

SIGHTS AND ATTRACTIONS

- 1 **Fisherman's Wharf** - once one of the busiest ports in Queensland during the Gold Rush, now a popular meeting place and fishing spot for visitors and locals alike. 'Doing a Wharfie' (driving along the Wharf) is a favourite Cooktown tradition. This is also the starting point of the **River of Life Walkway** which meanders through parklands to the Post Office, telling the stories behind the historic sights you pass along the way.
- 2 **Mick the Miner** - in memory of the Palmer River Gold Rush.
- 3 **The Queen's Steps** - made for HM Queen Elizabeth II for her visit to Cooktown in 1970 to open the James Cook Museum.
- 4 **Milbi Wall** - made by local Aboriginal artists, these colourful tiles tell local history from an Aboriginal perspective, from the creation of the Endeavour River to the present day.
- 5 **Jackey Jackey Store** - built in 1886 and a general store for 100 years.
- 6 **James Cook Statue** - this sculpture by Stanley Hammond MBE marks the site of the Re-enactment of Cook's Landing, which takes place every June during the Queen's Birthday weekend.
- 7 **James Cook Monument** - commemorates Cook's landing on 17 June 1770.
- 8 **Cannon** - dating from 1881, and given to protect Cooktown from a Russian invasion.
- 9 **The Cairn** - where Lt. James Cook beached *HM Bark Endeavour* in 1770
- 10 **James Cook Museum** - originally a Convent school built in 1889, and now home to one of the best regional museums in Australia, with the anchor and cannon from the *HM Bark Endeavour*, and excellent Chinese and Indigenous collections.
- 11 **Cooktown Railway Station** - now the Cooktown Creative Arts Association, this building was originally the ticket office for the Cooktown-Laura Railway.
- 12 **Mrs. Watson's Monument** - erected 1883 in memory of a tragic death near Lizard Island.
- 13 **The Old Hospital** - a magnificent timber building from 1879, now the Kingdom Hall.
- 14 **The Old Bank** - built in 1891 for the Queensland National Bank.
- 15 **Nature's PowerHouse** - Cooktown's Visitor Information and Interpretive Centre provides visitors with general information about the area as well as the natural history of Cape York Peninsula. Permanent exhibitions include Vera Scarth-Johnson's botanical illustrations of local flowering plants, and the Charles Tanner Gallery, a showcase of Peninsula wildlife. Books, souvenirs, artworks are available, and local food a speciality at the Verandah Cafe.
- 16 **Botanic Gardens** - originally established in 1878, these are amongst the oldest in Australia. Shady pathways through the Gardens lead to Finch Bay.
- 17 **The Cemetery & Chinese Shrine** - a microcosm of Cooktown's colourful history since 1874.
- 18 **Gunpowder Magazine** - built in 1874 and believed to be the oldest brick building in Cape York.
- 19 **Grassy Hill & Lighthouse** - the superb view from Grassy Hill should not be missed, especially at sunrise and sunset. Although steep, it is accessible by 2WD, but too narrow for coaches.
- 20 **The History Centre** - currently housing the 'Cooktown and District Historical Society' and the award winning interpretive historical displays and a family research facility.
- 21 **The Boat House** - houses the Re-enactment Society with exhibits

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- B** - Bakery
- \$** - Banks
- CH** - Courthouse
- D** - Doctors' Surgery
- H** - Hospital
- L** - Library
- P** - Pharmacy
- PS** - Police Station
- PO** - Post Office
- T** - Public Toilets
- S** - Supermarket
- SP** - Swimming Pool
- TC** - Tennis Courts

