

Heritage Awards

2014



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 the ten years since the Heritage Awards commenced, the number of high quality nominations received highlight the importance heritage has to our region.

The nominations presented throughout this booklet showcase the marvellous efforts being made to conserve heritage throughout the Mackay region.

This year's awards have been expanded to include the new category – 'Heritage Media', to help recognise the innovative ways in which the region's heritage is promoted and preserved.

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 2014 Heritage Awards.

Cr. David Perkins

Chairman of the Character and Heritage Awards Committee





Tom Casey

New or Refurbished Heritage Place or Home

The **'Tom Casey' New or Refurbished Heritage Place or Home** award is open to any refurbishment, redesign or construction, undertaken on a place or home of heritage significance or adjacent property within the Mackay Region within the last two 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 places.



NEW OR REFURBISHED HERITAGE PLACE OR HOME

Gold Award

Damien and Adrian Connors

84 Wood Street, Mackay (The Burp Dispensary)

The refurbishment of the Art Deco 'Aroneys Building' in Mackay's CBD is a fantastic example of revitalising an existing heritage building to create a modern and vibrant public place, whilst also contributing to the revitalisation of the Mackay city centre.

The site which is now home to the 'Dispensary' has respectively restored the exterior of the building to showcase its original historic values. Internal renovations feature locally historic materials, including hospital bridge pillars and Cattle Creek girders, which have been tastefully featured throughout the building. Even the name, the 'Dispensary' pays homage to the site's previous use as a chemist over the last 50 years.

The refurbishment of the 'Dispensary' highlights the opportunities that exist through the revitalisation of a heritage place in the Mackay city centre.





NEW OR REFURBISHED HERITAGE PLACE OR HOME

Silver Award

Eric Minger & Pam Faulkner

7 Harvison Street, East Mackay

The owner's of 7 Harvison Street, East Mackay have taken special care in their renovations to ensure that the original features of their 'Californian bungalow' remain intact.

The renovations which have involved countless hours of painting, repairing and restoring windows, floor boards and french doors, has seen the heritage house return to its original condition, while respectfully maintaining its original character.

This project is an excellent example of how a heritage house can be renovated and refurbished to preserve the heritage character of the area.



Berenice Wright

Heritage Champion - Individual or Organisation

The '**Berenice Wright**' **Heritage Champion – Individual or Organisation** award is open to any individual or organisation 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 voluntary work or other contribution to raising awareness and interest in the conservation of heritage in the Mackay region.





HERITAGE CHAMPION - INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANISATION

Gold Award

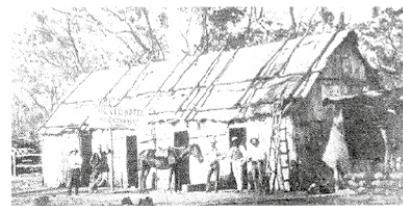
Terence Patrick (Terry) Hayes

Terry Hayes is a local sports, media and historian identity who has dedicated the better part of his life to researching, presenting and publishing Mackay's history.

Terry's media involvement commenced in 1958 when he began writing the weekly rugby league report for the Daily Mercury and further into the 1960s when he conducted the Saturday morning sports program for ABC Radio.

From October 1975, Terry brought to countless thousands of readers the stories of Mackay sporting heroes of earlier years in the 'Observer's Colum of Sport' in the Daily Mercury.

Gold found at Mt Britton



IN NEVADA: One of the famous hotels of Mt Britton. The first hotels were built of bark and saplings.



YESTERDAY
Terry Hayes

JAMES Perry, who faithfully recorded so much of the history of Nebo and its cattle stations, told his story of the Mt Britton gold rush, writing in the Daily Mercury on Friday, March 20, 1945.

It started, he wrote, in January 1861, when William Orange, Dan Nolan and Thompson McFadden, returning to Nebo from an unsuccessful prospecting trip out beyond Lake Elphinstone, met a man named Ward when they camped at Tompauy Station.

Ward told them that a few weeks earlier, his employee, James Heenan, showed him

some gold which he said he had found in those ranges, pointing to Mt Britton and the Marlin Spikes.

The outcome was that on the following morning, Ward and William Orange set out for Mt Britton.

Striking Cooper Creek, Ward and Orange followed it to its junction with Oskey Creek and went up Oskey Creek and camped at its head.

Their fossicking uncovered good colours and by early February they had panned gold in a gully which they named Nuggitty Gully.

They returned to Nebo, each pledging secrecy. Orange telegraphed particulars of their claim to the Mining Warden at Clermont, but Ward, probably having celebrated with too many rams, boasted of their find. Within a week 20 men were at Mt Britton, getting there on horseback or on foot, some pushing sheepbushes.

Nathan Perry, James Perry's father, formed a syndicate of

himself, his son, Charles Gibbard and Charley Stewart and they were on the field within three days and pegged out a very good alluvial claim.

James Perry wrote that within a year a little city had sprung up with four hotels, four butcher shops, a post and telegraph office, police station, stores and a school.

Mt Britton boomed when Henry Finch Hutton bought out all but one of the owners of the Little Wanderser and Eric Star mines. Little Wanderser was the claim owned by Nathan Perry and his party while Eric Star was named by John and Dick Assison.

One of the most lucrative of the mines was the Edith Mary owned by the partnership of Albert Beckitt and John Mills, who did so much to mould Mt Britton into a thriving, prosperous and orderly community.

By 1845 James Perry thought of Mt Britton as a lost city but he was sure that there was still gold to be found there.

Sharks were real threat to shell divers



YESTERDAY
Bert Brash

THE shell-diving legend Bert Brash, who lived in the Seaside Hotel with the largest haul of broken shells, was remembered on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

The night of the 100th was 12 hours of rain, but the rain was not a hindrance to the celebration. The celebration was held at the Seaside Hotel, which was the site of the celebration.

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REFLECTION: Terry Hayes looks over some old photographs. The history buff, who submitted his first report for the Daily Mercury in 1956, has written his final Yesterday column (below). PHOTO: NATHAN HAYES

Scribe looks back

Terry pens his final column

THE BROWNS
BY TERRY HAYES

IN MAY 1956, tapping away on an Olivetti typewriter, Terry Hayes completed his first sports report for the Daily Mercury.

After a staggering 33 years with the paper, the 85-year-old remains sharp as a tack.

The veteran scribe said history's highlights were many and varied, most involving his two passions of sport.

Mr Hayes said the most outstanding memory was the Wood Indian versus Queensland Country cricket match played here in 1908.

"That was a two-day game; it was the most important sporting event I reported on," Mr Hayes said.

Other than being the region's single league reporter, he also enthusiastically covered cricket and horse racing.

"When the cricket and body sessions overlapped I was writing up to three league fixtures, two cricket scores and then the racing," Mr Hayes said.

"I had a portable Olivetti typewriter. I would type race results Sunday morning, cricket and league Sunday night. It kept me busy."

Mr Hayes said he thought the most important change to Mackay was the opening of the harbour in 1939. "It was a million-pound project, right on the outside of the Impression."

He describes the mining boom as "unbelievable".

"It was talked about from the 1850s, but nobody could ever credit how it has happened the way it has. I know coal for anything so

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

- 1958 - Mackay wins NOLB Arch Polo Shield
- 1969 - West Indies V Country Old cricket match
- 1992 - World Cup cricket, bats v W for Lanka game washed out

get the size of it is now so dense, released you can't gauge it."

"But it was the building of the harbour that most influenced thought couldn't be done. It made Mackay a focal point for the rest of Australia and it all started from there."

See the new history page in Friday's Daily Mercury

This column continued until 1998, when Terry commenced another weekly column 'Yesterday' containing articles on the general history of Mackay. Since the cessation of this column in December 2011, Terry has been engaged with the ABC radio on its team of three presenters for "Slice of History", covering Mackay's sporting history.

In addition to his copious media writing, Terry has produced two sporting histories and assisted with material for several histories, while co-authoring others. Fellow historian and award namesake Berenice Wright describes Terry as a story-teller, saying 'while some historians record history, Terry tells the story'.





HERITAGE CHAMPION - INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANISATION

Silver Award

Yesterday's Memories

Chris Vaughan is a heritage stalwart who for years has promoted, displayed and shared the region's heritage through her museum, 'Yesterday's Memories' and involvement in the Mandarana Church and Graveyard.

'Yesterday's Memories' which has been operating since 2005 is a small museum that houses ordinary everyday items that have historic value in the lives of everyday people. In addition to running 'Yesterday's Memories', Chris is responsible for actively caring for and maintaining the historical Mandarana Church and Graveyard, which if it wasn't for Chris, may have been lost to the community forever. Chris is also active in encouraging the public to preserve our heritage by presenting displays within the community and telling the stories connected to the items on displays.



The passion and dedication that Chris displays has made, and continues to make, a valuable contribute to the promotion and conservation of the region's heritage. This nomination is a welcome example of how an individual is making a valuable contribution to the promotion, conservation and understanding of local heritage by sharing private work with the community.





HERITAGE CHAMPION - INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANISATION

Highly Commended

Mackay Family History Society

Mackay Cemetery Project

This ongoing project undertaken by volunteers from the Mackay Family History Society is aimed at creating an accurate burial register for the state heritage listed Mackay Cemetery. With over 10,000 burial records being reviewed over the past two years, the project seeks to preserve the memory of Mackay's early settlers and pioneers for their ancestors and the Mackay community.

These volunteers have been working for several years on this project and are approximately 2/3rds of the way through some 15,000+ burials. The Character and Heritage Advisory Committee are looking forward to the further progress and completion of this significant body of work.



HERITAGE CHAMPION - INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANISATION

Highly Commended

Mackay & District Pipe Band

Various involvement in community events

The Mackay & District Pipe Band has played an integral role in the Mackay community since forming in 1926. A significant part of Mackay's living history, the pipe band has performed at a number of past and present events, including the laying of the foundation stone at the Mackay Harbour in 1936 and every Anzac Day since 1928.





HERITAGE CHAMPION - INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANISATION

Highly Commended

Pioneer Valley Tourism and Development Association

Melba House

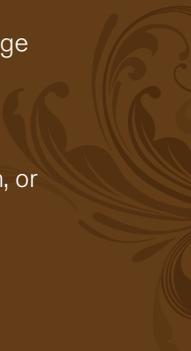
The Pioneer Valley Tourism and Development Association have been responsible for maintaining the Melba House since its opening to the public in 2000. Run by volunteers, the Melba House provides visitors a unique insight into Mackay's history and in particular, Dame Nellie Melba's connection to the Mackay area. It is expected that the role of the precinct and Melba House will deepen in the coming years with the completion of the recently commenced makeover of the Edward Lloyd Park.



Heritage Champion - School

The **Heritage Champion – School** award was 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.





HERITAGE CHAMPION - SCHOOL

Gold Award

Mackay North State High School

Our Place and Heritage

'Our Place and Heritage' is a collection of art work produced by Mackay North State High School's Year 11 Board Art students.

The art work which focuses on historically significant people and place originated from a day trip to Greenmount Homestead in early 2014. The body of work is an impressive collection of art work which suggests a high level of awareness of the subject material.

The project demonstrates how schools can innovatively involve students in local heritage beyond the normal curriculum.



HERITAGE CHAMPION - SCHOOL

Silver Award

Holy Spirit College

Story of the Three French Priests

Holy Spirit College teacher, Neridah Kaddatz, has dedicated a large portion of the last seven years to researching and presenting the story of the 'Three French Priests' within Holy Spirit College and the wider Catholic education system.

Neridah's research, which continues today, revolves around the pioneering priest, Fr Pieere Marie Bucas and his two nephews, in an account of the religious, pastoral and community work completed by the three men.

Thanks to the efforts of Neridah, the story of Fr Bucas and his nephews will not be forgotten and will remain a significant feature of the story and history of Holy Spirit College.





Heritage Media

The **Heritage Media** award was open to any form of written, visual or technological media or art that contributes to the promotion and understanding of heritage throughout the Mackay region.

Nominated works can include, but are not limited to, heritage studies, publications or other written, visual or audible materials that promote the region's heritage.



HERITAGE MEDIA

Gold Award

Tracey Johnson, Donna Maree Robinson and Fiona Bishop-Vuibeqa

Memory Paths

Memory Paths is a series of new media works involving the presentation of visual and spoken first person narratives of the memories and experiences of local people from diverse cultural backgrounds.

The series which commenced in 2012 provides a specific focus on South Sea Island and Indigenous communities and recreates a blend of first person experiences, dreams and emotions to provide a virtual time travel down 'memory paths'.

Since production, the series has been displayed at a number of community events and has positively contributed to the promotion and understanding of the region's cultural heritage.





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HERITAGE MEDIA

Silver Award

Mackay Historical Society and Museum

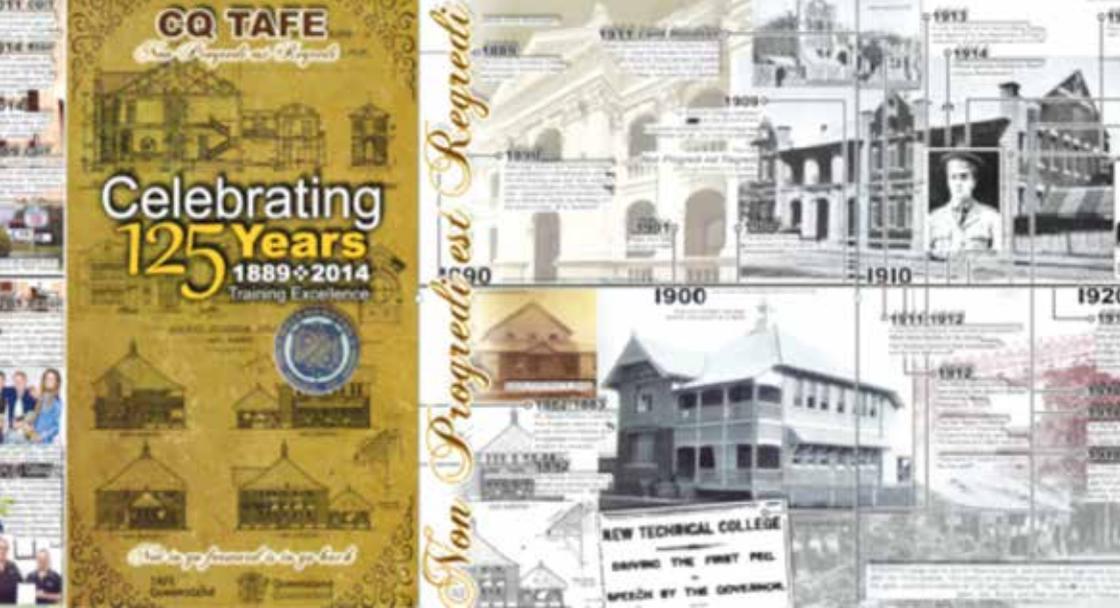
'Have you seen the Old Mackay'

The 'Have you seen the Old Mackay' Facebook page is a fantastic example of utilising social media to generate interest in the region's heritage.

The page, which is continuously updated with historical photos and images, has stimulated significant community interest and promoted the regions heritage, in particular with the region's younger generations.

With over 8,000 members the page provides a great medium for members of the community to engage, connect and discuss the region's heritage.

The Character and Heritage Advisory Committee encourages the inclusion of links to local heritage societies, local library heritage collections, council and other web pages for those interested in verifying information provided on this site with official records.



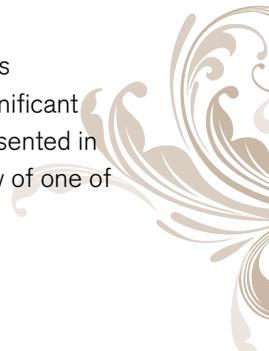
HERITAGE MEDIA

Highly Commended

CQ TAFE

CQ TAFE 125 Year Celebration Historical Booklet

As part of their 125 year anniversary celebrations, CQ TAFE has created a historical booklet which highlights and reflects on significant milestones through the TAFE's history. The booklet which is presented in an innovative fashion, provides an interesting historical overview of one of Mackay's significant heritage places.





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The judging of the 2014 Heritage Awards was proudly undertaken by the Character and Heritage Advisory Committee.

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