

**Mackay Regional Council
Libraries – Heritage
Collection**

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**Denman /Fordyce Collection
Objects.**

**Credit: Mackay Regional
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**Richmond Mill, photographed
by J.H. Mills, 1985**

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Our Profile

Mackay Regional Council Libraries Heritage Collection hosts an extensive range of historical resources relating to the development of the Mackay region. The collection is currently located in the Mackay City Library, Gordon Street.

The collection includes reference books, original material, photographs, maps, newspaper archives, videos and DVDs. These items document people, places, activities, industries and events, and encapsulate patterns of life, development and progress in the region. The Heritage Collection section also actively engages in contemporary collecting of publications, images and ephemera.

The collection is used by family history researchers, local residents, visitors to the region and people connected to Mackay. Researchers can access unique publications including school histories, family histories and sugar industry records.

The extensive photograph collection is available for viewing online and also in hard copy. Online access to over 550 images is via vGallery, which can be found through the Library's catalogue.

Did you know?

Looking for photographs of early Mackay or of a significant event in the region's history? The Heritage Collection is a great place to start; it hosts an extensive collection of images depicting Mackay's people and places throughout the decades. Over 550 of these images have been digitised and are available for viewing via Mackay Regional Council Libraries website.

Did you know you can access all of the Mackay Daily Mercury and other early Mackay newspapers (1867 – 1954) on TROVE, the free online service that enables full text searching of newspaper articles?

Did you know that the Heritage Collection has microfilm readers/scanners that are publically accessible and these allow you to download and print newspapers on microfilm?

What the Standards Review Program has meant for our museum

The Standards Review Program allowed Heritage Collection staff to reflect on the amount of work already undertaken; and, provided an opportunity to review current processes to ensure a high standard of collection management and relevance is maintained.