

Greenmount Homestead

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**Greenmount Homestead's
entrance sign at sunset**

Credit: Vicky Bowden



**Front view of Mackay's
original historic Homestead**

**Credit: Mackay Regional
Council**

Our Profile

Take a trip back to a more peaceful past with a visit to the heritage listed Greenmount Homestead, one of Mackay's most significant historical sites. This wonderful combination of a stunning homestead, beautiful grounds and fascinating collection tells the story of a single family, the Cooks. For three generations they were part of this place and left a record of their contribution to the region's history. This unique homestead is one of the only of its era in Australia still with a living connection to the family.

Be surprised by the art deco bathroom, moved by the children's drawings and fascinated by the architecture of a Queenslander. Walk through the impressive lead light and timber door into the cool and quiet interior and experience Albert Cook's vision for his family home. Explore the homestead, and discover everything from tea sets to the Model T Ford and relax with a picnic in the grounds.

Did you know?

Did you know that Gloria Arrow, who was employed at Greenmount Homestead as a housemaid to Tom and Dorothy Cook, still lives there to the present day?

Did you know Greenmount Homestead was a successful cattle stud? You can see ribbons, trophies, medals and other awards. Even the records still sit in silent testimony to the Cook family's endeavours.

Did you know that the grounds are a popular venue for weddings and other special occasions?

Did you know Greenmount Homestead celebrated its centenary in 2015? This marked 100 years since the homestead was built.

What the Standards Review Program has meant for our museum

Planning and focus: The professional guidance and input that we have received during the Standards Review has given us a better sense of direction in terms of how we manage the collection at Greenmount, and in particular what areas we need to focus on in the short, medium and long term. This will help us to identify what resources are required to help us to achieve our goals, as well as providing our volunteer group with direction, motivation and ownership in the future of the museum.

Organisational structure: The review program has reinforced our need to become an incorporated body to provide our volunteers and visitors the best experience we can. Through an incorporated body, all volunteer policies and procedures will be reviewed, standardised and agreed by our management committee.