



Heritage News

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After the Storm



Refugee tents at Mackay after the cyclone, 1918
John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland Neg: 132580

The 1918 cyclone remains the regions' most significant natural disaster, devastating the town and claiming 30 lives. The destructive cyclone hit the coast in January 1918 and Mackay was inundated by a consequential tidal surge.

To mark the event Mackay museums and the Mackay Regional Council Libraries Heritage Collection staff arranged a joint exhibition in the new Jubilee Community Centre (former library). The event was enormously successful and

the displays will now move around the region for further viewing.

The Libraries' contribution to the Centenary Exhibition is the *"After the Storm"* project: over 100 images depicting the aftermath of the cyclone. The exhibition will be on display in the Dudley Denny City Library and Gordon White Library from 1st March – 30th April.

A professionally produced digital story titled, 'Mackay's 1918 Cyclone Story' featuring historical anecdotes by local historians

Berenice Wright and Terry Hayes accompanies the After the Storm exhibition. The digital story will be made accessible online from 16th February.

A dedicated webpage has been constructed and Library Heritage Collection staff have been busy 'pinning' 1918 Cyclone images to Historypin where members of the community can share photos and information.

For further information, please contact Libraries Heritage Collection staff on 4961 9387.

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Pioneering Women Celebrated

The Mackay Museum, operated by the Mackay Historical Society is calling for new members!

The society would love to hear from anybody interested in volunteering and/or membership. You don't need to have any prior knowledge of local history. You just need to be willing to spend a few hours a week or a month helping to keep the museum open for to the public. If you have specialist skills or a historical interest you will be most welcome. For more information contact the museum on 4953 0002.

The long-awaited reprint of Glen Hall's 'Pubs of Mackay 1862 – 1962' is now available for \$25. A new book on the 1918 Cyclone, 'The Aftermath' compiled by life member Helen Martin, the basis for the recent Daily Mercury supplement is also available at the museum for \$7.00.

The museum is located at 4 Casey Ave, South Mackay; opposite the BB Print Stadium. open Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday 10am-2pm. Admission fees apply.



Walkerston Tennis Club, ca1890s. Image courtesy Friends of Greenmount Homestead

The Friends of Greenmount, in conjunction with Mackay regional museums, present their display “Stories of Pioneering Women from Mackay and District” at Greenmount Homestead, from March 9, 2018.

This display will coincide with International Women's Day and was inspired by generations of Cook women, who lived strong in difficult times as their families settled properties and made their mark during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The display will run to May 18, 2018. Greenmount Homestead is open Sunday to Friday, from 9.30am – 12.30pm.

Yesterdays Memories Mandarana

Historical Church and Cemetery
Enjoy privately owned:
Museum of Antiques
Vintage Collectables
Social and local history
Dolls and Toys
Handmade Crafts

Open 7 days, just phone Chris on 4954 0621 to book. Tea and coffee available. BYO food welcome. Walk through the garden and cemetery. Enjoy a golf buggy ride, or drinks by the shady Mango tree, hear the story of the 1880's church and lots of social history inside.

17 Balnagowan-Mandarana Road. cnr of Bruce Highway - 16km North of Mackay.

