

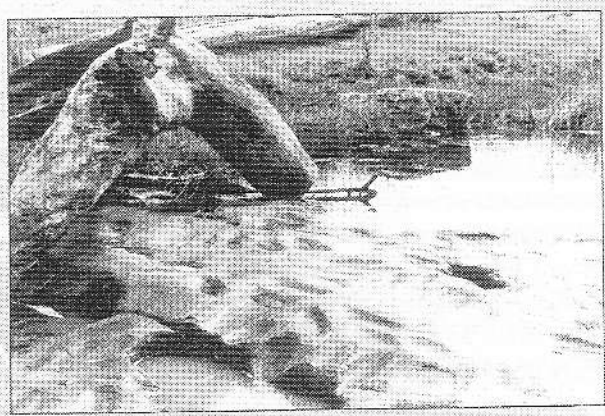


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MUSEUM NEWS

# ABORIGINES IN THE PATERSON GRESFORD DISTRICTS

Effects Of Settlement



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“A long awaited and well documented observation of Indigenous contact with European settlement from 1801.” Historian, Cameron Archer adds that this is in fact probably one of the most exhaustive research efforts ever undertaken into the aboriginal history of the local area from written reports. Author and society member Boris Sokoloff worked closely with fellow historian Jack Sullivan to produce this excellent reference publication.

Presentation and word processing – Shirley Threlfo – Maps – Photos – Index – 102 pages.  
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THE AIM OF THE PATERSON COURT HOUSE MUSEUM IS TO HOLD ITEMS IN TRUST FOR THE  
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**MEMBERSHIP FEES:** Annual subscriptions due February each year. \$5. single \$10. family.



**SPECIAL MUSEUM VISITS—**

- Senior members of the Fairhall family, a well-established early Paterson family recalled memories and anecdotes of early school days and ways of rural life which seemed endless.
- The Great Great Grandson of Major Edward Johnstone, Paterson's popular Magistrate of the 1830s (also Edward Johnstone) and his family were most appreciative of our hospitality when they visited Paterson for the first time from their home at Carinda, NSW. Many photos were taken when they visited Major Johnstone's 1839/1890 Georgian home "Annandale" in King Street. The family contributed a generous donation to our funds.
- Rachel Maclucas, Manager of Maitland Tourism was impressed with her first visit to our museum and expressed appreciation for our efforts in promoting Paterson hospitality.



**THE HARRY BOYLE OAM PATERSON RESEARCH MATERIAL:** The Paterson Research Material which was given personally to Val and Bill Anderson by the late Harry Boyle at his home in November 2005 will be placed in the society's Archives. Use of this material will be at the discretion of the Society Executive.

The passing of Harry, Society Life Member and one of our greatest supporters has left a void not only in our Paterson group but is a loss to the whole local history fraternity – he is sadly missed.



There was great excitement in the town when Prime Television featured Paterson in this years coverage of ANZAC Day Celebrations. Secretary Pauline hosted "the Crew" when they made a surprise visit to the museum to gain story background and their coverage was a very favourable comment on the exhibits and town history and in particular the Dorothea Mackellar "My Country" display. Even more exciting was the feature of Webbers Creek teenager, Dean Ellicott son of one of the museum stalwarts, Michelle Ellicott. It was Dean's first ANZAC March and he wore his grandfather's medals. Ted Hudson, Michelle's dad, a farmer from Lewinsbrook features in the museum's cricket photo display. (Dean, a student of Dungog High School very recently received a Credit Award in the University of NSW Computer contest.



**IT HAD TO HAPPEN!  
OUR SOCIETY HAS JOINED THE OUTSIDE WORLD!**



Photo: Dr B Mayes – Ariadne and Geneveive Harvey – Pauline Clements – Dr R Miller  
Val Anderson and Kathy Lyall (seated) Photo: Bill Anderson

On 19 May Museum visitors Dr B Mayes and Dr R Miller of Turramurra, North Sydney donated three computers to the society for use at the museum. (Dr Miller also made a generous donation to funds.) This will greatly assist the museum cataloguing which can now be localised at Paterson.



Jack Sullivan beside the unique Bert Smith's Gresford Horse-drawn Hearse on display in the Lake Glenbawn State Park Museum (formerly The Hunter Valley Museum of Rural Life) and now closed to the general public. Extremely light to handle, the cab is made from Australian Red Cedar atop an Australian hardwood chassis.

Photo: Bill Anderson.

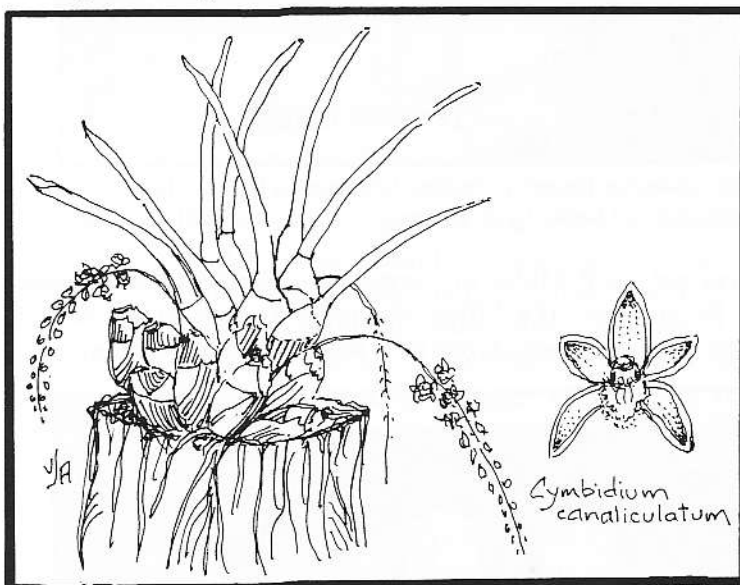
**ORCHID NEWS** — Following a newspaper article passed on by Cynthia Hunter, Bill Keppie has written, on behalf of the society, endorsing the inclusion of *Cymbidium canaliculatum* on the endangered native orchid species listing for New South Wales.

*Cymbidium canaliculatum* is a very widespread species, extending from the Hunter River to the top of Cape York Peninsula and across the continent to north-western Western Australia. It is mainly a plant of the inland but may be encountered almost anywhere except in the moist coastal and highland areas. It grows from the hollows of tree trunks with its roots in decayed wood, and although usually found in light shade will thrive in full sunlight in the hottest and driest districts.

Flowering usually takes place during September and October. If space permits this species will grow into a huge mass of breathtaking beauty. *Cym canaliculatum* was recorded by Rev. H.M.R. Rupp in his listing of "Orchids of the Paterson District to July 10/25" (1925) (from his personal papers). Also it was listed in "Tabulated Orchids found near Paterson from October 1924 to 1927." (The Australian Naturalist – June 1927 – researched by Jack Sullivan).

Courtesy Lionel Gilbert – "The Orchidman" •

• Rupp describes the cymbidium thus – "when it flowered it proved by far the most beautiful Australian member of the group I have seen; the flowers borne in great profusion, are golden yellowish-green flaked with red."



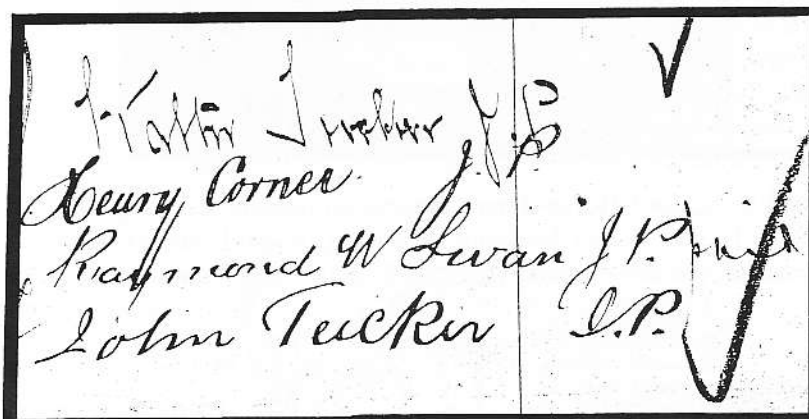
**GOOD NEWS JUST TO HAND...**

Bill Keppie has received notice from the NSW Scientific Committee, established by the Threatened Species Conservation Act that it has made a Final Determination to list the population of the orchid *Cymbidium canaliculatum* R.Br. in the Hunter Catchment as an **ENDANGERED POPULATION** in Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the Act. Well Done Bill!



Personal Signatures  
Paterson Court House  
 Bench Book  
 1870-1907

Walter Tucker JP  
 Henry Corner JP  
 Raymond W Swan JP  
 John Tucker JP

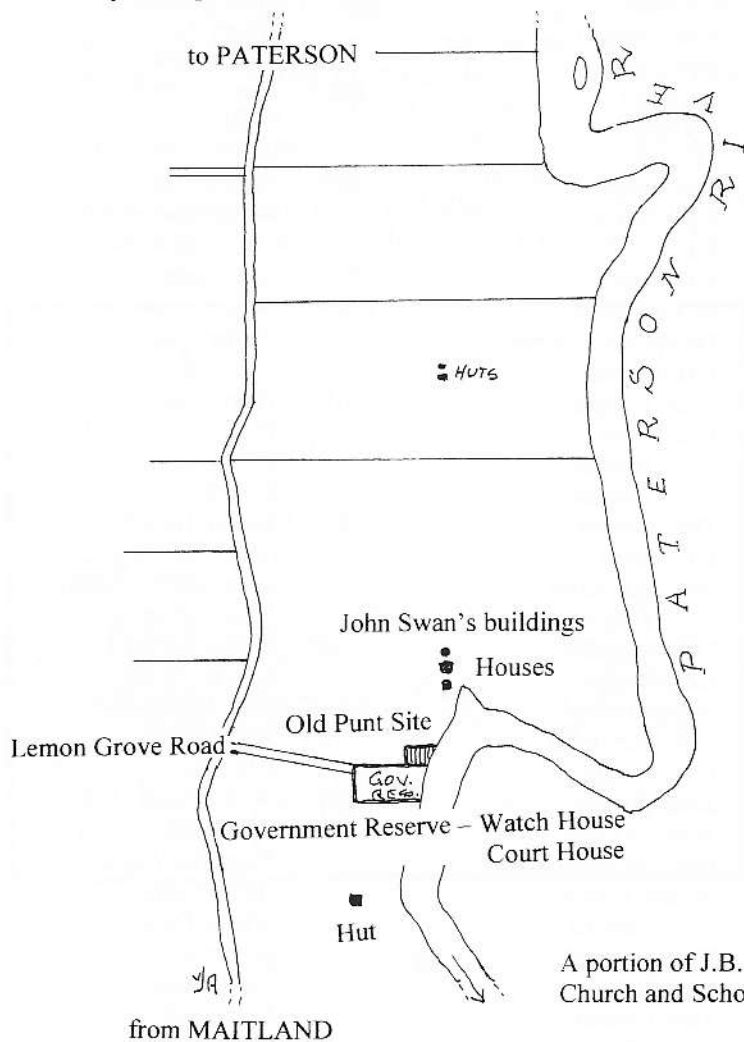


**PATERSON COURT HOUSE MAGISTRATES**

		Bench Book 1870-1907	Val Anderson
1870	Edw. G. Cory Geo. I. Frankland James Cornish James S. Smith Gilbert Cory Robt. Park	1882	Geo. I. Frankland Rob. Park John Swan J. Cooper
1871	Gilbert Cory Geo. I. Frankland Edw. G. Cory	1883	J.P. Luke John Swan Rob. Park J. Cooper
1872	Edw. G. Cory Gilbert Cory Robt. Park Geo. I. Frankland William B. Boydell	1884	J. Swan J.P. Luke
1874	Gilb. Cory W.B. Boydell Geo. I. Frankland Wm. Corner R. Park	1885	John Swan J.W. Pearce J. Luke J. Cooper M. Lockhead Theophilus Cooper T.H. Bartlett
1875	W. Boydell Gilbert Cory J.P. Luke G.I. Frankland Wm. Corner	1886	Theo. Cooper John Swan Brooks
1876	J.P. Luke Wm. Corner H.H. Brown W.B. Boydell R. Studdert	1887	Theo Cooper John Swan Percy Reynolds Brooks
1877	Wm. Corner G.I. Frankland	1888	Theo Cooper John Swan Walter Tucker Percy Reynolds F. Reynolds
1878	Wm. Corner R. Studdert J.P. Luke Geo. I. Frankland	1889	Theo Cooper Walter Tucker Percy Reynolds
1879	W. Corner Geo. I. Frankland R. Studdert J.P. Luke R. Park J. Cooper	1890	Walter Tucker Brooks Theo Cooper John Swan
1880	J.P. Luke John Swan Geo. I. Frankland J. Cooper R. Park Edward Doyle	1891	Theo Cooper Walter Tucker John Swan
1881	Geo. I. Frankland J.P. Luke J. Cooper John Swan Rob. Park Edw. Doyle	1892	Theo Cooper Walter Tucker Brooks J.W. Pearce
1882	J.P. Luke	1893	Theo Cooper Walter Tucker
		1894	Theo Cooper H.W. Brown Walter Tucker F. Reynolds
		1895	Theo. Cooper John Lee Brooks Walter Tucker
		1895	H.W. Brown
		1896	Theo Cooper Walter Tucker
		1897	Theo. Cooper Walter Tucker John Pearce
		1898	Theo. Cooper H. Brown Walter Tucker
		1899	Theo Cooper Walter Tucker Reynolds
		1900	F.M. Cann Theo. Cooper Walter Tucker F.M. Cann
		1901	Theo Cooper Walter Tucker W. Reynolds R.W. Swan
		1902	Walter Tucker Henry Corner Raymond W. Swan John Tucker
		1903	Walter Tucker Ray W. Swan John Tucker Henry Corner F.M. Cann
		1904	W. Reynolds J.A. Smith Augustus Vogeles Henry Corner Walter Tucker J. Pearce John Tucker J.A. Smith Ray W. Swan Henry K. White
		1905	J.S. Brown E.W. Thompson John Tucker Walter Tucker Henry Corner
		1906	John Tucker J.A. Smith Walter Tucker Henry Corner Ray W. Swan
		1907	John Tucker Henry Corner J.S. Brown Walter Tucker

*Sydney Morning Herald* — Roads — 5 September 1831. Harry Boyle OAM

**PUNT:** "An excellent punt has been placed on Paterson's River at the Barracks or Court House at Patersons Plains. It has long been wanted and will be great convenience to the settlers on the Williams River crossing the country to Maitland, having formerly been obliged to swim their horses, several of which have been drowned in the attempt. The punt is adapted for receiving carriages and wagons with their loads. It is worked by a rope extending from one side to the other. The settlers on both rivers are indebted to Mr Stubbs for this convenience which we trust will simply remunerate the spirited proprietor."



A portion of J.B. Haughton's May 1871 Map of Church and School Land Subdivision

*Sydney Gazette* 4 October 1831

COMMISSARIAT OFFICE, SYDNEY,  
28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 1831

(Convict Service.)

**NOTICE**—CERTAIN REPAIRS being required to the Watch-house at Paterson's Plains, and also a new Court-house upon a small scale. Persons disposed to undertake the works, are requested to transmit their tenders to this Office, by 12 o'Clock, on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> October next, endorsed "Tender for Court-house, Paterson's Plains." Each Tender will have to be accompanied by a letter from some Person of known responsibility, engaging to enter into a Bond for the due fulfilment of the Contract.

A Plan and Specification may be seen at the Resident Magistrates' at Maitland and Paterson's Plains, and also at the Office of Public works, Sydney, where all further particulars may be ascertained; and no Tender will be entertained, which is not in conformity therewith.

JAMES LAIDLEY, Dep. Com. Gen.

Source: "The Settlers of Paterson Plains"  
Cynthia Hunter 1997

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**POSTAL CONTRACTORS —1876**

Name	Address	Postal Lines	No of Days	Mode of Conveyance	Annual payment	Date of Termination
John Bluford	Largs	East Maitland, Largs, and Paterson, to travel via Belmore Bridge in times of floods, with branch mail from and to Largs and Woodville	Seven..	4-wheeled ) conveyance ) 2 or more ) horses )	76 0 0	31 Dec., 1877
Geo. Brooker Jun.	Gresford	Paterson, Vacy and Gresford	Three...	Horseback ) Coach, 2 ) horses	69 10 0	31 Dec., 1878
M. M'Namara	Lostock	Gresford and Lostock	Two....	Horseback	30 0 0	31 Dec., 1878
H.J. Sivyer	Eccleston	Gresford, Lewinsbrook, and Eccleston	do.....	do.....	39 6 8	31 Dec., 1877

researched by Jack Sullivan