

# HARDEN UP

## QUEENSLAND



### ARCHIVE: Severe East Coast Tropical Cyclones, 1887 – 2011

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#### CORAL SEA

21 January 1887 TC hit the coast near Brisbane.  
24 March 1890 TC crossed coast near Cardwell  
2 Apr 1892 TC passed near Brisbane: two deaths.  
1 February 1893 TC hit Yeppoon.  
26 January 1896 TC Sigma passed just to northeast of Townsville.  
4 February 1898 TC Eline passed near Mackay.  
5 March 1899 TC Mahina crossed the coast at Princess Charlotte Bay.  
9 March 1903 TC Leonta re-curved over Townsville.  
27 January 1906 TC crossed the coast at Cairns. Half of Chinatown was completely wrecked.  
16 March 1911 TC crossed coast near Port Douglas.  
23 March 1911 TC wrecked the ship Yongala (3664 tons) just to the east of Townsville.  
31 January 1913 TC crossed the coast near Cairns.  
9–11 February 1915 TC moved parallel to the coast south of Townsville and passed over Fraser Island with a central pressure of 970 hPa.  
27 December 1916 TC crossed the coast near Dent Is. The pressure dropped to 958 hPa.  
21 January 1918 TC crossed coast just north of Mackay. Lowest pressure of 932.6 hPa recorded near the eye.  
10 March 1918 TC crossed the coast and passed directly over Innisfail. A barometer reading of 926 hPa was recorded at the Mourilyan Mill.  
3 February 1920 TC crossed the coast near Port Douglas. Pressure dropped to 962 hPa.  
5 April 1921 TC passed to the east of Bustard Heads.  
9 February 1927 TC crossed the coast just to the north of Cairns.  
14 February 1928 TC crossed the coast at Brisbane. Subsequent serious floods in south-east Queensland with 5 people drowned.  
12 March 1934 TC crossed the coast near Cape Tribulation.  
18 February 1940 TC crossed the coast near Cardwell.  
17–18 March 1945 A small TC crossed the coast south of Cooktown.  
10 February 1949 TC crossed the coast north of Cooktown.  
2/3 March 1949 TC struck Gladstone at 2 pm on the second and then passed over Rockhampton.  
11 March 1950 TC crossed the coast at Carmilla (S of Mackay) with severe structural damage.  
20 February 1954 TC crossed the coast at Coolangatta. Pressure was recorded at 973 hPa.  
7 March 1955 TC crossed coast just south of Mackay.

6 March 1956 TC Agnes passed over Townsville. Meteorological office recorded pressure reading 961 hPa.  
16 February 1959 TC Connie crossed the coast at Guthalungra.  
28–30 January 1967 TC Dinah.  
17 January 1970 Small TC Ada passed through Whitsunday Group.  
24 December 1971 TC Althea crossed the coast just north of Townsville.  
11 February 1972 TC Daisy made landfall on Fraser Island.  
2 April 1972 TC Emily crossed the coast in a sparsely populated area just to the south-east of Gladstone.  
19 January 1976 TC David crossed to the north of St Lawrence.  
39-24 February 1980 TC Simon made landfall in a remote part of the coast north of Yeppoon.  
1 February 1986 TC Winifred crossed the coast just south of Innisfail.  
4 April 1989 TC Aivu crossed the coast near Ayr.  
19 March 1990 TC Ivor crossed the coast near Princess Charlotte Bay.  
11 February 1999 TC Rona made landfall just to the north of Cow Bay near the Daintree River mouth.  
10 March 2005 TC Ingrid made landfall on a remote part of the east coast of Cape York Peninsula as a severe tropical cyclone.  
March 2006 TC Larry  
April 2006 TC Monica made landfall on a remote part of the east coast of Cape York Peninsula.  
March 2010 TC Ului.  
Feb 2011 TC Yasi.

#### GULF OF CARPENTARIA

5 Mar 1887 The 1887 cyclone  
1923 Douglas Mawson Cyclone  
1948 Bentinck Island cyclone  
2-9 Feb 1964 Dora  
5-6 Dec 1964 Flora  
Feb 1971 Fiona  
April 1982 Dominic  
22-Mar-1984 23-Mar Kathy  
6-14 Feb 1987 Jason  
15-16 Dec 1989 Felicity  
24-Dec-1992 Nina  
5-6 Jan 1996 Barry  
26 Feb 2001 Abigail.