



THE PIONEER

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The Gables

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"The Gables" is an unusual and beautiful home set in a private location in Booral. Believed to have been built in 1864 by Robert Carnell the 2 storey dwelling is aptly named for its six gables, the front three having a pretty picture window centred within each one. The builder Robert Carnell also built St Barnabas Church in Booral, and churches in Raymond Terrace. It is alleged that much of the building work was completed during the night by Mr Carnell while his son held a lantern for him.



The Gables was also known as "The Wormery" as once upon a time it operated as a silk farm. A Mulberry tree orchard on the property supplied the silk worms their favoured meal of Mulberry leaves. This enabled them to spin the webs from which the silk threads were harvested. It is said that Italian women worked in the silk factory. Today you will spot a small amount of gnarled old Mulberry trees and stumps which are a reminder of those days gone by. There is also "Mulberry Lane" nearby, the name chosen by Mrs Alison Blows in memory of those old days of enterprise.



The Gables once had a separate wing for the kitchen where the cast iron kettle and pots would hang

from a chain over the fire. Adjoining the kitchen was a long stone room used for hanging meat and storing preserves and other food items. Separate accommodation at the rear provided beds for the sons and the servants.

The daughters took the three upstairs bedrooms which are found at the top of the very steep and narrow Cedar staircase. Downstairs was the Master bedroom, drawing and dining rooms.

The Gables was originally surrounded by a stone wall in front of which grew Yucca plants and Orange trees lined the drive.

Today as beautiful as ever, the Gables thankfully has been saved by the owners past and present – restoring it to its former glory for future generations to enjoy.