



Paterson Historic Walk 2023

This year's Paterson Historic Walk will be held on **Sunday 19 March at 1pm**, hosted by Dr Cameron Archer AM, President of Paterson Historical Society.

The walk will take visitors around the centre of the village and describe the origins of European settlement. Buildings date from the 1830s when the core of the village was surveyed and created as an official settlement adjacent to the river to service a wharf.

Paterson was the head of navigation on the Paterson River operating as a vibrant river port until river transport was displaced by rail in 1911.

The area 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 Paterson Courthouse Museum with its extensive display of district history and memorabilia will be open.

This year's walk coincides with an open day at the nearby Rail Motor Society. A representative of the Society will meet the walk at afternoon tea and take those interested to the Rail Motor depot.

Cost for the walk is \$10.00 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. Reasonable mobility is required.

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