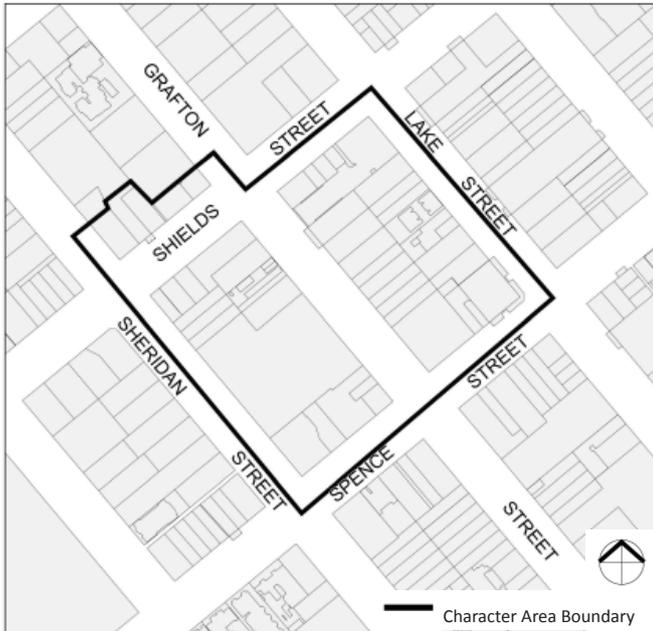


Cairns City COMMERCIAL

Precinct Map



Character Statement

The Cairns City Commercial precinct provides for a diversity of uses, including retail, commercial and restaurants/cafes with kerb side dining. The precinct is relatively car based, with all streets offering parking alongside the road, as well as most streets in the median strip. A 'transit mall' or bus interchange is located at Lake Street, adjacent to the pedestrian mall 'City Place'.

The key feature of this precinct is the eclectic mix of architecture, dating back to the Victorian era, with significant landmark buildings located on prominent corners. Generally, the built form has a hard edge to the front boundary and provides awnings or balconies that shade the wide footpaths.

Shields Street, and to a lesser extent Lake and Spence Streets, provide a variety of street trees which add to the tropical character and provide relief for pedestrians.



Existing Character Elements

A survey of this precinct showed that this area displays the following neighbourhood character elements:

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE	Mix of styles with buildings dating back to the Victorian era. Landmark buildings are located on street corners. Some buildings are heritage listed.
BUILDING MATERIALS	Render, brick, cement sheeting, concrete, corrugated steel awnings.
BUILDING FORM	Mixed. Predominantly no front setbacks with large awnings or shade structures over the footpaths.
ROOF STYLE	Mix of pitched styles and flat roofs.
FRONT SETBACKS	Generally build to boundary, with some articulation of the facades.
SIDE SETBACKS	0-5m
BUILDING HEIGHT	Predominantly 1-3 storeys, some buildings up to 5 storeys.
ORIENTATION TO STREET	Parallel.
CAR PARKING / VEHICLE STORAGE	Median car parking strip along Grafton St. Angle parking along most road sides.
GARDEN STYLE	Gardens are not present in streets.
FRONT BOUNDARY TREATMENT	Predominantly no front setbacks with large awnings or shade structures over the footpaths.
STREET TREES	Medium height native trees, including palms and some ficus trees. Some small shrubs at intersections.
ROAD & FOOTPATH TREATMENT	Wide concrete paved footpaths (approx. 4-5m). Mix of Upstanding and Rollover kerb. Median landscape strip along Shields St and median car parking strip along Grafton St. Angle parking along most road sides.
SUBDIVISION PATTERN	Grid.
LOT SIZE / FRONTAGE	Varies between 5-30m.
TOPOGRAPHY	Flat.

