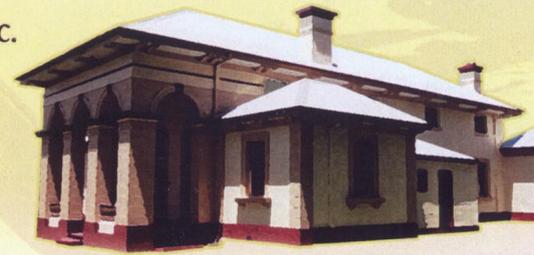




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Paterson Historic Walk 2019

This year's Paterson Historic Walk will be held on Sunday 24 March at 1pm, hosted by Dr Cameron Archer, President of Paterson Historical Society.

The walk will take visitors around the centre of the village and describe the origins of European settlement. Thousands of years of Aboriginal habitation of the landscape will also be acknowledged as an introduction to the walk. The Paterson is bountiful and would have supported a considerable population of Aboriginal people but sadly few records are available regarding their lives in the area.

'We do know that the Aboriginal name for the river was Yimmang and that Tocal is derived from an Aboriginal word meaning large or plenty' Dr Archer said.

The Europeans found the valley suited their needs so they quickly occupied it and by the 1840's Aboriginal people were completely alienated from their traditional lands and hunting grounds.

The village of Paterson was an ideal terminus for shipping and served in that capacity until the railway line came through in 1911. The shipping trade then ceased and the focus turned to rail. Since then road transport has displaced rail transport.

Paterson has many fine public and private buildings, several of which date from the 1800s. The buildings include the Paterson Court House Hotel, Paterson Tavern, St Paul's and former St Ann's Church, CBC Bed and Breakfast which was the former CBC Bank, Post Office, former Rectory, Annandale, former and current School of Arts and the Paterson Court House Museum. All the buildings have a story to tell and it will be told during the walk.

The Paterson Courthouse Museum with its extensive display of district history and memorabilia will be open. The Museum entry fee and afternoon tea are included in the cost of the walk.

A feature of this year's event is that after the walk participants can visit the adjacent Rail Motor Society Museum and depot to view its interesting collection of rail motors.

<http://www.railmotorsociety.org.au>

Cost for the walk is \$5 per adult including museum entry and afternoon tea. There is no charge for children. Bookings are not required. The walk starts at the museum at 1.00pm. A hat and walking shoes are recommended.

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