

# Extracted from: PORT PHILIP ONLINE HISTORICAL RECORDS

7. February - December, 1856 Melbourne City Council and the Surveyor General copies of correspondence re the location of the Bathing Ship at St Kilda and its rightful anchorage and its encroachment on the area reserved for ladies bathing. Note: It was anchored on beach opposite Mooneys Royal Hotel (corner Robe Street). Melbourne City Council wanted it removed to a point 5 chains westward of the West side of Fitzroy Street.

June, 1857 Petition from William Kenney to be allowed to land coal on beach alongside his Bathing Ship for supply to local inhabitants and supporting letter from Florence Gardiner and Messrs David and William Hamilton asking for the same privilege. Note: It was claimed that coal would be cheaper by avoiding the cost of cartage from Melbourne.

October, 1857 Dept of Lands & Survey re Kenneys application to extend Bathing Ship site.

November, 1857 Dept of Lands & Survey conditions of license for Kenneys extended Bathing Ship site.

December, 1857 Dept of Lands & Survey re Kenneys new Bathing Ship site and the boundaries of cattle grazing areas.

November, 1861 Wm. Kenney asking permission to remove his Ladies Baths known as "The Pavilion Baths" and to erect new baths between the "Victoria Ladies Baths" and the baths occupied by Mrs Ford.

November and December, 1861 Thomas Leggett (Lessee St Kilda Bathing Establishment) concerning his request for permission to erect a new Ladies Bathing House, his application having been made before one now before the Council by Wm. Kenneys, who claims his ship baths are now silting up

February, 1864 Council to Captain Kenney requiring him to improve appearance of Bathing Ship baths and to screen bathers from public view.

September, 1864 W Kenney on the subject of screening bathers from public view at his "Bathing Ship" baths.

November, 1864 WM. Kenney advising that screens have been erected to shield bathers from the view of the public on the Esplanade and Fitzroy Street and that shortly most of the old work now standing will have been removed so that the entire baths will be new.

December, 1864 Dept of Lands & Survey Kenneys Victoria baths to be pulled down or satisfactorily repaired.

October, 1866 WM. Kenney asking that a pathway be made to the Lower Esplanade from his Ladies Baths to afford easier access both to the baths and the beach.

October, 1867 W Kenney enclosing sample of "coal tar" found at the foot of his bathing Jetty and suggesting its possible usefulness for road making purposes.

June, 1872 Wm. Kenney replying to certain statements by Councillors appearing in the press and asking the Council not to support any application by another party to secure a site for another bathing establishment on the beach.

July, 1873 Dept of Lands & Survey - objection by W Kenney to any site extension being granted to St Kilda Ladies Sea Bathing Co. A copy of this letter is available: HistRec-B38 Baths

October, 1873 Dept of Lands & Survey - two letters advising that Captain Kenney has been given permission to extend his "Bathing Ship" baths on the understanding that he effectively screen them from the pier. Subsequently agreeing to receive a deputation from the Council on this subject and ....

July, 1874 Town Clerk St Kilda reporting on an inspection of Captain Kenney's Bathing Ship baths in the presence of Lands Dept and Harbor officials showing work done which did not conform to sketch plan submitted by Captain Kenney to Dept.

July, 1874 Dept of Lands & Survey - two letters agreeing not to grant permission for Captain Kenney to make alterations or extensions to his "Bathing Ship" baths until the Council's views have been submitted to the Minister.

January, 1890 Dept of Lands & Survey saying the Council's and the ratepayers' objections to any extension of Kenney's Bathing Ship baths will be considered and subsequent correspondence relating to the terms of his lease.

April, 1901 Captain Wm. Kenney - his own complete story of the origin of the bathing ship baths and subsequent events from 1853 to the present (1901).

July, 1913 Newspaper articles on the subject of the Council's proposal to purchase the three baths on the foreshore - Kenney's Ladies Baths, Hegarty's Baths and the St Kilda Baths Pty Ltd structure. The proposal being to demolish Kenney's and Hegarty's baths and to erect a new Ladies Baths utilising portion of Kenney's site. Also Council's plan of the sites and Kenney's [heirs??] plan for a new building.