

STATUES AND BOTANICAL GARDENS HISTORY JG

Police records of correspondence re. Police Paddock (not sighted)

PRO 66 937

p 1 4/4/54 Tract of land 115 acres marked off as Reserve.

p 3 2/56 re Police Paddock

p 3 43/56 re. use of prisoners at Ballarat Gaol

p 6 235/51 re. opening of Police Paddock by Ballarat Council at that place.

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF BALLARAT 13007

Page 50 12/3/1856. Public gardens That the Town Surveyor be requested to report best selection for public gardens and that application be made to the Government to reserve the same.

Page 62 19/3/1856 A letter to P. Baird Esq. requesting him to furnish the Council with a sketch of the most suitable spot within the District for Public Gardens in order that Council may apply to the Government for the same to be reserved (? *Who is P. Baird*)

Page 84 April 1856 Letter to Surveyor general re .Police Paddock to move fence back from road to enable council to have control of the waters of swamp.

Series of letters to enable Council to take road around Lake

Page 100 30/4/1856 A letter from Mr Statham applying to have charge of the manure Depot with power to charge 1/6d per load

Page 143 11/6/1856 Moved by Cr Stewart 2nd. Cr. Bolger - That the report of the Town Surveyor's recommending the site for Public gardens be accepted by Council and the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the District Surveyor on the subject in order to have the consent of the Surveyor general for the same to be reserved for that purpose

Page 308 Council require land to raise the level of the swamp.

Page 314 Letter from Mr Joseph Graham refusing to part with 2 acres of land at the Lake for 140 pounds per acre.

Page 397 Town Surveyor instructed to survey a plan one mile west of Yuille Swamp and that the Government to grant the same for a Commonage for Ballarat.

Pages from 400 - 420 *References to Commonage - areas protected by Council for further use extending for a mile square from Western Border of Lake.*

Herdsmen 1857 Stephen Lingham ? father of John.

Page 613 16/9/1857 Letter on the propriety of applying to the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey and requesting that the round the swamp including the portion fenced in for a Police Paddock may be opened up for traffic (it was) That the Chief commissioner of police be applied to with reference to the opening of the Police paddock and the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey requesting the land extending from the swamp and enquire whether under the circumstances the Government will vote a sum of money to purchase a sufficient quantity of land to allow for the formation of the road.

Page 613 20/9/1857 Letter from the Chief Commissioner of Police with reference to the removal of the fence of the Police Paddock and in answer to the application form from the council stating the subject has been referred to the Superintendent of the Division for his response.

Page 664 28/10/1857 On the propriety of the Council making application to the Commissioner of Crown Lands and survey to reserve for the purpose of a Botanical Gardens for Ballarat the land belonging to the

Police Paddock with such additional area to be included in the Municipal boundary as may be requisite for that purpose Moved by Cr. Sweet, 2nd. Cr Small - That the Commissioner of crown Lands be requested to set aside the present Police paddock for the purpose of a Botanical Gardens for Ballarat with such additional area of land as may be necessary for such an important District

Page 700 2/12/1857 A letter from the Acting surveyor General acknowledging receipt of a presentation from the Council relative to a Botanical Garden site and informing the Council that the resolution will receive due attention.

Page 712 16/12/1857 A letter from the Assistant Surveyor general enclosing tracing of the ground at present occupied as Police Paddock and informing the Council the ground has been reserved as requested for Botanical Gardens.

Memo Check Sept 1859, Page 710 re Government Grant

1863 In 1920, the then Mayor, called for "pioneers" to attend a get together and write in with their reminiscences of early Ballarat. Interesting stories resulted, although much more could have been recorded if they had been properly interviewed in the oral history manner. Two extracts are recorded one relating to the gardens in 1863 and one (see 1868) concerning the Lake.

John Ross arrived in Australia in 1863, then aged 24 and travelled to Ballarat by road. He became Gardener for Craig when Craig moved a four bedroom building from his site in the City to his farm on land between Creswick road and the New Cemetery. I believe this to be the John Ross who became the gardener at the Ballarat Hospital in 1871 and worked there for 55 years, eventually retiring at the age of 86 and dying a short time afterwards. He tended the vegetable garden of the Hospital and also the legendary Rhododendron which was huge and eventually demolished but cut cuttings were distributed in various places round the town. There should also be a John Ross corner at the hospital. See references and pictures in "Sovereign Remedies" by Anthea Hyslop. In his letter he recalls :-

Going to the Botanical Gardens I took a track along the North side of the swamp. What a dismal sight it was to look across this prairie of rushes - no water to be seen owing to the closeness of the growth, the only indication of water about was the awful sound of croaking of frogs and the sight of some Californian pumps were (where) water carters get water to sell at so much a load at Soldiers Hill and the other suburbs round about. Before entering the Garden Reserve by the North Gate where Bishop's Court now is the place was occupied by a man who reared pigs and grew cabbages, very few houses were there on the north side of the Lake and very humble. When going along the Garden Reserve from here there was nothing to show much sign of a garden to be seen. However, I discovered Mr Longley, he was alone engaged in digging a large circular bed in the center of the garden. This bed contained a good collection of herbaceous plants and flowering shrubs and a good specimen of Cupressus Lombeliana planted in the middle. To describe all of the class of plants that I saw would make the paper too lengthy, I will write more about our beautiful gardens and our lovely Lake at some future time if require. John Ross

Whether he ever did or not I don't know. He had been trained on the Duke of Sunderland's Estate at Dunrobin Castle in Scotland and was a foundation member at St Andrews Kirk and the Caledonian and Horticultural Societies.. jg

16/12/1864 Letter from K (?) Vale to Town Clerk that the Treasurer had told him that there was no vote for Botanical Gardens in either Ballarat or Geelong. "If at a late period of the session there be a chance of getting one I shall be happy to rise. I may say that the motions in this matter was helped by Messrs Jones, Dyte and Gillies.

7/7/1865 Letter from Vale re. Botanic Gardens Balance sheet.

31/10/1865 re. Vote for Botanic Gardens for this Borough.

20/11/1866 From Mr Vale (Melbourne) to Town Clerk. I send you herewith some pine seeds also a letter of

promise in relation to supply for next year. Councillors Doanne and McDonald are aware of the however whilst I have.... to..... these seeds to the Gardens.

Box 17 series 200500 Longley ? next?

14/7/1868 Letter from Vale re. Seeds and plants.

21/7/1868 Letter to Town Clerk from Mr V.R. Vale dated 14/7/68 re. seeds and plants forwarded to Botanical Gardens. (G.Longley) ** I have seen Mr (?) Hutchinson who will forward tomorrow to Town Hall a collection of Pine seeds directed to Mr Longley to whom I promised this supply. I propose seeing Dr Mueller as to trees this week. I am, Dear Sir Yrs sincerely V.R. Vale

1/8/71 Letter from the Crown Law Offices to Mayor re. gift of two white cygnets for ornamental pond at the Gardens.

12/8/71 Letter from J.B.Steel - Presbyterian Minister Windermere . Requesting plants from Botanical Gardens.

Box 24 A1

28/7/71 Letter to Ford from Von Mueller re trimming of Gum trees. (Photocopy - J.Burrell)

Letter dated 8/5/1873 (Contained in Box 53 v.i.)

To M L A (*not named jg*) Requests support for a grant of 4,000 pounds to assist in proposed improvements to the Lake - i.e. cleaning of rushes - due to constant supply of decaying vegetable matter which tends to produce a "Malarious" (! jg) atmosphere

City of Ballarat and East Ballarat population - 45,000

9/2/1874 Ballarat Town Hall To the Councillors of the City of Ballarat.

From John Williams. Gentlemen. I regret that in consequence of a rather severe attack of illness I shall be unable to attend the meeting this afternoon. I regret this more for the reason that the expenses etc. of the Botanical Gardens is to be decided on this afternoon. The following may not be out of place. The salaries and wages are as follows

6 men at 36/- per week	
2 boys at 30/- and 20/- respectively	
Mr Longleys salary at 182 pounds per year	886 pounds 12 shillings
Food for Birds 50 pounds	
Materials 40 pounds	
	976 pounds 12 shillings
Gate receipts 13 pounds	
	989 pounds

Included in the sum is the wage of the man employed carting manure from the Cattle Yards to the Gardens - it will take him 3 weeks longer to cart it all. Then his services could be dispensed with. The expenses for feeding birds etc. could be reduced by exchanging or otherwise disposing of some of the Emus as it costs 10/- a week to feed them. Mr Cowe's salary is not included in this as I consider that that should be paid in the Swamp Account. Whatever you decide upon I shall feel it my duty to carry out, what I should be very sorry indeed to see - the improvements on the margin discontinued, especially as the next section is the most important one. As there is a balance of 150 pounds due from the Water Commission and I consider that the tenders for taking care of the other reserves is about 300 pounds less than the estimate these sums would be sufficient to carry on such improvements. I remain, gentlemen, Your obedient servant John Williams.

25th October 1875 CIRCULAR TOWN HALL CITY OF BALLAARAT
(* Contained in Box 53 January 1886)

Sir I am requested by the Council to request that you will be pleased to give publicity, in your

District, to the fact of the City Botanical Gardens, Maze and covered Marquees(the latter capable of holding several hundreds of people) being available to Pic - nic and other parties, on application to the Worshipful the Mayor.

The Botanical Gardens are delightfully situated on the Western margin of Lake Wendouree, which is at present abundantly stocked with fish (English Perch)

The Railway Station is one minute's walk from the Botanical Garden. (** presumably refers to old Station at Wendouree, history repeating itself! jg)

Steamers, Yachts, Fishing and other Boats are constantly for hire.

The whole margin of the Lake has been recently laid out and planted under the professional supervision of Councillor George Smith and Mr George Longley, Curator of the Botanical Gardens, and offers enjoyment to the botanist, the artist and the lover of the picturesque; while the Lake itself presents to the angler and those fond of aquatic recreation and exercises, opportunities for pleasurable pastime scarcely to be met with in any part of the world.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant, Richard Ford, Town Clerk.

(** This was written in 1875- therefore no mention of the zoo)

2500 Box 34.

Letters to Police Dept.

17/4/1876 re. Selling of fruit by hawkers in Botanical Gardens.

26/1/1876 re. Regulations of Cab Rank "to assist Mr Longley"

REQUESTS FOR PIC- NICS

2/3/1876 From Committee of Good Templars

14/3/1876 from Butcher's Employees Association

from Children of the Holy Trinity Sunday School, Sebatapol

7/2 1876 from Children of St Stephen's Sunday School, Clayton St ,Ballarat East

1/2/1876 from William Proctor for Wesleyan Conference

8/3/1876 From Hebrew Congregation Synagogue members

To the Mayor Asking for permission for the use of the Rotunda at the Ballarat Gardens for a picnic to be given to the children attending the Ballarat Hebrew school

G Kull (? jg) 152 Melbourne Rd. p.s. Please tell Mr Longley of the decision.

30/3/76 re. Regulation Council No 10 (?)

5/5/1876 Letter from A Young requesting shelter for prison gang. - Longley has spoken on several occasions but nothing done.

19/2/76 From Rev c G Allenby ,Brown Hill

To His worship the mayor requesting permission for his Sunday Schools to hold their annual pic- nic in the Botanical Gardens next Friday.

? date From G.Bartrop Will you please obtain for me the sanction of the Mayor with a pic - nic ...after in the gardens on the Lake ,after time on Thursday evening, and permission to light a fire in a portable fireplace . It will probably be only a spirit lamp standing in a metal basin but I desire to be strictly following the regulation.

? date from Bradbury re. St Peter's Sunday School.

3/4/1876 From H (?)O'Loughlin To the Gardens Committee

I beg to ask permission to erect a small marquee for the Sale of tea or Coffee on the excursion next Monday at the Gardens.

10/4/1876 From Bradbury for Timber workers picnic.

14/4/1876 From Geo. Smith 44 Armstrong St. Ballarat.
To ?

My dear Sir

Now the New Bye-Laws is in force steps should cetainly be taken to protect our lessees using the Gardens (Mrs O' Loughlin) Could you direct Mr Ford to ask for a policeman or two for Monday and put the law in Force. It really is *to* bad the way O'Loughlin is being treated by the Council after giving us a good for the use of the Gardens.

Yrs faithfully Geo Smith

15/4/1876 From Mrs O'Loughlin, Bridge St. To Mr Ford.

Dear Sir. If I don't get protection on next Monday from the Council in regard to ? fruit pastry etc in the gardens I will make for the Council at present of the remainder of my lease yesterday an police and Mr Longley could do nothing with them Yrs truly Mrs O'Loughlin

(**** Presumably Mrs O'Loughlin had a lease to sell fruit and pastries at the gardens but non-registered individuals were setting up in competition. jg)

24 / 4 / 1876 From J.Stark Licensed Surveyor 27 Talbot St. Ballarat.

To the Mayor and Councillors, City of Ballarat.

Gentlemen. I have the honor herewith (by the advice of His Worship the Mayor) to lay before you a Plan, c/o Lake Wendouree and the Botanical Gardens for sale at the retail price of 15 pounds. A survey of this nature if directly ordered by you, would entail an expenditure of three times the price I have charged as the survey above could not be completed under 3 weeks and the calculations and plans would take three weeks more time besides other contingencies.

The principal points on which I would recommend this plan are 1st the traverse lines which fix accurately the Boundary fence around the lake, *their* being no plan but this one, showing those fences as they now exist. 2nd The areas of the Lake and its margins given separately also the area of the Lake and Gardens Reserve. 3rd As a public record of good taste and energy displayed by the City Council of Ballarat in forming such beautiful gardens and recreation grounds (most of which were formerly a mere waste) for the community at large. I have --etc. John Stark

5/6/1876 To The Mayor

From Ballarat Industrial School

The following extract in the reply of the Inspector of the I and R School to his worship the Mayor re. services of boys to weed in the Botanical Gardens.

" If Mr Mcfarlain can arrange to let boys go he is at liberty to do so. He must send them and bring them back at stated times to and from an appointed place. The employees of the Council must keep the boys under supervision during their employment. They will be charged at the rate of 6d per day per boy. Signed Geo O Duncan Inspector of J V B S"

I have the honor to forward the above extract from the Inspector of Trade Schools for your consideration. I have etc.... P. Macfarlane Supt.

June 1876. Letter from Mark Biddle to the Mayor and Council of the City of Ballarat.

Gentlemen, I have received notice from Mr Longley on Monday last to the effect that my services will not be require in the Ballarat Botanical Gardens after a fortnight from that date. Will you be so kind enough to take my long service under the council into consideration. I have been employed by that body about four years. Your obedient servant Mark Biddle

26/6/1876 To the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Ballarat.

From M O'Loughlin

Gentlemen, I beg to ask permission to transfer to Mr George Gate of Bridge St. the Right to sell

fruit etc in the Botanical Gardens for the remainder of my lease as I am leaving Ballarat, I am gentlemen,
Yr obedient servant M O'Loughlin, 11 Dana St. East.

END OF BOX 34

Feb 1877 Requests for pic nics from Ballarat Sunday Schools

Hebrew school
Albion Foundry
Weslyan Sabbath School
St Johns Church of England School

BOX 37

July 1878 Letter from R. Baker offering an 18 month old Wallaby.

5/7/1878 From William Guilfoyle, Melbourne Botanical Gardens
To Geo Perry Town Clerk.

My dear Sir. Extra pressure of work necessitated a delay re. your plants. I will have them selected, packed and transmitted during next week, say not later than Friday next.

August 1878. From Geo Longley to Mr Perry.

Dear Sir. I did state to you that I had given 100 trees and that was to Mr Stephenson, State Forester and I had from him in return over 100 pieces and *abiesses* ? *yg* without any order from any one. This had been an understanding from the first rules established belonging to this place - to make exchanges with any person. I would have been down had I been able.

5/8/1878 From McDonald and Hughes, Marble and Monumental Works, Creswick Road, Ballarat (opposite the Cemetery) Cnr Bourke and Queen St, Melbourne

To Mr Perry City Clerk

Dear Sir Will you be kind enough to send my inscription for the Marble Tablet to be fixed in the Explorers Monument, Sturt St. as we have been asked how it is not done. Cr Morrison was asking me on Saturday about it. I remain etc McDonald and Hughes.

22/8/1878 To George Perry Town Clerk City of Ballarat
From Zoological Gardens, Calcutta.

I have the honour to inform you that your letter No 379 dated 8th ultimo addressed to the Chairman of the Calcutta Municipality has been forwarded by him to me.

I submitted your letter to the Committee of Management of the Calcutta Zoological Gardens and I am to say that the Committee will be very glad to assist the proposed Zoological Gardens of Ballarat by forwarding Indian mammals in exchange for Australian species of mammals and birds.

The Committee also decided to send at once 2 Camels, 2 Sambar Deer, 2 spotted deer and two hags (?) deer and I was instructed to write to the Calcutta agent of the Peninsular and Orient Steam Company to inform him that we wished to forward these animals to your gardens at the earliest opportunity. I have done this but have not yet received a reply.

I am, Sir etc. John Audeifin

(Letters from Zoological Society of Madras 18/9/1878 re. exchanging animals - P & O refused to transport them !!! PHOTOGRAPHED by Lorraine)

18/9/1878 Letter from John Hickman re. entry in Courier 13/9/78 re. man approaching two little girls to decoy them into the Maze.

27/9/1878 Letter from Secretary of Lands.

In acknowledgement of your letter of 2nd instant I beg to state that the Board of Land and

Works has placed the Public Gardens at Yuilles Swamp near Ballarat (known as the Botanical Gardens) under the control of your Council as a Committee of Management thereof (vide Government Gazette of the 13th idem)

I return herewith the draft Regulations for management of the Gardens attended to above, to which, as amended, there appears to be no objection and have to request that two (2) fair copies thereof may be forwarded for submission to the Board of Land and Works

24/10/1878 To Lake Gardens Committee, Ballarat.

With a view to ensure success in breeding blackbirds and thrushes at Botanical Gardens I would suggest that one half of those in confinement should be immediately liberated. Yrs faithfully,
H.D.Cane

28/10/78 To the Mayor and Councillors

Gentlemen. I take the liberty of forwarding an Iguana for the Mayor and Councillors acceptance for the Gardens. I remain etc. Robert Clarke

13/11/1878 From Fred Guyatt, Berringa, offering a large Eagle Hawk with 7 ft wingspan and asking what price the City will pay (some hope! jg)

To The Mayor and Councillors from John Johnston requesting permission for a Merry Go Round on Christmas Day.

1/11/1878 Letter from Office of Lands and Survey re. regulations framed by Council re Management of Ballarat Botanical Gardens saying that it proposed to insert "all dogs will be liable to be destroyed."

26/11/78

from Office of Lands and Survey.

Sir. Referring to your letter of the 8th instant I beg to intimate that the regulation formed by your Council for the care, protection and management of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens have been made by the Board of Lands and Works in pursuance of Section 108 of the Land Act 1869.

The regulations (duplicate of which is enclosed) have been published in the Government Gazette of the 22nd instant (22/11/1878) should now be posted in some prominent place in the Reserve (vide Section 108)

I ametc. Secretary for Lands.

28/11/1878 From Hon. Sec Zoological and Acclimatization Society's Office. 69 Temple Court, Melbourne
To George Perry

Dear Sir We do not require the fox you are good enough to offer in exchange having one already in the Garden. We have only one female swan which cannot possibly be spared - had the Society a spare one you should have had it with pleasure. I think Sir Samuel Wilson has some cygnets this year at Ercildoune - perhaps he may be able to help you in the matter. Yrs etc. Albert Le Soef.

30/11/1878 From Von Mueller re. John King's death.

In reply to your letter, I beg to inform you that Mr John King, the companion of Burke and Wills in their expedition, died 15th January 1872 at Ottavia St, St Kilda. Excuse the delay of several days in my reply, but I was only recovering from a severe illness when your letter arrived, and did myself not recalling the precise day of the death of the faithful and brave man. I obtained, however, the exact date and place of his death from the records of the Magistrate General's Department through Mr R. Hayter. Yrs etc Von Muller.

19/12/1878 Presbyterian Sabbath school re picnic in Gardens.

12/12/1878 From Percy Morehouse, Sec. Ballarat City Fire Brigade.

To George Perry

Sir I am instructed to notify you that the application of the City Council for "Old Hose" has been complied with and the hose forwarded to Botanical Gardens

1879 distribution of parks and land votes.

List of "Pro Rata Distribution Parks and Gardens Vote 1878 - 1879

Lists amount of claim of Municipalities including Ballarat, Creswick Buninyong, Daylesford etc. (All reduced by 15% !! jg)

25/2/1879

Letter from Police Inspector re. hawking of fruit and other wares in the Reserve advising that this will be stopped.

30/6/1879

Letter from Police Inspector James Babington acknowledging reward of 2 pounds to Constable Hickey for obtaining conviction of a lad for throwing stones at a native bear in the Botanic Gardens.

21/3/1883 From James Orr The union Bank of Australia Ltd.

Dear Sir. I am getting an alligator from Port Darwin which I intend as an addition to your zoological collection. It should reach here in a few days and I shall be glad to know whether you will accept the contribution.

See Monograph "Mr Orr's Alligator" jg

23/3/1883 To A Le Soef 69 Temple .. Melbourne

Dear Sir, By the O.S. "Bowen" is now near arrived this a.m. an alligator from Port Darwin intended for our Gardens. But as we have no fit ... of providing for such an arrival I am directed to offer it to your Society in the hope that, if ... kindly have some exchange ... in your time Yrs etc. *probably to arrive in a container*

27/3/1883 From Albert Le Souef. Director. 69 Temple Court, Melbourne

Dera Sir. I went to visit the Bowen directly I got your letter but found that the crocodile had already been taken ashore. I then went to the Railway Station to ascertain if it had left for Ballarat but could find nothing about it. I went again to the afternoon train with like results. I think it therefore better to let you know.

Notation... Mr Orr would suggest a short advertisement in the "missing" column of the Argus - returned name of some Melbourne gentleman to be inserted - if the Captain, stewards or agents give no information.

28/3/1883 To Mr Le Soef. Director Royal Park

From Geo Perry Dear Sir I have advised (*advertised*) in Argus and Age for the passenger who had charge of the alligator to inform you where it is placed.

29/3/1883 From James Orr. Union Bank of Australia To Town Clerk

Dear Sir Mr Alfred Wooley of Melbourne will inform your correspondent where the alligator may be found.

30/3/1883 from A. Le Soef, Royal Park Director

To Mr Perry Dear Sir . I have applied to the office of A Morley and Co and heard that the crocodile is somewhere in Landridge. I am however, too busy to go hunting about for it. I have written to a bird dealer in Landridge with whom I sometimes deal and asked him to try and find out where it is, if he cannot, I must give it up.

4/4/1883 To G.Perry from Albert Le Soef Director Royal Park. Dear Sir, I have got the crocodile, it was sent to the ? *Gardens* a few days ago - it is a small specimen and does not seem very lively at present, Yours faithfully.

21/4/1883 Letter from Rev. Mother ,Loretto Convent asking Mr Claxton to give another order to get more shrubs, trees, clematis and a few other plants from the Gardens.

5/5/1883 Letter from George Walker , 38 Talbot St. South

To the City Council. I, George Walker, hereby offer to cart four hundred loads of soil from Sturt St to Botanical Gardens for one shilling and twopence a load 1/2 "Accepted" (I am unsure whether this means soil or night-soil and suspect the latter as far as I can surmise the night soil was held in Victoria Park jg)

15/6/1883 Request from Ellis Richards, Welsh Presbyterian Church at Sebastapol for young trees to plant in Church Reserve.

18/6/1883 Request from L Whyte, Head Teacher Redan State School no 1289 for 20 gums, 2 Pies and three English trees for planting.

3/12/1883 Letter to the Town Clerk from Robert Walker submitting a plan for "a fountain suitable for Public or other Garden" and submitting detailed description of the structure and materials to be used.

** ? Was this ever taken up. I don't think so. (j.g)

BOX 50

3/3/1884 Letter from George Longley re. flooding of Bishops Court to assist recovery of plants.

17/6/1884 Memo from G. Longley to obtain twine for plants at the beginning of the Alfred Hall.

Undated ? April 1884

To the Mayor and Lake and Garden sub Committee From George Longley

Gentlemen. Being requested to report on the scarcity of night soil on hand at present there is about 80 loads of last year prepared and this season up to the present time about 50. Now, should the Council think of discontinuing this place as a depot for the N soil I would suggest that the manure on hand be kept for there is the present now Shelter houses which will take about 30 loads and the trenching on the Western bed for line force (? jg) will take some 50 loads so there would not leave much on hand. I have the honor etc.

11/2/1884 To Mr Perry from Geo Longley

Dear Sir. There is a quantity of fencing in the park which was put up as an inner fence to protect a belt of trees that was planted some years ago which is now being pulled down and a quantity of it being stolen, by permission I will take the remainder of it down and cart it over to the Garden. Yrs etc. G.L.

? date (Feb 1884) To Mr Perry from G.Longley

Dear Sir. I have just received a letter from a young gentleman from N.Z. who have sent a crate of ferns - will you please forward this receipt to the Comp (?) so as to arrange them coming up here.

3/3/1884 From George Longley re. flooding of a portion of the gardens at Bishop's Court to assist the recovery of plants.

9/5/1884 To Mr Perry. From George Longley

Dear Sir I suppose that the statues are all to be covered as they are erected - it will take ?... to each. - Ferns respecting them the party up here from Gippsland and his price delivered at the City Sidings is 8/- per plan ,4 18 - 20 feet long one 24 feet 30 from 4 - 9 feet. The tall ones are worth 1/- per foot the distance they are to bring if the Mayor thinks well of it will you please let me know by the boy - as it will take all our time to get them by the 24.

Undated Probably June 1884. To the mayor From George Longley

Mr Mayor I have received the number of ferns I spoke to you 35 which are very fine that is the tall ones. Mr Lyach, the bearer of this supplied them - he has a (? number) more lying at the City (? sidings) if you think to take more we have plenty of room for them. Your humble servant G.Longley.

17/6/1884 Memo from G. Longley to obtain twine for the plants at the beginning of the Alfred Hall.

9/7/1884 To the Mayor and Members of the Lake and Gardens Committee. From George Longley.
Gentlemen. At your request to report my opinion as to the opening of the fernery to the public at 10 o'clock a.m. First, I am not of any public place in the Colony as this place. Melbourne hours in the Botanic are from 2 p.m. to 4 and only on certain days in the week, Geelong from 2 until 5. There is a certain amount of work to do in the morning which is not at all convenient to get about when the people are and for Strangers (? jg) the place has always been accessible. To open it at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning will necessitate two more men to watch for in this large place, one man is very little use. I am, etc. G Longley, Curator.

20/8/1884 To members of the Lake and Gardens Committee
From George Longley Botanic Gardens.

Gentlemen. Seeing that the Council is about to negotiate with Mr Hunter to take the night soil to form a depot outside, now, if I may be allowed to express my opinion, the Council has a park of some 320 acres and from time to time there has been a considerable sum spent upon it and nothing to the purpose after all. What I would suggest at present is the following. The entrance at a main Avenue leading from Sturt St. extending 350 yards with a curve road 33 feet wide. Plenty of quartz close at hand then commence a trench on each side and deposit the soil 33 feet wide which would be making a border for two lines of gums and when complete with one row of shrubs this would be preparing the ground to grow anything and by this time next year you could plant 1000 trees which in a very short time give shelter to one of the bleakest coldest places in the neighborhood. The expense could not be much more, and it would be reclaiming one of the most prominent places in the City but now as a brown waste hoping that the Council consider this before they allow the manure to go from there. I have the honor to be etc

(See diagram below jg)

? August 1884 To Mr Wood from Geo. Longley.

Dear Sir The shaft of the Tar Dray is broken and the other one do not look very safe, so if you will give Davis two pieces 6x3x12 our carpenter shall put them in if you have a small router you could lend me for two or three days I would be obliged.

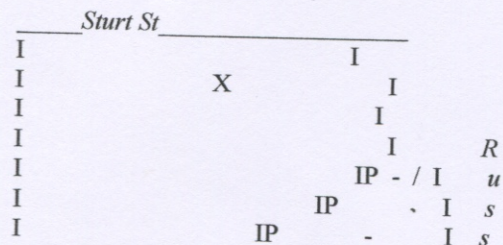
August 1884. To Mr Perry from G. Longley

Dear Sir. I write to inform you that Williams eyes are still very bad, yesterday he had two leeches upon them - he desired me to acknowledge your kindness to him in obtaining his wages at the same time he thinks to prevent any unpleasantness' he would rather his wages be discontinued as the likelihood of his returning to work is very uncertain for some time yet to come. Yrs etc.

? August 1884 To Mr Perry From George Longley.

Dear Sir Will the men receive their wages on Wednesday so that I can send the book down tomorrow. Please give an order for two buckets for the Closets

Two men re a View Point today and will continue until Wednesday evening - my judgment would be 6 days instead of two there is more than 200 loads to be removed.



** Longley's proposal IP

? Presumably this represents Victoria Park as

we now know it. I think that X marks the area where the night soil was stored for a year

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 Sturt St. Winter St

before being carted back to the gardens.

** Actually, on review of later maps I think this plan is
 upside down so that Sturt St is at the top, Gillies St on
 on the left, Winter St at the bottom and Russell St
 on the right so that the night soil storage
 would have been in the bottom left hand corner.

15/8/1884 To the Mayor from Mark Biddle

Dear Sir Having been in the service of the City Council for nearly 14 years and one of the oldest employees at the Botanical Gardens I ask you to do me a favour by increasing my wages from 6 to 7 shillings per day. I shall feel grateful for your further consideration.

September 1884 City Treasurer's Financial Statement for the month contains item "Recoup Statue" 112 - 10 - 10 (? which one jg)

6/9/1884 To Mr Perry from G. Longley Would you please give (?) Becnen an order for pots, Twine and wire

Pots 1 dozen 12 Inch
 2 doz 9 inch
 2 dozen 8 inch
 3 dozen 6 inch
 1/2 yard of thin mesh wire for the trout
 Twine 250 yards strong.
 fine, for wrapping, 8 balls.

BOX 53

8/5/1873. To MLA (not named) from Town Hall, Ballarat requesting support for a grant of 4000 pounds to assist in proposed improvements to the Lake, i.e. clearing of weeds - due to constant supply of decaying vegetable matter which tends to promote a malarious atmosphere.
 City of Ballarat population 45,000

* Contains Circular dated 25th October 1875 headed TOWN HALL CITY OF BALLAARAT

Sir. I am directed by the Council to request that you will be pleased to give publicity in your district to the fact of the City Botanical Gardens, Maze and Covered Marquees (the latter capable of holding several hundreds of people) being available to Pic-nic .and other parties on application to the worshipful, the Mayor.

The Botanical Gardens are delightfully situated on the Western margin of Lake Wendouree which is at present abundantly stocked with fish (English Perch).

The railway station is one minute's walk from the Botanical Garden. (presumably the old Wendouree station. jg)

Steamers, yachts fishing boats and other boats are constantly for hire.

The whole margin of the Lake has been recently laid out and planted under the supervision of Councillor George Smith and Mr George Longley, Curator of the Botanical Gardens, and offers enjoyment of the botanist, the artist and the lover of the picturesque : while the Lake itself presents to the angler and those fond of aquatic recreation and exercises, opportunities for pleasurable pastime scarcely to be met with in any part of the world.

Your obedient servant Richard Ford Town Clerk

(Note this was written in 1875 - no mention of Zoo. jg)

* Letter dated 8/5/1873 to MLA re grant v.s.

March 1883 From Town Clerk
 To James Orr.

Dear Sir. The Mayor has directed me to acknowledge your of this date offering an alligator to the Gardens.

We once had one but the climate proved too severe and it soon died.

The Mayor suggests that if you would kindly let the Melbourne Society have it then this Council may ... (arrange / jg)... exchange of birds or similar suited to this locality.

2/4/1886 Receipt of Meteorological observations made at the Botanical Gardens for February

15/4/1886 Telegram to F. M. Claxton Sturt St. from C.C.Shoppee. Please get me excused from meeting. I have seen gates - they would suit Gardens well.

8/7/1886 To Town Clerk, Ballarat. From Secretary for Lands - Victoria.

Sir. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th Instant and, in reply, to inform your Council that it has not the power to lease any portion of the Botanic and Public Gardens for any purpose. Reference is invited to the provisions of the Crown Grant. I have etc.....

Report of Local Board of health for year ending 31st.ember 1886 includes : -

Botanical Gardens 202 acres

Site of Manure Depot - at Botanical Gardens

28/10/1886 Telegram From Joseph Allen, Birrengurra To the Mayor
Can you do with five foxes for Gardens ? Reply Winchelsea.

January 1887

To Mr Longley

From James Oddie.

Dear Sir. By the steamer which leaves here on Thursday Jan 6th I propose sending you down 2 dozen Goldfinches in two cages of a dozen each to let loose in the Gardens. They will be sent in charge of Boots and he will send on a telegram to say that they have passed on by train. You had better arrange with Mr Gullock and Co. to take charge of them with a view to making sure about them and if they turn up early Boots will be instructed to give them to the Company. Would a consignment of Skylarks and Starlings be of any use to you as there are plenty here. It is possible that 2 or 3 may die on the way. The Gullock people might get me an explanation (if any) write and see how the things come but there is no need to return the cages. We are safely here and enjoying the change of climate after a fair passage. Yrs faithfully....

12/1/1887 From Broadbent Bro. and Co. Melbourne

Birds for Ballarat

Re. One cage birds ex "Waihora" a/c Mr Longley, Botanical Gardens, Ballarat. Forwarded per passenger train @ 11 - 10 a.m. The Lamp Trimmer in whose charge the birds were states that the received 24 birds at Dunedin but three died on the voyage. Broadbent Bros.

13/1/1887 Docket. 1 Case Singing Birds ex Waihora

18/1/1887 To George Longley Curator Botanic Gardens Ballarat.
From Gibbs, Bright and Co.

Dear Sir. Enclosed herewith we beg to have your note of charges on 3 pcks plants to arrive on "Duke of Argyll" Shipped by Messrs Watson and Scull, London. Kindly remit us amount of charges and entrust one of the carriers to call on us B/L for delivery Yrs faithfully, Gibbs Bright and Co. 36 Flinders Lane West, Melbourne.

9/2/1887 To Curator of Botanical Gardens, Ballarat

From Gibbs, Bright and Co.

Dear Sir. We beg to remind you that you have not replied to our letter of 18th ult. with reference to 3 cases of plants from Messrs Watson and Seull and "Duke of Argyll" the charge on which comes to 11 pounds six shillings and eightpence. The goods are lying on the shelf and may be moved to Queen's Warehouse where heavy expenses will occur unless the goods are removed at once Yrs faithfully ...
11/2 1887 To Mr Thompson, Mayor Ballarat

From V. Richards, General Merchant, Hall of Commerce, Clunes.
Requesting use of Rotunda and Botanical Gardens for pic-nic 24/2/87

12/2/1887 To Town Clerk From Gibbs Bright and Co.

Dear Sir. We are much surprised to receive your letter yesterday evidently blaming us for neglect in not forwarding plants ex "Duke of Argyll". In our letter from Messrs Watson Sewell we are instructed to forward the goods to Mr Geo Longley, Curator of the Botanic Gardens, Ballarat, your name not being mentioned. We wrote to Mr Longley a day before the arrival of the plants and did not receive any reply whatsoever but thinking that the letter had miscarried, wrote again. Will you kindly ask Mr Longley whether he received our letter of 18th Jan and advise us, as if he did not we shall have to trace it with the P.O. offices. On receipt of your first letter we thought you would arrange with one of the carriers to take delivery of the goods here and deliver them at the Gardens which would have saved expense and time. If we had been instructed to write to you instead of Mr. Longley we should have done so. We have acted on your telegram of yesterday, the goods were sent tot the Railway this morning for delivery at the Ballarat Station. We enclose amended charges amount 12 pounds nineteen shillings and eightpence, cheque for which please remit by return. Yrs faithfully
(Goods were sent from London. What a balls up, George! jg)

18/2/1887 Lord and Lady Huntley visited the Gardens.

(Rider and Mercer, Commercial Club, Lydiard St Nth Lithographers and General Printers.)

25/2 1887 Letter from the Bishop of Ballarat for use of City hall for Diocesan Assembly 19/20/21 and 22nd April 1888 (which Claxton attended. See Claxton Document. jg)

7/3/87 From William Cates (?) Raglan St. Alfredton
To Council - His Worship the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Ballarat.

Gentlemen. Having been as I consider, unfairly suspended by Mr Longley on Saturday last by the instigation of Mr Williams, and as the matter will, I presume, be referred to the Lake and Gardens Committee, as an old employee of the Council for 16 years I trust that I may be heard before the Committee that I may give my explanation as to the cause of the matter. I remain etc..

10/3/1887 The above was followed by a long letter of explanation from William Cates presumably as he had been asked to put his case in writing. Essentially it appears that there was an altercation between Williams and Cates during the digging of trenches in the rain during which Cates had been swearing and stirring up trouble with the other men. Longley then intervened and suspended Cates for 2 weeks.

21/3/87 Ballarat

Dear Mr Perry. Please to arrange with the Mayor to receive a deputation of three this afternoon. We want to announce to the Council our intention with respect to the bequest of J Russell Thompson for Statuary at the Gardens. Yrs. Truly, J Noble Wilson

1/4/1887 From Charles Bills. Dunedin
To Town Clerk Ballarat

Dear Sir. Mr Oddie wished me to write to you and enclose account of birds which i hope will reach you all right. Mr Bills guarantees the no. paid for so you will please let me know how many you receive and i

will get the no., if any, sent to you afterwards, I will be pleased to render you any assistance in this direction I am yours truly F.L Clinton, Coal Merchant, Dunedin. (*Addendum*) in haste, the Birds were forwarded yesterday.

Order from James Oddie March 27 1887

2 dozen STARLINGS)
2 dozen SKYLARKS) 5 Pounds complete.
2 Cages complete)

Delivered to Ballarat City Corporation, Melbourne.
(see "Ballard Birds" separate item. jg)

Undated ? May 1887 From R. Beeson
To Mayor and Councillors.

Gentlemen. I beg to bring to your attention to what appears to me the unseemly discharge of George Gray from his employment at the Botanical Gardens. He, having been employed by Mr Longley as a man who quite understood the Department to which he was assigned. He was dismissed during Mr. Longley's absence and feels very much aggrieved at this sudden action especially as he had left a situation for this engagement. May this please find a consideration at the hands of your honourable body. I remain etc, R. Beeson Market Square.

17/5/1887 *Request to the Mayor from Archdeacon Allanby for English and other trees from the Botanical Gardens for planting in Church grounds in Musk (20) and Warenheip (60)*

20/5/1887 *Letter of thanks from Archdeacon Allenby for trees send to the Clergy Rest in Portland.*

23/5/1887/ May 23rd 5647 *Letter from T.H. Thompson, Hebrew Congregation, Synagogue Chambers - requesting flowers and green stuff from the Gardens..*

26/5/1887 From William Little (Councillor)

To the Council :- That the Council authorise a moderate expenditure to renovate the Burke and Wills Monument, also to protect it by palisade of barbs or otherwise make it more presentable before Jubilee Day

10/6/1887 *Letter from Archdeacon Aleenby who has not yet received the trees he asked for for Warrenheip and Musk.. (He'd been kept waiting 3 weeks- all he asked for was 80 in all !! jg)*

June 1887. From Samuel E. Moore

To H. Thompson Esq. Mayor

Dear Sir. Will you be so kind as to allow me to go to the Gardens today with my Galvanic Machine - you did promise me to extend the times. There is a large picnic there today from Geelong and Clunes.

*** (*Galvani - Italian Physiologist 1737 - 1798. In 1766 he initiated the study of electro physiology and researched the relation of animal muscle to electricity " Galvanism " and developed the "Galvanometer ".*

Galvanism is a term used to describe the alleviation of disease by means of an interrupted flow of electricity from batteries or an electrical supply. Electrodes may be moistened to improve the non resistance of skin, the paddles being protected by absorbent material. It is unlikely that Mr Moore was using his machine as a medical therapy but rather as a source of amusement as most of us experienced in the past with those little machines that when you held the paddles tingling was produced and muscle contractions as the handle was turned. Still used by Physios to stimulate muscle recovery. jg)

11/6/1887 Presentation of bust of Queen Victoria to the Mayor and Council

11/6/1887 From J.M. Birkett Hon. Sec./ W.M. Acheson. Mining Board office, Ballarat

To His worship the mayor

Sir. We are instructed by the Executive of the Tom Moore Statue Committee to request that your Council will be pleased to receive a deputation at its next meeting to request a sits for the memorial to Moore. We have etc.

20/6/1887 To Mr Perry

From Quayle and Williams. Railway Contractors and General Builders.

Sir. Having agreed with Mr Woods, Inspector of Works leave the sum of 5 Pounds with the Council as a guarantee that we will remove any green battens used on roof of extension to fernery that may prove to be defective by the 1st. of February 1888 and replace same with new ones, we hereby authorise you to deduct the above deposit from our final payment. The work being completed within a specified time (with the exception of painting which will be attended to as soon as the weather proves favourable) we trust that you will return our deposit. yrs. faithfully

23/6/1887 From Councillor Claxton - Notice of Motion :-

That, as an appropriate finale to the Jubilee Celebrations a statue of Her Majesty the Queen be erected on the site opposite the Town Hall :- and, in order to raise the funds necessary and, in order that every man, woman and child may have the opportunity for subscribing thereto - a shilling subscription list be at once opened - that the Mayor and Councillors together with the Chief Officers and secretaries of all the Friends and other Societies and Associations and Public Institutions be appointed Collectors and that the City Treasurer be appointed Hon. Treasurer of the Fund.

30/6/1887 Document re. " The Queen's Fund " - > 2971 = 12 = 9 Pounds

20/7/1887 From Walter Cornell Wholesale and Retail Druggist Sturt St
To the Mayor and Council of the City of Ballarat

Gentlemen, I have in my property in Webster St (on the site formerly known as Johnson's Nursery) a large Araucaria tree, one of the first specimens in Ballarat. I shall be pleased to present it to the Council provided they will undertake the cost of removing it. I am etc, Walter Cornell..

16/8/1887 From J.Noble Wilson

To Geo Perry.

Dear Mr Perry. Mr Nevett and I will be glad to wait upon the Mayor on Friday if he will fix a time for us to accompany him to the Gardens. I will also let Mr Stoddart know of the day if you will let him know the hour you fix for the visit.

22/8/1887 Drom J.D.Wopolcott Sec Ballarat Stock Exchange

To the Mayor and Councillors of Ballarat City. Gentlemen, I have the honour to forward herewith on behalf of the Ballarat Stock Exchange, a cheque for 25 Pounds in aid of the fund for erecting a statue to her majesty the Queen.

7/9/1887 From J.Noble Wilson.

To Geo. Perry.

Dear Sir. I thank you for yours of 20th last arrived this morning and in reply I beg to ask you to return to the Mayor and Councillors the best thanks of my Co- Trustee and myself for the ready manner they have offered their aid in making effective arrangements for fixing the Thomson bequest of the Statuary.

Mr Summers is in Sydney. Before he went he gave to his Worship the Mayor the dimensions of the base of the group " The Flight from Pompeii" but I daresay His Worship failed , as I did, to commit the measurement to paper. Hence I shall have to write to Mr Summers (which I shall do today) for the size of the Base to enable you r Council to direct that the necessary stone be procured.

I quite agree with your Council delaying any part of the business until you have the dimensions accurately before you, and, as all you will have to provide will be a concrete bed and one block of granite I presume in 2 or 3 weeks will suffice for that.

I think you might order the trees to be cut down and the walkby to be planned but, beyond that we do not see how you can proceed - nor, indeed, do we wish it. It is sufficient for the Trustees to know that you are in sympathy with the object and they certainly do not want to hurry the Council into something inefficient and hurried arrangements, so long as the work is well prepared before the Christmas holiday.

LIST OF TENDERS FOR STATUARY PAVILION. BOTANICAL GARDENS 1887

NAME	PAINTER	IRONWORKS	CARPENTER	PLUMBER	MASON	TILES ***
Kift Whitelaw	104-18					
and Co						
I Donaldson	106					
Stansfields	123-14					
Brush Co.						
John White		175				
Blomeley Bros.		195				
Taylor and			76			
Ellis						
W.Robertson			78			
101						G.Gates
Tweeddale and				35		
Clythesdale						
Ellesmore and				37		
Hare						
R.Ramsay				42-10		
I Barraow					40	Whitelaw and
Atkinson					46	
D.Brown					48	
Darby and						
Boswarrick					46-12	

*** Tiles Laying labour only - Cartwells Tiles 4/6/per yard
Supplying and laying tiles 19/- per yard.

From T. Molloy, Architect.

8/10/1887 From Andrew Berry, Registrar, School of Mines, Ballarat
To Geo Perry

Sir A live porcupine presented by Mr S. Tibbits has been received at the school this morning from Colac. Having already several stuffed specimens in the Museum we should have much pleasure in handing this over to the city council, if acceptable, for exhibition in the Botanical Gardens collection,

13/10/1887

From H Wettenbach, Secretary, German Association, Phoenix Hotel, Ballarat..

Sir. In answer to your circular re. procuring a statue of the Queen for Ballarat I am directed to ask you to forward a subscription list which will be laid out at the room for the Association. Yrs respectfully, H Wellenbach.

(She was, after all, of the House of Hanover and the Kaiser was her nephew jg)

2/11/1887 Letter from Sir W.J.Clarke thanking the Mayor for the "Jubilee Sketch of Ballarat"

14/10/1887

From Charles F. Summers Scott's Hotel, Melbourne
To George Perry Esq. Ballarat.

My dear Sir. In answer to your letter received this morning I quite agree with you about having the pavement raised above the walk by two steps.

The height of the group is 7 ft 9 inches, pedestal 3 ft 1 inch and granite box 1 foot but should it still be your intention to place the shells round the box then let the granite box be 1 ft 6 inches above the level of the pavement. This would make the total height of the group either 11 ft 10 inches or 12 feet 4 inches. The entire height of the small figures is 8 feet.

With regard to any suggestions about the columns at the corners I am afraid that it would not look well. I leave for Sydney on Monday afternoon and should you desire to communicate with me any further on the subject my address after Monday will be Petty's Hotel, Sydney.

With kind regards etc. Charles F. Summers

31/10/1887 From W.E.Gribble Col. Mutual Chambers, Lydiard St. Ballarat
To City Councillors

Gentlemen, I have the honor to submit plans for covering Statuary at Botanical Gardens, Ballarat for the estimate cost of about 450 pounds. In the event of me obtaining the work, Messrs James and Pyke to whom I am articulated would take every precaution to see that the works were carried out properly. If the cost of the design is more than you intended spending, it may be reduced in various ways. Yrs truly W.E.Gribble

29/10/1887 To the mayor and Lake gardens Committee
From John Isaac Williams Botanic Gardens

Gentlemen It being my intention to apply for the position at the State Nurseries now vacant through the death of the late Mr Ferguson. It will be necessary for me to have a reference from the Ballarat City Council which I hope you will be kind enough to grant. I am etc. (*I don't think he got it jg*)

4/11/1887 re. Housing for Statues
To Chairman and Members, Public Works Committee, Ballarat City
From Theodore E. Molloy Architect.

Gentlemen. As I requested I beg to inform you that I estimate the building raised 1 foot with Iron roof and Plate glass sides as agreed upon at 65 pounds additional or total of 445 pounds. I have theTheodore Molloy.

*** Pencil note (? later) Original estimate 380 , one foot extra 65, marble floor 75 ...520. jg*

1887 - 1888 PUBLIC PARKS and GARDENS

Regulations in connection with the vote of 9,500 Pounds for fencing and improving Public Parks and Gardens under the control of Borough Councils, Trustees, Boards of Management etc. Claim for same on the basis of 1 pound (? paid) in 1887 from its own funds

31/1/1888 From Thomas Lavender, Secretary Centennial International Exhibition to George Perry requesting cuttings that might be suitable for the Exhibition Gardens.

7/2/1888. From Thomas Lavender, Secretary, Centennial International Exhibition, Melbourne.

To Geo Perry Town Clerk. Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 6th inst and beg to thank you for your kind offer to contribute cuttings for the Exhibition Gardens. The Gardener (Mr Campbell) has accordingly been instructed to call upon you, I am Sir etc.

8118/p/0001 UNIT 5

230 April 1st. Letter from Council to Thomas Stoddart.

Dear Sir. The Trustees of the late Mr Russell Thompson having detected a site for the Statue of "Wallace" which is now occupied by "Leda" onegift I am directed to enquire if your consent in the removal of "Leda" to make room for the other and, if so, will you kindly select a site to which you would like "Leda" to be re- erected.

342/342 Letters to Percival Ball, Thomas Stoddart and J Noble Wilson re Photos of Trustees of Thompson bequest.

454 Letter to Noble Wilson - City Council concurs in the location of the site of the Claxton Memorial Fountain at the East front of the Fernery and directions have already been given to prepare the...

623 Letter to Noble Wilson - Council accepting the responsibility for the plaques placed in the Statuary Pavilion.

18/4/1888 To the Mayor and Councillors, City of Ballarat
From A.R.Hall East Prahran.

Letter expressing dismay at learning of the death of F.W.Claxton and enclosing a poem "in Memoriam" (*full copy in separate item re Claxton. jg*)

23/9/1888 Memo to Contable MaPhee. Please notice to the Culprits whom you detected of flowers at the Botanic Gardens to appear before the Finance Committee of the City Council on Thursday, October 1st that the Councillors may hear what they have to say for themselves prior to prosecution.

19/10/ 1888 To Cr Shoppee The Mayor has pleasure in granting you permission to ride a bicycle around the inner Lake margin prior to 8 o'clock a.m. (*It's always a question of "who you know !!! jg*)

14/11/1888 From John Reid, Lydiard St. To Geo Perry

Sir, I the undersigned, agree to give the sum of 61 pounds per annum for the sole right of leasing of the Refreshment Stalls at the Botanical gardens for the ensuing three years.

6/2/1889 From F.W.Commons Sculptor
To Mr Perry

Dear Sir Will you kindly arrange to call and see the bust of the late F.M.Claxton which is now awaiting your favour. I have etc.

It takes a considerable amount of labour to keep the clay moist especially on warm days as early as convenient therefore will oblige.

November 1889 Ballarat. Circular from J. Noble Wilson , Geo Perry H.A.Nevett

Dear Sir., We, the Committee appointed to expend the funds collected for the Claxton Memorial, beg to request your attendance at the Botanical Gardens on Friday the 22nd inst. at 4 - 30 p.m. when we will give an account of the manner the Trust has been carried out and hand over the fountain and bust of Mr Claxton, now erected in the Gardens to the Mayor and Corporation as Trustees for the public. We are etc.

1889 A list of tools and other requisites for the year 1890 prepared by Gorge Longley for 1890. An extensive list of some 70 items. It includes 3 bottles of Fowlers Insecticide, 56 lbs of white lead, 5 gallons of boiled oil, 4 mousetraps, 40 lbs whiting, 1 cwt. pyrites paint, 1 gallon of castor oil, 1 gallon of Neatsfoot oil (for horse) and 3 buckets for closet.

16/11/1889 To the Mayor and members of the Lake and Gardens Committee
From George Longley.

Gentlemen. In laying before you a statement of the principle works that have been executed during the past 12 months which have been neither larger nor yet very expensive - I thought it better to reduce the labour in one place if even it had to be extended in others. The borders in the old portion of the garden have been reduced in width which certainly a saving in labour.

Fernery - not much change here except the addition of Rock and Corkwork which certainly is an improvement with the Aquarium though small yet there is room for an addition, also hoping it will not be long, then the addition of those big Gums ornamental if not useful and now by the Lake margin there is a dangerous and ugly place this is the third year that weeds have been deposited and if we double that time it will not be filled so as to make a lawn of it. I would suggest that it be filled with *reef*? from the City Claim. Then there are those gates at the Lodge entrance. To carry out any extent of carpet bedding it will be necessary to make a small pit for protecting it during the winter - and very little of it will stand our winter which would not be expensive.

Trees and shrubs distributed	2747	
Street planting	142	
Privet	153	
Fish distribution	4,000 trout, 5,000 put in Lake	!014 Perch trout ova Geelong
22,000		
72 Carp		
62 Tench	Sydney Exhibition	

Probable expenditure without adjusment for the year 1889 - 1900 :-

Garden Wages	1669 pounds	
Our salary	200 pounds	
Night soil	396 pounds - 8 shillings	
Tools	20 Pounds	
Pots	10 pounds	
Blacksmith work	10 pounds	
Horse feed	24 pounds	
Paint and oil	6 pounds	
Flower seed	10 pounds	
Zoological	40 pounds	
		TOTAL 2,385 pounds - 8 shillings

The call for flowers are on the increase each year - over 700 bouquets.

Picnics 72 - from 50 to 900 each, not including Christmas, boxing day and New years Day.

A Chaff cutter we might be able top reduce about one half of the amount for horse feed.

I have the honor etc. George Longley

25/1/1890 From Geo Longley To the Mayor

With reference to the brick arch presented to Council for the Gardens to be placed where they should think proper the entrance to the Maze was suggested by one or two of our men commenced the work of erecting it and as well as knowing the builder polling (?) at the time said it could not be so fixed up on the brick work would collapse when the plants were withdrawn and so it did - our men corrected the present arch, it was wholly done by them and is perfectly safe - the men are in the regular employ of the Council and I did not see the necessity of employing any outsiders to do it. I have the ..etc

BOX 64

1/2/ 1890 From Charles Summers, 53 B Via Margetta Rome

Dear Mr Wilson. I have this afternoon forwarded to the P and O Agent, Brindisi, a wooden cage cont. 4 swans I promised to try and get from the Pincian hill for the Lake at your beautiful gardens. I hope

they will reach you safely. They are 8 months old not yet completely changed to their adult plumage. If, when you have any black swans to spare you could send me four I would give them to the Gardens here. Yrs etc. (*Pencilled note "Black ones sent on the "Carthage"*)

18/2/1890 Letter from J. Noble Wilson J.P. The Ballarat Trustees, Executors and Agency Co.
To Geo Perry Town Clerk

Dear Sir. Will you please to inform His Worship the Mayor and members of you Council that in a letter I have read from Mr C. Summers of Rome he says :-

"Four swans from the Pincian Hills, Rome, seven months old, will be shipped by the "Arcadia" leaving Brindisi on Feb 3rd for Ballarat. I have been asked by the Director of the Botanical Gardens if it would be possible to get four black swans in exchange for the white ones". Mr Chas summers address is 536 via Margetta, Rome, and i presume you will communicate with him direct when the swans arrive. I am etc.

24/2/1890 Cr CC Shoppee

Notice of motion re, Conditions et. for competitive designs for Pavilion at Gardens.

That competitive designs be called for a Pavilion at the Gardens suitable for refreshment purposes and that a provision of ten pounds be given for the one chosen by the Council. That applications be invited from persons wanting to erect the same. (with the exclusive right to all refreshments within the Lake and Gardens reserves on condition that a lease be granted for the term of years, one year for every 80 pounds spent on the erection of the Pavilion. The building to revert to the Council at the end of the term, conditions for keeping in repair insurance by the Lessee to be part of the agreement.

17/3/1890 From Geo Longley To Wm Wheland.

Dear Sir. The Windmill the upper connecting short rod has given way which prevents the Mill from drawing water. Would you please send up a man to look at it.

2/4/1890 Letter from Henderson and Marryat, 63 Swanson St, Melbourne asking for particulars re Pavilion.

4/4/1890 Letter from Jas. Turnbull, East Melbourne, for conditions of new Pavilion.

5/4/1890 Letter from Harrison, Deniliquin (*Content not recorded .jg*)

15/4/1890 Letter from P & O re Black Swans

Dear Sir. I am in receipt of your letter of 14th inst. and in reply beg to state that I shall be happy to allow four swans you are sending to Rome to be shipped to Brindisi free of charge for freight. Any charges that the company may have to pay in connection with the birds (for transportation etc.) will be duly advised to you. They will be attended to on the voyage by the butcher who will expect a suitable gratuity for his service

25/4/1890 To Council Clerk, Ballarat

Dear Sir. Kindly forward to the address below, particulars of the Refreshment Pavilion Competition to be erected at the Botanical gardens and oblige. Yrs et. B Hadley, 23 Alma St, Pyrmont, Sydney

8/5/1890. To George Perry From P & O Melbourne

Dear Sir. I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. and note you are shipping the Black Swans by the "Carthage". Please consign them direct to the ship at Williamstown Railway Pier paying the Railway freight. There will not be any charge in connection with the shipment of the birds payable to the Company, but I would suggest that you make the amount of the gratuity to the Butcher who will have charge of them, one guinea which, if you will forward to me, I shall be happy to hand to him. Yr faithfully.

13/5/1890 From Superintendent ,P & O Melbourne. To Geo Perry, Town Clerk

Dear Sir. I have received your letter of 10th inst. enclosing postal notes, value one guinea, the value of which

has been paid to the butcher of the "Carthage" as a gratuity for his attendance to the swans shipped by your City Council.

15/5/1890 From Alfred C. Smart ARIBA (London) Architect and Surveyor, Modern chambers, 12 Collins St, Melbourne To H. Perry.

Dear Sir . Please send me a copy of the conditions of the competition for the Pavilion to be erected at the Ballarat Gardens and any further information that is required and oblige. Yrs truly Alfred Christie Smart.

20/5/1890 From Geo Longley to Mr Perry

Dear Sir. As we shall need a considerable quantity of material for bowling the trees for the path - the plan I would suggest to take all the old calico from our pits and frames - and you give me 60 yards of hessian at about 7d or 8d per yard would fit up the frames if you think it well please give an order for 60 yard as we must have it before we can strip the frames which must be done tomorrow. p.s. Did you receive any answer from the State Nursery Yrs etc. ...

From Geo Longley To the Mayor

Dear Sir. This morning Williams has just informed me of goats the bark gravel of two pins side trenches East of the lawn at three o'clock ob Sunday evening they were all right - a young man named O'Shannassy was seen leading a goat in the park at 4 o'clock Ballarat football champ and Elm @ Giant part of the bark striped (*stripped jg*) from. It will require another wire between the two lower railings. I see plainly that except there be a man placed in the Park this will be a daily occurrence. My suggestion would be to purchase a 4 round house and shift it at once from 40 to 50 pounds would do this as the old place would come out in for tool shed or any other requirements for no sooner the man leaves work than the goats are turned out at Alfredton to go where they please. I have the etc...

31/5/1890 Letter to Council offering to build Double Story Pavilion for 1000 pounds.

12/6/1890 Memo from Caddens at Corporation Cattle Yards that he had destroyed 18 goats that Mr Williams had impounded in the goat enclosure

9/7/1890 From Geo Longley to Mr Perry

Following the death of a white swan ? torn by a dog. The other two > fishpond.

(John Williams was apparently in charge of Victoria Park where Longley had jurisdiction. jg . # this was a note I made at the time but I am not sure in review that it is correct jg 08)

23/7/1890 Memo from Charles Saunders - 5807 trees planted in various streets up to the end of 1889

6/8/1890 Letter from Llewellyn and Edwards re. mistake made in tender for Pavilion having taken ground plan to be 1/4 scale instead of 1/8th scale making an amendment to 172 - 8- 0 pounds instead of 86 - 4 - 0 pounds.

7/8/1890 Letter from James and Piper recommending that Llewellyn and Edwards withdraw their tender as "the mistake is of such a serious nature"

1891 CONDITIONS FOR LEASING THE PAVILION ON THE BOTANICAL GARDENS.

- Summary - Assembly rooms open to public 9 am to evening as proscribed.
- Shall not sell malt or spirituous liquor or wines.
 - No hand barrows or carts allowed around or in the Botanical Gardens or reserve for the sale of refreshments .
 - Horses and carts limited to 15 minutes
 - Hawking of refreshments about the gardens to be strictly prohibited.

Scale of charges :-

Cup of tea with coffee or milk	3d
Lemonade, soda water, ginger ale or any other aerated water	6d
Cup of tea with Bun, cake or sandwich	6d
Dinner (2 courses) Cold meat, hot vegetables and pastry with cup of tea - coffee Salt, pepper and mustard	1/6
Tea - cup of tea with shrimps, salad or cold meat, bread and butter, salt, pepper and mustard included	1/6

"1891" Applications for the Clerk of Works at the Pavilion in the Botanic gardens. :-

William Hurdsfield	Doveton Sty Nth
James Laughlan	Ripon St nth.
J.W.Mills	Chancery Lane
J.Feltham	58 talbot st.
John Gates	73 Ligar st.
Richard Hain	64 Raglan St.
William Williams	173 Park Villa Peel St Nth Ballarat East. (?)
J.W.Taylor	63 Eyre St

20/2/1891 Request from Willoughby Flower for permission to erect a Marquee at the Gardens for the annual picnic of St Peter's Sunday School (The Rotunda area being so limited.)

11/3/91 From Geo Longley to Lake and Garden Committee

I beg to put before you a part of the acts of which was performed here yesterday 10th in the morning. I started two men with 19 head of cattle for the pound and no sooner had they got to outside of the South lodge, then Mr Comrie with a dog and a boy wrested 15 of them from the men and dared them to take them any further - now as he being one of the Council employees and ought to be the first to assist in keeping the gardens please of such nuisance but as I may safely state that during the past few weeks 50 fines would not excuse them being in here - Sunday week day all the same so their is no excuse in regard to No Gates. I have et.c

BOX 67

LIST OF SEEDS requested by Mr Longley for London Cooper Taber and Co, Seed Merchants No 901 Southwark St, London.

12/3/1891 Letter from John Comrie to the Finance Committee re. horses straying onto the Gardens, due, he claims, to Mr Longley not closing the gates at night.

6/4/1891 To His Worship The Mayor From G. Longley.

Dear Sir. It is my painful duty to inform you that yesterday morning the 5th two dogs managed to get into our Deer Park and worried the female deer in such a manner that she died this evening. The mate was able to defend itself until one of our men arrived when the dogs made off. They are becoming a greater menace every day. We now have but one solitary deer left. I have etc.

8/4/1891 To His worship the Mayor. Dear Sir. I have measured the Deer Park. The Lake margin is 9 chains 24 feet which you spoke of doing it with wire netting - now at 6d per yard this would cost us 5 pounds. Sir, a stronger job would be made with Battens and quastern (?) which would cost about 3 pounds 12 shillings. Then the two and the western sides measure 15 chains which would take about 90 4 ft. battens.

9/4/91 Kirkpatrick and Giles asking fo conditions for New Pavilion.

10/4/1891 From Cooper Tabe and Co, 90 ? Spanish St Invoice of seeds etc. PHOTOGRAPHED

15/4/1891 George Withers re. Transport of 4 sa... from Brid... (?)

30/4/1891 From Office of Burns Statue Committee Ballarat.

To His Worship the Mayor

Dear Sir I am directed by the Committee to draw your attention to my letter dated the 15th September 1890 regarding requesting your Council to append a sum of money in improving the margin or border around the base of the Burns Statue and to the reply for the Council thereto dated 28th. October 1890 and to request that your Council will be pleased at its next to receive a deputation from the Committee in regard to this matter. I have the honour to be etc. J.M.Bu... Hon Sec.

19/5/1891 From Gerge Longley to Mr Duthie.

Dear sir. I mentioned to the Mayor a few days ago respecting some material for Balling the plants which are to be lifted for Victoria Park. Now what I require is 40 yards allowing two feet square for each plant - anything cheap. old packing such as Drapers sometimes have by them, if not some cheap hessian - I should like to have it today as we have to lift all the plants to send them over to the Park on Saturday. The bearer can bring it up. Yrs. etc.

22/6/1891. From James and Pipers. Architects. Colonial Mutual Chambers, Lydiard St, Ballarat.
To Council

Gentlemen. Herewith we have the honor to forward you the plans, specifications and tenders for the proposed Pavilion at the Botanic Gardens. Our estimate for the works are as follows - Main Buildings 950 Pounds, East Verandah 130 pounds West Verandah 130 pounds Total 1190 pounds. Yrs etc.

*** We have plans of a double story building proposed but not the one referred to here.*

Presumably the plans were not proceeded with due to? (1) cost and (2) ability to build a two story building with satisfactory foundations at the Lake edge. See video of John Vernon's interview who provided the plans..

25/6/91 From J.V.Mills applying for the Clerk of Works for the Pavilion at gardens

13/8/1891. Letter from Noble Wilson and Nevett, Trustees of the J.R. Thompson Estate

Dear Sir. Our Trust in the Estate of Mr J.Russell Thompson will now be competed if you and the members of the City Council will consent to take charge of Mr Thompson's grave in the Old Cemetery. The grave is covered with a marble slab which requires to be cleaned about once a year and the iron railing on the stone kerb will require a coat of paint also once a year. We think that one of the men employed by the Council can do what is required to keep the grave in neat order by giving one day's labor to it yearly. To provide the wages for this man we propose to pay your Council the sum of 10 Pounds out of the fund of the Estate. If you wish to hold the sum as a trust and allow 5% interest upon it the annual income will be 10/- and by permitting this sum to be provided in your annual Estimate it will remind you and your successors for all time of their duty to the memory of a man who has nobly enriched this City and left an example to us all. When you have considered this request we will be glad to hear from you. Yrs etc Noble Wilson and F.V.Nevett, Trustees

3/7/1891 Request for the collecting book for the Shakespeare Statue.

July 1891 From T.R.Treloar re. Collecting books for the Shakespeare Statue.

Dear Sir I am quite sure the books are either in the Town Clerk's Office or in the public office. I think you will find them wrapped up in a brown paper parcel. Kindly oblige me by looking for them as they are urgently required. T.R.Treloar - Chemist and Druggist and importer of American Herbs (*presumably better than the home grown variety !!*)

1/7/1891 Meeting of the Committee for the "Queen Fund"

1/8/1891 To Mr Duthie from Mr longley

Dear Sir. I mentioned to the Mayor yesterday, Friday, respecting our Spring Cart and he promised me at once. Then I mentioned to him that we would have to put up a place for it and he told me I could remove the fruit stall which Plowright occupied. I (? suppose) it all belongs to the Council - would you please mention this to Mr. Wood that I may be sure before I take it down. Yrs. etc.

4/8/1891 Offer of a "Put" (*no idea what it is, ? bird*) 2/12 old, Black with brown breast from J.M.Ryan, Morton Plains.

17/8/1891 From R.Bricknell and Co. 25 Regent St, Prahran

To The Secretary and Trustees of the Botanical Gardens, Ballarat.

Dear Sir. I have a number of ferns and plants just arrived from Queens land and if you are requiring any of them can supply you very cheap. This is a list of what I have got :-

Fan Palms taken up by the roots, large and small, also Walking Stick Palms, Gigantic Lillies, Rock Lillies, Orchids, Staghorns, Bird nests, Waratahs and Tree ferns, Alsophila Cooporei or any Gippsland Tree Ferns. If you are requiring any I will be most happy to serve you. I am etc.

17/8/1891. Letter from Hugh Rogers asking for an extension of contract to complete Pavilion due to lack of bricks and bad weather.

20/8/1891 Ballarat Trustees, Executors and Agency Co. Ltd.

To Acting Town Clerk

Dear Sir. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 19th Inst in which you state that the City Council had "acceded" to the request of the Trustees of Mr J.R.Thomson's Estate to take charge of the grave of Mr Thomson in the Old Cemetery in terms of the letter of the Trustees dated 13th Inst and I now have pleasure to send you a cheque for 10 Pounds in furtherance of the object in view. Yrs etc J.Noble Wilson.

21/8/1891 From James and Piper Colonial Mutual Chambers, Lydiard St, Ballarat

To The Mayor.

Dear Sirs. In compliance with your request to our assistant, (Mr Bond) we beg to state that Mr Podger's time for the completion of his contract for the erection of the Pavilion for the City Council is the 1st. September next. Yrs etc

27/8/1891 Letter from the Archdeacon of Ballarat, Christ Church, asking for a few suitable trees from the gardens nursery for planting at trinity Church, Sebastapol.

4/9/1891 Letter from Richard Hain resigning his position as Clerk of Works for the Pavilion at the Gardens.

10/9/1891 Letter from Jones and Piper re. alterations to the Pavilion and costs from H. Rogers

10/9/91 From H. Rogers - cost of flooring of shops and kitchen wing of the Pavilion 3 pounds, 10 shillings.

9/10/1891 Letter from Ballarat Ministers Association to the Mayor asking that the proposal; to open the Pavilion in the Botanical Gardens on Sundays for refreshments be not agreed to in respect for the sanctity of the Lord's Day

12/10/1891 / 5652 From Hebrew Congregation, Synagogue Chambers. S. Marks President.

To The Mayor. C.Shoppee Esq. - Would you kindly oblige with an order to the Curator of the Ballarat Botanical gardens for some cuttings of Myrtle and Willow for religious purposes during the ensuing tabernacle Holy Days

14/10/1891 Letter from Faulkingham and Sons re. Dessication of nightsoil. Plus a report from Daily Telegraph as to how it works (first letter 30/9/1891)

16/10/1891 From Ballarat Gas Co. Cost of provision of gas for Pavilion ? *walks or works or water (jg)* - 25 pounds

10/11/1891 Letter from J. Rafree complaining of state of coppers for boiling water at the Gardens

21/10/1891 Letter from John Reid, Lydiard St. Ballarat to the Mayor and councilors.

Gentlemen . I beg to tender for a 3 year lease of the Pavilion at the Ballarat Botanical Gardens at the yearly rental of (?) 160 pounds as per your advertisement.

22/10/1891 Letter from J(?) Jaids re. above 160 pounds.

22/10/1891 Letter from Edward White, 10 Bridge St. re. above.

8/10/1891 Tender from C Guads

8/10/1891 Tenders from Charles Moneghetti and J.Plowright re. Pavilion

17/10/1891 From George Longley To The Mayor.

In accordance to your request in reference to the man Cates who live in Alfredton.

Having disregarded our the first time August 14th 1888 when told of not doing his work in accordance with my wishes. Made use of very bad language when he was suspended for some time. The second time was March 5th 1886 where he was from the Gardens 8 months. Then Mr H.Cuthbert came tome and me very hard to take back Cates. I told him I could not think of it, a short time after Mr Cuthbert prevailed upon Colonel Smith to see what he could do and this was the form he came to me, Longley, I want you to do for me a very great favour well is it in my power to grant it. Yes I will do it for you to reinstate Cates. This last affair of course was not in the Gardens so out of my bounds, the man in drink is more like a wild beast - I have the honor to be etc. G Longley

30/10/1891 List of trees, shrubs and plants distributed and exchanged 1890 and 1891.

November 1891 Order for tools 1891 - 1892 from George Longley.

BOX67

10/12/1891

Request for nest of blackbirds and thrushes for Clunes from Mr Appleby.

...., The inhabitants of Clunes and the District by sending a nest of each and enable us to hear the sweet songs again of these birds we loved to listen to in the old country and bring back remembrances of our youthful days.

10/12/1891. Invitation to Judge Gaunt re. Invitation for opening of the Pavilion

12/12/1891 From Mr W. Appleby, Clunes. re. Transfer of nest of blackbirds from Gardens.

19/12/1891 From J.H.Connor, Ryrie St School, Geelong. To C. Shoppee Esq. Mayor.

Dear Sir. I duly received the 2 pairs of Blackbirds for which I have to sincerely thank you. The Hon E. Morley was very kind in obtaining them for our Gardens here and will thank him personally for interesting himself on our behalf. Wishing you many happy returns of the season Yrs etc.

27/1/1892 From Geo Longley to Mr Perry

Sir having been requested to report upon the time of opening of the fernery gates at this season of the year 10 a.m. has nota limit -though the board is marked as such - for since the Mayor spoken to me in reference to that time some 6 weeks ago they have been opened as early as seven when asked for. Sunday mornings are exceptions as those on duty have been instructed at 10 a.m. - until 5 p.m. for 3 yrs. Yrs etc.

5/5/1892. To Denton Esq., Marks and Denton.

Dear sir. I have been directed by His Worship the Mayor to convey to you His Worship's thanks for

the gift of turtles for the Botanic gardens in this City.

11/5/1892 To Councilor Morey and Councilor Little.

We have the pleasure by direction to convey to you and to Councilor Little the cordial thanks of this Corporation for your joint munificent gift of a pair of a pair of marble lions to adorn the entrance of the Town Hall. Unveiled 18/6/1892.

(April and May 1892 – 15 cases of Typhoid reported. Night soil burial prohibited- double pan system introduced. Typhoid faeces to be incinerated.)

2/7/1892 Referring to your Of 20th to Mr Geo. Longley, Curator of the Ballarat Botanic gardens. The walnut we want is *Juglans regia* for street and park plantation commonly known as the French Walnut. If what you offer is of that variety you may supply 200 at your quoted price – 60/- per hundred. Geo Perry, Town Clerk.

2/8/1892 To Adelaide? Botanical gardens.
Re. Marble Statues.

Dear Sir. All our marbles are in the open, quite unprotected, except a group of exceptional value over and above which we have built a Pavilion. Although many have been 8 years thus exposed they do not appear to suffer. Any Monumental Mason should be able to clean them if they suffer from exposure to the elements. If your committee are engaged work it may be worth while to run over to Ballarat to see what has been done down here..

1/10/1892. The Mayor presents his compliments to the Bishop of Ballarat and begs to say that the city of Ballarat has made the removal of the manure depot from the gardens to a very considerable distance away and the Curator has been directed to thoroughly cover the whole area with quicklime. Night collectors and others concerned have been instructed to follow the other activities at once.

The Depot for night soil will now be the Victoria Park, Sturt St. You will kindly take instructions from the Curator, Mr J.W. Williams as to the locality of the depot and entrance gates. No more night soil will be received at the Gardens.

Page 283. Tenders for seeds and produce – letter to R.W.Nichols and Co.:-

SEEDS. Canary, Hemp, Rape, English grass, Rye, Clover- red and white, millet, groats ,maw? , linseeds, *Pinus insignia*, *Pinus Australiana*, *Wellingtonia Gigantia*.

PRODUCE. Oats, wheat, bran, pollard, Maize (crushed) barley, English potatoes.

BOX 72

5/11/1894

From Geo Longley To Geo Perry

I send you two catalogues, the one from Geo Mitchell, Peter Hendersons which is a most elaborate one, and quite a favor to get hold of it. As Dick M is a little fussy about it I had under a promise to make him that I would return within a week if you think of sending for some seeds. Henderson will then send you a catalogue

BOX 81

8/8/1898

From Town Clerk Hamilton To the Mayor.

Letter of thanks for plants for the Hamilton Gardens.

- 11/8/1898 Letter from Dr Hormarshart (?) re. Frangipani plant in association with Cr. Heinz .
- 5/9/1898 Letter from T. Magill from Creswick asking for flowers, decorations and bouquets for his daughter's wedding following a gift of birds from him several months before.
- 8/9/1898 From Town Clerk, Hamilton
To the Mayor, Ballarat.
Letter of thanks for plants for the Hamilton Gardens.
- 19/9/1898 To the Mayor and Gentlemen
From Thos. G. McCraw Watch and Clock Maker, 74 Sturt St, Ballarat.
I beg respectfully to resign my contract for winding the clock at Gardens Pavilion because I took the same at too low a price. I am willing to renew the contract for 12 months at 4 guineas. Awaiting the favor of your reply...
- 3/10/1898 Letter from Dr Hormaschot re. Frangipani plant in association with Cr Heinz.
- 8/10/1898 To the Mayor
From Thomas Rooney No 2 section Botanic Gardens.
Sir, Please find enclosed gladiolus list from Messrs Kelway and Son Catalogue for 1898 this firm is the leading one in England for Gladiolus and when we get this lot we will have about the best collection in Australia it would be as well if the order could be got away by the next mail. Yr obedient servant.
- 18/10/1888 List of trees suitable for Streets and Gardens supplied by John Williams, Victoria Park.
- Box 81
- 28/10/1898 From Van Meerbeek and Co. Hillegon Holland
To The Town Hill, Ballarat
We have much pleasure in informing you that the obliging order has been effected and with best thanks for your esteemed remittance, beg to enclose receipted invoice. The goods are being forwarded with the utmost despatch through Messrs Davis Turner and Co London c/o Messrs Mullaly and Byrne, Melbourne to whom please apply in the case of delay or irregularity. Trusting our bulbs will give you entire satisfaction and respectfully soliciting a continuance of your esteemed commands we beg to remain your obliged and obedient servants Van Meerbeek and Co.
(*They certainly seemed to appreciate the order ! jg*)
- 31/10/ 1898
From Arthur Fraser, City Surveyor
To the Mayor
re. Connections, disconnections necessary to lower the boiler to get the entrance to both ends of the Orchid House free of charge, (the gardeners men doing the brickwork)
re Account for further alterations estimated 27 pounds fifteen shillings and threepence worth of work done the amount of account is 40 pounds 15 shillings and threepence. (Detailed list of work done by James Fayll attached)
- 10/11/1898 From Thomas Rooney.
To The Mayor
Sir with regard to that boy from the Orphan Asylum I overlooked the fact that a question might be raised that he is not a ratepayer so I think it would be better if you knew of a lad that would be able to manage the pony to send him in as soon as possible.
- 14/11/1898 From Thomas Rooney No 2 Section, Botanic Gardens
To Mr Perry
Sir We require a small cogwheel for our Pony Lawn Mower and a set screw bearing for our 16" machine the parts of the machine are all numbered so I suppose we will have no trouble in getting duplicate parts from Melbourne at Mclean Bros and Rigg where we purchased the machines.

The part required are small cogwheel NAV 27 for Rawsons New Automator 26 " Pony Lawn Mower and also set screw bearing numbered NA 76 for 16 " New Automator Lawn Mower we can't use the machines till we get these duplicate parts. I spoke to the Mayor about it and he told me to let you know we wanted at once so there would be as little delay as possible. Also let bearer have order for 8 or 10 Gallons of Carbolic Acid for killing weeds, . Yrs etc. Thomas Rooney

17/11/1898 From the Borough of Eaglebrook

To The Mayor. Thanking City for the donation of cactus (?) Dahlias from the Botanical Gardens

** 1898

Ballarat Population 21,500

Privies 6,020

Public 9

Gardens 5

City Hall 1

Urinals City Hall 1

Sturt St 1

Lydiard St. 1

Wendouree Pde. 1

Hay Market 1

Reservoirs 5

Gardens 2

Butchers 35

Premises where swine kept 40

Dairies 44

Night Soil Depot Victoria Park

State Schools 4 Nos 33,965,2027,2703

Infectious diseases Typhoid 220 (June - June)

Diphtheria 61

Scarlatina 87

Measles 38

Deaths under 5 141

Deaths over 5 303

Dec 1898 From J Noble Wilson The Ballarat Trutees Executors and Agency Co Ltd.

To Geo Perry

Dear Sir. I am in receipt of your inviting the cooperation of the committee for erecting a statue of the Queen to aid in getting the City Oval and in reply may say that I have asked the President to call a committee meeting a on an early day when I am quite sure the whole of the members will be pleased to assist His Worship and Councilors to make the opening proud occasion. Yrs etc.

15/12/1898 From John Lingham, Botanical Gardens. To the Mayor.

Dear Sir. I have to report that the Statuary Pavilion was broken into last night but no damage was done. The door being forced open

January 1890 List of seeds for Gardens from Geo. Longley. PHOTOGRAPHED

** Note from Chas Saunders - 5,580 trees planted in City streets in 1899

** List of items requested by Longley in 1890 included fumigating tobacco -
PHOTOGRAPHED

4/8/1890 Letter from J W Mills offering his services as Clerk of Works for the Pavilion at the Gardens if

required.

9/8/1890 REPORT of F.M.Krause giving names of trees at Gardens. PHOTOGRAPHED

Microbiological Laboratory The School of Mines Ballarat
Report of the Curator upon the specimens Nos 2417 2438
Presented by the Mayor of Ballarat.

15/8/1889 From F W Commons Importer of Marble. Webster St and Creswick Rd Ballarat.

Memo to Mr Perry *re. Claxton Memorial fountain*

Dear Sir. The space necessary for the fountain will be 8' 9" Octagon

The Penetrite (??) BUST must face East.

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/ Yrs faithfully

April 1891 From C.R.Plowright (? *Mrs Plowright, wif of W.J.Plowright who tendered for Pavilion*)
To Councillors of the City of Ballarat

Gentlemen Having paid you a large sum for the right to cater in the Botanical Garden , I have to complain of the dilatory manner in which the cases against Hawkers and caterers are dealt with. The caterers, when catering for picnics they also sell to the public. There is one case coming off tomorrow and I hope you will make an example of him so as to be a warning to others. There was one hawker found selling on 6th February and the case has not come off yet. Yrs respectfully CR PLowright.

Box 8118/P1 Unit No 5

20/8/1891 To J.Noble Wilson

From Vincent Duthie Acting Town Clerk.

Dear Sir. I have the honor to acknowledge yrs. of 13th. inst. and, in reply, to inform you that the City Council accede to your request and will take charge of the late Mr J. Russell Thomson's grave in the Old Cemetery.

13/1/1894 Request from Ballarat District Orphan Asylum Inc. to hold picnic in Gardens

18/1/1894 From J. Casey and Sons, Auctioneers, 5 Armstrong St Sth. re. Auction of a pair of young monkeys
? for gardens

3/3/1894. From Dalgety and Co To Geo Perry

Receipt for box of bulbs etc. on S,S "Damascus"

4/4/1884 From Curator of Botanic Gardens, Brisbane. To the Town Clerk

In reply to yours of March 29th I shall have much pleasure in meeting your *? views*. The list which I enclose is not up to date but it will assist you to select. Please mark and return. Do you require exotic plants which flourish here? or only natives ? If the latter will you kindly give names. Many of our best climbrs are exotic. I would be glad of a few ? of your South African bulbs if ... spare.

McMahon Curator.

UNDATED

Letter from Secretary Ballarat General Cemetery that a request for the grave of Russell Thomson be dressed with flowers during the season be referred to for approval by the Trustees, Noble Wilson and Nevett be awkward for the Trustees to specialise in such a manner.

21/4/1894 From Charles Pyworthy. Town Home Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope
To George Perry

Dear Sir. I have much pleasure in acknowledge the receipt o your letter of the 16th March last and am pleased to know that the box of Cape bulbs arrived in good order and promising well having been planted. I thank you for your great kindness in sending a collection of roots and seeds of shrubs and creepers indigenous to your Colony and shall look forward with pleasure to the receipt of the box. I have given instructions for a collection of dealers catalogues to be made and sent to you. I remain etc.

? date 1894 To Mr Perry From Geo Longly

The Curator of Madding's Park Mr Johnston I might be able to spare a few small hardy ferns but what he mentioned to me was some rock plants as he has been making some elaborate effort..

*** 5/5/1894 Letter from Defence Dept. re. LOAN of 4 32 pounder bore guns from HMVS "Victoria" (*I think there was a controversy in the 1990s when the Defence Dept wanted them back as they were on loan but Council said they were a donation . Anyway they are still here !!*)

18/6/1894 To Mr Perry from Geo. Longley re. Decorations for Mayor's Ball.

20/6/1894 Request from Water Supply Office for shrubs and flowers for the borders of Caretakers Cottage at Wilsons and Kirks reservoirs from the Botanic Gardens

2/7/1894 To Mr Pery from Geo Longley

Dear Sir, I wish to correct a statement advanced by Councillor Elliott at the Council Table to the effect that the trees in the gardens were taken down in a slipshod manner and the schedule had not been adhered to. In the first place the schedule stated the men were to have 3/- per tree, also the timber. The fact is the men got 3/- per tree and the timber was left for the use of at the Gardens. from yr humble servant etc

20/7/1894 Letter of thanks to the Council for Mr Longley's courtesy and kindness to Mr Scoboric, Curator of Warrnambool Gardens.

6/6/1894 Request from Loretto Convent for trees.

25/7/1894 Request from Town of Essendon for trees and shrubs from Botanical Gardens.

24/7/1894 From Ernest Lidgery 32 Lydiard St Ballarat. To L.H. Thompson, Asst Govt. geo Surveyor. Requests permission to photograph the statues in the Botanical Gardens.

21/8/1894 Acknowledgement of Corporation of CapeTown of the safe arrival of a crate of seeds and plants from Ballarat Botanical gardens

31/10/1894 From John Comrie Herdsman Ballarat West Town Common re. Cattle straying on to Botanical Gardens.

123/11/1894 Report from Constable Nicholson re. 2 boys found breaking branches off Hawthorn bushes for flowers.

16/11/1894 To Mr Perry From Geo Longley

The two practicle (*practical ?*) men which I am allowed to keep the grounds allotted to me in your notice of 15th. Names are as follows - John Lingham
Thomas Toop
Lad -William Nelson
yr humble servant

15/11/1894 From Thos Rooney To Mr Perry

Sir In reply to your note of today notifying my discharge and subsequent re - engagement I beg to state that I accept same and also that i intend to select the following ,
men to be under my charge in working my section Samuel Smith

Alfred Davis
William Lindsay

Yrs respectfully Thos Rooney

p.s. I do not propose to select any of the boys at present in A Services

4/12/1894 Letter from Thos Rooney to Mr Perry

On Saturday last Mr Longley spoke to the Councilors about cutting the paddock for hay with Mr Adrey's machine and I fancy Mr Retallick said to me to get it cut but I am not sure they are going to take the machine home this evening if they are not to cut the grass paddock for hay they will charge 4/6 per acre for cutting alone and 6/- for cutting and raking. It would be far cheaper then to cut it with the scythe and if done would enable us to get more cleaning up done before the holidays.

29/12/1894

Report to Members of the Gardens Committee re :-

1. Names of men and how employed

Rooney

Smith Borders, paths, office

Davis Seats, boiler Lawn Maze

Lindsay Main drive timber

Look Carting rubbish Delivering

Hellas Flowers Watching (!)

Horsall

PHOTOGRAPHED

2 Damage to trees due to tying up horses

3 Water for Backwalk

4 Receipt of plants

5 Requests for plants

T.Rooney Foreman No 2 Section Ballarat Gardens

UNIT No. 7 (OUTGOING) 08118/P/0001 A1

11/9/1896. To W. Guilfoyle Esq. Botanic Gardens, Melbourne.

Dear Sir. I have had advices of your box of plants having arrived this morning for which please accept the thanks of the Council. I went to our Gardens yesterday afternoon to see how we should deal with your requisition. You can be supplied with Cannas and jossy (?) Oaks but we are quite without ? Breviducs and ? canetus, similarly with ? Pennstimons

BOX No 83

2/3/1899 McLean Bros. plans for turnstile. (? where would they be for. The turnstiles for the zoo were not put in until about 1920 and we have plans for the Entrance from John Vernon. jg)

22/5/1899 No 2 section, Botanic Gardens
To Councillor W.B.Finlayson

Sir. I enclose a list for you to look over, I think it will prove a valuable addition the price of the white Delphinium is reduced to 5/- this year so I put it in. I leave it to you to explain to the Mayor and Mr Duthie about how the cost of the Wardian Case is to be met. Please ask Mr Duthie to forward explicit directions as to how they are to be consigned etc. I also put a note at the head of the list that if any thing ordered is not in stock they can substitute a variation of equal value excepting Clematis, violet, chrysanthemums, helenium and helicanthus which must be sent as listed for fear of them sending something we already have Yr obedient servant, Thomas Rooney.

(*** Pencilled note at bottom - Have it sent through either Broadbents or McCulloch and Co's London agents - the former if possible.)

30/5/1899 Also - To Mr Duthie Acting Town Clerk from Thos Rooney

Sir re. Order to Kelway I think it would be best to get them sent out by some firm as the Dutch Bulbs were organised through. But give explicit instructions that Wardian Case must come as Deck Cargo as the plants must have light to ensure success. When I was up at the Asylum just now I forgot to mention it. You see a Wardian Case is not a closed box, it is a strong built miniature greenhouse with strong glass sashes to admit light and patent ventilators to admit air to the plants Yr. etc. T. Rooney

30/5/1899. List of plants selected from Kelways and son, Langport, Somerset England 1899 Catalogue.

*** Note, if any plant ordered may not be in stock others of equal value may be substituted.

All the Plants ordered **must** be sent out in a Wardian Case (See Plant transportation j.g) excepting peonies which may be packed in a box.

Clematis (varieties)
Gaillardias (varieties)
Delphiniums
Peonies
Pyrethrums
Ponstemons
New Violets.
Chrysanthemum
Helenium Grandepalum Stratum
Helianthus Miss Mellish

Cost of Wardian Case

9 Pounds

2 pound 10/-

11 pounds 10/-

14/8/1899 No 2 Section Botanic Gardens From T. Rooney to Mr Duthie, Acting Town Clerk.

Sir. Enclosed you will find list of new Chrysanthemums the Mayor promised to get for me, he told me to forward the list to you of course you had better let him see it before sending if you would be kind enough when writing to Brunning to direct him to forward to me direct care of Broadbent Bros it will ensure quicker delivery. Also, if you anticipate that we have anything to do in connection with retire Ball for the Mayor and Mayoress let us know in time. Enclose list of 24 Chrysanthemum Novelettes from G Brunning and Sons Nursery.

27/8/1899 From Thos. Rooney to Mr Duthie, Acting Town Clerk

Sir. Mr Perry must have been to Cammells Nursery and you will remember I gave him a list to take with him but he left it at the Town Hall and it never went any further. I expected him to send on some things and I suppose as Cammell has sent his account he has forwarded the plants also if so they will be here in a few days and as soon as they arrive send them on to me or telephone up and I will send down for them as I am anxious to get the Chrysanthemums and geraniums alive. Yrs etc. T. Rooney
p.s. I forgot to mention that I am busy potting up my Chrysanthemums. I have used every spare pot I have and in want of about 84 dry 4" pots, they are not dear and you might ask the Mayor to let me have them and could give the order to the lad on Wednesday when he brings the books down.

* Accompanying list of 150 varieties of Gladioli to be ordered from Messrs Kelway and Sons, Langport, Somerset.

18/10/1899 To Mrs Longley

Madam We have the melancholy duty of conveying to you and your family the sympathy and condolence of the City Council (unanimously passed at Monday's meeting) on the death of your respected husband, the late Mr George Longley who, after 41 years service died in harness on the scene of his labors which he loved so well. We hope that the assurance of a long and well spent life and well appreciated work will afford you some comfort in so distressing a bereavement. We remain, dear madam, yours very respectfully, John Heinz, Mayor, G. Perry town Clerk

15/11/1899 Request for flowers from the Botanical Gardens for Jubilee Church, from

W.D.Thompson, Legal Manager ,Orphanage, Ballarat.

16/11/1899 City of Ballarat Town Hall

Particulars of George Longley's Deceased Estate - given by Clerk of Courts :

Pounds	200	Life Policy	AMP Society
	157-4-0	Bonus Addition	
	50	Furniture	
	25	Piano	
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	462 - 4 - 0		
	75	Amount borrowed against Life Policy to pay up arrears	
	60	Legacies	
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	135		
		327 - 4 - 0	Net value for widow

21/11/1899 To His Worship the Mayor City of Ballarat

Sir, we, the undersigned Ratepayers of the City of Ballarat respectfully request you to convene a Public Meeting of citizens and Ratepayers to consider the action of the Council re. the management of the Ballarat Botanical gardens. -=: Alex Bell, J.L.McLlucata, Thos. Stoddart, J.D.Woolcott, Ted I Maytell, Tho Cotton, M Morrow, J.A.Blight, Jas G Chalmers, James Booth Thomas Mitchell Sutcliffe, Wm White, (2 undeciphered.)

**Pencilled note Town Hall Friday 24 th)*

25/11 1899 Letter from Mrs Elisabeth Longley per S.Williams (*Black edged of mourning j.g.*)
Botanic Gardens, Ballarat.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Councillors

Gentlemen. Whilst gratefully thanking you for the consideration given to an application made to the Council in my interest- I beg to request that consideration thereof not be persisted in.

I would be thankful if my son William , who is a practical Gardener, could be employed in the Gardens, where he has duly served his apprenticeship which terminated about 6 years since. Yrs respectfully
Elisabeth Longley per S. Williams..

UNIT 8

12/12/1899 I have pleasure to inform you that instructions have been issued to both sections of the Botanic Gardens to give employment to your son when the first vacancy may occur. Geo Perry.

13/12/1899 List of seeds required from Kelway and Son, Longport Somerset England.
Total Cost 11 Pounds.

16/12 1899. From H.Cannell and Sons Cannells Garden of Eden Swanley Eyensford
To Town Clerk

Dahlia dry roots Brenna Ebony Magnificent

1 Violet La France

Cannas Two pounds 14 /e

3/4/1900 To Mrs Longley Dear madam. I have been requested by the Council to enquire as to when it will be convenient for you to vacate the Curator's residence at the Northern Section of the Botanical gardens. The Council are of the opinion that Mr. Lingham should reside at the Gardens, hence my request Yrs respectfully,
V. Duthie, Town Clerk