



## Paterson Historic Walk 2024

This year's Paterson Historic Walk will be held on **Sunday 7 April 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. 'We 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.

It's important to acknowledge that the colonisation of the Paterson Valley and the formation of Paterson township came at the cost of displacing Aboriginal people who had lived on and with these lands for thousands of years. The arrival of Europeans had a massive impact on Aboriginal people.

Paterson village is a treasure trove of heritage buildings including the stately Annandale 1839, the former Royal Oak Inn 1840s, Sunnyside and Noumea c1830s and 1840s, the Post Office 1885, the Court House 1858 and many others.

Cameron Archer brings these buildings to life and takes you back in time with fascinating stories of people and happenings in and around the village.

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

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 but participants are requested to arrive at least ten minutes beforehand.

A hat, walking shoes and water bottle are recommended. Reasonable mobility is required.

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