

Heritage Awards

2020



BOOK OF
Finalists



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Mayor's Foreword

The Mackay Region community is renowned for having a strong heritage focus embracing our culture and our social and built environments. It is fitting that we acknowledge the efforts of the people working to preserve the heritage of this great place we call home. Like the old saying goes; how can you know where you are going, unless you know where you came from. The preservation and promotion of our heritage needs to be a living, integral part of our contemporary community life.

Council has a long-term strategy to foster community pride and support a strong regional identity, delivered in part by celebrating our rich heritage and promoting an understanding of Mackay's unique cultural identity. One of the ways we do this is to enhance opportunities for volunteering, especially among our senior citizens. The 2020 Heritage awards demonstrate incredible dedication by volunteers from all sectors of the community who share a connection with our past.

The Mackay Region has an outstanding collection of character areas and heritage places and is recognised as having one of the best collections of art deco buildings in Queensland.

I am extremely proud of the efforts of our community, especially the nominees in this year's Heritage Awards who have shown fantastic community pride and a willingness to respect and protect our valuable heritage.

Cr Greg Williamson

Mayor of Mackay Regional Council





Chair's Foreword

The Heritage Awards, first celebrated in 2004, are a biennial event which pays tribute to those individuals, schools, local businesses, organisations and the broader community who make outstanding contributions to the promotion, conservation and understanding of our history and heritage.

This year's nominations showcase a broad spectrum of heritage endeavours across our Region, from the preservation, restoration and improvement of iconic built form to cultural and social research, publishing of our history through media and running of commemorative events.

In addition to the high-quality nominations received, I would like to acknowledge volunteers and partners in our building industry who have contributed to restoring buildings, matching colours, sourcing materials, undertaking research, interviewing residents, and giving endless hours in the pursuit of heritage preservation. Without these passionate people in our Region, our heritage may not be so richly preserved and kept alive for future generations.

The 2020 Heritage Awards are an initiative of the Character and Heritage Advisory Committee. I thank all nominees for their efforts in nominating and it is with great pride that Mackay Regional Council and the Character and Heritage Advisory Committee present this book of nominations to the community. The committee would like to thank the panel of judges for their time and dedication to the celebration of heritage in our region.

Cr Fran Mann

Chair, Character and Heritage Advisory Committee



2020 HERITAGE AWARDS

Judging Panel

Cr Fran Mann

Chair, Character and Heritage Advisory Committee, Mackay Regional Council

Cr Karen May

Deputy Chair, Character and Heritage Advisory Committee, Mackay Regional Council

Berenice Wright OAM

Local historian

Tom Casey

Queensland Homes

Nathan Bow

Nathan Bow Builder

Starrett Veava

Chairperson, Mackay and District Australian South Sea Islander Association Inc.

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Manager, Strategic Planning, Mackay Regional Council

Dylan Brown

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Stacey Mills

Mackay Waterfront Design Officer, Mackay Regional Council

Alicia Stevenson

Museum Coordinator, Mackay Regional Council

Richard Pace

Whitsunday Design & Drafting





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

North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation (NQBP) “Port of Mackay 80th Anniversary celebrations”

The Port of Mackay 80th anniversary celebrations event promoted understanding and appreciation of our port through a wide range of engaging media, linked to educational events and activities.

More than 3000 people attended the Maritime Carnival and a huge variety of different medias were used, creating 30 items that reached over 100,000 people.

From a historical media perspective, NQBP had a large collection of historical items to promote and share publicly that required digitisation. To ensure best practice, Queensland Museums was engaged to work with key stakeholders, such as Traditional Custodians, Mackay Regional Council Libraries, Mackay Museum and Historical Society, Mackay Family History Society and the local community, to deliver a historical account of the Port's history.

Developed out of this work came a wide-ranging variety of educational media that was used in the lead-up to the celebrations, during the celebrations and after including:

- Four historical feature pages published in the Daily Mercury
- A feature in August edition of PortLife (NQBP's community newsletter)



- A historical four-page lift-out published in the Daily Mercury sharing historical milestones and achievements
- A series of social media posts
- Website content
- Promotional videos
- Media releases
- An Eventbrite site for historical port tours
- A digital takeover of the Daily Mercury website on Friday 23 August

At and after the event it was used in:

- A historical video featuring local dignitaries celebrating 80 years of Port of Mackay
- An illuminated historical 'cube' exhibition features the history of Port of Mackay and display cases of artefacts
- A Queensland Museum Development Officer blog
- A port tour companion guide showing 'then and now' photos
- The historical port tour which had a script, a port tour companion guide with 'then/now' photos, photos used on the day which was additionally promoted on Triple M radio station with 'Jay and Dave'
- A colouring competition (created from a historic photo)
- A treasure hunt for children with 'x' being the historical display

The judges felt that the scale and diversity of created media was of epic proportions and the depth of engagement with the community was outstanding. It was felt that this event has made a lasting contribution to the history of the port, being such an important part of Mackay's economy.

Support comes flooding in

Mackay's joint effort raised a massive \$800k for victims of the 1958 flood

Steve Phillips Mackay Museum Society and Museum Inc

IT'S A PIONEER museum that has been the focus of a fundraising effort to raise a massive \$800,000 for victims of the 1958 flood.

In the days before the disaster, the Mackay Museum Society and Museum Inc was a small, volunteer-run organisation. It was the only museum in the Mackay region at the time.

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LEFT: The home of Mr and Mrs Reeves at Fossilton after the 1958 flood. (The photo is from the collection of the late Mr (Hayhurst). MMSM PHOTO, PAGE 24

Serving the sugar industry

Research institute built by growers

BOB STEWART AND TERRY PROCTORIAL MACKAY REGION

The Mackay Sugar Research Institute (MSRI) has been built in a state-of-the-art, modern building and is the first of its kind in the region.

The institute is a joint venture between the Mackay Sugar Growers' Association and Queensland Government.

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RIGHT: The Mackay Sugar Research Institute, pictured during 2015. The photograph is from the institute's second report in 2015. PHOTO: MACKAY REGION

HERITAGE MEDIA

Gold Award

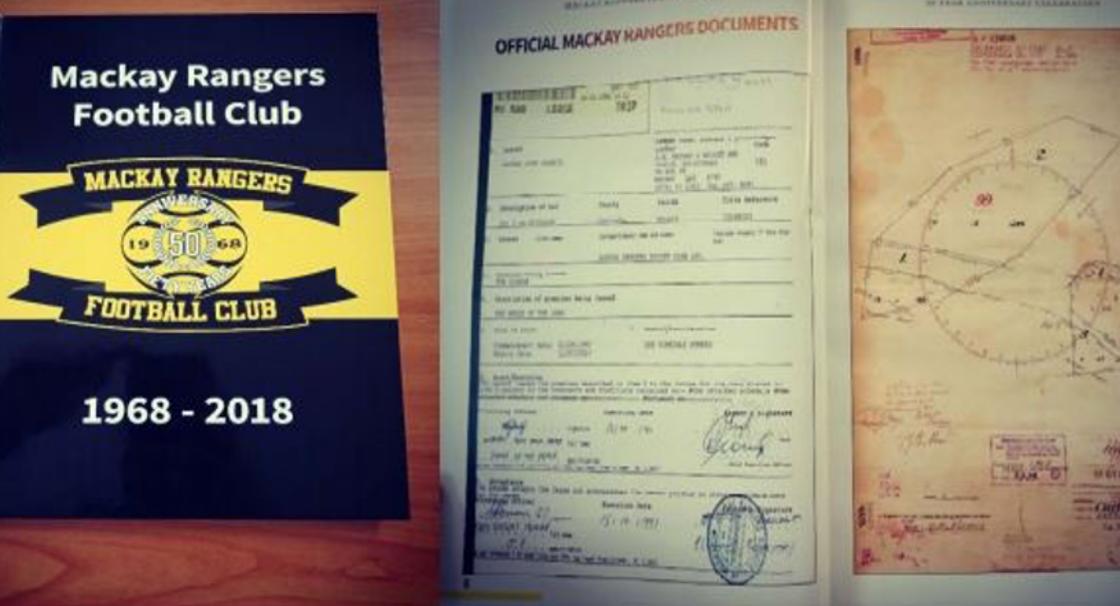
The Daily Mercury "Local History Feature Articles"

The Daily Mercury has had an ongoing commitment to champion Mackay's local history and heritage. Since 2017, the Mercury has run weekly local history features, utilising the keen minds of key Mackay District Museum staff to author articles on a rotational basis through the four Museums of Mackay, Sarina, Pioneer Valley and Greenmount. Once the stories are received by the Mercury, editorial rigour, including formatting, headline creation, captions and sourcing of archival photographs, are all part of the print and digital magic that is applied to make our history come to life for new generations of readers across the region.

To date, there has been over 100 articles published in this partnership, with the Daily Mercury steadfast in its dedication to continue the popular history features through 2020.

The judges felt that the Daily Mercury's past and present contribution in consistently giving the Mackay Region's history and stories a voice that is heard across the region is a rare and precious commitment that equally deserves the Gold Award.





HERITAGE MEDIA

Silver Award

Mackay Rangers Football Club

“50 Year Anniversary Publication – Mackay Rangers Football Club. 1968-2018”

The Mackay Rangers Football Club committee developed this historical publication in 2017/2018, which details the life of Rangers Football Club and its involvement with Mackay and surrounds in the sport of Soccer over the past 50 years. The book maps a timeline of events for the Cremorne locality, with the birth of Mackay Rangers Football club and their home grounds. It contains detailed documents of Mackay Soccer’s development at Barbour Park and Rangers’ involvement with the local growth of this sport. The book provides access to information that is not commonly known in the Mackay Region and had an original circulation of 100 copies.

Research for the book was a collaborative effort across the club’s community and meetings were held monthly with an average of 15 dedicated members coming together to deliver an accurate and meaningful piece of Mackay Soccer History.

The judges felt that the sheer amount of volunteer time and energy required to bring to life such rare local history is to be celebrated. To be able to write and curate such information takes great team work by club members, dedication, skill and ‘grind’. The judges encourage other clubs to come forward with their history.



Tom Casey

New or Refurbished Heritage Place or Home

The **'Tom Casey' New or Refurbished Heritage Place or Home** award is open to any preservation, restoration, refurbishment, redesign or construction undertaken on a place or home of heritage significance or adjacent property.

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.



BEFORE



AFTER



**NEW OR REFURBISHED HERITAGE PLACE
- COMMERCIAL BUILDING**

Gold Award

Katie Fox – Gold Empire Tattoo Barber

Adaptive re-use of Suite 2/36 Wood Street, Mackay

The restoration and adaptive re-use of suite 2/36 Wood Street, Mackay is a fantastic example of breathing new life into one of Mackay City Centre's most important historical commercial buildings.

Built in 1922, in the Interwar Free Classical Style, this was the original Daily Mercury building. It typifies the Palladian architecture of the time in facade; features like the window archways and paired pilasters which the restoration has accentuated with a bold black and gold colour scheme. External works also included like for like replacement of windows and retention of original laneway flat metal security bars.

Internally, the original concrete 'print' floor has been lovingly restored, accentuated and polished; the original wooden reception desk was restored and repurposed and the fit out is a creative, quirky mix of old-world antique, meets modern, metropolitan "hangout".

The judges felt that the repurposing of this building has been incredibly creative, with a lot of attention to detail. The renovation has taken quintessential architecture and put a modern twist on it that will ensure the building remains relevant. Mr William Guthrie, the original Architect and Mr Frederic Faircloth, the builder, would be absolutely delighted.





NEW OR REFURBISHED HERITAGE HOME

Gold Award

Michael Sleeman

Refurbishment and restoration of "Olive", 127 Field Street, West Mackay

The attention to detail paid reflects the value of this post war service home that has been transformed on a new and grander scale. A perfect balance between modernising the home with all the conveniences of today, retaining important heritage features and using heritage inspired modern design is evident throughout. Like for like products and heritage design features were used in the 2017 restoration, including use of VJ board, retention of original windows and recovery of original wooden floors. Additional external heritage features were able to be added as a result of raising the house, including a period-designed gabled portico and additions like heritage valances and front fence.

The house was built in 1953 when train driver Thomas Olive and Mackay Post Office telephonist Hilder Olive Soper fell in love, married and built their family home on the generous 809sqm block. The house was aptly named "Olive" by Caber Developments because the original lady of the house Hilder went by the name Olive before she married Thomas. Henceforth when they married Olive Soper became known as Olive Olive. The house is aptly named!

The judges felt that the renovations turned a common façade into an extravagant and majestic statement. A sensitive balance of retaining heritage features and making new additions in a period style whilst introducing all the modern comforts of home was successfully achieved.



NEW OR REFURBISHED HERITAGE HOME

Silver Award

Urban Trend Constructions Australia Pty Ltd

Refurbishment and restoration of 4 McIntyre Street, East Mackay

This home's architecture is a typical "Queenslander" in the Bungalow style most noted for its Chamfer board wall cladding and integrated veranda and main roofs.

The homeowners' brief was to restore the existing façade and streetscape whilst creating an extension that would service the needs of a modern 21st century family. Great care was taken during the design stage to retain the period features of the property, including the reinstatement of geometric veranda brackets, timber supported window hoods and dowel balustrading to the front veranda. New rooms/ extensions used traditional Chamfer boards to preserve existing historical detail.

Internally, hand-crafted fretwork was used to match existing architraves in the hallways, reclaimed VJ boards were used and casement windows and hoods were sourced to match the original period features.

The judges felt that this project achieved a brilliant preservation of the streetscape and that the work was both tasteful, thoughtful and well researched.



NEW OR REFURBISHED HERITAGE HOME

Bronze Award

Tonny and Lyn Wolzak

Refurbishment and reinstatement of traditional front entrance of 3 Edmonds Street, Bucasia

This home was moved to its current location in the 1970s from Mackay City Centre on Gordon Street where Pioneer Holden now stands. Intended to be converted into a duplex, the front stairs and main entrance was removed.

The attention to detail and quality of workmanship in the redesigned and reinstated butterfly stairs with a covered portico, featuring closed in risers, is reminiscent of a very upscale "Queenslander" and is impressive. The visual before and after of how this entrance transforms the street appeal of the house is evident.

The judges applauded the workmanship that went into this reinstatement and noted the challenges overcome in fitting the butterfly stairs in adjacent to the driveway. The scale of improvements was modest, but the result was absolutely majestic. The new entry provided new life to an old house.



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 contributions to raising awareness and interest in the conservation of heritage in the Mackay Region.



HERITAGE CHAMPION

Gold Award

Volunteers of Pioneer Valley Museum Disaster Recovery and Re-curation Project

The volunteers at the Pioneer Valley Museum care for and interpret a rich and varied collection which covers themes of local, regional and state significance. The collection is significant through its historical, aesthetic and research values. Much of the collection is well-provenanced, in good condition and has strong interpretive capacity.

In February 2019, this collection came under threat when the roof of the museum leaked during a significant rain event, forcing the subsequent closure and urgent priority in ensuring the collection did not become further damaged. The volunteers took it upon themselves to identify full carpet replacement was required and all museum pieces had to be removed, stored and, if appropriate, cleaned.

Taking initiative in this challenging situation, the volunteers turned it into an opportunity to improve, redesign, re-theme and collaborate with Queensland Museums to transform the collection. After eight months of tireless dedication, learning and curation, the Museum was reopened to the public in September 2019, better than ever.

The judges felt that the group of volunteers, dedicating numerous hours to turn adversity into opportunity, is the very definition of being Mackay Heritage Champions. Taking the initiative to learn and grow out of a recovery effort with extensive improvements to the museum is a rare quality in a team – and should be congratulated.



HERITAGE CHAMPION

Silver Award

Steven Pritchard – Vice President of the Mackay Historical Society and Museum Local Heritage Research

Steven is a proven champion of local Mackay history. His knowledge acquired through many years of research into Mackay's past has led him to be a valuable resource for various history groups in their own research. Steven is a pillar of Mackay's Historical Society & Museum in his role as research and publicity officer. His efforts, particularly highlighting the last three years, have resulted in the promotion and education of Mackay's local history to its citizens.

Key achievements from March 2017 to present include the research and authorship of 24 history feature articles written for the Daily Mercury; running of the Historical Society's various displays at the Volunteers expo and other locations; conducting Heritage Walks around Mackay City Centre to support the local school curriculum; speaking at various events or interviews on behalf of the Historical Society and researching for Queensland Health Maternal and Child Health's 100th Birthday celebrations, Caneland Central's 40th Birthday display and Mackay Memorial Pool Action Group's advocacy for the Memorial Swim Centre.

Through Steven's research, he dedicates a great deal of personal time outside of his commitment to the Historical Society to fulfil other's requests for research. Steven's passion for history is based on his belief that 'everything has a story.'

The judges were very impressed with Steven's ongoing dedication to others, in giving his time freely in pursuit of our heritage. He is an example to younger generations in keeping our stories alive, something that cannot be accomplished without great focus and a results driven mindset.





IN
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OF
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1884-1968

ANDREWS, Robert	13.2.1908	64y	MURRAY, Dorothy Abigail	7.4.1900	2m23d
BARRY, Eugene Patrick	24.12.1897	7m1d	NATOKA, Elizabeth	7.9.1919	52y
BOSSIE, Christian	6.8.1913	79y	PASS, Bertha May	12.5.1889	2y
BROOKS, Sarah Elizabeth	29.11.1890	28y	PATTERSON, Adam	10.12.1886	8m
BROOKS, William George	15.7.1895	10wks	PEACH, Thomas	10.9.1891	11m
CHRISTIANSEN, Louis	28.12.1908	2y2m6d	RAYMOND, Edward Richard	29.10.1898	9m
COX, Thomas	29.10.1897	11days	RAYMOND, Emily	26.9.1898	9y
EDMONDS, Arnold Redvers	26.1.1903	2y11m30d	RULE, Edith May	4.9.1898	4y
EVETTS, Ella	24.4.1898	43y	SIPPIE, Dona	16.8.1919	66y
GIBSON, William Douglas	14.8.1905	10m14d	STAWELL, Jonas William Foster	1.10.1903	64y
HEBBARD, Edith	6.7.1906	6m	STEWART, William	10.11.1897	1y
HOWE, Joseph	22.1.1909	54y	TRELOAR, Kate	10.12.1893	33y
HUNTER, Charles	29.9.1903	58y8m4d	TURNER Mildred Mary	4.4.1885	16y
JORDAN, Edward	20.11.1897	2m	WALDON, Elizabeth Ann	27.5.1890	25y
KARLSEN, Henrick Peter	6.9.1884	59y	WRIGHT, Edward	6.8.1898	4w
MAKULA, Emily	20.6.1903	33y	WYATT, Charles	24.10.1926	41y7m18d
MARTIN, Robert	25.3.1898	58y	WYATT, George	13.9.1895	51y
MASON, John Henry	3.8.1889	2y10m	WYATT, Mary Ann	6.4.1907	64y

HERITAGE CHAMPION

Bronze Award

Christine Vaughan – Yesterdays Memories Church Memorial Project

Christine has had an ongoing dedication to the preservation of our Region's history, through her privately-run Museum Yesterdays Memories. In addition to this, Chris has made the most of the challenge of her property and museum being co-located adjacent to the historic cemetery of the St Peters Church of England, which was in operation from 1884 to 1968. The Church itself is no longer in existence, having burnt down in August of 1968.

Christine has undertaken great research to find and collate the burial information of this church graveyard, the challenge being that of the 49 recorded bodies, only seven graves have remaining headstones.

With this research, Chris has built a quarter scale front façade of the original church building, with the intent that the collated memorial script from her research will be written on it. Whilst this is a work in progress, this memorial project has the potential to transform the cemetery into a local landmark and raise community awareness of the resting place of some of our local early pioneers.

The judges felt that Christine should be commended for this 'out of the box' idea, turning the unique challenge of her property's location into a fantastic opportunity to celebrate local heritage.

HERITAGE CHAMPION

Highly Commended

Judy Wallace – Mackay Family History Society Inc Ongoing works on 'Pioneer Charts' – 1860-1885

Judy Wallace is a pillar of Mackay's history enthusiasts, is a founding member of the Mackay Family History Society Inc. and has been involved in numerous projects over the years to preserve the local genealogy and family history for people all over the world who have descendants from the Mackay Region.

Over 20 years ago, Judy instigated a project creating a chart with family photos and history documenting our early settlers from 1860 to 1885. Whilst this has now been published, Judy continues to add to the charts and last year organised a successful display in Mount Pleasant Shopping Centre to further promote this work.

The judges felt that Judy's continued and unwavering dedication to preserving local family history for over 30 years is well deserving of a commendation.

HERITAGE CHAMPION

Highly Commended

Maryann Lister – the Restoration Barn Mackay Bringing life to old treasures

For over 25 years, Maryann Lister has been restoring antique furniture in the Mackay Region, using traditional skills to breath new life into old treasures. Maryann has a particular focus in ensuring that furniture is restored with knowledge of how a piece was first crafted, using the same techniques and material where possible. Maryann is also passionate about passing on this knowledge to the next generation, passing on her skills and sharing information and techniques with others to help raise the awareness of cultural heritage in furniture.

The judges commend Maryann on her passion for passing on valuable knowledge to ensure future skills in preserving our furniture history stays local.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The following conflict or perceived conflict of interest was registered as part of the judging process for these awards. Care was taken in ensuring judges with a conflict did not influence decisions or opinions on the applicable entry.

Nathan Bow - Mackay Rangers Football Club Entry into Heritage Media Category

Richard Pace - 127 Field Street, West Mackay Entry into New or Refurbished Heritage Home Category

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