrations were held on November 7, 2020 for Home Hill couple, Allan and Elaine Petersen as they joined with immediate family to recognise the occasion. The couple were married at St. John's Church in East Ayr on Saturday, November 7, 1970—the actual day of the Home Hill Harvest Festival Procession and it would have again coincided with the 2020 Festival event, if it had not been for the intervention of the COVID-19 pandemic. The couple had travelled to Townsville for the recent surprise RSL presentation to Allan and they were able to combine their personal event with that honour.



ABOVE: Allan and Elaine Petersen at their Fiftieth anniversary family celebrations and (RIGHT) on their wedding day.

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Congratulations to graduating seniors

I had the privilege of attending the Burdekin Christian College's Year 12 graduation ceremony recently. It was great to see so many bright students celebrating after a challenging year with unexpected interruptions. Well done to this great group of seniors, and to all the other Burdekin region graduates. I wish you all the very best for the years to come.



Best wishes to this great group of young citizens – the Burdekin Christian College 2020 graduates.

A step back in time

I called in to the Burdekin Machinery Preservationists open day at their Brandon shed on Spiller Street recently to take a look at the latest restoration outcomes. The machines on show are an absolute credit to the Preservationists



This 1908 steam engine is fully operational and lives permanently at the Burdekin Machinery Preservationists shed.

team. It's brilliant to see all those old tractors and engines brought back to life. Keep up the good work team. A standout on the day was this old steam engine belonging to Tony and Lana Little, of Chillagoe. The Littles come down each year to the open days and start up the old engine, hook up the trailer and offer free rides. It's a fully working 1908 steam engine, one of very few left, and it's on display at the Brandon shed. Head along to an open day to see it in operation.

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Burdekin Region Mills

Weekly Production Figures

Weeks 23 and 24—ending November 21, 2020

Cane crushed	This Week	Season to Date
Invicta		3,119,398
Pioneer	73,167	1,549,191
Kalamia	37,524	1,526,986
Inkerman	75,136	1,583,502
Burdekin	185,827	7,779,077

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Invicta		14.47
Pioneer	14.79	14.90
Kalamia	14.45	14.42
Inkerman	15.30	14.73
Burdekin	14.93	14.60

Comments —

WEEK 23— The Burdekin mills processed just under 355,000 tonnes this week. This was above budget, although throughput was reduced by an unscheduled stop at Inkerman. The Burdekin region has now crushed just under 7.6 million tonnes of cane, which is 95 per cent of the total estimated crop. Average weekly CCS fell to 14.9 units, which is still above budget. The highest CCS sample was 18.30 from a rake of Q208 fifth ratoon cane in the Invicta area. Invicta Mill crushed out on Sunday morning, making it the first of the Burdekin mills to finish the season. Its total throughput was about 3.12 million tonnes of cane. Kalamia Mill will finish on Wednesday this week with Pioneer and Inkerman due to complete crushing next week.

WEEK 24—The Burdekin mills processed just over 185,000 tonnes this week. Kalamia Mill crushed out early on Thursday morning, making it the second Burdekin site to finish for the 2020 season. Total throughput at Kalamia was 1.53 million tonnes with an additional 68,000 tonnes transferred to Invicta throughout the season. Average weekly CCS remains steady at 14.9 units, which is above budget. The highest CCS sample was 18.30 from a rake of Q183 third ratoon cane in the Inkerman area. Pioneer and Inkerman are expected to crush out by the end of this week.

John Tait,
Cane Supply Manager,
Burdekin Region

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Electrical upgrades, croc sightings and finding Groper

with Jeanette Garvey

ELECTRICAL upgrades at Groper Creek are currently underway to improve the service network to the community.

Ergon commenced general power line, pole changes and maintenance works back in September and the Home Hill Boat Club has also started upgrading electrical connections within the park. Some Ergon sub-contractors were able to mix work with pleasure, using Groper Creek Caravan Park as their base, taking up eight sites with their families. Home Hill Boat Club, together with electrician Chris Clive, has commenced upgrading power poles to caravan park sites, which will eliminate the use of ladders to plug-in and improve safety within the park. Local ingenuity will allow a drop-down system, which can be rolled up during flooding events.



LEFT—Home Hill Boat Club Commodore Ross Chapman checks out power boxes at Groper Creek, together with (from left) Patron John Fahey, outgoing Treasurer and club stalwart Alf Shand and local electrician Chris Clive.

QWILDLIFE (Queensland Wildlife Interactions and Sighting Events) is the Queensland Government's new mobile app where crocodile sightings can be officially reported. It contains loads of useful information on reducing the risk of crocodile attacks and is simple to use – you can easily upload your current location and snap photos before you're snapped! Numerous reports have been made to the Department of Environment and Science (DES), with croc warning signs placed at the Groper Creek boat ramps and wildlife officers conducting a spotlight survey. Discarding scraps at boat ramps is often blamed for attracting crocs, however, there has been no evidence of anybody doing any-

RIGHT—Not a flathead mark—but a four to five metre croc mark in Mosquito Creek.



Jetty Jottings

thing different. Heath Creek's big four to five metre croc has moved closer upstream and locals walking their dogs have spotted him in Mosquito Creek (which backs onto the caravan park) chomping down on a dead wallaby. Perhaps this monitoring process needs to be stepped up

a notch and a trap set to ensure the safety of humans, especially with school holidays coming up.

FINDING Groper Creek has proven difficult for some visitors who have been taken down all kinds of tracks by either asking Suri or relying on vehicle navigation systems. Travellers from the south are directed to turn at Mt Inkerman, but then instead of turning left at the Gladys/Peak Road intersection, they come to a locked farm gate and are unable to back up if towing large vans. Taking the backroads is all part of the holiday adventure, but Council's brown tourism signs need to be upgraded to ensure visitors arrive safely at their destinations. We have also had feedback from visitors exploring our nearby attractions, saying that more explanatory signage is needed with suggestions of a diorama-style experience at the heritage-listed Charlie's Hill igloos, to describe the significance of this World War II site.

COMMUNITY fish filleting areas have been upgraded with comments that our new stainless steel tops are too upmarket for Groper Creek! The Home Hill Boat Club was one of 12 successful recipients of a grant via Pacific Hydro's 2020 Haughton Sustainable Communities Fund and works were recently completed by club volunteers with the flash tops manufactured locally by Pensini Alloys. Members of the Ayr ANZAC Fishing Club were some of the first to test out the refurbished surfaces, which will now be enjoyed for many decades to come.

THE countdown to Christmas is on, with many booked into the caravan park and hut owners planning their creek getaways.

THE Groper Creek Reserve will celebrate its 100th year in 2021 and the Home Hill Boat Club is looking at ways to commemorate this centenary milestone.



Rags to Runway back to highlight design talents

THE Burdekin Artisan Community Association Inc. is preparing preliminary plans for a return of its popular Burdekin Rags to Runway competition, following the success of the first event held in 2018.

The COVID-19 pandemic has put the event back in time, but prospective entrants have now been advised that entries will close on February 9, 2021, with completed documentation and photos to be submitted by close of business on Friday, March 5 ahead of the dinner to be held on Saturday night, March 27, 2021 at the Burdekin Netball Courts.

However, with the forthcoming competition to now offer four sections (double the two sections offered in 2018), judging will take place on Saturday morning, March 27 ahead of the presentation of the entries and the announcement of the winners that night.

Burdekin Artisans president, Sandi Milani said all those people who looked at an item of clothing and thought "an inset of a piece of lace or a panel of different fabric or a tuck here or there would make a difference", here is their opportunity to

have a go at redesigning someone else's cast-off. "We request entrants to purchase items either from second-hand organisations or from local dress salons' throw-out racks or their own closet to redesign for the Rags to Runway competition."

On top of the two sections in the last event—a Budget Challenge with a maximum spend of \$30 (last time \$40) and the Open Section for any second-hand garment/fabric items remodelled, entrants can this year also show their talents in the Racewear Budget Challenge with a maximum spend of \$40 and a Junior Section for ages up to 18 years.

Conditions of entry include costs of components must include all accessories and garments must comply with standards of public decency, amongst several others. Also, proof of purchase of all items used in the entry will form part of the required entry documentation

Full details may be obtained by contacting the Burdekin Artisan Community Association Inc. by email to artipeople99@yahoo.com or by phoning President Sandi Milani (0427 821 065) or Coral Colquhoun (0408 825 196).

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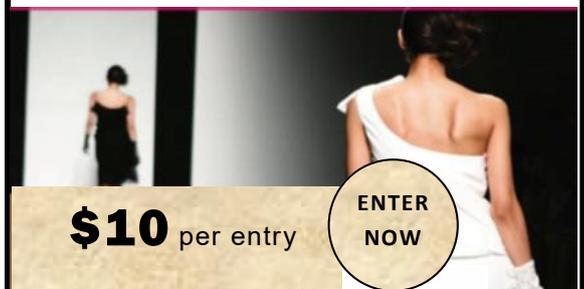
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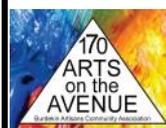
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February 9, 2021

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March 27, 2021

*Information and forms are available
online and at the Artspace*



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Your Say . . . Community forum suggested for park master plan

YOUR November edition had news of the Draft Watson's Green and Memorial Park master plan.

Rarely, if ever, have I seen such a more disappointing document than this so-called 'master plan'. Mister Magoo has more vision than it, the most laughable idea being that of another 'water feature'.

A concept straight out the 1970s, it wastes water and devours power. The present 'water feature' in Home Hill outside the Comfort Stop hasn't run for years. Do we need another costly water feature for the pigeons to have a cooling drink?

I raised two issues with Council and the Consultants well prior to the publication of this 'master plan' and neither even rates a mention. I've since directly asked the Consultants what happened to them, but haven't been blessed with a response.

The Draft does note that Home Hill has a disproportionate number of older residents and one of the things the Burdekin Shire Council proposed was outdoor exercise equipment, like the set in Coutts Park, Ayr. This equipment is great for all ages but because the various pieces allow one to lift/push

against one's own weight, it is particularly useful to, and is highly recommended for, seniors.

Mayor Lyn McLaughlin mentioned in the Home Hill News of July 2020 that funding was available for the building of exercise equipment. When I asked Councillor Sue Perry about it, it was a done deal and she wrote to me saying 'the funds allocated for fitness equipment are required to be utilised in this financial year [2020-21] and will be decided upon once council adopts the master plan'.

The difficulty with all of this is

that the Home Hill parks 'master plan' doesn't now mention any outdoor exercise equipment.

Funds are allocated for the equipment says the Mayor; money's got to be spent, insists a Councillor; but nary even a mention in this disappointing, long-overdue 'master plan'.

Can someone help me understand how things work north of the Burdekin for things south of the Burdekin? Everybody in Home Hill I've spoken to has ridiculed this 'master plan'. Is there an occasion for a Community Forum where residents can let Council know how inadequate it is?

Daniel Lavery,
Home Hill

Uli Liessmann comments . .

Uli Liessmann reports on local issues



REMEMBRANCE Day in Home Hill had a small crowd of both young and old to pay homage to the fallen in World War I. There was a noticeable absence of Council officials—A thumbs down on this one.



A LOT of money is spent on parks throughout the shire and it shows, as they all look clean, green and tidy. In other words, they are a credit to the staff that look after them. So, what is wrong with the small park in Tenth Avenue (pictured). It is brown and has the best crop of bullheads in the Burdekin. Let's find a few extra dollars in the budget and clean it up so that it can be used.

IN reference to a recent newspaper report, I agree with

Councillor Boccalatte that there should be no pigeon droppings on the footpaths. I also agree that property owners should maintain their premises to an acceptable and aesthetic look. To fix this problem, council has adopted or will adopt amendments (reference an article in recent newspaper) to be able to take action against offending landlords who may well be absentee owners. How will this be enforced? To clean or carry out maintenance of a footpath could place a person at risk from passing traffic. When considering control measures such as road or footpath closures, advice and approvals should be obtained from relevant authorities, including the local council, where the work is to be conducted. Having property owners carry out works on Council Property is risky at the best of times. And more problems when hosing down the footpath—who pays for the water? Footpath closure would be required—what specific insurance cover would Council provide the ratepayer under Workplace Health, Safety Act - The Queensland code of practice was preserved as a code of practice under section 284 of the Work Health and Safety Act 2011. Code of Practice 2008 (PN11191) Page 10 of 28.



THIS is my last contribution for the year. I wish all readers a happy Christmas and a safe new year. Thanks also to the many readers who got back to me with positive feedback in regard to my comments.

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

- ULI LIESSMANN

Home Hill High School host to Community Carols



CHRISTMAS Carols return to Home Hill on Sunday, December 13, as the Burdekin Shire Council policy of alternating the annual Family Night between Ayr and Home Hill will result in the event being held in the grounds of the Home Hill High School.

Free tickets are now available for the in-person event, with attendees required to obtain a ticket in order to meet COVID Safe requirements. There will also be a strict limit on audience numbers.

Mayor Lyn McLaughlin said, while introducing bookings seemed tedious, it was necessary in order to host a large-scale in-person event that fans of Carols have become accustomed to.

She announced that Australian country music entertainers, James Blundell (pictured) and Jade Holland were set to headline the 2020 Community Christmas Carols

“The Burdekin is one of very few Councils hosting in-person Christmas Carols this year, complete with some of North Queensland’s best food trucks and market stalls,” Cr McLaughlin said. “While the event remains free, all audience members will have to book a spot – whether they’re six months or 60 years old. I want to encourage anyone interested to get in early to avoid missing out.”

The mayor said plans were underway to introduce a number of ‘virtual’ elements to

the 2020 event, allowing it to be visited by other guests who may not be able to make it in person. The Community Christmas Carols will be held at the Home Hill High School fields from 5:30pm on Sunday December 13. Tickets are free but must be booked at burdekintheatre.com.au.

With the Community Carols being held in Home Hill, the Chamber of Commerce has decided not to host the *Night of Christmas Cheer* that has been held over the past couple of years at the Comfort Stop, featuring entertainment from the Home Hill Choral Society and the Burdekin Brass Band.

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

170 Arts on the Avenue—The Burdekin Artisan Community invite you to inspect their display of various arts and craft forms at the Ashworths Rock Shop complex from 9.30am to 1pm Tuesdays, 10am to 5pm each day from Wednesday to Friday and 10am 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 djjacko@bigpond.com or secretary@homehillchamber.com