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Heritage Awards

 Mackay REGIONAL
COUNCIL



BOOK OF
Nominations



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Chairman

The Heritage Awards, first celebrated in 2004, are a biennial event dedicated to recognising excellence in the conservation and promotion of Mackay's local heritage and history.

In this special year, to celebrate Mackay's sesquicentennial (150 years), the award categories were expanded to help bring the spotlight back on heritage conservation.

The old 'Mackay City Centre' and 'Residential Character' categories were expanded to include any properties of heritage significance in the region that may not be heritage listed but demonstrate clear heritage values.

Two new award categories were also added to pay tribute to schools, individuals and organisations working diligently to maintain the memory of our past, our people and our places.

The number of high quality submissions received and presented throughout this booklet show the marvelous efforts being made to conserve our heritage in the Mackay region.

It is with great pride that Mackay Regional Council and the Character and Heritage Advisory Committee (CHAC) present to the community this book of nominations to the M150 Heritage Awards.

Cr. David Perkins

Chairman of the Character and Heritage Awards Committee





Judging Panel

New or Refurbished Heritage Place

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New or Refurbished Heritage Place

The **New or Refurbished Heritage Place** award is open to any refurbishment, redesign or construction works undertaken on a place of heritage significance or adjacent property within the Mackay region, within the last three years.

This award acknowledges developments that contribute to conservation by respecting and enhancing existing heritage values, and/or through the creative re-use of existing heritage place.



The restoration of the old Hampden Cemetery is a remarkable example of history being brought to life for students.

NEW OR REFURBISHED HERITAGE PLACE

Gold Award

Hampden State School

Old Hampden Cemetery

The restoration of the Old Hampden Cemetery & cemetery booklet is an ongoing and cross generational project that commenced with humble beginnings in 1991. The programme established the Hamden State School, as a real focal point of the community and an outstanding example of how forgotten cemeteries can be restored by the local community.

This project demonstrates outstanding work carried out with the restoration of the Old Hampden Cemetery culminating in the publishing of a comprehensive booklet about the cemetery. The involvement of the school and community to provide a historical memorial for future generations is very impressive.





The Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, built in 1882, has been restored with its old history and charm.

NEW OR REFURBISHED HERITAGE PLACE

Silver Award

Roger Martin

Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, Walkerston

Restoration works improved the appearance of the hotel by exposing the original veranda and the original timber was preserved in as many places as possible. The hotel is home to the Walkerston RSL and various local community organisations use the hotel for their gatherings.

The hotel was carefully restored to showcase some of its original historic values.



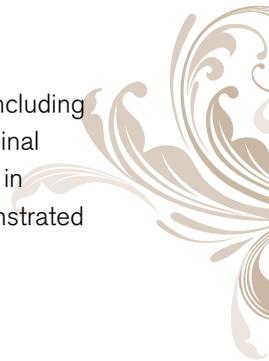
Mackay Water solved significant challenges to install new equipment while maintaining the heritage value of the place.

NEW OR REFURBISHED HERITAGE PLACE

Highly Commended

Mackay Water Services - Mackay Regional Council Gordon Street Sewerage Pump Station

The Gordon Street Sewerage Pump Station displays important characteristics of sewerage treatment works from the 1930s, including the unique pump house and chlorination plant designs. The original pump station was constructed in 1936 and was one of the first in regional Queensland. The upgrading of the pump station demonstrated exceptional engineering.





New or Refurbished Heritage Home

The **New or Refurbished Heritage Home** award is open to any works undertaken within the last three years to restore or refurbish a residential dwelling built on or before 1960, where the original character of the building has been preserved or enhanced.

Newly constructed homes adjacent to a place of heritage significance can also participate, where it can be demonstrated that the new building provides an appropriate and/or innovative response to the surrounding heritage values.

This award acknowledges homes that add value to their street, and whose owners have made a significant effort to maintain the charm and character of the area.



This project is an excellent demonstration of new extensions enhancing the heritage character of the home.

NEW OR REFURBISHED HERITAGE HOME

Gold Award

Dan Ellul and Ruth Carlisle

83 George Street, West Mackay

Special care has been taken in the extension and the renovation of 83 George Street in keeping with the West Mackay Residential Character area. The work included the removal of window screens that were not associated with the original building, cladding sources to match the existing cladding and new gables designed to match existing gables.

This project is an excellent presentation and demonstration of how building renovations and expansions can be executed to preserve and enhance the residential heritage character of the area.





These new residential units are an exceptional example of higher density buildings keeping with the historic residential character of the area.

NEW OR REFURBISHED HERITAGE HOME

Silver Award

Micah Butt

West Bridge Units: 387 Bridge Road, West Mackay

Special care has been taken in the design of the new residential units in keeping with the West Mackay Residential Character Area. The new units were designed to conform to all form, scale and setting criteria for the West Mackay Character precinct.

The building design included various heritage features such as pitch roof with tow gables facing the street, metal sheet roof with quad guttering, large veranda facing the front of the street, a mixture of lightweight traditional wall cladding and heritage style bricks, timber balustrade and stairs and a heritage exterior colour scheme.



Rebuilding works of the original house are commended rather than building a new home.

NEW OR REFURBISHED HERITAGE HOME

Highly Commended

Owen Burns

Dairy Cottage: 466 Eungella Dam Road, Eungella

The dairy cottage, built shortly after World War II, was damaged in the 1979 Cyclone Kerry.

The gable roofs were repaired but the 2010 Cyclone Ului event damaged various parts of the roof and ceiling. The house was carefully refurbished after this event, including works done to the floor boards, ceiling, roof and bathroom.



Heritage Champion — School

The **Heritage Champion - School** award is open to any public or private school in the Mackay region which is making a significant contribution to promote conservation and understanding of local heritage among their students.

Nominated activities can include but are not limited to: proposed classroom activities, outdoor activities, study tours, a whole course plan, or other efforts to stimulate students' interest in local history.

*They shall grow not old
As we that are left grow old*

*Age shall not weary them
Nor the years condemn*

*At the going down of the sun
And in the morning*

We will remember them

Lest We Forget

*We Will Remember
Them*

**Soldiers commemorated on the
Mackay North SHS
Anzac 2010
Commemorative Tour**

**15 September - 7 October
2010**

This programme is an intensive and ongoing course extending learning experiences across history programs at all levels and is now an entrenched culture in the school and the school community.

HERITAGE CHAMPION - SCHOOL

Gold Award

Mackay North State High School

Lest We Forget - History Project

This ongoing local commemorative history project is designed to raise awareness of the sacrifices made by Mackay soldiers who died in World War I and II. The project is a practical base to extending learning experiences and includes the ongoing production of various research projects.

Additionally, the project revolves around biennial commemorative tours undertaken by senior students to overseas sites to commemorate fallen soldiers at their graves. Photos are brought back for relatives and for Mackay local history organisations. Over 600 soldiers have been honoured thus far.

Hampden State School REMEMBRANCE GARDEN



“LEST WE FORGET”

Students at Hampden State School were involved in the planning, designing and construction of a Remembrance Garden for fallen soldiers.

HERITAGE CHAMPION - SCHOOL

Silver Award

Hampden State School

Remembrance Garden and Other Heritage Related Projects

From the outstanding Old Hampden Cemetery project, a second project flourished which has strong historical and community links: the Remembrance Garden at the Hampden State School. This comprehensive school initiative, which was designed to bring history to life for the students and the community, shows outstanding leadership, commitment and passion.

These projects have been a wonderful catalyst for intergenerational relationships and significant educational resource for pupils and the community.



History forms a very important part of the school curriculum at St. Patrick's College.



The 'History of Mackay' unit engages pupils in local heritage knowledge on topics.

HERITAGE CHAMPION - SCHOOL

Highly Commended

St. Patrick's College

Cleaning of McGarry Grave and Historical School Focus

St. Patrick's College renovated the old Brother's House, preserved important sections of other buildings and cleaned the McGarry family grave. The college Curriculum and school tradition embrace local history, via classroom activities, research projects, tours and art projects.

MacKillop Catholic Primary School

Year 4 'History of Mackay' Unit

MacKillop is building a growing 'History of Mackay' unit as part of their year 4 curriculum. Activities include the participation in the Mackay Library's 'History bits and kits' programme, student visits to Greenmount Homestead and a detailed educational programme on Mackay history.



Heritage Champion — Individual

The **Heritage Champion - Individual** award is open to any individual that has made a valuable contribution to the promotion, conservation and/or understanding of local history or heritage in the Mackay region.

Works can include but are not limited to: heritage studies, publications or other written materials, voluntary work or other contributions to raising awareness and interest in the conservation of heritage in the Mackay region.



Berenice's passion for history and her willingness to share her knowledge makes her a highly respected person in the Mackay community.

HERITAGE CHAMPION - INDIVIDUAL

Gold Award

Bernice Wright

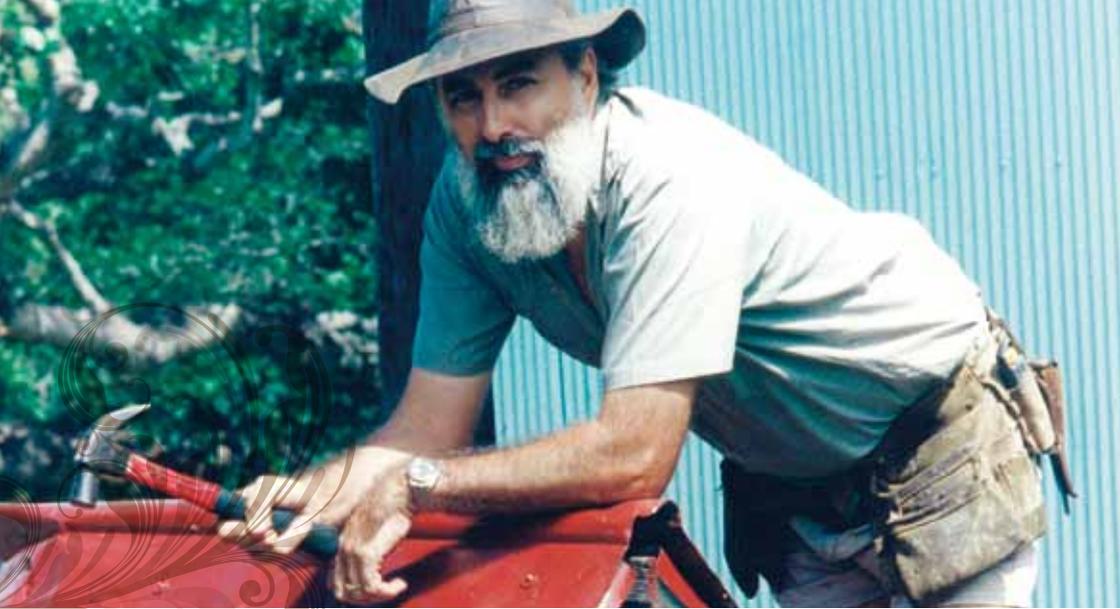
A lifetime dedicated to research, education and promotion of Mackay's Heritage and History

Throughout her life, Berenice has researched, written and collaborated numerous history publications, guided heritage walks in Mackay's most prominent heritage places and has been an advocate for heritage on the board of multiple history and heritage related committees and the classrooms of local schools.

Berenice is an integral player in the documentation of Mackay's Heritage. She is not only a noted local historian but also a true advocate for History and Heritage throughout the Mackay region.

Berenice is a long-standing member of Council's Character and Heritage Advisory Committee and actively participated in the planning and implementation of the Mackay Region's M150 Sesquicentenary Celebrations.





Tom has helped preserve many heritage buildings in Mackay and was named National Carpenter of the year in 2009.

HERITAGE CHAMPION - INDIVIDUAL

Silver Award

Tom Casey

Career in Restoration of Heritage Buildings

Tom has helped preserve heritage buildings in Mackay for the benefit of future generations and was an active member of Council's Character and Heritage Advisory Committee for 13 years.

Tom Casey's Building career started in 1976 and he settled in Mackay in 1981 building residential homes. His interest for heritage began when he purchased and restored a 108 year old historic Mackay timber Queenslander. This was the start of Tom's ever increasing interest in heritage buildings.

Tom has completed many important historic building conservation projects, including the Greenmount Homestead, Saint Paul's Uniting Church in Mackay, P Cominos & Sons in Mackay, Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Mackay as well as restoration for various private Queenslanders, for which he received 17 Housing and Construction Awards.



Bryan's book contains years of study and research on the cane cutter era.

HERITAGE CHAMPION - INDIVIDUAL

Highly Commended

Bryan Scott

Heat, Sweet and Pride Research and Creative Material

By telling his own life story, Bryan Scott has created a compilation that conveys the message to the generation of today to come to grips with life as it unfolds. Heat Sweat and Pride is a comprehensive compilation of research and creative material of the cane cutter era and the role and life of the author.



Brian's understanding of Mackay's cultural heritage has inspired many people.

HERITAGE CHAMPION - INDIVIDUAL

Participation

Brian Osborn

Contribution to the Promotion of Mackay's Cultural Heritage

Brian's passion for heritage is clearly seen in the growing success of the annual Heritage Fair at Greenmount Homestead and the number of visitors, volunteers and friends of Greenmount. He encourages local groups to participate in the Heritage Fair and other events and is a driving force in bringing Mackay's history to the public.

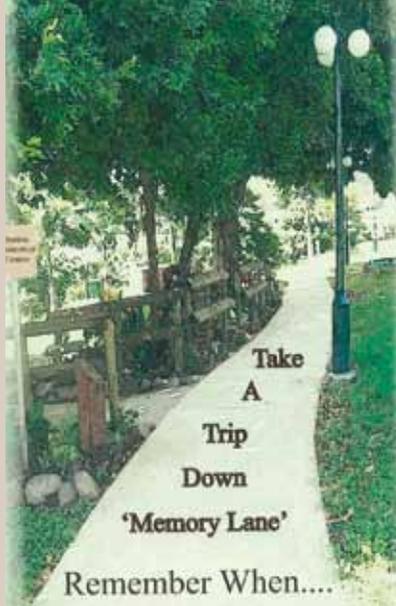




Heritage Champion — Organisation

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Sarina District Historical Centre Inc have published 4 books with 394 stories in total between 2007 and 2011.

HERITAGE CHAMPION - ORGANISATION

Gold Award

Sarina District Historical Centre Inc.

Memory Lane Books

In 2006 Sarina District Historical Centre undertook a project to recognise the contributions of locals from the Sarina area who helped build the community into what it is today. There were 165 families who were asked to write stories about their family and their contribution to the Sarina community.

The Memory Lane Books is an exceptional project where the volunteers of the Sarina District Historical Centre, with support of the local community, documented and published the local history. It is an ongoing project with four books published and 400 plaques unveiled about the people of Sarina.



Members of the Mackay Family History Society prepare for the Early Settlers Charts Exhibition.

HERITAGE CHAMPION - ORGANISATION

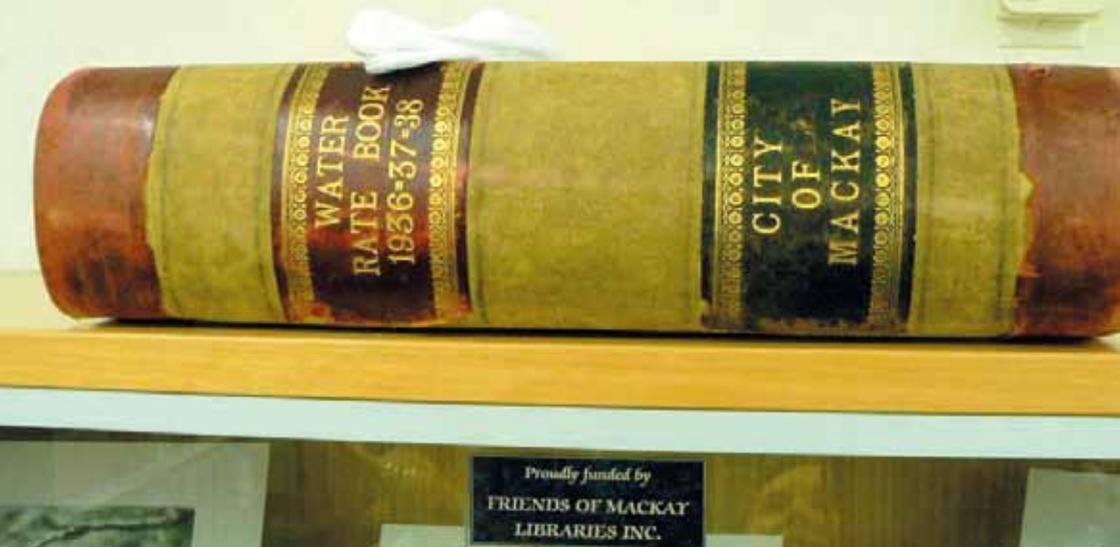
Silver Award

Mackay Family History Society Inc.

Early Settlers of Mackay

The Early Settlers of Mackay is a comprehensive compilation of information on the early settlers of Mackay and demonstrates the ongoing passion and commitment of the volunteers in collecting and sharing information on Mackay's early settlers.

The Mackay Family History Society Inc aims to promote the documentation of family history, specifically the early settlers of Mackay from 1862 – 1885. They have collected information for over 10 years which has now culminated in 275 charts depicting the early settlers of our region. All charts were displayed as part of the M150 celebrations.



This project demonstrated the importance of collection objects to the wider community.

HERITAGE CHAMPION - ORGANISATION

Highly Commended

Queensland Museum Foundation and BHP Billiton Mitsui Coal

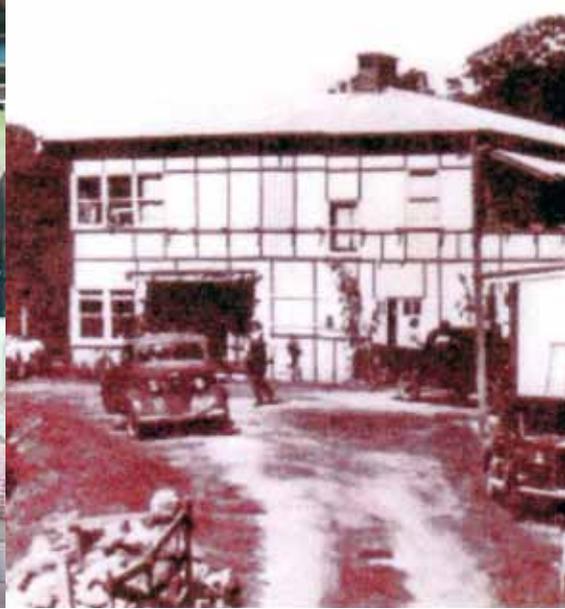
Significance Assessments for Central Queensland Collections

This project strengthened the capacity of 21 collecting institutions, assisted with grant applications and ultimately contributed to the long term viability of these organisations. This project assessed individual cultural heritage collections and development statements to assist the organisations in understanding their collections.





Mackay Historical Society & Museum Inc. collects and displays items relating to the history of Mackay.



The Step Back in Time History Group shows commitment to research, collection and communication of Eungella's history.

HERITAGE CHAMPION - ORGANISATION

Participation Award

Mackay Historical Society & Museum Inc.

Participation in the M150 Celebrations

The Mackay Historical Society compiled a comprehensive display on Mackay's history as part of the M150 celebrations, which was a significant contribution to the success of the M150 programme. The museum is operated by volunteers to educate the community and carry out research both for visitor requests and for displays.

Step Back in Time History Group

Step Back in Time History Group

Step Back in Time is a heritage group collecting, transcribing and sharing its research on the history of Eungella. The group started approximately three years ago, kicked off by a small Q150 grant. Step Back in Time History Group is exploring various initiatives to publish the information collected to date.

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