



C Suburbs

Cairns City

Cairns was named after William Wellington Cairns (1828-1888) Governor of Queensland from 1875-77. Before officially being named Cairns, the town was variously known as Dickson River by people who squatted along its banks, Newport by Cooktown residents who saw Cairns as a rival, Thornton after William Thornton and Trinity Bay by people who were unsure of the real name.

Confusion reigned about the time that Cairns was officially proclaimed on 7th October 1876, until the matter was finally put to rest when the Proclamation of the Municipality of Cairns was made in the Government Gazette of May 1885. Cairns was proclaimed a City in 1923.

Cairns North

Originally part of Edge Hill, it is named Cairns North simply because it is to the north of Cairns.

Caravonica

Caravonica was the name given to the holdings of musical doctorate Dr. David Thomatis circa 1884. It was named after his hometown in Italy. A romantic version of the naming associating the Italian endearment (Cara) and his late wife (Vonica) is believed to be incorrect.

Clifton Beach

Reportedly named after Clifton, Perthshire, Scotland, the birthplace of Mary Hunter Smart, a European settler in the area in the 1880s. Clifton Beach was named as a suburb in May of 1959. It was as an acknowledgement of a civic duty by William F. Smart, that Mulgrave Shire Council thought to name the area after Smart's Scottish birthplace. However that name, Inverkeilor, was deemed unsuitable, and his wife's birthplace, Clifton, was chosen.