



Bill “W”allaby” Cummins

Bill was known to be fascinated by pelicans which are characterised as protective birds with a nurturing nature. Paterson, and the river of the same name, was named in honour of Captain William Paterson from Scotland, who led the first European expedition to the Hunter region in 1801. It turns out the pelican features on the Paterson Scottish ‘coat of arms’. Wallaby made pelican sculptures for 40 years until he sadly passed away in 2019.

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The Pelicans of Paterson (POP) have recently undergone a revival thanks to Phil Watts and the Rotary Club of Paterson. Each pelican sculpture has a different theme relating to its location, so keep an eye out for them in town.



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PELICANS OF PATERSON

New South Wales



The picturesque town of Paterson has become home to many cute and curious ‘pelicans’. These rather large billed birds can be seen perched on signs, buildings and other precarious places around the town, and they don’t need feeding! These quirky Pelicans of Paterson (POP) sculptures were created in 2012 by the late Bill “Wallaby” Cummins, artist and former owner of Wallaby Engineering, Paterson. (1)

1. Downey, Emma. The Land: The pelicans of Paterson. 25/09/2014



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How many of the pelican sculptures can you spot around the central Paterson area? Use the map overleaf to find the pelicans.

Traditionally, the Paterson Valley was probably home to three Aboriginal groups: the Worimi, the Wonnarua and the Gringai, who were associated with the Upper Paterson Valley and the Dungeg region. These boundaries and affiliations are contested. (2)

2. Archer, Cameron. The Magic Valley: The Paterson Valley – then and now. ACA Books, 2019.

- 1 Paterson Police Station
- 2 Stylz on Track - Hairdresser *
- 3 Paterson Service Station
- 4 Paterson Service Station 2
- 5 Paterson Country Cafe
- 6 Kings nd Queens Paterson
- 7 Kings nd Queens 2
- 8 Paterson Friendly Grocer IGA
- 9 Paterson Butchery
- 10 Paterson Tavern & Bistro
- 11 Rotary Club of Paterson
- 12 Pelican in a sinking boat
- 13 Stockers & Partridge

not created by Wallaby *



PATERSON STREET MAP
showing location of pelican sculptures

PELICANS OF PATERSON
Sculpture Walk

