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Stroud Post Office

The Stroud Post Office was built in 1884 and is considered one of the finest in the Hunter region.

An article was written in The Maitland Mercury & Hunter River General Advertiser on the 1st November 1884 celebrating the buildings completion.

The building is of brick with concrete foundations and the internal walls are plastered. It was deemed as a rather imposing new figure having a 32 feet frontage to the main road. It was noted in the article that the colours were of "quiet character" chiefly being grey and pink. The woodwork is Cedar and apart from the varnished stairs all woodwork was painted in colours to match the walls.

The Cowper street and Erin street facing exterior walls have decorative lines, cornice under the eaves and decorative arches – all run in cement, and which give the windows and doors, which are circular and segment-headed, a very attractive appearance.

Every room has two or more ventilators and fanlights were put in over every door with cords so that one could open and close them as required.

There was a wash house with copper in the back yard and the front of the yard was enclosed with a neat picket fence.



The contractors were Messrs. Bretnall and Poulton of Sydney, and it was erected under the inspection of Mr A Fitzpatrick of the Colonial Architect's office – who apparently approved highly of the finished product.

The property was restored in 1984 for its centenary, and it was privately licensed in 1993. You will notice that the building still looks virtually the same today as it did back then, if not better.

~ Thank you to the current owners Brett & Leanne Standing who provided R & R Property with the above information.