

# HOME HILL NEWS

Greetings from the Home Hill Business Community - No 64 February, 2021

## Colin Casswell the Shire's top citizen

HOME HILL Tennis Association stalwart of over 40 years, Colin Casswell has been presented with the Burdekin Shire's Citizen of the Year award at the Australia Day ceremonies held at the Burdekin Theatre on January 26.

The award was the top honour handed out during an evening of recognition of a large number of local residents, who had been nominated for the variety of cultural, sporting and citizenship awards on offer.

Col Casswell has been on the Tennis Association's Management Committee, holding the executive position of secretary and was described as "an incredible role model to others through his leadership, not only in management but also as a player".

Announcing the award, Mayor Lyn McLaughlin said Col had represented the Association countless times, with his trademark great sportsmanship shown, both on and off the court.

"Col has been instrumental in acquiring many improvements to club facilities and operations, as a key member of the grants subcommittee, writing, applying and being successful in receiving almost one million dollars in grant funding," she told the audience.

"For over 20 years, Col Casswell has been one of the main organisers of the Home Hill Sugar Bowl, one of the

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Arthur and Julie Smith with their trophy after being named the winners of Home Hill's annual Residential Christmas Decoration Award

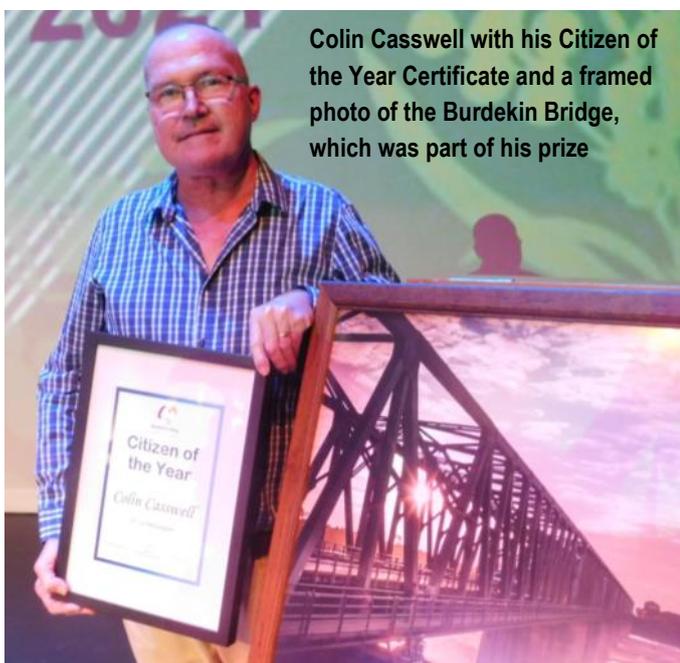
## A winning final effort with Christmas display

LONG-TIME Home Hill residents, Arthur and Julie Smith have taken out the town's Residential Christmas Decoration Award for 2020, in what Mr Smith had already pre-determined to be his last effort after many years of illuminating their home at the corner of Eighth Street and Ninth Avenue in the lead-up to Christmas.

When told of his win, an ecstatic Mr Smith said this was to be his last time putting up the decorations by himself as age caught up with him. In their 33 years of adding their illuminations to the town's display of Christmas spirit, the couple have been successful in the past in winning the award, back in the time when there were two awards presented for prize money provided by Ergon Energy.

The prizes included a neighbourhood award where several adjoining homes provided a combined winning display.

Mr Smith revealed that he still had the original individual trophy, which he had been safe-keeping until it was required again.



Colin Casswell with his Citizen of the Year Certificate and a framed photo of the Burdekin Bridge, which was part of his prize

ONCE again, congratulations must go out to those members of the Home Hill community who put special effort into ensuring the town again showed it had the Christmas spirit through the residential lighting displays that were prominent throughout the town. While the individual honour went to Arthur and Julie Smith, whose home was again spectacularly lit up throughout December, through Arthur's individual efforts at an age when he would be justified in sitting back and inspecting those efforts of other town residents. He has decided that age has finally caught up and 2020 was his last effort—but he should justifiably be proud of his last display and all those that went before, including award wins in previous years. That means there needs to be more residents showing their lighting talents in December 2021 to fill the gap left by Arthur and Julie. Perhaps there could be a challenge from Fourteenth Avenue residents to the rest of the town to meet their standards, which were excellent. The majority of residents of Fourteenth Avenue from those near the State High School at one end to their counterparts near the State Primary School at the other end combined for a display that ensured many motorists slowed to take in the efforts. That compared to other streets and avenues that hardly carried a light—something that could be improved with the suggested “challenge” from Fourteenth Avenue to the rest of the town next December. It may be something for the Chamber of Commerce to encourage next year, especially with another trophy available that Arthur Smith has been maintaining in his care until it was needed again. As it was in the past, the judges had a difficult task to choose a winner and it was only when their specific choices were put together that majority ruled and the Smith's were selected.

IT was not that many years ago that the major banks were ignoring Home Hill's existence completely and refus-

## The finer points of Home Hill . .

WHAT chance has our town got to make the most of the efforts put into encouraging community improvements by numerous residents, when the idiot element go out of their way to vandalise those parts of the Central Business District that the community has no control over? The shops (pictured) are the latest victim—situated immediately adjacent to the major project undertaken by the Home Hill Surgery to bring upgraded medical services to the town and bounded on the other side by the town's new car wash—with most of the front windows and doors smashed over the holiday period, along with more in the adjacent block of unused shops. Unfortunately, absentee landlords means the buildings are out of sight and out of mind to

those who could do something about making improvements. Discussions held with the mayor and councillors at Chamber of Commerce meetings only highlights the long course of action the council has to go through to try to get something done. The best result would be for all the shops to be removed and the grounds landscaped, but it is hard to see that being done in

the near future. Even if the culprits were caught and prosecuted, they seem to get away without any meaningful penalty, meaning police efforts are wasted. Anyone who may have some evidence to help towards a prosecution of the vandals should contact local police or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.



ing to provide loans for prospective residents of our town, instead encouraging those wishing to buy a home to look at Ayr or further afield. It seems that that thinking may have changed somewhat, judging by the recently released REA Market Trends report that showed that Home Hill was second of the 18 suburbs across the Townsville region that recorded double digit growth over the past 12 months.

The Townsville suburb of North Ward led the way with a 35 per cent growth in median house values in the 12 months to November last year. Home Hill gained second place with a 33 per cent growth in house values, rising from \$105,000 a year ago to \$140,000 to last November. However, it has to be pointed out that the Home Hill house values in no way compare to those in North Ward which hit \$742,500—but at least our town's values are on the way up for the benefit of property owners, compared to past years when those with the money to loan did not want to know our community existed. Now there seems to be more “For Sale” signs on local residences also carrying “Sold” signs across them, bringing new residents into our community. Some of those new home owners could be grey nomads who have been buying local properties to still undertake their northern

stay during our winter, without having to drag a caravan up from their frozen southern homes. We do welcome all new residents to the town and hope they are enjoying living in our great close-knit community.

AUSTRALIA Day has again ensured recognition has gone out to those in our community who have excelled in their own particular fields or who have gone out of their way to improve what the Burdekin Shire has to offer through the annual Shire Awards ceremony. Our congratulations go out to all those who were named in the Australia Day ceremony. However, it is disappointing that no-one from the Burdekin Shire has again been named in the Australia Day Honours, which is a repeat of the many years before this year. In fact, no-one from the Townsville Region (Home Hill to Ingham and west to Mount Isa) made this year's list of Honours. With so many shires giving out awards within their communities, there must be many who could—and should—be recognised by having their names and detailed information passed on to the Governor-General's Office for higher recognition.

- DAVID JACKSON

# Col Casswell our top citizen

**Continued from Page 1—** largest adult team tennis events in Queensland, which continues to flourish.” The mayor said the largest number of entries had been expected in 2020, however, the event had to be cancelled due to the COVID pandemic.

On a regional and state level, she said Col Casswell was the Tennis Association’s regional delegate for 13 years, had been appointed a company member of Tennis Queensland in 2014 and was elected as a Director in 2018.

“He continues to be a positive role model for all ages and skill levels, welcoming new, existing and prospective members and taking the time to mentor all new

committee members,” she said.

“Outside of tennis, Col has volunteered his time as secretary of the East Ayr State School P&C for 10 years and was a steering committee member of the Home Hill Community Bank that commenced in 2003.

“He was a Director of the Board of the Bank for 15 years, serving as Deputy chair for seven years. In 2017, the Board acquired the Ayr branch of the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank,” she said.

Col Casswell was described as a shining example of someone who never stops working for what he is passionate about, fostering those same passions in the next generation.

## Burdekin Shire Australia Day Award recipients —

- Citizen of the Year: Colin Casswell
- Young Citizen of the Year: Sarah McDonnell
- Citizen of the Year Achievement Award: Les Henaway
- Community Event of the Year: Laurie’s Love 24 Hour Row for a Cure
- Community Event of the Year Achievement Award: 2020 Sweet Days Hot Nights Virtual Festival
- Volunteer of the Year: Jason Williams (Burdekin Junior Rugby League Club)
- Senior Cultural Award: David Guy
- Junior Cultural Award: Clara Hutton
- Junior Cultural Achievement Award: Hayley Nosworthy
- Senior Sportsperson of the Year: Josie Coddington
- Junior Sportsperson of the Year: Isabella Moloney

## New Australian citizens welcomed

A NATURALISATION Ceremony conducted by Mayor Lyn McLaughlin as part of the Shire Australia Day activities has resulted in two local residents being presented with their Australian Citizenship certificates. Mrs Huong Lan Thi Tran, who was born in Vietnam and Dr Sarat Chandra Viswanadh Tata, who was born in India, were warmly welcomed by the audience after being individually inducted as Australian citizens.



# Mt Inkerman Nature Trail re-opened to the public

THE Mt Inkerman Nature Trail re-opened early in December, following maintenance to the existing track to rectify weather damage and the construction of stage two, which links the Trail to Mt Inkerman Road.

The original Nature Trail closed in late October to ensure public safety, as maintenance and stabilisation works were carried out on deteriorating sections of the track.

Mayor Lyn McLaughlin said the opening of stage two allowed greater access to the Nature Trail and gave residents safe alter-



Looking out on the view from Mt Inkerman including the upgraded Nature Trail.

nate routes for exercise.

“While Mt Inkerman Road remained open for avid walkers to tackle as maintenance and

construction was completed, I am very pleased to be reopening both stage one and two of the Mt Inkerman Nature Trail giving everyone a safe off-road option,” she said. “While stage one still traverses from the south of Mt Inkerman to the summit, stage two links the existing trail to Mt Inkerman Road to the north, for walkers who may wish to walk up the road and down the Nature Trail or vice versa.”

Cr McLaughlin thanked Burdekin residents for their patience as work was completed.

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# New stage to enhance Choral Society's performances

THE Home Hill Choral Society has made first use of its new stage at their home at 'The Vault' in the town's Central Business District, as members performed at the first event of the year, an 'Aussie Afternoon Tea' on the last afternoon in January. The stage comprises 12 panels, each one metre by two metres in size, which can be erected in any configuration to meet the needs of the Society's performances or at other events and more panels can be added in the future..

While it has been put in place at a height of 500mm, it can also be set at 400mm or 600mm depending on their needs and it also came with a black curtain around the bottom and three sets of steps, which can also be adjusted in height.

The stage came through a \$10,000 grant from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, which covered the total cost of the facility.

Society members said the new stage was quieter to walk on as they used it in their performances.



Erin Brennan (left) and Angela Torrisi test out the new stage at the Choral Society's home at The Vault in Home Hill's Central Business District.

The Society has a growing membership, but would welcome more people of all ages to join their group, both on the choral side and with assisting in other areas such as during their shows. "They don't

have to be singers to be a member of the Society," Mrs Erin Brennan said.

They are also hopeful of setting up a Junior Choir, with prospective members urged to contact Erin Brennan on 0428 822 091.

**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**

## Good start to 2021 racing

AFTER a busy 2020 year of racing in Home Hill, despite the Covid Pandemic, the Burdekin Race Club conducted its first meeting for the new year on January 23 with five good fields.

While January race meetings are a "pot luck" variety with the possibility of cancellation because of seasonal rain, this meeting went ahead in excellent weather conditions and on a track in first class order following recent rains.

Two Burdekin Race Club members, Jan Davies and Chris Holden along with other part owners, tasted success in the second race on the program, the Jet-setter Open Plate over 1180 metres, as their six-year-old bay gelding, Bold Kingston (B.

Thomson) defeated Mason's Choice (C. Jokic) with Perfect Knowledge (S. Spry) third.

The first race, the Helloworld Handicap over 1460 metres resulted in the three top weights, all carrying over 60kg, leading the field home with Springthorpe (C. Spry) winning ahead of Ancient Echoes (J. Molloy) second and Pure Rebel (E. Cass) third.

Jockey Chelsea Jokic was the most successful rider on the day, piloting Star Singer to a win in Race three, the My Pets handicap and The Swell in Race Five, the Home Hill News Handicap.



ABOVE—Local owners (from left) Chris Holden and Jan Davies with other part-owners, trainer Stephen Potiris and Jockey Bonnie Thomson and their winning horse, Bold Kingston.



Springthorpe wins the first race ahead of Ancient Echoes and Pure Rebel

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# Groper avoids early season floodwaters—obey signage!



## Jetty Jottings

with  
**Jeanette  
Garvey**

GROPER CREEK has fortunately not had any floodwaters over the reserve (at the time of submitting this report).

However, we are all aware that the seasonal threat has not passed, with catchments full thanks to North Queensland's first 2021 tropical cyclones, Imogen and Kimi. Imogen's passing in early January saw waters just lapping the bottom of the jetty when Inkerman Bridge peaked at 7.28m and subsequent king tides pushed waters into the car park.

All floods are different but as a guide, the last major flood at Groper Creek in February 2019 saw floodwaters at our front row hut slab (which is 365mm above jetty height) when Inkerman Bridge reached 7.86m. When the river was 7.4m at Inkerman, it was level with the Rita Island bridge and our jetty. The bitumen road into Groper has also had water across the road and can be prone to flash flooding – please obey the “local traffic” or “closed” signs if they are out.



REGULAR caravanner to Groper Creek, John Drew (above) counted himself lucky to be locked down at Groper Creek during COVID travel restrictions in 2020. John, who has been making his annual pilgrimage to Groper from New South Wales for the past 12 years, says he will be returning to the park as soon as the Burdekin River settles and the potential for flooding passes. So far, bookings for 2021 are looking promising with a full park come Easter onwards.

ACCORDING to the latest IBDO and Caravan Industry Association of Australia's Caravan and Campervan Data Report 2020 (released in December), caravan ownership has increased 26.7 per cent over the past five years. Queensland still continues to have the highest number of total caravan and campervan registrations in Australia with 192,751 (26 per cent of the total fleet).



WHO needs a boat to catch fish? Before Amalia and her husband, Murray had to evacuate Groper Creek in January, the petite avid angler nailed this 13.5kg Giant Trevally straight off the bank behind their waterfront site. Putting up quite a fight and almost spooling her reel, the GT was a personal best for Amalia, who has landed quite a number of quality fish.

UNPREDICTABLE weather didn't deter visiting and local families from enjoying their Christmas/New Year celebrations, with all front row sites occupied. Families are also still enjoying their school holidays and Australia Day at the creek, with many commenting that it was great to see so many kids out being kids, getting outside and dirty in the mud puddles. Whilst some fished or practised their castnet throwing, Aiden Rehbein (right) flew his family's pirate kite high from his fishing rod.



Former Burdekin residents, Dino and Lorraine DalPastro (above) experienced the highs and lows of Groper Creek whilst waiting to move into their new home. From impending floods and cyclones, the couple are looking forward to catching up with old friends (and also catching a few fish) now that they've returned to live in the Burdekin after moving away for work purposes over three decades ago.

# Open door policy as Elpis Spero celebrates her eightieth birthday

THE door is always open at Elpis and Kerry Spero's Canberra Street, Ayr home—and that was more than evident when Elpis celebrated her eightieth birthday at home recently.

"It's called hospitality", she said, as they welcomed a large number of their extended family to recognise the milestone, comprising only some of their four children, 14 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren who are now scattered around the nation and working in varying positions in education, health and many other areas. Elpis was born in the former Home Hill Hospital and grew up in the town, attending the Home Hill State School before taking on employment at the former Naughton's Jewellers in Home Hill.

She married her husband, Kerry Spero in October, 1962 (500 at their wedding) and they moved to Clare to live. They later moved into Ayr where Elpis operated a health food shop for 12 years before retiring to their home in Canberra Street.



There was a real family atmosphere in the lounge room of that home early in January, as those who were able to attend took the opportunity to recognise Elpis' birthday milestone with best wishes passed on in between singing.

ABOVE—Elpis and Kerry Spero (centre with cake) with some of the members of their large extended family at the eightieth birthday celebrations at their home.

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### Building regions

PROPOSERS of projects which create jobs and better our region, particularly those which are tourism-related, are urged to find out more about the Morrison Liberal National Government's Building Better Regions Fund. Grants of between \$20,000 and \$10 million are on offer, under two streams, Infrastructure Projects and Community Investments. Our region has benefited greatly from previous rounds of the BBRF with investments in a number of crucial projects such as the Mackay 'Sugar Bowl' skate park, boat ramp upgrades, CQ Rescue facility upgrade, council chambers at Proserpine, Whitsunday Sportspark, Whitsundays water supply and Burdekin council economic development. Applications for Round Five of the Building Better Regions Fund close on March 5, 2021. Successful applicants are expected to be announced in mid-2021. Visit [www.business.gov.au/bbrf](https://www.business.gov.au/bbrf) for more information.

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# Rags to Runway entry close time extended

PROSPECTIVE contestants in the Burdekin Artisan Community Association's Rags to Runway competition have been given extra time to submit their entries, with organisers extending the closing date to Friday, February 12.

The competition will take place in an open-air setting at the Burdekin Netball Association Courts on Saturday, March 27, with judging to take place on the morning of the event and all entries to be presented to the audience that evening when the winners of each section will be announced. Originally, the closing date for entries was to be on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 but that has now been extended to Friday, February 12.

The Artisans Community Association has advised entrants that all that is required on the closing date is the completed entry form and associated fees. "The photo of the items used in the entry need to be emailed to us by close of business on Friday, March 5, with the items in the photo to be clearly seen," a spokeswoman stipulated.

No photo of the finished garment is required as it only needs to be completed on the day before judging.

Entry forms are available to be picked up at the Artspace in Home Hill or by messaging the Artisans on Facebook and they will be sent out to prospective entrants. Entry forms are also now available in Ayr at the Lifeline, Vinnie's and Salvo's Op Shops.

## Uli Liessmann comments . .



*Uli Liessmann reports on local issues*

GOOD news—council has finally started on the potable water storage tank next to the water tower—with a bad start with all the rain around. Keeping in mind, this job is on Second Avenue and needs to be kept open and safe—maybe with a one way only for local traffic. (See picture).



RADIO Sweet FM has taken another step forward by purchasing a van (pictured) and later, this van will be covered in bright sign-writing to let everyone know what it is. This will make outside broadcasting a lot



easier as all necessary equipment will be in the van protected from the weather and ready to go to all events.

HOW do we make Home Hill a town of balance to be more attractive by sharing ideas and knowledge? A community must keep moving forward as the consequences of staying still are detrimental to us all, both to the people who live here and the travelling public? We/you must do something, no matter how small of what you are doing, as long as we don't go stagnant and bring this community to a halt. If you can't be active, be vocal at least—after all you/we all live here. This is our space. Is our expectation far greater than

what is archival? Maybe a support program with agility and problem-solving abilities are vital to attract artists of all genre; to turn empty shops into town houses, to make this happen, it would need private enterprise. If government of any level is involved, it will be in the never-never. In other words, someone with foresight and cash would have to come forward—a big ask I know. Sorry about getting on the soap box with the above, as I'm passionate about where I live!

IN Dale Last MP's December newsletter, he mentions the problems with the camber of the road in Eighth Avenue—an issue that has been going on for years. The Home Hill Chamber of Commerce and I have brought up this issue to many and all Politicians in regards to the camber of the road, which is making it almost impossible to get out of your car if you are elderly, or worse still, you haven't got the strength to keep the car door open while extracting yourself from your vehicle. Dale stated that he has raised the issue with the Queensland Minister for Transport and, to say his response was underwhelming would be an understatement. Despite the fact that the road has not complied with the applicable standards for 15 years, nothing will be done! (Bloody wonderful!).

NOW that the Home Hill Choral Society has moved to the main street and in the future, their old hall, which previously belonged to the QCWA, will be demolished to enlarge the park. Maybe the old CWA sign (pictured) should be pulled down and saved as a historic item before the hall is demolished.



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

- ULI LIESSMANN

# Tenders approved for Home Hill reservoir project

TENDERS were awarded at a Special Burdekin Shire Council meeting in December for the construction of a new five megalitre reservoir in Home Hill.

The Council agreed that North Queensland firm, TEi Services Pty Ltd be contracted for supply and construction of the reservoir, as well as being appointed Principal Contractor.

QPAMS Pty Ltd was awarded the contract for the reservoir protective coating system, Jackson Semler Pty Ltd was awarded the contract for the pipework and pits and Burdekin Airconditioning and Electrical was awarded the contract for electrical and communication works.

Mayor Lyn McLaughlin said it was fantastic to see a project of that magnitude set to launch 2021.

"Council is completing preparatory works at the site of the 5ML Home Hill Reservoir, ready for work to commence early in the

New Year," she said. "I am very excited for construction to commence, with TEi Services Pty Ltd the Principal Contractor for the project."

"This project marks a significant milestone for the Home Hill water supply, increasing storage capacity significantly: the existing water tower can store roughly 0.39ML from the town's eight bores, so the construction of a 5ML Reservoir ensures Home Hill has further water security in the event of any emergencies," she said. "The Burdekin is a region of liquid gold – however collecting, treating and distributing potable water is a process Council is constantly improving on to ensure all residents have reliable water security."



Mayor Lyn McLaughlin on site as Council workers were completing preparatory works at the site of the 5ML Home Hill Reservoir

## 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.

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