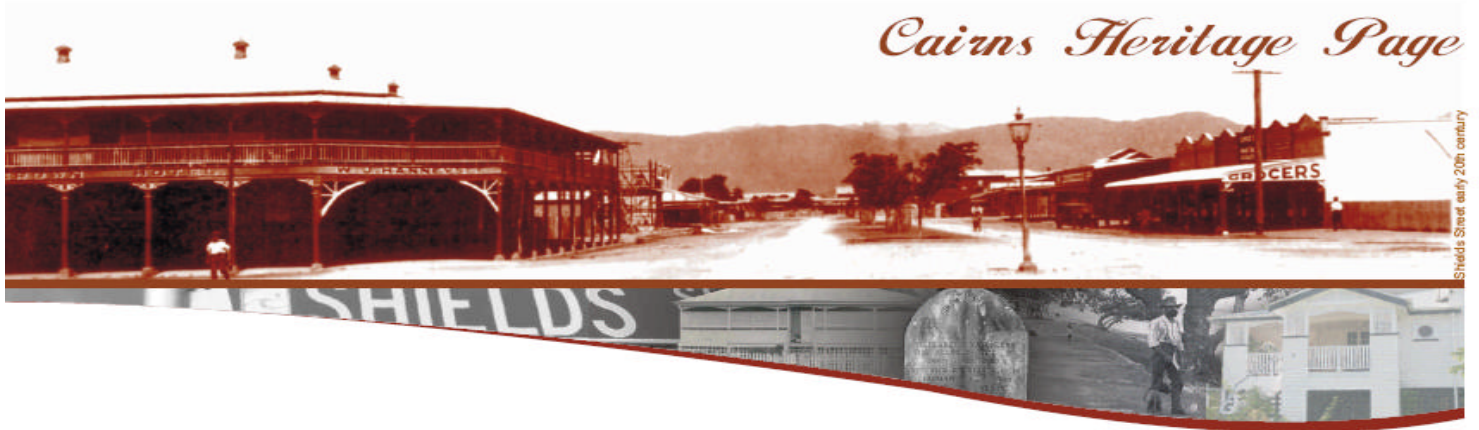


Chairmen of the Cairns Divisional Board

Cairns Divisional Board 1879-1902	
Chairman	Term
Simon Louis Loeven	1880-81
W. P. Redden	1882
Archibald Meston	1883-84
Richard Ash Kingsford	1885
Jean Baptiste Loridan	1885
H. T. S. Douglas	1885-86
James Kenny	1887-88, 1891-92
Thomas Mackay	1889
Richard A. Tills	1890
William Henry Swallow	1893-1897
William John Munro	1898-1902



Simon Louis Loeven
1880-81

Simon Louis Loeven was an early settler who arrived on the first steamer to Cairns. He was one of the first storekeepers of Cairns opening the first drapery store in 1876 and also dealing in second hand goods. He was also a member of the first Health Board of Cairns. Loeven was the first Chairman of the Cairns Divisional Board at their inaugural meeting on the 20th July 1880. Loeven Street in Parramatta Park was named in his honour.

W. P. Redden
1882

W. P. Redden was a carpenter and an early landholder in the Machans Beach area. Redden Creek and Redden Island in Machans Beach were named after him.

Archibald Meston
1883-84

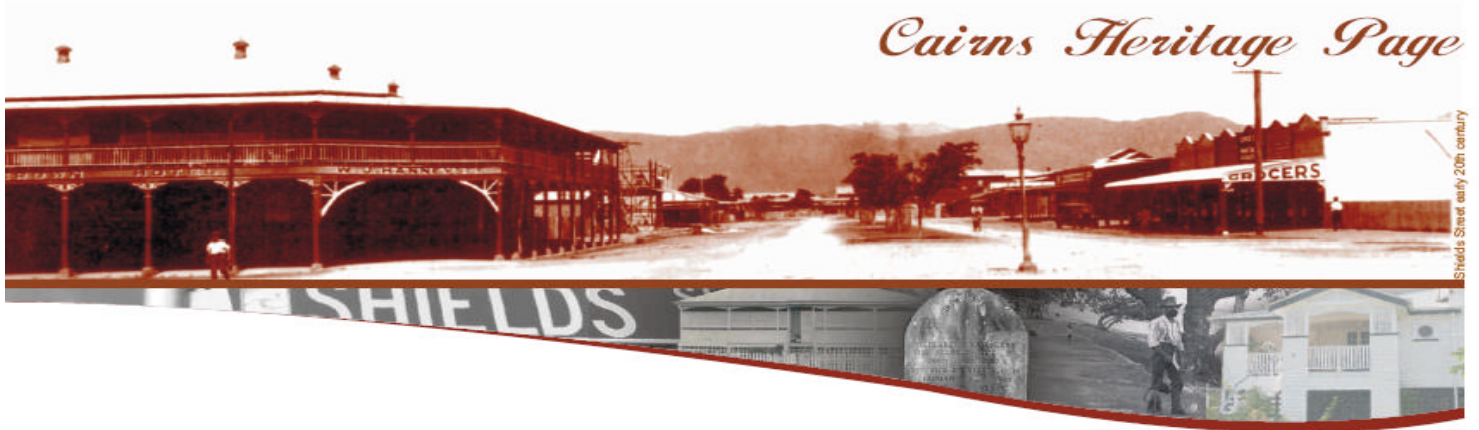
Archibald Meston was born in March 1851 and arrived in Cairns in August 1881. He was a noted Cairns identity and explorer and he lived on a farm in Kamerunga. Meston was actively involved in securing the railway line for Cairns and he also worked in many other places including a position as the Director of the Queensland Government Tourist Bureau in Sydney. Meston Street in Brinsmead was named after this former mayor who died in 1924.

Richard Ash Kingsford
1885

Richard Ash Kingsford was born in Canterbury, England on the 4th of October 1821. He was Chairman of Cairns Divisional Board in 1885 and a member of the Legislative Assembly in the Queensland Colonial Parliament. Mayor of Brisbane in 1876, Kingsford was also a draper and sugar planter. Kingsford Street in Mooroolooloolo is named in his honour. He died in Cairns on January 2nd 1902.

Jean Baptiste Loridan
1885

Jean Baptiste Loridan arrived in the Cairns district from Bendigo in 1882 and took up the 2025 hectare Pyramid Plantation with his brother Jean Gustave in 1883. Together they built the Pyramid Sugar Mill in the upper reaches of the Mulgrave River in 1885. Loridan



Creek and Loridan Waterfall in Gordonvale, located close to their estate , were named after the pair along with Loridan Drive in Brinsmead.

H.T.S. Douglas
1885-86

No information found.

James Kenny
1887-88, 1891-92

James Kenny arrived in Australia in 1864 and was an early settler of Cairns. He owned a sawmill on the inlet and produced a mixture of mangrove mud and sawdust, which set hard and was used for the first footpaths of Cairns. Kenny Street in Portsmouth is named after this former Chairman.

Thomas Mackay
1889

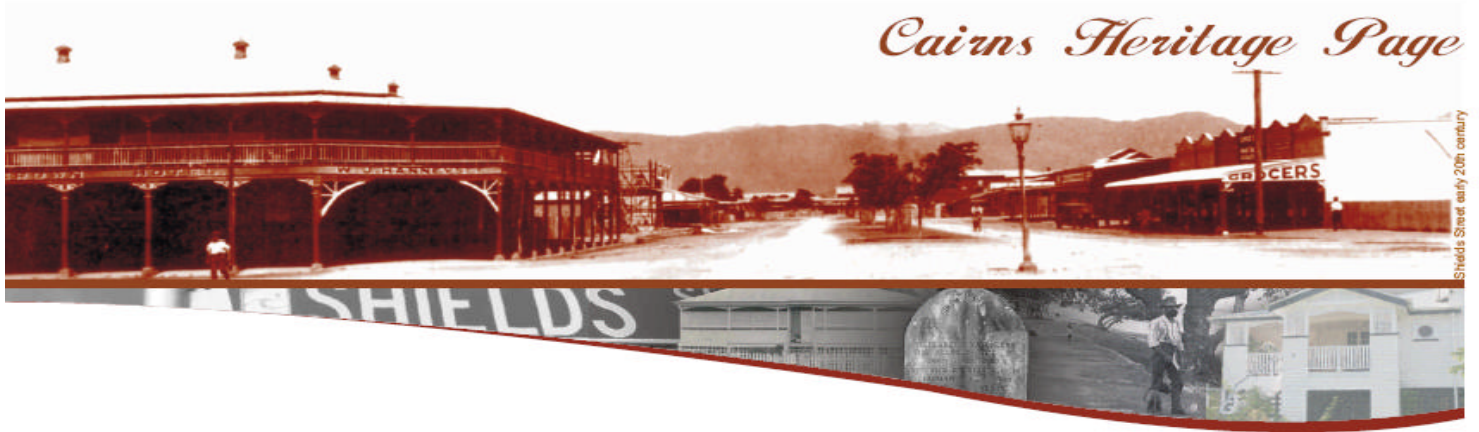
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Richard A. Tills
1890, 1893

Richard A. Tills was born in Hull, England in 1860 and arrived in Cairns in 1883. He worked as a contract builder and operated a joinery works and Cairns Sawmill Company. Tills was Chairman of the Cairns Divisional Board in 1890, Mayor of Cairns Municipal Council from 1900-01 and in 1907, and was a member of the Barron Divisional Board. He was the President of the Cairns Chamber of Commerce as well as being a licensing justice. Tills Street in Westcourt is named after this former Mayor who died in Cairns in June 1937.

William H. Swallow
1893-97

William H. Swallow came to Cairns from Melbourne and started the Hambledon Mill and Plantation with his brother Thomas. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Mulgrave Central Mill. Will Swallow married Caroline Kingsford, the daughter of Richard Ash Kingsford.



William John Munro
1898-11

William John Munro was a Grazier, Butcher and a Pioneer of the Sugar Industry, in addition to his time at Council as Chairman. William. J. Munro was Alderman in 1894. Munro died on 7 April 1912. Munro Terrace in Mooroolbool is named after this former Chairman.
