

Cox's Road Dreaming is first the book to comprehensively answer the questions that people with an interest in the first road to Bathurst have wondered about for a very long time. Where did the Road enter Bathurst? What parts of the current highway in the Mountains can we still travel with the pleasure of knowing that Charles Darwin's carriage covered the same ground? Where exactly is Emu Ford and how do we get there? The natural history material included is an unexpected bonus. The stories of early travellers that have been provided in previous publications give us glimpses of an at times arduous journey taking on the nature of an adventure. But we were left with a sense of vague frustration at not being able to stand right where those travellers stood. When we stand today on Cox's Pass, or travel along Carlwood Road (like to join me for a horse back ride along that road, anyone?) the experience of 200 years ago becomes real to us. Through Cox's Road Dreaming we are also able to enrich our experience with the latest technology. Many thanks are due to David Goldney and the Greening Bathurst Group. This book will be a lasting legacy of the Bicentenary of Australia's oldest inland settlement.

Regards,

Nicole