

Paterson Historical Society's Objection to the expansion of Martins Creek Quarry

Paterson Historical Society aims to promote and preserve the history and heritage of the Paterson district and to assist people find information about their forebears from the district. Our publications cover many aspects of the district's history.

Paterson Historical Society strongly opposes the expansion of the Martins Creek Quarry. The quarry was established to service the railway and it ought to continue to do that and not expand to be a massive quarry extracting material that is transported by road.

Shortcomings of the Heritage Impact Statement

The Historical Heritage Impact Assessment Statement (Appendix K) is inadequate and superficial.

It fails to include the intrinsic values of the village's heritage and the value that heritage brings to the local businesses and community.

It seems to be a cut and paste from very limited number of sources without seriously engaging with the heritage and history of the village and district.

The Society has an extensive archive of reports and publications on its website <https://www.patersonhistory.org.au/> There is no record that any of these readily available sources were used to prepare the report. List is in appendix 3.

The Society website <https://patersonmuseum.square.site/> has 50 publications listed for sale. Included in these publications is the *Glovebox Guide to the Paterson Valley* published in 2014 which demonstrates the value placed upon the heritage of the Village and district. Neither this or any other of the publications from the Society were referenced in the report.

The Society has a dedicated library room with all available references about the Village and district. There is no indication that the authors of this report visited the Museum and library. The Museum is open every Sunday and also by appointment.

The Society was never consulted by the consultants who prepared this report. This is in comparison to other local projects where consultants engage with the Society to assist them to gather all available and relevant information.

Paterson Historical Society has worked with two software companies to create app/website-based walking tours of the Village

<https://inspireme.cyaontheroad.com/post/636626774776840192/paterson-town-walk> Promotional bookmark with QR code is in appendix 2

<https://www.godrivin.com.au/#!/trip/au-nsw-hunter-region-paterson---local>

There is no mention of these in the report.

There are errors and omissions in the report such as the listing of Hua Tsa, a historic house in Clarence Town which is 30 kms to the east of the route.

Whereas, Sunnyside which is the oldest recorded dwelling in Paterson and just 20 metres from the haulage route is omitted.

The report is padded out with unnecessary information to give the impression of thoroughness. This is demonstrated by the listing of buildings in Maitland well away from the haulage route.

Impact of 280 trucks per day on Paterson Historical Society

In 1973 the Paterson community established the Paterson Preservation Society which was renamed as the Paterson Historical Society in 1982.

The Paterson Court House Museum opened in 1974 and has operated continuously since then.

In 1981, the Society held its first historic walk. A small booklet on the walk was published in 1986. Later a colour brochure was produced in collaboration with Paterson Rotary Club. This project included installation of village wayfinding signs in both parks. A copy of the brochure is in appendix 1.

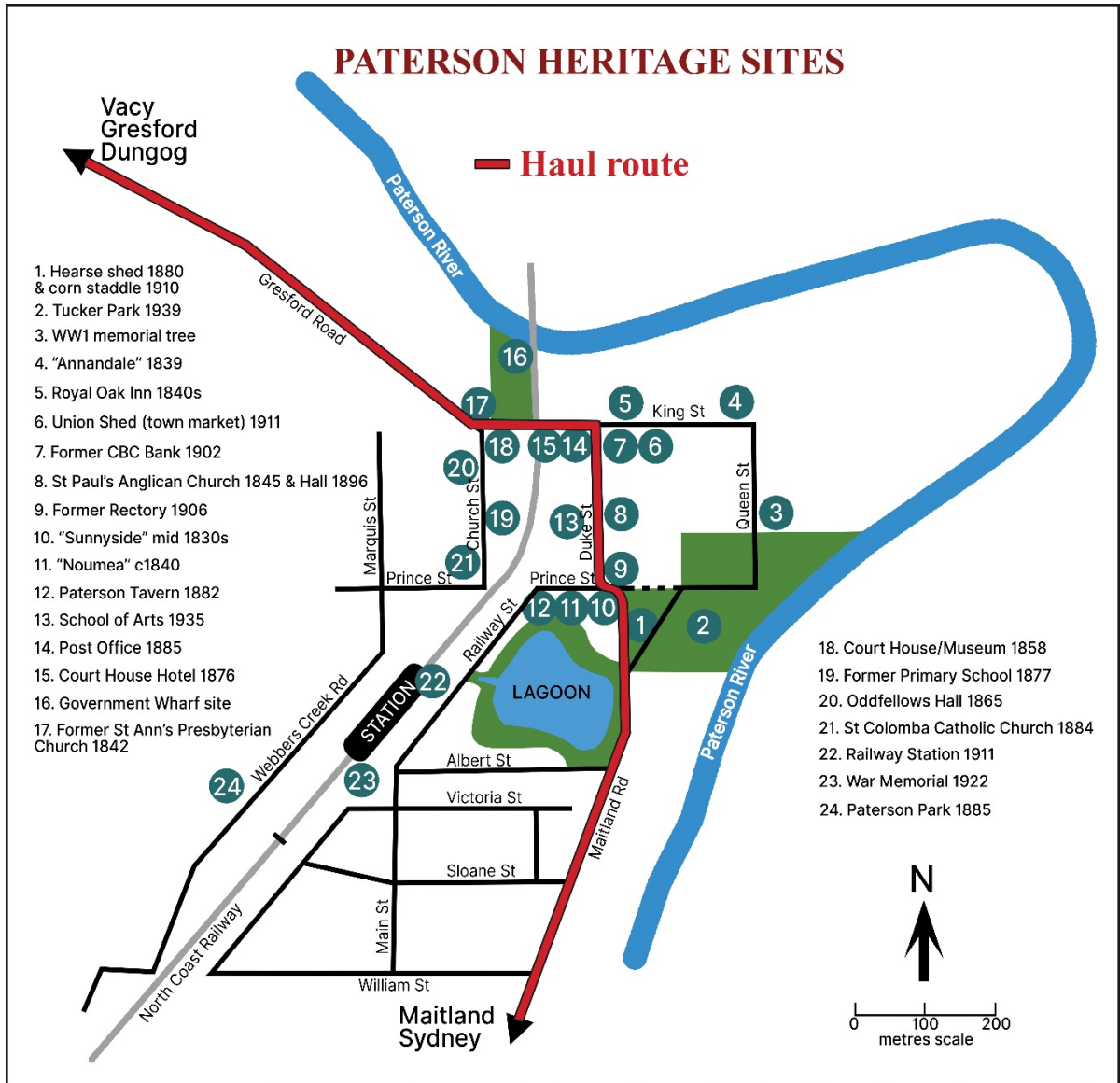
The Village has always attracted day trippers who have come to the parks and streetscapes for their beauty and ambience. This is not just on weekends but through the week.

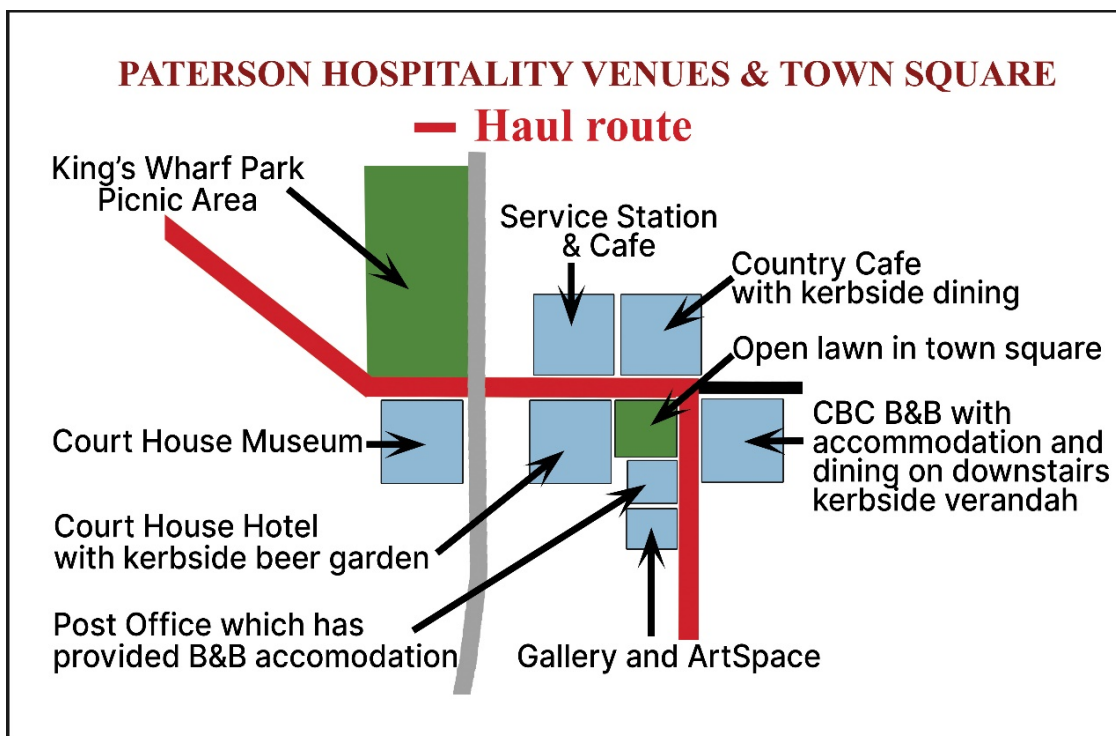
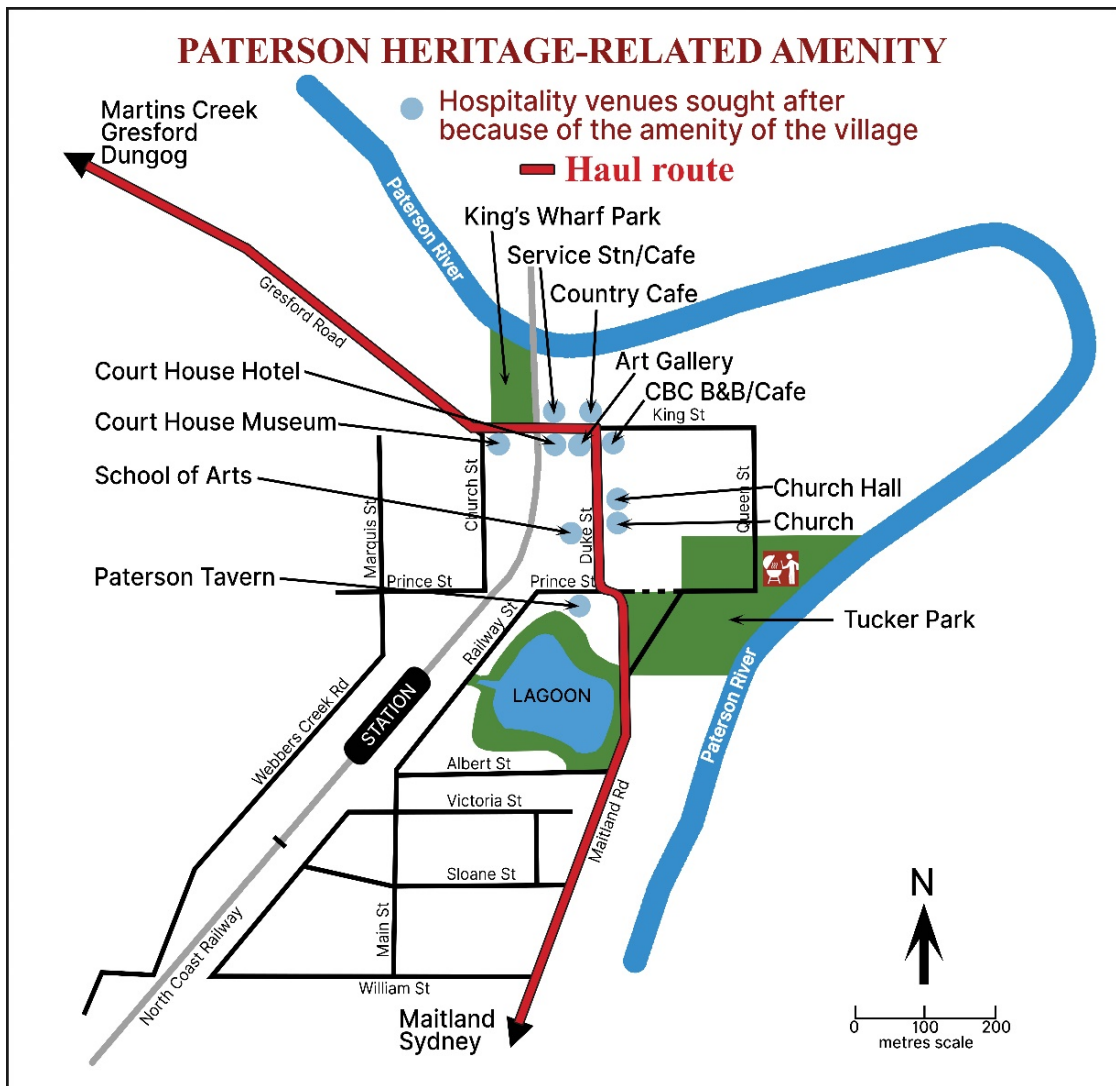
In May/June 2021 the Society hosted four mid-week day trip groups who visited the Museum and also made use of the parks and/or the various hospitality venues.

The Society works with Vintage Rail Journeys and hosts mid-week visits to the Museum.

In February the Society hosted a group travelling with Australians Studying Abroad, a high-end company. Another midweek tour is planned for 2022.

All these people visit Paterson for its heritage, its ambience and amenity which will be destroyed by these trucks.





Buildings, businesses, venues and village activities impacted by 280 trucks per day through Paterson



Paterson Court House Museum



Historic walks



Paterson PO and Art Gallery



CBC BnB and Café



Court House Hotel



Paterson Country Cafe



Paterson School of Arts



Tucker Park and children's play area



The former Rectory is on one side of the narrow street which enters the central part of the Village and Sunnyside – believed to be oldest house in Paterson is on the other side. The impact of the trucks on this narrow curving street and important heritage precinct is not addressed in the report.



Paterson Tavern



Noumea with Sunnyside behind it



St Pauls Church and Church Hall



Paterson Servo and Cafe



Paterson Town Square in front of PO which is an informal meeting place for the community. The impact of past truck movements is evident by the condition of the kerb. The proposed expansion of the quarry will mean part of this public land is alienated and the square will no longer be a pleasant space for people to meet.



This purpose designed layby in front of the lagoon as you enter Paterson from Maitland is a popular spot for travellers because of the picnic facilities and local environment. A group of dedicated community members rehabilitated the lagoon as a bicentennial project. When the quarry was operating this location was frequently occupied by trucks. Daracon will say they would ban trucks from stopping in this location. No one apart from concerned locals will police it. The community has no confidence in Daracon's competence in managing the behaviour of trucks hauling from the quarry.

The other impact of trucks is that they can bank up along King Street and around into Duke Street when the railway gates close. This totally dislocates the Village for lengthy periods.

Impact of 280 trucks per day through Paterson on business

If this happens it will destroy the amenity of the Village.

The consequences will be that businesses which rely upon visitation for hospitality and amenity will be impacted.

These businesses occupy and carefully maintain heritage buildings. They will no longer be able to afford the maintenance of the buildings.



If the quarry is approved up to 280 trucks will pass this kerb side dining area per day.



Heritage dwellings impacted by the trucks will drastically fall in value and ultimately become low value housing with occupants who cannot afford to maintain them.

What was a much cared for village and loved neighbourhood will lose its value and the heritage will ultimately be lost.

The proposed modification to the corner of Duke and King Streets will unnecessarily change an important layout element of the village dating from 1833. This is part of the village's town square where people meet and chat while going about their business. This amenity will be destroyed.

Death by a thousand cuts

The Society is very fearful that if these trucks are approved to travel through the Village, even with conditions, there will be incremental amendments to the approval meaning that hours will be extended and weekend haulage will become regular.

It will be death by a thousand cuts.

Governments are spending millions to bypass country towns, create expressways and tunnels in cities. It seems illogical to contemplate putting all these trucks onto the road through Paterson when the quarry is on a railway line.

The Society strongly objects to the expansion of the quarry, but if expansion is to occur then the material must be moved by rail.

Those who are to decide approval or otherwise of this project have a duty of care for the heritage, the businesses and the well being of the people of Paterson.



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Appendices

1. Town Walk Brochure
2. Promotional bookmark with the QR code on it for walking tour produced by CYA on the Road
3. List of publications from Paterson Historical Society

Appendix 2



Paterson Town Walk

a self-guided tour of the
town's heritage treasures
and points of interest

free
on your phone

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App Store



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Paterson Museum
www.patersonhistory.org.au

CYA on The Road
www.cyaontheroad.com

Appendix 3

Publications about Paterson from the Historical Society

Title	Retail
A Fortunate Liaison - Dr Adoniah Vallack and Jacky Jacky	40.00
A History of St Ann's Presbyterian Church Paterson	15.00
A Synopsis of the History of the Paterson River Valley	2.50
Aborigines in the Paterson Gresford Districts: Effects of Settlement	28.00
Brisbane Grove	25.00
Burials in St. Paul's Church Cemetery, Paterson - Part 1 from 1839 to 1900	35.00
Burials in St. Paul's Church Cemetery, Paterson - Part 2 from 1901 to 1986	30.00
Centenary of St. Columba's Catholic Church, Paterson 1884-1984	4.00
Charles Boydell 1808 - 1869 and Camyr Allyn, Allyn River, Gresford	33.00
Dawn Service	20.00
Dr Henry Lindeman and Cawarra, Gresford (Part 1)	45.00
European Settlement at Paterson River 1812 to 1822	20.00
Farming and Shipbuilding on the Paterson and Williams Rivers	15.00
George Boyle White 1802-1876	4.00
George Townshend 1798-1872 and Trevallyn, Paterson River	25.00
Glove Box Guide to the Paterson Valley	15.00
Gostwyck, Paterson 1823-2009	25.00
Heritage Photographs, series 1, Historic Paterson	16.00
Heritage Photographs, series 2, John Doidge Tucker	16.00
Heritage Photographs, series 3, Historic Paterson	16.00
Herman Montague Rucker Rupp — The Orchid Man of Paterson	15.00
History of St. Paul's Church Paterson N.S.W.	4.00
Innovation, Invention & Enterprise: History of Beekeeping Maitland	20.00
Iona-Duns Creek Bush Fire Brigade History	20.00
James Phillips and Bona Vista, Paterson River	8.00
John Eales of Duckenfield	45.00
John Herring Boughton of Tillimby, Paterson	8.00
John Powell - Orange Grove - The First Small Paterson Land Grant	24.00
Kalimna, Paterson	10.00
Lieutenant Commander Frederick Bedwell R.N. 1796 - 1853	5.00
Patch and Glennie of Orindinna, Gresford	45.00
Paterson Orange	20.00
Paterson People and Places - Gleanings from the Museum News No.1	5.00
Paterson, a Slice of Valley Life - Gleanings from the Museum News No.2	5.00
Paterson Public School - Centenary Celebrations 1875-1978	4.00
Personalities, Pragmatists and Visionaries - the Origins and Federation of Australia	5.00
Ploughs, Pubs and Paddle Steamers	20.00

Portraits of Paterson	25.00
Pte Arthur Ernest Keppie - His Diary, Letters and Postcards 1914-1915	7.00
Reverend John Jennings Smith: 1782-1846	15.00
Sacred Heart Church and Cemetery Summer Hill, Paterson Valley	10.00
Sailing Vessels on the Paterson River 1804-1912 (2nd edition)	20.00
Seven little churches of the Paterson Valley	20.00
Soldier/Farmer/Historian - an album of tributes to Henry Francis Boyle, OAM 1919-2005	15.00
Steamships on the Paterson River	20.00
The Australian Women's Land Army 1942-1945: Experiences of Mabs Keppie, Paterson	7.00
The Clements - Paterson Connection	8.00
The Dorothea Mackellar—My Country—Paterson Valley Connection	15.00
The First Fatal Election, Paterson 1843	7.00
The Magic Valley - the Paterson Valley then and now	35.00
The Parks of Paterson	12.00
The Paterson Lodge Banner - Its Origins and History	5.00
The Settlement of the Paterson District	10.00
The Settlers of Paterson's Plains	15.00
The Tinkler Family of Portnahinch	12.00
Toil and Trouble from Maitland to Moreton Bay - John Eales' Convicts	25.00
Vacy... One Hundred & Eighty Years of History	30.00
Where, oh where, is Wooger Vitnell?	7.00
William and Elizabeth Paterson - the Edge of Empire	35.00
William Munnings Arnold 1819-1875	8.00
Woodville Uncovered	25.00
Yarning with Noel - Conversations about Noel Jupp's life experiences	15.00