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"The Pioneer"

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Located on the corner of Cowper & Broadway Streets this charming building was built by Sir Edward Parry in 1831 as a single storey school house for forty children. "Quambi" grew to its present size in 1841 when the second storey was added, and was as it appears today.

From 1841 to 1888 it was used as a private school, run and supported by the Australian Agricultural Company. (A.A.Co.)

From 1888 and until the turn of the century it became a private school conducted by the Church of England Diocese Newcastle. From 1900 onwards the building was leased as a private residence by the Church authorities and it was one of these early residents Mr Edward Callow and family who gave the name of "Quambi", which is an aboriginal name meaning "place of shelter".

The Galvin family were the last residents of "Quambi" and after the death of Mrs Gladys Galvin, "Quambi" remained vacant and decaying for many years before being rescued and restored by the members of the 'Stroud Historical Society'.

Today "Quambi" is a museum operated by volunteers from the 'Stroud Historical Society' and has many interesting displays and articles of a by gone era. "Quambi" & "The Courthouse" are both open to visitors every Sunday – 11am to 3pm.

A small entry donation of \$2 applies per adult, children under 12 are free. Have you ever been through "Quambi"?!!!

For any interested parties Stroud Historical Society always welcomes new members, please call 4994 5400

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