

TOURISTS  
GUIDE  
BOOK 1933

### Green Island

One of the popular ways of seeing the reef is to be rowed about in a flattie; attached to its side is a glass bottomed float through which the passengers may see the underlying coral.

As the boat drifts above them, successive beds of purple weed, white sand and multi-coloured coral come within the view of ecstatic sightseers.

When the passengers happen to be complete strangers to the Tropics, these visions of underwater gardens have the power to move them as nothing else anywhere has...

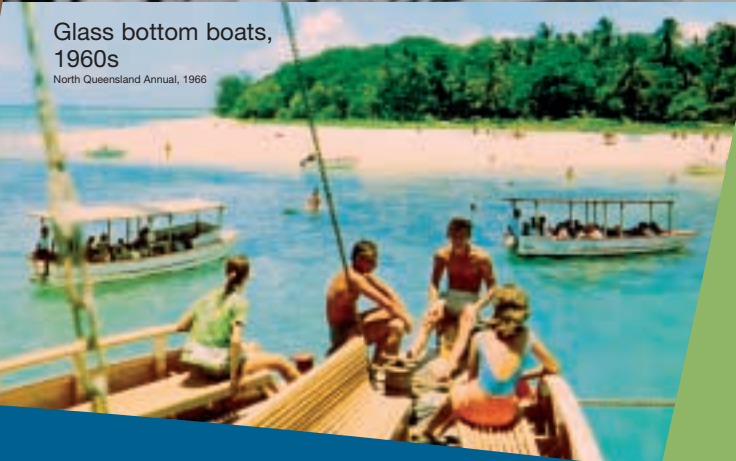
Source: Cairns North Queensland Guide Book, Winter Tours, 1933



Kiosk, late 1930s  
Cairns Historical Society

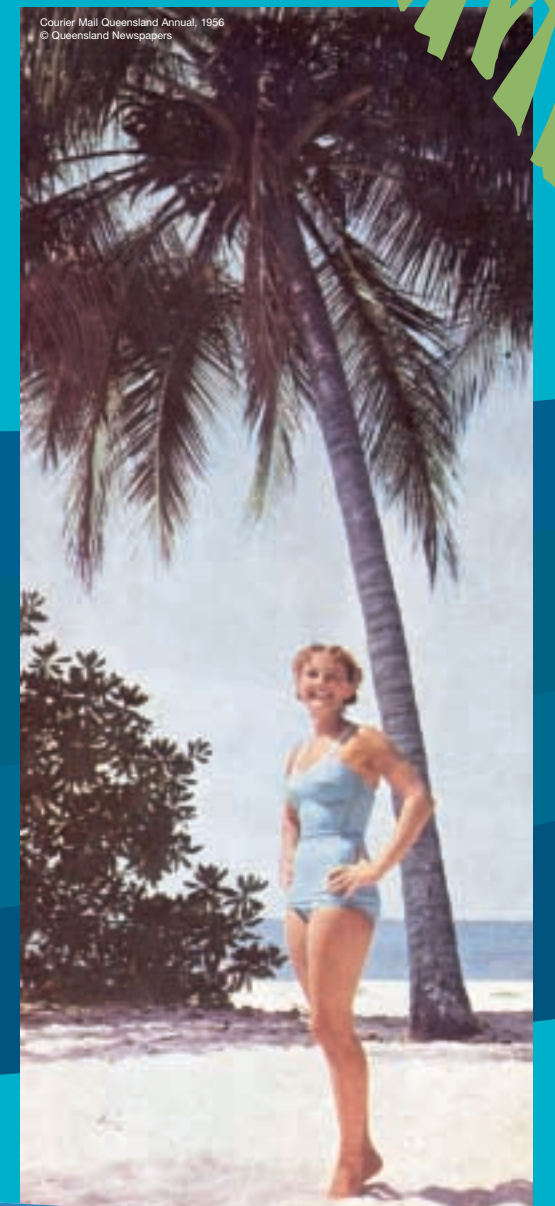


Glass bottom boat, 1945  
Cairns Historical Society



Glass bottom boats, 1960s  
North Queensland Annual, 1966

# All eyes on the reef



**1928**  
Hayles regular ferry service began, passengers rowed ashore

**1931**  
First wooden jetty built

**1933**  
'Campers huts' and kiosk built by Council

**1938**  
First resort built by Hayles, adding guesthouse, dining room and aquarium

**1941**  
Resort now comprises 3 cottages, 4 huts, 8 tents

early 1940s  
War years, Monkman stationed here as air observers

**1945**  
Jetty destroyed by storm and replaced

late 1940s  
International tourism develops

**1954**  
Underwater Observatory opened

**1961**  
Great Barrier Reef theatre opened, Marineland opened

**1962**  
Present jetty constructed

**1963**  
Hayles opened Coral Cay Hotel

**1994**  
Daikyo built present resort, replacing hotel



Underwater Observatory, 1960s  
North Queensland Annual, 1966



Reef walking, 1960s  
North Queensland Annual, 1966



The North Australian Monthly 1954

### GEM OF THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

Green Island, one of the best known and most picturesque of all of the coral cays on the Great Barrier Reef, now has a new means of viewing nature's wonders – an aquarium under the sea.

From inside this unique undersea observatory, one sees a hidden world of gardens of living coral of every colour...

Source: North Australian Monthly, 1954



Great Barrier Reef theatre, 1961  
Cairns Historical Society



Marineland Melanesia, 1977  
Cairns Weekly

