

WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE AT HERBERTON HISTORIC VILLAGE

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[Herberton Historic Village](#) is probably one of Queensland's most significant museums. A treasure trove of antiques dating back as early as the 1880's, an intriguing village has been recreated to replicate daily lives in another time. For anyone who grew up in Australia it's a fascinating insight into the lives of our parents and grandparents and will likely rekindle long lost childhood memories. For visitors to Australian soil, Herberton Historic Village offers a snapshot of Australia's early pioneers as European settlers spread across north Queensland. Located in the Atherton Tablelands about 90 minutes west of Cairns, allow a full day to explore Herberton Historic Village and surrounds. Swing by a historic hotel for a pub lunch at Herberton, Ravenshoe or Malanda for a pub lunch to digest this mammoth collection of Australian history.



The Tin Pannikin Pub was transported several times during the early 1900's before its final resting place at Herberton. The hotel replicates a figment of the imagination of Aussie cartoonist Ken Maynard who was the original 'fictional licensee' of his Ettamogah Pub. Unseen in this photo is a 1926 Essex Ute straddling the roof which was supposedly left high and dry after a flood. Photo Travel Boating Lifestyle



Remember when phones weren't operated with a swipe of the finger? Back in the dinosaur era they used to be wound up with a handle to connect them to the telephone exchange. Later versions had a circular dial that spun as each number was dialed up. Clearly these weren't designed for those with exaggerated false nails. Photo Travel Boating Lifestyle



Books. Books. Books. Who doesn't love the promise that a well-stocked bookshelf offers?
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Colourful spinning tops came in all shapes and sizes, spinning their way across timber floors.
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Ancient fuel bowsers look like engineering artworks compared to their modern day counterparts. Photo Travel Boating Lifestyle



A car lovers graveyard exists at the rear of Herberton Historic Village, though even non-revheads will be impressed at the scale of this collection. Photo Travel Boating Lifestyle



Beautiful lines and symmetry exist in these old cars. Photo Travel Boating Lifestyle



Wash day has always been 'womens work', but today's washing machines are a breeze to operate compared to these old clunkers. Photo Travel Boating Lifestyle



Gosh, these gals make laundry look fun! Was it ever the case? No, we don't think so either... Photo Travel Boating Lifestyle



Can you spot something here from your Grandparents pantry? Photo Travel Boating Lifestyle

Pharmacy shelves used to look a lot like this with row upon row of magical lotions and potions. Photo Travel Boating Lifestyle



Some household brand names have been with us for decades. Photo Travel Boating Lifestyle



Imagine taking a selfie with this little beauties? Photo Travel Boating Lifestyle

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