

HOME HILL NEWS

Greetings from the Home Hill Business Community - No 66 April, 2021

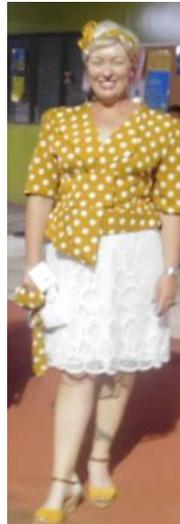
Sewing talents on the runway

WHILE many people believe the ability to sew has been disappearing from the talents available in communities, there was no doubt that the quality work of seamstresses in and around this region is still available, as entrants in the Burdekin Artisan Community Association's *Rags to Runway* event highlighted their talents at turning out-of-date fashions into modern outfits ready for any special occasion. An audience of over 100 women (and a sprinkling of men) watched a parade of outstanding fashions under the stars at the Burdekin Netball Association Courts in Home Hill last Saturday night. Split into four sections, the first was the Junior event (sponsored by Wilmar Sugar) and even with just one entry, the three judges deemed it worthy of the valuable sewing machine prize.

The Race Wear Budget Section, with a maximum spend of \$40 (sponsored by Ergon Energy) was won by Desley Jackson's entry with Kylie Colls of Kylie Marie Creations in second place and Carol Bet-



Piper Grogan with her new sewing machine prize for winning the Junior section of the Rags to Runway event.



Charmaine Binnie models Desley Jackson's winning Race Wear entry.



Ella Zabel had the honour of modelling two of the winning entries, one (on the left) submitted by Kylie Colls in the Budget Section with a maximum spend of \$30 and (on the right) by Michelle Howard in the Open Section.



teridge (Encouragement Award).

The Budget Challenge with a Maximum Spend of \$30 (sponsored by Bendigo Community Bank) was won by Kylie Colls of Kylie Marie Creations with Christine Morton taking second and the Encouragement Award.

The Open Section (First and Encouragement Award sponsored by Materialand) was won by Michelle Howard with Kathy Contzonis (second sponsored by Wilmar) and Rebekah Oakes (Encouragement Award).

The event will take place again next year.

Huge response to Leukaemia 12-hour swim

A 12-hour Relay Swim for Leukaemia has highlighted the generosity of the Burdekin community and provided a huge financial response for the Leukaemia Foundation in Queensland. Organised by Home Hill Leu-

kaemia sufferer, Deni Caspanello, who is now in remission, along with her parents, Kavette and Warren Caspanello and Home Hill Pool lessees, Lloyd and Lisa Shepherd, the event was described as "amazing" by Kavette Caspanello after 240 swimmers

participated in the 18 teams and over 400 had visited the pool throughout the day with people off the street coming and going all day taking in the entertainment.

"The number of swimmers did not include the staff and the many helpers on the day," she said.

"Deni, who was sponsored by Snap Fitness in her Sink or Swim team in the Relay, was very emotional and over the moon at the result, because it was a year to the day that her life was turned upside down."

As of Tuesday night, the online donations to the Leukaemia Foundation from the event was just over \$11,000 while the cash total from donations still to come in and raf-

fles, etc., was over \$10,000.

"That means we have raised \$21,000 plus from the event," Mrs Caspanello commented.

"Deni had expected \$5000 but that had changed after the number of teams had nominated."



Some of those who took part in the Walk of Honour joined in the cutting of the cake including Deni Caspanello (third from left).



The first swimmers for each team take to the water for the start of the Leukaemia 12-hour Relay Swim at the Home Hill Pool.

ANZAC Day is with us again on April 25, when it is hoped communities around our nation will give due recognition to those large numbers of men and women who gave their lives in a multitude of conflicts around the world to ensure we live in a free and democratic society. Unfortunately, the commemoration ceremonies were curtailed considerably last year because of the advent of the Corona Virus—but the people of Australia still turned out in large numbers to pay their respects to the Fallen, even if it was just by standing in their home driveways at the time that Dawn Services would have been held. This year, there will be a return to normal services starting from the Dawn Service (which is always popular in Home Hill) and continuing through to the Main Parade and the Cenotaph Service near the Band Hall and Rotunda in the Home Hill Park. And if local residents cannot make it to a service, there should be nothing stopping them doing what many did last year—stand in your driveway as the sun starts to rise and honour those who did not come home from those many overseas conflicts.

Lest We Forget!

BURDEKIN Shire Councillors have the local canine population on their minds as they prepare for a “targeted animal blitz”, which they say will ensure pets are registered and cared for properly, while also including increased patrols in areas identified through customer requests as having a higher level of animal management issues. Mayor Lyn McLaughlin described the blitz as “an opportunity for further community education” with issues to be addressed including ensuring pets are walked on a lead, properties are properly enclosed to prevent pets escaping, any dog poo is picked up in public places and animals have up-to-date registrations and are microchipped. There is no doubt that the majority of local residents love their pets dearly and pamper them as much as they can, alt-

The finer points of Home Hill . .

THE local community has always been well endowed with talent of all types, whether it be in sport, arts, crafts and culture and any other activity that people put their minds to. And that was more than evident last Saturday night as over 100 ladies (with a small number of men amongst them) gathered to enjoy the talents of local seamstresses (and some out-of-town entrants) as they turned outdated clothing sourced from second hand stores at minimal prices, into modern-day fashions that wowed those present with their ideas. There were prizes handed out to the place-getters in four different sections, including a Junior entry, which was judged to be more than suitable for the prize (a new sewing machine) even though it lacked any other competition. Other sections were for Race Wear on a \$40 budget, a Budget Section on a maximum spend of \$30 and an Open Section, which produced stunning outfits also on low budgets. However, the prize that drew big smiles from not just the Open Encouragement Award winner, Rebekah Oakes (pictured) who has a disability and a smile a mile wide, but from the audience who, for the rest of the night, continued to recognise her achievement as they passed her—even if they did not know her. With less people showing any interest in sewing of any type in this day and age, the event highlighted the fact that there are still people with the talent in this area and with the right ideas, anyone has the ability to take the prizes on offer. Anyone with the talent should look to enter next year.



though there are still roaming animals and owners who do not do the right thing to pick up what is left behind, especially on footpaths in the Central Business District where unsuspecting pedestrians suffer the consequences. Council says that “where pet owners have a history of non-compliance, officers may issue notices or fines if they fail to follow regulations”. Advice is also for pet owners to ensure their animals’ details are up-to-date, including changes of address and desexing or microchipping details, ahead of registration renewals in July.

WHEN we first started producing the *Home Hill News*, it was for the benefit of the residents of the extended Home Hill Community, who were being ignored in various way through the various media who suggested they were covering the activities of the region. Our town was missing out on events that were taking place, the town was ignored by the various political parties who were trying to win votes in forthcoming elections with leaders believing a visit to Ayr was a visit to Home Hill. Promised services have bypassed the town, such as the “Container for Change” which was to return the extra cost added on to drink

containers to ensure they are not left by the roadside—if it were not for our local hotels, we would not have the service other towns take for granted and there is no incentive to drive to Ayr for a ten cents return. However, now that our little newsletter has gained in popularity, we are finding it difficult to fit all the “Home Hill community” news into the eight pages we are able to offer, thanks to the generosity of Wilmar at Inkerman Mill and their staff, who devote considerable time to printing 600 copies each month, while many more are emailed out to readers and former Home Hill residents around the nation. Hence it has become difficult to meet the many requests from increasing numbers of readers away from the town to publicise events that are occurring outside the town. We do our best to help those with a link to Home Hill to get their message across—such as the Stardust Drive-in Theatre (between Home Hill and Ayr) which provides a form of entertainment that has now been lost to most other towns around the nation. The operators have a family link to Home Hill and would be pleased to welcome visitors to see what is on offer, on top of the movie attractions. - DAVID JACKSON

Race Club recognition for Marine Rescue efforts

THE success of the Burdekin Race Club's Derby Day Race Meeting last October has resulted in the Club handing over a cheque for \$1000 to the Burdekin Volunteer Marine Rescue in recognition of their untiring work in searching for Justin Scott, after he was involved in an incident in a flooded Groper Creek.

Justin Scott's father, Ron Scott, an avid racing enthusiast, handed over the cheque on behalf of the club recently to the Vice President of the Burdekin Marine Rescue Group, Steve Wilson.

The Derby Day race meeting featured several major races including the Justin Scott Memorial Benchmark 60 Handicap over the Burdekin Cup distance of 1830 metres. The race was won by locally owned and Innisfail trained gelding, Yankee Tango in a blistering finish to just beat Tavi McBride on the line.



Race Club Providore, Ron Scott (left) handed over a cheque for \$1000 to Burdekin Marine Rescue Vice President, Steve Wilson, following the success of the Burdekin Race Club's Derby Day meeting last year.

Vandalism condemned

THE actions of vandals who defaced surfaces at both Mount Inkerman Lookout and the Charlie's Hill WWII historic site south of Home Hill last weekend, have been condemned by Mayor Lyn McLaughlin.

The vandalism included obscenities and pointless markings made on the heritage-listed bunkers at Charlie's Hill, as well as on footpaths, the carpark surface, amenities, signage and more at Mt Inkerman.

Cr McLaughlin said the vandalism was an unnecessary cost that council would have to account for.

"Council is working with painters and professional cleaners to assess the affected areas and ensure all vandalism is removed quickly and safely. Some of the structures impacted are heritage-listed, which is incredibly disappointing," Cr McLaughlin said.

Normality returns for Anzac services

ANZAC Day services will return to some form of normality in Home Hill this year, as the local community looks to avoid the COVID-19 interruptions that put paid to most commemoration ceremonies in 2020.

While the opportunity was available last year to show support for those who paid the supreme sacrifice in conflicts throughout the world over many decades by standing in driveways in the early hours of the morning, when dawn services would have been held, this year's ceremonies should be back to normal barring any late interruption from suspected pandemic outbreaks.

Ex-Servicemen and Women will start the day when they gather at the minor hall at the Burdekin Memorial Hall for "Coffee Royal" prior to the first of the day's ceremonies – the Dawn Service held in front of the School of Arts Honour Rolls in Ninth Avenue from 5.25am.

Those in attendance will then move to the Home Hill Cemetery, where a service will take place from 6am at the Cenotaph in the centre of the cemetery, while Ex-Service Men and Women and their guests will gather at the Minor Hall of the Burdekin Memorial Hall from 7am for a "Gunfire Breakfast".

Assembly for the annual Anzac Day Street March will take place from 10.45am in Tenth Avenue and will proceed to the War Memorial in the Home Hill Park where the Cenotaph Service will take place from 11.20am.

The community is urged to show their support for Anzac Day by turning out to all or as many commemoration services as they can on Sunday, April 25.

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More assistance sought for Rugby League history

A REPORT in the March edition of the *Home Hill News* regarding a book being prepared by author, Martin Grandellis on the history of the Ayr, Home Hill and Burdekin Rugby Leagues has resulted in it attracting a lot of local interest and a number of old photos have been sourced.

Of the more recent photos provided are those of the 1980 and 1981 Home Hill A grade teams. However, both of those photos are of a poor quality and despite efforts to have the photographs enhanced, their quality remains poor.

As a result, Mr Grandellis has asked if local readers may have a better copy that can be copied and included in the book. He has also asked if the names with each of the photos below are correct? Anyone who can assist in any way should contact Martin on 0437 047 966 or email him at martin.grandelis@gmail.com.



The 1980 Home Hill A Grade Team comprised (from left) Back Row: Steve Sladden, Don Wallace (masseur), John Achurra (manager), Paul Finlay, Ken Le Blowitz, Ray Chatfield, Rob Hayward, Ray Reid, Stan Gustavson, Graham McKaig (sponsor). Middle Row: Tony Sinardi (president), Brian Carnes (treasurer), Steve Elmazis, Neville Piva, Brian Mann, Bob Trindle, Ross Cantarella, Mike Toohey, Doug Chappell (manager). Front Row: Robert Piva, Shane Baxter, Kevin Mann, John Monti, David Mann (captain), Kevin Chatfield. Inserts: Phil Cullen, Gary Kilcullen (coach), Bob Swales (secretary).



The 1981 Home Hill A Grade Team comprised (from left) Back Row: Tony Sinardi (president), Rick Dallachy, John Achurra (manager), Kevin Mann, Pat Toohey, Robert Piva; Middle Row: Phil Cullen, Graham McKaig (sponsor), Ray Chatfield, Gary Day, Steven Sladden, Steve Urry, Neville Piva, Doug Chappell (manager), Brian Carnes (treasurer); Front Row: Mike Toohey, Glen Giarola, Kevin Chong, Terry Hammond (captain/coach), Paul Pegoraro, Brian Mann, David Mann. Absent: George Towler, Don Wallace, Paul Finlay, Ray Reid, Ken Le Blowitz, Steve Elmazis, Neil Wilkie, Chris Wilkie.



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Groper Creek added to Grey Nomads' bucket list

with Jeanette Garvey

DESPITE travel restrictions, 42.4 million nights were spent caravanning or camping in the 12 months up to September 2020, generating \$5.7 billion (according to Tourism Australia "Domestic Market Performance Statistics"). Of that total, mature-age travellers contributed \$2.508 billion – 44 cents in every dollar spent. These statistics were revealed at the national 2020 Grey Nomads Awards night presentation held in Eumundi last month with Groper Creek Caravan Park named as a Finalist in the Small Caravan Park category. Home Hill Boat Club Commodore, Ross Chapman proudly represented the park on the night, which also included the presentation of the Australian Street Art Awards. Mr Chapman said it was a very glitzy event and for Groper Creek to make the finals was an honour, given the tough competition. Named amongst million-dollar enterprises such as Karumba's Barramundi Discovery Centre and North Queensland's exquisite Paronella Park, we unfortunately dipped out to Mt Larcom in our category. However, Groper Creek is definitely now on many grey nomads' bucket list as a must-visit destination and this can only see our Burdekin economy prosper.



Jetty Jottings

lance. The close proximity of crocodiles to this highly frequented State Government boat launching facility and the caravan park/township is worrisome and perhaps the time to do more than just monitor and place signage is necessary. The Department of Environment and Science (DES) is encouraging members of the public to download the new QWILDLIFE (Queensland Wildlife

Interactions and Sighting Events) app where you can upload your current location and send through photos – that's if you get the chance to do so!



SPEAKING of bucket lists . . . regular visitor to Groper Creek, Mick Edwards was grinning from ear to ear recently when he landed this 85cm barramundi. After spending a week ridding the river of catfish, whilst the river was murky, the water started to clean up and Mick finally landed this quality specimen on his favourite lure. Mick's better half, Shirley also snared her first-ever barra and was so stoked that the couple extended their trip! Other lucky anglers have also caught barramundi, mangrove jack and grunter straight off the bank and jetty. And as an added bonus, the prawns and mudcrabs also returned just in time for Easter and the school holidays, which is always a popular time down the creek.

CROCODILES have once again been spotted straight out from the Groper Creek jetty and boat ramps. Usually located around the Heath Creek downstream area of Groper Creek, the large 4-5m "Big Fella" (believed to be the same croc pictured here in 2008) has increased his territory during mating season and campers have reported several sets of eyes in the creek under night surveil-

GROPER Creek this year celebrates its 100th year and coincidentally, the Home Hill Harvest Festival commemorates its Sixtieth next year. The Home Hill Boat Club had a close association with the Festival in the formative years, hosting the annual Fisherman's Ball at the Memorial Hall and entering Queen entrants. In 1966, Queen entrant, Miss Joyce Petersen (pictured below) entered the ball dressed as a mermaid in her clam shell towed by two sea-horses, who must have been quite uncomfortable in their costumes in our September Summer. Tickets to the inaugural Fisherman's Ball in 1965 were two pounds two shillings per couple and the club's Festival Queen that year was Miss Lyn Ramsden.



If you have any old photographs or information on Groper Creek's early years, please share them on our Groper Creek Community Facebook page, email through to gropercreekcaravanpark@gmail.com or drop them off to the kiosk to be copied for display.

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Molongle Creek

It's a popular destination for many Home Hill residents, however the fight for better access to Cape Upstart has escalated in recent weeks, culminating in a direct invitation to the Minister for Emergency Services to visit the site. Alleviating access issues in the Molongle Creek channel has been a long-fought issue, not only impacting holiday makers but the marine rescue squadron's ability to deploy to the Cape Upstart Bay area. Recent communication with the Transport and Main Road Regional Director has indicated interim dredging to repair damage caused by Cyclone Penny has ceased. This was due to be completed by Whitsunday Regional Council prior to the commencement of dredging for the All-Tide Access Project. This dredging is now expected to commence in July 2021 and be completed by late 2021 (weather permitting and subject to GBRMPA approvals). Whilst from that information, it looks like we will soon see progress, I still want to know why the Maintenance Dredging was both delayed and never completed. That is something I will continue to pursue with the Whitsunday Regional Council.



Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Tony Perrett (back left) with Member for Burdekin Dale Last and (front) local growers, Charlie DeDomenico and Glenda Bridge in their farm nursery.

Farm labour

The issue of farm labour shortages has been well documented in recent weeks and unfortunately, it is an issue that has a heavy impact on farms across the entire Burdekin community. I have been working hard to escalate the issue both within parliament and on the ground, including seeking potential Visa extensions for backpackers already, or willing to work, on farms. This is an issue that will impact not only farmers but the wider community's chances to access Australian grown fresh fruit and vegetables.

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More jobs up for grabs under our extended wage subsidy program—

THERE should be more job opportunities for apprentices and trainees in the Burdekin region as the Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements (BAC) wage subsidy program is expanded for another year.

This program has already supported 821 apprentices and trainees in the Dawson electorate, giving businesses some financial relief during a very uncertain time. Read more about it at www.dese.gov.au/boosting-apprenticeship-commencements.

Backing local manufacturing businesses to grow—

THE Morrison Liberal National Government's game-changing investment to supercharge manufacturing and grow jobs is now open to local businesses, with applications sought under the \$1.3 billion Modern Manufacturing Initiative (MMI). The Manufacturing Translation Stream (MTS) will support projects to translate good ideas into new or enhanced commercial outcomes, while the Manufacturing Integration Stream (MIS) will support projects that integrate Australian businesses into global value chains, or that upgrade their existing position in a value chain. You can find out more at www.business.gov.au/mmij and www.business.gov.au/mmit.

Latest medications added to the PBS—

I AM very pleased to announce that asthma, diabetes and multiple sclerosis sufferers will now be able to access affordable medications through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). Zeposia® and Atechure Breezhaler® are recently added listings, which will be available from the start of March. Another key medication, Trulicity®, has had its PBS listing extended. The Morrison Liberal National Government has approved more than 2550 new or amended listings on the PBS since 2012, investing an overall \$12.6 billion to ensure we can all access the medicines we need, when we need them.

Authorised by Federal Member for Dawson George Christensen, 2/21 Milton St, Mackay Qld 4740.
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Uli Liessmann comments . .

Uli Liessmann reports on local issues



AFTER one of my comments in the *Home Hill News* in regard to the garden bed in front of the town clock, I'm happy to say council got stuck into it and made a large improvement to this area, as this is the first site a traveller sees on entering the town. Now we need to strive to improve the southern entrance to Home Hill.



THE Council is still staying on top of the flying fox problem in Home Hill, with a controlled effort on January 21, 2021—
Thanks!

THE Home Hill RSL held it's Annual General Meeting on February 8, 2021 with all positions being filling with the past officials. I read that the Federal Government wants to spend \$500 million on the National War Memorial. I think the War Memorial is in great shape—maybe the Government should spread this money across Australia and help the many Sub-Branches that need help or how about channelling this money to veterans who could and in some cases need financial help.

A SMALL achievement Council could aim for in this term is to repair the tiling and water feature at the Home Hill Comfort Stop. I noticed that the Plantation Park Playground got immediate attention after the last rain, so now we will wait for immediate attention to the Home Hill Comfort Stop.

DOES Home Hill have an identity, or even if there is one, do we suffer from an identity crises? I think we have an identity but do people recognise it? Council at present is undertaking a feasibility study and creating a Cultural Advisory Group to assess the needs across the Burdekin Shire. Here's hoping.

DO HARD times make us stronger? Home Hill needs help in more ways than one. The question is from where and how and who pays for it? Tough questions, but food for thought—how about seeking funding, if possible, from the government, state or federal (don't know how to go about this one), to buy the old derelict shops and bulldoze them down, donate the land back to council (yes it will cut into Council rate base, which belongs to the ratepayer in any case) and turn the blocks into parkland. Yes, more work for council (another bad idea) but think about it, empty blocks will look better with one tree growing on them than derelict empty shopfronts. It's a massive challenge and not for the feint-hearted. This can only improve the aesthetics of this town we call home—a bold and challenging move with opportunities!

These are my views—To contact me, phone (mobile) 0439 822 064;

A special month of Parkinson's awareness

RESIDENTS of the Burdekin district have the opportunity to learn more about Parkinson's disease, with April being designated as Parkinson's Awareness Month while Sunday, April 11 is Parkinson's Awareness Day.

Parkinson's is described as "a disorder of the central nervous system that affects movement, often including tremors". This year, the Awareness Month theme is 'Start a Conversation', a call to action that urges people to talk about Parkinson's with their loved ones, friends, neighbours, care team and community.

The district has a local support group, led by co-ordinator, Elvie Dickinson, which meets at the Burdekin Neighbourhood Centre on the fourth Friday of every month and is open to everyone, including family and friends of sufferers. They have guest speakers and questions can be answered about the disease. Co-ordinator Elvie Dickinson can be contacted on 4783 1896 or at the Neighbourhood Centre on 4783 4243.

Retirement for long-term racing caterer

AFTER almost 20 years of serving afternoon smoko to horse owners and trainers at race meetings at the Home Hill Race track, Rose Holmes has officially retired to her Bowen home.

Mrs Holmes and her husband, Rex moved to Pink Lilly Station near Gumlu at the start of this century, after they had owned and operated the Balfe's Creek Hotel near Hughenden.

Her husband was not a big gambler, but he loved horses, so they started attending the Home Hill races, where Rose Holmes took on the role of caterer for the smokos for the owners and trainers at each race meeting.

"They would all come up to the room above the jockeys' room after the third race, where they would have corned beef and pickle sandwiches

and a cup of tea or coffee," she said.

Mrs Holmes did the catering all by herself, making the sandwiches and serving the tea and coffee, even though she did not know any of them by name.

"I got to know them—one had a white hat and I called him 'white hat' and another did not like butter on his sandwiches," she said.

When she could not attend a meeting, trainers' gatekeeper, Robyn Hewson filled in for her and Rose carried on even after her husband died seven years ago.

However, at the age of 84 years, she has decided to give it away and move to Bowen.

She was farewelled at a small celebration at the Ayr Anzac Club with Robyn Hewson and a



Rose Holmes was honoured with a presentation from the Burdekin Race Club at a luncheon held at the Ayr Anzac Club.

couple of friends, where Ms Hewson presented her with flowers on behalf of the Burdekin Race Club.

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

170 Arts on the Avenue—The Burdekin Artisan Community invites 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 meet on the first and third Mondays of each month. Phone 0438 620 180 or 0409 615 559 for details.

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