

## Petition against chimes at public buildings

### Prayer

Bendigo      March 17th, 1893

To the Mayor & Councillors  
of the City of Bendigo

We the undersigned Citizens & Ratepayers of the City of Bendigo, notice that a resolution was passed at the meeting of the Council held yesterday to request the Government to re-instate the chimes in connexion with the Post Office clock, and we most respectfully lodge our strongest protest against such a resolution being carried into effect.

We fail to see one argument that can be advanced in favor of a set of bells, that are admittedly woefully out of tune & discordant, ringing out to the annoyance of a large section of the community, and feel certain were a poll taken of the ratepayers within a large radius of the Post Office a very great proportion would be against the Chimes being re-installed at all in their present condition. Even if the Bells were in tune, the nuisance of a loud chime at night is so obvious to those unfortunately living within hearing of them, disturbing as they do, the rest of the soundest sleepers every quarter of an hour, that we would then respectfully request that they be dis-connected at night, say from 11P.M. till 7A.M.

Most respectfully requesting that our request will meet with your favorable consideration,  
We are,

### Notes

17 March 1893- "Citizens & Ratepayers of the City of Bendigo"

These **75** petitioners sent their "strongest protest" against the Council's idea of getting the Post Office clock chimes re-instated. They argued that the chimes were "**woefully out of tune & discordant**", but even if they were tuned "**the nuisance of a loud chime at night is so obvious to those unfortunately living within hearing of them**".

The petitioners' addresses were wholly concentrated within hearing distance of the clock's offensive chimes, especially the 11 who gave their address as the Shamrock Hotel (which is located directly opposite the Post Office), Pall Mall (18), Bull (4), Williamson (5), Hargreaves (8), View (3), and Mitchell Streets (3). and one each at Bridge, Kennedy, and Short Streets, Bath Corner, Charing Cross, Mcivor Road, the Commercial Hotel, and two central Banks- Savings and Australasia. Nine gave the generic address of Bendigo.

Even the Council's own Parks and Gardens Curator, Samuel Gadd, signed and gave his address as "Rosalind Park"! (Two addresses were illegible, and two gave no address.)

Page	Column	Surname	First name	Address	Occupation	Comment
2	1	Moran	Maurice	Shamrock Hotel		
2	1	Webb		Shamrock Hotel		
2	1	Spence	Basil		Manager, Bank of Australasia	
2	1	Levy	Montague	Shamrock Hotel		
2	1	Brady	Edward	Pall Mall		
2	1	Lunn	William	Pall Mall		

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2	1	Van Damme	Karl	Pall Mall		
2	1	Whiteside	R	Hargr[e]ave St		
2	1	Owen	G	Williamson St		
2	1	Collins	A.	Pall Mall		
2	1	Germann	Carl	Pall Mall		
2	1	D. Whyte & Co.		Pall Mall		
2	1	Mc Kenzie	W. (or N) K.	Pall Mall		
2	1	Goodisson	J. R.	Pall Mall		
2	1	Smith	H. F.	Bath Corner		
2	1	Sinclair	W. J.	Charing Cross		
2	1	[illegible]		Pall Mall		Object - out of tune
2	2	Marks	H. M.	Bendigo		
2	2	Espennett	Thos. E.	Shamrock Hotel		
2	2	Conolan	M	Kennedy St.,		
2	2	Cohn	Magnus	Bridge st.,		
2	2	Gadd	Samuel G.	Rosalind Park		
2	2	Pitt	William	Bendigo	Poulterer	
2	2	Roberts	John	Hargreaves St.,		
2	2	A [?] stiton	T. C.	Williamson St		
2	2	Alves	C. M.	Williamson St		
2	2	Speed	C. J.			
2	2	Sternberg	J.	Bendigo		
2	2	Curnow	J. H.	Bendigo		
2	2	Howard	M. R.	Colonial Bank Pall Mall		
2	2	Putnam		Williamson St		
2	2	Howard	R. F.	Savings Bank		
3	1	Galchell ?	Geo H.	Bendigo		
3	1	Jackson	N. G.	Bendigo		
3	1	Rynhart	H.	Hargreaves St		
3	1	Trewin	Thos. S.	27 View St Bendigo		
3	1	Stevens	A.	Pall Mall		
3	1	Willis	T.			
3	1	Pennefather	W. E.	E. L. Co. Bendigo		
3	1	Wall	L & B	Bendigo S. B. etc		
3	1	Smith	James	Bendigo		
3	1	Stamp	N.	Pall Mall		
3	1	Whiting ?		Shamrock Hotel		
3	1	Flyger	C. A.	Shamrock Hotel		
3	1	Aspinall	S & A	View Street		
3	1	Robshaw	John	Mitchell Street		
3	1	Wood	Charles Senr.	Mitchel [I] Street		
3	1	Williams	J. S.	Mitchell St		

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3	1	Neal	Bristow	Short St		
3	1	Lewes	Frederick J.	Pall		
3	1	Phillips	A. H.	Shamrock Hotel		
3	1	Holland	H.	Shamrock Hotel		
3	1	Conlen	E	Hargreaves Street		
3	1	Allen	Wm.	Pall Mall		
3	2	Hinchcliff	Edwin	View Street		
3	2	Smith	C [?]	Melbourne		
3	2	Jones	Charles R.	(C.S. ) Shamrock		
3	2	Barlow	R. W.	Bull Street		
3	2	Simmons	Edward	Mc Ivor Road		
4	1	Harwood	I.	Hargr[e]aves st		
4	1	Costa	B.	Pall Mall		
4	1	Garlick	John J	Pall Mall		
4	1	Melrose	John	Pall Mall		
4	1	Greenway	I.	Commercial Hotel		
4	1	Crocker	H. E.		Press Agent	
4	1	Roberts	J. B.	Bull St.,		
4	1	Lazarus	Henry L.	Bull St		
4	1	Grattan	H	Williamson St		
4	1	Stewart	I.S.	Hargreaves St		
4	1	Swift	Thos	Hargreaves St		
4	1	Gindy ?	Jhn. H.	Hargreaves St		
4	1	Monkhead	D. J.	Centre Block Pall Mall		
4	1	Taylor	W	Shamrock Hotel		
4	1	Allday	I . C.	Bull Street		
4	1	Tullidge	W	Shamrock Hotel		



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Bendigo

March 17<sup>th</sup> 1893

Wm. J. O'Connell  
30/3/93

The undersigned Citizens & Ratepayers of the City of Bendigo, notice that a resolution was passed at the meeting of the Council held yesterday <sup>to request the Government</sup> to re-votate the Churnes in connexion with the Post Office clock, and we most respectfully lodge our strongest protest against such a resolution being carried into effect.

We fail to see one argument that can be advanced in favor of a set of bells, that are admittedly woefully out of tune & discordant, ringing out to the annoyance of a large section of the community, and feel certain were a poll taken of the Ratepayers within a large radius of the Post Office a very great proportion would be against the Churnes being re-instated at all in their present condition.

Even if the Bells were in tune, the nuisance of a loud chime at night is so obvious to those unfortunately living within hearing of them, disturbing as they do, the rest of the soundest sleepers worst quarter of an hour, that we would then respectfully request that they be dis-connected at night, say from 11.0 P.M. till 7.0 A.M.

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 favorable consideration, We are,

Names	Address	Names	Address
Maurice Brown 1710 6th.	Shamrock Hotel	J. M. Ward	Reno, N. J.
Paul Spicer	Manager of Bank of Montreal	J. L. Spencer	Lawrence Hotel
Montague L. Luy	Shamrock Hotel	M. J. Foster	Lawrence Hotel
Edward Bradley	Ball Hall	Napoleon Brown	Bridge St.
William Linn	Doe Hall	James E. Carter	Potomac Bank
Rogers Van Damme	Ball Hall	William P. W.	Potomac Bank
Whiteside	Washington St.	John Roberts	Hargreaves St.
J. Wren	Williamson St.	J. C. Armitage	Williamson St.
A. Cothran	Ball Hall	L. M. Dues	"
Paul Lawrence	Ball Hall	C. Speed	Benedict
D. W. Winters	"	J. H. H. H.	Benedict
W. H. McKenzie	"	J. H. H. H.	Benedict
W. W. Winters	"	J. H. H. H.	Benedict
A. J. Smith	Back Corner	J. H. H. H.	Benedict
W. L. Linton	Sharing Office	J. H. H. H.	Benedict
W. L. Linton	Ball Hall	J. H. H. H.	Benedict



Names	Address.	Names	Address
Edw. H. Gatchell M. G. Jackson	Bendigo - Bendigo	Edwin Inglehoff <del>Edw. Inglehoff</del>	New Street Melbourne
A. Rymbrant Thos. Greenin	Hargreaves St 27 Pers St Bendigo Pace Place	Charles P. Jones 1947 Parson	(67) Chamrock Ball Street
J. Williams J. Miller	24 Co Bendigo	Edward Sumner	Woodro Road
W. Kempster Capt. B. Hall	Bendigo S B etc Bendigo		
James Smith J. Thompson	Pall Mall		
The Irishman C. G. Hughes	Shamrock Hotel		
J. H. H. H. H. John McGehee	Shamrock Hotel Kent Street Mitchell Street		
Charles Wood L J. C. Williams	Mitchell Street Mitchell St. Kent St.		
J. G. H. H. J. G. H. H.	Pall Mall		
A. H. Phillips N. Northwood	Shamrock Hotel <del>Shamrock Hotel</del>		
W. H. H. W. Allen	Hargreaves Street Pace Place		



Wm Allen  
Shawwood

B. Costa

John J. Garlick

John Moore

J. Greenway

J. B. Crocker

J. B. Roberts

Henry L. Laganus

H. Patton

J. L. Stewart

Thos Lewis

John H. Grant

J. J. Monrothead

W. Taylor

J. L. Chidway

W. Gullidge

Pack Mail  
Hargreaves St

Pack Mail

Pack Mail

Pack Mail

Commercial Hotel

Press Agent

Bull St

Bull St

Wilkinson St

Hargreaves St

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Centre Block, pack mail

Shamrock Hotel St

Bull Street

Shamrock Hotel.