



Mackay Museum

Showcasing the rich history of the largest sugarcane growing area in Australia, the Mackay Museum provides insight into the history of Mackay and the Pioneer Valley - from early settlement of the original inhabitants to European settlement, and the progression from a small village to a provincial city.

Featuring an array of displays, local artefacts and a research area with reference library, the museum is the perfect place to learn about our pioneering days.

Cost: Admission fees apply
(Guided group tours by appointment)

Location: 4 Casey Avenue, South Mackay

Opening hours:

> 10am to 2pm every Thursday

> 10am to 2pm on the first and third Sunday

Note: the museum closes December to January

Further information:

Phone 4953 0002 or visit www.mackayhistory.org

Historical Centres

in the Mackay Region

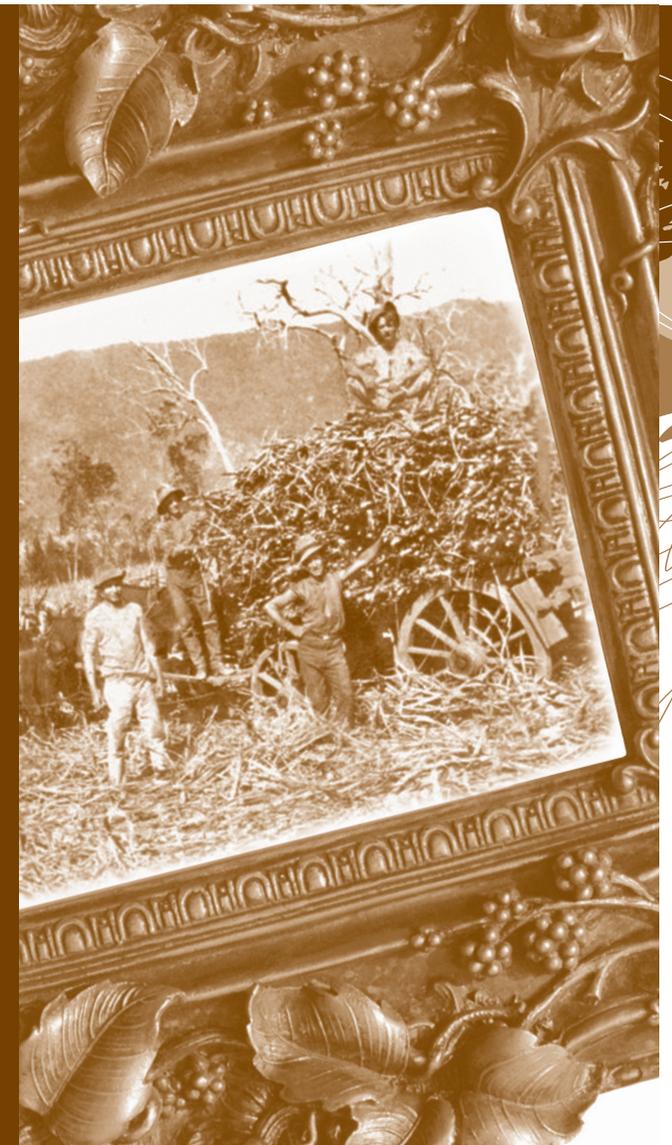
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Pioneer Valley Museum

This museum is in the heart of the Pioneer Valley, and 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, featuring 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 available for public reference.

Location: Victoria St, Mirani (behind Mirani Library)

Opening hours:

- > Tuesday to Thursday from 9.30am to 2.30pm
- > Outside these hours, groups only by appointment

Further information:

Phone 4961 9229 or 4961 9230



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 1912 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 1984, it is held in trust by Mackay Regional Council.

Location: 5kms west of Walkerston

Opening hours:

- > Sunday to Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm
- > Closed on Saturdays and public holidays

Further information:

Phone 4959 2250



Sarina Historical Centre

Learn about the region's sugar, coal and rail industries as well as what school was like before the electronic age, and many more wonderful displays showcasing the history of the Sarina Region.

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

On January 19, 2001, the building was relocated to its present site and renovated to become the Historical Centre on the southern outskirts of Sarina.

Location: Railway Square near Mitre 10

Opening hours:

- > Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9am to 2pm
- > Outside these hours, groups only by appointment

Further information:

Phone 4956 2436