

HOME HILL NEWS

Greetings from the Home Hill Business Community - No 67 May, 2021

Entertainment centres on Home Hill

HOME HILL will be “entertainment central” during the months of April and May as several major events are hosted in the community over the 61-day period, ranging from sporting events through to high quality entertainment spectacles catering for all ages and tastes. And with the COVID Pandemic putting an end to many of the planned events in 2020, the local public is looking forward to the return of the major events, as evidenced by table pre-bookings selling out in record time on the first day of sales for the Burdekin Growers Race Day—something that has never happened before. April events that have already set the scene for the two months – despite the ongoing wet weather—include the Burdekin Race Club’s April race meeting, the Home Hill Cricket Association’s Canefield Ashes Carnival and the Burdekin Netball Association’s Carnival, all of which attracted large numbers of competing teams to Home Hill for the events.

The first three days of May will see the north’s best tennis teams

converging on Home Hill for the annual Sugar Bowl Tournament, which is now in its fortieth year.

The event will feature an anniversary dinner on Friday night, April 30, ahead of the tennis competition on May 1 to 3 on all courts in Home Hill and Ayr.

Proudly boasting over two decades of feature race days, planning is well advanced for the richest day on the Burdekin Racing Club’s calendar, the Burdekin Growers Race Day on Saturday, May 22, 2021.

A feast of colour will converge on the Home Hill Race Track as it transpires into the Fashion Mecca of the North as large numbers of women and men compete for thousands of dollars in prizes to be presented to winners of the hotly contested five fashion categories.

Generous local farmers and businesses have again stepped up after the challenges of the past year, donating prizes, cash and produce with incentives on offer for everyone who sets foot on the complex.

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Crowds turn out to honour Anzac Day

THE HOME HILL community turned out in force for Anzac Day Commemoration ceremonies on Sunday, April 25, as they took the opportunity to attend at least one of the ceremonies that was held that morning. Members of the Home Hill Sub-Branch of the RSL were extremely pleased with the attendance at the Dawn Service, in what was one of the first ceremonies involved in the day’s services.

The short service included addresses by the President of the RSL Sub-Branch, Richard Kelly and the Saluting Officer, Flight Lieutenant Maria Almeida of the RAAF Base in Townsville, as well as Home Hill High School Vice Captain, Dayna Linton.

Members of the Burdekin Brass Band were also in attendance to perform the Last Post and Reveille and the National Anthem as the crowd braved threatening skies overhead.

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TOP: Local ex-servicemen were joined by family members as they marched along Ninth Avenue; ABOVE: Youthful marchers from the Home Hill Community Kindergarten (from left) Brianna Mann, Nate Caspanello, Charlotte Young and Theo Derlagen: LEFT: Home Hill RSL Sub-Branch President, Richard Kelly with RAAF Saluting Officer, Flight Lieutenant Maria Almeida.

WHEN will the idiots in our community realise that the damage they cause to public property is only adding to the expenses borne by their families and friends?

Last month, the Burdekin Shire Council was lamenting the extra costs they had incurred through the actions of the culprits who have defaced surfaces at both Mt Inkerman Lookout and the Charlie's Hill WWII historic site while at the end of April, they were forced to close the Clare Transfer Station following the theft of recently-installed solar security cameras along with cleaning up the illegal dumping at the site.

Mayor Lyn McLaughlin said they had been left with no option but to close the Transfer Station until further notice "so the thieves can be identified and prosecuted and adequate surveillance can be reinstalled at the site".

While ratepayers will hope that council is successful in taking action against those involved, it still does not reduce the cost for ratepayers, who will be forced to cover that cost of the damage, theft and all other actions the council has been forced to carry out to fix the vandalism. We have raised the problem in the past and will probably be forced to raise it again in the future, because the perpetrators seem to lack any sense of responsibility towards the community they live in.

DOES the Burdekin Shire really need a "Burdekin Water Park", which is currently the subject of community consultation currently being undertaken by the Shire? The consultation seeks opinions on whether the council should design and construct (a) a \$2.5 million medium sized water park which would target an age range of four to 10-year-olds or (b) \$3.6 million medium sized water park with multiple large slides which would be suitable for an eight-year-old to adult range.

The one thing the council does not ask in its consultation is whether

The finer points of Home Hill . .

WHAT a difference a coat of paint and a touch of artwork has done to spruce up an area in the centre of the Home Hill Central Business District. With so many empty shops, that have been untouched by landlords for a long time, the CBD has been increasingly falling into a state of disrepair. However, the frontage of three shops in the centre block gained a new lease of life recently with the new artwork (pictured) and it is a major improvement to the town's outlook. In reply to our queries on the project, Mayor Lyn McLaughlin advised that the work was an initiative of Council, fully funded by the State Government's Works for Queensland program. Townsville-based artist, John Bradshaw painted the artwork around the windows, with the skins on the windows designed by Mike Coleman from NQ Custom Coating and Signwriting. Cr McLaughlin said



no more shops were to be included at this stage with a mural by John Bradshaw being part of a series of paintings completed across the Shire tying the Burdekin townships together. "The window skins celebrate the history of Home Hill and were designed especially for the town," she said. A council press release has revealed the first two of four animal-themed murals, scheduled for completion before June, 2021 in locations across the Shire, had been completed in the Ayr CBD, with future artworks planned for Brandon and Giru, while a major art

piece celebrating the region's rich history is also due to be commissioned in Home Hill soon. Chair of the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Group, Cr Sue Perry commended artist John Bradshaw for his "incredible artistry" bringing the animals to life. It is a shame the quality of the artistry is lessened by the standard of the buildings, as evidenced by the ceilings of the awnings. It is to be hoped all landlords of town buildings will take action to improve the standard. Who knows—it may attract new tenants?

ratepayers even want a water park. There have been calls in the past for a water park but are those making the call wanting facilities that will have free entry or will they be willing to pay the suggested \$8 to \$15 single entry charge to use the pool and slides? Some people on the south side of the River believe the Ninja Park project is just to appease residents in the area opposed to spending ratepayer funds on a water park, when such a facility had to be scrapped many years ago because of the lack of use and its ongoing costs. However, we have received queries and comments from residents on the Ayr side of the river who are definitely opposed to spending many millions on such a facility.

BUSINESSES in Home Hill will have the opportunity to win cash prizes in association with the *Sweet Days, Hot Nights Festival* Shop Window competition, which is being promoted alongside the three-day event being held at the end of May. The 2021 festival will encompass the First Fire on Thursday, May 27; Burdekin Cultural Fair on Friday, May 28; and the Australian Hand Cane Cutting Championships on Saturday, May 29.

The Home Hill and Ayr Chambers of Commerce, along with the Burdekin Shire Council have each contributed to the \$1000 prize money with prizes to be awarded as—First Prize a \$350 Burdekin Gift Card and Second Prize a \$150 Burdekin Gift Card in both Home Hill and Ayr. There was only limited support for the competition in 2019 and the Home Hill Chamber is hopeful that 2021 will attract more entrants, especially with the attraction of the prize money.

The competition is being held in conjunction with a sidewalk sale and even if businesses are not interested in that side of it, a prominent window display will also help to sell products to passing prospective customers. Key Dates for the Shop Window competition will be—Businesses to register with Council to ensure they are judged from Monday, May 3 to Friday, May 14, 2021; Shop Window Display/side walk sales from Monday, May 24 to Monday, May 31, 2021; Judging on Wednesday, May 26, 2021; Winners announced at the first fire on Thursday, May 27, 2021.

- DAVID JACKSON

April racing leads into Growers day

THE Burdekin Race Club has had a successful lead-in to its forthcoming Burdekin Growers Race Day on Saturday, May 22, with the club overcoming the state-wide Covid-19 lockdown to host a successful race meeting on Saturday, April 10.

With the restrictions aimed at keeping people apart, the Burdekin Club rearranged its normal set-up for a race meeting by moving the betting ring and bookmakers out under the large fig trees, with the bar also shifted from under the grandstand to the facility that is used at larger meetings, also under the trees.

Despite the Race Club recording 161mm of rain earlier in the week, the small crowd of punters enjoyed an excellent five-event program of racing with Race Club President, Ricky Gudge reporting that it was "a fantastic afternoon with no negative reports from participants".

He said club members had a couple of big days preparing for the race meeting, including the completion of new wash-down bays near to the stables.

The five races, named with reminders of the Growers Race Day, started with the "Fruit and



The rearranged bar under the trees to meet COVID rules

Veg Giveaway Benchmark 55 Handicap" over 1460 metres, which was won by five-year-old chestnut gelding, Hemsted (Carl Spry) with Lefkas Island (Chelsea Jokic) in second Place and Stars Don't Rust (Trinity Bannon) third.

Race two, the "Growers Day 22nd May Benchmark 60 Handicap" over 1180 metres had the female jockeys leading the way, with Dawlish (Chelsea Jokic) winning ahead of Caba-lo Escuro (Trinity Bannon) in second place and topweight, Sidetrip (Dakota Graham) third.

The third race, the "Book Tickets On line Maiden Plate" over 1180 metres, highlighted the support for the Burdekin Club from Mackay trainer, John Manzelmann who had the field covered with all five ac-

ceptances from his stable, while several other nominated horses from the stable did not accept.

Of the five runners, one, Craiglea Markita lost its rider, Chelsea Jokic at the starting stalls and was a late scratching, leaving Ready Betty (Jeffrey Felix) to take the race by three-quarters of a length ahead of Mishani Fortune (Denicious Smith) with In Memory Ofa Mate six and three-quarter lengths away in third and Ginger Bicky (Frank Edwards) fourth.

Race four, the Fashions on the Field Open Plate over 1000 metres was won by Raiden (Trinity Bannon) with El Shaday (Chelsea Jokic) a half-length away second and Mason's Chance (Scott Sheargold) another half-length away in third place.

The last race was a tribute to former club caterer to the owners and trainers, Rose Holmes – the "Thank You Rose Class B Handicap" over 1000 metres – and there could not have been a more fittingly named winner, with Sancy Rose (Jeffrey Felix) saluting the judge ahead of Starsonic (Trinity Bannon) in second place and Gotthere (Scott Sheargold) third.



The four Manzelmann-trained horses return to scale in similar silks with only the colour of the caps the difference.

Entertainment fills the May calendar

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For those who do not win on the racing, there is always the opportunity to take home a carton of local produce through the generosity of those local farmers.

The racing program will feature six local races with the feature and final event being the CUB Burdekin Cup to be run at 4.48pm. The party in the tropics atmosphere will continue into the evening, with music by 'Hardwired' taking to the Wilmar stage to entertain the crowd, who will be keen to dance the night away.

The 2021 'Faces of the Races', Krystal and Lachlan Kerr of Home Hill, who have volunteered many hours of their time over the years to help prepare for race meetings to ensure success, are both local and passionate about their community.

The entertainment in Home Hill continues through to the end of the month with the 2021 Sweet Days, Hot Nights Festival to be held from Thursday, May 27 through to Saturday, May 29.

The first cane fire of the season will take place at the former Home Hill Showgrounds on Thursday night, May 27, with the Australian Hand Cane Cutting Championships taking place at the Home Hill Showgrounds on Saturday, May 29

Solo artists, Matilda Duncan, Taylor Fitzgibbon and Baxter Beddoes, as well as local band, 'Boothill Express', have been announced as the music headliners for the three-day festival, which marks the start of the Burdekin sugar cane crushing season in June.

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A small crowd moved to the Home Hill Cemetery after the Dawn Service, where another short parade honoured those ex-servicemen and women who had passed away since the various conflicts that Australian Defence Forces had been involved in and were buried in the

Anzac Day commemorated

cemetery. The names of all deceased personnel were read out and many of those present took the opportunity to lay poppies at the cenotaph during the ceremony. The Home Hill RSL Sub-Branch hosted a “Gunfire Breakfast” at the Burdekin Memorial Hall for partici-

pants in the early morning parades before they moved to the Memorial Park where marchers were falling in for the Anzac Day Parade.

That parade moved off in Tenth Avenue, with marching groups including ex-servicemen and

women, Air Force Cadets and several school groups proceeding to the Cenotaph in Memorial Park where the main service took place.

The crowd was addressed by President Richard Kelly, Mayor Lyn McLaughlin, Padre Andrew Baiden, Flight Lieutenant Maria Almeida and Mr Dale Last MLA.



I CAUGHT up with the Mayor of the Burdekin Shire, Lyn McLaughlin recently, who ran me through the projects being funded with the \$1.47 million delivered by the Morrison Liberal National Government through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure fund. Stage One of funding is allowing council to reconstruct Norham Road and rehabilitate and reseal Rita Island Road for a combined cost of \$520,000. Stage Two will see just under \$860,000 invested into the following—refurbishment and improved accessibility to the Home Hill Memorial Hall, replacement and upgrade of the Giru community tennis courts to allow for multi-sports use, upgrade of Watson’s Green in Home Hill with the inclusion of water fountains and civil works on Ninth Avenue in Home Hill. That’s a \$1.3 million investment and I look forward to seeing them completed over the next 12 months.

Powering Communities

COMMUNITY groups looking for some assistance with expenses should consider applying for the Morrison Government’s new Powering Communities grants of between \$5000 and \$12,000. These grants will assist groups to lower their energy bills by installing solar panels or a battery, upgrading air conditioners, hot water systems or a



Federal MP George Christensen looks over local road projects with Burdekin Mayor Lyn McLaughlin. The work has been made possible due to the Morrison Liberal National Government’s Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund.

refrigerator with more efficient models, replacing lighting with LEDs or conducting an energy audit. The program will fund up to 12 projects worth a total of \$67,700 in each electorate, including Dawson. No co-contribution will be required for eligible community organisations. Get an Expression of Interest form by phoning 4944 0662 or by emailing George.Christensen.MP@aph.gov.au. These need to be returned to my office by Friday, June 25.

Book a holiday

LOCATIONS in our region, including Townsville and the Whitsundays, via both Proserpine and Hamilton Island airports, are key regions being promoted with the half-price ticket deal now available, thanks to a Morrison Liberal National Government initiative. There are 800,000 half-price airfare tickets on offer to support our tourism destinations for flights booked before July 31, which must be used before the end of September 2021. This will provide a great boost for the region, but also means locals can grab a half price flight to places such as Darwin, Alice Springs, Launceston, Hobart, Broome and Adelaide, to name a few. The flights are part of the Government’s \$1.2 billion tourism and aviation support package, which is also providing low interest loans to small businesses, and additional support for airlines, airports and ground-handling companies to maintain jobs and capacity. Book via the airlines.

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They're racing in Home Hill . . .

Burdekin Race Club Inc.

Burdekin Growers

Race Day

Saturday,

May 22, 2021

History repeated as Groper Creek remembered

With JEANETTE GARVEY

ANZAC Day commemorations took place at Groper Creek for the second time in history, following on from last year's COVID Light Up the Dawn ceremony. A good roll-up of 50 locals and visitors came together in sombre silence at The Boat Shed and front esplanade as the sun attempted to shine through on a cloudy morning over the jetty — Lest We Forget.



NUMEROUS complaints to Telstra regarding an open communications pit at Groper Creek have fallen on deaf ears for a few years now. The open pit (pictured) has provided serious safety issues with dangers of children falling in; vehicles driving over and vermin taking up residence. A big THANKS to the Burdekin Shire Council's Works Department for re-barricading the site and we have been informed that Telstra will be completing the resealing works by May 20 (2021 we hope!).



Application for the initial telephone service at Groper Creek was made by the Home Hill Boat Club in 1946. A working bee took place in 1949 to install the wiring for the service; then in July, 1950, work was completed with the first phone connected costing the club approximately £100. Calls could only be made via the following exchanges – Airville, Arkendeith, Ayr, Bobawaba, Brandon, Claredale, Fredericksfield, Gumlu, Home Hill, Inkerman, Jarvisfield, Rita Island and Rivermead. Groper Creek's iconic public telephone box on stilts is still a unique feature and frequently utilised, especially when mobile blackspot issues occur.

A BUSY 2021 tourist season has been predicted with a younger age bracket now addicted to camping and caravanning, according to the latest data released by Tourism Research Australia (TRA). There has been a positive rebound in travel, led by the 30 to 54 year age bracket which, from a rolling annual perspective, sustained the smallest declines and has now overtaken the 55+ market in terms of nights spent in Queensland. We have also noticed more families with younger children now caravanning.

GROPER Creek's playground, which was first installed in 1952, is in dire need of an upgrade, especially given the number of families who regularly visit. Surviving numerous floods and children (young and old), the equipment has sadly seen better days, with the old horse



swing found broken recently. The horse was put out to pasture in front of the kiosk, however, it then went missing . . . perhaps the Stock Squad should be investigating.

PRAWNS have been plentiful in the creek and Burdekin River gutters over the past couple of months. It hasn't taken too long for some to meet their 10 litre quota and the jetty has seen a steady procession of those who simply enjoy throwing a cast net. Local resident Jean, who turns 80 this month, is a regular smiling face on the jetty—Happy Birthday Jean!





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Sugar Bowl Tennis anniversary

THE success of the Home Hill Tennis Association's Sugar Bowl Tennis Tournament over 40 years will be recognised over the May Day long weekend, with anniversary celebrations taking place from Saturday May 1 to Monday, May 3.

The celebrations will commence with a Sugar Bowl Dinner to be held on Friday night, April 30, with 166 tickets pre-sold to the event.

Guests at the function will include state tennis officials as well as local councillors and Life Members and former players.

A total of 41 teams from as far away as Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast as well as all corners of Queensland

will converge on all courts in Home Hill and Ayr for the three days of competition, which will continue through to 2pm on Monday.

The Home Hill Association will also host a Pig on the Spit Gathering at the courts on Sunday night and anyone is welcome to attend.

Anniversary memorabilia will be on sale including a specially created fishing shirt featuring photos of tennis in Home Hill.

The Home Hill Association has also updated the Sugar Bowl Tennis trophies, which were full, with new bases installed to allow for future winners' names to be included for many years to come.



Overtaking lanes south of Home Hill

I AM pleased to let you know that we have had a win when it comes to road works, with the beginning of work on the installation of overtaking lanes between Home Hill and Bowen.



This work is fully funded by the federal government and should serve to make that stretch of

It's great to see progress on overtaking lanes south of Home Hill, something I have been lobbying to be brought forward for some time.

the highway safer for all road users. The road works are now under way from just south of Wangaratta to Gumlu. The Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) had the actual construction project getting under way at some time during 2022-23, but the Minister for Transport and Main Roads has confirmed construction will now start next year.

Just like we did with the Haughton River Flood Plain project, we were able to successfully bring this project forward and I say 'the sooner the better'.

Throughout the electorate, there are roads that are in urgent need of upgrading to make them safer and to decrease closures due to rain.

I have a long list of roads that people have brought to my attention and a few that I have identified myself while travelling throughout the electorate and I'll keep fighting to deliver the roads that we deserve

50 years of saving lives at sea recognised

IT WAS an honour to attend the recent 50 years celebrations of the Volunteer Marine Rescue Burdekin Squadron which was celebrated at the Bridge Restaurant.

The squadron, which was started following the tragic death of a Burdekin boy, has withstood the tests of time and continues to be widely supported by the Burdekin community. I'd like to offer my congratulations to all VMR crew, radio operators, skippers and duty personnel who received awards during the evening for their tireless efforts in ensuring the safety of the local boating community.

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Uli Liessmann comments . .



Uli Liessmann reports on local issues

THE first fire and cane cutting competition will be held at the old show grounds in Home Hill next month. The Sweet Days and Hot Nights Festival is a Council initiative, which we all should support, as it could and will put Home Hill on the map.

THE new water reservoir for Home Hill is well under way, with pipework and valve pits being installed and the concrete base ready. I am wondering why such a large amount of road base (pictured on site)



was removed from the finished base? Maybe someone can't read a ruler, level or a plan? I would love to hear the excuse for this stuff up and there goes the budget. But the end result will be a better water supply for Home Hill, so keep on going.



ON THE subject of water, top marks to Council for introducing Digital water meters (meter pictured). In the future, should you have an unnoticed water leak and use a larger than normal amount of water, council will be able to notify the ratepayer within a very short time. As I understand it, each water meter will be digitally

read from the garbage truck driven by for the weekly pickup.

NOW that Council is planning to spend three million dollars plus on a water park—and you can be assured it will go over budget, a water park to be used by few and paid by all—plus a proposed entry fee to help with the upkeep. And keeping in mind you can use the Bowen or Townsville water park for free. I had my say in the Council survey, which was poorly, in fact amateurishly, worded in favour of a 'yes' vote. I also noticed there was no mention of the yearly maintenance cost. There is no channelling and kerbing after a century in many streets throughout the shire but a water park is a must.

A SUGGESTION—What about building a small Museum instead, to keep the many historical items which can never be replaced and will be lost to future generations, such a museum will survive the times but a water park will have a use-by date.

OH FOR the want of a footpath sweeper (picture right) — one can only hope and pray that someone in authority will see the light.



WILL there ever be money available to line mark the many dangerous country roads throughout the shire or is the safety of road users of a secondary concern?

RENOVATIONS have begun at the Burdekin Theatre internally and externally, all funded by the Queensland Government. So where is the funding for the Comfort Stop in Home Hill?

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

- ULI LIESSMANN

Festival officers

CHANGES in personnel and the return of some experienced volunteers has resulted from the recent Home Hill Harvest Festival elections for 2021.

The executive for 2021 consists of—Mark Vass (President), Doug Chappell (Vice-President), Ash Guy (Secretary), Saskia Vollema-Creek (Minutes Secretary/Social Media), Desley Musumeci (Treasurer), Aaliyah Calder (Sponsor Administrator), Cailin Betteridge (Candidate Co-ordinator).

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Can you assist with the missing names?

OVER time, Martin Grandellis has sourced a number of old team photographs as part of the compilation of a book, *A History of the Ayr, Home Hill and Burdekin Rugby Leagues 1912-1986*. However, he is missing many of the player's and official's names. The accompanying photograph is of the 1947 Home Hill Colts junior team and many names have to date been unable to be sourced. Home Hill Colts were a formidable team in the late 1940s in both junior and senior grades and included the cream of Home Hill footballers at the time. Many of the junior players of this 1947 team would represent Home Hill in the Foley Shield competition in the years from 1949 to 1952. You may recognise some players in the photograph or have details about the photograph? Martin would love to hear from you. He is also keen to source any old photographs and particularly a photograph of the Home Hill junior team from 1956, which was the first Home Hill team to win a premiership after they entered the Ayr Rugby League club competition. As well, a famous officer bearer for Home Hill Colts Club in the 1930s was a gentleman called George Petrohilos or Pedrohilos or Petrohilas. Maybe someone out there knows the correct spelling. If you can help in any way, martin would love to hear from you on 0437 047 966 or email at martin.grandelis@gmail.com



Names known so far—Maybe some names are incorrect or wrongly spelt or you know the missing names. Can you help? Back Row: - , - , - , - , Fred Oats, - , Alan Oats; Middle Row: Ron Graham, - , George Milburn, Jim Oats (official), Ben Harris, - , Norm Parravicini; Front Row: Reg Oats, George Curren, Reg Begbie (sponsor), - , Charlie Hanson (patron), Fred Robinson.

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