

# Historic Sites

## Focus Sheet

### Lake Innes Ruins

Lake Innes House was built by Major Archibald Clunes Innes using convict labour. It was built in several stages between 1831 and 1843.

The property was originally 1036 hectares. Innes believed that Port Macquarie was going to become a very important town as it was close to the Hastings River and to nearby New England. The estate was large and was an ambitious creation by this early settler.

It became very difficult to continue to make money when convict labour was no longer available. The house was occupied by a number of people after Innes left.

In the present day the house is ruins as a result of natural decay, vandalism and theft of building materials.

The ruins are classified by the National Trust of Australia (NSW).

The site is managed by the Department Environment and Conservation, National Parks and Wildlife Division, NSW.

