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Greetings from the Home Hill Business Community

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Improvements for Anzac Day Services



A NEW footpath through the Home Hill Park will make life easier for pedestrians attending the 2023 Home Hill Anzac Day Parade and Commemoration Services at the Cenotaph in the park.



ABOVE— The new footpath into the cenotaph from Tenth Avenue, which had been completed at that time.

RIGHT—Work was proceeding on completing the path from the cenotaph through to Ninth Avenue.

ANZAC Day Services in Home Hill on Tuesday, April 25 will be conducted along similar lines to previous years, with the day of commemorations starting at 5am with Coffee Royale and concluding with the public services at the Cenotaph and War Memorial in the Home Hill Park commencing from 11.20am.

Further improvements have been carried out in the park where the Cenotaph was moved to, following the closure of the Home Hill RSL Sub-Branch Hall in Tenth Street, with new footpaths constructed from Ninth and Tenth Avenues towards the Rotunda in the Park, from which the services are conducted.

Coffee Royale will be available to attending ex-service men and women prior to the Dawn Service commencing in front of the Honour Rolls on the front of the former School of Arts and Burdekin Memorial Hall complex in Ninth Avenue.

Large crowds have attended the Dawn Service in Home Hill in recent years, including in 2022, when heavy rain forced the service to be moved inside the Memorial Hall.

Following the Dawn Service, the Anzac Day Commemorations will move to the Home Hill Cemetery Cenotaph where the annual Cemetery Service will take place, allowing those present to remember those ex-service men and women from the Home Hill community who are now interred in the cemetery.

A "Gunfire Breakfast" for participants in the Anzac Day Services will take place at the Minor Hall of the Memorial Hall complex from 7am on Anzac Day.

Our entertainment bonanza

TWO months of solid entertainment are ahead for the communities of Home Hill, the Burdekin as a whole and other North Queensland areas as just about every weekend between the start to April through to early June are taken up with major events that will attract large numbers of visitors to the area as well as an economic bonanza for this district.

The feast of entertainment commences in April as the Burdekin Race Club conducts another of what is an increasing number of race meetings on its upgraded Home Hill track on Saturday, April 1.

That will be the last local meeting before all eyes aim towards the Burdekin Growers Race Day, to be held on Saturday, May 20.

The centre of the race track will continue to be the centre of attention on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23, when cricketers from all over North Queensland will con-

verge on Home Hill for the annual Eugene Paggotto Memorial Canefield Ashes Carnival—with games also being held at other grounds throughout the town, including our local schools, to accommodate all the visiting teams.

In the same place on the following May Day long weekend (April 29 to May 1), it will be the Home Hill Tennis Association drawing hundreds of visitors to the town for their annual Sugar Bowl Tennis Tournament with three days of tennis action featuring over 40 teams that travel from all over Queensland.

The event, now in its 42nd year, is truly iconic to the region.

On Sunday evening there will be live music, good food and great company as players past, present and supporters celebrate another year with their tennis family.

With the district's entertainment diary starting to

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WORD must be spreading quickly about the quality of the coffee being dispensed by Home Hill newest coffee shop, Home Hill News & Coffee, judging by a report we received earlier this month. We were told there were about four vehicles parked out the front of the business just after opening time at 5am one morning when those vehicle owners were surprised by a rather large B-Double truck which pulled up in the slip lane beside the parked cars (with a green traffic light as well), while the driver got out, went inside to claim his coffee and then climbed back into his vehicle to continue on with his deliveries around the north. We are told the local owners were too surprised and the vehicle was too large for them to argue about being boxed in—they just waited until the transport vehicle moved on. Obviously the service was quick and the hold-up was not enough to upset anyone—and it is good to see the business is attracting more foreign capital into the town's economy.

THE Burdekin Shire Council may have to give serious consideration to doing something about safety issues involving the increasing amount of traffic that is bypassing Ayr by turning off the Bruce Highway north of Brandon and travelling via Maidavale, Ivory and McDesme Roads to rejoin the Highway just north of the Burdekin Bridge. The traffic is comprised of not just local vehicles, as the numerous cars and caravans, semi-trailers and many other travellers gives an indication that they are being directed around the "bypass route" by the technology that is now available through GPS facilities within phones these days. One of the biggest problems with the route is the winding narrow road through Plantation Creek on McDesme Road, with many drivers totally ignoring the "Give Way" sign that control south-bound traffic through that section of road. We haven't heard of any accidents up to now—but that does not mean that an incident may not occur unless council either moves the "Give Way" sign

The finer points of Home Hill . .

OUR photo shows the sign that welcomes visitors from the south into Home Hill—but is it as welcoming as it is expected to be with the heavy grass growth that accompanied it (when our photo was taken) as those motorists head into our town? That grass growth is to be expected with the constant rain that we have received over the past month but surely our community should expect something better than we are receiving for our rates and taxes from the Council or the Main Roads Department? That section of highway should be under the direction of the Main Roads Department or is it the council that undertakes the mowing contract on behalf of the department? Whoever it is, it would be more welcoming if our visitors could be left with a feeling of being wanted and encouraged to stop over and enjoy what we have to offer. There are a number of major events coming up in the near future including the Burdekin Growers Race Day at the adjacent Home Hill Race Track and it would be wonderful to see all our expected visitors made to feel "WELCOME" when they



see that sign on their way into the town. Those events are several weeks away yet and we would hope we don't have to wait until then to see something done about it. In fact, we should see a mower in action at least a couple of times between now and the Burdekin Growers Race Day on Saturday, May 20.

further up the road, makes it larger and more visible to drivers or paints the sign on the bitumen surface so it can be more easily seen. The best safety improvement would be to build a new high level bridge parallel to the cane railway bridge beside the road—but the cost of that exercise would obviously not be too acceptable to Burdekin ratepayers without much-needed input from state and federal governments. It seems so easy to build connections over and under the Brisbane River these days—surely the same could be done in the north as well?? Safety is the biggest problem and if the traffic numbers keep increasing, something will definitely have to be done in the not-too-distant future.

"WHAT has happened with decentralisation in the state of Queensland?" is a question we have asked several times in the past, but it is difficult for anyone in authority to give a definitive answer to the query. However, with everything that is happening in our state at the present time with regard to problem areas such as homelessness, lack of suitable rental accommodation for families, rapidly rising rents, increasing costs such as energy prices and many more, it seems reasonable to again ask why

the State Government is not looking at encouraging more decentralisation instead of increasing growth at a rapid rate in their favoured south-east of the state at the expense of the regional areas, which contributes greatly to the state's economic growth. Take a trip to the south-east and the most common promotional thought is for the proposed Olympic Games in 2032, which will offer little benefit to the northern regional communities. Billions of dollars will be spent on upgrading existing sporting facilities, while our roads are in poor condition and badly in need of works to improve safety, so much so that it seems hypocritical for the government to cry out about the rapidly growing road toll. Local Governments in western areas are offering cheap land and cash incentives to families to move to those areas and build homes for their future. Surely those incentives should be in the realm of the state? Would the Burdekin Shire Council be in a position to offer such incentives for families to move to Home Hill? It seems doubtful. More thought needs to be given to moving people out to the country where there is suitable housing for sale and rental accommodation, both at reasonable prices—and many jobs for those who want to work.

- DAVID JACKSON

Craft Spectacular reverts back to May date

FOLLOWING an amazing Christmas Craft Spectacular conducted by the Burdekin Uniting Church in December, 2022, after the interruption to their normal schedule caused by the COVID Pandemic in 2020 and 2021, the Burdekin Craft Spectacular will return to the Burdekin Memorial Hall in Ninth Avenue, Home Hill on Saturday, May 13 – the day before Mothers' Day, 2023.

The Craft Spectacular will be open to the public from 9am to 2pm on Saturday, May 13 with an entry fee of only \$2 per person.

Group bookings of 10 or more will cost \$10 each, which also includes morning tea. Group booking must be made in advance, with children under 13 being free of charge.

There will be a huge array of stalls showcasing the

amazing talent of many residents of the Burdekin and surrounding districts.

There will also be free demonstrations running throughout the day, including a Children's Treasure Hunt, with each participating child receiving a prize. Food will be available in the beautiful Dining Room, with the ever popular High tea trolley tempting patrons with some very special treats. A Cake stall will also be operating on the day.

The public is invited to come along to the 2023 Craft Spectacular and bring your Mum, Mum-in-Law, daughters and daughters-in-law – as well as your granddaughters - to view the large range of stalls and share in a beautiful dining experience with home-made Quiches, cakes and the numerous high tea trolley delights.

The Burdekin Craft Spectacular is also the perfect place to obtain your Mum's Mother's Day gift or to get

a gift for a special friend – or even something special for yourself.

Adults and children are also being encouraged to get creative and enter the Craft Spectacular's competition to hand make a "Childhood Treasure".

The entry fee is \$2 and the "treasures", which will be on display, will be judged by the public with a gold coin donation.

Money raised will assist the church to begin a special Sunday Program for school-aged children. The most popular entry will receive a prize.

Entries must be received by 8am on the day or otherwise should be left at Home Hill News & Coffee prior to the day. Enquires should be directed by email to burdekincraftspectacular@gmail.com or by phoning Judy Berryman (0428 877 883).



Some of the many crafts that were on display at the Burdekin Craft Spectacular held in the Burdekin Memorial Hall in December, 2022



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Parliament update

YOUTH crime took centre stage at the recent sittings of Parliament as new laws were debated and passed.

While Townsville has held much of the spotlight around crime in recent years, the reality is the issue is an epidemic that has spread right across the state and our small regional communities, like Home Hill, are certainly not immune. Unfortunately, while we heard the state government reiterate that community safety comes first, every Labor member voted down an amendment to remove detention as a last resort when sentencing a juvenile offender. While the Queensland LNP will never stand in the way of good policy, particularly when it comes to addressing youth crime and providing consequences for actions, it is already clear this legislation simply does not go far enough.

Home Hill driven batty

THEY are not only unsightly . . . when they are in significant colonies, they are a serious health concern and right now, they are driving Home Hill batty. The current colony of flying foxes at Kidby's Gully is causing significant concern to local residents and once again, I have written to Council to raise these concerns. In August, I was advised by council that

RIGHT—Lorna and Raymond Abdy with Dale Last MP at the RYDA program

its department was working on a dispersal plan, which needed to be formulated and costed before the issue could be further considered. In recent weeks I was advised that this dispersal plan is still being worked on. Rest assured this issue won't be one that I will let lie and I will be continuing to advocate for a plan to be finalised and implemented as soon as possible.

A special reunion

IN EARLY March, I attended the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) program, where I had the pleasure of reuniting with two friends from my days as a police officer in Charters Towers. Raymond Abdy's story is one that stays with me even today and what is even more remarkable is Raymond and Lorna's dedication to helping educate young drivers. I had the pleasure of joining them as they were both presented with Rotary's highest accolade, the Paul Harris Fellowship and then again the following day, where they shared their important

message with the next generation of drivers. Each year, Lorna and Raymond travel to the Burdekin to share Raymond's story in the hopes of inspiring young drivers to take care and drive to the conditions when they get behind the wheel of the car. It was an honour to stand with them this year to share my memories of that night as a first responder on the scene.

Here to help

If you or someone you know has an issue that you need help with, please remember . . . my job is to represent you. I may not always be able to fix the problem, but rest assured, I will always do my best.

For help, please call my office on 1800 817 594 or send an email to burdekin@parliament.qld.gov.au

Until next time, stay safe and well.

Dale Last
 Member for Burdekin

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Road crash database needed

A PUSH by the Australian Automobile Association for urgent federal action on identifying the causes of bad crashes, has been joined by Shadow Minister for Northern Australia, Senator Susan McDonald, in light of shocking statistics that show higher risks for non-metropolitan drivers. Senator McDonald said AAA analysis in Queensland showed regional drivers were dying at three times the rate of metropolitan drivers, while in Western Australia, the regional driver death rate was nearly 20 times the city rate. Nationwide, regional drivers are dying about five times the rate of city drivers. Senator McDonald added that a 2022 RACQ analysis showed 17 regional Queensland roads - including seven in North Queensland - were considered "high to medium" risk of serious injury and death. She called for state-based crash-cause data to be collected and shared nationally.

Sewing skills bring fashions to life

WHILE much of the entertainment in the Home Hill District over the next month or two will be on the sporting fields, an event not to be missed displaying the artistic talent in the area will be the popular Burdekin Artisan Community Association's annual "Burdekin Rags to Runway 2023". The event tests the skills of participating seamstresses in turning valueless garments, that may have been sitting in a cupboard or on a shelf in an Opportunity Shop for long periods, into outstanding fashions that will stand out in the crowd at any major event. The Presentation Night of the completed outfits has attracted good crowds in the past years, when it has been held under the stars at the Burdekin Netball Association Courts in Home Hill. However, this year will feature a different atmosphere as the updated fash-

ions will be featured on stage at the Burdekin Memorial Hall on Saturday night, April 22, 2023 with seating from 7pm for a 7.30pm start to the announcement of the judges' decisions in the various sections. Sewing enthusiasts from throughout the northern region have displayed their skills in past events with a variety of outstanding outfits being shown on the catwalk. Tickets are available at \$40 per person from the Burdekin Artisan Community Association Inc at 170 Arts on the Avenue or online at Trybooking.com. All funds raised will stay in the Home Hill district supporting the many artists who display their varying forms of artwork at the Artisan Community Shop at 170 Eighth Avenue, Home Hill, adjacent to Ashworths Rock Shop. Book now for a night of fashions.



Participants in the rain-affected 2022 Home Hill Anzac Day

Remembering the Anzacs

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Participants in the annual Street Parade will assemble in Tenth Avenue, Home Hill prior to moving off at 10.45am and proceeding to the War Memorial in the Home Hill Park, where the Cenotaph Service will take place.

The timing of the parade allows those people who wish to join in the Ayr Anzac Day Parade, to do so before coming back to Home Hill for the local commemoration services.

The Home Hill community is once again encouraged to take advantage of the annual Anzac Day public holiday to honour the ANZACs and those thousands of ex-service men and women who gave their lives in the defence of our country —*Lest We Forget*

Burdekin Rags to Runway 2023



Presentation Night

Burdekin Memorial Hall

77-79 Ninth Avenue, Home Hill

Saturday, April 22, 2023

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A feast of entertainment

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return to normal after the many interruptions caused by the Covid Pandemic, Saturday, May 13 will see the return to that month of the Uniting Church's Burdekin Craft Spectacular—following on to its success last December when it made a return after Covid. (Full details of the Craft Spectacular are on page 3 of this issue.)

The following weekend, Saturday, May 20 will highlight action on the Burdekin Race Track in Home Hill, as horses from throughout North Queensland enter the Burdekin Growers Race Day, while thousands of fashionistas face the judges in the hope of winning some of the valuable prizes that are on offer.



Winning combination of owners, trainers and jockey Kelsey Lenton with Let's Torque a Deel after their Burdekin Cup success.

Photo by Saskia Vollema-Creek

The popular race meeting also features the give-away of large quantities of the Burdekin top quality vegetables donated by local growers which provides a popular conclusion to the racing – before a night of music and dancing as the event continues into the night.

The month of May will also feature the Sweet Days, Hot Nights Festival, which is to be held at the former Home Hill Showgrounds on Friday and Saturday, May 26 and 27.

The event will again feature the “first Cane Fire of the annual sugar crushing season” as well as the North Queensland Hand Cane Cutting Championships on Saturday, May 27 – again a unique and popular event, especially for the many travellers in the community at that time.

The Burdekin Race Club will be back in action on Saturday, June 17, when another meeting, previously set to be held in Charters Towers, is now being held on the Home Hill track—including what would have been the Charters Towers Cup, with increased prize money for that event. Local residents should plan early for everything that is ahead of them on the entertainment calendar in the months ahead – it is going to be a busy and rewarding time for the Home Hill community.



Action in the Over 55 section of the last Hand Cane Cutting Championships held in Home Hill.

Monthly Bible Message

(Contributed)



But Jesus looked at them and said, with man this is impossible but with God all things are possible.

- Matthew 19, 26

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Sugar milling tour of Pioneer Mill now available

ANYONE, anywhere can now step inside a working sugar mill and learn about the sugar-making process through a virtual mill tour that has been launched by Wilmar Sugar.

The new VR tour, which was created at Wilmar's Pioneer Mill, is a first for the company.

General Manager Operations, Mike McLeod said the virtual tour provided visitors with an immersive experience of the sugar manufacturing process – from start to finish.

"We're really proud to launch this virtual tour, as it will allow people from all over the world to explore our Pioneer Mill facility from their computer or mobile device," Mr McLeod said.

"It's a fantastic opportunity to showcase our operations, share our knowledge and promote the Australian sugar manufacturing industry."



Wilmar Sugar Production Superintendent, James Wallace (pictured left) said the virtual tour would be well received by tourists, students and people from Queensland's milling communities. "We know there's a lot of interest in what goes on inside a sugar mill and we get frequent requests for mill tours, particularly from tourists," he said. "We can't provide public tours due to safety reasons, but now we can offer virtual tours."

Brandon State School Principal, Rowan Coffey said the virtual mill

tour would be a valuable learning resource.

"Our kids are digital kids and they love exploring virtual spaces.

"This virtual tour will allow children to really look inside the production of sugar and allow us to understand

how we produce food," Mr Coffey said.

The virtual tour was created using Matterport 3D technology, with the final product featuring 17 'rooms' with information boxes, as well as videos that capture the sights and sounds of the factory.

Visitors can navigate through the different parts of the mill, from the tippler, where the cane comes into the factory, to the dryer, where the sugar crystals are tumble dried before going into storage.

They can also see inside the powerhouse, where green energy is generated for Queensland homes.

Take the tour by going to Google 'Wilmar Sugar virtual mill tour'.

Wilmar Sugar is Australia's largest sugar manufacturer, operating eight sugar mills across the Herbert, Burdekin, Proserpine and Sarina regions as well as being the major joint-venture partner of sugar refineries in Mackay, Victoria and New Zealand.



Brandon State School students check out Wilmar's new virtual mill tour

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Christmas greetings to Prime Minister - 1944

CHRISTMAS greeting from the Second World War era was brought back to the families associated with *The Home Hill Observer* during the past month, with a Facebook reminder of correspondence exchanging the festive greeting in December, 1944. The exchange had commenced earlier in the month when the then proprietor of *The Home Hill Observer*, Mr Tom Jackson, had passed on "The Kindest Thoughts and Best Wishes" to the then Prime Minister, Mr John Curtin.

A response dated 20th December, 1944, was received in letter form from the Prime Minister's Private Secretary advising that "The Prime Minister has requested me to drop you a letter and thank you for your Xmas (sic) card and greetings



Founder of "The Home Hill Observer, Tom Jackson



Inkerman Sugar Mill, Home Hill, Nth. Queensland.



Burdekin River in Flood, Nth. Queensland.



Inkerman Irrigation Power House, Nth. Queensland.



Irrigation of Cotton Crop.



Railway Station, Home Hill, Nth. Queensland.



The card offered the Prime Minister "the Season's Greetings and a wish for your speedy return to good health". Tom Jackson also did not miss the opportunity to ensure the national leader was well aware of Home Hill with the card carrying a series of local pictures (which were not produced as easily as they are in the current times) as well as a rundown of the agricultural side of Home Hill, which read –

HOME HILL – a flourishing town, which has grown rapidly since the erection of the Inkerman Sugar Mill in 1915. It is located about a mile south of the Burdekin River. During the period 1931 – 1940, the total sugar manufactured was 330,732 tons, the highest yield in 1930 with 12,000 tons. During these 10 years, the average was less than 7 tons of cane to manufacture one ton of sugar. There are 200 suppliers to the mill and all farms are served by irrigation, the majority being backed up with the central power house and electricity transmitted to all farms for pumping purposes. It is the sixth largest scheme of its kind in Queensland and was taken over by the farmers from the State Government.

In addition to sugar cane, other crops including cotton, tomatoes, potatoes and vegetables are being grown in great quantities.

The area has a great agricultural future.

(The figures are reproduced as best they could be in deciphering the copy of what was originally written.)



Main Street, Home Hill, Nth. Queensland.



District Hospital, Home Hill, Nth. Queensland.



Inkerman Sugar Mill, Home Hill, Nth. Queensland.



Burdekin River in Flood, Nth. Queensland.



Inkerman Irrigation Power House, Nth. Queensland.



Uli Liessmann comments . .

FINALLY an upgrade—Council is laying down a concrete foot-path through Memorial Park—An excellent job by the council workers in extreme weather



conditions. This will help with the ANZAC Day parade with well defined entry and exit points. When Council finishes the arbour along the footpath, it will enhance the overall appearance of the park.

WHILE I'm on this subject, what about the addition of a decent size toilet block in the park(?) for major events such as ANZAC day or Harvest Festival, just to mention two. Or should the toilets need to be opened in the Memorial Hall every day with appropriate signage to let the public know where they are. Something must be done instead of having smelly port-a-loos in the middle of the road. ANZAC Park in Ayr has decent toilets, so why not in Home Hill? And get rid of the attitude of 'that will do for Home Hill', because it won't do, as we all pay rates and second best is no longer okay.



THE Home Hill RSL sub branch has now completed the laying of the final plaques for all returned WWI soldiers. This was achieved after an exceptionally long haul with all members involved. A special thanks to Elizabeth and Ken (pictured left) Wright and Council. The RSL is looking into having an

official opening later in the year, with dignitaries from the RSL in Brisbane and Townsville attending. In fact, it will be open to one and all. More information on this subject at a later date.

HERE is a thought—we have all heard and read about First Nation Peoples wanting a voice in parliament and I can go along with this. Now myself and many others would like to invest and have a 'Voice' as well, in Local or State Government, partnering with councillors to reduce spending on unnecessary services, which are not vital to either the present economy or relevant at this time. To help and increase operational efficiency is necessary with accountability. Typical examples among



Businessman and Home Hill Chamber of Commerce Vice President, Uli Liessmann reports on local issues of interest in the Home Hill district

many other issues—white line marking on country roads (this is a safety issue), feral cats and, of course, the flying fox problem. Not once have I had a response either verbally or in writing either to myself or to the Home Hill Chamber—neither negative nor positive, just a blank stare of nothing. Should the people's voice ever come about and I think it should, this could put a whole new spin on all tiers of government in years to come. This new legislation needs to happen and needs to encompass all people. For people with a 'can-do' mindset to solve customers' and ratepayers' concerns and problems, as might be of concern to local Government. And why do we not play the National Anthem, our heritage, along with welcome to country? They should go hand in hand for all people at all times.

YOU may already have noticed the new LED sign in front of the old Home Hill Court House. This is a great addition for the town.

BUSINESS can always be better, to help pay expenses and keep employees employed—So where am I going with this? Well, we have two businesses, maybe more, plus hotels in town and these businesses sell coffee among other things. So why is there free coffee at the Tourist Information Centre, which is funded by council (ratepayers)? if you can't pay for a cup of coffee, you should not be travelling at the expense of others.

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

- ULI LIESSMANN





Pastoral Care

Available at Home Hill parish office.

Father Manoj and/or Father Daniel will be available at St Colman's Parish office every Wednesday from 10 am to 12 pm. The office at the back of the church will be open for Home Hill parishioners to visit with Father Manoj and/or Father Daniel who can offer spiritual guidance, share prayers, hear confessions, or discuss concerns or to have a meal with members of the Home Hill Community from first week of July. Please feel free to drop in and share time with our parish priests. Let us rejoice in the Lord as this opportunity will bring us more life and blessings into our lives.

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

170 Arts on the Avenue—The Burdekin Artisan Community Association Inc. invites you to inspect their display of various arts and craft forms at the Ashworths Rock Shop complex each day from 10am to 5pm Tuesday to Friday and 9.30am 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 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 Club** (phone 0467 566 448) — 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.

Burdekin Friendship Club—Fortnightly, on Mondays from 9.30am to 11.30am at St Helen's Anglican Church Hall, Cnr Fourteenth Street and Tenth Avenue, Home Hill. \$7 per person. Light entertainment and fellowship. Morning Tea provided. Phone Esme 4782 1766.

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 Friends and Neighbours Craft Group—meets every Wednesday from 9am to 11.30am at the Home Hill Community Sports Club, Ninth Avenue, Home Hill for general craft activities and cooking tips. Cost is \$3 with morning tea. Phone 0427 804 129 for more information

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 three Saturday nights 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