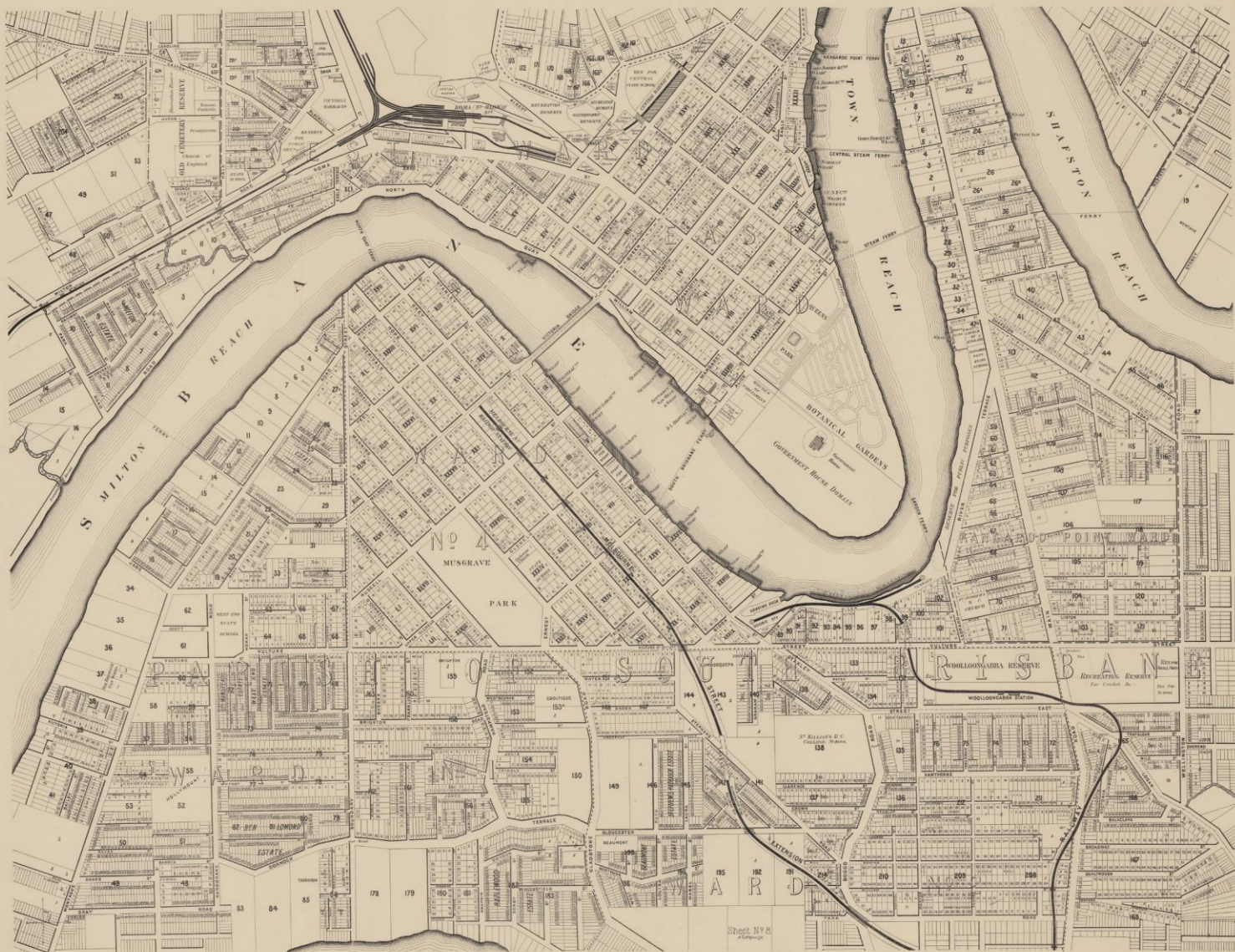


# Maps



DR26675 - McKellar's Official Map of Brisbane and Suburbs - Parish of South Brisbane, West Ward, East Ward, Kangaroo Point Ward, 1895

Research Guide to maps  
at Queensland State Archives

Queensland State Archives (QSA) is the official repository for Queensland Government records selected for permanent retention because of their continuing value. The archived public records are from state government departments, state courts, local government authorities and statutory authorities. The records are in our facility at [Runcorn, Brisbane](#), and open records are available for viewing in the Reading Room, free-of-charge.

QSA has a large collection of maps and charts. The focus of the collection is Queensland, from 1824 to the present, although there are a small number of maps of the whole of Australia and of Papua New Guinea. The collection comprises published and unpublished maps and plans produced by the Department of Lands and its predecessor agencies, and by other government departments such as Mapping and Surveying, Mines, Railways, Harbours and Marine, Irrigation and Water Supply, and Forestry. There are also sundry plans drawn by private surveyors and contractors.

Maps may show roads, railways, topographic features and property boundaries of various land tenure type. Cadastral maps show boundaries of selections, occupation licences, pastoral leaseholds, special leases and Crown reserves. Cadastral maps often show the Lands Department numbers which correspond to selections, occupation licence file and other land tenure numbers. The maps usually give the names of pastoral holdings, and in many cases, the names of early selectors or owners of freehold title. These details can be used to find land files created by the Lands Department (and its successor agencies) held at QSA.

Town maps often show public buildings, such as court houses, post offices, schools, police stations and railway stations. Maps and survey plans of rural areas may also show station homesteads, windmills, stockyards, bores, dips and outstations.

The main finding aid for records held at QSA is the [Queensland State Archives' online catalogue](#) (known as ArchivesSearch).

The following citation abbreviations are used throughout our catalogue:

ITM – QSA Item (describes the item)

PR – Physical Representation (generally the original or microfilm copy)

DR – Digital Representation (for a digital image)

S – Series ID (for series of records)

A – Agency ID (for the creating or responsible agency).

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander readers are advised that our catalogue contains images, names and voices of people who have died.**

## Cadastral maps

These maps show sizes and boundaries of properties, topographical features, roads and railways. In the main, cadastral maps at QSA are parish maps and town maps. There are also county, pastoral district and local authority maps. The phasing out of the older methods of mapping based on imperial standards of measurement and land subdivisions of parishes and towns was part of the agreement on a national approach to mapping, incorporating the Australian Map Grid (AMG) and introducing new cadastral series.

### **1:25 000 Scale Cadastral Maps**

Circa 1/1/1972–31/12/1992

[S4893](#)

Details include towns and suburbs, county, parish, local authority and pastoral district boundaries, land tenure details including freehold and leasehold tenure, mining leases and types of selection.

### Parish maps

These maps with a scale of forty chains to an inch are arranged by name of parish and county. Details include names of land holders and selection numbers for agricultural farms, grazing homesteads, perpetual lease prickly-pear development leases, sugar workers' leases, perpetual lease selections, auction purchase freehold, miners' homestead leases, soldier settlements and pastoral holdings.

To find parish and county names you may search the [Queensland parish directory](#) available [online](#)

Queensland State Archives has arranged many parish maps into artificial series. The purpose of these artificial series was to bring together maps depicting the same geographic area, that is, counties and parishes within specific districts. The 40 chain parish maps within these series are useful for identifying the first early land holders (land selectors and freeholders).

Parish maps are item listed in [ArchivesSearch](#). If you are interested in maps recording early land holders in the Cook District, specifically within the Parish of Bartle Frere, County of Nares, try searching using the names of the *parish* and the *county*. For example, search using the keywords – *Bartle Frere Nares*.

In some instance series of maps are controlled by key maps, and some of these keys are available online in [ArchivesSearch](#).

### Cook District

#### **County of Nares - P9 Series**

Circa 1/1/1877– 31/12/1987

[S1856](#)

#### **County of Hodgkinson - O7 Series**

Circa 1/1/1901– 31/12/1984

[S1898](#)

#### **County of Lynd - P5 Series**

Circa 1/1/1899– 31/12/1982

[S1899](#)

### Darling Downs District

#### **40 Chain Maps - BG4 Series**

Circa 1/1/1882-31/12/1889

[S1020](#)

Key map for BG4 series, ITM614739, [DR91899](#) in S1669



**County of Aubigny - B1 Series**

Circa 1/1/1849– 31/12/1986

[S1754](#)

**County of Bentinck - B3 Series**

Circa 1/1/1873– 31/12/1984

[S1755](#)

**County of Merivale - C1 Series**

Circa 1/1/1857– 31/12/1985

[S1756](#)

**County of Auburn - B2 Series**

Circa 1/1/1907– 31/12/1978

[S1861](#)

**County of Bulwer - B4 Series**

Circa 1/1/1878– 31/12/1985

[S1869](#)

**County of Derby - B7 Series**

Circa 1/1/1863– 31/12/1982

[S1870](#)

**County of Marsh - B9 Series**

Circa 1/2/1885– 31/12/1984

[S1871](#)

**County of Lytton - B8 Series**

Circa 15/9/1864– 31/1/1982

[S2032](#)

**County of Clive - B6 Series**

Circa 1/1/1877– 31/12/1982

[S2033](#)

## South Kennedy District

**County of Carlisle - J5 Series**

Circa 1/1/1863– 31/12/1985

[S1845](#)

**County of Drake - J8 Series**

Circa 1/01/1931– 31/12/1977

[S1887](#)

**County of Belyando - J4 Series**

Circa 1/1/1883– 31/12/1974

[S2169](#)

## North Kennedy District

### **County of Cardwell - L2 Series**

Circa 1/1/1865– 31/12/1984

[S1846](#)

### **County of Elphinstone - L6 Series**

Circa 1/1/1864– 31/12/1986

[S1848](#)

### **County of Herbert - M1 Series**

Circa 1/1/1861– 31/12/1986

[S1850](#)

### **County of Davenport - L5 Series**

Circa 1/1/1876 – 31/12/1982

[S1890](#)

### **County of Gladstone - L7 Series**

Circa 1/1/1863–31/12/1984

[S1891](#)

### **County of Griffith - L8 Series**

Circa 01/01/1864–31/12/1979

[S2173](#)

## Leichhardt District

### **County of Wooroona - I5 Series**

Circa 1/1/1862– 31/12/1974

[S1844](#)

### **County of Wodehouse - I4 Series**

Circa 1/1/1887–31/12/1978

[S1843](#)

### **County of Westgrove - I3 Series**

Circa 1/1/1918– 31/12/1978

[S1868](#)

### **County of Talbot - I1 Series**

Circa 1/1/1881–31/12/1980

[S2171](#)

## Maranoa District

### **County of Belmore - R1 Series**

Circa 1/1/1863– 31/12/1984

[S1859](#)

### **County of Waldegrave - S4 Series**

Circa 1/1/1865– 31/12/1984

[S1860](#)

### **County of Dublin - R5 Series**

Circa 1/1/1865– 31/12/1985

[S2018](#)

## Port Curtis District

### **2 Mile Maps - FG1 Series**

Circa 1/1/1877–31/12/1908

[S1010](#)

Key map for FG1 series, ITM614742, [DR91902](#) in S1671

### **County of Murchison - F6 Series**

Circa 1/1/1861– 31/12/1982

[S1759](#)

### **County of Deas Thompson - F2 Series**

Circa 1/1/1865– 31/12/1981

[S1760](#)

### **County of Livingstone - F5 Series**

Circa 1/1/1860– 31/12/1988

[S1761](#)

### **County of Pakington - F7 Series**

Circa 1/1/1863– 31/12/1987

[S1762](#)

### **County of Flinders - F3 Series**

Circa 1/1/1869– 31/12/1987

[S1763](#)

### **County of Palmerston - F8 Series**

Circa 1/1/1868– 30/9/1981

[S1867](#)

### **County of Clinton - F1 Series**

Circa 1/1/1861– 31/12/1986

[S1880](#)

### **County of Liebig - F4 Series**

Circa 01/01/1862– 31/12/1979

[S1881](#)

### **County of Raglan - F0 Series**

Circa 1/1/1863– 31/12/1985

[S2024](#)

## Wide Bay/Burnett Districts

### **County of Lennox - D6 Series**

Circa 1/1/1862–30/9/1983

[S1757](#)

### **County of March - D8 Series**

Circa 1/1/1861– 31/12/1986

[S1758](#)

### **County of Cook - D3 Series**

Circa 1/1/1873– 31/12/1987

[S1873](#)

### **County of Fitzroy - D4 Series**

Circa 1/1/1875– 30/9/1986

[S1874](#)

### **County of Mackenzie - D7 Series**

Circa 1/1/1890– 30/9/1984

[S1877](#)

### **County of Bowen - D2 Series**

Circa 1/1/1906– 31/12/1983

[S2009](#)

## Other Queensland parish map series

### **Queensland 40 Chain**

Circa 1/1/1928-31/12/1979

[S1027](#)

Key map for 40 and 20 chain series, ITM614745, [DR91873](#) in S1672

### **Queensland Twenty Chain**

Circa 1/1/1920- 31/12/1979

[S1024](#)

Key map for 40 and 20 chain series, ITM614745, [DR91873](#) in S1672

### **Queensland 4 Mile - 4m1**

Circa 1/1/1897–31/12/1942

[S1021](#)

Key map for 4m1 series, ITM614729, [DR91868](#) in S1661

### **Parish Maps**

Circa 1/1/1893–31/12/1989

[S17619](#)

This series comprises cadastral maps of Queensland parishes generally known as the P6 series. These large rolled maps are arranged alphabetical by name of parish.

### Town maps

#### **Moreton Bay Penal Settlement Maps and Architectural Drawings**

28/9/1830–Circa 31/12/1848

[S3739](#)

Most of the maps in this series are available online on our catalogue. The maps provide details of the surveyed layout and plans of buildings in the convict settlement at Moreton Bay (now Brisbane) from 1830 to 1848.

#### **City of Brisbane Maps - A1AG Series**

Circa 1/1/1923– 31/12/1958

[S1689](#)

Key map for City of Brisbane maps, ITM635290, [DR91917](#) in S2073

#### **Civic Survey of the City of Brisbane - AIAG2 Series**

Circa 1/1/1927– 31/12/1929

[S1690](#)

To find maps in this series, use Brisbane and Suburbs - Key Map, [S1964](#)

### **Town Maps**

Circa 1/1/1867–31/12/1990

[S17610](#)

Details include name of parish, county, Land Agent District and real property description.

### Pastoral district maps

Pastoral district maps include county maps, with key maps. Some keys are available in [ArchivesSearch](#).

#### **Burke District Maps - Z Series**

Circa 1/1/1876–31/12/1958

[S2126](#)

#### **Burnett District 2 Mile Maps - DG1 Series**

Circa 1/1/1878–31/12/1920

[S1008](#)

Key map for DG1 series, ITM614740, [DR91900](#) in S1670



### **Cook District Maps - N Series**

Circa 1/1/1848–31/12/1988

[S1853](#)

Key map for NG1 series, ITM635500, [DR91922](#) in S2101

### **Darling Downs District 1 Mile Maps - BG2 Series**

Circa 1/1/1863- 31/12/1863

[S1009](#)

Key map for 1 mile series, ITM614738, [DR91898](#) in S1668

### **Darling Downs District 2 Mile Maps - BG1**

Circa 1/1/1871–31/12/1929

[S1018](#)

Key map for BG1 series, ITM614737, [DR91897](#) in S1667

### **Gregory North District Maps - X Series**

Circa 1/1/1877–31/12/1905

[S2121](#)

### **Gregory South District Maps - W Series**

Circa 1/1/1891–31/12/1905

[S2184](#)

### **South Kennedy District Maps - J Series**

Circa 1/1/1868–31/12/1898

[S1885](#)

Key map for JG1 series, ITM635405, [DR91918](#) in S2087

### **North Kennedy District Maps - L Series**

Circa 1/1/1885–31/12/1912

[S2172](#)

### **Leichhardt District Maps - G Series**

1/4/1860–Circa 31/12/1929

[S1882](#)

### **Maranoa District Maps - R Series**

Circa 1/1/1860–31/12/1928

[S2178](#)

Key map for RG4 series, ITM635433, [DR91921](#) in S2096; for RG3 series, ITM635432, [DR91920](#) in S2095; for RG2 series, ITM635431, [DR91919](#) in S2094; for RG3 series, ITM635430, [DR91883](#) in S2092

### **Mitchell District Maps - Y Series**

Circa 1/1/1881–31/7/1939

[S2123](#)

### **Moreton District Maps - A Series**

Circa 1/1/1830–31/12/1988

[S2058](#)

Key maps for AG3 series, ITM614748, [DR91904](#) & [DR91905](#) and ITM614746, [DR91903](#) in S1673

### **Moreton District, County of Stanley maps – A1 series**

Circa 1/1/1824–31/12/1987

[S1748](#)

### **Port Curtis District Maps - F Series**

Circa 1/1/1859–31/12/1983

[S2115](#)

### **Warrego District Maps - T Series**

Circa 1/1/1865–28/2/1900

[S2067](#)

Key map for TG2 series, ITM640107, [DR91924](#) in S3367

### **Wide Bay/Burnett Districts Maps - D Series**

Circa 1/1/1865–31/12/1929

[S1872](#)

Key map for DG2 series, ITM614727, [DR91894](#) in S1659

## Queensland 4 and 2 mile maps

Queensland four and two mile series were drawn over blocks away from the coast.

### **Queensland 4 Mile Maps - 4m1 Series**

Circa 1/1/1897–31/12/1942

[S1021](#)

Key map for 4m1 series, ITM614729, [DR91868](#) in S1661

### **Queensland 4 Mile Maps - 4m2 Series**

Circa 1/1/1929–31/12/1974

[S1022](#)

To find maps in this series use the key map, ITM614728 in [S1660](#) on map viewer in Reading Room.

### **Queensland 4 Mile Maps - 4m3 Series**

Circa 1/1/1965–31/12/1975

[S1023](#)

Key map for 4m3 series, ITM661662, [DR91925](#) in S3765

### **Queensland two-mile series maps**

1/1/1928–31/12/1974

[S1026](#)

To find maps in this series use the key map, ITM614728 in [S1660](#) on map viewer in Reading Room.

## Moreton District 2 mile and 40 chain

Moreton District 2 mile series and 40 chain series were drawn over blocks along the Queensland coast and parts of the Maranoa and Warrego Pastoral Districts. These maps are part of series of maps known as the 'named series'. The map series have a letter and number title in the description, e.g. AG1, AG2, BG1, DG1, JG1, NG1, RG1, TG1.

### **Moreton District 2 Mile Maps - AG1 Series**

Circa 1/1/1870–31/12/1944

[S1017](#)

Key map for AG1 series, ITM614735, [DR91895](#) in S1665

### **Moreton District 40 Chain Maps - AG2 Series**

Circa 1/1/1885–31/12/1932

[S1016](#)

Key map for AG2 series, ITM614736, [DR91896](#) in S1666

## Thematic maps

Thematic maps are usually cadastral maps which refer to a particular subject or group of subjects. Thematic maps at QSA cover subjects such as geographical surveys, electorates, census districts, local authorities and pastoral runs.

### Topographic maps

These maps show surface features including mountains, hills and rivers. Elevations including the height of the land are depicted by contour lines. Other details include trigonometric stations, roads, lighthouses, telegraph lines, bridges, embankments, railway lines, cemeteries and schools.

References to topographical maps drawn by Lands, Forestry and other government departments are found in [ArchivesSearch](#). QSA also holds 1:63, 360 (1 mile:1 inch) topographical maps drawn by the Australian Army.

#### **Queensland 1:63, 360 Scale Military Maps**

Circa 1/1/1923–31/12/1965

[S1029](#)

#### **1:25, 000 Scale Topographic Maps**

Circa 1/1/1971–31/12/1988

[S2016](#)

### Survey plans and related records

#### **Survey Plans**

Circa 1/1/1853–13/2/1961

[S17667](#)

This series includes surveys of selections, roads, reserves, towns and portions for sale. Information may include portion, selection or Crown grant number, parish, county, district or land agent district, name of lessee or owner, etc. The description of each item may include the names of lessees or owners; portion, selection or Crown grant number; parish; and type of survey. Detailed information on survey plans includes bearings and distances, survey marks such as reference trees, property descriptions, area, descriptions of country such as soil and vegetation, buildings, fences, tracks, deed of grant numbers and road names.

#### **Identification Survey Plans**

13/9/1871–13/4/2018

[S21139](#)

Identification surveys are conducted to establish or reinstate part or all of any existing property boundaries. This may be required for reasons such as to build a fence or to settle a neighbouring boundary fencing dispute.

#### **Survey Field Books**

2/1/1886–15/7/1998

[S21141](#)

This series consists of Survey Field Books which were created by authorised surveyors for the Survey Office of the Lands Department. All measurements taken were recorded in a field notebook (bearings and distances). A survey plan was drawn from the surveyor's measurements in the field.

#### **Permanent Survey Mark Atlas Maps**

Circa 1/1/1980–31/12/1997

[S20490](#)

Also known as Permanent Survey Control Atlas maps, these maps record every known survey control point across Northern Queensland from the time of settlement.

### **Field survey files**

23/9/2009–17/9/2014

[S20574](#)

This series of Moreton Bay Regional Council field survey files contains documentation on strategic infrastructure surveys, also surveys requested by Council. This series contains records of survey services necessary for engineering, construction and maintenance, including the certification and legal compliance aspects.

## Railway maps

All Queensland railways, and a large number of railway proposals, are represented in the collection of more than 6000 railway survey plans and maps dated from 1865 to 1966. Railway maps are found by searching [ArchivesSearch](#). For more information refer to the [Research Guide to Railway records](#).

## Admiralty and hydrographic charts

Admiralty and hydrographic charts were primarily for the guidance of mariners. Charts include physical features near the coast, depths and navigational hazards as well as positioned marks and aids such as buoys, beacons and lights. After 1921, the Royal Australian Navy Hydrographic Service took responsibility from the British Admiralty for charting work from the Equator to Antarctica, between 60 E and 160 E. The latest amendment date is at the bottom of the sheet.

The series include the following:

### **Hydrographic Charts and Maps - Key Map and Indexes**

Circa 17/5/1910–30/5/1973

[S4828](#)

This series is used to find hydrographic charts and maps in [S2010](#).

### **Hydrographic Charts and Maps**

Circa 1/1/1802–31/12/2013

[S2010](#)

To find charts and maps in this series, search Hydrographic Charts and maps - key map and indexes, [S4828](#).

## Department of Harbours and Marine charts and plans

This collection consists of Queensland area charts and plans of vessels, equipment and wharf facilities created by the Department (previously the Department of Harbours and Rivers). The series include the following:

### **Hydrographic Charts and Marine Drawings**

Circa 1/1/1860–30/9/2010

[S5756](#)



Details include regular water depth, positions and least depth over all shoals, wrecks, reefs, banks, position of the coastline (HW and LW mark), tidal stream measurements and observations, navigation marks, lights, sailing directions and details of wrecks.

## Irrigation and Water Supply Commission plans and drawings

QSA holds a collection of plans and drawings including the following:

- artesian bores and tanks
- Dawson Valley Irrigation Scheme
- irrigation project drawings (sites and equipment)
- Theodore town and irrigation system
- town water supplies
- investigations and projects on various systems.

These plans and drawings are mainly in the following series:

### **Irrigation and Water Supply Maps and Plans**

1/1/1894–31/12/1969

[S3430](#)

### **Irrigation and Water Supply Plans and Drawings**

Circa 1/1/1908–31/12/1960

[S4890](#)

## Coordinator General's Office

Maps and plans from the Coordinator General's Office relate to hydro-electric schemes on the North Johnstone River, Barron River, Tully Falls and Herbert River. Mainly these date from 1915 to 1965. Examples include:

### **Barron River Hydroelectric Extension Project - Prints (drawings)**

Circa 1/1/1955–Circa 31/12/1965

[S12011](#)

### **Field Books - Herbert River**

Circa 1/1/1959–Circa 31/12/1961

[S12007](#)

### **Tully Falls Hydro-Electrical Project Plans**

Circa 1/1/1954–Circa 31/12/1964

[S12010](#)

### **Hydro-Electric Investigation Papers**

Circa 1/1/1944–Circa 31/12/1964

[S6871](#)

### **Hydro-Electric Investigation Drawings**

19/10/1950–2/1/1963

[S18509](#)

### Mines Department

#### **Mines Series Maps - 1:100, 000**

Circa 1/1/1969–31/12/1986

[S4579](#)

This series shows boundaries of mining tenures, location of railways and roads, gold and other mineral leases with lease numbers, topographical and cadastral details.

### Transport and Main Roads

#### **Aerial Survey Photographs**

14/8/1951–17/4/2005

[S21154](#)

This series comprises aerial survey photographic prints commissioned or undertaken by the Department of Transport and Main Roads and its predecessors. Note: the [Queensland Spatial Catalogue](#) contains most of these aerial photographs. Individual film numbers may match aerial images found online in [QImagery](#).

### Natural Resources, Mines and Energy

#### **Interim Floodplain Assessment Overlay Maps**

Circa 1/8/2011–19/1/2015

[S21132](#)

These maps produced after the 2011 flood event, cover most Queensland's catchment areas.

#### **Cadastral Atlases**

Circa 1/12/1971–1/12/1987

[S21134](#)

These atlases were used to collect names for inclusion in the Queensland place names database.

#### **Land Tenure Investigation Maps**

Circa 1/1/1980–31/12/1997

[S20488](#)

This series is about land tenure in the Northern Queensland region, including in some cases the types of leases.

### Forestry Department

#### **Forestry Camp Maps**

Circa 1/1/1860–17/6/1999

[S19146](#)

Forestry camp maps analyse and represent spatial data on forest management operations and National Parks in graphical form. They are mainly forest survey enabling assessment for timber production and protection. Note: for forestry maps still housed with the [Department of Resources](#), contact the [Right To Information](#) team.

### Other sources of information

#### Searching for maps at QSA

- Our *Search procedure to Maps*, available in the Reading Room, gives the step-by-step process for finding maps including those on our map viewer.

#### Digitised maps at QSA

- **Digitised maps in our catalogue** - There are digitised maps in [ArchivesSearch](#) including McKellar's Official Map of Brisbane and Suburbs, [S1688](#)
- **Digitised maps on our map viewer in the Reading Room** – available free of charge.

#### Brisbane City Archives

- **Early drainage maps to 1925** - These historical plans are from 1848 to 1925. Prior to amalgamation the local authorities managed the drainage work within their local boundaries
- **Brisbane City “Key” Map series 1925 to 1965**, later known as 4 chain maps
- **Aerial Images** - The Brisbane City Archives recommends [QImagery website](#) as it is the most extensive historical collection of aerial imagery for Queensland.

#### National Library of Australia

- There are many digitised maps available on [the NLA catalogue](#) including maps in the series *Parish maps of Queensland* are available (*limit to format* online).

#### Queensland Government open data resources

- [Historical cadastral maps](#) are available in the [open data portal](#)
- Queensland Globe - provides an online interactive experience to view Queensland's location based information. <https://qldglobe.information.qld.gov.au/>
- [Queensland Spatial Catalogue](#) - for Queensland Government spatial data and information
- Queensland place names database - <https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/title/place-names>.

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