Margaret Monica Collins (404457)

(see O'Callaghan 1887-1960), was born and raised in Irvinebank and graduated from Cairns District Hospital in 1915. Two years later Monica, as she was usually called, enlisted in the Australian Army Nursing Service and served in the military hospital at Poona, India until discharge in 1919. The Cairns Returned Servicemen and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia (RSILA) elected Monica as an honorary member in 1921, at which time she was again working at the Cairns District Hospital. At 36, Monica married William Collins, a chemist, who was elected Mayor of Cairns in 1927, a position he held for 22 years. They donated land for the eventual construction of Warhaves, a rest home for returned service personnel. In 1939 Monica and four other former nurses and 100 servicemen attended a luncheon at the Masonic Temple. Monica is buried in the Martyn St Cemetery.

Caleb Shaw, DCM and bar MM (2504)

(1884-1953), the most decorated Chinese Australian soldier of First World War - was born in Fortitude Valley and later moved to Cairns. He enlisted in the AIF in 1916 and served in Europe, where he earned his first Distinguished Conduct Medal, for conducting dangerous patrols. In 1917 he won his second DCM and a Military Medal in 1918. He returned home to a hero's welcome at Norman Park (now Murrum Parklands). Caleb served in the Volunteer Defence Force in the Second World War, headquartered at Norman Park. He died in Cairns and is buried in the Martyn St Cemetery.

Harry Doyle (2426)

(1897-1967), an orphaned farmhand, was born in Charter's Towers. He enlisted in Cairns in May 1917. His age was given as 20 years old but some sources believe he was actually only 16. Harry was a Trooper in the 11th Light Horse Regiment and deployed to Mesopotamia, Egypt and Palestine. In 1965 he finally received some of his war service medals, by which time he was living at Warhaves Rest Home, West Cairns. He died at Cairns in 1967 and was buried in the Martyn St Cemetery in an unmarked grave. Aboriginal rights campaigner and friend, Rose Collins later campaigned to place a headstone on his grave to recognize his service as an indigenous serviceman. On Remembrance Day 2008 a service was held to mark this achievement.

Aloomba
Aloomba State School - Nelson St

Babinda
Anzac Park - 107-111 Main St
Babinda Cemetery - Nelson Rd

Barrie Freer
Start of Cane Beetles march

Cairns
Anzac Park - Spence & Wharf Sts
Bekinda Building - Lake & Spence St
Cairns Botanic Gardens - Lake St
Cairns Museum & Historical Society - Poole St
Cairns War - Wharf St
Martyn St War Memorial - Toogoo St
Masoupi Maori Temple - 3-5 Mowbray St
McLeod & Williams Cemetery - JCU & JCU Rd
Munro Martin Parklands - 42-46 McLeod St
RSL Club and Museum - 175-179 Eskdale
St John's Anglican Church - Lake & Mowbray Sts
Toorak Pool - 175 Toorak St

Edenmont
Convent - Fuller Park, HMP St

Gordonvale
Gordonvale Cemetery - High St & Water Rds
Convent and Memorial Park - Gordon St
Gordonvale Memorial Hospital - 1-17 High St
Mulgrave Settlement Museum - Gordon St

Smithfield
Australian Armour and Artillery Museum - 1145 Katherine Rd

Stratford
Stratford Convent - Magazine Rd & Renshaw St

Trinity Beach
War memorial and cenotaph - Kennedy St

Central Cairns
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Gordonvale Opposite the RSL Club is the Gordonvale cenotaph while local memorabilia is held by the local museum. The Gordonvale Hospital was built, in the 1920s, as a memorial to local servicemen.

Smithfield
Visit the Armour and Artillery Museum to see a wide range of armaments including same from the First World War.

Stratford
A modest war memorial stands near the old Barron River Bridge.

Trinity Beach
Trinity Beach is home to the region's most recent memorial. Memorial sealing was established in 2015 and, in part, commemorates the region's funding of an ambulance for helping injured troops.

Cane Beetles Trail
Trace the route between Barrie Freer township and Munro Martin Parklands, Cairns. The scenery is great and these days there are chances to enjoy the numerous waterfalls and a wander around the towns on your way.