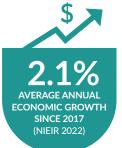


Economy at a glance











Access to skills

- James Cook University CQUniversity TAFE Queensland
- Great Barrier Reef International Marine College Cairns Aviation Skills Centre

Sector strengths





Healthcare &













Why Cairns

The capital of Far North Queensland

Cairns services communities across Queensland,
Northern Territory and the
Asia Pacific with one of the
largest and fastest growing
regional populations in
Northern Australia.

World Heritage listed reef and rainforest

The Cairns region is home to two UNESCO world heritage sites in the Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics Rainforest.

World-class universities and industry training

Cairns has a highly-skilled workforce which is supported by James Cook University and CQUniversity. The Cairns Aviation Skills Centre and Great Barrier Reef International Marine College (TAFE QLD) also provide industry-specific training.

Tropical expertise

Living and working in the tropics has given business, science, health research, and development organisations the opportunity to develop successful ways of working in tropical climates.

A diverse and resilient economy

Cairns is the 8th most diverse economy in Australia*. This has been driven by growth across a range of industries including Health Care and Social Assistance, Education and Training, Construction, Financial and Professional Services, and Manufacturing. (* Economy .id)

Climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resilience

Cairns Regional Council is leading the discussion locally by committing to achieve net zero emissions by 2030 as outlined in the Cairns Climate Change Strategy 2030.

A globally connected city and enviable lifestyle

The Cairns International Airport and Port of Cairns are vital conduits for visitation and trade. World class digital connectivity also underpins high value industries. Residents of Cairns can enjoy the benefits that come with global connectivity and a relaxed tropical lifestyle.

Multicultural community

Cairns is home to one of Australia's largest Indigenous communities as well as a diverse mix of cultures from around the world, creating a vibrant and culturally rich community.



Property



COMMERCIAL

Rent price comparison

(indicative per square metre per annum)

\$375-450

CAIRNS
(Herron Todd White

\$719

BRISBANE

(Colliers CBD Office RFR 2023) \$1157

SYDNEY

(Colliers CBD Office RFR 2023)



RESIDENTIAL

Purchase price comparison

House (Median)

Unit

(Median)

CAIRNS \$493,000

CAIRNS \$299,000

(Cairns Report July 2023)

SYDNEY \$1,253,759

SYDNEY \$787,427

(Urban Developer April 2023)





Who is already here

- Accor
- Aecom Australia
- Arup
- Aurecon
- Austal Australia
- Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine
- Aviation Australia
- BAE Systems
- BDO Australia
- BESIX Watpac
- Cairns Airport
- Cairns Aviation Skills Centre
- Cairns Manufacturing Hub
- Cairns Steel Fabricators
- CaPTA Group

- Cobham Aviation Services
- CQUniversity
- Crystalbrook Collection
- Experience Co
- FKG Group
- FNQ Food Incubator
- GHD
- Grant Thornton
- Great Barrier Reef International Marine College
- Hansen Yuncken
- HEVILIFT
- Hilton
- Holiday Inn
- Independent Aviation
- Jacobs
- James Cook University

- Jet Aviation
- Keir
- MSFSugar (Mitr Phol)
- Nautilus Aviation
- Norship
- Novotel
- Ports North (QIC)
- PWC
 Pullman
- Pullman
- Ramsay Health Care
- Rydges
- Shangri La
- Skytek
- Skytrans
- TAFE Queensland
- Tropical Reef Shipyard

What we can do for you

Cairns Regional Council's Economic Development team is ready to answer your queries and to make the process of setting up your enterprise in Cairns as effortless as possible.

We can assist you by:

- Giving you access to local intelligence
- Undertaking property searches
- Providing development application support, including:
 - Pre-lodgement advice
 - A dedicated project team allocation for significant projects
- Hosting visits to the area and to potential premises
- Support access to government funding schemes
- Provide networking opportunities and connecting with the community
- Support access to other State and Federal departments

