

Tower chiming

Stratford's bell tower, which started chiming the time in synchronisation with the town clock yesterday.

Concern and displeasure about delays in the completion of the project has previously been expressed in the town.

After Stratford Borough Council's meeting this month a letter expressing the council's concern over the project was sent to the Hawera architects, Laurenson, Robinson and Jim Boon.

Although the project has been in progress all year there was no completion date set for the work, said town clerk Mr Peter Tourell.

The electrical side of the project was sub-let to Obertron Industries, Hawera, which has been working most of this year on the programming of the chimes.

Two micro-processors, which programme the chiming and striking processes separately, have been installed and the bells went into operation yesterday.

Mr Charlie Holm, one of the two men fitting the processors, said the chiming was synchronised to coincide with the town clock.

The bells would strike every quarter hour and chime on the half-hour and on the hour.

Between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. they would strike only the hour so as not to disturb the peace.

