



Melba House

Melba House was built on the Marian Plantation in 1882/83 for the first Marian Mill Manager, Charles Armstrong and his wife Helen (Nellie) Porter Mitchell. It remained used as the Mill Manager's residence until the mid 1900s. In 1994 Melba House was moved 2.5km from the Mill grounds to its current position in Edward Lloyd Park at Marian.

Helen (Nellie) Porter Mitchell later became the world famous and much loved opera singer, Dame Nellie Melba. Today, Melba House features a memorabilia display dedicated to Nellie. The house is now home to a fully accredited Visitor Information Centre and a local craft shop.

Location: Edward Lloyd Park, Marian

Opening hours:

> 9am-3pm daily

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Pioneer Valley Museum at Mirani

Whether you are a resident or a tourist to the beautiful Pioneer Valley, the museum at Mirani is worth a visit.

This museum in the heart of the Valley, reflects the social history of its people and their activities from the Eungella goldfields to the fast-growing city of Mackay.

Browse through the many displays that reflect bygone days and the popular *Natural History* section, that feature fossil remains of the Diprotodon found in the Nebo area. Learn more about the sugar industry, from early methods and equipment to the latest information about the sugar refinery in the huge industry display. If researching family history is your priority, take advantage of our comprehensive files. The museum has many books and thousands of photographs.

Location: Victoria St, Mirani (behind Mirani library)

Museum hours: Tuesday - Friday > 9.30am-2.30pm

Further information:

Ph. 4961 9229 or 4961 9230



Greenmount Homestead

Visit historic Greenmount Homestead. Taken up in 1862 by Mackay pioneer Captain John Mackay, Greenmount is one of the oldest properties in the Mackay district.

Albert Cook purchased the property in 1913 and the homestead was completed in 1915.

The Homestead provides a unique insight into the lives of three generations of the Cook family and is the perfect location for a family picnic or a quiet cup of tea on a sunny day.

Gifted to the community by the Cook family in 1983, it is held in trust by the Mackay Regional Council.

Location: west of Walkerston

Opening hours:

> Sunday - Friday > 9.30am-12.30pm

> Closed on Saturdays and public holidays

Further information:

Ph. 4959 2250



Sarina Historical Centre

Learn about the region's gold mining, sugar, coal and rail industries as well as the lost Phoenicians at the Sarina Historical Centre.

The centre is the former St Anne's Catholic Convent building built in 1923 as a Presbytery for the Catholic Priest in Sarina, but when the first group of Sister's of Mercy were appointed to the town in 1925, the building became a convent.

Location: Field of Dreams Parkland, Sarina

Opening hours:

> Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday > 9.30am to 2pm

> Last Sunday of each month > 9.30am to 12.30pm

> Outside these hours by appointment only

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