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Launch of the Magic Valley The Paterson Valley – then and now

Paterson Historical Society invites you to the launch of this long awaited book about the environmental history of the Paterson Valley by Cameron Archer.

3pm Sunday 22 September 2019 Paterson School of Arts

Well known journalist and author Scott Bevan will launch the book. Scott has written much on the environment including his acclaimed book *The Hunter - Paddling through time along a great Australian river*. This also became a widely viewed documentary.

Cameron has spent over 40 years living and working in the Valley's community and agricultural industries. He has been active in the Paterson Historical Society throughout this period, writing various books through the Society and also with Total.

In 2008 Cameron completed a PhD on the environmental history of the Valley and finally a book has emerged.

From the mid 1980s he interviewed many long time residents about their life and times on the Paterson River.

The book is published by Cameron through his own imprint ACA Books but all proceeds from the launch will go to the Paterson Historical Society. It is expected that the book will retail for \$30.00-35.00 but they will be sold on the day for \$30.00.

It is over 400 pages with a number of images and maps to support the text. The book is a detailed examination of how the environment has changed, commencing with the way it was when cared for by the Aboriginal people. In the process the book captures the changing patterns of social and agricultural history of the Valley.

The reason the title is "The Magic Valley" will become apparent to the reader.

All are welcome to attend the launch but for catering purposes please if possible RSVP <https://eventbrite.com.au/e/69807781955>