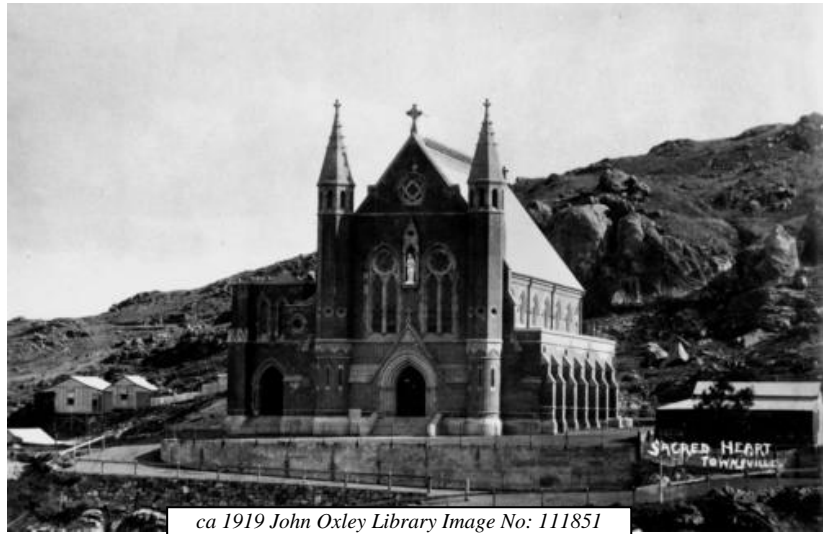


## CONSERVATION APPEAL

### Sacred Heart Cathedral, Townsville

The Sacred Heart Cathedral, officially opened in 1902, is an important landmark in Townsville.



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The Fundraising Committee established by Bishop Michael Putney worked with the National Trust to establish a Heritage Conservation Appeal for the Cathedral. The Cathedral re-opened on 23 June 2006.

The conservation works included:

- Repairing the roof to match the existing roof (matching the materials, sheet type and sheet lengths), in conjunction with an upgrade of the roof structure to suit cyclonic standards;
- Removing later mortar and joint fillers and reinstating mortars of correct strength, including a top layer of coloured mortars to make the joints watertight; and
- Repainting the rendered cappings of the brick buttresses and parapets using paints that allow the render to breathe and moisture to evaporate from the brickwork.