

## Darlington Point Bridge

location At the entrance to the caravan park on the right bank of the Murrumbidgee River at Darlington Point, New South Wales.

owner Darlington Point Advancement and Historical Society

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the plaque

type **Historic Engineering Marker**

location On the structure.

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plaque text

### **Darlington Point Bridge**

These towers were part of the bascule bridge erected in 1905 at Darlington Point, an important crossing of the Murrumbidgee River. Adapted from an American design for the Public Works Department by Harvey Dare, the bridge served the public well until replaced in 1979. In 1989 the towers were re-erected on this site by the Darlington Point Advancement and Historical Society and civil engineering students from the University of New South Wales, as a tribute to the dependence of the community on engineering works.

Dedicated by The Institution of Engineers, Australia, 1989



### **Henry Harvey Dare (1867–1949)**

*Dare graduated in engineering from the University of Sydney in 1888 and joined the Department of Public Works, NSW in its Roads and Bridges Branch drawing office. There he worked on bridge design and computations. Under Percy Allan, Dare was involved with the adaptation of American bridge technology to Australian conditions, using local hardwoods to ensure economy and durability. He took charge of the Engineering Drawing Office when separate branch offices were amalgamated in 1905.*

*From 1909 to 1912 Dare was the Department's Chief Engineer, Water Conservation and Irrigation and in 1913 he became Chief Engineer of the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission.*