

# HOME HILL NEWS

A welcome from the Home Hill Business Community - No. 46, June, 2019

## Rain dampens plans for first fire

THE *Sweet Days, Hot Nights Festival* at the former Home Hill Showgrounds, has been well timed, with the planned first official cane fire of the season on Thursday, May 30, occurring only a few days ahead of the start to the crushing for Inkerman Mill at Home Hill.

Wilmar's Inkerman and Kalamia Sugar Mills in the Burdekin will be the first of the company's eight factories to commence the 2019 operations on Tuesday, June 4.

Wilmar's other two local mills, Invicta and Pioneer, are scheduled to start a week later on Tuesday, June 11.

Crushing is expected to commence in the Herbert River area and at Plane Creek at Sarina on June 18 and at Proserpine Mill on June 25.

Wilmar is expecting to process about 15.41 million tonnes of sugar cane this year, to manufacture about 2.1 million tonnes of raw sugar, according to the company's Cane Supply and Grower Relations General Manager, Paul Giordani.

"As a group, we're expecting a similar throughput for 2019 as last year, when we processed 15.44 million tonnes of sugar cane," Mr Giordani said.

"The crop estimate is down in the Herbert this year due to the big summer rain events causing flooding and crop damage, but we're seeing bigger crops in the Burdekin, Proserpine and Plane Creek regions."

Wilmar's regional crop estimates for the season are: Herbert 4.26 million tonnes; Burdekin 8.24 million tonnes; Proserpine 1.61 million tonnes; Plane Creek 1.3 million tonnes.

General Manager Operations, Mike McLeod said work teams across the four regions were finalising an extensive capital and maintenance works program to get the factories ready for the crush.

"We're spending about \$134 million across our sites this year, with a particular focus on further improving performance and reliability.

"Major projects this year include the installation of three new pans in the Burdekin, a new high grade centrifugal at Plane Creek Mill, mill turbine overhauls at Proserpine Mill and a new cane shredder in the Herbert."



This is the best result that could be obtained during the attempt on Thursday night to light up the first fire of the season before the affects of showers throughout the day put the fire out. Inset is the Sculpted by Fire effigy which met its intended fate. (See the original effigy before it was lit up, on page seven).

## Mixed result for a bumper crowd

THE 2019 *Sweet Days, Hot Nights Festival* produced a bumper start, with a large crowd turning out in Home Hill on Thursday night, May 30, for the first part of the unique three-day event - the lighting of the first cane fire for the new crushing season.

With the 2019 crushing season to commence at Wilmar's Inkerman Mill in Home Hill and Kalamia Mill near Ayr on Tuesday, June 4, the initial lighting of the First Fire provided a disappointing result for the many visitors who joined with local community members to witness the event, as light showers during the day left a wet crop, which failed the attempt to light it up.

It was subsequently hoped to carry out the planned burn on Friday.

The crowd enjoyed the entertainment which included singer, Miella Sartori, the fire-twirling Sensory Circus Tribe and the Rhythm Connections' drumming circle.

The festival's signature art installation, the Sculpted by Fire effigy, provided a better result, with it quickly succumbing

to the flames after being lit. In his regular column (page 7), Cr Uli Liessmann has also suggested a name be developed for the "cane burning man".

The Festival continued on Friday night at the first Burdekin Cultural Fair beside the PCYC in Ayr - a celebration of all things food, fun and family.

The event was then to return to its original home at the former Home Hill Showgrounds on Saturday, where the Australian Hand Cane Cutting Championships was to provide the novelty entertainment in the paddock of cane that was to be burnt in Thursday night's opening. The competition is an eye-opener for many people, who would not have seen or experienced the cutting of a cane crop by hand, as it was in the early 1900's.

Participants vied for cash prizes by entering any of the seven different divisions, including the inaugural Ladies Novice and Corporate Cup. For those not eager to test their cane cutting skills, there were other activities on offer. Entry to the Festival was free.

THE “negative” word continues to be aimed at members of the Home Hill community who have the hide to defend the town, by those from out of our town who believe we should just accept what is offered without expressing our own opinions on the consequences of such decisions. So be it—if we are “negative” for standing up for the town, we are prepared to wear the title.

We have always tried to be positive through the pages of *The Home Hill News* but that can be hard to do when there are varying levels of government, banks and other organisations working against the town and its residents.

Just like what is happening between North Queensland and the south-east corner of the state, Home Hill is being forced to sit back and watch work progress in other parts of the Shire while our town gets very little—even after paying more towards the Shire’s upkeep than our land valuations provide for.

The recent federal election brought forward all sorts of offers of multi-million dollar developments for city areas where the most votes were—but not a word from any party offering to take our own area forward. In fact, we would question if any candidates even spared a thought for our town as they passed through to their larger destinations.

The state government has made moves towards changing their line of thought towards mining development following the federal election result, which was totally unexpected. But again, all thoughts are towards the needs of the city voters.

The advent of the Adani and other mining projects should prove a benefit to local workers if they ever get off the

## The finer points of Home Hill . .



WHAT a disappointing highway entrance statement into the southern side of Home Hill with the sudden closure in the last couple of weeks of the former United Service Station opposite the town’s race course. Before anyone was aware of the decision to close the facility, the bowsers were removed along with all signage, barriers were up and windows were boarded up—a sad end to what was a popular business over many years with its fuel supplies and its varieties of food, both for travellers and locals alike. We would hope the decision to close the service station wasn’t made just to prop up the second United business on the other side of the river. The empty building is now number 32 for the town, adding to the 31 we advised of last month. Hopefully something will be done by all levels of government as soon as possible to get something going for our town before there is nothing left to prop up.

ground—just like the Evolution Gold Mine, south of Home Hill, which is offering good jobs to anyone in need and they pick up workers in Home Hill and drop them off again at the end of their weekly work schedule.

Evolution is going out of their way locally to promote their proximity to Home Hill and what they can offer workers, including addressing a meeting of the Home Hill Chamber of Commerce recently.

It was good to see the council hosting a pop-up discounted microchipping event in Home Hill recently, allowing local residents to take advantage of the \$15 service.

More of such events need to be held outside Ayr, rather than using them as a shopping incentive for Ayr, which hurts Home Hill businesses.

MORE needs to be done to encourage our own local residents to support our local businesses as well, rather than tripping over the river or to Townsville, or even shopping online, to the detriment of those remaining local businesses trying to make a living. Driving over to Ayr to shop at major supermarkets provides no benefits on

top of other fuel and motor vehicle costs, especially when we have a very good local supermarket offering similar services and prices overall.

Those major supermarkets are going out of their way to entice local shoppers to spend in their aisles, by offering incentives through new equipment for local schools.

The schools cannot be criticised for accepting those free gifts—but do they have to put up signs encouraging people to shop away from our town to our detriment?

If that continues to happen, local residents will soon have to get everything out of town - without the incentive of the free gifts.

OUR region could learn from the town of Broome in the north of Western Australia—a similar size with 3000 people, but with numerous opportunities helping it to move forward, such as oil and gas industries off the coast and associated staff and business opportunities and a thriving airport with aircraft of all sizes in and out every day—not to mention the tourist resorts, restaurants and other activities.

- DAVID JACKSON

# Another success for Burdekin Growers Race Day

THE Burdekin Race Club has produced another successful Growers' race day on the Home Hill track with a large crowd turning out for the day of fashions with substantial prizes given away, patrons going away with boxes of the best Burdekin Produce, thanks to the generosity of local horticultural growers and an excellent day of horse racing. The racing concluded with the Burdekin Cup (1830 metres) being won by Shiranda (W. D'Avila) ahead of Roscommon (C. Dobic) with Try Me Dol (F. Edwards) in third place.



Part of the bumper crowd that attended the 2019 Growers Race Day.

## Population figures create division

THE rise and fall of the population of each of the major towns in the Burdekin Shire were highlighted at the May networking meeting of the Home Hill Chamber of Commerce, with the President of the Home Hill Community Sports Club, Bob Ford, suggesting there had been a fall in the population figures of Home Hill, Ayr, Brandon, Giru and Alva Beach.

However, the presentation of the figures, from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office reports raised the ire of Burdekin Shire Mayor, Lyn McLaughlin, who questioned the figures presented to the meeting by Mr Ford.

Mr Ford has subsequently provided a copy of his figures, saying that "despite our Mayor's protestations, here is the actual population statistics, taken between 2010 (population 14,051) and 2016 (population 12,626)".

Mr Ford reported figures "in the main areas of our Shire with a population total for all areas estimated at around 17,000".

He said the (shire) population decline was

significant, estimated today being in decline by 0.6 per cent and by 2041, stable at around a population of 17,000".

However, the mayor presented similar figures from the same source, which produced varying totals – and suggesting "all I did was take/add the numbers from each year compared to the previous year".

That brought forward a possible conclusion that the variation is solely due to a maths problem in adding up or subtracting the various figures.

Mr Ford's figures for Home Hill alone were—2001, 3143; 2002, 3117; 2003, 3906; 2004, 3079; 2005, 3072; 2006, 3075; 2007, 3105; 2008, 3100; 2009, 3093; 2010, 3103; 2011, 3091; 2012, 3102, 2013, 3146; 2014, 3088; 2015, 3046, 2016 2977.

The mayor produced the following result, using the same figures, but adding and subtracting each year separately to get the final population figure of minus 58. She said the population percentage depends on what years you compare - e.g. census year 2001: 3143 - 2977 = decrease 166; 15

years census year 2006: 3075 - 2977 = decrease 98; 10 years census year 2011: 3091 - 2977 = decrease 114; 5 years census year 2016: 2977.

2001:	3143 - 3117 = -26
2002:	3117 - 3096 = -21
2003:	3096 - 3079 = -17
2004:	3079 - 3072 = -7
2005:	3072 - 3075 = 3
2006:	3075 - 3105 = 30
2007:	3105 - 3100 = -5
2008:	3100 - 3093 = -7
2009:	3093 - 3103 = 10
2010:	3103 - 3091 = -12
2011:	3091 - 3102 = 11
2012:	3102 - 3146 = 44
2013:	3146 - 3088 = -58
2014:	3088 - 3046 = 42
2015:	3046 - 2977 = 69
2016:	2977

The most up-to-date information can be viewed on the Queensland Government Statistician's Office website on the following web page—[www.qgso.qld.gov.au/products/tables/erp-ucl-qld/index.php](http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/products/tables/erp-ucl-qld/index.php).

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# Where you can get your coffee fix in Home Hill . .

MORE Home Hill businesses have come forward to make their coffee-making credentials known, with the Home Hill Newsagency, the Crown Hotel and The Burdekin Motor Inn's new Coffee Lounge and Café (opening at 9am on Friday morning, June 7) adding their names to the list of places in our town where visitors and locals alike can pick up their choice of coffee fix on the days of the week when they are open.

The **Crown Hotel**, in the middle of the town's Central Business District, have coffee available from 10am on a daily basis.

They are also offering the added incentive of a variety of cheese cakes and Gluten Free cakes for their customers to choose from.



The **Home Hill Newsagency** in Eighth Avenue can also provide for the desires of coffee drinkers with their self-service "I Love Coffee" facility, which is available at \$3 per cup.

The newsagency is open from 5.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, from 5.30am to 1pm on Saturday and from 5.30am to 11am on Sunday,

The **Burdekin Motor Inn's Coffee Lounge and Café** will be open from 9am to 2pm from June 7, with home-made cheese cakes, burgers, wraps, meals and lamingtons for customers to choose from. They will also be offering Iced Coffee "made the old-fashioned way".

The new service at the **Home Hill Olympic Swimming Pool** is now operating in pool hours for local residents and visitors alike to meet their coffee desires.

Pool Lessees, Lloyd and Lisa Shepherd have a new coffee making machine, together with tables and chairs for customers to relax and enjoy the pool surroundings.

With installation and training now complete, the coffee service is available from the pool entry area from 5.30am to 9am and 1pm to 6pm daily throughout the winter season.

Anyone desiring a tasty coffee can also visit **Dee & Vee's Takeaway in Eighth Avenue, Home Hill**, where the coffee will complement the menu the business offers in their seven-day-a-week operation.

Sisters, Debbie Stevenson and Veronica Melvin have Meals and coffee available on Monday and Tuesday from 10am till 2pm; Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to 7.30pm; Friday from 10am till 8pm; Saturday from 11am till 7.30pm and Sunday from 4pm till 7.30pm.

Any other Home Hill business that provides a coffee service should email [ddjacko@bigpond.com](mailto:ddjacko@bigpond.com) with full details of opening times and any other relevant information, we can each month provide a reminder to coffee drinkers of where and when they can fill their requirements in Home Hill. **It is clear there is no need to go to Ayr for a coffee fix.**

The 2019 crushing season is under way  
Cane trains are on the move 24/7

## Use your train brain

- Stay alert
- Obey the signs
- Always give way to cane trains

## Apprenticeship opportunities

WILMAR Sugar Australia has confirmed it will take on 33 new apprentices next year.

The first-year positions will be available across the company's eight sugar mills and at the Sarina BioEthanol Distillery.

It is good news for those looking to learn a trade in fitting and turning, electrical, boiler-making or diesel fitting.

Wilmar Training and Development Manager, Scott Young said the company was proud to provide ongoing employment opportunities for young people in regional areas. Applicants need to have passed Year 10 maths and English and electrical applicants also require a pass in physics or maths B. Applications for the 2020 apprenticeship intake will open on July 13, 2019.

# Home Hill delegates join Women In Sugar Conference

SEVERAL Home Hill women joined a group of 11 ladies from Women In Sugar Burdekin (WISB) who attended the Women In Sugar Australia (WISA) 2019 Conference in Ingham recently in what was an opportunity to meet up with members of the organisation from other growing regions and learn about current issues in agriculture.

With a theme of "The Challenge of Change", the conference presentations focused not only on the changes in agriculture, but on the changes in the political and social landscape affecting farmers.

Conference guest speaker, Liz Schmidt entertained the audience with her speech on how she went from pregnant schoolgirl to Charters Towers Mayor and her message that everyone needed to be an "advocate for your industry".

She left delegates with a quote to hang in their work space - "Leadership is not about being the best. Leadership is about making others better".

Neroli Roocke from Canegrowers, Brisbane spoke about the sugar industries' social licence to operate, presenting information on surveys which had been prepared on people's perceptions regarding the sugar industry, with her graphs showing older people identified the sugar industry as farmers, whereas younger people tend to see it as being the food and beverage manufacturers.

Guest speaker at the conference dinner



The Burdekin delegates to the Women In Sugar Australia Conference held in Ingham.

was the 2018 National Rural Woman of the Year, Krista Watkins, who spoke about how she co-founded a business producing green banana flour and how that led to other innovations using previously wasted agricultural produce.

On the second day of the conference, delegates joined a bus tour around the Ingham district, visiting an orchid farm and learning about the intricacies of orchid plant propagation.

The group also toured a Liquaforce fertiliser plant and learned about liquid fertiliser composition and application, while the benefits of liquid fertiliser were discussed.

The tour was welcomed onto Bellasato's Farm, where, for bio-security reasons, they were unable to tour the farm operations. However, the work involved in diversifying into chicken production, using the cane farm's fallow rotation, became obvious.

Operators Leanne and Dan Cordner were generous with information on how they operate and how they produce and use bio fertiliser on their farm.

WIS Burdekin member, Kimberley Mallon said

she had been attending Women in Sugar conferences for quite a few years and each time, she had come away with better knowledge and understanding of their industry.

"I love being able to capture the friendships that have been built between members from all our networks throughout the state," she said.

Another Home Hill member, Margaret Linton said there was always something new to learn and see when they attended the different regions' conferences.

Burdekin Secretary, Wendy Zandonadi said being part of Women in Sugar Burdekin and attending the annual conferences gave members opportunities they wouldn't otherwise have.

"We have the opportunity to listen to speakers and meet people who are the leaders in their field," she said.

"We get to visit places many people don't get to visit. How good is that?"

The next WISA Conference will be held in Mackay in 2020.

Women in Sugar Burdekin meet regularly on the second Wednesday of each month.

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# Students master the spoken word in Voice of Youth

HOME HILL High School students have shown you do not have to go far to find a source of mastery in the spoken word.

The School's representatives, who participated in the recent Rostrum Voice of Youth heats at the school, were astounding, as they had no trouble in delivering well thought-out speeches on a wide range of subjects.

Subjects such as 'Towering Achievement', 'A Modern Epidemic', 'Stop Spending Time on the Negative', 'Genuine Treasure' and 'Be Part of the Discussion' were among those covered in the students' presentations.

The information flowed like water to an audience really tuned in and those present could hear a pin drop.

A Rostrum member said that "never have I seen a night that does not inspire the audience—why, because this is serious business. Never let it be said their talent is going to waste, the potential is there and today's students have a grip on how to deliver results".

Added to that was the number of entries this year, a total of 11, the best for quite some time, bringing the comment—"the right things are hap-

pening at Home Hill High".

Senior students also participated along with the Junior speakers, but because they had an appointment with a Debutante Ball, they could not be part of the Schools' final celebrations on Friday at the Burdekin Catholic High School.

Selections of Merit were handed to Bella Linton and Shima Tustin, who were given the honour of representing the Junior section of Home Hill High School at the BCHS finals.



Home Hill High School's Junior Speakers were (from left) Rian Berryman, Kailan Tustin, Caitlyn Swinney, Joshua Machin, Isabella Linton, Hanne Kingma, Shima Tustin and Jacob Machin.

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Home Hill High School Senior speakers were (from left) Jenna Attard, Brianne Gibson and Darcy Walters.

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*Home Hill News.*

## Councillor comment . .

Cr Uli Liessmann reports on council activities –



### The state of things

WHETHER we've got it, want it, or need it, we still need to make informed decisions about **priorities** and setting the right goals for the community.

Trying to connect, address and recognise the many concerns of all ratepayers is not an easy job as the budget gets closer.

Everyone has a different concern with a different degree of complexity, depending on where you live in the Burdekin Shire.

The challenge is to have a list of priorities, roads to be maintained and improved drainage, to all vital infrastructure requirements for shire-building across the Burdekin. This includes Ayr and Home Hill and all smaller communities. It takes determination setting goals and sticking to them and to keep going forward on an equal footing across the whole shire, of knowing where to spend the rate dollar for the best possible results.

I agree with the story/advertisement in *The Advocate* on May 1 and 22, 2019, from the Kalamia Canegrowers asking for a curb in public non-essential spending for a more sustainable approach for the future.

The other advertisement asked about rates and budget. Just recently, both Ted Bawden and I were the only ones to vote against an increase to fees and charges—this is leading up to the budget.

The reality is the many empty shops is not a good look when we are trying to attract visitors and new businesses to our shire and the many minor repairs and clean-ups that take forever to be attended to.

Newcastle in New South Wales comes to mind—they had a similar problem with their CBD. Maybe we should talk to these people and get some positive feedback/ideas of the change that helped them.

But again, the difficulty is always paying for it.

On a very positive note on the opening night of Sweet Days and Hot Nights, we will have a cane burning man

again—but this time much bigger.

I think we should come up with a name for this fellow because he will be around for a long time.



Cr Liessmann has suggested naming the Burning Man, which was introduced to the first night of the Sweet Days and Hot Nights Festival last year.

The State Government knows the importance of good local infrastructure spending and with this, Council has got approval along with funding to upgrade and improve the potable water infrastructure in Home Hill.

The upgrade includes a new large water storage tank, pumps and associated pipe works. This will enhance the water security in Home Hill, phone (mob) 0439822064, email [councillor.liessmann@burdekin.qld.gov.au](mailto:councillor.liessmann@burdekin.qld.gov.au) or go to [www.uliliessmann.com.au](http://www.uliliessmann.com.au) .

ULI LIESSMANN

## Theft of statue from Home Hill Comfort Stop costs council \$2000

THIEVES have targeted the Home Hill Comfort Stop, with a statue stolen less than 12 months after it was installed.

The metal statue of a lizard, which formerly sat atop a decorative rock, was reported missing by Council's Parks and Gardens officers in May. It is not known exactly when the statue was taken.

Mayor Lyn McLaughlin said the thieves had gone to considerable lengths to steal the art-

work.

"This statue, which was only installed in September last year, was secured by bolts, pins and construction-grade glue. It would not have been an easy item to dislodge," she said.

"What we are looking at is not a flippant act or a crime of opportunity – it was an intentional act that would have required considerable effort."

She said it beggars belief why someone would

feel so entitled to steal something that was intended for the benefit of the whole community and visitors. "I am absolutely disgusted by this deplorable act."

Cr McLaughlin said the brazen theft would cost Council more than \$2000.

Police have been notified and the Mayor encouraged anyone who may have any information about what occurred to come forward.

# Chamber music orchestra to return to Home Hill

THE Chamber Philharmonia Cologne (Germany) (pictured) is coming back to Home Hill in 2019 for its third visit and with a powerful and lovely new program to be presented on Sunday, June 30, 2019 from 7pm in St. Helen's Anglican Church, Home Hill "Classical music the world over" is the motto of the Orchestra and it is irrelevant for their musicians, whether they are playing in a little village church, in the open air, in Cologne Cathedral or in the Sydney Opera House – their enthusiasm to play music is the same every time.



The objective is simple – they

want to inspire as many people as possible across all generations to enjoy classical music. The popularity of the ensemble is reflected in the fact that the Chamber Philharmonia Cologne gives around 300 concerts a year around the globe and listeners throughout the world look forward to a musical encounter with their exceptionally talented musicians.

The permanently expanding repertoire of the Chamber Philharmonia Cologne consists primarily of hand-picked pieces, while the real appeal of their program lies in the meeting of popular and unknown works from a wide variety of musical epochs. Tickets will be available at the Burdekin Theatre (4783 9880 or [www.burdekintheatre.com.au](http://www.burdekintheatre.com.au)) or at the door one hour prior to the concert from 6 pm for cash sales only.

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

**170 Arts on the Avenue**—The Burdekin Artisans Community invite you to inspect their display of various arts and craft forms at the Ashworths Rock Shop complex from 10am to 5pm each day from Wednesday to Friday and 10am to 2pm Saturday.

**Sing Along with the Home Hill Choral Society** — every Wednesday evening at the Choral Society Hall in Ninth Avenue—from 7pm to 8.30pm. Everyone 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.

**Old Time Dancing** at the St Helen's Anglican Church Hall, Tenth Avenue, Home Hill every Saturday evening;

**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).

**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.

**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;

**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

**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;

**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;

**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.

**Home Hill Swimming Pool** (Eleventh Avenue) is open throughout the winter months.

**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 **Home Hill Bowling Green** (4782 1185—in Ninth Avenue); or at the excellent **Home Hill Tennis complex** in the centre of the Home Hill Race Track.

**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.

**Burdekin Toastmasters** hold their dinner meetings at The Crown Hotel on the first and third Thursday of each month.

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