

Historic Sites

Focus Sheet

The Historic Courthouse

This courthouse was built in 1869 because the original courthouse was in very poor condition. Mr. Emanuel Fleur the foreman of works decided they needed a four room courthouse with space for temporary prisoners so they were not placed with long-term prisoners in the gaol. This courthouse did not hear cases against convicts as transportation stopped in 1847.

The building was designed by Colonial Architect James Barnet and built, on land reserved for that purpose, by Butler and Bourne local builders at a cost of 1,091 pounds and 9 shillings.

The courthouse served the community for 117 years until in 1986 a new courthouse was built. The courthouse was restored in 1993 and the building is classified by the National Trust of Australia (NSW) and is also registered on the Register of the National Estate.

*Located on the corner of Clarence and Hay Streets Port Macquarie.

