



# Heritage Watch 2011

## Royal Hotel, Mossman



Why we're watching	<b>This hotel was destroyed by fire on the night of 29 September 2011.</b>
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 and tin. The exterior of the building was substantially intact. The hotel made a very important contribution to the streetscape of Mossman.
What you can do	Contact Cairns Regional Council. Let the Mayor and the Council know your feelings about the loss of heritage buildings, especially the timber and tin hotels in your area. Tell them how important it is that what remains is recognised and protected through identification and registration.
History/ Description	The Royal was 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 building moved to the site by Fred Jensen in the 1890s. It too 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 had been made in fibro. 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 <a href="http://www.cairns.qld.gov.au/home/contact-us">http://www.cairns.qld.gov.au/home/contact-us</a>