

Petition from Ladies against the Lower Reserve being used for sport

Prayer –

To the Worshipful, the Mayor & Councillors of the City of Sandhurst

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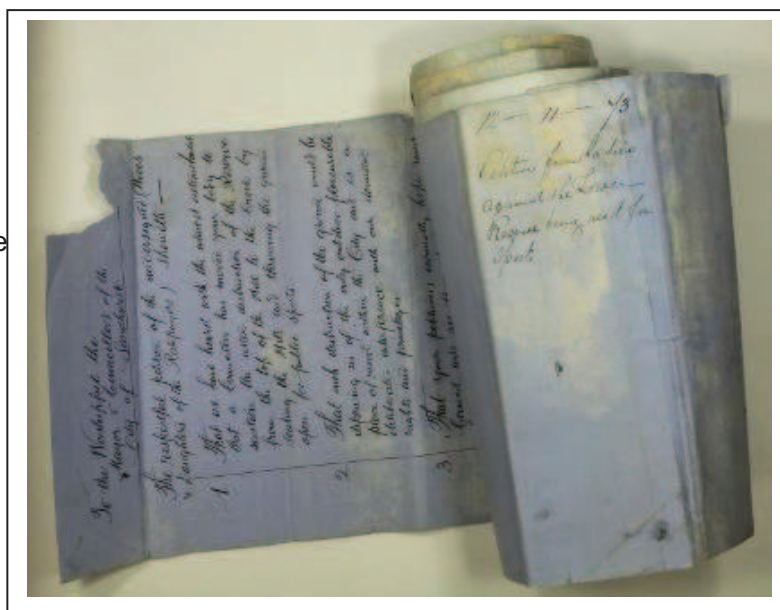
12 November 1873 "Wives & Daughters of the Ratepayers"

This **rolled** Petition is a rare example of large numbers of Sandhurst's fair sex expressing their deep concerns about attempts to allocate sections of the city's central public recreational space, Rosalind Park, to males' sports activities. This action would not only interfere with Women's enjoyment of this public retreat, but, in their own words, would also be

"a deliberate interference with our domestic rights and privileges."

The 146 women (and one man!) who signed this petition gave addresses that were enormously concentrated in the very middle-class residential blocks within walking distance of the park. Mothers and daughters signed in familial order; in one of these examples, there is evidence of "poetic licence". Mrs. Jane Vahland and her three daughters, the family of the city's most famous Architect W.C. Vahland, all appear as signators, even though the older daughters were aged only nine and seven, and the youngest five months old, at the time this Petition was created! (See Jackman, B., **Bendigo Advertiser Personal Notices 1854-1880**, vol. 1, 1992, pp. 47, 55, 78.)

In the cases of the Vahland and Cohn families, there was the added complication that both men had served on Sandhurst's Council, but were no longer in office, Vahland having only ended his term in 1872. (See Kimberley, W.B., **Bendigo and Vicinity**, 1895, pp. 83, 108.)



Page	Column	Title	Surname	First name / Initial	Address
1			Montgomery	M	Barkly Place
1			Mc Causland	Sarah	Barkly Place
1			Montgomery	M. Jnr.	Barkly Place
1			Downes	S.	
2			Douglas	E.	Barkly Place
2			Cogdon	Mary E.	Waterloo St.,
2			Cogdon	Emily	Waterloo St.,
2			Gould	Bridget	Waterloo St.,
2			Gould	Ellen	Waterloo St.,
2			Gould	Rose	Waterloo St.,
2			Chamley	A. E.	Waterloo St.,
2			Bush	Jane	Waterloo St.,
2			Stirling	L. A.	Waterloo St.,
2			Doherty	Elizabeth	Hope St.,
2			Donovan	Elizabeth	Hope St.,
2			Gollmick	Kate	Barkly St.,
2		Mrs.	Kirkwood		
2			Percy	M. J.	Mollison St.,
2		Mrs.	Mc Kinlay	J.	Mollison St.,
2			Buick	Elizabeth	Mollison St.,
2			Buick	Sophie	Mollison St.,
2			Souter	Helen	Williamson St.,
2		Mrs.	Cutten		Myers St.,
2			Nish	Margaret	Myers St.,
2			Nish	J. H.	Myers St.,
2			Buckley	M. J.	Myers St.,
2			Hunter	E.	Barnard St.,
2			Croxton	E.	View Place
2			Croxton	L.	View Place
2			Walker	R. A.	Barkly Place
2		Mrs.	Stuart	D.	Barkly Place
2			Stuart	A.M.	Barkly Place
2			Boolier	Fanny	Barkly Place
2			Condon	J. A.	Barnard St.,
2			Bramley	R.	View St.,
2			Salmon ?	Elizabeth	Barnard St.,
2			Jamieson	James H.	
2			Jamieson	Elizabeth	
2			Davenport	Amelia	Barkly Place
2			Maloney	Mary	Barkly Place
2			Doyle	Mary Anne	Arnold St.,
2			Van Damme	M. A.	Waterloo Place

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2			Flood	Rose Anne	
3			Tierney	Nora	Barkly Place
3			Macoboy	A. T.	Barkly Place
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3			Macoboy	Alice	Barkly Place
3			Macoboy	Clara	Barkly Place
3			Ryan	Margaret	Barkly Place
3			Connelly	E.	Barkly Place
3			Vahland	Jane	Barkly Place
3			Vahland	E. M.	Barkly Place
3			Vahland	C. E.	Barkly Place
3			Vahland	A. A.	Barkly Place
3			Meyer	Amelia	Barkly Place
3			Pardy	Kate	Barkly Place
3			Watson	L. M.	Forest St.,
3			Barrow	A. T.	Forest St.,
3			Douglas	Mabel	Barkly Place
3		Mrs.	Cohn	Julius	Barkly Place
3		Mrs.	Cohn	Moritz	Barkly Place
3			Fleming	Margaret	
3		Mrs.	Bent	M. W.	Barkly Place
3			Smith	Frances	
3			Coffin	Eliza	Hope St.,
3			Bartley	Elizabeth	Hope St.,
3			?	?	?
3			Woodbridge	K	Barkly Place
3			Shephard	K	Forest St.,
3			Dixon	E.	View Point
3			Goyne	K.	View Point
3			Albin	M.	View Point
3			Thomson	F.	Dowling St.,
3			Wills	A.	View point
3			Dalridge	A.	View point
3			Beecher	M.	View Point
4			Duncan	M. A.	Carpenter St.,
4			Jordan	M. A.	Carpenter St.,
4			Daly	M.	Myers St.,
4			Oakley	W. A.	Bridge St.,
4			O'Connell	W. A.	Dowling St.,
4			Goonan	M. T.	Bridge St.,
4			Monahan	M.	Charleston Rd.,
4			Clark	L.	Wattle st.,
4			Waye	M	California Gully
4			Doyle	T.	Arnold St.,

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4			Corr	A.	Bridge St.,
4			Beckett	M. A.	High St.,
4			Byrne	J.	View St.,
4			Dinahan	M.	Barnard Terrace
4			Kelberg	M.	Williamson St.,
4			Kelberg	C.	Williamson St.,
4			Woods	J. B.	Wattle St.,
4			Carter	M.	
4			Hobson	M.	Bridge St.,
4			Wilkins	M. A.	Mc Crae St.,
4			Lyle	G.	
4			Rodgers	G.	
4			Budds	E. L.	Philip St.,
4			Robinson	M.	Forest St.,
4			Booth	E.	Castle
4			Topping	R.	Rowan St.,
4			Snow	K.	Mundy St.,
4			Woodward	M	Eaglehawk
4			Sayer	M	Myers St.,
4			Mulville	E.	View St.,
4			Alderson	J.	Booth St.,
4		Miss	Urban	A.	Ironbark
4			Russell	B.	Golden Gully
4			Everett	L.	Quarry Hill
5			Cocking	C.	Golden Gully
5			Conway	T.	Rowan St.,
5			Smith	E.	Golden Square
5		Miss	Barry		New Chum Gully
5			Lawson	A.	[?]
5			Thompson	T.	Havelock St.,
5			Palk	E.	off [?]
5			Hughes	E	Myrtle St.,
5			Smith	A.	Golden Square
5			Davidson	M.	Booth St.,
5			Blyth	E.	Violet St.,
5			Blyth	G.	Violet St.,
5			Carr	J.	Ironbark
5			Anderson	E.	Sheepshead
5			Sealey	M. J.	Lilly St.,
5			Rickards	A. M.	Golden Gully
5			Martin	M. A.	High St.,
5			Sullivan	M.	Hargreaves St.,
5			Lathby	B.	Arnold St.,
5			Healy	M.	Nolan St.,

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5			Hollingsworth	J.	Mitchell St.,
5			Wright	M.	Milroy St.,
5			Monar	E.	Edward St.,
5			Bacon	T.	Barnard St.,
5		Miss	Barry		New Chum
5			Buckingham	C.	New Chum
5		Miss	Egglestone		New Chum
5			Johnston	Maggie	White Hills
5			Touzean	G.	Happy Valley
5			Coath	M.	Happy Valley
5			Gould	A.	Bull St.,
5			Gould	E.	Bull St.,
6		Mrs	Cahill		Mc Crae St.,
6			Cripps		Wattle St.,
6			Fitton / Mitter ?	E	High St.,
6		Madame	Hooper		View Point
6			Conolley		View Point

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Names	Residences
In Montpelier	Gaskill Place
Miss M. [unclear]	Bartholomew Place
In Montpelier Jan —	Gaskill Place
S. L. [unclear]	

S. D. Barnes
E. D. Barnes

W. D. Barnes
R. D. Barnes

Mary E. Barnes
Emily E. Barnes
Bridget Gould
Ellen Gould
Rose Gould
A. E. Chandler
James H. Hush
J. L. A. Stirling

Waterloo Street
" 4
" 7
" "
" "
" "
" "
" "

E. Elizabeth E. Sherly
Elizabeth E. Sherly
Kate G. G. G. G.
Mrs. H. H. H. H.
Mr. J. J. J. J.
Mr. J. J. J. J.
Miss J. J. J. J.
Sophie K. K. K.
Helen L. L. L.
Mrs. C. C. C. C.
Margaret H. H. H.
J. H. H. H.
Mr. J. J. J. J.
Mr. J. J. J. J.

Hope Street
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Barkly Street
Mollison Street
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Mollison Street
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Williamson Street
Barkly Street
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E. Boston
L. Boston
R. A. Walker
Mr. J. J. J. J.
Mr. J. J. J. J.
Fanny B. B. B.
J. A. B. B.
J. E. B. B.
Elizabeth B. B.
James H. H. H.
Elizabeth B. B.

View Place
Barkly Place
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Amelia Davenport
Mary Maloney
Mary Anne Doyle
Mr. R. R. R. R.
Charles R. R. R.

Barkly Place
Barkly Place
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Barkly Place
Barkly Place

Charles Anne T. Hood
Kora Pierney

Barkley Place

L. J. Macobay
A. Macobay
Alice Macobay
Clara Macobay
Margaret Ryan
E. Connelley

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Jane Vahlund
C. M. Vahlund
C. B. Vahlund
A. H. Vahlund
Amelia Meyer
State Park
L. M. Watson
A. S. Barrow
Mabel Douglas
Mrs. Julius Cohn
Mrs. Moritz Cohn
Margaret Lohmeyer
Mrs. M. W. Kent
Frances Smith
Ella Coffin
Elizabeth Barkley

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Forest Street
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Hope Street
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M. W. W.
L. H. H. H. H.
H. Shepherd
E. Brown
H. H. H.
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Forest Street
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Mr Robinson
L Booth
Mr Lopping
H. A. Loring
W Woodward
Mr Sayer
E Mulville
J A Herson
Miss Walsen
B Russell
L Everett

Forest St
 Castle
 Magnolia St
 Broadway St
 Eagle & Hawk
 Myers St
 View St
 North St
 Iron Works
 Golden Gully
 Quaker Hill

13 Russell
L. Everett
C. Locking
C. Cogswell
E. Smith
Wm. Perry
A. Lapsen
Y. Thompson
E. Hall
C. Hughes
A. Smith
Jm. Davidson
E. L. H. H.
L. L. H. H.

J. J. are
R. Anderson
M. J. Sealey
A. W. Richards
M. A. Hunter
W. Sullivan
B. Lathby
M. Healy
J. Hollingsworth
W. Wright

C. Monar
S. Green
W. L. H. H.
C. Buckingham
Miss Egglestone
Maggie Johnson
J. H. H.
W. H. H.
B. H. H.
E. H. H.

Golden Gully
Quarry Hill
Golden Gully
Gowan St
Golden Square
Long Gully
Jury St
S. H. H. Street
M. H. H. Street
M. H. H. Street
Golden Square
North Street
Violet Street
Violet Street
Long Gully
H. H. H. Street

Lilly Street
Golden Gully
High Street
Hargreaves Street
Arnold Street
Hofan Street
Mitchell Street
Whitby Street

Edward Street
Garnard St
C. H. H.
New Gully
New Gully
White Hills
Happy Gully
Happy Gully
Gull St
Gull Street

Mr. Salice
Mr. Gifford
to Mr. H. H.
Madame Rocher
G. Conolly

Mr. Case. St.
Wattle St
High St.
New Point.
New Point.

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