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Paterson Historic Walk

This year's Paterson Historic Walk will be held on Sunday 2 April at 1pm and 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 ideally suited to be a terminus for shipping and served in that capacity until the railway line was put through in 1911. The shipping trade then ceased and the focus was on rail. Since then road transport has displaced rail transport.

Paterson has a number of fine public and private buildings all of which are well cared for and presented. These include the Paterson Court House Hotel, Paterson Tavern, St Pauls and St Ann's Churches, 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 and the entry fee is included in the cost of the walk.

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.

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