

## The Hampden Bridge, Kangaroo Valley, NSW

location Over the Kangaroo River, Kangaroo Valley, NSW.

owner Roads and Traffic Authority of New South Wales

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the plaque

type **Historic Engineering Marker**

location Attached to a rock in Lions Park which is on the Moss Vale side of the bridge.

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plaque text

### **The Hampden Bridge, Kangaroo Valley, NSW**

The bridge is the only surviving suspension bridge from the colonial period of New South Wales and was an outstanding engineering achievement for its time. Designed by the eminent engineer E M de Burgh of the Public Works Department and built by Loveridge and Hudson, it was opened on 19 May 1898, replacing the 2-span timber truss bridge of 1879.

Dedicated by The Institution of Engineers, Australia and the Kangaroo Valley Historical Society Inc., 1999.



### ***Ernest Macartney de Burgh (1863-1929)***

*Born in Dublin, de Burgh was educated at Rathmines School and at the Royal College of Science for Ireland. He arrived in Australia in 1885 and joined the New South Wales Department of Public Works. He was initially involved in surveys for Sydney's main sewers, and later for superintending the construction of major bridges in New South Wales.*

*From 1903 he specialised in dams and water supply, becoming Chief engineer for Water Supply and Sewerage in 1913. He was responsible for design and construction of the Cordeaux, Avon and Nepean dams. He represented New South Wales in the engineers' conferences leading to the River Murray Waters Act, and was associated with L A B Wade in the design and construction of Burrinjuck Dam. He retired in 1927.*

