

Victoria Bridge - Picton

location On the Stonequarry Creek,
Picton, New South Wales.
owner Wollondilly Shire Council

the plaque
type **Historic Engineering Marker**
location Adjacent to bridge.

plaque text

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This bridge, opened on 7 October 1897, was designed by Percy Allan (1861-1930), an eminent Australian-born Public Works engineer after whom this truss type was named. The Allan truss was the third type in the evolution of timber trusses for road bridges in NSW. C J Ford of Sydney was the contractor for the bridge. Its 20 metre timber trestles are the tallest in NSW and it is one of the oldest surviving Allan pony truss bridges. It was named after Queen Victoria in her diamond jubilee year

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Percy Allan (1861–1930)

Allan was born in Sydney and educated at Sydney University in the new School of Engineering under W H Warren. He trained with the NSW Public Works.

He was appointed Engineer-in-Charge of bridge design in the Department of Public Works in 1896. His department also became responsible for water supply, drainage, rivers and artesian bores throughout NSW.

Allan is regarded as one of Australia's foremost bridge engineers being associated with the design & construction of 583 bridges during his 49 year career. His best known works include, the development of the Allan Truss, the Pyrmont and Glebe Island Bridges in Sydney, the lift bridge at Swan Hill and the 1930 Georges River Bridge.

