

What are you buying?

Focus is more than simply Port Macquarie's finest new boutique apartments. Located on the original Government House site (remnants of which are depicted in the background image), Focus is a living reminder that our local heritage is among the oldest/most valuable in settled Australia and deserves protection so the footings and story can be preserved for the future.



What was...

Port Macquarie was established as a place of secondary punishment in 1821 within the New South Wales convict system, less than 35 years after the first fleet landed and before Port Arthur and Norfolk Island were established in similar roles. As one of only 2 remote NSW penal colonies, by the mid 1820's the settlement had grown with military and civilian residents including 1,500 convicts. As such the Commandant needed a residence representing a symbol of authority and centre of administration.

What remains...

In the four years from 2001, the developers worked with archaeologists and the local community with input from NSW Heritage Office to develop a solution that would permanently preserve the remains. After this, work commenced on the design of an interpretive centre for restricted public access. Overall the archaeological findings (brick barrel drains, external paving, footings and artefacts) have provided forgotten insights to life as it was in the early to mid 1800s.

What will be...

Eighteen of the finest apartments imaginable emphasising indulgence and space for stylish CBD living.

Contrasting the modern architectural lines and sleek finishes, significant archaeological items and historical prints will be displayed in entry foyers.

An historical interpretive centre with unrestricted owner access will allow viewing of remnants of the footings and other key artefacts.

A brief history of the Government House site...

- 1826** A building adjacent to the military barracks, on a hill overlooking the landing place was renovated becoming the new Government House.
- 1830** Port Macquarie opened to free settlement
- 1832** Closed as a penal colony but became a depot for the infirm, the sick and the insane
- 1840s** Administration passes to civil authority headed by a Police Magistrate
- 1886** Government House in decay, and demolished to provide bricks for the school of arts.
- 2001** Central Views Motel demolished to make way for Focus Apartments.



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Our journey from penal colony to the largest regional community between Newcastle and the Queensland border is as intriguing as it is inspiring. Owning a Focus apartment provides you the privilege of sharing part of Port Macquarie's heritage.