



Anzac Trail

*Commemorating the
First World War*

Site Information

Lest we forget

1914



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Explore the Anzac Trail

Sites relating to the Cairns region's war efforts extend from Trinity Beach, south to Bartle Frere and include many within Cairns city. The trail includes war memorials, cemeteries, memorial parks and buildings, each with a poignant reminder of the invaluable contributions made by the men and women of the Cairns region.

While many sites focus on the volunteers who saw frontline service others recognise the contribution of those who tended the wounded, or had to live with the grief of losing loved ones on the cliffs of Gallipoli or in the muddy trenches of France.

With the added assistance of the brochure map and the more comprehensive information in this download document, this trail can be experienced as a weekend activity or in a series of leisurely day trips. It can be made even more interesting by linking in with similar trails on the Atherton Tablelands and within the Mareeba district.

The North's Contributions

Soon after Britain declared war on Germany, Australian volunteers flocked to the recruiting depots. In Far North Queensland support for the war effort was no less pronounced.

The rail connection to Brisbane was not completed until 1924 so northern recruits sailed south for training and eventual deployment to Europe and the Middle East. While Gallipoli is seen as one of Australia's defining moments as a nation it was on the Western Front that servicemen and women faced more prolonged hardship, injury and risk of death.

Trench warfare tested many young men in circumstances few can comprehend: mud, illness, gas and bloody battles were part and parcel of their experiences. Medical staff had to treat the sick and injured in the most primitive of conditions.

When armistice was eventually signed, in November 1918, it still took time to repatriate battle-weary troops and for them to slowly reintegrate into civilian life. Psychological and physical injury meant numerous survivors would spend the remainder of their lives trying to readjust. Many subsequently returned, or moved north to work in the cane paddocks, mines, hospitals, offices and on the wharves helping to build a prosperous region.

Cemeteries within the Cairns region have graves of those who survived the war and then contributed to the further development of the Far North.

Our Lost Heritage

A century of development has inevitably taken its toll on many associated sites and memorials. The Cairns Drill Hall site, for example, is now an inner city office block. Tableland recruits arrived at the Cairns Railway Station (then located near the present main entrance of the Cairns Central Shopping Centre). Several honour boards have disappeared as schools and organisations have closed, moved or upgraded their facilities. Rifle ranges still exist near several Tableland towns while those on the coast have been reused for urban development and intense farming. Road widening has been an essential part of maintaining traffic flow and several memorial trees suffered as a result. Unlike war memorials, such as those in Cairns and Gordonvale, which could simply be relocated from busy intersections, trees cannot be treated in a similar manner.

Further Information

There are numerous publications available that describe aspects of the First World War and a check of local libraries will also prove fruitful. For biographical information on specific service personnel check out the Australian War Memorial at www.awm.gov.au and click on 'Search for a person' on the left column below the changing images. Enter the details of the person you are researching and follow the prompts. In many cases the full military files have been digitized and can be browsed at the National Archives website:

www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records/army-wwi.aspx

Additional assistance may also be available on sites like Ancestry.com or from the Cairns and District Family History Society at www.cdfhs.org. Their resource centre is located at 20-30 Hartley St, Cairns and is open Tuesday – Thursday 10am to 3pm.

For photographic records relating to the region's First World War heritage, the Cairns Historical Society may be able to assist. They have an extensive archive of old photographs and, as well as helping researchers they are always on the lookout for additional material for their collections. Check their website: www.cairnsmuseum.org.au. Although in temporary premises at present, the society will return to the former School of Arts building in 2017.

Some Activities

To make the Anzac Trail even more interesting why not take note of some of the names on the cenotaphs and gravestones and research them when you get home. There are some incredible stories hidden away in those wartime records just waiting to be discovered.

- How many times is the same person memorialized around the region?
- How about researching a particular Army Unit?
- How many different units did Far Northern volunteers serve in? What can you find out about the Tunnellers, for example?
- How many nurses and doctors are recorded on memorials? Where did they serve?

Have the whole family join in these research projects. It's a great way to have a family day out and learn as you drive through our fantastic region.



More information

www.cairns.qld.gov.au/region/heritage/drives,-trails-and-walks

The Cairns Region Anzac Trail is an initiative of Cairns Regional Council, which gratefully acknowledges the assistance of the Cairns Historical Society and residents.

If you have enjoyed this trail, you may also like to explore the Tablelands Regional Council and Mareeba Shire Anzac Trails. Brochures are available at most Visitor Information Centres and from Council websites.

November 2016

SCHEDULE OF PLACES - FIRST WORLD WAR SITES - CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL

TOWN	PLACE NAME	STREET	SITE TYPE	ACCESS
Aloomba	Aloomba State School	Nielsen St	Honour board	Public (free limited hrs) Limited access
Babinda	Babinda Anzac Park	107-111 Munro Street,	Memorial gates War memorial Memorial landscape	Public (free)
Babinda	Babinda Cemetery	Bruce Hwy/ Nelson Rd	Cemetery/burial	Public (free)
Cairns	Bolands Building	Cnr Lake and Spence Sts	Associated place	Limited access
Cairns	Cairns Anzac Park	Spence/ Wharf Sts	Memorial landscape	Public (free)
Cairns	Cairns Cenotaph	Esplanade	War memorial	Public (free)
Cairns	Cairns Historical Society & Museum	93-105 Lake St (see 'notes' below)	Museum	Public (fee applies)
Cairns	Cairns Wharf	Wharf St	Associated place	Public (free)
Cairns	Martyn St Cemetery (and war cemetery)	Martyn St	Cemetery/burial	Public (free)
Cairns	Masonic Peace Memorial Temple	8 Minnie St	Memorial building	Limited access Public (free limited hrs)

SCHEDULE OF PLACES - FIRST WORLD WAR SITES - CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL

TOWN	PLACE NAME	STREET	SITE TYPE	ACCESS
Cairns	McLeod St Pioneer Cemetery	127 - 145 McLeod St	Cemetery/burial	Public (free limited hrs)
Cairns	Munro Martin Parklands	Sheridan/ Florence/ Minnie Sts	Associated place	Public (free limited hrs)
Cairns	RSL Club and Museum, Cairns	115 - 119 Esplanade	Memorial building Museum Associated place	Public (fee applies)
Cairns	St Johns Anglican Church	Cnr Lake and Minnie Sts	Honour board Associated place	Public (free limited hrs) Limited access
Cairns	Tobruk Pool	370 Sheridan St	Memorial building	Public (fee applies)
Edmonton	Edmonton Cenotaph	Fuller Park, Wolff St	War memorial	Public (free)
Gordonvale	Gordonvale Cemetery	Cnr Highleigh/ Maher Rds	Cemetery/burial	Public (free)
Gordonvale	Gordonvale Cenotaph & Memorial Park	Gordon St	War memorial Memorial landscape	Public (free)
Gordonvale	Gordonvale Memorial Hospital	1 – 11 Highleigh Rd	Memorial building	Limited access
Gordonvale	Mulgrave Settlers Museum	60 Gordon St	Museum	Public (fee applies)

SCHEDULE OF PLACES - FIRST WORLD WAR SITES - CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL

TOWN	PLACE NAME	STREET	SITE TYPE	ACCESS
Smithfield	Australian Armour & Artillery Museum	1145 Kamerunga Rd	Museum	Public (fee applies)
Stratford	Stratford Cenotaph	Magazine and Rinks Sts	War memorial	Public (free)
Trinity Beach	War Memorial & seats, Trinity Beach	Vasey Esplanade	Memorial landscape	Public (free)
Various	'Cane Beetles' Trail	Various	Memorial landscape	Public (free)

PLACE NAME Alooomba State School

STREET Nielsen St

TOWN Alooomba

GPS CO ORD 17° 06' 35"S 145° 49' 56"E

DESCRIPTION

An honour board is located in the old school building (Administration section). It is attached to an interior wall in a relatively inconspicuous location high on the wall with the bottom of the 1.45 m high board about 1.6 m above floor level.

The board has a varnished timber back panel on which is a pressed copper, moulded honour panel. The name plates for 47 former students and 'their comrades' are individually screwed to the backing elements. They include three NCOs, one of whom, Cpl C. H. Nutt, received a Military Medal in 1917.

A trophy gun - a machine gun - was donated to the school in the 1920s but its whereabouts is unknown.

SITE TYPE

- Cemetery/burial
- Honour board
- Memorial building
- Memorial landscape
- Memorial gates
- Trophy gun
- War memorial
- Associated place
- Museum



Alooomba area c 1915 (Cns Hist Socy P02249)

CONTACT Principal 07 4043 3888

ARCHITECT/ BUILDER

DATE

DIMENSIONS

ACCESS

- Public (free)
- Public (free limited hrs)
- Public (fee applies)
- Limited access
- No access

REFERENCES Morris, A., 1999, *Down Memory Lane: Alooomba State School 1899- 1999*, Alooomba State School P & C.



Alooomba's First World War honour board contains 47 names, seven of whom were killed in action. (Write Shutter 1R5A5162)

HISTORY

Aloomba, six kilometres south of Gordonvale, was settled by colonial farmers in the late 19th century, as a cane growing area. By 1898 efforts were being made to establish a provisional school. Petitioning for a school was an almost immediate success and, by January 1899, the school building was completed. In May its first teacher, Miss Edith Yearwood, commenced work. The town continued to develop in the early twentieth century. Facilities included shops, a church and community hall. During the First World War send-off parties were held for local recruits. A concert to raise funds to buy a Bren gun was so successful that a Vickers Gun was purchased instead (Morris 1999:6). It was fitting therefore that at war's end not only was an Honour Board unveiled at the school but the town received a machine gun as a trophy. The story unfolds in the newspapers of the time....

Cairns Post 27 Aug 1920 page 4 <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article40349569>

Residents of Aloomba district have decided to erect an honour board at Aloomba school in honour of those who enlisted from the locality. The School committee has charge of the matter; Mr Hollamby chairman & Mr Christensen secretary. Funds have been raised by residents, by functions and contributions. Forty-six names [in fact 47 names are inscribed _Ed. Sept 2016] to be inscribed - those who went to school and were born in locality but also names of sons of those who became residents since the outbreak of war. Facing will be beaten copper mounted on NQ silky oak. It is proposed to exhibit this token of respect to those who paid the sacrifice and those who offered their services in Cairns. Function to celebrate presenting the memento will be held in Aloomba Hall early next month - date to be advertised in paper. Committee will extend invitation to all returned soldiers to be present.

Cairns Post 15 Sept 1920 page 4 <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article40341018> *Unveiling of Memorial Board will take place at Aloomba School on Sat evening 25th inst. It is a fine piece of work of hammered copper based on NQ timbers & is intended to perpetuate the services of those sons of the district who enlisted in the war. The board is expected to arrive in a few days & it is intended to display it in one of the business house windows of the town. The unveiling will be followed by a social and dance in Aloomba hall with the Gordonvale band providing music. The Committee wishes all returned soldiers to be their guests that evening.*

Aloomba was offered one of the First World War trophy guns. The machine gun would be housed at the Aloomba State School. It was decided to have the trophies brought up to Cairns by dredge Trinity Bay <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article40127009> . Cairns Post (14 May 1921:2) On 31 July 1921 Mr Hesp conducted a pleasant ceremony at the request of Cairns Shire Council at Aloomba State School having made arrangements for the placing of the presentation machine gun.

There were three conditions attached to the presentation. 1. To see it properly housed 2. To hand it over to the trustees in a little ceremony 3. To bear all expenses in connection with the same. Trustees were Mr John Carlson chairman of the Farmers' Association, Mr Hollamby chairman of State School Committee and Mr Charles Fixter late member of AIF.

The gun was placed on a bracket supplied and fixed by Mr Hickling, immediately under the honour board and will serve to stimulate an interest in what the honour board and trophy mean to children attending the school now and in the future and be a reminder of those whose names are inscribed and the debt owed to them for the suffering and sacrifice. (Northern Herald 3 Aug 1921:10) <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article148040736>

The seven names at the top of the board are of those men who died in service and are also listed on the Gordonvale Memorial. Two, Hollamby and Sewell, also appear on the Cairns Cenotaph. The other forty names are of those who returned from war service.

AN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER
OF THE GREAT WAR

PLACE NAME Babinda Anzac Park

STREET 107-111 Munro Street,

TOWN Babinda

GPS CO ORD 17°20'38"S 145° 55'17"E
17.34391°S145.92069°E

DESCRIPTION

A grassed park with rows of *Ficus* and clusters of palm trees, with a children's playground adjacent. Commemorative elements include:

1. A gate, dedicated by RSL Chaplain Bill Grundy on 11 Nov 2012, with 'Lest we forget' on the arch. 57 WW2 enlistments appear on the left arch post as one enters, One Korean/Vietnam/ Malaysia conflict name is recorded and Private Charles Lawrie and Sgt Bert Trackson (DoD 25 Aug 1970). WW1 personnel are apparent additions to the list on the original war memorial within the park.
2. A central memorial with three-tiered base incorporates a recess for floral tributes and square column rising from it. Inscriptions on a marble plaque on the north facing side of the obelisk include seventy men who served in WW1. A cast metal plaque to WW2 veteran Warrant Officer Kairton (KIA) is fixed to the western side.
3. A steel-framed, open-sided shelter contains a tightly presented range of military artefacts: an anchor and ship's propellor (RAN), three blade aircraft propellor (RAAF), and WW2 field gun (Army). Three cast metal plaques are mounted on rock at the front of the display.

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12801. Bazaar at Sports ground (Anzac Park) early 1920's.

Bazaar held at Anzac Park Babinda c.1920-1925 (SLQ online)

CONTACT CRC

ARCHITECT/ BUILDER

DATE 1930s

DIMENSIONS

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REFERENCES



Babinda Anzac Park (Write Shutter 1R5A8302)

HISTORY

The land, now known as Anzac Park, was Babinda's sports ground until about 1927. Part of the land was then subdivided and sold. The war memorial commemorates the local servicemen who volunteered during the First World War in 1914-18. The memorial was originally erected in Munro Street outside the State Hotel and unveiled on Anzac Day 1927, but as traffic increased it was moved to the park in the 1930s. This is probably when the name Anzac Park was adopted. In 1942, when northern Australia was threatened by Japanese bombing at the height of the Second World War, a reinforced concrete air raid shelter was built in the park. After the war a 1942 manufactured 25 pounder gun was placed beside the war memorial. The air raid shelter was converted to public toilets after the war, and in 1992 was painted with a mural depicting rainforest and the Boulders.

Gun

Babinda was offered a machine gun as a war trophy. A Public meeting of over 100 people in May 1921 voted to accept the offer and to appoint trustees. They decided to ask School of Arts Committee to temporarily house the gun in their grounds before it could be removed to the hospital grounds *Northern Herald* 4 May 1921:6. [its current location is unknown (2016)].

Honour Board and memorial

On 21 September 1927 a public meeting was called by Babinda Progress Association to discuss what to do with £70 raised some years ago to erect an honour board. It was decided to erect a suitable memorial to which the Roll of Honour would be attached along with the war trophy gun (*Cairns Post* 28 Sept 1927:7). (*Cairns Post* 22 April 1927:9) reports the Soldiers' Memorial has been completed and erected in Munro Street, a short distance on eastern side of the Post Office. It is a column 12 feet high mounted on a concrete base in which provision has been made for housing the machine gun. Unveiling ceremony was to take place at 7.30 pm on Anzac night <<http://www.qldwarmemorials.com.au/memorial/?id=151>> .

A large crowd attended the ceremony carried out by Mr Warner, Chairman of Cairns Shire Council. Fund plus interest totalled £94. The local RSSILA made up the difference to £100 so it was free of debt. Memorial made in the form of a marble slab with some 40 names on it. Afterwards the crowd adjourned to Beattie's theatre for a most enjoyable concert. They also moved a resolution that Anzac Day be declared a statutory holiday throughout the state. Some names had not yet been put on slab – people were asked to communicate with president without delay.

The memorial currently has 69 names of those from the district who served in First World War and is now situated in Anzac Park. Those marked as died are: G S Kirke (also on Cairns cenotaph). Second Lieut Gilbert Shuttleworth Kirke 903 enlisted 3 March 1915 in Cairns, a labourer aged 21. His father was Rev J Kirke, Presbyterian Minister. He served at Gallipoli and in France. Killed in action 5 August 1916 in France.

W Mengerson (also on Gordonvale and Aloomba School memorials). Lieut Herman Edgar Mengersen (aka Billy) 1609 enlisted 13 May 1915 in Cairns, storekeeper aged 21. His family lived in South Australia but a married sister and her husband lived at Aloomba. They conducted businesses known as Davies and Stopp, storekeepers at Babinda and Aloomba. He served at Gallipoli and in France and died of wounds in Belgium on 22 September 1917.

Babinda Memorial Hall.

In 1946 a committee was formed to raise funds to erect a hall as an appropriate memorial to the men of the district who had died in both wars. The foundation stone was laid on 27 March 1954. The required £18,000 had been raised through public support, an annual levy by local cane growers and the National Bank of Australasia (*Cairns Post* 1 April 1954:4) Architects were Barnes and Oribin, builders Crenin and Raisin. The hall was officially opened on 29 October 1954 by Chairman of Mulgrave Shire Council, Cr C E Campbell, followed by a mardi gras and gala ball. (*Cairns Post* 5 November 1954:4)

AN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER
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PLACE NAME Babinda Cemetery

STREET Bruce Hwy/ Nelson Rd

TOWN Babinda

GPS CO ORD 17°19' 32"S 145° 55' 42"E

DESCRIPTION

The Babinda cemetery lies on the footslopes of the Great Dividing Range approximately 2 kilometres north of Babinda town. It is neatly presented and prominent to the passing traffic on the Bruce Highway. A modest shelter is located at the lower end of the cemetery from which a rudimentary vehicle track leads uphill, through the centre of the cemetery, to the newer section.

A small concrete brick toilet and adjacent shed are located part way up on the southern boundary.

Several maturing trees are scattered across the lower levels of the cemetery which is primarily vegetated with grass.

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BABINDA WW1 cemetery with Sgt Huntley's grave in foreground. (Write Shutter 1R5A5166)

CONTACT CRC

ARCHITECT/ BUILDER

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DIMENSIONS

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REFERENCES



A G Turnley, a 29 year old Clerk, left Melbourne 6 June 1916. After the war he was Babinda's newsagent. (Write Shutter 1RA5167)

HISTORY

Graves of men who enlisted for World War 1 which have been identified in this cemetery include:

45 Shoeing Smith ANGUS, John - 2nd Field Company Engineers

2529 Pte BILES, Arthur James - 42nd Battalion

9538 Sapper CRANE, Henry George - 2nd Australian Tunnelling Company

4900 Sgt HUNTLEY, Alfred Reynolds - 4th Australian Tunnelling Company

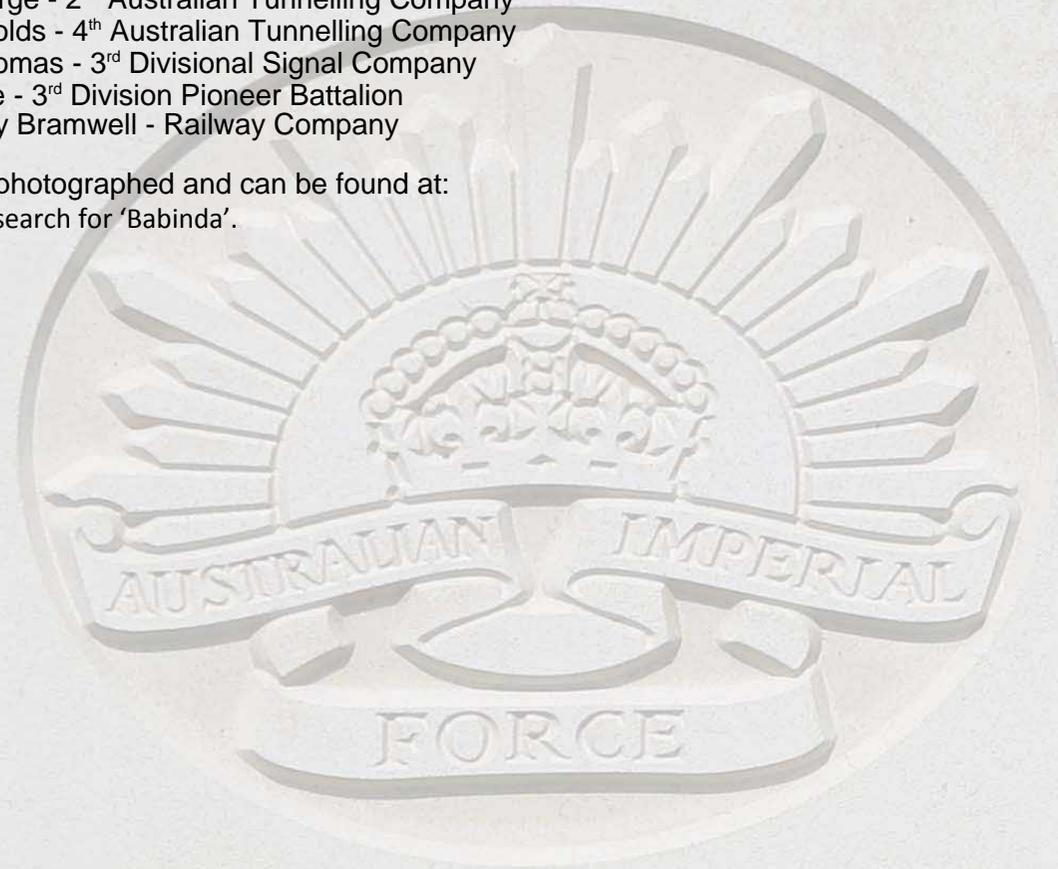
2985 Sapper STOUT, George Thomas - 3rd Divisional Signal Company

913 Pte TURNLEY, Albert George - 3rd Division Pioneer Battalion

3067 Pte WILLIAMS, Arthur Henry Bramwell - Railway Company

Many of these graves have been photographed and can be found at:

<http://www.findagrave.com> then search for 'Babinda'.



AN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER
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PLACE NAME Bolands Building

STREET Cnr Lake and Spence Sts

TOWN Cairns

GPS CO ORD 16° 55' 26"S 145° 46' 37"E

DESCRIPTION

A multi-storey, former department store was erected by prominent Cairns businessman Michael Boland in 1912/1913. In its day it was prominent among predominantly low-set timber buildings. Undoubtedly it was because of this that the Last Post was played from the top of the building on the first Anzac Day: 25 April 1916.

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Bolands Building 1914 (Cns Hist Socy P15179)

CONTACT

ARCHITECT/ BUILDER E G Waters (architect)

DATE 1912/1913

DIMENSIONS

ACCESS Public (free) Public (fee applies) No access
 Public (free limited hrs) Limited access

REFERENCES



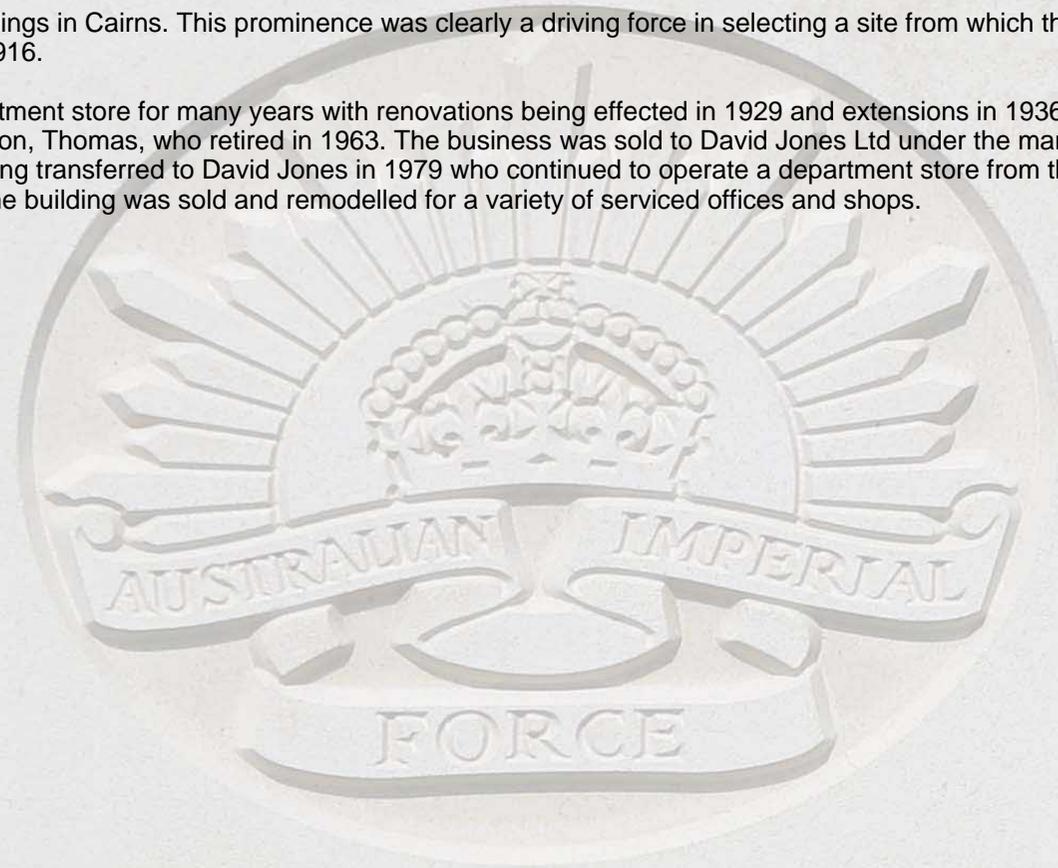
Bolands Building 2016 (Write Shutter 1R5A5068)

HISTORY

Michael Boland, an Irish born businessman, was a key player in the development of Cairns. He undertook various business ventures from which he progressively developed his retailing interests. By 1912 he had commissioned the reinforced concrete department store on the corner of Lake and Spence Streets designed by architect Edward Waters and built by J T Bullock.

By 1916 it was one of the tallest buildings in Cairns. This prominence was clearly a driving force in selecting a site from which the Last Post might be played during the first Anzac commemorations in 1916.

The building was retained as a department store for many years with renovations being effected in 1929 and extensions in 1936/37. At that stage the Boland's business was directed by Michael's son, Thomas, who retired in 1963. The business was sold to David Jones Ltd under the management of Terry Boland, Michael's grandson. Title to the building transferred to David Jones in 1979 who continued to operate a department store from that site. In 1984 they relocated the business to Earlville. Subsequently the building was sold and remodelled for a variety of serviced offices and shops.



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PLACE NAME Cairns Anzac Park

STREET Spence/ Wharf Sts

TOWN Cairns

GPS CO ORD 16°55' 21"S 145° 46' 43"E

DESCRIPTION

The present Anzac Park is much reduced from the original and lies adjacent to, and north of, the Casino. Core features are set among a well-maintained lawn and landscaped area. An entry sign is embedded within the winding, paved pathway, which incorporates a range of cast metal decals, c 400mm diam. Each depicts specific conflicts as the path winds its way to the Esplanade. Three polished black granite columns, about 1250 x 400 x 400 mm, surmounted with bronze castings depict Women in Service, Navy and Airforce aspects of conflicts in many theatres. The new park was dedicated on 11 November 1995.

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Anzac Park, Cairns, 1960s (Cns Hist Socy P11203)

CONTACT CRC

ARCHITECT/ BUILDER

DATE 1920/1993

DIMENSIONS

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REFERENCES

Grimwade G, & K Hunter, 1996, 'Salvage Archaeology of the Reef Casino & Hotel Site, Cairns, (unpub report), Gordon Grimwade & Associates, Yungaburra.



Anzac Park motif (Write Shutter 1R5A5046)

HISTORY

This section of Cairns originally formed part of the Customs House Reserve, which included gardens used for official functions (Grimwade & Hunter 1996:15). Part of this area was gazetted an Anzac Memorial Park on 18th December 1920 (*Government Gazette* p. 2202).

Mr J R Craig wrote to the Cairns Town Council asking permission to plant nine flower pots on the north-west corner near the oldest tree in Cairns planted in 1876 (*Cairns Post* 18 January 1922:4). Soon after Council wrote to the Inspector of Police, Cairns about the number of intoxicated persons frequenting the park (*Cairns Post* 18 August 1923:4) and 'Resident' wrote inquiring when the Council was going to beautify Anzac Park. 'It is unfenced, littered with rubbish, and at night is a rendezvous for those who have tarried at the Shrine of Bacchus. A most valuable site in town is going to waste'. Vandalism was frequently reported within the park over the ensuing decades.

In contrast, the *Cairns Post* (8 December 1922:4) reported on the Methodist Church fete to be held that afternoon with a wide variety of stalls, craftworks, food, Christmas tree, Santa Claus and special displays by the Cairns Gymnastic Club and members of the athletic troop.

By 1923 discussion was still continuing about the location of the proposed cenotaph or memorial. One proposal, endorsed by the RSSILA, was for a kiosk to be built in the park as a tea room, constructed of reinforced concrete having a garden roof surmounted by an ornamental tile roof in the pagoda style. Honour boards of either marble or slate would be let into the walls. (*Northern Herald* 5 December 1923:6); however, the cenotaph was eventually erected at the intersection of Abbott and Shields Streets in 1926.

In 1925 the Council debated whether to allow travelling shows to use the park and thus provide income to Council. Heated debate ensued but the motion was defeated. The Government later resumed part of the park to construct the (state owned) Commonwealth Bank. On 17 Nov 1926 Council notified the Country Women's Association that it would allot the association land in the southeast corner to construct a rest home. Once again there was much opposition to the continued carving up of the park for building purposes.

In 1929 'Lover of children' questioned the state of the seesaws and swings in the park and asked if they could be repaired (*Cairns Post* 21 January 1929:4). Derwent Vallance wrote a lengthy letter to *Cairns Post* on 6 July (1933:3) about the need to develop a tourist industry based around Cairns. He suggested a suitable building be erected in Anzac Park for a Tourist Bureau.

In 1946 the State Government proposed to resume part of the park to build a baby clinic. Mayor Collins opposed this, stating this was the only park in the main section of the city and its loss would be a grievous one. 'One encroachment today will mean another one tomorrow' *Cairns Post* 18 July 1946:4.

In February 1947 the Council called tenders for the occupancy and running of a kiosk in the park. The tender by Misses Quinn and Neary was accepted, mainly on the grounds that Miss Quinn was a returned servicewoman. The successful tenderers intended to install a refrigeration plant consisting of milk and ice-cream containers and storage for soft drinks (*Cairns Post* 27 February 1947:5).

A park rotunda was used for band concerts, children's gatherings and rallies of striking workers over the years. However it became more and more neglected and was eventually demolished.

By the mid 1990s the area was identified for redevelopment as a Casino and hotel (Grimwade & Hunter 1996). Existing buildings on and adjacent to Anzac Park were demolished to make way for the new building and Anzac Park was redesigned to fit within available green space on the northern section.

AN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER
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PLACE NAME Cairns Cenotaph

STREET Esplanade

TOWN Cairns

GPS CO ORD 16° 55' 3"S 145°46'31"

DESCRIPTION

The focal point of the cenotaph is the statue surmounted on a concrete, granite and sandstone square column. Clock faces are positioned near the top and are fixed at 4.28 am, the time of the first landings on Gallipoli. Memorial plaques are secured to the lower sections of the column. One hundred and forty men and two women are named on the plaques.

On adjacent plinths, within the hardstanding surrounds, are two commemorative artillery pieces: an 1887 5"BL Vasseur naval gun and a Second World War field artillery piece. A memorial garden and walk to the north contains a series of memorials to other conflicts and para-military/para-medical services.

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Cenotaph originally positioned at the Abbott and Shields Sts intersection, Anzac day 1926. (Cns Hist Socy P00113)

CONTACT CRC or RSL

ARCHITECT/ BUILDER Melrose & Fenwick

DATE 1925/26

DIMENSIONS 12.5 m column and surrounding memorial gardens and elements

ACCESS Public (free) Public (fee applies) No access
 Public (free limited hrs) Limited access

REFERENCES

Judith McKay, *Lest We Forget: Reports to the Returned Services League, Queensland Branch on a study of war memorials in Queensland, 1985.*
Cairns War Memorial Conservation Management Plan, Report to Cairns



Cenotaph on the Esplanade with RSL in background (Write Shutter 1R5A8688)

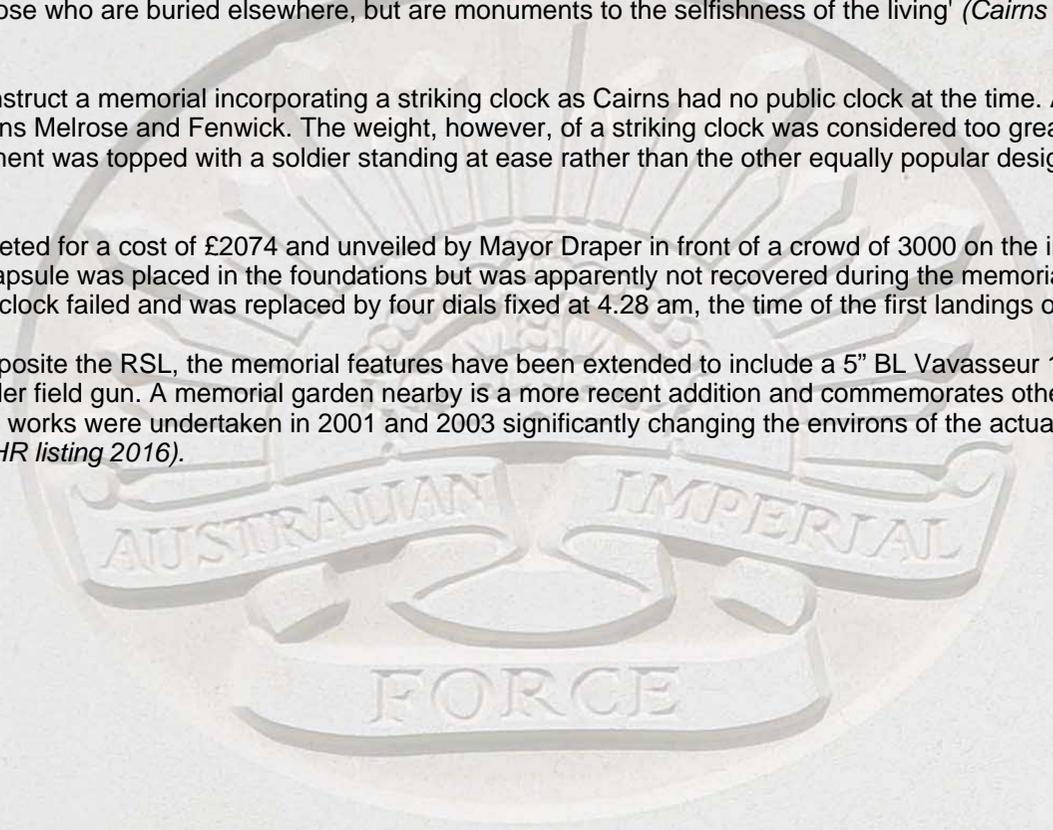
HISTORY

Discussion about constructing a war memorial in Cairns started as early as 1916 but it was a decade before the final design was unveiled. After some years of inaction debate revolved around whether to build a cenotaph or a functional, commemorative building. Criticism of the apparent inaction included a suggestion, in 1922, that 'members of the Memorial Committee were "waiting for another war, so that the one memorial will do for the fallen in both wars"' (QHR listing 2016:6). The community was strongly divided between constructing a memorial or a kiosk in Anzac Park. WM Carleton Brush claimed that 'to collect money for a memorial for our fallen, and spend it for the benefit of the living, is shameful. Instead of a kiosk, there should be a cenotaph on the Esplanade. An ice cream shop or a dancing hall are not monuments to those who are buried elsewhere, but are monuments to the selfishness of the living' (*Cairns Memorial* article in *Cairns Post*, 21 December 1923:9).

In 1924 the decision was made to construct a memorial incorporating a striking clock as Cairns had no public clock at the time. A design competition was won by North Queensland monumental masons Melrose and Fenwick. The weight, however, of a striking clock was considered too great and a simpler four-faced mechanism was adopted. The monument was topped with a soldier standing at ease rather than the other equally popular design of a soldier, head bowed, with 'arms reversed'.

The 12.5 m high cenotaph was completed for a cost of £2074 and unveiled by Mayor Draper in front of a crowd of 3000 on the intersection of Abbott and Shields Streets on Anzac Day 1926. A time capsule was placed in the foundations but was apparently not recovered during the memorial's relocation, in 1972, to the Esplanade. During its early years the clock failed and was replaced by four dials fixed at 4.28 am, the time of the first landings on Gallipoli in 1915.

Since relocation to the Esplanade, opposite the RSL, the memorial features have been extended to include a 5" BL Vavasseur 1887 naval gun and a 1940s, Second World War, twenty-five pounder field gun. A memorial garden nearby is a more recent addition and commemorates other conflicts and those who served in Emergency Services. Conservation works were undertaken in 2001 and 2003 significantly changing the environs of the actual cenotaph to enhance its retention. (*Data primarily resourced from the QHR listing 2016*).



AN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER
OF THE GREAT WAR

PLACE NAME Cairns Historical Society & Museum

STREET 93-105 Lake St (see 'notes' below)

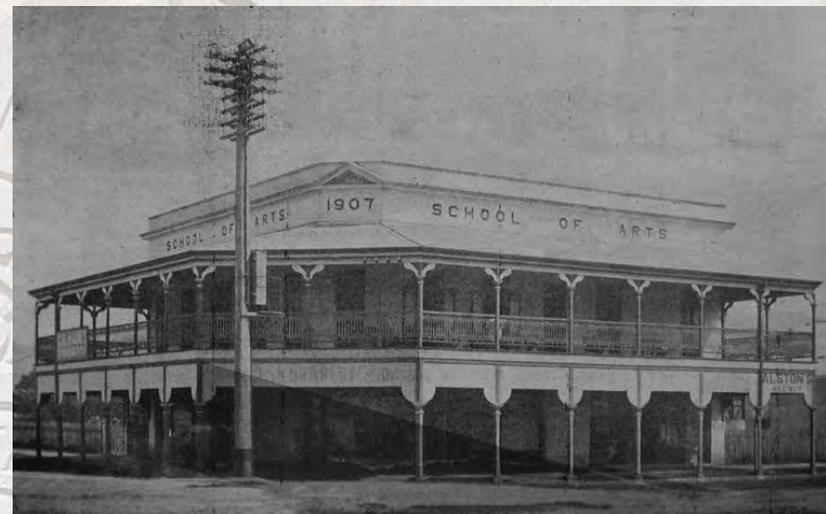
TOWN Cairns

GPS CO ORD 16° 55' 19"S 145° 46' 33"E

DESCRIPTION

The Cairns Historical Society and Museum is a not-for-profit organisation run by a group of dedicated volunteers and has operated from the former School of Arts building for over 50 years. Since its inception in 1958 the Cairns Historical Society has been collecting wide-ranging historical material pertaining to Far North Queensland. This collection has been assessed as nationally significant. The archive and imaging sections are widely used by researchers worldwide. The photo database contains many images of First World War Service personnel and other related topics. Fees charged assist in maintenance and improvement of the collections. The Museum is temporally closed while the School of Arts Building is refurbished. The new museum and the Historical Society will re-open in the School of Arts Building in mid 2017. Website: <www.cairnsmuseum.org.au> .

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School of Arts building (early 1900s). (Cns Hist Socy P14571)

CONTACT 0740515582 Email: histsoc@cairnsmuseum.org.au

ARCHITECT/ BUILDER Tunbridge Tunbridge & Lynch **DATE** 1907

DIMENSIONS

ACCESS Public (free) Public (fee applies) No access
 Public (free limited hrs) Limited access

REFERENCES

Qld Heritage Register <<https://environment.ehp.qld.gov.au/heritage-register/detail/?id=600380>>



Cairns museum shortly before closure for renovations. (Cns Hist Socy)

HISTORY

The Cairns School of Arts building was erected in 1907 to provide a broad range of adult education facilities. The two-storey building, which now houses the Cairns Historical Society and Museum replaced an earlier single-storey structure dating from 1885. Part of the new building was constructed of reinforced concrete from a design by Tunbridge, Tunbridge and Lynch and constructed by Hanson & Sons for £2170. Reinforcing of the concrete was limited to the ground floor walls.

The building was well utilised and by 1925 consideration was being given to extensions although it was not until 1932 they were effected. Further modifications were undertaken in 1935, 1939/40 and again in about 1956. The first floor was used as the local public library from 1907 until 1979 and was then leased to the Cairns Historical Society by the Cairns City Council for society premises and a museum of local history. In 1983 the building was again renovated. Shops and offices were confined to the ground floor and the Historical Society provided with the first floor facilities in which they operated a local museum and research centre.

The Historical Society has developed an extensive local heritage collection including significant First World War photographs. While the museum will not have a dedicated military history gallery, when it reopens in 2017, its extensive documentary resources and associated memorabilia relating to this period will be available for research.



AN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER
OF THE GREAT WAR

PLACE NAME Cairns Wharf

STREET Wharf St

TOWN Cairns

GPS CO ORD 16.92682S, 145.78000E

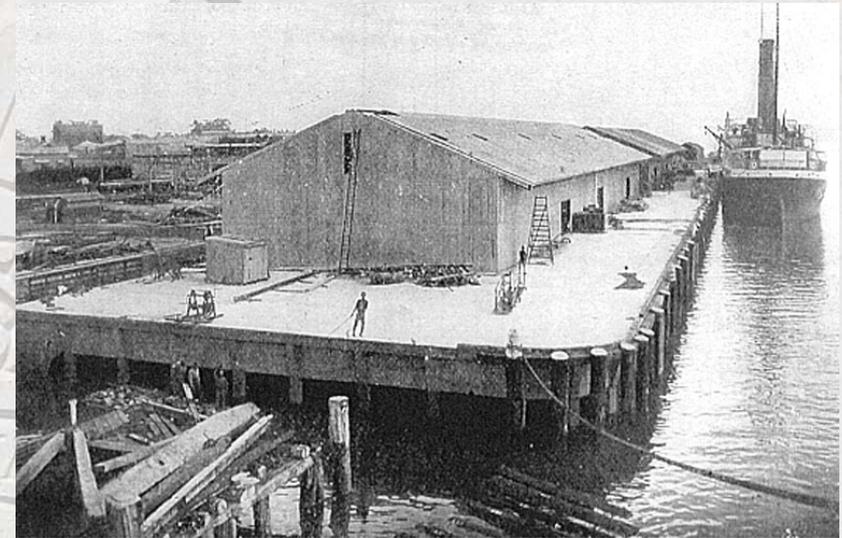
DESCRIPTION

The current wharf area includes Sheds 2 and 3 (completed 1914) built on an extensive pile structure significantly and understandably modified over the past century, although the passenger wharf area itself remains largely unaltered. The Cairns wharf was the departure point for newly enlisted troops heading south for training and subsequent overseas service. Returning service personnel landed at the wharf to be welcomed home by family and friends.

The *SS Kanowna* left for Thursday Island and Papua from the wharf with enthusiastic volunteers whose service was cut short when the Commanding Officer determined they were ill-equipped for the invasion of German New Guinea.

SITE TYPE

- Cemetery/burial
- Honour board
- Memorial building
- Memorial landscape
- Memorial gates
- Trophy gun
- War memorial
- Associated place
- Museum



Cairns wharf c 1915 (Cns Hist Socy P10003)

CONTACT Operations Manager, Ports North

ARCHITECT/ BUILDER various

DATE various

DIMENSIONS

ACCESS

- Public (free)
- Public (fee applies)
- No access
- Public (free limited hrs)
- Limited access

REFERENCES



Evening at the wharf with *SS Pacific Aria*. Aug 2016 (similar position to 1915 image above) (Write Shutter 1R5A4998)

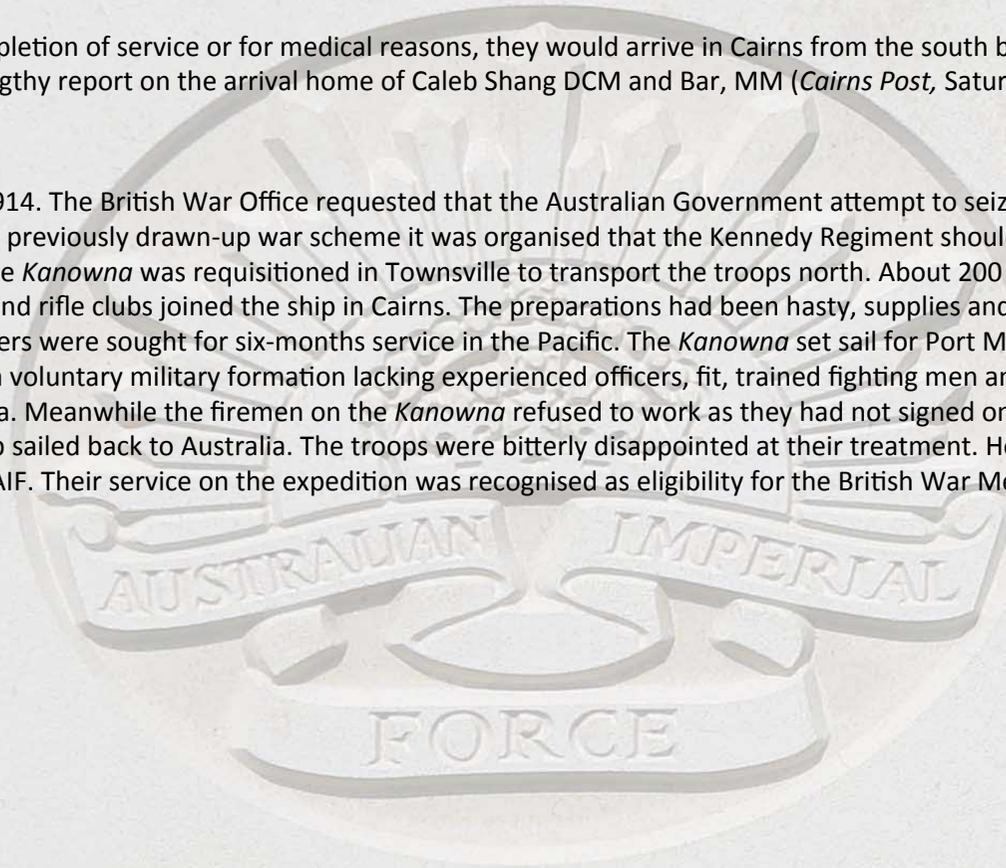
HISTORY

Until the northern railway was completed by the construction of the Daradgee Bridge in 1924, travel to and from the south was by ship. Coastal steamers carried passengers and cargo on regular schedules. Men and women enlisting in the forces during the First World War would embark on the sea journey to Brisbane or further south where they began their training before departing for the war zone by ship.

On return to Australia, either on completion of service or for medical reasons, they would arrive in Cairns from the south by ship before dispersing to their homes. The *Cairns Post*, carried a lengthy report on the arrival home of Caleb Shang DCM and Bar, MM (*Cairns Post*, Saturday 22 March 1919:4).

SS KANOWNA EXPEDITION

World War One began on 4 August 1914. The British War Office requested that the Australian Government attempt to seize the German colonies in the Pacific including German New Guinea. In the previously drawn-up war scheme it was organised that the Kennedy Regiment should garrison Thursday Island in time of war. Mobilisation was ordered and the *Kanowna* was requisitioned in Townsville to transport the troops north. About 200 men, many 18 to 20 years old, from the Cairns and District citizen forces and rifle clubs joined the ship in Cairns. The preparations had been hasty, supplies and provisions were limited. When the ship reached Thursday Island volunteers were sought for six-months service in the Pacific. The *Kanowna* set sail for Port Moresby with 500 volunteers. However, because the Kennedy Regiment was a voluntary military formation lacking experienced officers, fit, trained fighting men and adequate supplies, the decision was made to return the troops to Australia. Meanwhile the firemen on the *Kanowna* refused to work as they had not signed on for overseas work. Consequently, the troops stoked the boilers and the ship sailed back to Australia. The troops were bitterly disappointed at their treatment. However, many of them volunteered again and went on to serve with the AIF. Their service on the expedition was recognised as eligibility for the British War Medal with a statement on their records.



AN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER
OF THE GREAT WAR

PLACE NAME Martyn St Cemetery (and war cemetery)

SITE TYPE Cemetery/burial Trophy gun
 Honour board War memorial
 Memorial building Associated place
 Memorial landscape Museum
 Memorial gates

STREET Martyn St

TOWN Cairns

GPS CO ORD vicinity of 16° 54' 41"S 145° 45' 38"E

DESCRIPTION

Martyn Street Cemetery was opened in 1916. It now serves as the main cemetery for Cairns. Within the cemetery there is a designated War Cemetery surrounded by a small hedge, dating from the Second World War. Located within the main cemetery are eight official war graves for First World War servicemen who died of war related conditions up to 1921. There are many other graves for returned service personnel who died after this time. They are usually marked with a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. They include Caleb Shang DCM & Bar, MM and Nurse Monica Collins (nee O'Callaghan).



Early view of the Collins family graves. Monica Collins (nee O'Callaghan), was a nurse during the First World War. (Cns Hist Socy P00690)

CONTACT Sexton

ARCHITECT/ BUILDER CRC

DATE 1916

DIMENSIONS

ACCESS Public (free) Public (fee applies) No access
 Public (free limited hrs) Limited access

REFERENCES



C P Bulmer is one of several First World War veterans buried in the main cemetery. He was severely affected by gas in France. (P. O'Keefe)

HISTORY

There are eight official First World War graves registered in this cemetery. These are for men classed as war deaths as they died from service related conditions up to 1921. The eight graves are all marked with war grave headstones. There are other graves for returned service people who died subsequently. They are usually marked with a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Martyn St graves include:

BULMER, Clarence P., (5829) Sapper, Born Leeds UK, enlisted Townsville 26 February 1916, served France 3rd Australian Tunnelling Coy; was severely gassed, returned to Australia and discharged due to disability on 13 March 1918. *Cairns Post* (16 January 1919:6) reported his death at Cairns District Hospital on the previous day stating that he had been employed on a farm at Edmonton and frequently suffered from the effects of gas poisoning but had died of hepatitis. Returned soldiers were requested to attend the funeral at St Monica's Church. The *Cairns Post* 17 January 1919 page 4, and *The Northern Herald* carried reports of the funeral. Grave location MWS Section 1 Grave 297.

GRIBBEN, Vivian, (22574) Private, born 1888 in Charters Towers, enlisted Cairns 31 December 1917 with 41st Battalion but did not serve overseas and was discharged as medically unfit from training in Brisbane. Father was a farmer at Ravenshoe. He appears to have enlisted earlier and been discharged with general debility. *The Northern Herald* 1 October 1919 :4 reported his death stating that while at Enoggera Camp he was stricken with a serious illness resulting in his discharge. This was a great disappointment to him and his health had been unsatisfactory ever since. He died at Nurse Herries' Private Hospital, McLeod Street. His funeral was reported in *Cairns Post* 1 October 1919:4 as a military funeral from the Methodist Church with his parents as chief mourners. Returned soldiers acted as pallbearers. Grave location MWS Section I Grave 388.

LARSON, Sidney, (7573) Private, born Stockholm, Sweden, naturalised, enlisted Cairns 10 February 1917 aged 34, fitter, 41st Battalion. Served in France. He suffered a gunshot wound severely fracturing the tibia and was badly gassed. He was returned to Australia on 16 March 1919, totally incapacitated. The *Cairns Post* 25 February 1921:4 reported on his military funeral. Grave location MES Section N Grave 616.

LAWSON, George, (5119) Private, born and enlisted Townsville, 25th Battalion, aged 29, labourer. Father, Captain W Lawson of the dredge *Trinity Bay*. Had been rejected earlier. Served France but spent most of his time in hospital. Invalided to Australia 21 March 1917. *Cairns Post* 27 May 1918: 4 carried his funeral notice and a report of his death in Cairns District Hospital. The *Cairns Post* 28 May 1918 published a report on his funeral. *Cairns Post* 06 December 1918:4 carried further tragic news for the family with a report of the death of George's brother, John, who was killed in action on the Somme. George is buried with his father MWS Section I Grave 198.

MACKAY, Lachlan, (23072) Gunner, born Ross Shire Scotland, enlisted Brisbane, 09 November 1915 aged 42, labourer, F A Brigade 9th Battery, served France. Subjected to gas attacks for 16 nights, hospitalised for seven and a half weeks with TB and bronchitis. Returned to Australia Oct 1917. The *Cairns Post* 24 Dec 1918:4 carried his funeral notice. Grave location MWS Section D Grave No 291.

McBRIDE, Thomas Patrick, (1750) Private, 14th Infantry Brigade Headquarters, born Ayr, enlisted Brisbane, postal officer. Father next of kin Sachs Street Cairns. Served Gallipoli and France. Spent considerable time in hospital with pulmonary TB, pleurisy, pneumonia and influenza. Returned to Australia medically unfit 16 December 1917. The *Cairns Post* 13 July 1921:6 carried a lengthy article about his death. Grave location MES Section Q Grave 670.

McDONALD, Arthur, (5636) Private, 26th Battalion, born Cooktown, enlisted Cairns, 29 April 1916 aged 24, miner, wife Mary Agnes McDonald, Post Office Wolfram. Served France, reported Killed in Action 8 August 1918, report cancelled. Telegrams from wife on his record, requesting confirmation of report. Suffered severe gunshot wound to left leg, septic foot and trench fever. Returned to Australia 9 December 1918. Died 4 June 1920. *Cairns Post* carried death notice 20 June 1920. Grave Location MES Section P Grave No 656.

PETERSEN, Thomas Frederick, (1537) Private, 15th Battalion, born Wrights Creek (Edmonton), enlisted Cairns 29 December 1914 aged 23, labourer, Next of kin sister at Hillgrove NSW. Served Gallipoli, France, Belgium. He suffered a gunshot wound to left buttock and groin and was invalided home in April 1916. He died in Cairns District Hospital of internal injuries received while following his occupation. Death reported *Cairns Post* 24 March 1921 page 5. Grave Location MES Section P Grave No 629.

SHANG, Caleb James DCM & bar, MM, (2504) Private, was born in Brisbane. He was 31 years old when he enlisted there in 1916. He named his mother, Mrs. Jane Shang, as his Next of Kin. He was highly decorated for his actions in France. Shang was awarded a Distinguished Conduct Medal – 20 December, 1917, a Distinguished Conduct Medal - Bar 25 April, 1918 and a Military Medal – 4 February, 1919. He was welcomed home to Cairns by the Mayor and a large crowd accompanied by the brass band. Public donations were collected to help him in his adjustment to civilian life. Caleb Shang died in Cairns in 1953. Grave location MES Section FF4 Grave 6520.

DOYLE, Harry, (2426) Trooper, farmhand, was born in Charters Towers. He was 20 years old when he enlisted in Cairns in May 1917 and stated that his parents were both dead, naming his friend George Madden of 'Behana Siding, Gordonvale Line' as Next of Kin. He died at Cairns in 1967 and was buried in an unmarked grave. His friend Mrs Rose Colless campaigned to place a headstone on his grave in recognition of his service as an indigenous serviceman. A 2008 ceremony marked this event. Grave location BES Section W5 Grave 488A.

PLACE NAME **Masonic Peace Memorial Temple**

STREET 8 Minnie St

TOWN Cairns

GPS CO ORD 16° 55' 5"S, 145° 46' 13"E

DESCRIPTION

A two-storey, T-shaped, concrete building built in the inter-war period. The gabled entrance extends slightly from the temple front with the doorway enclosed by decorative columns and a cantilevered roof. There are additional doors at either side and at the rear. Internally there is a large galleried hall with two staircases to the first floor.

SITE TYPE

- Cemetery/burial
- Honour board
- Memorial building
- Memorial landscape
- Memorial gates
- Trophy gun
- War memorial
- Associated place
- Museum



Masonic Peace Temple soon after construction (Cns Hist Socy P07583)

CONTACT 4051 2713

ARCHITECT/ BUILDER C E Steadman

DATE 1934/5

DIMENSIONS

ACCESS Public (free) Public (fee applies) No access
 Public (free limited hrs) Limited access

REFERENCES

Queensland Heritage Register 601539 <<https://environment.ehp.qld.gov.au/heritage-register/detail/?id=601539>>



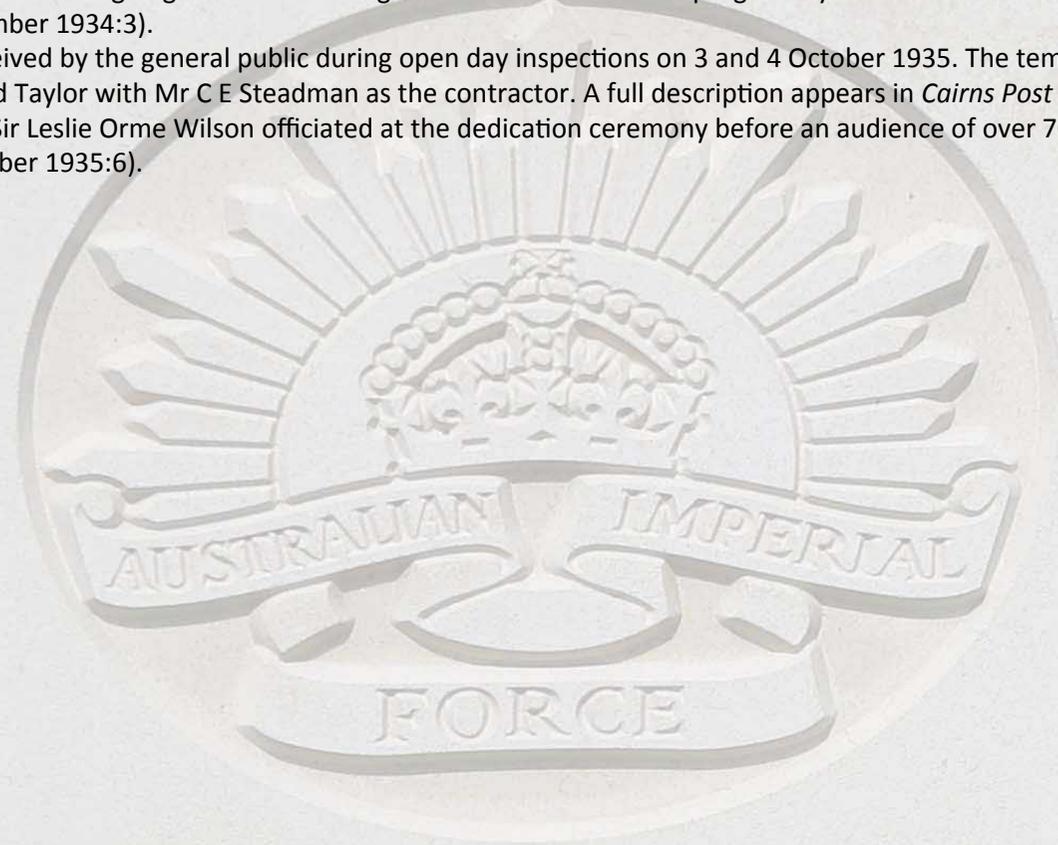
Masonic temple (Write Shutter 1R5A5062)

HISTORY

The foundation stone of the Masonic Peace Temple, at the corner of Minnie and Grafton (then called Sachs) Streets, was laid on Armistice Day 11 November 1934. Planning had been initiated in 1928. The Temple was 'to be a fitting memorial and tribute to those who sacrificed so much in the Great War. Cost was not to exceed £12,000. (*Cairns Post* 12 November 1934:6). Many functions for fund raising for the construction and furnishing of the Peace Temple took place. Mr and Mrs Ishmael of Queerah hosted an evening of games and dancing with a first-class musical program by the Masonic choir to raise funds for the pipe organ for the temple (*Cairns Post* 23 November 1934:3).

The new Temple was favourably received by the general public during open day inspections on 3 and 4 October 1935. The temple was a two-storey concrete construction. Architects were Hill and Taylor with Mr C E Steadman as the contractor. A full description appears in *Cairns Post* (2 October 1935:6).

On 12 October 1935, the Governor, Sir Leslie Orme Wilson officiated at the dedication ceremony before an audience of over 700 representatives of various Masonic Lodges (*Cairns Post* 14 October 1935:6).



AN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER
OF THE GREAT WAR

PLACE NAME McLeod St Pioneer Cemetery

STREET 127 - 145 McLeod St

TOWN Cairns

GPS CO ORD 16° 54' 55"S 145°45' 56"E

DESCRIPTION

The cemetery was used between 1877 and c1919 during which time at least 2510 burials occurred. There was one burial in 1946. Many graves are unmarked but several major conservation projects between 1988 and 2014 have identified some interments and have maintained most headstones in good condition.

The cemetery is well treed and includes an interpretative rotunda added after the initial major conservation works in 1988/90. The rotunda includes a comprehensive index of known burials.

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McLeod St Cemetery c.1916 (Cns Hist Socy P22559)

CONTACT CRC

ARCHITECT/ BUILDER Various Cairns Councils

DATE c.1877 - 1949

DIMENSIONS

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REFERENCES

Grimwade G., Maxim Consulting Services, 2012, *McLeod St Pioneer Cemetery Conservation Plan*, report to CRC



McLeod St cemetery entrance and rotunda (Write Shutter 1R5A5058)

HISTORY

The first cemetery trust was established in 1877 although its efforts to adequately manage the cemetery drew significant criticism (Grimwade 2012:8). The conditions faced by the Trustees were challenged by the physical environment of a former inter-dune swamp, subject to seasonal water-logging. After many years of discussion the cemetery officially closed in 1919, although the last burial was in 1946.

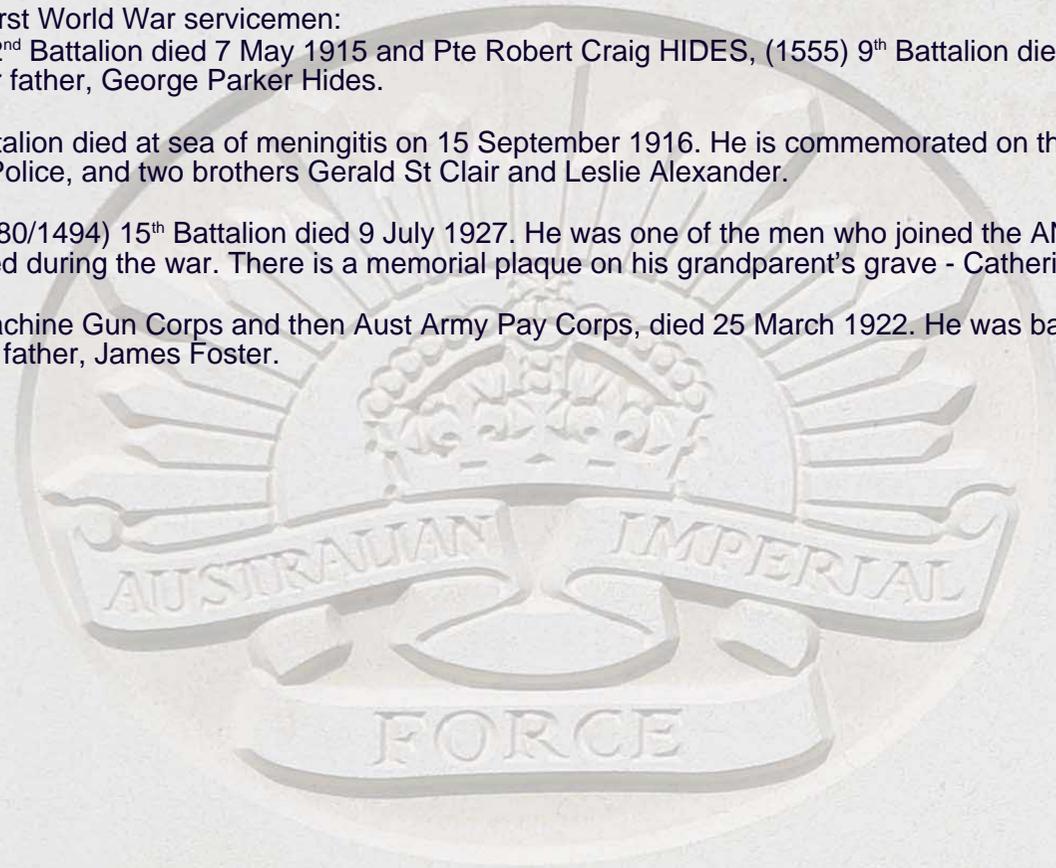
Four graves, however, relate to First World War servicemen:

Pte John Gordon HIDES, (1134) 2nd Battalion died 7 May 1915 and Pte Robert Craig HIDES, (1555) 9th Battalion died 15 April 1917 are both memorialised on the grave of their father, George Parker Hides.

Lieut Cyril John BOWEN, 34th Battalion died at sea of meningitis on 15 September 1916. He is commemorated on the family grave of his father Patrick Bowen, Sub-Inspector of Police, and two brothers Gerald St Clair and Leslie Alexander.

Pte Henry Ernest HARRISON, (6280/1494) 15th Battalion died 9 July 1927. He was one of the men who joined the AN & MEF on the *SS Kanowna* in August 1914. He was badly gassed during the war. There is a memorial plaque on his grandparent's grave - Catherine and William Green.

Sgt Peter FOSTER, (6665) 4th Machine Gun Corps and then Aust Army Pay Corps, died 25 March 1922. He was badly gassed during the war. He is buried in the same grave as his father, James Foster.



AN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER
OF THE GREAT WAR

PLACE NAME **Munro Martin Parklands**

STREET Sheridan/ Florence/ Minnie Sts

TOWN Cairns

GPS CO ORD 16° 55' 10"S 145° 46' 12"E

DESCRIPTION

The parklands underwent significant modernisation in 2015/16 turning them from an under-utilised and predominantly grassed area into an outdoor entertainment venue and extensive vine walk. It incorporates earlier construction of the memorial to the Munro Martin sisters. During both World Wars the park was used for military training and local defence purposes. Historical aspects of the park, along with several biographies of individuals associated with the park, are incorporated in the new features. Among them is a biographical plaque to Caleb Shang who fought with great distinction in the First World War.

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Munro Martin Park (Cns Hist Socy P08781)

CONTACT CRC

ARCHITECT/ BUILDER Various

DATE Various

DIMENSIONS

ACCESS Public (free) Public (fee applies) No access
 Public (free limited hrs) Limited access

REFERENCES



Munro Martin Parklands, vine walk (Write Shutter 1R5A5020)

HISTORY

Munro Martin Parklands was variously known as the Recreation Reserve (1882 - 1890), Norman Park (1890 - 1956), and Munro Martin Park (1956 - 2015). For several decades it was a venue for a wide range of sports: cricket, athletics, rugby and cycling among them. At times it was neglected, even to the point that there were complaints that the town goats were the main beneficiaries of the area.

The park was used by cadets and the Kennedy Regiment as a drill area in the lead up to, and during, the First World War. It was a primary focus for the first Anzac commemoration in 1916 during which volunteers from southern towns, later known as the 'Cane Beetles', arrived in Cairns. A 1919 celebration included a formal welcome home for returning soldiers including H. Dalziel VC and C. Shang DCM and bar MM. During the Second World War a Civil Defence headquarters was constructed in the south east corner. For some years after the war, that building was a focus for the Scout Association, surmounted by a distinctive fibreglass scout hat.



AN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER
OF THE GREAT WAR

PLACE NAME RSL Club and Museum, Cairns

STREET 115 - 119 Esplanade

TOWN Cairns

GPS CO ORD 16° 55' 03"S 145° 46' 30"E

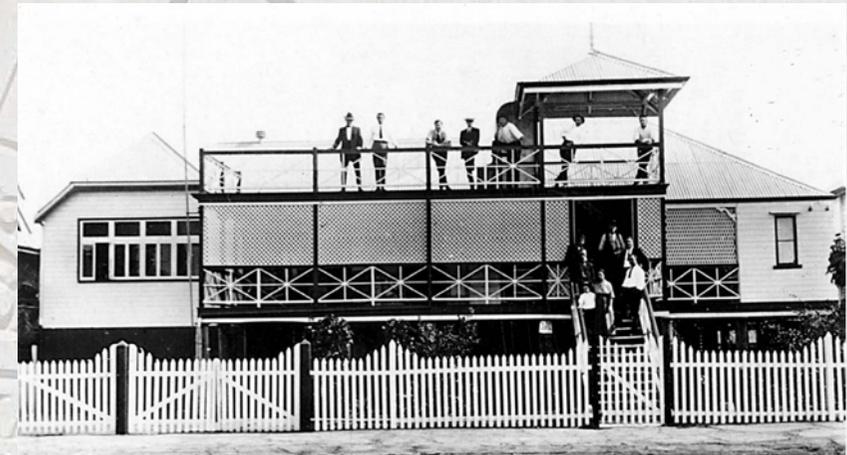
DESCRIPTION

The present two-storey concrete RSL building includes a first floor museum and offices for the local RSL and, on the ground floor, RSL Club facilities: licensed bar and restaurant. The building is opposite the Cairns cenotaph.

The developing museum contains an extensive collection of military memorabilia some of which is over a century old. Most of the collection has been donated by RSL members. Volunteers are progressively moving to develop its displays. Innovative new displays have recently opened. Donations are actively encouraged.

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RSL Rest Home 'Tower Villa' (Cns Hist Socy P15594)

CONTACT RSL Manager

ARCHITECT/ BUILDER

DATE 1960s on

DIMENSIONS c 2500m²

ACCESS Public (free) Public (fee applies) No access
 Public (free limited hrs) Limited access

REFERENCES



RSL Building 2016 (Write Shutter 1R5A5075)

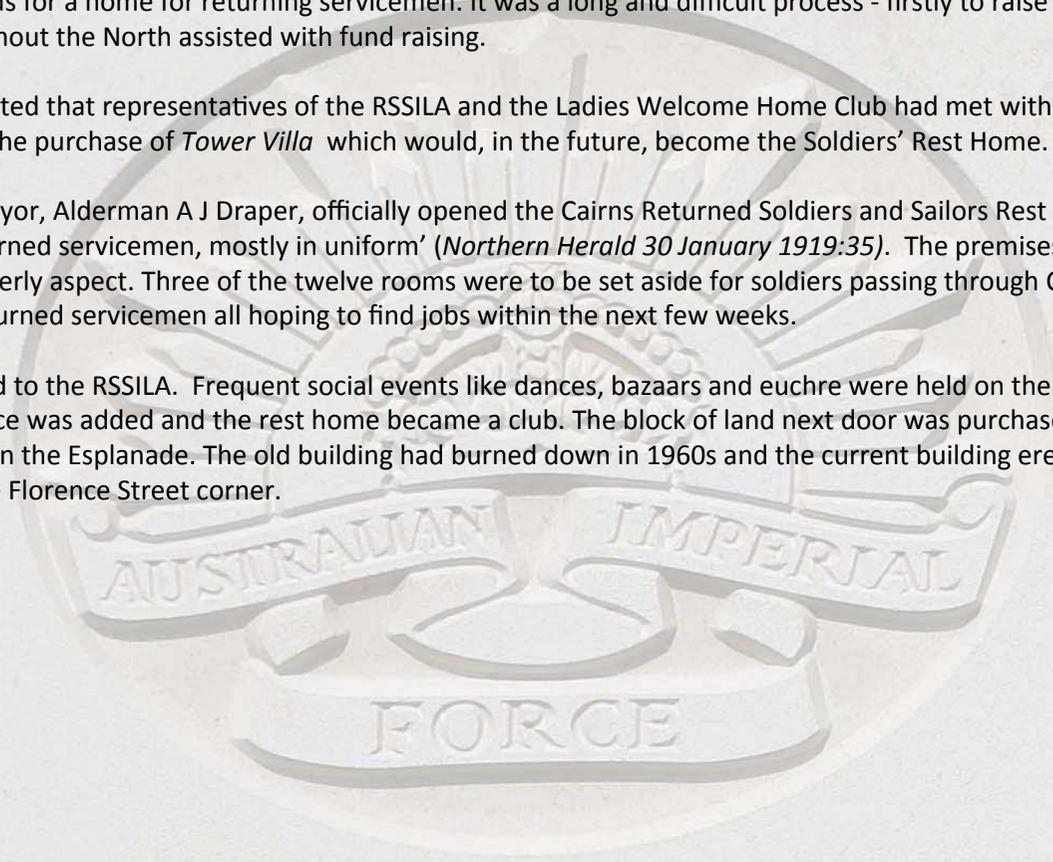
HISTORY

Part of the present site was a Rest Home that developed from the *Tower Villa* boarding house dating from at least 1909 (allotment 19 Section 20, ¼ acre). It was purchased from Mr G K Meyers who had considerably enlarged and refurbished it as his home. It was situated on The Esplanade on a block of land which formed about half of the area where the current RSL stands. In 1917 the RSSILA, precursor of the RSL, approached the ladies of the Welcome Home Club to ask if they would take on the task of raising funds for a home for returning servicemen. It was a long and difficult process - firstly to raise funds and then to obtain suitable premises. Communities from throughout the North assisted with fund raising.

Cairns Post 9 December 1918:8 reported that representatives of the RSSILA and the Ladies Welcome Home Club had met with Mr G R Meyers and paid over £1,100 being the first instalment on the purchase of *Tower Villa* which would, in the future, become the Soldiers' Rest Home.

On Saturday 25 January 1919 The Mayor, Alderman A J Draper, officially opened the Cairns Returned Soldiers and Sailors Rest Home on the Esplanade before 'a large crowd including a hundred returned servicemen, mostly in uniform' (*Northern Herald* 30 January 1919:35). The premises were described as being beautifully situated with a north-easterly aspect. Three of the twelve rooms were to be set aside for soldiers passing through Cairns. By March 1919 the home was full with over 30 out-of-work returned servicemen all hoping to find jobs within the next few weeks.

The management of the home passed to the RSSILA. Frequent social events like dances, bazaars and euchre were held on the premises. Because of financial management problems a liquor licence was added and the rest home became a club. The block of land next door was purchased and the premises eventually developed into the present day RSL on the Esplanade. The old building had burned down in 1960s and the current building erected with the most recent extension, around 2010, being on the Florence Street corner.



AN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER
OF THE GREAT WAR

PLACE NAME St Johns Anglican Church

STREET Cnr Lake and Minnie Sts

TOWN Cairns

GPS CO ORD 16° 55' 01"S 145° 46' 16"E

DESCRIPTION

St Johns' Anglican Church contains a memorial plaque in the form of a wooden cross inscribed 'To The Memory of Officers, NCO & Men of the 51st Btn A.I.F. who fell in the counter attack on Villers Bretonneux 24 - 25.4/18.

An explanatory brass plaque notes the cross is a replica of one erected on the battlefield. Initially St Annes Church Ryde NSW had custody of the cross. It was dedicated on Armistice Day 1934. The service was attended by members of the 30/51st Btn which was serving nearby. As the 51st was largely a WA unit the original was later transferred to St Georges Cathedral, Perth in 1956 and a copy retained in Ryde. In 1937 the unit was transferred to Cairns as the FNQ Regiment. In WW2 the 31/51st Btn was formed and saw active service in the SW Pacific. In 1992 this replica was made for St John's Church by the Ryde RSL Branches.

An additional plaque notes the reredos (area behind the main crucifix) is 'dedicated in grateful memory of those who gave their lives in war. 1914 - 1918, 1939-1945'. It appears to have been constructed of ceramic tiles.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial gates | |



St Johns (n.d) (Cns Hist Socy P01692)

CONTACT Rector 4051 2342 admin@stjohncairns.com

ARCHITECT/ BUILDER R. Hill (Arch) A McKenzie (Rldr)

DATE 1926/27

DIMENSIONS

ACCESS Public (free) Public (fee applies) No access
 Public (free limited hrs) Limited access

REFERENCES



St Johns Anglican Church 2016 (Write Shutter 1R5A5067)

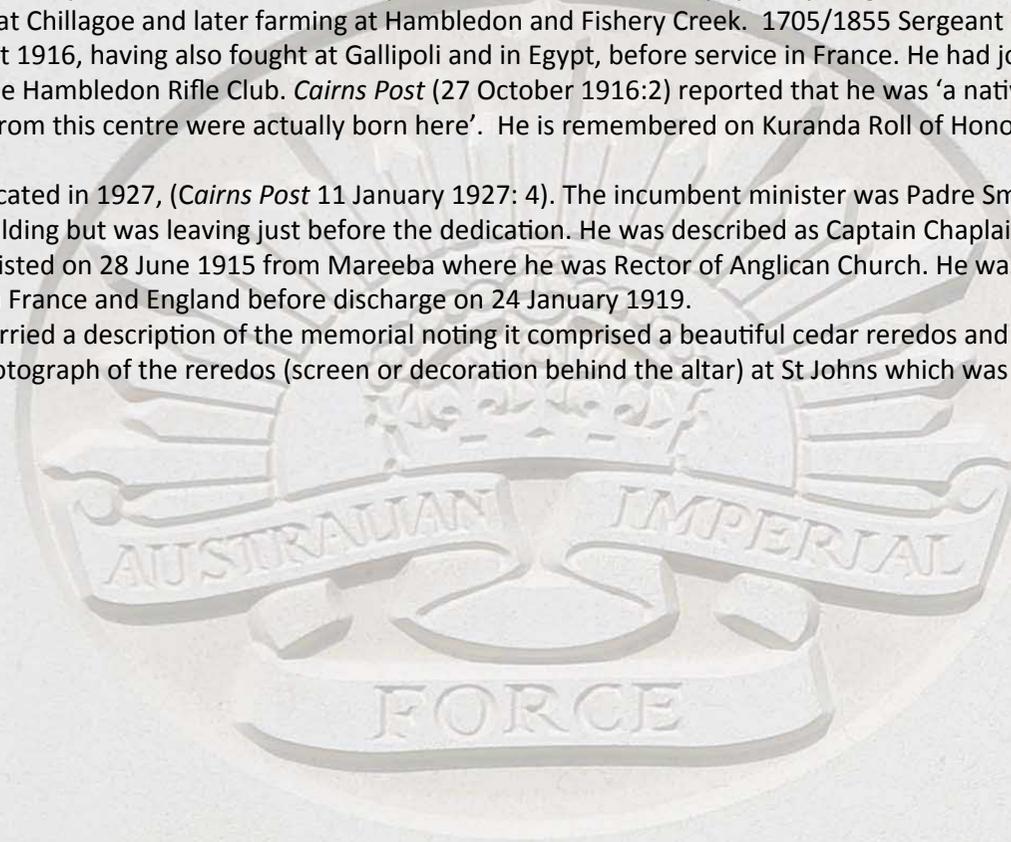
HISTORY

The *Cairns Post* (24 April 1917:4) reported there would be a naval and military parade at St Johns for Anzac Day noting that a 'Memorial Board presented by Mrs Hobson in memory of her son' would be unveiled. The board, made of silky oak and maple inscribed by Mr Knowles of Cairns, carries the names of the church members of the parish who had given their lives in the war.

The death in France of Tom Hobson was reported in *Cairns Post* 15 September 1916:4. He was a popular young man who had attended Brisbane Grammar School before working in metallurgy at Chillagoe and later farming at Hambledon and Fishery Creek. 1705/1855 Sergeant William Doyle Hobson (aka Tom) was killed in action in France on 16 August 1916, having also fought at Gallipoli and in Egypt, before service in France. He had joined the *Kanowna* expedition to New Guinea in 1914 while a member of the Hambledon Rifle Club. *Cairns Post* (27 October 1916:2) reported that he was 'a native of Cairns and a fine example of the tropics born as not many who went from this centre were actually born here'. He is remembered on Kuranda Roll of Honour and Cairns Cenotaph.

The new church of St Johns was dedicated in 1927, (*Cairns Post* 11 January 1927: 4). The incumbent minister was Padre Smith, a First World War veteran, who had worked tirelessly for the new building but was leaving just before the dedication. He was described as Captain Chaplain William Charles Smith, single, Clerk in Holy Orders, aged 37, when he enlisted on 28 June 1915 from Mareeba where he was Rector of Anglican Church. He was born in Scotland on 9 December 1877. Smith served at Gallipoli and in France and England before discharge on 24 January 1919.

Cairns Post (26 November 1949:6) carried a description of the memorial noting it comprised a beautiful cedar reredos and panelling in the sanctuary. *Cairns Post* (1 December 1949:5) published a photograph of the reredos (screen or decoration behind the altar) at St Johns which was dedicated as a memorial to the dead of two world wars.



AN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER
OF THE GREAT WAR

PLACE NAME Tobruk Pool

STREET 370 Sheridan St

TOWN Cairns

GPS CO ORD 16° 54' 09"S 145° 45' 32"E

DESCRIPTION

Tobruk Pool is a recently renovated aquatic sports facility. It was originally dedicated to the Second World War and, particularly, to the memory of the 'Rats of Tobruk' of Second World War fame. As part of the centenary commemorations of the First World War it was rededicated to include veterans of that period. A contemporary steel pipe sculpture at the entrance is intended to portray the barbed wire entanglements that became such a feature of warfare on the French Belgian border in 1914 -1918.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Memorial building | <input type="checkbox"/> Associated place |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial gates | |



Tobruk pool (1960s) (Cns Hist Socy P0076a)

CONTACT Manager 4051 2604

ARCHITECT/ BUILDER CRC

DATE 1960/2016

DIMENSIONS

ACCESS Public (free) Public (fee applies) No access
 Public (free limited hrs) Limited access

REFERENCES



Contemporary sculpture representing aspects of barbed wire entanglements of the First World War (Write Shutter 1R5A5)

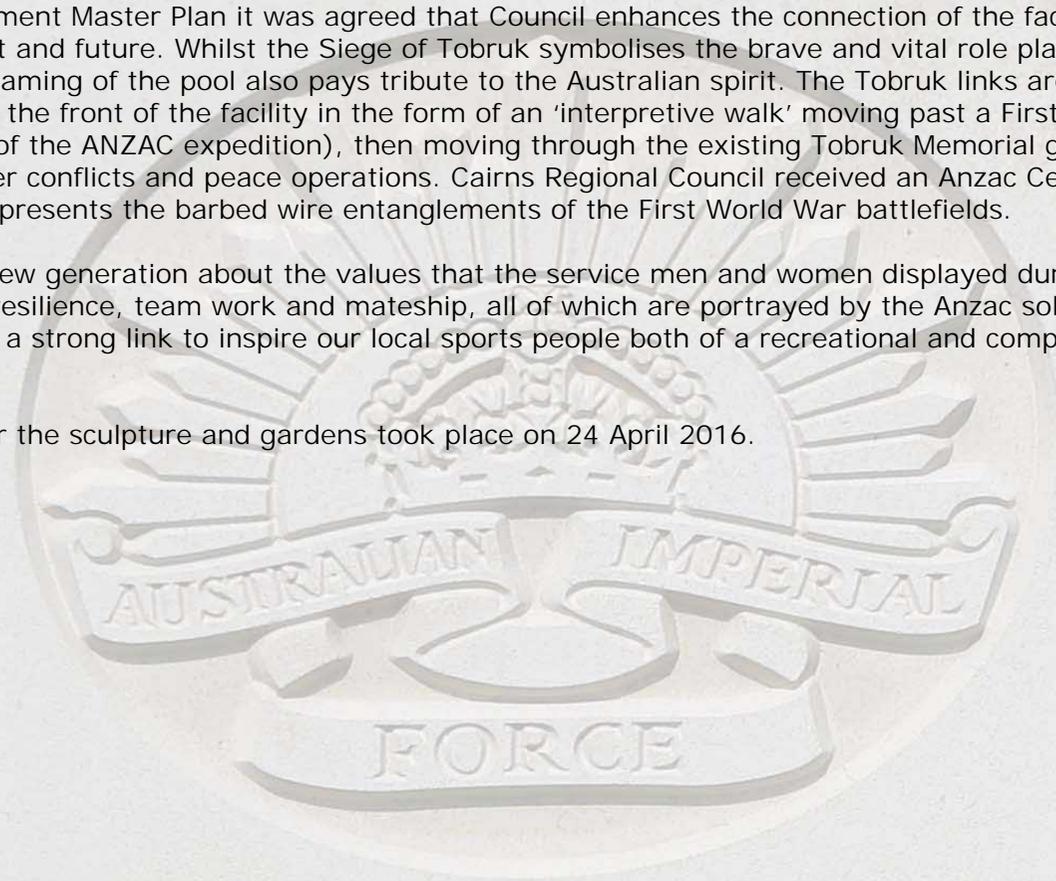
HISTORY

Tobruk pool construction started in 1960 and the facility opened two years later. It was dedicated to the memory of Second World War service personnel and, particularly, the Rats of Tobruk.

As part of the Tobruk Redevelopment Master Plan it was agreed that Council enhances the connection of the facility to the contribution of all servicemen/women past, present and future. Whilst the Siege of Tobruk symbolises the brave and vital role played by Australians in North Africa during World War II, the naming of the pool also pays tribute to the Australian spirit. The Tobruk links are still the dominant theme; however, the narrative begins at the front of the facility in the form of an 'interpretive walk' moving past a First World War entrance feature (commemorating the centenary of the ANZAC expedition), then moving through the existing Tobruk Memorial gates, down an arbour walkway with interpretative panels of other conflicts and peace operations. Cairns Regional Council received an Anzac Centenary Grant to construct an Anzac feature sculpture which represents the barbed wire entanglements of the First World War battlefields.

The project seeks to educate a new generation about the values that the service men and women displayed during periods of conflict. The attributes of courage, integrity, resilience, team work and mateship, all of which are portrayed by the Anzac soldiers, are contextualised in the interpretive panels providing a strong link to inspire our local sports people both of a recreational and competitive nature. (CRC grant application Q100 - Anzac grants)

The official opening ceremony for the sculpture and gardens took place on 24 April 2016.



AN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER
OF THE GREAT WAR

PLACE NAME Edmonton Cenotaph

STREET Fuller Park, Wolff St

TOWN Edmonton

GPS CO ORD 17°1'24"S 145°44'34"E

DESCRIPTION

Core feature of the concrete base memorial, surrounded by a lawn, is a flat top pyramid of local rocks - with marble plaque, 300 x 460mm, 'Lest we forget, Hambledon Edmonton RSSAILA' mounted on the rock face above a two stage base. This inset predates the more recent construction on which it now sits. Lower level 2.7m square and 430mm high, second tier 1.7 m square and 615mm high. Flat top pyramid is 1.6 m high tapering from 1.4m base to c 400mm x 400mm. T-shape concrete wing walls 4m long, 1 m high, extend from about 5m north and south of the central feature. Two flagpoles, approx. 5m high, are positioned slightly east of the monument. Bronze plaques, 380 x 280mm, commemorating both World Wars and Korea and Vietnam are fitted to the central feature concrete base. A larger plaque, 780 x 580mm, to 51st Battalion is secured to the east face of the northern wing wall.

SITE TYPE

- Cemetery/burial
- Honour board
- Memorial building
- Memorial landscape
- Memorial gates
- Trophy gun
- War memorial
- Associated place
- Museum



Edmonton cenotaph (Write Shutter 1R5A8769)

CONTACT CRC

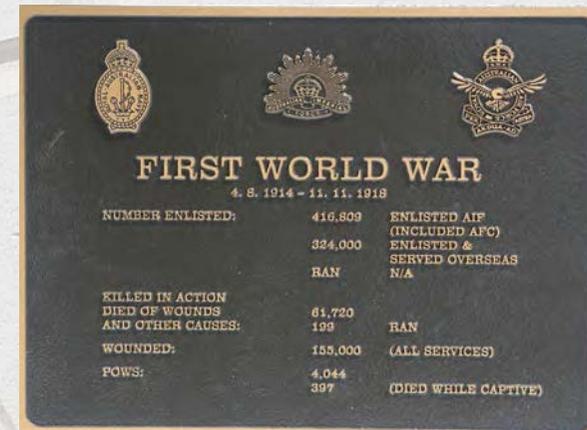
ARCHITECT/ BUILDER

DATE pre 2014

DIMENSIONS 15m+ x 3+m

ACCESS Public (free) Public (fee applies) No access
 Public (free limited hrs) Limited access

REFERENCES

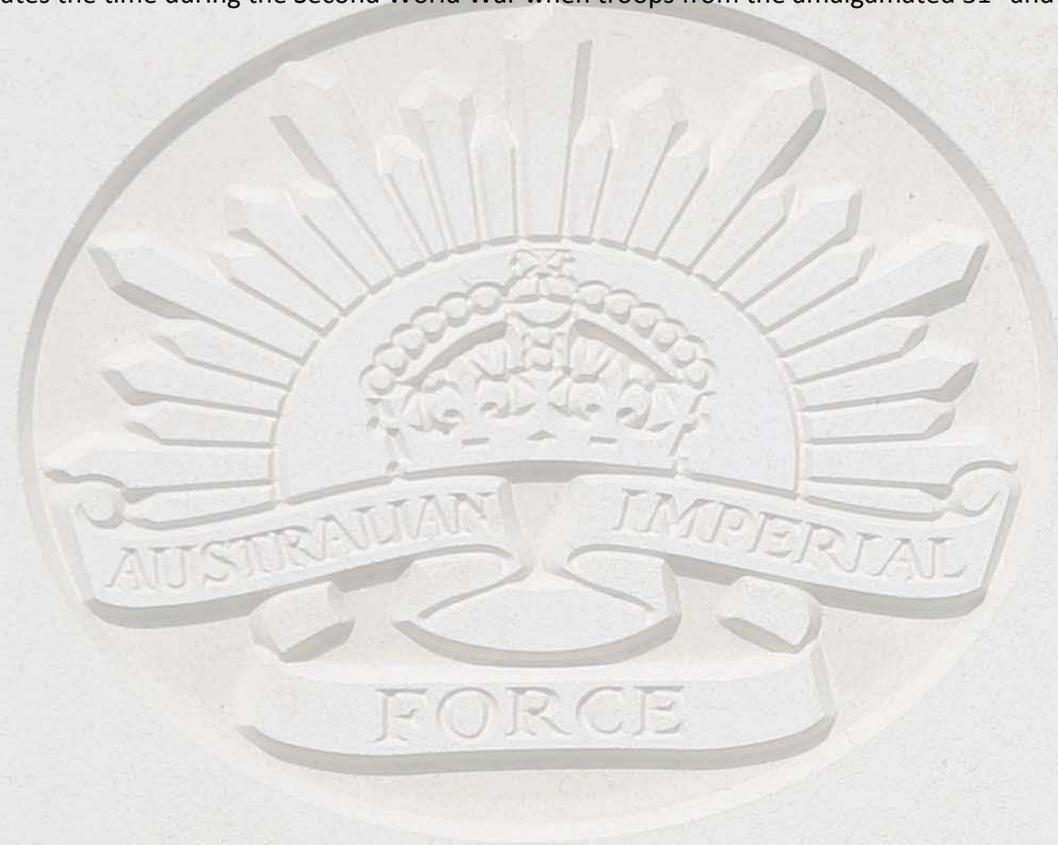


Edmonton memorial plaque (Write Shutter 1R5A8771)

HISTORY

Edmonton Cenotaph commemorates servicemen and women who have served in all conflicts in which Australia has been involved. An Anzac Day March and commemoration service are held in Edmonton each year with a wreath laying ceremony held at the Cenotaph.

In March 2015 a special service was held at the cenotaph to mark the unveiling of a plaque dedicated to those who served in the 51st Battalion, Far North Queensland Regiment. It commemorates the time during the Second World War when troops from the amalgamated 31st and 51st Battalions were stationed in Edmonton.



AN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER
OF THE GREAT WAR

PLACE NAME Gordonvale Cemetery

SITE TYPE Cemetery/burial Trophy gun
 Honour board War memorial
 Memorial building Associated place
 Memorial landscape Museum
 Memorial gates

STREET Cnr Highleigh/ Maher Rds

TOWN Gordonvale

GPS CO ORD 17° 5' 14"S 145° 47' 9"E

DESCRIPTION The cemetery lies north of the town and comprises both memorial and lawn cemeteries set in well-maintained grounds with light tree cover. The cemetery contains the graves of several local veterans, most of which are readily identifiable as military graves; either marble (see Dewar opposite) or metal plaques on vertical stone (see Ireland opposite lower).



Gordonvale cemetery, Dewar memorial (Write Shutter 1R5A8683)

CONTACT CRC

ARCHITECT/ BUILDER

DATE

DIMENSIONS

ACCESS Public (free) Public (fee applies) No access
 Public (free limited hrs) Limited access

REFERENCES



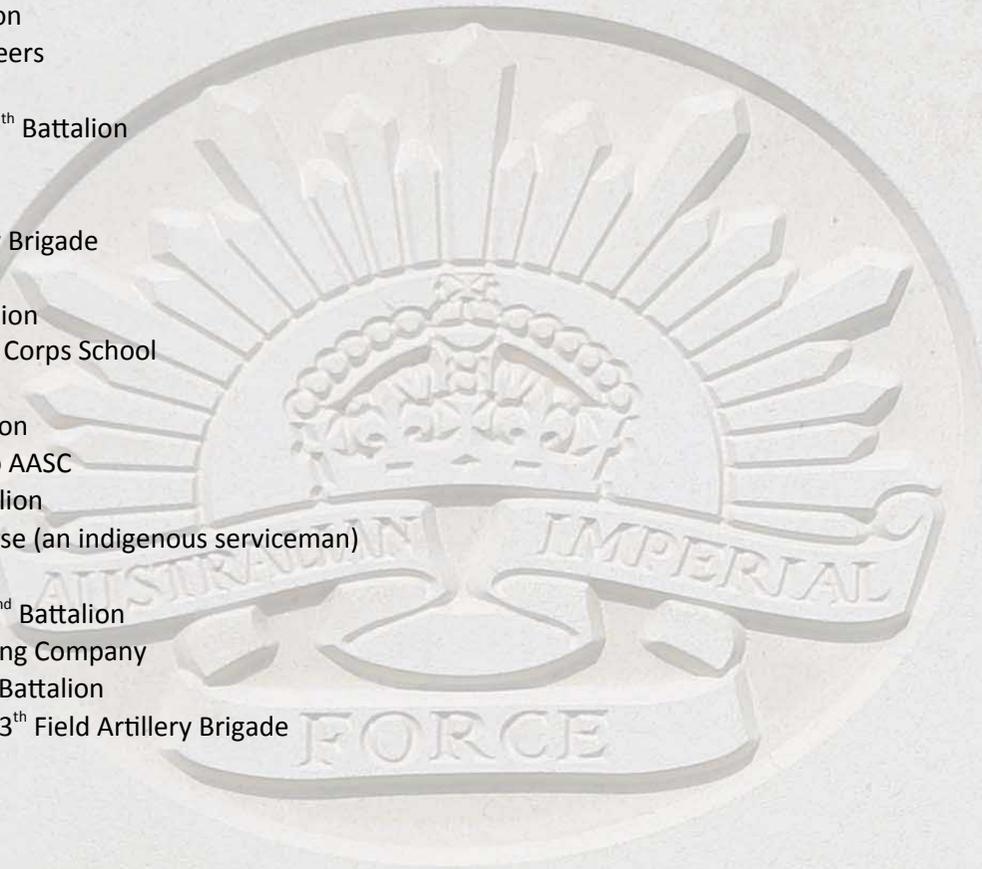
Gordonvale cemetery, Ireland memorial (Write Shutter 1R5A8686)

HISTORY

Gordonvale cemetery dates from at least 1884, the first recorded burial date.

Graves of the men who enlisted in the First World War include.

- 4276 Pte CONCANNON, Alfred -42nd Battalion
- 2366 Pte DEWAR, Henry Ferguson -4th Pioneers
- 844 Pte DOWNEY, Edward -25th Battalion
- 5079 Pte EDWARDS, John Henry Barnes- 49th Battalion
- 5577 Pte FAY, Martin -26th Battalion
- 1953 Pte GALLAGHER, Owen -1st Battalion
- 1555 Dvr GORRIE, James- 11th Field Artillery Brigade
- 7262 Pte HEENAN, Michael- 41st Battalion
- 72 Pte HOARE, Matthew Joseph -52nd Battalion
- 2084 Pte IRELAND, Percy Albert -Australian Corps School
- 2532 Cpl LANGTREE, John - 46th Battalion
- 6365 Pte McGRATH, Patrick MM -9th Battalion
- 6538 Dvr McKEOWN, James Joseph -17th Co AASC
- 1707 Pte NIELSEN, Niels Magnus -49th Battalion
- 2441 Trooper POLLARD, Jack -11th Light Horse (an indigenous serviceman)
- 209 Pte PYNE, Frank James -26th Battalion
- 2242 Pte ROBERTS, Edmund Arbuthnot -52nd Battalion
- 5630 Sapper SYMONS, William -2nd Tunnelling Company
- 5928 Pte TEWKESBURY, Thomas James -9th Battalion
- 1837/1354 RSM WARING, Hubert Parker -13th Field Artillery Brigade



AN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER
OF THE GREAT WAR

PLACE NAME Gordonvale Cenotaph & Memorial Park

SITE TYPE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Honour board | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> War memorial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial building | <input type="checkbox"/> Associated place |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Memorial landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial gates | |

STREET Gordon St

TOWN Gordonvale

GPS CO ORD 17° 5' 30"S 145° 4' 13"E

DESCRIPTION

The cenotaph was relocated to its present position in the late 1960s from the intersection of Cannon and Norman streets (Wixted 2010:124) and is actively used on commemoration days. Construction was by North Queensland stonemasons Melrose and Fenwick (1924) with the classic pose of a digger bowed over a reversed rifle. The cenotaph is correctly painted white to reflect the universality of the military. A naval anchor has been added at the foot of the column. It was taken from *HMAS Wewak* and dedicated to all sailors who were killed in action, to victory in the Pacific and other conflicts. A chain that once linked the base posts was removed after 1994. A Bofors anti-aircraft gun has been mounted to the south of the cenotaph. It commemorates servicemen and women in Korea, Malaya, Borneo 1948 -1966 and Vietnam 1962 - 1973. The 40mm Bofors was widely used by allied forces for many years from the late 1930s (Grimwade 2012).



Gordonvale Cenotaph in its original position. (Cns Hist Socy P09736)

CONTACT CRC

ARCHITECT/ BUILDER Melrose & Fenwick

DATE 1925/26

DIMENSIONS

ACCESS Public (free) Public (fee applies) No access
 Public (free limited hrs) Limited access

REFERENCES

G Grimwade, *Norman Park Gordonvale Heritage Aspects Report* 2012. report to CRC.
Wixted D, 2010, *Cairns Region Heritage Study*, report to CRC.



Gordonvale Cenotaph 2016 (Write Shutter 1R5A8661)

HISTORY

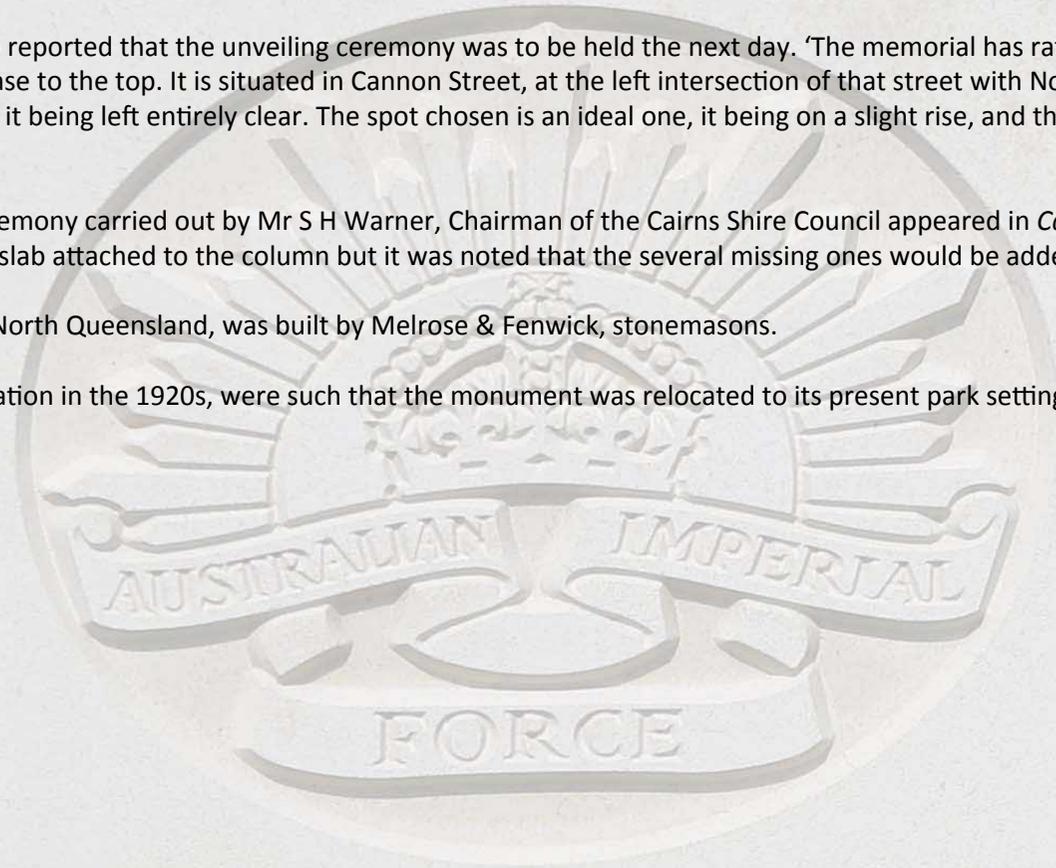
The Cairns Post (18 July 1924:4) announced that the newly elected Gordonvale Cenotaph Committee comprising four 'diggers', four members of the Women's Auxiliary and three citizens, held its first meeting. They planned to canvass the whole district seeking donations to cover the cost of £300. The money was raised in less than six months with the final £20 collected at the ceremony.

The Cairns Post (8 November 1924:4) reported that the unveiling ceremony was to be held the next day. 'The memorial has rather an imposing appearance, being almost twenty feet from the base to the top. It is situated in Cannon Street, at the left intersection of that street with Norman Street, the latter street, which has a vast amount of traffic on it being left entirely clear. The spot chosen is an ideal one, it being on a slight rise, and there will be no danger of water collecting ...'.

A lengthy report on the unveiling ceremony carried out by Mr S H Warner, Chairman of the Cairns Shire Council appeared in *Cairns Post* (11 November 1924:5). There were 30 names on the marble slab attached to the column but it was noted that the several missing ones would be added shortly.

The monument, like many others in North Queensland, was built by Melrose & Fenwick, stonemasons.

Traffic demands, contrary to the situation in the 1920s, were such that the monument was relocated to its present park setting in the 1960s.



AN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER
OF THE GREAT WAR

PLACE NAME Gordonvale Memorial Hospital

STREET 1 – 11 Highleigh Rd

TOWN Gordonvale

GPS CO ORD 17° 05' 03"S 145° 47' 08"E

DESCRIPTION The modern Gordonvale Hospital has a marble plaque, removed from the original building, on the left wall of the entrance with a comprehensive history in a separate plaque below.

Within the hospital foyer are several photographs of William and James O'Neill whose mother was a motivating force in the construction of the memorial hospital.

SITE TYPE

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Official opening of Gordonvale Memorial Hospital (Cns Hist Socy P09747)

CONTACT Ph 07 4043 3100

ARCHITECT/ BUILDER Public Works Dept

DATE 1926

DIMENSIONS

ACCESS Public (free) Public (fee applies) No access
 Public (free limited hrs) Limited access

REFERENCES



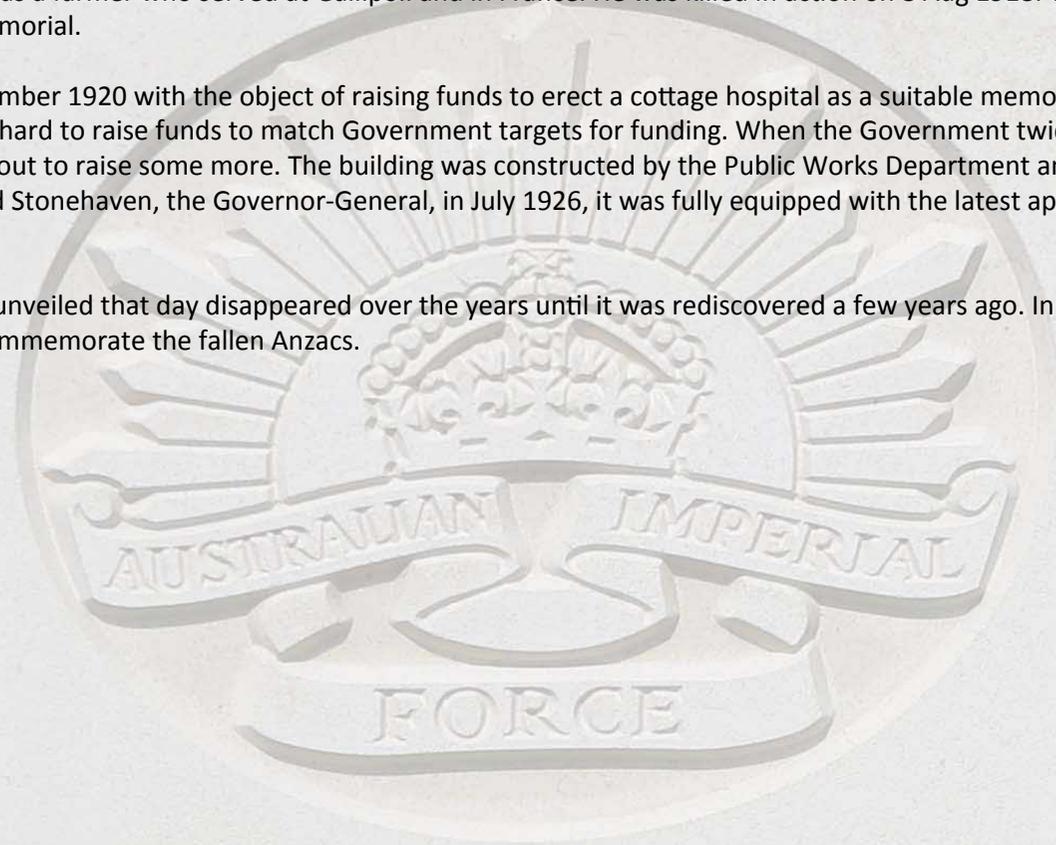
Gordonvale Hospital plaque and historical background sign (Write Shutter 1R5A8672)

HISTORY

Mrs O'Neill of Gordonvale was the person most involved in organising the movement for the construction of a War Memorial Hospital in Gordonvale. Her two sons were killed in action in France. Act Sgt William O'Neill (4258) was a 29 year old seaman, born in Cooktown, when he enlisted in Rockhampton on 30 May 1915. He was killed in action in France on 21 August 1916. Second Lieutenant James Gordon O'Neill of 48th Battalion was born in Cooktown, and enlisted in Cairns aged 21, on 21 Jan 1915. He was a farmer who served at Gallipoli and in France. He was killed in action on 8 Aug 1918. They are both remembered on Cairns Cenotaph and Gordonvale Memorial.

Mrs O'Neill called a meeting in September 1920 with the object of raising funds to erect a cottage hospital as a suitable memorial to the fallen (*Cairns Post* 22 July 1926:5). The committee worked hard to raise funds to match Government targets for funding. When the Government twice increased the amount the committee needed to raise, they set out to raise some more. The building was constructed by the Public Works Department and included a maternity ward. When it was officially opened by Lord Stonehaven, the Governor-General, in July 1926, it was fully equipped with the latest appliances purchased with funds raised by the Committee.

The marble commemorative plaque unveiled that day disappeared over the years until it was rediscovered a few years ago. In a special ceremony in April 2015 it was re-attached to the building to commemorate the fallen Anzacs.



AN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER
OF THE GREAT WAR

PLACE NAME **Mulgrave Settlers Museum**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial building | <input type="checkbox"/> Associated place |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial landscape | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial gates | |

STREET 60 Gordon St

TOWN Gordonvale

GPS CO ORD 17° 5' 29" S 145°47' 19" E

DESCRIPTION

Mulgrave Historical Society maintains a small museum within which is displayed a diversity of First World War memorabilia of particular relevance to the former Mulgrave Shire which combined to form the Cairns Regional Council in 1995.

The displays include collections of medals, cards and insignia along with such unique elements as the leggings worn by Private Charlton of the Camel Corps while serving in the Middle East, and a letter from King George V to Edmond Roberts after he was injured in 1918.

CONTACT Museum (07) 4056 1810

ARCHITECT/ BUILDER

DATE

DIMENSIONS

ACCESS Public (free) Public (fee applies) No access
 Public (free limited hrs) Limited access

REFERENCES

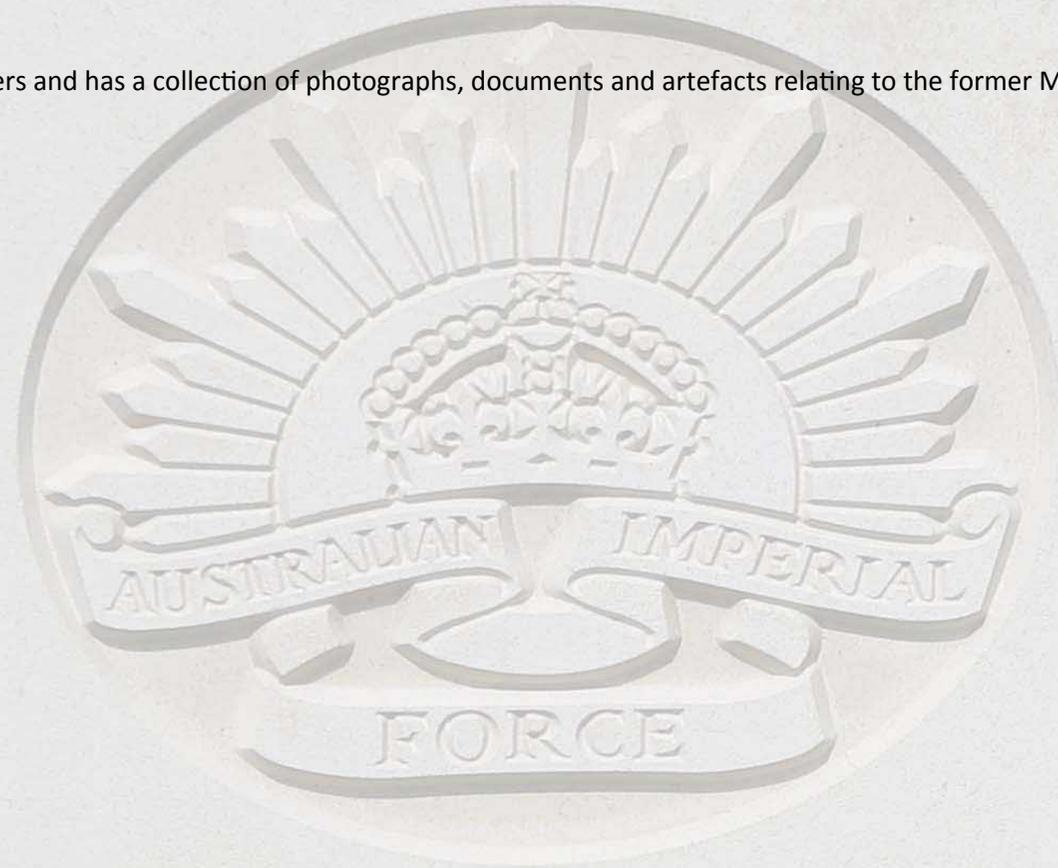


Mulgrave Settlers Museum, Gordonvale (Write Shutter 1R5A5005)

HISTORY

The museum, operated by the Mulgrave Historical Society, opened on 26 January 1992 in a purpose-built structure on land donated by the Mulgrave Mill in Gordon Street, Gordonvale. Major fund raising drives in the community, generous donations and many hours of volunteer labour contributed to the displays and the provision of air conditioning and lighting. The displays are based around the packers and miners who traversed the steep tracks to the mining fields to the west.

The Museum is operated by volunteers and has a collection of photographs, documents and artefacts relating to the former Mulgrave Shire now incorporated into Cairns Regional Council.



AN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER
OF THE GREAT WAR

PLACE NAME Australian Armour & Artillery Museum

STREET 1145 Kamerunga Rd

TOWN Smithfield

GPS CO ORD 16° 51' 01"S 145° 41' 44"E

DESCRIPTION

A privately operated museum with the largest collection of military artillery and associated equipment in the southern hemisphere from most major conflicts of the past century.

Several First World War British, French and German artillery pieces, along with a diverse collection of machine guns and small arms, are displayed. The large military equipment collection includes a British 6" howitzer and German 15cm Schwere Feldhaubitze13, a 7.7 cms FK16 Field Gun, and a 7.58 cm Leichte Minenwarfer trench mortar.

Numerous other armaments relating to the First World War form part of the small arms gallery. They include Vickers and Maxim machine guns and a wide range of hand guns and rifles.

Light refreshments are available and there is a comprehensive museum shop on-site.

SITE TYPE

- Cemetery/burial
- Honour board
- Memorial building
- Memorial landscape
- Memorial gates
- Trophy gun
- War memorial
- Associated place
- Museum



Interior display gallery with First World War artillery in foreground.
(Write Shutter 1R5A5224)

CONTACT Manager 074038 1665 <info@ausarmour.com>

ARCHITECT/ BUILDER

DATE 2014

DIMENSIONS

ACCESS

- Public (free)
- Public (fee applies)
- No access
- Public (free limited hrs)
- Limited access

REFERENCES



Entry feature to Armour and Artillery Museum (Write Shutter 1R5A5051)

HISTORY

The largest private collection of artillery and small arms in the southern hemisphere is held at the museum in its hangar-like building at Caravonica,(nr Smithfield) north of Cairns city. It opened to the public in September 2014.

The collections are undergoing continual expansion.



AN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER
OF THE GREAT WAR

PLACE NAME Stratford Cenotaph

STREET Magazine and Rinks Sts

TOWN Stratford

GPS CO ORD 16° 52' 28"S 145° 44'3"E

DESCRIPTION A simple memorial is set in a small park adjacent to the railway line and Bowls Club. It comprises a marble rock (0.9m high) and plaque with an adjacent flagpole (8m) as its focal features set on a base of exposed concrete aggregate.

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War memorial Stratford. (Write Shutter)

CONTACT CRC

ARCHITECT/ BUILDER

DATE

DIMENSIONS 2.8m x 2.8m base

ACCESS Public (free) Public (fee applies) No access
 Public (free limited hrs) Limited access

REFERENCES



Plaque mounted on white marble rock (Write Shutter)

HISTORY

The Stratford War Memorial commemorates all servicemen and women who have served in all wars and conflicts in which Australia has been involved. It is situated at Rinks Close and Magazine Streets, Stratford. The monument was dedicated on 19th November 1988. Each year an Anzac Day commemoration service and wreath laying ceremony are held at the War Memorial.



AN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER
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PLACE NAME War Memorial & seats, Trinity Beach

STREET Vasey Esplanade

TOWN Trinity Beach

GPS CO ORD 16° 47'13"S 145° 42' 38"E

DESCRIPTION

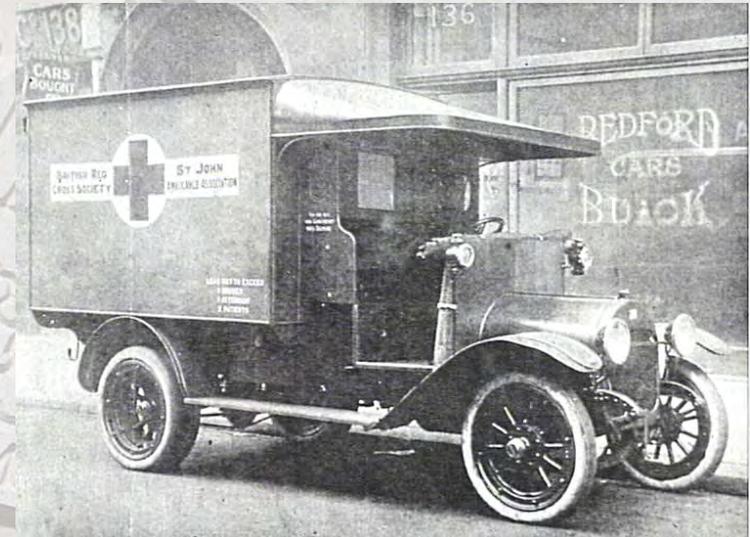
Two memorial seats, facing the Coral Sea, on Vasey Esplanade have First World War significance. One incorporates a photograph of the 1916 motor ambulance that was paid for by the citizens of Cairns and was used on the Western Front. The second feature commemorates the work of nursing personnel.

Associated features are the flagpole and plaque relocated to its present position in 2005. These elements refer to Second World War Coastwatch activities.

The work was carried out by the Trinity Beach Lions Club with an Anzac Centenary Grant.

SITE TYPE

- Cemetery/burial
- Honour board
- Memorial building
- Memorial landscape
- Memorial gates
- Trophy gun
- War memorial
- Associated place
- Museum



Ambulance provided by Cairns residents to assist in the medical services in France. The photo is part of the memorial seating. (Cns Hist Socy P02184)

CONTACT CRC

ARCHITECT/ BUILDER Lions Club, Trinity Beach

DATE 2015

DIMENSIONS

ACCESS Public (free) Public (fee applies) No access
 Public (free limited hrs) Limited access

REFERENCES



Memorial bench, Trinity Beach (Write Shutter 1R5A8579)

HISTORY

The Lions Club of Trinity Beach obtained a grant from Queensland Government Anzac 100 Grants Round Two for the installation of two bench seats with back rests to be placed near the cenotaph and overlooking the waterfront on Vasey Esplanade, Trinity Beach. The seats were dedicated to local efforts during the First World War: one to the nurses who cared for the soldiers under challenging conditions and one to the efforts of the volunteers at home. The benches each have an etched panel with a dedication and a photo; one showing nurses caring for a soldier and the other an ambulance vehicle funded by the people of Cairns. The dedication ceremony took place on Saturday 18 April 2015.

The following notes relate to the Cairns and district ambulance:

The Cairns Red Cross Society is anxious to send to the front, from Cairns, a motor ambulance. This is to be a tribute to the Cairns and district soldiers who have been killed or wounded at the Dardenelles. The Society has £150 in hand but are anxious to raise £400 and will thankfully receive any donations to the equipment and dispatch of a motor ambulance (Cairns Post 11 June 1915:4).

Various fund raising activities took place. Mrs Preston Day gave a practical demonstration of cookery of the Allied Nations in the Technical College with silver coin admission and sale of dishes afterwards. (Cairns Post 26 June 1915:4). Ambulance nurses took up a street collection to raise £18. (Cairns Post 5 July 1915 :4). Mrs Hides forwarded a cheque for £25 and Mrs Craig organised a motor car and bicycle parade which raised £103 (Cairns Post 12 June 1915:4, *Northern Herald* 9 July 1915:21). The Mareeba ladies held a fancy dress ball and other functions. (Cairns Post 30 June 1915:5). By late September, in less than four months, the money had been raised and cabled to London. (Cairns Post 8 October 1915:4).

Gunner F Leyon (sic) wrote home that he had seen an ambulance motor with 'For our boys at the front from Cairns and District' painted on the side. (*Northern Herald* 8 December 1916:18). This was actually Driver Frederick Gilbert LYON, (162/1964) 108th Howitzer Btn, who was a member of the Mareeba Rifle Club and took part in the 'Kanowna expedition'. He re-enlisted 17 September 1914 then served nearly five years - in Gallipoli, Egypt, France - before discharge in March 1919. In July 1967 his widow, then living at Digger St Cairns, applied for his Gallipoli Medal stating he had died on 30 April in that year.

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PLACE NAME 'Cane Beetles' Trail

STREET Various

TOWN Various

GPS CO ORD 17°26'40"S 145°53'07"E
S17.44452 E145.88525

DESCRIPTION The 'Cane Beetles' march to Cairns started from the township of Bartle Frere (Mooliba), at the base of Mt Bartle Frere. The original four men who set out arrived at the (then) Norman Park on Anzac Day 1916, accompanied by an additional 25 who had joined them on their northward walk with the intention to enlist in the AIF.

Bartle Frere is now a cluster of cane farms and school en route to Josephine Falls, a popular recreation site, and the start point for the walking track to the 1600 metre high mountain.

SITE TYPE

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'Cane beetles' volunteers on their march north to Cairns, possibly nearing Gordonvale, April 1916 (Cns Hist Socy P114850).

CONTACT

ARCHITECT/ BUILDER

DATE 1916

DIMENSIONS

ACCESS Public (free) Public (fee applies) No access
 Public (free limited hrs) Limited access

REFERENCES



Volunteers and well-wishers on Hop Wah (Mulgrave) Rd Cairns, 25 April 1916. (Cns Hist Socy P00824)

HISTORY

Recruitment marches were held in many places throughout Australia to encourage young men to enlist and to show support for those who did. The Cairns recruitment march named the Cane Beetles March was held to coincide with the first Anzac Day in 1916. At that time the cane beetle was causing extensive damage to sugar cane fields in North Queensland. The banner the men displayed during the march showed the Kaiser (King of Germany) fleeing before a swarm of beetles.

Four volunteers began the march at the township then known as Mooliba (now Bartle Frere) on 20 April 1916 after an enthusiastic send-off. They reached Babinda at 5.25 pm to an jubilant reception from school children and townspeople. They were joined by nine more volunteers. Early the next day they set off for Alooomba with stops at Bellenden Ker, Deeral, Fishery Creek and Mt Sophia. They were welcomed everywhere with speeches, patriotic songs and plentiful refreshments including 75 lbs (34 kilos) of fresh fish from the Russell River.

They spent the night at Alooomba after a hearty welcome. Leaving there at noon they reached Gordonvale at 2 pm to be met by citizens, the rifle club, cadets, school children and the band. The marchers were entertained by the local Red Cross and the Nelson Hotel and enjoyed a swim in the river. The next morning was spent practising army drill followed by motor car visits to various farms for entertainment and refreshments. At night they attended church parade at the Presbyterian Church.

When the marchers reached Edmonton they had time for a splendid meal, music, toasts and speeches. At the sports ground they took part in a 90-minute football match against the locals.

On Monday 25 April, they reached Woree to be met by the Mayor and crowds of people before proceeding through Parramatta to Norman Park (now Munro Martin Parklands). There was a huge procession of bands, military and navy forces, community groups, the impressive ambulance horse and sulky, local Japanese, several of whom wore sword-fencing uniforms, and 1200 school children. That evening an impressive ceremony, the first Anzac Day, was held in remembrance of the fallen at Gallipoli with 'The Last Post' sounded from the top of Boland's Building.

Twenty-nine men had joined the Cane Beetles March - Mooliba 4, Babinda 9, Alooomba 4, Gordonvale 6, Green Hills 2, Edmonton 3 and Woree 1.

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