Petition for opening Ladies Baths

Prayer

7/1/76 Sandhurst January 1876

The Worshipful

The Mayor & Councillors of the City of Sandhurst,

Gentlemen,

We the undersigned ratepayers beg to urge upon you the necessity of opening the Ladies Baths and that a competent person be placed in charge to teach the art of swimming which is so highly necessary for every person to learn.

We are

Gentlemen.

Your obedient servants

Notes

7 January 1876- to open a Ladies' Baths

This petition is similar to the 1873 one about the obstruction of Pall Mall, in that the 48 petitioners were males, and they asked the Council to provide a service for local females, by establishing a "Ladies Baths". They also wanted a "competent person in charge to teach the art of swimming which is so highly necessary for every person to learn."

There is other surviving correspondence about the Ladies Baths, which confirms that these petitioners were successful. A letter from Steane, the City Surveyor, to the Council early in 1880, announced that the Ladies' Baths would open on 11 February. (Steane to Sandhurst Council, 30 January 1880, Box 15, Sandhurst-Bendigo Inwards Correspondence, BRAC.)

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