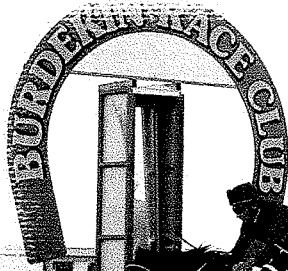


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**SUPPORT FOR**  
**AYR ANZAC MEMORIAL CLUB INC**

The Burdekin Race Club is community based. It is the community that provides the majority of the labour to make our club a success. We 'hire' community groups, for example, school P & Cs, sporting clubs, Scouts and such like. The moneys generated from this 'hire' is often the major fund raising opportunity for these organizations. With out their voluntary work our Racing Club and their organizations would find it difficult to operate. We do have very successful social and community race meetings. But, and it is a large BUT, we manage only to profit little financially. We have one really big day a year for making money, but the other race meetings are run at a loss or very thin profit margins.

One club that always supports us is the AYR ANZAC MEMORIAL CLUB INC.

The Burdekin Race Club has for many years had a race day on ANZAC Day and the Memorial Club assists us on that day as well as all of our other race days by providing prizes for activities at the races. Their generosity and support has assisted us in being successful. As is the case in all communities there is a ripple effect of direct and indirect monitory assistance. We know the AYR Memorial Club gives direct assistance to many community groups and then through us they give indirect assistance to the groups we support.

Although money provides the impetus for community activities, the social well being of a healthy community is also important and the Memorial Club provides an important link for social gatherings.

We feel the commission should be aware of the community assistance the AYR ANZAC MEMORIAL CLUB offers us and other groups in our area. We give our whole support to the Club.

Yours Sincerely,

(S.R.Ruskin) SECRETARY