

HOME HILL NEWS

Greetings from the Home Hill Business Community - No 71 September 2021



The former Home QCWA and Home Hill Choral Society building in Ninth Avenue, Home during the demolition stage, which has resulted in both the building and the toilets behind it being reduced to a vacant piece of land in the park.

A BUILDING that served both the members of the Home Hill Branch of the Queensland Country Women's Association and the Home Hill Choral Society is no more, after demolition contractors made quick work of removing the building from its long-term site beside the Burdekin Memorial Hall, along with the toilet block that was situated behind the building.

The Home Hill QCWA was one of a number of strong branches of the organisation within the Burdekin District and after its demise, the building was taken over by the members of the Home Hill Choral Society, who used it for its performances and storage of its many costumes.

The Choral Society has now gone on to bigger and better things, buying their own building in the

Home Hill Central Business District under the name of "The Vault", a reference to the building's former use as a bank.

As a result, the Burdekin Shire Council decided to remove the building as part of its plans to upgrade the area in and around the Ninth Avenue and Ninth Street intersection and on Watson's Green. The area at the side of the Burdekin Memorial

Hall is now clear with the two buildings gone from the site. Information was sought from the Burdekin Shire Council about the demolition project, including financing and any grants obtained, the company undertaking the project and any plans for the vacant site that have been approved, but no response had been received at the time of publication.

Time to start thinking Harvest Festival

WITH the summer months coming closer, so too is the popular Home Hill Harvest Festival as the committee starts to put together its program, which will commence with the Ephemera to be held in the Lloyd Mann Gardens in Eighth Avenue (adjacent to the Home Hill Police Station). Up to eight entries had been received for the 2021 event when entries closed in July and *The Home Hill News* has been



The 2021 Harvest Festival Queen entrants are (from left) Tayla McKaig, Faith Swindley, Kirra Simpson, Mikaela Drain, Erlinda Nunn, Sophie Rickards and Amber Kelly.

advised that Installations should start appearing in the Lloyd Mann Gardens from September 8. Exhibition co-ordinator, John Woods said the launch should take place

on September 11. Nominations have been received from seven organisations from throughout the Burdekin Shire with festival queen entrants.

Those entrants and their sponsoring organisations are—
AMBER KELLY representing the Burdekin Race Club.
Amber is 20 years of age

and graduated from Burdekin Catholic High School while completing a school-based hairdressing apprenticeship. Now into her fifth year of hairdressing at The
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THE route via McDesme that provides a quicker access to Townsville from the Home Hill region, while in the process bypassing the Ayr township, is becoming more popular with drivers as time moves on—and apparently more dangerous for those same drivers as we hear complaints of some people ignoring the safety signage along the way. The route, which leaves the Highway between Home Hill and Ayr at the McDesme intersection and takes traffic through part of Plantation Creek, Maidavale and the new Fiveways roundabout before re-entering the Bruce Highway in the vicinity of the speedway north of Brandon, has become popular with travellers towing caravans, semi-trailers and increasing numbers of locals, but it has also become apparent that many drivers are taking no notice of signage—especially the “Give Way” sign at the top of Plantation Creek, where steep access roads and a narrow crossing over the creek, means drivers need to take extra care to avoid the possibility of an accident. It is easy to see oncoming traffic from near the “Give Way” sign, which probably gives offending drivers the courage to take on traffic coming their way in the hope of making it through safely—but that is not the case for north-bound drivers, who cannot see south-bound vehicles at the top of the hill. Drivers are urged to take care and obey the signage—having to stop only means a minute of two onto the travel time.

THE stolen vehicle crime scene is starting to become even more evident for Bruce Highway travellers, as the aftermath of a vehicle being stopped in and around the highway is more obvious, especially with the “Police Aware” signs displayed on them. However, the question has to be asked—just who is responsible for the vehicles after the culprits are caught and taken away? A trip north or south reveals vehicles left on the side of the roads as well as in paddocks and on private property. The

The finer points of Home Hill . .

THE bad habits of the big city came to our town during August, as an attempt at an armed robbery of a local business failed miserably. Owner of My Pets, Ross Tapiolas, who was not present at the time, said two people had allegedly arrived at their side entrance (pictured below) on a “side by side” vehicle which apparently belonged to a local farmer. One of the culprits is

alleged to have walked to the door with a shovel, but quickly decamped when he realised that there were two Grey Nomads inside the business, as well as a staff member behind the counter. Ross said it all happened so quickly that the staff member did not even realise something had occurred until the two men had gone. Nothing was taken in the incident and we

understand at least one of the two alleged robbers has since been caught. With small business having enough problems in keeping their doors open in current economic times, the last thing our town needs now is for such criminal activities coming our way. We urge everyone to keep supporting these businesses who support our town—and keep an eye out for the idiots who think the world owes them an easy life.



Police obviously do not want to be left with them, as long as they are not interfering with the flow of traffic. The owners of the property would not want to be left with the cost of removing the vehicle from their land and the vehicle owners would not want to have the extra cost of taking the vehicle away—after all they do not receive any compensation from the perpetrators of the crimes and have the increased cost of insurance for replacement vehicles on top of their losses from the original theft. Most of the vehicles end up as wrecks, whether they are still in some form of working order or burnt out. The only ones who seem to come out ahead are the actual young criminals who mostly get off with a slap on the wrist because of their age. We have heard conversations recently about how our lives are changing in this day and age and it provides more incentive to ensure all property is locked up securely to keep the criminals out—if that is at all possible?

THE Home Hill Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting recently, with a good attendance of members present to decide on a new committee for the 2021-22 year. That decision resulted

in the re-election of most members back into their former roles—with only the position of treasurer changing, with operator of the Home Hill Olympic Pool, Lisa Shepherdson (with her husband, Lloyd) handing over to local IT expert, John Clark for the next year. Membership invoices will now be sent out for the coming year and it is to be hoped that the Home Hill business community will continue to back up the work of the Chamber attendees to look after the interests of the Central Business District and the town as a whole. There is a core of members who regularly attend the meetings each month but it would be pleasing to see more business men and women giving a bit of their time to share their opinions. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, with alternate meetings providing the opportunity to network with other members with drinks and nibbles provided. Network meetings are normally held at a business premises of members, which is a great way to make people aware of what that business can offer. The next network meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 15—members should put it in their diary.

- DAVID JACKSON

Seven entrants for Festival Queen title

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Lace Creative in Ayr, Amber is happiest when in the company of her clients. If she is not at work, you will find her spending quality time with friends and family. Amber has resided in the Burdekin district all her life and enjoys the benefits of living in a tight-knit community.

ERLINDA NUNN representing the Ayr Surf Life Saving Club—

Erlinda graduated from Home Hill State High School in 2012 and is employed at Connolly Suthers, Ayr within the firm's property, wills and estates departments.

The Harvest Festival is one of Erlinda's favourite events of the year and by representing her club, she is hoping to encourage others to volunteer their time to patrol our beautiful beaches. Some of Erlinda's hobbies include going to the gym, cooking and hiking.

TAYLA McKAIG representing Burdekin Netball Association—

Tayla is 20 years of age and is completing a Bachelor of Business at James Cook University, majoring in Marketing and Financial Advisory. She was school captain of Home Hill State High and graduated in 2018. Tayla works part time at Carey Group, where she is gaining experience in both fields of her degree. She is excited to be involved in the Harvest Festival and is proud to represent Burdekin Netball, with which she has been involved from a very young age, both as a player and umpire. Tayla is a member of the NQ Cowboys Spirit Cheer squad and loves to dance and enjoys the excitement of game day.

SOPHIE RICKARDS representing the Home Hill Tennis Association—

Sophie is 24 years of age and attended Burdekin Catholic High School. Since completing her Bachelor degree in Pharmacy in 2017, Sophie has worked as a Pharmacist at Ayr Amcal Chemist. Her hobbies include Monday night tennis, dancing and travelling (Covid-19 permitting). Sophie is grateful to be representing such an amazing, supportive club and she is excited to raise funds, attend the Harvest Festival events and meet new people along the way.



KIRRA SIMPSON representing the Home Hill Lions Club—

Kirra attended Home Hill State High School and works as a Dental Assistant at Brice Dental. Her hobbies are touch football, netball, snow-boarding, baking (even though it never turns out well), fishing and scrapbooking. Being a Queen Entrant for 2021 is something Kirra has always wanted to do. She has lived in Home Hill all her life and as a child, the Harvest Festival was always her favourite part of the year. Kirra is excited to be working within the community with a fantastic bunch of ladies and is grateful to be representing such a wonderful club.

MIKAELA DRAIN representing the Lower Burdekin Water Ski Club—

Mikaela is 20 years of age and was born and raised in the Burdekin. She is currently working at Tropical Vet Services in Ayr, studying a Certificate IV in veterinary nursing. Mikaela has a passion for anything animal related, having hand raised cows, sheep, horses and four fur babies (dogs) which are very special to her. She was raised to enjoy everything outdoors—camping, working cattle, boating and water sports and loves to spend time with her family, her partner and friends. She is honoured to be a part of this year's Harvest Festival. Mikaela is grateful for the friends and is excited to give back to this amazing club that does so much for their members, skiers and the community.

FAITH SWINDLEY representing the Home Hill Rotary Club—

Faith is a local girl, born and bred and since graduating from year 12 at Burdekin Catholic High School in 2019, she has been working full time at ML Partners in an accounting support role. When she is not working, she finds herself either walking and talking with friends in the afternoons or working with her mum on her small business, 'Faith In Hire' that she started in April 2021. Having watched and supported her two older cousins as the Rotary queen entrants in earlier years, Faith is excited to be part of this unique opportunity that the Harvest Festival and Rotary have offered her and she cannot wait to make life-time memories and new friendships with her fellow queen entrants.

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The late Russ Reguson on his stand in the Home Hill Race Course betting ring, after having the area named after him.

Stalwart lost to local racing

THE Burdekin Race Club has lost one of the stalwarts of the Sport of Kings in the district with the death of long-time member and bookmaker, Russ Reguson.

The late Russ Reguson was born in 1937 and passed away on August 21, 2021 and during that time became well known on race tracks throughout North Queensland.

He was a regular attendee at Burdekin Race Club meetings and was recognised by the club in 2018 when he was presented with Life Membership after 65 years of plying his trade on both the Home Hill and former Ayr race tracks.

The recognition was further enhanced at the December 2018

race meeting when Mr Reguson was honoured with the naming of the Home Hill Club's on-course betting ring after him—which was seen as a fitting tribute to his efforts on behalf of the club and the punters who had been using the track over many decades.

The same honour was bestowed on Russ Reguson by the Bowen Turf Club, who also named their on-course betting ring after the well-known bookmaker.

He was also a regular attendee at the Burdekin Club's monthly meetings. His funeral took place under a large rain tree on the Ayr Golf Course, where Russ Reguson also spent a lot of his time playing and volunteering.

Burdekin Race Club president, Ricky Gudge paid tribute to the long-serving member and bookmaker, saying he was an integral part of the club.

He said he was involved with the club in quite a few roles, always attending the Burdekin Growers Race Day and being there from a week before the event working for the club.

Mr Gudge described Mr Reguson as an absolute gentleman and a man with the most amount of integrity he had ever seen.



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Classic cars bring back memories of days gone by

With JEANETTE GARVEY

CONJURING up memories of days gone by, classic cars rolled into Groper Creek recently. Around 20 members of the Queensland Veteran Car Club rallied around the Burdekin back roads, showcasing their beautifully restored vehicles. The northern club members from Cairns, Mission Beach, Magnetic Island, Townsville, Bundaberg and the Burdekin enjoyed a long weekend social get-together which incorporated a display at the Home Hill Rotary Markets at Plantation Park, lunch at Claredale Pastures, and visits to Rita Island, Brandon and Groper Creek



Home Hill Boat Club Commodore and Secretary, Ross and Sylvia Chapman with their 1928 Austin7 were invited vintage guests at the rally

Tom Callow (left) proudly showcased his 1910 AX Renault.



TRAVELLING minstrels, Phil and Tania Hemmingway entertained grey nomads and locals recently in The Groper Creek Boat House. The duo, who go by the band name, *Eclipse*, have been “stuck” in North Queensland, reluctant to go back to their Tasmanian home just yet.



MANGO winds arrived right on queue and boaties have struggled to find pleasurable fishing spots in the past few weeks. Luckily, the creeks have provided some refuge from the prevailing winds. Regular visitor “Barra Bob” Davis snared this 118cm monster barra, weighing in at 19.2kg, whilst trolling soft plastics.



Jetty Jottings

REASONS behind the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA)’s refusal of a development application by the Burdekin Shire Rivers Improvement Trust (BSRIT) to stabilise the banks of Mosquito Creek have been provided to the Home Hill Boat Club. In its refusal notification, SARA states—“the proposal involves the construction of a rock revetment wall to the creek embankment adjoining the Groper Creek Caravan Park, for erosion control purposes. This proposal is not supported for the following reasons: 1. The rock revetment wall is not protecting buildings and structures of value.”

The township of Groper Creek this year commemorates 100 years of progress and is home to 60* permanent residents (*according to the 2010 Census). Incorporated in 1944, the Boat Club has progressed the community for the past 80 years, lobbying State and Local Governments for the establishment of such assets like the jetty, two boat ramps; installation of electricity and telephone, along with construction of various community assets like the public amenities block, barbecue and fish filleting areas. Backing onto Mosquito Creek, the Club’s machinery shed has also recently been expanded to specially house the Groper Creek Rural Fire Brigade’s big yellow fire truck and equipment. Apart from these valuable community assets, SARA has also seemed to have overlooked the caravan park, which provides accommodation to tourists who, in turn, spend money at our struggling Burdekin businesses.



Ladies enjoying their morning tea at The Boat House were (from left) Sylvia Chapman, Chris Wassmuth, Melissa Vormister and Faye Martin.



Look out for those cane trains



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A SINGING group titled "Merle's Pearls" has paid tribute to their long-term leader, Merle Turner, as she retires from Merle's Pearls and takes up residence in the aged care facility in Home Hill. The group, that recently hosted a concert at the Home as a tribute to Merle, was originally started by Mrs Doreen Woods at the aged home and recollections by members revealed that Merle Turner took over when Doreen entered the home. Some of the original members of the group included Irene Barton, Yvonne Samwell, Max Hosie, Bernice Emmerson, Merle Turner, Betty Lucas and a number of others. The current members of the group are photographed with Merle Turner during their most recent performance.

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Cane crushed	This Week	Season to Date
Invicta	156,993	1,758,849
Pioneer	87,861	949,379
Kalamia	84,161	878,663
Inkerman	79,850	774,549
Burdekin	408,865	4,361,440

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Invicta	15.35	14.45
Pioneer	15.44	14.49
Kalamia	14.68	14.04
Inkerman	15.22	14.12
Burdekin	15.21	14.32

Comments —

Week 11—The Burdekin mills have passed the 50 per cent milestone for the 2021 crush, with just under 4M tonnes processed. The mills crushed just under 390,000 tonnes of cane for week 11. This was again above budget despite Kalamia, Pioneer and Invicta B side having cleaning stops during the week. Cane continues to be transferred out of the Inkerman area to Pioneer and Invicta mills for processing. Average weekly CCS was 15.00, which is still trending above budget. The highest CCS sample was 18.3 from a rake of Q240 third ratoon in the Pioneer Mill area

Week 12—Another solid result was achieved this week with just under 410,000 tonnes crushed – again above budget. Cane continues to be transferred out of the Inkerman area to Pioneer and Invicta mills for processing. Average weekly CCS was 15.21, which is still trending above budget. The highest CCS sample was 18.6 from a rake of Q240 third ratoon in the Pioneer Mill area.

Wilmar and North Queensland Cowboys representatives attended the Burdekin Adopt-a-School sessions last week to talk to children about cane train safety.

The large number of students from St Francis and Ayr State schools who readily relate to the Train Brain message and the catchy cane train song shows the message is cutting through. Thanks to the Wilmar, Cowboys and local primary school staff for making the visits such a success.

John Tait,
Cane Supply Manager,
Burdekin Region

Uli Liessmann comments . .

Businessman, Uli Liessmann reports on local issues of interest in the Home Hill district



AT the end of July, we had the privilege of having the ABC team visit our local Radio Station Sweet FM. The ABC team was shown around and they were impressed with the working and the quality of programming and the general set-up of the station. They also commented on the upgrade of the building, which was carried out by Council and Queensland Government. Discussions were held about other uses for the building besides using it for a meeting room. One of their suggestions was that the room would lend itself to a small museum, adding value to the building as well as for the town and district. I can't see that happening with current council thinking—a water park, okay; a museum to display our past history before it is all lost—don't think so.

A GOOD move by Council on the Charlie's Hill Radar Station. It's been on the drawing board for a very long time. Now let's hope that Council can obtain the necessary funding, so that we can see a start this financial year. Here's hoping.



GREAT progress is being made on the new water storage tank and the contractors are spending money in the community. (See pictures).

NEW welcoming sign looks great as one enters Ayr (see picture at top) - wondering and still looking for the welcoming sign for Home Hill?

COUNCIL has created an Economic Development Committee made

up of council employees and members of the public, which is a good way forward. Now will council keep the public informed as to what is happening?

People want to be included, people want the truth and people want to know how much and where the money is to be spent on feasibility studies.



A MEMBER of the public mentioned the disparity in public seating and kerb side rubbish bins (pictured) in the shire. Surely Home Hill deserves better in this department to help with the aesthetics. The travelling public needs a positive picture either when driving through or staying at one of the caravan parks. I'm not even going to



mention the state of the forecourt of the Comfort Stop brought to Council's attention over three years ago. Does the council genuinely consider ratepayers needs on this side of the river?

I'm also led to believe that Council has not allocated any funding for resealing to any urban and rural roads on the south side, in fact throughout the Shire, so why? Let me know if I'm wrong.

The public would be grateful for some information including myself as to what has happened with the upgrade to the front of the Memorial Hall, which had funding from Works for Queensland.

These are my views only. To contact me, please phone (mobile)

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GEORGE CHRISTENSEN MP
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR DAWSON
Local broadband boost

BUSINESSES in Home Hill will be able to access fibre with speeds of up to 1 Gigabit per second following the recent establishment of a Business Fibre Zone by NBN Co. This high speed broadband access will offer new capabilities for about 912 businesses in the Burdekin. The broadband will be cheaper and faster and could enable businesses to break into new markets or improve growth potential. For more information about the NBN Business Fibre Zones initiative, including the new pricing options, visit <https://www.nbnco.com.au/corporate-information/about-nbn-co/corporate-plan/business-fibre-initiative>.

Library program to connect users

USERS of the Home Hill Library will be able to access free Tech Connect Classes at the Home Hill Library, which are set to start on September 1.

The Shire Libraries in Home Hill and Ayr are expanding the offering of workshops and programs, with Tech Connect set to start assisting all residents with common and not-so-common technology questions from the beginning of September.

The group workshops will cover a range of topics including internet security, social media use and smart phone navigation. Mayor Lyn McLaughlin said the classes would ensure all residents felt comfortable navigating a wide range of technology.

"The world is at a stage where we rely more than ever on technology, with every-

one requiring a smart phone to check in at venues across Queensland and screens vital for families separated by border closures to stay in touch," the mayor said. "Tech Connect is an extension of previous Seniors Embracing Technology classes, with further focus on keeping our community safe online and making sure they know how to use any devices they have.

"Classes are free with sessions at both the Home Hill and Ayr branches of the Library," she said.

"We are excited to be launching Tech Connect in line with the relaunch of Create@108, the Burdekin Library's innovation hub demonstrating that Libraries are so much more than books."

Home Hill Comfort Stop concerns heard

After a year of uncertainty it is great to see travelers once again moving through the Burdekin, whether they stay a night or a month, they contribute to the local economy. However, as with other things in life it is often the minority who ruin things for the majority and unfortunately it is the case with some travelers.



After concerns were raised with my office around the limited number of bins and parking in the vicinity of the Home Hill Comfort Stop I met with Mayor Lyn McLaughlin and Council chief executive Terry Brennan who have advised that council will be looking into the matter.



Time to get serious on Quarantine facilities for farm workers

While it comes as no surprise to many of us, the struggle to fill worker shortages on farms is far from over for many of our horticulture growers.

This month it was revealed that a staggering \$42million worth of crops had already been destroyed due to the labor shortage across Queensland.

Quite frankly it well past the point in time for the Minister to get serious about supporting our farmers by exploring and fast tracking quarantine facilities.

ties. Nebo Junction, a former mining accommodation facility near Mackay already has the backing of a well regarded medical provider, it seems logical that the facility at least be assessed as a matter of urgency.

Road Safety Week—a timely reminder to slow down, be aware

Recently we recognised Road Safety Week and after a horrific year on our roads so far, it was a timely reminder for everyone to slow down and think about their own driving behaviours.

My message is simple, be aware of your own capabilities and drive according to the conditions. As we see more traffic on our roads making the most of what Queensland has to offer being aware and driving according to the conditions is particularly important.

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).

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 on the first Saturday night of each month;

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