

Appendix G

Road directions.:

The earliest roads in Katoomba can be distinguished by their lack of conformity with the magnetic North layout of the surveyors.

Examples of this are roads surrounding and leading to the Katoomba Coal mine site. Violet Street, Kamillaroi Road, Neale Street, and parts of Narrow Neck Road, then called Megalong Road.

The road in the map on fig:6-7 called “Engine Road”, followed a course of least incline from the mine up Violet Street, intersected with Kamillaroi Road, crossing what is now Katoomba Golf Course, and to the base of Gracies Hill – near the present intersection of Glencoe Road and Narrow Neck Road, then followed Narrow Neck Road to the intersection with the “Great Western Road.” (Note that Narrow Neck Road passes to the West of the Water Reservoirs and behind the Motel and is not the current section of Cliff Drive.) This way it only had to cross one small creek where Oak Street now is. Possibly the “dray bridge” mentioned in “List of improvements on No 61” Notes on Chapter 11

The tramway from the mine to North’s siding effectively divided Katoomba in two, as there was no vehicular crossing at all. A pedestrian bridge across the tramway was built near where Kamillaroi Rod and Peckmans Road now cross.

J.B. North had visions of building a church on a block immediately to the west of this bridge, possibly to increase its availability to parishioners. See map below, the small block of land at the intersection of Burrawang St and Kamillaroi Rd is notated “church site” with the pedestrian bridge noted to its right.

The block of land squeezed between the “One Chain Road” and the tramway opposite then end of Kamillaroi Rod is notated W.H. Edwards, the house noted in the List of improvements on No. 61 “notes on Chapter 11” “for Manager in Kamillaroi Road”. This became the block on which Falls House was erected, possibly a re-use of this building. High Street was re-named Peckmans Road, and Kamillaroi Road was extended across the tramway. .Mr. North in his proposed subdivision, named the streets after flowers in one direction and trees in the other, but because of the confusion of North direction it didn’t work very well.

