

Present at 11.45 am

Councillor McCrea (president) and councillors
Jacobson, Coulter, Hardy, Ross, Potter
& Laird.

Minutes of meeting held 18th December
1896 were read and on the motion
of C. Laird seconded by C. Hardy
confirmed. ————— Carried

Correspondence

From Chief Inspector Vermin Destruction
Act.

Stating that the matter of the
destruction of rabbits in the
Pouparua forest was being attended
to, but it was ^{not} intended to
enclose the forest with wire netting
as suggested by the Council.

C. Hardy moved that the letter be
referred back to the department
with an intimation that the work
done was not sufficient, and
that the Engineer forward a plan
showing what portion of the ground
was fenced with wire netting, what
part the Shire was willing to
fence, and what part the Council
desired the department to enclose.
Seconded by C. Ross. ————— Carried

From Department of Water Supply

Forwarding copies of order-in-Council
granting permission to the Council
to apply £249.15 of its fund
towards payment of interest on loans

to London United Water Trust ——— Received

From Secretary London United Water Trust
Seeking cheque for £24.1.5,
Council's proportion of working
expenses for quarter ending Decr
31st 1896.

C. Hardy moved that the amount be
passed for payment. Seconded by
C. Laird. ————— Carried

From Public Health Department

Asking what action the Council
proposed to take in reference
to the clause in the annual
report for 1895 of the health officer
for the East riding, suggesting a
double paw system for nightsoil
at Mitemans.

The president moved that con-
sideration be deferred for one
month to allow of a petition
against the substitution of paws
being received from the ratepayers
interested. Seconded by C. Jacobson. ————— Carried

From W. H. Hardy, Muncia

Applying for a Slaughtering License
and enclosing £1. fee for same.
Application granted. ————— Carried

From Department of Trade and Customs
acknowledging receipt of ^{Council's} letter
protesting against the proposal of
gristing in bond.

Received

From Bank of Victoria Limited

Notifying intention to pay off, on 12th April 1897, with accrued interest to that date, our tenth of the amount of all its deferred deposit receipts which matured on the 12th June in the years 1898, 1899, 1900 and 1905 respectively.

Received.

Reports of Committees

C^o. Potter reported, relative to the application of Messrs Cheyne to have a gate removed from across a road on the Tennyson Estate, that in company with C^o. Hardy he had visited the place, and they had come to the conclusion that the gate was no detriment to the public and there was no reason why it should be removed. He moved that the letter be received and Messrs Cheyne informed that there was no reasonable ground why this gate should be removed. Seconded by C^o. Hardy. Carried. C^o. Ross retired from the Chamber during the consideration of the matter.

Reports of Officers

The Rate Collector reported receipts:-

Rates £186. Dog fees £4.0.0

Received.

The Treasurer reported receipts:- Current Rates £779.0.0 rates arrears £7.0.0 Dog fees £4.0.0 Arrears Deferred Deposit receipts £56.6 £25.0.0

Interest on Deferred Deposit Receipts £56.6 Total £820.6.6

Debit balances £546.9.3

Received.

The Shire Engineer's report was read and received and clauses dealt with as shown in Engineer's report book.

Received.

General Business

C^o. Laird moved, on behalf of C^o. Bissett that the Loddon United Water Trust be advised that the Council was willing to find the means to erect a weir at Bullock Creek, as reported on by the Engineer. Seconded by C^o. Hardy. After discussion C^o. Laird withdrew the motion and lodged notice that this Council pay to the Loddon U. W. Trust the cost of constructing the weir for consideration at next meeting.

On the motion of C^o. Coulter and Laird the North riding members were empowered to expend a sum of money not exceeding £5 in burning off dead wood on various roads. Carried.

Instructions to Officers

By C^o. Jackson and Coulter.

Engineer to get culvert repaired near M^o. Aitken's, Yallock, clear out and enlarge tanks at Kamanooka sewage settlement and near Donnellans.

Carried.

By C^{rs} Coulter & Jackson
Engineer to ascertain cost of filling
in ruts on road east from Sandara
Railway Station.

By C^{rs} Coulter and Jackson
Secretary to write Mr Raleigh
asking if he is prepared to bear
portion of the cost of drawing
out tanks near Nelsons, Sandara
and if so the work to be pro-
ceeded with. Carried.

All notices of motion were postponed
for our month.

Accounts

and Accounts amounting to £74 16 7
were passed for payment on the
motion of J^r Jackson seconded
by C^r Hardy. Carried.

The meeting then closed and the council adjourned
to Friday 19th February at 11 am.

Read and confirmed as Secretary
this 26th day of February 1897

J. B. Moberg President

Present at 11.45 am.

Councillor McCrea (President) and Councillors
Coulter, Jackson, Ross, Hardy, Potter
Bissh, Lands and Coult.

Minutes of meeting held 15th January
1897 were read and on the motion
of C. Lands, seconded by C. Hardy
Carried.

Correspondence

From Lands Department

Stating that the preservation of 3 3 11
parish of Dingee, for water supply
purposes, was duly notified in the Govt
Gazette of 31st January. Received.

From Police Department

Approving of the appointment of
Constable Pictor as Inspector of Nuisances &c.

From Loddon United Water Trust

That the council's request that
the trust take action against Messrs
Hayes Bros, for diverting water from
Pullock Creek, had been adjourned
till the next meeting of the trust,
there being only a bare quorum at
the last meeting. Do.

From Railway Department

Stating that as there is now water
in the railway tank at Prairie, the
silt cannot be removed from it
as desired. Do.

From Chief Inspector, Venous Destruction Act.

Re river netting Poupapil Forest,
Stating that the department did not
propose to wire net it. Received.

From Secretary, Shire of Educa.

Re obstructions placed along and across
the Picaniny Creek, stating that the
ratepayers interested in the Educa
shire are not moving in the matter
and therefore it is a question
that affects the East Loddon people
only. His council had communicated
with the Water Supply Dept, and he
enclosed the following reply.

"In reply to your recent enquiry,
I have the honor to inform you no
authority has been given by this
department to Messrs Kennedy and
Hogarth to block the flow of the
Picaniny Creek. Should the dams
complained of be upon private
property it will be necessary for
the ratepayers whose rights are
unjustly affected to resort to an
action at law and to obtain an
injunction against the unlawful dis-
version of the water, but if upon
Crown Land action could be taken
by the Lands Dept."

C. Coulter moved that the Secretary
make enquiries and ascertain if the
obstructions complained of are on
private property or Crown Land.
Plan showing site to be forwarded.
Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

From Chief Inspector, Venue Inspection Act
 Asking opinion of Council as to
 the advisability or otherwise of
 continuing the fox bonus.
 C. Hardy moved that in the op-
 inion of the Council it is des-
 irable that the bonus be continued.
 Seconded by C. Ross. Carried.

From Deputy Returning Officer
 Applying for use of Shire Hall
 for Federal Convention Election on
 4th March. Granted.

From John Raleigh Taudara
 Intimating his willingness to pay
 one third of amount for clearing
 out park near Emu Nest, parish
 of Taudara.
 The Engineer stated he had accepted
 the offer and the work was proceed-
 ing. Action approved of on
 the motion of C. Jackson. Carried.

From The Mayor of Melbourne.
 Enclosing 3 collection lists in
 connection with the India Famine
 Relief Fund.
 C. Potter moved that the lists be dis-
 tributed in each riding.
 Seconded by C. Ross. Carried.

From Shire of Dummer, asking cooperation
 in urging on the Government the
 desirability of adopting a more simple
 method for collecting Ag. Statistics. Received.

From John W. Jackson
 Enclosing account for £1.15.0 for work
 done by day labor under the in-
 structions of the Engineer, and
 complaining that the Engineer had
 refused to pass payment.
 At the request of the Shire Engineer,
 the East Riding members were app-
 ointed to inspect the work, on the
 motion of C. Laird, seconded by
 C. Potter. Carried.

From Under Secretary
 That Friday 19th inst had been
 appointed to be observed as a
 public holiday throughout the Shire
 of East Loddon. Received.

From Head Teacher, Melbourn State School.
 Reporting a throat disease in
 the children attending the School. Do.

Petitions

C. Jackson presented a petition signed
 by Mr. Kiley and eleven others,
 praying that steps be taken to
 ascertain if the byewash lately
 constructed at the Tang Tang Swamp
 is higher than the natural sur-
 face level immediately adjacent
 to Mr. John Gyll's house; if so dur-
 ing flood time the water would
 flow westward toward Myors Cr.
 before it can pass over the bye-
 wash in question. Consideration
 postponed till next meeting to allow

of an inspection to be made by the East Riding Members, on the motion of the President and C. Jackson. — Carried —

Petition presented by the President from R. I. Bidstrup and 13 other residents of Melbourn, stating that the proposal to establish a double fur system in that township is unnecessary, arbitrary, and uncalled for. The President moved that the Secretary forward a copy of the Petition to the Health Dept. as an answer to their letter asking what action the Council contemplated in relation to the double fur system suggested by the Health Officer, and that the Inspector be asked to see that the cesspits referred to in the petition be done away with and pans substituted. Seconded by C. Coulter. — Carried —

Reports of Officers

From Constables Pictor and Brown with returns of live stock slaughtered for year ending 31.12.96. — Received —

From Dr. H. A. and E. A. DeRamus Annual reports on the health of the East and North South ridings. — Do. —

The Rate Collector reported receipts rates £62.3.0; Dog fees £1.10.0. — Received —

The Treasurer reported receipts Rates current £62.3.0; dog fees £1.10.0; Slaughtering Licences £2.0.0 Total £65.13.0. Overdraft £55.14.10. — Do —

The Shire Engineers' report was read and received and clauses dealt with as shown in Engineers' report book. —

The Secretary presented a financial report which showed that after providing for the bank overdraft a sum of £937.4.2 was available for expenditure for the remainder of the financial year.

The report was Received — Received —

Instructions to Officers

By C. Ross.

Engineer to get side log 3 fixed to culvert near McKinnans Spanish of Calver. Seconded by Hardy. — Carried —

By C. Land and Prescott.

Engineer to get culvert repaired on road opposite Beau's property. Pumpapial. — Carried —

By Mr. President and C. Jackman.
Enquiries to get formation made
on road south from Emu Wash,
Parish of Tandar. If the cost
exceeds £5, tenders to be called
for the work.

Carried.

Motions on Notice

By C. Coulter

That tenders be called for constructing
box culvert and formation near
W. J. A. Harris' residence, Yallock.
Seconded by C. Jackman

Carried.

By C. Laird

That the Council pay to the Loddon
United Water Trust the cost of
constructing a timber weir across the
Bullock Creek at outlet of Salwad
Channel. Seconded by C. Bissett. Carried.
C. Jackman voting against the motion.

Motions on Notice Nos 142 Lodged
by C. Coulter was postponed for one
month.

Notices of Motion

By C. Jackman

That tenders be called for
repairing roadway east and west
from Tandar Railway Station

By Mr. President

That tenders be called for con-
structing box culvert and formation
on road near McStephen's residence.

Two miles north from Prairie Railway
Station.

By Mr. President

That tenders be called for constructing
culvert and formation on road, south
from Prairie Rly. Station.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £224.0.1
were passed for payment on the
motion of C. Hardy, seconded by
C. Bissett. Carried.

The meeting then closed and the council adjourned
to Friday 19th March at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at September this 19th day
of March 1897

J. B. McVea President
East Loddon Shire.

Present at noon.

Councillors M. Gird, (President) Coult, Hardy, Potter, Ross, Jackson, Laird and Bissett.

Minutes of meeting held 26th February 1897 were read and on the motion of C. Laird, seconded by C. Bissett. Carried.

Correspondence

From Shire of Gordon

Asking cooperation in getting a small bill passed through Parliament to give control of local water works to the municipalities; and also asking in the event of such a bill being passed, if the Council would accept responsibility in the Loddon & Water Trust works.

C. Laird moved that cooperation be granted, the Gordon Shire to be informed of the action previously taken by this Council.

Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

From Town Clerk, City of Melbourne

Stating that a conference of municipalities held in Melbourne had decided that a suitable manner of marking the record reign of the Queen would be by a joint address from the 208 municipalities of the Colony.

C. Laird moved that this Council cooperate. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

From Stokes Son, Melbourne

Soliciting orders for medals to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the reign of Queen Victoria in June next.

Consideration deferred for one month.

From Under Treasurer of Victoria

Forwarding account £100 equivalent for Publicans' Licenses - for completion.

Attended to by President. Received.

From Secretary, Anglenood Hospital

Asking that the 17th March be proclaimed a public holiday in the South Riding.

No action taken.

From Head Teacher, Poupapies State School

Reporting outbreak of Scarlet Fever in the district.

Do.

From E. A. DeRavin

Reporting that Scarlet Fever existed in two families in the parish of Poupapies, suggesting that if any more outbreak occurred the Poupapies State School be closed for eight weeks.

C. Potter moved that the report be received and the school closed as suggested, another case having occurred since the Health Officer's visit to the district.

Seconded by C. Coult. Carried.

Reports of Committees

The President reported re the complaint made at last meeting by Mr. John W. Jackman of the refusal of the Engineer to pay him for certain work.

In company with Mr. Jackman and Coulters, the President had inspected the work, and found that it had been badly done. The Engineer was quite justified in refusing to pass the work. C. Coulters himself came to the conclusion that it would be better to leave the matter in the hands of the Engineer to pay what he thought the work was worth.

C. Jackman - while agreeing that the Engineer was right in not passing the work - thought that for the matter of a few shillings it would be better to pay the full amount and disqualify Jackman from any carpentering work in the future.

C. Potter moved that the President's report be received. Seconded C. Laird. - Carried.

The President moved that the matter be left in the hands of the Engineer to pay what was just and fair. Seconded by C. Ross.

Amendment

By C. Coulters. That the money be paid and that John W. Jackman be given to understand that no more work be given him.

Seconded by C. Jackman.

Voting for the amendment.

Councillors Coulters, Jackson Hardy.

For the motion

The President and C. Ross, Potter, Laird, & Bissett.

Carried.

The President declared the motion carried.

Tang Tang Reservoir

The President reported having visited the Tang Tang reservoir, concerning which a petition had been received at last meeting complaining that through the water being dammed up those people to the north could not get a supply. The President said the members who visited the place found that it took something like a month to fill up the reservoir, and the water becoming unpounded in a winter like the last it did not run away north. The Committee had come to the conclusion to place a shoot at the original level of swamp.

C. Potter moved that the report be received. Seconded by C. Bissett. - Carried. - Consideration of the matter was postponed till General Business, when C. Jackman moved that the bye wash be cut away in the centre to the level of the bed of swamp. Seconded by C. Potter. - Carried.

The rate collector reported receipts of rates
£22.2.0. ————— Received

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates
current £74.0, arrears of rates £15.1.0
Rent Miss Hall C.L. Dept. £10; rent of
Hall, Superintendent's Fete £1. Total £34.2.0
Overdraft at Bank of Victoria £720.7.5 — Do.

The Shire Engineer's report was read and
perused and clauses dealt with
as shown in report book. ————— Do

On clause 3 suggesting that tanks
at McMahons Swamp be cleaned out
and a boundary fence erected.
C. Jackman moved that the work be
carried out and dealt with by the
Shire Engineer. Seconded by the
President. ————— Carried

W. E. Matthews, Analyst.
forwarding Quarterly reports, which
showed that no articles had been
submitted for analysis up to 31st
December 1896. ————— Received

Tenders

Contract No. 200. Foundations and Culvert near
McShaws Yallock. Three tenders received
Lowest Tenderer. John Crapper £18.15.0

Contract No. 201. Widening foundation near Emu
Nest, parish of Sandara. Three tenders
Lowest Tenderer. John Crapper £8.12.6
The President moved that the lowest
tenders be accepted. Seconded by C.
Hardy. ————— Carried

General Business

Relative to the outbreak of Scarlet
Fever at Pampapies, C. Coult moved
that the Secretary write to the
teacher of the State School at
Pampapies asking why she did
not report the matter - at the
time of the outbreak - to the
Local Board of Health.
Seconded by C. Land ————— Carried

Wathurst Burns & Haw Thistles

C. Bissett moved that the members
for the various ridings be empowered
to get the burns & "Haw" thistles cut
on the main traffic roads.
Seconded by C. Coult. ————— Carried

Instructions to officers

By C. Bissett. That the Engineer
get culverts repaired near Bears
Lagoon Hotel. Seconded C. Land ————— Carried

By C. Potter

Engineer to lay on table at
next meeting a return showing
the cost of constructing the Civil
water channel, main line and branches
from Yarrup to northern boundary
of Shire. Seconded by C. Bissett. ————— Carried

By C. Jackman

Engineer to make a preliminary
survey from the proposed weir on
Pullock Creek, to see if the water
could be taken through the East Riding.
Seconded by C. D. Coult. ————— Carried

Motions on Notice

All motions on Notice were postponed for our month.

Notice of Motion

By C. Potter.

Tenders be called for culvert and formation on creek and mesh road near Mr. Robinson's residence, Pompanier.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £123 2 10 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Potter, seconded by C. Ross. — Carried.

The meeting then closed, and the council adjourned to Friday 23rd April 1897, at 11 a.m., the ordinary day of meeting falling on Good Friday.

Read and confirmed at Secretary this 23rd day of April 1897.

J. B. McEneaney President
East Loddon Shire

Present at 11.45 a.m.

The President C. McEneaney, and four councillors Jackman, Coulter, Ross, Hardy, Potter, Laird, and Bissett.

Minutes of meeting held 19th March 1897 were read and on the motion of C. Jackman, seconded by C. Bissett. Confirmed. — Carried.

CorrespondenceFrom the Railway Department

Asking for permission to fill the railway reservoir at Mitiamo from Bullock Creek.

Granted on the motion of the President, seconded by C. B. Laird. — Carried.

From Secretary for Lands

That the embankments along the Peamunmy Creek, in the parish of Lismore, Echuca Shire, indicated on the plan attached are on private property, the remainder of the embankment is on Crown Land permanently reserved for public purposes. — Received.

From Loddon United Water Trust.

Stating that at the last meeting of the Trust it was decided to call tenders for the erection of a timber weir on Bullock Creek near McDougalls. — Recd.

The Trust to be asked to forward copies of plan & specification to the

council for approval on the motion
of C. Potter seconded by C. Bisshopp. — Carried.
C. Jackson voting against.

From J. H. A. Deravin, Health Officer, East
riding, forwarding his resignation. — Received

From General Manager Bank of Victoria
Stating that it is the intention of the
board to pay off, on 12th July 1897, with
accrued interest to date, 1/5 of the
amount of all its deferred deposit
receipts which mature on the 12th June
in the years 1898, 1899, 1900 and 1905
respectively. Interest will cease on the
amounts to be paid off on the 12th
July 1897. — Received

From Head Teacher, Pompanil State School.
Forwarding explanation to Council's
letter, asking the reason why the
outbreak of scarlet fever at the
Pompanil School was not reported
to the Council as soon as the fever
occurred. — Do

From A. Cheyne, Sacklaw.
Requesting the removal of gates
across roads in the parish of
Sacklaw.
C. Coulters moved that consideration
be postponed for 1 month. Seconded
by C. Potter. — Carried.
C. Ross refrained from voting.

From Gordon Shire

Soliciting co-operation with a view
to the suppression of the Brathurst
Burn.

C. Laird moved that the Gordon Council
be informed that this Council has al-
ready cut the burns on the main
roads and will be pleased to co-
operate in the eradication on the
boundary road. Seconded by C. Potter. — Carried

From Secretary Loddon United Water Trust

Requesting cheque £5.11.1, the Council's
proportion of working expenses
for the quarter ending 31st March 1897.
C. Laird moved that the amount be
passed for payment. Seconded by
C. Coulters. — Carried

From Shire of Gordon

Asking rate of interest paid by the
Council for its overdraft on current
acc. Information supplied by Secretary. — Received

From Mayor of Melbourne.

Soliciting subscription to the Queen's
Memorial Fund for the erection of an
injection, diseases hospital, now deferred
for our month. — Received

From Percy Nicholls Esq.

Applying for use of River Hall
Granted under usual conditions. — Carried.

Petition

C^r Coulter presented a petition, signed by W. Thomas and 50 other ratepayers of the East riding. The petitioners stated that they learned with surprise that the Council intended to drain the Tang Tang water reservoir after having so recently made a byewash, which was admirably adapted for the purpose intended, and they protested against any further alterations being made, as it would mean a waste of money, the destruction of a Govt. permanent water reserve, and a place of public resort for recreation and sports.

Messrs Thomas, Garry Grylles waited on the Council in support of the petition and Messrs Jas Gault and Rankins to oppose.

After hearing both sides the Council met into committees and on resuming open Council, it was moved by C^r Jackman, seconded by the President, that the whole question be submitted to the Shire Solicitors for an opinion thereon. The Secretary & President being empowered to forward all the necessary plans & papers to the solicitors.

The President declared the motion Carried—Councillors Coulter, Potter and Bissett voting against.

It was agreed that the matter be brought forward for consideration at next meeting, when no doubt, the opinion would be received.

Reports of Officers

The Rate Collector reported receipts of Rates, current £10.1.0, rates, arrears £19.6.0. Total £29.7.0. Received

The Treasurer reported receipts:

Rates current £10.1.0, rates, arrears £19.6.0, Slaughtering License £1.0.0, Contractors' deposits £1.9.0, Weigh bridge fees £4.12.0, Shire of Officers Lagoon & W. Trust £5.0.0. Total £41.8.0.

Overdraft £24.5.9. Received

The Shire Engineer's report was read and Received and dealt with by "Notice of Motion" lodged by C^r Coulter. Do.

General Business

The President referred to the illness of C^r Gault and moved that the Secretary forward a letter of sympathy to him.

C^r Hardy seconded the motion, which was Carried—carried after being supported by all the Councillors, all of whom expressed their deep regret at C^r Gault's illness.

C^r Bissett moved that the Engineer get all stumps and dead trees removed on road east and west from the Bears' lagoon hotel. Seconded C^r Laird. Carried

On the motion of C^r Jackman the Shire Engineer was instructed to get the plants to culvert near McElders property fastened to the abutment.

On the motion of Councillors Coulter and Jackman, Horace Grattan Kelly, was appointed Health Officer for the East Riding of the Shire of East Loddon. — Carried — in lieu of D. H. B. Dransfield

Motions on Notice

No. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 were postponed for one month.

No. 6. Lodged and moved by C. Potter seconded by C. Hardy. That tenders be called for constructing Box culverts & formation on road adjoining Mr. Wm. Robinson's farm Pumpville was — Lost —

Voting for the motion, Councillors Potter Hardy.

Against the motion; C. McLeod (President), Dissell, Lamb, Jackman Coulter Ross.

Notices of Motions

By C. Coulter

That tenders be called, if required, at next meeting to carry out the proposed channel as shown on plan to convey water to the east riding from Bullock Creek, this notice to be postponed, if required, until all proper steps are taken in connection with said work.

By C. Coulter

That the resolution passed at last meeting re cutting the Tang Tang bywash may be rescinded.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £117. 9. 5 were presented for payment on the motion of C. Potter, seconded by C. Hardy. Carried

The meeting then closed, and the Council adjourned to Friday 21st May 1897 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at September this 21st day of May 1897

J. B. McLeod President
East Loddon Shire

Present at noon

The President (C. M. Cross) and Councillors
Jackson, Coulters, Laird, Bissett, Potter,
Ross and Hardy.

Minutes of meeting held 23rd April 1897
were read and on the motion of C.
Jackson, seconded by C. Bissett
confirmed.

Carried

The late C. David Coulters M.L.C.

C. Laird said a very painful duty
devolved upon him in having to
move "that a letter of condolence be
sent to M^{rs} Coulters and family, sympathi-
ising with them in their sad bereave-
ment by the death of husband and
father". In his public capacity he had
been a most valuable member of the
Council, equally valuable as chairman
of the Lodon & W. Trust, and had
held the high and honorable po-
sition of a member of the Upper
House and a member of the Govt
in both of which positions he had
rendered valuable assistance to the
Colon and to the residents of the
country. As a member of the
Shire Council his services had been
invaluable, his assistance and
advice being at all times sought
for. M^{rs} Coulters, from his ability,
geniality and jovial manner was
a man it would not be easy to
replace.

In his private life he was just as
kind and attentive as he was in
his public capacity and his loss
would be felt very keenly by the
whole of the people of the district.
He felt his loss as he would
that of a brother.

The motion was seconded by C.
Hardy and supported by all
the councillors.

Carried.

The Englewood Borough Council
forwarded a letter having reference
to the lamentable death of C. Coulters
and the Secretary was directed to
acknowledge and express grateful
appreciation of the kindly sentiments
expressed therein.

C. Bissett (President) and C. Bailey
and Dellar, and Messrs J. S. Stewart
(Secretary) and J. Minto Junr (Engineer)
of the Marong Shire Council were
introduced to the Council.

The President (Marong Shire) said they
felt the cause of their visit with
extreme regret - to present a letter
of condolence, through the Council
to M^{rs} Coulters on the death of her
husband. They would all agree
with him that his death was to
be deeply regretted. To show their
esteem and respect, the Marong Council
had decided to present a letter of
sympathy and condolence. He really
did not think the address was as good

as it should be, seeing the good qualities deceased had been possessed of.

Mr. Stewart read the letter of condolence which was in album form, neatly engrossed, various scenes depicting the many pursuits in which the deceased gentleman was interested being effectively reproduced.

The President and Mr. Hardy and Jackman briefly expressed their appreciation of the kindly feeling shown by Marong Shire.

Mr. Bailey said there was no doubt they had lost a valuable man, and one whom it would be hard to replace.

Mr. Deane & Secretary Stewart spoke similarly. Mr. Foults had been as much esteemed and respected throughout the Marong Shire as the East Loddon.

Mr. David then moved - "That this Council place on record its sincere regrets and deep sense of the loss it has sustained in the lamented death of Councillor the Honorable David Foults. The geniality of his character was such as to gain for him the good will of everyone associated with him, while his intimate knowledge and ready grasp of all matters

pertaining to municipal law and water supply was of invaluable assistance to the Council in its deliberations. The Council also expresses its appreciation of the faithful services rendered by him as a representative for this district in the Legislative Council.

Seconded by Mr. Hardy. Carried.

The sudden death of Mr. Thomas O'Neill was feelingly alluded to by Councillors, and on the motion of Mr. Bissett and Fowler, it was decided that a letter of condolence be forwarded Mr. O'Neill.

The meeting of the Council, in respect to the deceased (David Foults) was then adjourned for one month, on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. Jackman.

Read and confirmed at September this 18th day of June 1897.

J. B. McEwen President
East Loddon Shire

Shire of East Loddon
South Riding
Extraordinary Vacancy

Mr William George Coult, being the only candidate nominated for the office of Councillor for the South Riding of the Shire of East Loddon, I hereby declare him duly elected thereto.
J.B. M'Gree
President and Returning Officer

Shire Hall

Serpentine

21st May 1897.

Declaration

I, William George Coult, do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Councillor by virtue of the Local Government Acts.

William George Coult

Declared at Serpentine before me this 18th day of June 1897.

William Bissett J.P.

Confirmed at Serpentine this 18th day of June 1897.

J.B. M'Gree President
East Loddon Shire

Present at noon

The President C. M'Gree and Councillors Jackson, Coult, Ross, Murray, Potter, Laid, Bissett and W.G. Coult.

Minutes of meeting held on 21st May 1897 were read and on the motion of C. Bissett, seconded by C. Coult, Confirmed Carried

Correspondence

From H. B. Moore, The Exchange, Melbourne.

That the subscription for Municipalities outside the metropolitan area had been reduced to £1.0 per annum, and asking this Council to join. was Received.

From Quirk, Hyatt and Pyper.

Stating ^{that} they had been instructed by a large number of ratepayers in the parishes of Hadamir and Calivil to complain of the Council's action in granting permits to the representative of the Moffat Estate to close upwards of 30 roads in the North Riding. C. Laid moved that consideration be deferred for 1 month. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

C. Ross refrained from voting.

From Hon. Secretary to Trustees of the Serpentine Recreation Reserve.

Asking that a Councillor be appointed to the vacancy in the management of the reserve caused by the death of C. D. Coult. On the motion of

C. Laird, seconded by C. Besser, J. W. S.
Coults was appointed to the vacancy. Carried.

From J. Kerr, Drummar, 17th St. (Laud), Milnamod
E. A. J. Carey, Duigee, complaining of
over-rating.
Referred to Valuer for reports. Received.

From D. H. G. Kelly, Health Officer, East Riding
Reporting outbreak of Dysentery and
Typhoid at Milnamod, also Scarlet Fever. Do.

From Head Teacher Milnamod State School
with similar reports. Do.

From Head Teacher, Harris Lagoon School.
Reporting one case Scarlet fever. Do.

From Public Health Department
That the appointment as Health
Officer for the East Riding of D.
Horace Gattau Kelly vice D. Hugh
Alcock Derwin, proposed was approved
of by the Board. Do.

From Public Health Department
Asking for a report by the Shire
Engineer respecting Wesleyan Church
at Duigee. Attended to. Do.

From Public Health Department.
Notifying that the Board's formal
approval to the opening of the
Wesleyan Church at Duigee had been
forwarded to the Secretary. McDrudge. Do.

From Public Health Department.

That in view of the fact that cases
of Scarlet fever and Scarlatina have
been reported to the Board as
having occurred in the Shire, the Board
have deemed it advisable that
Section 125 Health Act 1890, rendering
notification of infectious diseases
obligatory be put in force in the
Shire, and that in accordance with
that decision arrived at at its last
meeting a notice declaring the Shire
of East Loddon affected with scarlet
fever and Scarlatina was published
in the Government Gazette. Received.

From D. E. A. De Mawin
That he had recommended the reopening
of the Pampapies State School on Monday
May 10th with the understanding that no
member of a family in which Scarlet
fever has occurred shall be allowed
to attend until seven weeks have
elapsed after the onset of the last
case in such family.
With the exception of this outbreak
of Scarlet fever, no other infectious
disease has come under my notice. Do.

From Engineer for Existing Lines, Railway
Department.
Acknowledging with thanks
receipt of letter granting Dept.
permission to cut a side drain
from Bullock Creek to Railway Tank
at Milnamod. Do.

From Land-Department, Melbourne.

Notifying receipt by the Department of a communication from a number of residents in the neighbourhood of the Tang Tang Water Reserve, protesting against a proposal of the Council to drain the Reserve, ~~and~~ requesting that the Dept. be favored with any remarks the Council may desire to offer on the matter.

To be informed that the Council do not contemplate draining the reservoir, on the motion of C. Coulter. Seconded by C. Bissett. Carried

From Under Treasurer of Victoria

Forwarding accounts for £206. 15. 9
Subsidy for 1/2 year ending 30. 6. 97.
Attended to by President & Treasurer. Received

From John Crapper.

Applying for an increase in the price of earthwork on Contract near Shaws, consequent on the works being reduced in size.

C. Ross moved that the application be refused. Seconded by C. Bissett. Carried

From Town Clerk, Melbourne

Forwarding 2 slips for the presidents and Secretaries Signatures and Seal of Council to be attached to the address from Victorian Municipalities Received
to the Queen.

Attended to

From Thos Kieley and 15 others.

Requesting to have necessary work done to divert the water from Bullock Creek to fill the Railway dam at Mitiamo, as that place was virtually without water.

C. Coulter moved that the matter be left in the hands of the President and Engineer to carry out the work if necessary. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried

From Secretary Loddon United Water Trust.

Pointing out the necessity of the Council for appointing a gentleman to fill the vacancy on the Trust caused by the death of the Hon. D. Coult.

C. Hardy moved that C. Bissett be appointed. Seconded by C. David. Carried

From Secretary Loddon United Water Trust.

That plan & specification of proposed weir on Bullock Creek near McDougalls would be submitted to the Council for approval before tenders were invited by the Trust. Received

From W. A. Hayes and 9 others in the East riding,

stating that they had no objection to the Council constructing a weir and channel from Bullock Creek into the East Riding, providing the Council can get an extra supply of water from the W.S. Department.

for that purpose and that those who must
the water pay for the construction of
weir & channel.

The President moved that the petitioners
be informed that no action is intended
to be taken at present. Seconded by
C^o Jackson. _____ Carried.

From Andrew Haynes (deferred from last meeting)
Relative to gates placed across roads
in the parish of Jackman, was put
forward till next meeting.

Reports of Committees

The President reported that after the April
meeting legal opinion was obtained
from Messrs Councils, Tatchell and
Dunlop in reference to the Tang
Tang Water Reserve.

The Secretary having read the questions
submitted and the answers thereon
It was moved by C^o Coulter seconded
by C^o President that the legal opinions
be received. _____ Carried.

General Business

Returning Officers for forthcoming Elections
Moved by C^o Laird, seconded by C^o
Jackson that the following be
appointed.

For the North Riding C^o Ross

" " South Do C^o Bissett

" " East and for C^o McEira

The Officer of Auditor (President) _____ Carried.

C^o Laird moved that the Secretary
write to the Gordon Shire Council
asking their cooperation in an
endeavour to get a larger supply
of water sent down Bullock Cr.
and also to the Loddon Trust &
Members for the Electorate and
Provinces for their assistance.

Seconded by C^o Coulter. _____ Carried.

C^o Coulter referred to the Queen's
Diamond Jubilee. It was the
feeling of the people in the
East Riding that the Council
should take some steps to provide
the children in the Shire with
some token of the memorable
event in the shape of a medal.
He moved that 1000 medals be
obtained for distribution to all
the children in the Shire.
Seconded by C^o Jackson. _____ Carried.

C^o Bissett moved that the Secretary
write to the Crown Law Department
pointing out the necessity of an
additional Justice of the Peace
for the Septentive District being
appointed, and recommending Mr.
Alex Garden as eligible for the
position. Seconded by C^o Ross _____ Carried.

The Engineer was instructed to inspect
roadway gullies near Mr. W^o Laird's
property, Calver; Culvert near Mr. S.
Piersey's, Idlambr, and crossing

over River Loddon at Yarragoe.

Reports of Officers

The Rate Collector reported having collected
to 21st May. Rates current £12.1.0.
To 18th June Rates current £575.5.0, rates
arrear £1.14.0, Dog fees £3.0.0. ————— Received.

The Treasurer reported. 21st May 1897.
Rates current £12.1.0. Haughton's
Licenses £1. Instalments D.D. Receipts
£23-. Interest D.D. Receipts 5th 10. Refund
J.M. Jackman 15th 4. Equivalents Publicans
Licenses £105.0.0, Hives Hall £10.0.0
Debit Balances. £796.5.2 ————— Received.

Treasurer 18th June 1897
Rates current £575.5.0, rates arrear
£1.14.0; dog fees £3.0.0; Subsidy to 30.6.97
£206.15.9; Interest D.D. Receipts £4.5.0
Total £790.19.9.
Debit balance £33.16.6. ————— Received.

The three Engineers reports were read
and received and dealt with as
shown in reports book. ————— Do.

On the motion of C^{rs} Jackman and
Coulter the Secretary was instructed
to write to the Shire Council
asking for half cost of construct-
ing marks on boundary road
near Mr John Lewis property, parish
of Hamarooka. ————— Carried.

Motions on Notice

All motions on Notice were further
postponed for one month.

Accounts.

gen^l Accounts amounting to £177.5.3
were passed for payment on
the motion of C^{rs} Potter, seconded
by C^{rs} Jackman. ————— Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned
to Friday 23rd July at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 23rd day
of July 1897.

J.B. Moran, Treasurer
East Loddon Shire.

Present at 11.50 am.

Councillors McGraw (President) Coulter, Ross,
Hardy, Potter, Coult, Bissett and Laird

Minutes of meeting held 18th June 1897
were read and on motion of C. Laird
Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

Revision Court.

The Secretary presented the voters lists
for the various ridings.

North Riding. There being no claims
or objections C. Potter moved that the
roll as revised be adopted. Seconded
by C. Ross. Carried.

South Riding. Messrs Geo. Haughton,
Michael E. O'Neill and Henry O'Neill
applied to have their names inserted.
C. Bissett moved that the applications be
granted. Seconded by C. Laird. Carried.

The South Riding roll as revised
was then adopted on the motion of
C. Laird seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

East Riding. Applications received
for insertion on the roll from Messrs
L. Bidstrup and David Bell.

The President moved that they be granted.
Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

The East Riding roll as revised was
then adopted on the motion of the
President seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

The rolls of each riding having been
signed and alterations initialled, the
Chairman declared the Court closed.

Read and confirmed at Loddon this 20th day of August 1897
President

Ordinary Meeting

The same councillors being present.

Correspondence.

From Chief Inspector, Venison Destruction Act.

Notifying that applications to participate
in the fox subsidy should be made
quarterly.

C. Potter moved that the Shire Council
give a bonus of 2/6 for the skins.

Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

From R. O'Neill, M.L.A.

Intimating that he would support the
appointment of an additional justice
of the peace for the Serpentine district. Received.

From City of Melbourne

Bringing under notice the bill to amend
the law relating to hackney carriages
in connection with the metropolitan
districts, and asking support in oppos-
ing it. Do.

From Goulburn Shire

Asking cooperation in obtaining a
more equitable allocation of the amount
derived from publicans license fees. Do.

From Marong Shire

Asking support in obtaining an alter-
ation of the Local Government Act so
as to permit ratepayers recording their
votes through the medium of the post
and thus insure a fuller representation
of votes. No action taken. Do.

From Shire of Morang.

asking cooperation in endeavouring to have an uniform law passed to regulate traffic of traction engines.

C. Laird moved that cooperation be granted
Seconded by C. Ross

Carried.

From Head Teacher, Hayammi State School
and S. C. Jones, reporting cases of Scarlet fever.

Received

From Public Health Department.

Notifying that the Shire of East Loddon had been declared to be affected with diphtheria.

do.

From Loddon C. W. Trust

Requesting cheque £9.18.0, Council's proportion of working expenses for quarter ended 30th June 1897.

C. Laird moved that the amount be passed for payment. Seconded by C. Bissett.

Carried.

From H. J. J. J.

Applying for permission to erect culvert across water channel opposite his residence. Granted. Subject to the approval of the Shire Engineer on the motion of C. Bissett seconded by C. Coult.

Carried.

From Constable Brown, Inspector of Nuisances, East Riding.

Reporting burial of dead horse and asking that account for 10/- for same be paid. The President moved that the amount be passed for payment. Seconded by C. Coult.

Carried.

Petitions.

From F. Woods and 9 other ratepayers of Hayammi, Talamba and district, praying that a dam be constructed near Bullock Creek on reserve near from Groun's Hotel. was received and dealt with by notice of motion lodged by the President.

From John Rodgers and 5 other ratepayers of Yallock, drawing attention to bad state of road leading to Yallock State School from Bullock Creek. was received. To be taken into consideration when annual estimates are being prepared.

The deferred letters from Andrew Cheyne, and Quirk, Syrett and Pymer relative to action of Council in granting permits to the representative of the Moffatt estate to close roads now read also one from the Lands Department to the effect that under section 428 Local Government Act 1890 the Council has no power to, except in conjunction with the Minister, to permit of spring gates being erected, and failing this it is the duty of that body to keep such roads open for public use and free from obstruction.

A further letter from Quirk, Syrett and Pymer intimated that unless the request to cancel the permits be at once complied with, and the

whole of the roads opened and made available for public use and traffic, their clients will be reluctantly compelled to take such legal proceedings as they may be advised for compelling the Council to do so.
 From Whiting and Aitken

Solicitors, Melbourne

We have been consulted by the trustees of the late Robert Moffatt and by Messrs J. and E. Ross, the owners and tenants respectively of the Torrens estate, in reference to the rabbit proof gates erected by them on certain roads intersecting the estate. These gates were erected with the express consent of your Council under the powers vested in it under Sections 58 and 59 of the Venison Destruction Act; the powers given to the Council under this Act being exercisable by them independently of the provisions as to roads contained in the Local Government Act 1890, the concurrence of the Minister not being required. Our clients have erected about 80 miles of wire netting on the Torrens property at a cost of over £3000, relying on the consent granted by your Council, which was applied for before they started to erect the netting. They are now informed that some members of your Council propose that the consent should be cancelled and the gates removed. If this were done the wire netting would be practically useless and our clients would suffer great loss and damage. Under the circumstances your Council has no power to revoke its consent and we can scarcely

think that such a step is seriously contemplated. If, however, the revoking of the consent be attempted, our clients will take action against the Council, and also hold the members of your Council personally liable for any consequential loss and damage they may incur.

Mr. Laird asking for the ruling of the President on the matter. Consent had been given to the owners of the estate to erect a wire fence and he was of opinion the matter could not now be discussed only on a motion to rescind the former resolution. The President ruled that until notice had been given to rescind the former resolution all discussion was out of order.

The letters were simply received.

Reports of Officers

The Rate Collector reported receipts of rates current £63.8.0, arrears of rates £2.0.0. Received—

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates £63.8.0
 Arrears £2.0.0 Total £65.8.0
 Overdraft £141.3.2. Do.

The Shire Engineer's Report was read and Received—

The Secretary reported financial position of riding to be North riding Dr balance £226.3.2, South riding Cr £79.0.0, East Riding Cr £6.0.0
 Bank Dr Balance £141.3.2 Received—

General Business

C. Bissett moved that the Jubilee medals in the hands of the Council be handed over to the boards of advice for distribution to the children. Seconded by C. Laird. — Carried.

C. Laird moved that copies of McHugh's Local Govt Law be obtained for the use of Councillors. Seconded by C. Coulter. — Carried.

C. Bissett moved that a few loads of metal be put in the crossing opposite Mr. Irvine's saw place at Soperburn. Seconded by C. Laird. — Carried.

C. Coulter moved that the Secretary write to the Shire Classification Board objecting to the Shire being raised to a higher class than at present. Seconded by C. Laird. — Carried.

C. Coulter moved that the Engineer report on the cost of loaning formation near Mr. Crapper's residence, Yallock. Seconded by C. Hardy. — Carried.

Motions on Notice

By the President

That tenders be called for earthwork and culverts on road near Mr. Stephens' residence, north from Prairie Rly Station, and on road south from Prairie Railway Station.

Seconded by C. Coulter. — Carried.

Notices of Motion

By C. Hardy.

That tenders be called for constructing culverts and approaches on road near Mr. Roberts' farm. Parish of Siskaw.

By the President

Tenders for constructing dam on water reserve, Parish of Hapamin.

By the President

Tenders for loaning formation on roads east and west from Mt. Mansfield and Prairie Railway Station.

By C. Laird

Tenders for gubbing etc on Ecluca road and earthwork near Dandsons and Triceourays, Pompanier.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £72.13.5 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Hardy seconded by C. Potter. — Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 20th day of August 1897 at 11 and.

Read and confirmed at Soperburn this 20th day of August 1897.

J. B. M'Gree President
East Loddon, Vic.

Present at 11.45 am.

The President (C. McCrea) and Councillors Coulter, Hardy, Potter, Ross, Coult, Laird and Bissett.

Minutes of meeting held 25th July 1890 and Revision Court on same day were read and on the motion of C. Laird, Seconded by C. Bissett Carried.

Correspondence

From C. Jackson, apologising for absence from meeting.

Leave of absence granted, on the motion of C. Potter and Coulter. Carried.

From Secretary Loddon R. W. Trust

Stating that application had been made to the Water Supply Dept. for a larger allotment of water to Bullock Creek in place of the present inadequate supply. Received.

From Shire of Manawatu & Co.

Asking the appointment of a delegate at a conference with a view of obtaining an amendment of the Drainage Act.

Laird moved that resolution be granted. Seconded by C. Potter.

Amendment.

By C. Ross seconded by C. Bissett that the matter be held over for further information.

The President declared the amendment Carried.

From H. Gamble, Mologa

Claiming £3 for damages to his trap through being overturned over a heap of earth alleged to have been lying on the embankment on the 3 chain road our mile east from Diqua. Received no action taken.

From Lands Department, as follows. In

reply to your letter of the 23rd ult., re spring gates erected across certain roads in the parishes of Caliril and Jariklan by Messrs Ross Bros, I have the honor to point out that Section 59 of the Venue Destruction Act 1890 does not override section 428 of the Local Government Act, which requires the consent of the Governor in Council to the closing of the street or road, and to state that the spring gate referred to in the Venue Destruction Act is the legal spring gate provided for in section 428 of the Local Govt. Act. Under these circumstances your Council is requested to have the obstruction at once removed.

The Council went into Committee and on resuming C. Laird moved that the Council obtain the best legal opinion possible on the matter.

Seconded by C. Potter. Carried.

From Hon. Sec. Roman Catholic Bazaar

Committee, applying for use of the Shire Hall on Wednesday evening 22nd Sept. for purpose of holding a

Bazaar & Fount

Granted under usual conditions
on the motion of C. Bissett seconded
by C. Hardy

From John Crappin Yallock

Asking permission to cut down dry
trees on the roads in the East Riding
Request refused.

From Shire of Gooden

Acknowledging receipt of letter asking
cooperation in obtaining an additional
supply of water for Bullock Creek
and that no action was taken in
the matter.

Received

From Department of Public Works

Asking for statements in connection
with the Council's Bank Overdraft.
Submitted to by Secretary.

Do

From James Bissett, J. Michinson and
A. M. Marcollo reporting cases of
Scarlet Fever.

Do

The sworn declaration of the Valuer
Stephen Collier Jones was read
and received.

Do

Reports of Officers

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates
£8.13.0, Instalments were nothing
per H. Duffy £5.2.4; Defunct D. Receipt
£40.0.0 Interest on D.D. Receipts $\frac{3}{4}$
Total £53.18.3.

Overdraft at Bank of Victoria, Inglewood
£160.9.10

Received

The Rate Collector reported receipts of
rates £8.13.0.

Do

The Shire Engineer's report was read
and received and dealt with as
shown in Report Book.

Do

Tenders

Constructing Stone Crossings on
road near M. Stephens' residence, Princes
and on road from Dungee to Princes
Railway Station

3 Tenders received.

Lowest tenderer Michael Kelt
£125.4.0

The President moved that the tender of
M. Kelt be accepted. Seconded by
C. Bissett

Carried

General Business

On the motion of C. Potter, seconded by C. Hardy,
the members for the North riding were empowered
to expend a sum of £2 in getting clearing
done on road near M. Stills' property. Carried

On the motion of the President seconded
by C. Coulter the Engineer was instructed
to have grubbing effected on main station
road near the Trenches house-road, and on
road leading to Tyrnawid Hill.

C. Laird moved that the Engineer examine
and report on cost of constructing
portions of the Dungee road west from

Bullock Creek, and cost of loaning formation near Davis old residence Haywood road. Seconded by C. Bisett. Carried.

C. Coulter moved that the Engineer report on the cost of loaning formation east from Tandara Railway Station and on road south from James Jackson's residence Parish of Yallock. Seconded by the President. Carried.

C. Coulter moved that a stone crossing be inserted across roadway (in lieu of box culvert) at Coppins corner parish of Yallock. Seconded by the President. Carried.

Motions on Notice

By the President. That tenders be called for constructing path on Bullock Creek near Groves Hotel parish of Heymann to stand over for one month.

By the President

That tenders be called for loaning formation east from Melton B. Stations. Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

By C. Hardy

Tenders be called for Fox and formation near Mr Roberts residence, parish of Sacklaw. Seconded by C. Potter. Carried.

By C. Land

For formations and culverts

drainage on roads near Mr Muleys Lippemays and Davidson farms. Coupspiab. Seconded by C. Bisett. Carried.

By C. Coulter (By leave of the Council) moved that tenders be called for grubbing out dead trees, shrubs on road east from Tandara B. Station. Seconded by the President. Carried.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £8.0.6 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Potter. Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

Notices of Motion

By C. Bisett. That a rate of 1 in the £ be made on the net annual value of all the rateable property in the Shire of East Loddon for the period commencing on 1st October 1897, and terminating on the 30th September 1898.

By C. Potter. That tenders be called for culvert & approaches on road near Mr Wm Robinson's farm, Coupspiab.

By C. Coulter For loaning formation near Lethlam and Cropper farms Yallock.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 17th September 1897 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Separation this 17th day of September 1897

John Potter President
East Loddon Shire

Annual Elections

26 August 1897

Shire of East Loddon

North Riding

Mr John Potter being the only candidate nominated for the office of Councillor for the North riding of the Shire of East Loddon I hereby declare him duly elected thereto.

M. J. Ross

Returning Officer

Warrigee East
13 Sept 1897

South Riding

Mr D. C. Laird being the only candidate nominated for the office of Councillor for the South riding of the Shire of East Loddon, I hereby declare him duly elected thereto.

D. C. Laird

Returning Officer

Yarragone
13 Sept 1897

East Riding

Mr D. W. Coulters being the only candidate nominated for the office of Councillor for the East riding of the Shire of East Loddon, I hereby declare him duly elected thereto.

J. B. McCre

Returning Officer

Mitiamo
13 Sept 1897

Election of Auditors

Mr A. C. Miller being the only candidate nominated for the office of Local Auditor for the Shire of East Loddon, I hereby declare him to be duly elected.

J. B. McCre

President & Returning Officer

Mitiamo
13 Sept 1897

Shire Hall

Serpentine

17th September 1897Election of President

The following Councillors being present
Councillors McCre, McKean, Ross
Hardy Coulters Bissett and the
newly elected Councillors Laird, Coulters
and Potter having subscribed to the
following declaration before taking their
seats.

We, the undersigned do solemnly declare
that we will faithfully and impartially
according to the best of our ability and
judgment ^{execute} ~~exercise~~ all the powers
and authorities reposed in us as
Councillors by virtue of the Local
Government Act 1890-1891 numbers
1112 and 1243

John Potter

D. W. Coulters

D. C. Laird

Declared at Serpentine before me this 17th day of September 1897

John B. McCre J.P.

Confirmed at Serpentine this 17th day of September 1897

John Potter President

East Loddon Shire

Present at 11 a.m.

The president Mr. McCrae and Councillors Coulter, Jackman, Ross, Hardy, Potter, Lamb, Gault and Bissett.

Election of President

The retiring president, before vacating the chair, made a statement showing the financial position of the Shire. The debit balance, he said, at the 30th September 1896 was £964, while that day it was only £221, with accounts to be passed at the meeting amounting to £179, which would make the debit balance £400 or £564 less than at this time last year. The subsidy for the half year ending 31st Decr next and not yet received amounted to £206. He was pleased to say the Council is in a good sound financial position, and it had never been better since he had been elected to the Council.

Allowance to Incoming President

Mr. Bissett moved that the president's allowance be £65. Seconded by Mr. Coulter. Carried.

Mr. Hardy moved that Mr. Potter be elected president for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr. Bissett.

Carried unanimously. Carried.

Mr. McCrae in vacating the chair, thanked councillors for the generous support given him during his term

of office.

The newly elected president thanked councillors for the honor conferred upon him, and trusted that, at the termination of his term he would have as good a statement to make as the late president.

The president moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the retiring president for the very satisfactory way in which he had filled the position.

Seconded by Mr. Lamb, who remarked that they were all very well satisfied with the manner in which Mr. McCrae had occupied the chair. The motion was supported by Mr. Jackman, Hardy, Coulter, Bissett, Ross and Gault, and was carried unanimously. Carried.

Mr. McCrae thanked councillors for the kind words and congratulations, and moved a vote of thanks to the officers, seconded by Mr. Bissett. Carried.

Correspondence

Minutes of Meeting held 20th August 1897 were read and on the motion of Mr. Bissett, seconded by Mr. Hardy confirmed. Carried.

From Lands Department

Notifying that the appointment of N. H. G. Gault as a member of the

Committee of management of the public
reservoir at Jamnabur East had been duly
gazetted. Received

From Secretary for Lands.

Intimating that allotments 109 and 150,
Parish of Hayman are licensed to Harry
L. Atkinson under Section 123 of the Land
Act 1890.

C. McCrea moved that the Secretary write
protesting, and asking that allotment
no 150 be permanently reserved for recreation
and water purposes.

Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried

From Shire of Mildura

Asking the Council to bring pressure to
bear upon its Parliamentary representatives
so as to secure an arrangement by
which parts of Standard sets of weights
and measures may be either sold or
loaned by the Customs department to
those shires unable to purchase the
whole set. Received

From Toowoomba Agricultural Society

Soliciting donation, also asking the
Council to cause Wednesday 29th inst.
to be gazetted as a public holiday
throughout the shire.

The president moved that the usual do-
nation of £1.1.0 be granted. Secd
by C. Hardy.

Amended

By C. Jackson. Seconded by C. Hardy
that the application be held over

for consideration along with the annual
Charitable Vote.

The president declared the amendment carried.

The request for a public holiday
was simply received.

From Pyramid Hill Agricultural Society
making a similar request to
Toowoomba Society as regards Wednesday
6th October.

On the motion of C. McCrea, Secd
by C. Fowler it was decided to com-
ply with the request, with the addition
of the North Riding. Carried

From James Bell and P. Phillips M.L.C.s, and
P. O'Neill M.L.A., re a larger allotment
of water for Bullock Creek stating
they would use their best endeavours
to meet the Council's wishes. Received

From Returning Officer for Manduranga

That in 1894 he caused inquiries
to be made as to the necessity
for a polling booth at Jack Law,
and did not feel warranted
in putting the Government to the ex-
pense of an additional booth. Received

From Manager of the Prairie Estate.

Complaining that the Tang Tang
bywash is still too high, and request-
ing that it be further lowered.

Dealt with in Shire Engineer's
Report. Received

From J. R. W. Dudge and A. K. Quack, Dredgers
Complaining of defective drainage near
their dwellings and business premises.
C^t Fowler moved that the Shire Engineer
examine and report. Seconded by
C^t Jackson. — Carried.

From J. C. Jones, Secretary Engineer, East Loddon Shire
Requesting testimonial under the seal
of the Council.

Granted on the motion of C^t Ross, seconded
by C^t Laird. — Carried.

From A. Kinnear.

Asking that repairs be effected to water
channel near A. Palmer's land, parish
of Calver.

C^t Hardy moved that the Engineer have
the work done. Seconded by C^t Ross.

From Council, Tatchell and Dunlop.

Their Solicitors. Dunlop —

Forwarding the opinions of Messrs
Dun and Gussow on the closed roads
question to the effect that the Council
had full authority under the "Venue
Distinctions Act" inspection of the Local
Government Act and that its proceedings
was lawful and regular.

The opinions were read and — Received.

Reports of Officers

The Rate Collector reported receipts of Rates
current £3.19.0. Arrears £1.7.0, total
£5.6.0. — Do.

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates,
current, £3.19.0; rates, arrears, £1.7.0
Contractors deposits £6. Shire of Shire
Hall £1. Total £12.6.0.
B^t Balance £221.5.4 — Received.

The Shire Engineer's report was read and
received and dealt with as shown
in report book. — Do.

The Valuer reported with reference to
the application made by Messrs
Geo. Kerr and E. A. J. Carey for
reduction of rates, and that of Mr.
Buckland for reduction of rates,
and recommended that 10% be
reduced in the case of Mr. Kerr,
£2.10.0 in that of Mr. Carey, but
could not recommend a reduction
in Mr. Buckland's case.

On the motion of C^t Coulter seconded
by C^t Jackson the report was received
and adopted. — Carried.

The Valuer also drew attention to the
large amount of rates outstanding,
when it was agreed to defer con-
sideration till next meeting.

The Secretary submitted a list of rates
~~proposed~~ proposed to be abandoned and
on the motion of C^t Coulter, seconded
by C^t Jackson the list was approved
and agreed upon. The rate book
to be amended accordingly. — Carried.

Finders

Contract No. 203. Foundations and culverts near
McAuley's farm, Poupafield.

Three finders received.

Lowest finder Michael Fells £26.9.0

Contract No. 204. Grubbing and clearing on roads

East from Taudara Railway Station

Lowest finders £23 or £11 over the
Engineer's Estimate

Contract No. 205. Laying foundations on roads

East and West from Mitiamo Railway

Station. Three finders received.

Lowest finder Thomas Foley £44.15.5

Contract No. 206. Box culvert and foundations near

Messrs Roberts and Haynes's farms, parish
of Larklaw. Four finders received.

Lowest finder Charles Hall £24.11.8

C. Bissatt moved that the lowest
finders for Contracts No. 203, 205 and
206 be accepted and that the Engineer
arrange to have Cont. No. 204 carried
out at the estimate. Seconded by
C. Coulter

Carried

Estimate and Rate for Year 1897-8

Moved by C. Bissatt, seconded by C. Ross
that this Council do now adopt and
confirm the estimates as submitted
for the 1897-8 ending 30 September 1898

of the receipts and expenditure, the
sum of £2342.17.0 being required Carried
2361.11.0

President
15/10/97

Valuation

Moved by C. Bissatt, seconded by C.
Hardy that this Council do now adopt
the net valuation submitted of all the
rateable property in the Shire of East
Loddon amounting to £33857.0.0
34,231.0.0
as made by the Valuer in the year
1897. Carried

J. P.
President
15/10/97

Setting the Rate

Moved by C. Bissatt, seconded by
C. Hardy that to raise the sum of
£1642.17.0, this Council make
and levy a rate of one shilling
in the pound (if in the £1) upon the
net annual value of all the
rateable property within the Shire
of East Loddon for the period com-
mencing 1st October 1897 and ter-
minating 30 September 1898. Carried

J. P.
President
15/10/97

Collecting the Rate

Moved by C. Hardy, seconded by
C. Coulter that the rate collector
be directed to collect the said
rate forthwith. Carried

General Business

C. Coulter moved that the Engineer
take steps to get the ironwork sorted
up at the Dingee Weighbridge.
Seconded by C. Buchanan. Carried

The Engineer was instructed to report
on cost of constructing roads near
Burkes and Rogers farms Poupafield, on

The motion of C. Land seconded by C. Jackman. Carried.

C. Jackman moved that the Engineer take steps to have the Stone crossing (at M. Geo. Wright's farm) repaired. Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

Committees for year

Ending 30 September 1898.

The following were appointed.

Finance The President and Councillors M. Cress, Land Ross and Jackman.

Public Works The President and Councillors Coulter, Hardy and Bissett.

Motions on Notice

By C. Jackman that tenders be called for forming formation on road east and west from Taudara Railway Station. Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

By C. Coulter.

For forming formation near Crappers and Zehlaus residence, and constructing small formation near Hesters, parish of Yallock. Seconded by C. Jackman. Carried.

By the President

For constructing box culverts and formation near M. Robinson's farm Pumpapies. Seconded by C. Ross. Carried.

By C. M. Cress

For constructing a 500 Cubic Yards bank adjoining Bullock Creek on reserve west from Cronin's Hotel, parish of Hagannin. Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

Notice of Motion

By C. Coulter

For constructing formation on the Serpentine and Dingle road west from Ben Haywards.

By C. Ross

For constructing small formation adjoining M. P. Gill's property. Carried.

Accounts

^{2nd} Accounts amounting to £179 18 10 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Jackman Sec. by C. M. Cress. Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 15th October at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 15th day of October 1897.

John Potter President
East Loddon, Shire

Present at 11.30 am

The president C. Potter and Councillors
Laird, Birrell, Coutts, Jackman, McEira,
Hardy and Ross.

Minutes of meeting held 17th Sept 1897
were read and on the motion of C.
Laird, seconded by C. Jackman
Confirmed. _____

Carried.

Correspondence

From Public Works Department.

Acknowledging receipt of letter
objecting to the re-classification,
and stating that the matter will
receive consideration. _____

Received

From Water Supply Department.

Relative to the alleged inadequate
supply of water to Bullock Creek
from Bridgewater weir, stating
that the basis on which the allow-
ance of 300 cubic feet per minute
has been allotted is one cubic
foot per minute for every square
mile of country irrigated by the
creek. The same basis has been
issued for other creeks in the Loddon
River system, and it is more
liberal than allowances elsewhere,
and no reason is seen why the
existing arrangement should be
altered. _____

Received.

From Land Officer, Pading, notifying
that D. Winson had applied for

sale of land in the parish of
Raymonnie, being part of allotment
109, reserved for water and recreation
purposes, and also intimating that
the application will be dealt with
at Pyramid Hill on the 18th inst.

On the motion of C. McEira and
Laird, the president and C. McEira
were authorised to attend to oppose
alienation of the land. _____

Carried

From Manager, Melbourne Exchange.

Again pointing out the advantages
the Exchange offers to country
visitors, and requesting Council
to subscribe. _____

Received

Reports of Officers

From D. E. O. De Raim, health officer for the
North and South ridings, reporting the
health of the Shire to be satisfactory. _____

Received

From H. G. Kelly, health officer East Riding
Telegram. Case scarlet fever at
Mithams, Amelia E. Kennedy aged
four years, ill 3 days. _____

Do.

The Rate Collector reported receipts rates
current £47.17.2; rates arrears £5.11.9,
dog fees 109 total £53.18.2. _____

Do.

The Treasurer reported receipts rates current
£47.17.2; rates arrears £5.11.0; dog fees
109. Slaughtering Licences £1; contractors
deposits £5.16.0, Government Endowment
£206.15.9 Total £267.9.11. Debit _____
balance £133.16.9. _____

Do.

The Shire Engineer's report was read and Received

Tenders

Contract No. 207. Grubbing and clearing by M^r Aulays Davidson and Tuppermays. Parish of Poupapire. Two tenders received. Lowest tender A. Jamieson £6.13.11

Contract No. 208. Culvert and approaches near M^r Robinson's residence, Poupapire. Three tenders received. Lowest tender Thomas Foley £13.15.9

Contract No. 209. Lining formation parish of Yallock. Three tenders received. Lowest tender John Crapper £62.14.0

Contract No. 210. Constructing tank adjoining Bullock Creek Hayman. Five tenders received. Lowest tender D. Campbell £31.5.0.

C^o Bissett moved that the lowest tender be accepted. Seconded by C^o McGee Carried.

General Business

The Secretary of the Loddon United Water Trust telegraphed "Quite agreeable to what you propose of anything that suits your Council re Bullock Creek Weir". The Shire Engineer stated that at the Trust meeting held on the 9th inst., tenders were received for the construction of a weir across Bullock Creek near McDougalls, the lowest at £440.12.0 and upon examination of the plans he found that a saving of £30.

could be effected without altering the design or reducing the stability of the work.

C^o Laird moved that the lowest tender at £110.12.0 be accepted for the construction of the weir, and that the Loddon United Water Trust be notified accordingly. Seconded by C^o Hardy

Amendment

Moved by C^o Jackman seconded by C^o McGee, that the matter stand over for one month.

Voting for the amendment. Councillors Jackman and McGee

For the motion. C^o Hardy, Laird, Ross, Coult, Bissett and the President.

The President declared the motion Carried.

Instructions to Officers

By C^o McGee. That the Secretary write to the Railway Department asking that the gales be removed at the Prairie Railway Station and culvert pits substituted. Seconded by C^o Jackman Carried.

C^o Bissett alluded to the necessity of further provision being made in the Loddon River for the storage of water, and moved that the various Shires interested be asked to support this Council in the matter and also that the Water Supply Department be written to asking that a surveyor be sent up to see if suitable places could be found in the river for storage basins. Seconded by C^o Jackman. Carried.

The President moved that the Engineer report on cost of repairing culverts near Mr. Lowers and light formation near Calmick Grammar. Seconded by C. Ross. Carried.

C. Bissett moved that the Engineer examine the water channel from Banters to Yarragut and report on cost of cleaning it out. Seconded by C. Coult. Carried.

C. Laird moved that the Engineer report on the cost of constructing roadways adjoining Pumpapies Creek near Banters and Rogers farms. Seconded C. Bissett. Carried.

C. Jackson moved that the Engineer report of cost of cleaning formation west from Mc Mahons bridge. Tenders.

C. Bissett moved that the Trower Trust be asked to repair the approaches to various culverts in the North Riding. Second C. McGee. Carried.

C. McGee moved that the Engineer employ labor in getting side drains in the Mitaine township cleaned out. Secd. by C. Jackson. Carried.

Motion on Notice

By C. Coult.

That tenders be called for constructing formation on the Trepentins to Dingo 2 chain road, west from B. Haywards. Seconded by C. Bissett. Carried.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £194. 0. 1¹ 194¹⁴ 15¹ were passed for payment on the motion of C. Jackson. Seconded by C. McGee. Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 19th November at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Trepentins this 19th day of November 1897.

John Potter President
East Loddon Shire

Minutes of Special meeting held 6th November 1897.

Present at 3 o'clock p.m. C. Potter (President) and Councillors Hardy, Laird, Coult, Bissett, McGee and Jackson.

Business

1. To nominate a member of one of the Councils of the Western Shires Group to be its member of the Board of Public Works.

C. Hardy moved that Mr. Anderson, M.L.A. be nominated by the East Loddon Shire Council, seconded by C. Bissett. Carried.

2. From Quirk, Myrt and Rymer containing suggestion re close roads on Moffat's Estate "that the whole question of the legality or otherwise of the permission granted be submitted in the form of a special case embodying all the facts and

circumstances in issue for the opinion and decision of the Full Court, such cases to be prepared by the Council's Solicitors in conjunction with our selves.

C. Hardy moved that the Council agree to the suggestions contained in the letter from Messrs Quick, Hyatt and Rymer. Seconded by the President.

Amendment.

Moved by C. Laird that the Council decline to agree with the suggestion contained in the letter from Messrs Quick, Hyatt, & Rymer.

Seconded by C. Jackson.

Voting.

For the amendment - Councillors Laird, Jackson, Courts, Bisset, & McCrea.

Voting for the Motion

The President and C. Hardy.

The President declared the amendment - Carried.
Carried - Councillors Hardy and the President
voting against.

Read and confirmed at September this 14th day of November 1897.

John Potter President
East Loddon Shire

Present at 11.45 am.

The President (C. Potter) and Councillors Laird, Hardy, McCrea, Jackson, Bisset & Courts.

Minutes of ordinary meeting held 15th October 1897 were read also minutes of Special Meeting held 6th November 1897.

C. Bisset moved that the minutes of both meetings as read be confirmed. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

Correspondence.

From the Premier's Office, Melbourne.

Relative to bringing under general notice in Great Britain the resources of the Colony. Received.

From Town Clerk, City of Melbourne,

notifying Council's proposition of cost in connection with the municipal address to the Queen to be £12.0

C. Hardy moved that the amount be paid and that our copy of the address be obtained. Seconded by C. McCrea. Carried.

From Secretary, Shire of Gordon.

Asking if the Council will co-operate in obtaining an expert to test the neighbouring.

On the motion of C. Jackson it was decided to inform the Gordon Shire Council that the East Loddon Neighbourhood had just recently been tested.

Seconded by C. McCrea. Carried.

From Secretary Loddon United Water Trust

Notifying interest due on the liabilities of the trust allocated to the Council to be, Current Interest £640.8.1; back interest £408.7.0; total £1048.15.1.

C. Hardy moved that our year's interest be paid. Seconded by C. Bissett.

Amount of interest £249.15. Carried.

From Secretary Loddon United Water Trust

Requesting cheque for £418.9 Council's proportion of working expenses for quarter ended 30th Sep. 1897.

C. Bissett moved that the amount be passed for payment, and that the Secretary write to the Department for authority to pay future demands out of the Shire revenue.

Seconded by the President. Carried.

From Water Supply Department

Asking to be supplied with plans showing localities, dimensions and fall of all channels dependent on the proposed weir across Bullock Creek.

Engineer to supply the information on the motion of C. Laird & Jackman. Carried.

From Public Works Department

Notifying the appointment of H. J. McCutcheon as Government Auditor for the Shire of East Loddon.

Received.

From John Davidson, Solicitor

Asking, in order that he may gain access to the serpentine creek that a road which forms the obstruction on the northern side of his land be sold.

C. Bissett moved that no objection be offered to the sale of the road, as it was not required for public purposes. Seconded by C. Coult.

Amendment.

By C. Jackman, seconded by C. Hardy. That the Engineer report at next meeting.

Voting—

For the amendment C. Jackman and Hardy.

For the motion.

The President and Councillors Bissett, Coult, Laird, and McCra.

The motion was carried. Councillors Bissett, Jackman and Hardy voting against.

From R. Luck, Doctor

Applying for a reduction in the rating of his property at Mitiamo.

Councillor McCra moved that the valuer report at next meeting. Seconded by C. Jackman.

Carried.

From Secretary Shire of Birchip.

Inviting co-operation of all Shire Councils interested in water trusts in an endeavour to induce the Government to have water trust works revalued with a view to reducing the liability and cost to the ratepayers within the territory of such trusts.

C. McGrae moved that co-operation be granted. Seconded by C. Bissett. Carried.

— Annual Meeting —
— at noon —

The same councillors being present.

The Secretary read the audited statement of receipts and expenditure and auditors report certifying to the correctness of the accounts and vouchers.

C. Bissett moved that the balance sheet as read be finally examined, settled and allowed. Seconded by C. Laird. Carried.

Reports of Committees

C. McGrae Reported having attended along with the president, the Pyramid Hill Land Board, for the purpose of opposing the application of D. Thomson for the sale of reserves adjoining Bullock Creek in the Parish of Haysman. After hearing the evidence the board decided to visit the place along with the Crown Lands Bailiff and those interested

on a day of which the Council would be notified.

The report was received, and a vote of thanks passed to the delegates on the motion of C. Horday and Laird. Carried.

The President and East Riding members were appointed to attend the inspection on behalf of the Council. Carried.

Reports of Officers

The Treasurer reported receipts.

Rates current £49.13.0; rates arrears £23.13.10; dog fee 5/-; contractor's deposits £6.10.0. Total £80.1.10.

Bank overdraft £262.3.6. Received.

The Rate collector reported receipts.

Rates current £45.8.0; rates arrears £23.13.10; dog fee 5/- total £69.6.10. Received.

The Shire Engineer's report was read and received and clauses dealt with as shown in report book. Received.

— General Business —

C. Laird alluded to great complaints being made about the serpentine constables being taken away to do duty at Raywood, particularly at this time of the year, when there was a great danger in the district from fire owing to the dry nature of the grass. He moved that the Chief Commissioner of

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Police be written to on the subjects,
and asked that other arrangements
be made, the motion to include
the Mitiamo Constables. Seconded by
C. Jackman. Carried.

C. McCrea moved in future any works
in the North or East ridings be
advertised in the Pyramid Hill
Advertiser. Seconded by C. Jackman. Carried.

Instructions to Officers
By C. Jackman.

Engineer to get hard
railing to bridge at Fishers re-
paired.

By C. Laird.
Engineer to get chain re-
paired at South Galilee Pump.

C. Bissett.
That steps be taken to
cut all star bushes from off
main roads.

Tenders.
Contract No 211. Constructing roadway
west from Bullock Creek and other
works in connection therewith.
Serpentine to Dingles main road.
Two tenders received. Lowest
tenderer Michael Kett. £136.13.11
Councillor South moved that the
tender of M. Kett be accepted.
Seconded by C. Bissett. Carried.

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Notice of Motion
By C. Jackman.

That tenders be called for loan-
ing formation west from McMahon's
Pump, or road east from Sandera
Railway Station.

Accounts
Accounts amounting to £523.19.8 pence
were passed for payment on
the motion of C. Jackman, seconded
by C. McCrea. Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to
Friday 17th December 1897 at 11 a.m.

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this
17th day of December 1897.

John Patten President
East Loddon Shire

Present at 11.30 am.

Councillors Potter (president) Moulton, Mr. Bissett, Coulter, Jackman and Ross

Minutes of meeting held 19th Nov: 1897 were read and on the motion of C. Jackman, seconded by C. Bissett confirmed.

Carried

Correspondence

From Secretary for Water Supply.

Stating that an order in Council was passed on the 29th November 1897, granting permission to the Council to apply £249.1.5 towards the payment of interest on loans to the Loddon United Water Trust. Received

From Chief Commissioner of Police.

Informing the Council that the Police at Serpentine and Mitmans will not be utilized for relief duty unless absolute necessity exists, and instructions have been issued that the main roads in the shire shall be frequently patrolled, and that special precautions shall be taken to minimize the risk of bush fires. Received

From Water Supply Department

Intimating that the department has already completed survey of the Loddon from Goulburn down to where the river debouches on the plain country so that there can be no necessity

for an inspection.

The Shire of Goulburn and Swan Hill and the Loddon R. W. Trust, wrote co-operating with this Council in its action in endeavouring to obtain a survey of the Loddon so as to provide for additional storage.

C. Bissett moved that the matter stand over for 3 months, seconded by C. Coulter. Carried

From Rev. W. Potter

Asking for a donation towards a Monument to be erected over the grave of the late Baron Von Mueller. Received

From John Gaffner - Contractor - Yallock.

That he had made an error in his tender amounting to £1.18.0 and asking that the amount be allowed him in addition to the contract total amount. Was received and no action taken.

From Public Health Department.

Asking for information relative to Church building at Mitmans. To be supplied by C. M. Gura and the Shire Secretary. Received

The Hospitals and Charities Bill

was laid on the table by the Secretary, but no action was taken thereon.

Reports of Officers

The Treasurer reported receipt of rates current £97 16.0; rates arrears £6.5.6; Dog fees 5/-, Contractor's deposits £9; Neighbouring fees £3.0.6. Total £116.7.0

Bank overdraft. £659.11.2 Received.

The Rate collector reported receipt of rates current £97 16.0; rates arrears £6.5.6; dog fees 5/- Total £104.6.6 Received.

The Shire Engineers report was read and received and dealt with as shown in report book.

Clause 3. Suggesting (that, as an error had been made in the assessment of Messrs Stephens and Ludemann's properties) a reduction of 10% in each case be made.

It was moved by C. Coulter, seconded by C. Jackson that the clause be adopted and rate book amended accordingly. Carried.

Clause 4.

Arrears of rates amounting to £46.0.0 asking for definite instruction thereon, was deferred till the February meeting, on the motion of C. Coulter, seconded by C. Binnett. Carried.

General Business

C. Coulter drew attention to the fact that the Quiggs Neighbouring Rates was at times during the audit without his receipts book, and

would that a printed notice be posted on the bridge intimating that during the time the book is away at the Shire office a written receipt from the Neighbouring Rates will be sufficient. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

On the motion of C. Ross, the Secretary was instructed to draw up a return by next meeting, showing the amount of rates paid for the last 3 years from the time the rate was struck to 31st December, and from that date to 10th June in each year.

Motion or Notice

By C. Jackson, that tenders be called for forming formation on road east from McMahon's Swamp Parish of Tandarua. Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £176.19.2 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Jackson, seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 18th February 1898 at 11 am.
Read and confirmed at Signature this 18th day of February 1898.

J. B. McCrea ^{Chairman}
East Loddon Shire.