

GRESFORD & EAST GRESFORD HISTORY

Gresford and East Gresford are two small settlements separated by 2 km. They make an obvious base for an exploration of the area to the north where you will find lovely Allynbrook, Lostock Dam, Mt Allyn and the mountainous terrain of Chichester Slate Forest and Barrington Tops, East Gresford, on the main road to Maitland, is 196 km north of Sydney and 39 km north of Maitland.

Prior to the colonial period the Gresford area was occupied by the Gringgai clan of the Wanaruah Aboriginal people. The first Europeans in the district were timbergetters who began extracting cedar in the 1810s. When Paterson was settled in the 1820s exploration upriver began.

The Gresford area was settled by Welsh immigrants including Charles and William Boydell who named Gresford after their hometown in Wales. Gresford became one of the earliest wine producing areas with Grapes being planted on a number of properties including Camyr Allyn in 1833. Henry Lindeman, one of Australia's most famous winemakers, bought 'Cawarra' in 1842 and set up vineyards there in 1843.

Today the Gresfords are essentially service centres to the surrounding pastoral, agricultural, dairying and timber district.

Things to Do.....

- Beatty Hotel
- Camyr Allyn Wines
- Clevedon Craft Shop
- Lostock Dam
- Natural Furniture Works
- St Anne's Anglican Church and Suspension Bridge
- St Mary's on Allyn at Allynbrook
- Allyn River Road Drive

Events.....

- The Annual Gresford Show - March
- The Billy Cart Derby - Easter Saturday
- The Gresford Rodeo - August
- Markets - 3rd Sunday of Each Month

Tourist Information sign



VACY HISTORY

Vacy is on the Paterson River, located 9 km north of Paterson. Upon driving into Vacy appears a very small collection of residences, to the west is Mt George (452 m), to the north is Mt Breckin and looming over the town to the south is Mt Johnstone (341 m).

Vacy came into existence around 1828 as a private township established by the Cory family. John Cory Sr came out from England with his sons Edward and John Jr in 1823 and they soon received grants in the area. John Jr owned Cory Vale and John Sr owned Vacy. By 1839 both grants were in the hands of another son, Gilbert, who arrived later and became the town's real patriarch. It remained in the family until the land was subdivided and sold in 1927.

Things to Do.....

- Bunna Bunoo Olive Grove
- Flying Duck Cafe
- Heritage Walk & Walking Trails
- Scenic Drive (along Summer Hill Road)
- St John's Church
- Sacred Heart Church
- The Farmer's Hotel

Events.....

The Annual Vacy Village Carnival, March

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Main Street

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PATERSON HISTORY

In October 1833 the Governor of New South Wales, Richard Bourke, advised that he had approved the plan for the 'Township of Paterson', and now invited applications for 'Building Allotments'[1] The land for the township had initially been granted to Susannah Ward in 1823 as part of her Conira estate. After several settlers pressed the Governor to release part of her grant for a township, Susannah eventually agreed to give up 90 acres, including river frontage for a public wharf, in exchange for land in Sydney.

By 1835 a courthouse and government lockup had been built in the new town and the government administration of the district moved from Old Banks at Paterson Plains to Paterson itself.

Things to Do.....

- A walking tour of Historic Paterson - Ask at Paterson Businesses
- CBC Bed and Breakfast and Cafe
- Paterson Cafe
- Paterson Gallery
- Rail Motor Museum
- The Paterson Courthouse Museum
- The Paterson Tavern
- The Paterson Golf Course
- Total Agricultural College
- Total Homestead
- Tucker Park for a picnic

Events.....

Total Field Days - First Sunday in May

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Tucker Park

Events.....

- Classic Car Day - September

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CHURCHES

Anglican Parish of Gresford Paterson
Daily church services throughout the parish
Call Fr Stephen 02 4938 9313 for details.

Released sermons: Fr Nic Hobbles, gourmet foods, music days
10am - 5pm
ltn.hobbles@ntelnet.nsw.au

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RESTAURANTS & CAFES

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Beatty Hotel Bistro
52 Park Street East Gresford 02 4938 9451
Local wines, open Thursday to Monday, Lunch 12 to 2.30pm, Dinner 6pm to 8.30pm

CBC Bed and Breakfast
19 King Street Paterson 02 4938 5767 0428 498 859
Flying Duck Cafe
8792 King Street Paterson 02 4938 5133
Monday to Saturday, 8am to 5pm Sunday

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35 Paterson Road, Bowmara 02 4930 0734
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