Petition re:- Jane Ruff's tender for Dust Carts

Prayer

To

His Worship the Mayor and Councillors, City of Sandhurst

We the undersigned Residents and Ratepayers Respectfully sheweth

That Jane Ruff has contracted with the Council for the City Dust Carts and Drivers for about Ten years during which period the work in connexion therewith has been performed in a proper and satisfactory manner as we believe. We are informed that on the occasion of the calling for the present years tenders, the tender of the said Jane Ruff is one pound higher than the lowest tender submitted.

That having regard to the very small amount of difference between the tenders and to the long and faithful services rendered in the past, we respectfully hope that the Contract will be again given to Mrs. Ruff

We are

Your obedient servants

Notes

September 1890 - Support for Jane Ruff to continue her Tender as the Dust Cart contractor.

These 69 Petitioners were supportive of Jane Ruff's ten years of labour for Sandhurst Council, as the Dust Cart contractor "during which period the work...has been performed in a proper and satisfactory manner." The petitioners' addresses were only from the main streets in the city centre- Pall Mall, Williamson, Hargreaves Streets, View Point and Bath Corner. This suggests that different contractors serviced different sections of the city.

This petition is complemented by Jane's surviving letter to Sandhurst Council. Jane asked the Council's Finance Committee to reconsider their decision to take the tender away from her because:

- 1. She had served the Council "faithfully and to the Satisfaction of the City Surveyor for a term of ten years".
- 2. She had paid for the construction of "an extra Cart" only twelve months earlier, and the loss of the tender means "it will come very hard on me to have the two Carts thrown on my hands."
- 3. There was only £1 difference between her latest tender and that of the successful tender. She reminded them that in the previous year, there was a difference of £5 between her tender and the lowest one, yet she was successful.
- 4. Jane pointed out that the tender advertisement stated that "the lowest tender not necessarily accepted." She ended with "I will ever remain your most obedient Servant." Language in the Petition was very similar to that used in Jane's letter.

(Jane Ruff to Sandhurst Council's Finance Committee, 5 September 1890 Box 31, Sandhurst-Bendigo Inwards Correspondence, BRAC.)

Page	Surname	First Name	Address	Occupation
1	Wilkins	Ferd		
1	Van damme	Karl		
1	Bickle	Samuel		
1	Brady	Edward		
1	Capewell	T. E.		
1	Lunn	William		
1	Wilkinson	Nev	Carpenter St.,	
1	Edwards	В.	Pall Mall	
1	Hansen	T.	Pall Mall	
1	Blennerhassett	R.	Pall Mall	
1	Bullen	M. D.	Pall Mall/Bull St.,	
1	Brousley	S.		
1	Curnow	J. H.	Wills St.,	
1	Fulton	W.	Forest St.,	
1	Henderson & Goodisson		Mall	
2	Pierce & Perry	N/S	High St.,	
2	O'Donnell	Thos.	Mitchell St.,	
2	Moore	W.	Sandhurst	
2	Buscombe Moore & Co		Sandhurst	
2	O'Keefe	David	Arnold St.,	
2	Stewart Scott & Co.		Wills St.,	
2	Borchert	O.	Hargreaves St.,	Publican
2	Steepe	M.	Mc Ivor Rd.,	Butcher
2	Ries	H. E.	Webster St.,	
2	Andrews	J. A.	Hargreaves St.,	Ironmonger
2	Sprenger	В.	Hargreaves St.,	Butcher
2	Unmack	C.	Hargreaves St.,	Butcher
2	Straughair	Geo. F.	Hargreaves St.,	Hairdresser
2	Buckley	N. P.	Williamson St.,	Auctioneer

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2	Saville	C.	Garsed St.,	Painter
2	Hosking	W.		
2	Martin	A.	Hargreaves St.,	Hairdresser
2	Lovell	Geo.	Short St.,	
2	Harwood	Joseph	Hargreaves St.,	
2	Lammon	J.	Hargreaves St.,	
2	Conlen	S.		
2	Scott	Francis	Hargreaves St.,	
2	Dyer & Co.	J. H.	Hargreaves St.,	
2	Colgan	M.	Hargreaves St.,	
2	Grosvenor	Henry	City	
2	Dumerth	Conrad	Williamson Str.,	Cooper
2	Faul	John W.	Hargreaves Str.,	
2	Jones	Thomas Richd.	Hargreaves St.,	
2	Edward	John G.		
3	Bush & Co.	G. H.	Bendigo City	
3	Glanville	Thos.	Bendigo City	
3	?	Francis		
3	Gibson	R. G.		
3	Crowley	John	Albion Hotel	
3	Murdock	Rob	View Point	
3	O' Connor	Jane	View Point	
3	Jones & Co.	Henry	View Point	
3	Jackson & Co.	Henry	View Point	
3	Manning	R.	View Point	
3	Parry & Co.	Wm. J.	View Point	
3	Pallett	William	Forest St.,	
3	Moody	J. J.	Bath Corner	
3	Buchan	J. E.	Bath Corner	
3	Smith	Н. Т.	Bath Corner	

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3	Parker	J. T.	Bath Corner	
3	Boyd	James D.	View Point	M.D.
3	Plant	George	Mitchell St.,	
3	Milburn	Rob	Mitchell St.,	
3	Gibson	Thos.	Mall	
3	Carnduff & Son	Andrew	Mall	
3	Credington	Herbert	Mall	
3	Neil	J. T.	Pall Mall	
3	Sciallero	Fortunato	Williamson St.,	
3	Mackay	S.	Hargreaves st.,	

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