

WELL IN THE BOTANIC GARDENS

Borough of Warrnambool

Specification of work to be executed in sinking a well at the Botanic gardens

9th Dec 1881

Site

The well to be sunk where the Town Surveyor shall direct a little westerly of the Curator's Cottage

The well shall be four feet in diameter to be sunk perfectly perpendicular and to a depth of four feet below the level of the water after the water is reached the diameter of the well to be increased to 5 feet provided it terminates in rock, the bottom to be perfectly level when finished.- should soft material be met with at the bottom of the well the depth must be increased to 5 feet below the water level.

The wall to be built with sandstone where required the wall to be 6 inches in thickness to be all through stone neatly and carefully jointed and the whole to be bedded and jointed in mortar.

A platform to be constructed at the bottom of the well 4 feet above the level of the water, the platform to be constructed of two inch hardwood planks nailed with four inch nails to 6inch X 3inch hardwood joists the joists to have a wall hold of not less than 6 inches to be placed perfectly level and wedged tight A manhole to be constructed in the platform as the Town Surveyor shall direct

Four holes to be let into the side of the well as the work proceeds ten feet apart to a depth of not less than 9 inches to receive 4 X 4 pieces of hardwood to guide the pump rod

Provide and fix pieces of 4 X 4 hardwood by 5 feet 6 inches in length and perfectly secure the same in the holes as may be required in the holes specified.

Form of Tender

Contractors shall tender for the work specified at per foot in depth for well sinking per perch* for building and a lump sum to be stated for the timber work specified

Time for completion

The whole of the work to be completed in one month from the date of acceptance of tender Should the contractor fail to complete the work in accordance with this clause he will be liable to a penalty of ten shillings per day for every day he exceeds the time specified until the work is fully completed

A Kerr

Borough Surveyor

I the undersigned do here by agree to sink a well in the Botanic Garden as described at the following schedule of prices

Pages are initialled F A D and final signature is F A Donnell and son.

The original specification written by A Kerr has been overwritten in parts to specify another rectangular well "in a paddock on the Belfast ??? near the town boundary" dated 27th August 1884 *A perch of masonry is equivalent to 24.75 cubic feet

**Transcribed from original hand written document*