

3.11 Portsmouth – Woree Industrial District

3.11.1 Description and Intent

The Portsmouth – Woree Industrial Precinct incorporates the existing major industrial area of the City. The Cairns Seaport which constitutes Strategic Port Land is identified as part of the District but is not subject to the provisions of the Planning Scheme. The Seaport and major rail and road freight terminals are important elements of the District.

The District includes significant mangrove/wetland areas located adjacent to Chinaman Creek and Smith's Creek. It is intended that these mangrove/wetland areas should be retained as a valuable part of the Trinity Inlet ecosystem.

It is intended that the District should continue to function as a major industrial area and employment node accommodating a range of general industrial activities. Industries associated with the Seaport and maritime activities, as well as with rail and road freight are likely to have a major role in the District.

It is intended that the final stages of the subdivision of the Department of State Development land should be completed in accordance with the established planning intent. In association with this, it is intended that Redden Street should be continued to Tingira Street so that Redden Street functions as a loop between Aumuller Street and Tingira Street to facilitate the circulation of industrial traffic.

An area in the north of the District adjacent to Spence Street contains the Council's Administration Centre. This area is identified for commercial development in order to achieve a stronger link between the CBD and the Administration Centre. Suitable uses in this area are considered to be business or professional offices and showrooms.

Several small established residential areas located between Spence Street and Hartley Street are to be retained. Any new industrial development adjacent to these areas must have regard for the amenity of these residential areas.

Land adjacent to Hartley Street, Lyons Street and the Southern Access Road is a Reserve for use by indigenous people. It is intended that this land should be retained for this purpose.

The Cairns Golf Club is located in the southern part of the District and is intended to continue to provide a major recreational facility.

Two major community facilities operated by, or on behalf of, the Council are located in the District. These are the Southern Water Pollution Control Plant and the waste management facility.

The Southern Access Road is intended to remain as a major arterial route to the Portsmouth area and to the CBD.

The former Spence Street rail corridor is to be retained for future use for future public transport or other transport purposes.

3.11.2 Schedule of Special Facilities Approvals

Prior to the Commencement Date, the premises listed in the Schedule of Special Facilities Approvals for the District were approved for particular forms of development.

The development of the premises listed in the Schedule may proceed in accordance with the requirements:-

1. Of the approval (including compliance with the conditions imposed under the listed approval); and
2. Of the codes contained in sections 4.5, 4.6, 4.7 and 4.8 of this Scheme, that are not inconsistent with the conditions of approval.

INDEX	LOT NO.	PLAN NO.	STREET ADDRESS	APPROVED USE
1	Lot 4	RP748862	102 – 104 Cook Street Portsmith	Service station and shop and catering shop, restaurant.

3.11.3 Schedule of Heritage Sites

CURRENT NAME	Cape York Hotel
OTHER KNOWN NAME	National Hotel
ADDRESS	147 Bunda Street, Portsmith.
TITLE DETAILS	Lots 2 & 3 on RP 701413 and L1 on RP 721947
HISTORY	Built in the 1920's to service the industries in the surrounding areas of Parramatta Park & Portsmith, particularly for the railway workers nearby.
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	Two storey masonry hotel with wide timber verandahs.
PHYSICAL INTEGRITY	
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	This hotel is significant for its contribution to this industrial area of Cairns, and for how it reflects the history of the place (criteria a & e).

CURRENT NAME	Incitec Warehouse Complex
OTHER KNOWN NAME	411th Engineers Shipbuilding Shed
ADDRESS	Cook Street, Portsmith
TITLE DETAILS	L39 on plan NR 804225
HISTORY	These are remains of a slipway and large sheds built by the Main Roads Commission for the use by the American Navy during WW2, for shipbuilding and maintenance. After the war the operations of the slipway were taken over by the Cairns Harbour Board.
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	Large corrugated fibro sheeted shed, a smaller prefabricated igloo building, plus some remains of the wharf such as the timber piles.
PHYSICAL INTEGRITY	
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	As part of the infrastructure provided during the wartime exigencies, this site provides evidence of the period of war in the city (criterion a).

CURRENT NAME	Cairns Migrant Centre
OTHER KNOWN NAME	
ADDRESS	Hartley Street, Portsmith
TITLE DETAILS	L1 on RP 720086
HISTORY	Built by the Main Roads Commission during WW2 and was used afterwards as the immigration depot in the post war migration schemes.
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	A large corrugated iron shed.
PHYSICAL INTEGRITY	
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	This building provides evidence of the establishment of infrastructure for war time purposes in Cairns. It is important in the social history of Cairns during WW2 (criteria a & g).

CURRENT NAME	Cairns Plywood
OTHER KNOWN NAME	Cairns Timber Limited
ADDRESS	58-76 Kenny Street, Portsmith.
TITLE DETAILS	Lots 11 - 14 on plan C 19829, Lot 480 on plan NR 3774 and Lot 479 on Plan NR 7694.
HISTORY	Cairns Timber Limited was established around the turn of the century. At its height in the 1930's it was the largest operation in Cairns.
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	Several sheds and other structures standing on a partially cleared site. The remains include a large shed containing stocks of timber products, a veneer kiln, ply lamination presses, a veneer lathe and a boiler.
PHYSICAL INTEGRITY	
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	This complex has significance as rare surviving evidence of the timber industry in the Cairns city region (criterion b).

CURRENT NAME	
OTHER KNOWN NAME	Cairns Brewery
ADDRESS	186 - 196 Spence Street, Portsmith.
TITLE DETAILS	L3 on RP 894303
HISTORY	R. F. G. Fogarty, early Cairns businessman and politician, started the Cairns brewery, brewing Cairns Draught in the 1920's
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	
PHYSICAL INTEGRITY	Property underwent major refurbishment following the closure of the brewery. Interior has been modified to house various retail shops. Mural on exterior wall remains
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	For the landmark and aesthetic qualities of the building, particularly the mural building and for the evidence of the growth of Cairns' industry. The place provides the evidence of a successful Cairns business venture since the 1920's (criteria a & e). It is associated with Cairns local businessman R. F. G. Fogarty