

A View on Rock Pools.

There has been much controversy lately concerning the rock pools along the coast line within the Wollongong City Council area, including the Nuns' Pool located just below the large lighthouse and the Gentlemens' rock pool just north of the Continental Baths. In the Illawarra Mercury of 2nd May 1903 the following snippet appeared.

"A writer complained of the steps recently erected at the gentlemens baths. He considered that those responsible for the designing of the alleged convenience should be made to do penance in bare feet on them, say for an hour".

It seems that the disgruntled writer disapproved of the improvement works undertaken.

In all, the gentlemen's rock pool and also the Nun's Pool have been here all my lifetime and I consider them to be part of the environment and our natural resources. When considered they have been in existence long before they came under the control of Council and it would be a shame to see heritage items like them destroyed when the Council are considering the removal of the Nuns' Bath and the Toddlers pool adjoining the gentlemen's baths.