



Heritage Watch 2011



Royal Hotel, 17 Front Street, Mossman

Why we're watching	In 2010 the owner of this hotel asked Cairns Regional Council for permission to demolish. It is one of the few remaining examples of a 1930s hotel left in the region.
Significance	The Royal was the first of three hotels built in Mossman in the 1930s. There are relatively few 1930s hotels left today, especially ones constructed of timber. The exterior of the building appears to be substantially intact. The hotel makes a good contribution to the streetscape.
What you can do	Write a letter to the Mayor of Cairns Regional Council. Be positive. Explain how adapting and re-using the Royal Hotel would allow it to continue to make its contribution to the streetscape. Promote the rarity of this type of hotel in the region as a means of ensuring its future.
History/ Description	The Royal is a two storey, timber hotel with exposed stud framing constructed between 1931 and 1934. The first hotel on the site, also the Royal, was a single storey moved to the site by Fred Jensen in the 1890s. It burnt down in 1929. The new Royal had a large wooden verandah and external stairs. It was built of chamfer board and upstairs is red cedar, although some repairs have been made in fibro. A carbide plant made gas which was used before electric lighting came in 1938. During the Second World War units of the Australian Army camped at the rear of the hotel. A beer garden was added in 1972. The hotel closed in 2007.
Local Government Authority	Cairns Regional Council
Links to other information regarding the site	Contact details for the Mayor of Cairns Regional Council can be found at http://www.cairns.qld.gov.au/home/contact-us