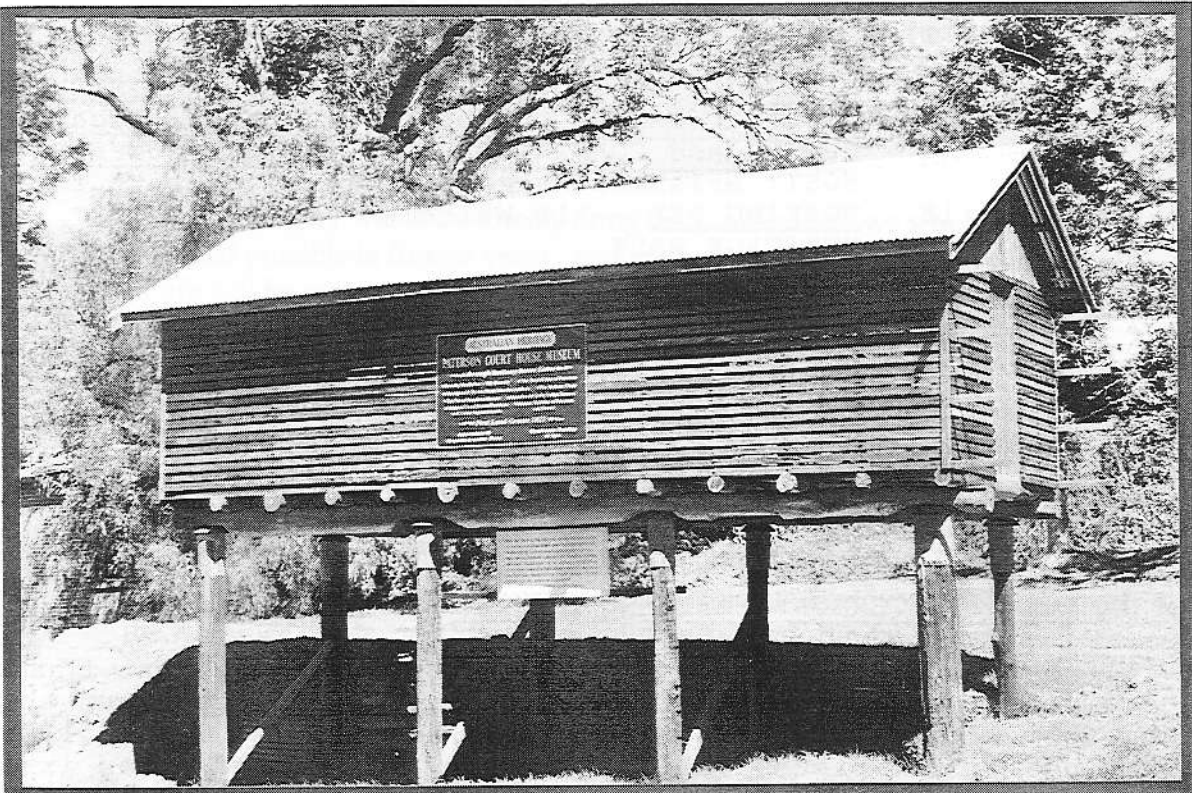




THE JOURNAL OF
PATERSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
INCORPORATED
MUSEUM NEWS



PATERSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S
"AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE" SIGN
CORN STADDLE - JOHN TUCKER PARK
PATERSON

THE AIM OF THE PATERSON COURT HOUSE MUSEUM
IS TO HOLD ITEMS IN TRUST
FOR THE PATERSON COMMUNITY
THE HUNTER VALLEY AND AUSTRALIA

PATERSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC EXECUTIVE 1999
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AFFILIATED WITH MUSEUMS AUSTRALIA INC

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PATERSON COURT HOUSE MUSEUM IS OPEN SUNDAYS FROM 1pm

PATRONS:
MR M MORRIS OA
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MR J PRICE MP
MR A FAIRHALL
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MEETINGS: Paterson Historical Society Inc meets the first Thursday of each month - 7.30pm at the Paterson Court House Museum (Recess December and January)

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Annual Subscription due February each year
Family \$5 Single \$3 Student \$1

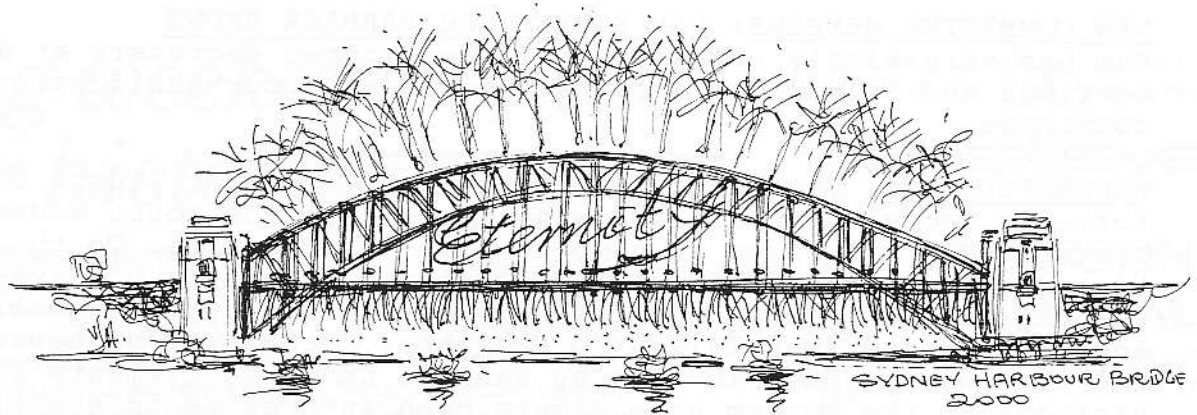
PROGRAM and VISITING ARRANGEMENTS

<u>MARCH</u>	2	<u>MEETING - Guest Speaker - MAUREEN KINGSTON</u> <u>Historic LANYON, Canberra - Canberra Legal Policy</u>
"	4	<u>HUNTER and COASTAL REGIONS HISTORY CONFERENCE</u> <u>HOST: Brisbane Water Historical Society Inc</u>
"	18	<u>WORKING BEE - All Welcome</u>
"	26	<u>HERITAGE WALK</u>
<u>APRIL</u>	1	<u>EXECUTIVE BUSINESS MEETING</u> <u>P C H M - 9.30am</u>
"	6	<u>MEETING - HERITAGE ADDRESS - GUEST DULCIE HARTLEY</u> <u>"J H BOUGHTON - TILLIMBY LAND GRANTEE"</u>
<u>MAY</u>	4	<u>MEETING - (Brian Roach - Rev G Middleton)</u>
"	5-6-7	<u>TOTAL FIELD DAYS - SOCIETY LITERATURE STALL and</u> <u>DISPLAY - Members for Roster</u>
<u>JUNE</u>	1	<u>MEETING - GUEST SPEAKER - PHILLIP LEAK</u> <u>Slide Program</u>

STORM DAMAGE AT PATERSON: MAITLAND MERCURY January 31st 1867
Jack Sullivan

Violent Thunderstorm - On Wednesday afternoon a violent thunderstorm, accompanied by a heavy fall of rain and hail, passed over this township. The rain came down in a perfect deluge. The hail was also very heavy; the pieces of ice were very large, and of an irregular shape, and covered the ground. Considerable damage was done by the hail. A number of squares of glass was broken, both in the Scotch and English churches; about two dozen squares in the Royal Oak Inn; several windows were also broken in Mr Cann's, Mr Hartup's, Mr Welch's, and other residences in the town - It has rained nearly all night very heavily, and still looks very heavy. The rain has just come in time to save the maize crops. Everything now looks beautiful, green. We shall soon have abundance of feed for the cattle.

ICOMOS MUSEUM VISIT: The museum was visited by 60 plus delegates who attended the Australian ICOMOS National Conference held at Tocal in November. Australian ICOMOS publishes the Burra Charter, which is broadly accepted as the basis for heritage conservation philosophy, procedures and practice throughout Australia and is consistent with international practice. The delegation which included heritage architects and planners, archaeologists and historians passed favourable comment about the building restoration and museum and showed a reluctance to leave.



Well, here we are well into the year 2000 - how often in the past did we ponder on how difficult it would be to write and say the year 2000 - but how quickly we have learned.... Are you comfortable with it yet?

After all the confusion and frightening forecasts of what the new year would bring - how quietly it came to us, with none of the horrendous problems which were forecast. It would seem that we were all subjected to one big scam, by someone out to make some money. And that they would do with all the seminars, advertising and problem-solvers telling us how to overcome the Y2K 'bug' during 1999. When we stop to think about it --how could anyone clever enough to invent a computer and make it work, have overlooked such a detail?

The new century will undoubtedly bring many inventions we would never have dreamed possible in former years, and life will no doubt change so that our way of life will be quite foreign to our grandchildren and their children, but hopefully the simple pleasures and goodness of our life will still be theirs.

We are standing on the threshold of a whole new century but it seems we are bringing all the problems of past centuries with us Oh! to be able to stop wars and ugly disagreements between nations so their people can live in safety and security; to give a more equitable distribution of wealth between countries so that no one is lacking in the simple things to make life comfortable... and to spread the knowledge and the will to spare the natural resources and beauty of the world we live in, so that in the centuries to come our descendants will see what a wonderful world there is around them and not to have to hear of it from a book which begins, "once upon a time...."

Best wishes to all for a happy and successful New Year,

P. M. CLEMENTS.

OLYMPIC TORCH PASSES THROUGH PATERSON: Photo depicts a boy (unknown) running with a torch past St Paul's Church, PATERSON en route to the 1956 Olympic Games. Donated to the society in 1996 by Betty and Colin Sexton of Paterson.



NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS: PAM SIVYER and BARBARA BROWN

Pam has very kindly offered to act as minutes secretary at monthly meetings and to our delight, Barb has joined our publications committee.

WONDERFUL NEWS: The beautiful Australian red cedar (*Toona ciliata* formerly *Toona australis*) growing so well in the Court House grounds mysteriously seemed to succumb to some misadventure. To the amazement of members, most of the tree defoliated in a matter of days in late January of this year. Enquiries to State Forestry at Muswellbrook and local nurserymen failed to account for this sudden behaviour. The tree was planted in 1989 by Pauline and Eric Clements and visitors to the museum have always been interested in the close association of this species and the historic development of Paterson and the surrounding area. Although subject to tipmoth, the tree grew extremely well; this could be attributed to its position in the grounds getting good runoff from the building and the possibility of being well nourished from the outlet of the underground well nearby built in 1862.

The cause of this sudden change in growth may never be known but quite suddenly our much treasured cedar has commenced a regeneration phase and is showing prolific new growth to most branches. We hope this regrowth continues and our cedar will once again be an outdoor attraction at the museum.

SOME MORE GOOD NEWS: The Paterson Orange tree growing beside the red cedar has produced its first fruit! (One of a number of plants propagated by Val Anderson from the seed of oranges delivered to Crouch's Garage (Paterson) in 1990 by George Joliffe, the fruit coming from old Paterson Orange trees growing on his place at Carrabolla). The tree was planted by Barbara and Gordon Fraser and President Cameron in 1992 as a tribute to Barbara's father, the late Stan Fry, a much-loved member of the society and Paterson identity. Bill Keppie noticed the one orange, well hidden in the bush facing the railway fence, waited for sweetening frosts and in his usual quiet way tabled our first orange. Cut into very small segments, members were able to appreciate the taste of this famous orange, which like the cedar contributed so much to the district's economy.

END OF 1999 FESTIVITIES: OUR CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER

Bill didn't say much on the way back to the farm. "You're very quiet" (a long pause) "We'll have to be careful with our direction at Paterson" (WHAT'S THIS!!) "Careful?" "Well, roses, poppy seeds, orchids, Helen's new florist shop, bulbs, Torryburn Gardens, lily pily trees... it's turning into a garden club", (he muttered). "But it was a wonderful meeting. Jack was at his cemeteries best, Sue had him well in control, Graeme was great as usual as barman, Maureen looked 'very Christmas' with her scarf and earrings, Brian Walsh from Tocal visited, Lindsay was in high spirit - as cheeky as ever, the food was great and we had an excellent roll-up, no one seemed keen to go home." (a long pause) "You know that beautiful rose Pauline tabled, see if you can get me a slip, will you?" _____ (...dear me!)

(Perhaps we'd better not mention about the strawberry trunk at Albion Farm Open Garden which some members visited during the Maitland Garden Ramble late last year. Bill Keppie reckons it would have to be 25 feet long, diameter about 4 feet, the centre dug out, more than likely iron bark and host to one of the best strawberry crops we've seen. Albion Farm was settled by John Tucker jnr in 1812.)

COVER PHOTO: One of the society's two new display signs in JOHN TUCKER PARK. The second sign is situated on the Hearse Shed facing traffic coming into town from Maitland. Thanks to Bill Anderson who sited and installed the signs which have been well accepted by townspeople and visitors to Paterson.

Big weekend ahead for historical society

PATERSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It will be a big weekend at Paterson on Saturday and Sunday as Paterson Historical Society celebrates the 25th anniversary of Paterson Court House Museum.

There will be open days at the museum on both Saturday and Sunday, the launch of anniversary publications and some special displays.

Opened in 1974, the museum has won wide appeal and accreditation for its presentation, policies and the friendly rural welcome given to its visitors.

At 3pm on Saturday two short publications relevant to Paterson's history will be launched.

Arthur Ernest Keppie - His WWI Diaries and Post Cards, written by his nephew, Edwin Coyle, is a moving account of Paterson's first enlistment, his journey to the seat of war, his expectations, the waiting and the sadness of his death to his family.

Arthur's military memorabilia, his medals, original letters and cards will be on display.

Where, Oh Where, is Wooger Witness, is the second publication by Barbara Brown, a descendant of Wooger Vitnell who was police constable at Paterson in 1837.

Both publications have strong ties with the district. The Keppie family, which first settled in Paterson in the 1830s, was prominent in the town's business and development.

Descendants of the elusive Wooger, Mary and Maurice Dunlop, are Paterson people and have been associated with Paterson Historical

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Society since its inception.

The displays in the museum grounds on Sunday will include much-loved vintage cars and novel old farm and machinery engines from the collection of Gordon Johnson, former society president and stalwart in the museum's early days.

There will be free entry to the museum on both days between 10am and 5pm, complimentary tea and coffee and a small memento of the celebration.

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Pam and Peter SIVYER
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COURT HOUSE RESTORATION:

The long-awaited internal painting of the Court House will commence soon. The project will be financed by a \$5000 Heritage Assistance Program grant, \$2500 from the Dungog Shire council and society funds. Public interest in the building and museum was confirmed last year when, in our 25th anniversary year more than 400 visitors came on two open days in November.

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PATERSON
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25th
ANNIVERSARY
1974 - 1999



13th - 14th
November 1999

*We thank you for
joining us on
this special day*

The aim of the
PATERSON
COURT HOUSE
MUSEUM
is to hold
its items in trust
for the
Paterson Community
The
Hunter Valley
and
Australia

25th ANNIVERSARY

MEMENTO: Our visitors were delighted to receive this book mark memento of our open days. A packet of poppy seed was enclosed with each copy of "A E Keppie His Letters etc" book sold on the open days. Special thanks to Kathy Lyall, Mabs and Bill Keppie and Pam Sivyer for a real hands-on effort.



Aroma of fresh scones at Tocal

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The aroma of freshly-baked scones extends the warmest of country welcomes to visitors on open days at Tocal Homestead.

Our photo shows Mabs Keppie and daughter Kathy Lyall in the homestead kitchen preparing, cooking and presenting scones for tasting at the recent "Thunderbolt's Return to Tocal" day. Mabs has been at the cooking table now for seven years.

For the first three years, Mabs was well supported by Tocal stalwart Mary Moore

then by her sister Betty Richie for one year and now with Kathy who has been helping for the past three years.

Each year Mabs has worn a treasured apron made for her mother in the 1930s by an elderly friend at Woodburn on the Richmond River.

The scone tasting has proved to be extremely popular. Mabs laughs:

"They won't go away and come back when the scones are cooked, but wait patiently in a queue - the kids do a double, sometimes a triple run!

"This year a group

of Japanese students much appreciated the samples and with a typical slight bow and beaming smile, chorused, "Good!"

The plain and pumpkin scones are cooked in an IXL stove in the homestead kitchen which has a very small fuel box, with cooking ovens on either side and warming ovens beneath. Although Tocal Homestead was built in 1841 by Felix Wilson, it was not until the 1880s that trustees of the Wilson estate, which still owned the house, decided to erect a new kitchen at the cost of

253 pounds and 10 shillings. At this time the Reynolds family were leasing Tocal.

Tocal principal, Cameron Archer referring to Judy White's book, *Tocal*, said the specifications left nothing to chance. With an eye for architectural detail and to ensure continuity of style and materials, it was stipulated that:

"The stonework for the foundation to be sixteen inches wide - the windows to have three stone window sills . . . fireplaces to be flagged with stone flagging - not less than five inches in thickness - and to extend four feet beyond.

"Brickwork. The bricks to be good,

hard, well burnt bricks of uniform size to be laid in level courses, set in mortar composed of one half lime, the other half clean, sharp sand - the brickwork to be nine inch brickwork throughout - four fireplaces to have iron chimney bars in them".

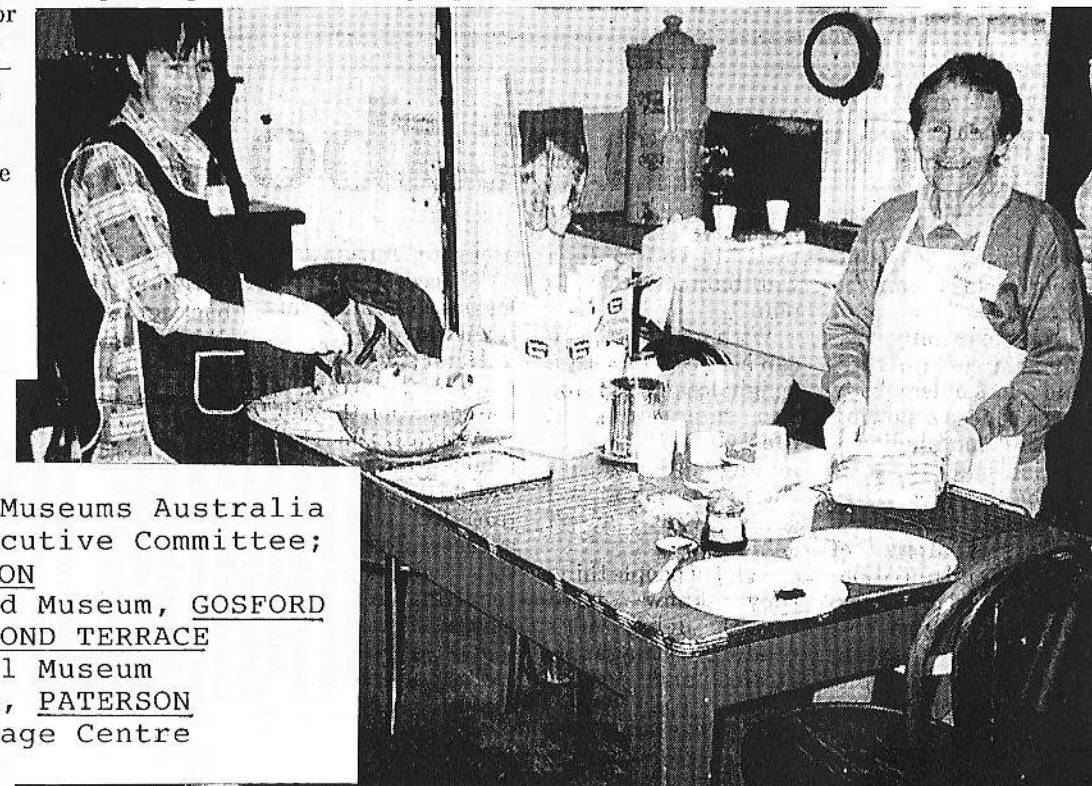
Further details covered the carpentry, plastering and painting. The

trustees waived the necessary restrictions of the lease to give "permission to cut all timber that may be required, and all stone that may be required to be procured on the Tocal estate - free of charge. Throughout the erection of this building it is to be understood that Mr Reynolds is to do carting requested in

bringing materials to the site of the building".

The girls' scones are also available for purchase with jam and fresh cream from the Friends Tearooms adjacent to the kitchen when their culinary skills are required on open days.

- VAL ANDERSON, Paterson Historical Society.



Mabs Keppie and her daughter, Kathy Lyall, preparing scones in Tocal Homestead.

MUSEUMS AUSTRALIA - (NSW) Hunter Chapter

At the Annual General Meeting of the Hunter Chapter of Museums Australia held on 25/9/199 the following were elected to the Executive Committee;

JOHN LAND - President - Royal Infantry Museum, SINGLETON

ELAINE FRY - Vice President - Henry Kendall Cottage and Museum, GOSFORD

MOIRA SAUNDERSON - Treasurer - Sketchley Cottage, RAYMOND TERRACE

DAVID WELLS - Chapter Co-ordinator - Newcastle Regional Museum

VAL ANDERSON - Committee - Paterson Court House Museum, PATERSON

PAT GREGSON - Committee - Toronto Railway Station Heritage Centre

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