Regional Resources

The Regional Resources Collection is housed at the City Library and contains titles which relate to Cairns and the FNQ area, including information on the history, culture, environment, and the development of the region.

The Regional Resources Collection is a reference collection and may not be borrowed. This ensures that items are preserved and always available to the community.

The collection includes:
- Books relating to the history, culture, geography and development of the region, including locally authored and published material.
- Material published by local organisations
- Street directories
- Profiles, reports and studies produced by local government
- Microfilm of local newspaper including The Cairns Post
- Maps (including topographical, nautical, cadastral, and aerial)

The Genealogy Collection, housed in the City Reference Room, also contains local information such as:
- Cemetery indexes
- Phone books
- School year books
- Electoral rolls
- The Cairns Family History Society newsletter

Cairns Regional Council Publications

You can access Cairns Regional Council meeting minutes online at www.cairns.qld.gov.au/about-council/meetings

1885-1985, Cairns City Council: celebrating one hundred years of local government RR 352.09436 CAI

Climate Change Strategy 2010-2015 REF 363.7 CAI

Cairns Regional Council Cultural plan: strengthening our cultural vitality 2009-2014 REF 353.7 CAI

Local disaster management plan REF 363.34 LOC

Demographic, social and economic profile of Cairns Regional Council REF 319.436 CAI

Cairns Style Design Guide: Retaining and Embracing the Distinct Tropical Style and Character of Cairns REF 729.09436 CAI (Loan copies are also available)

Need further information?
Contact your local Cairns Libraries branch, or Contact Us on www.cairns.qld.gov.au/library
Local History

Mangoes on fire / by the Tropical Writers Group RR A823.4 MAN (Loan copies are also available)

Every building tells a story / Julie McEnerny RR 994.36 MACE (City)

Trinity phoenix: a history of Cairns and district / Dorothy Jones RR994.36 JON (Loan copies are also available)

Faces of the north / Cairns Post RR 994.36 CAI (Loan copies are also available)

Moments in history from Cairns & district : being five generations of a northern pioneer family / by Wendy Favell RR 994.36 FAV (Loan copies are also available)

Angor to Zillmanton: stories of North Queensland’s deserted towns / Colin Hooper RR 994.36 HOO (Loan copies are also available)

No place for snapdragons, memories of Cairns /: Living History Sub-Committee RR 994.36 NOP (Loan copies are also available)

Pioneers’ country / Glenville Pike RR 994.36 PIK (Loan copies are also available)

Up the Palmerston : a history of the Cairns hinterland up to 1920 / Mike Rimmer RR 994.36 RIM (Loan copies are also available)

Far North Queensland place & street names : their origins & meanings / Jeremy Hodes RR 994.36 HOD
Also available http://cairns.qld.gov.au/region/heritage/cairns-heritage

Queen of the north : a pictorial history of Cooktown and Cape York Peninsula / by Glenville Pike RR 994.38 PIK (Loan copies are also available)

The Floria and other historic pearling luggers of the far North / by Ron Edwards RR 994.36 EDW

Points north : points of general interest between Cairns and Torres Strait / by S.W. Mort RR 994.38 MOR (Loan copies are also available)

Bama country : the indigenous rainforest people of tropical North Queensland / Timothy Bottoms RR 994.36 BOT

Djabugay country : an aboriginal history of tropical North Queensland / Timothy Bottoms RR 994.36 BOT (Loan copies are also available)


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Before the aeroplane dance: the Torres Strait and Cape York: Islanders, Aborigines and adventurers, 1860s to 1914 / Edwina Toohey **RR 994.38 TOO (Loan copies are also available)**

Woven histories, dancing lives: Torres Strait islander identity, culture and history / edited by Richard Davis **RR 305.89912 WOV**

Gold and ghosts Volume 3: Queensland: central & southern districts: a prospectors guide to metal detecting and history of the Australian goldfields / D.W. de Havelland. (Available at the City Library, ask a Librarian to see this title)

Gold and ghosts Volume 4: Queensland, northern and northwestern districts: a prospectors guide to metal detecting and history of the Australian goldfields / D.W. de Havelland (Available at the City Library, ask a Librarian to see this title)

**Past and Present Local Stories**

Toots: woman in a man’s world / Donna Vawdrey **RR 305.4338832 HOL (Loan copies are also available)**

Bush pilot / by Bob Norman **RR 629.13 NOR**

From England to Australia for two pounds: an autobiography / by G. K. Bolton **RR 994.36 BOL**

The lone wolf: last of the old-time prospectors: the autobiography of Sam Elliott / edited by S.G. St. Clair-Kendall, John C. Hay **RR 994.304 ELL (Loan copies are also available)**

Matthew Pearson: Irish immigrant, Herberton tin miner, Coolgardie gold miner and Evelyn Tableland pioneer / by Les Pearson **RR 994.36 PEA**

Norman Baird: a spark within / written by Kathleen Denigan - **RR A920 BAI**

Up front! the Tom Pyne Story / by Tom Pyne ; edited by David Maguire **RR 352.09436 PYN**

Eseli’s notebook / by Peter Eseli; translated from Kala Lagaw Ya into English – Located at the City Branch, ask at the Information Desk in the Reference Room to see this title.

* All titles are available in the City RR collection. Check the Catalogue to see if lending copies may be available from other branches.
Interested in the history of Suburbs and Streets?

The Cairns Regional Council website has a Cairns Heritage page which includes information about the history of Cairns suburbs and streets, Neighborhood Character Studies, and a historical chronology.

You can access this information by going to Cairns Libraries Family History page, or go directly to [www.cairns.qld.gov.au](http://www.cairns.qld.gov.au).

Need photographs?

Cairns Historical Society & Museum carries an extensive range of photographs. School of Arts Building, Cnr Lake & Shields Street, City Place
Telephone: (07) 40 515 582
Postal Address: PO Box 319
Cairns Qld Australia 4870


Need maps?

We hold a map collection in the Reference Room at the City Library, including topographical, nautical, cadastral, and aerial. We do not hold any early maps of the region. Cairns Historical Society & Museum carries around 950 maps

Other Resources


Try searching for images /maps on the State Library of Queensland’s OneSearch Catalogue, some may be digitised for you to view online – [www.slq.qld.gov.au](http://www.slq.qld.gov.au)

The National Archives and many of the State archives and records offices has digitised photographs within their collections, which can be accessed online.

Search the National Library of Australia’s Trove for over 45 million items, which includes books, images, historic newspapers, maps, archives and more – [www.trove.nla.gov.au](http://www.trove.nla.gov.au)

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