

Present at noon —

Councillors W.C. Ross, Jackson, Ross, Laird, Bissett, Crockett, and Hardy.

The Secretary explained that the President (C. Potter) was attending a conference in Melbourne for water trusts.

On the motion of C. Hardy and Jackson, C. McGee was voted to the chair.

Correspondence

From C. Coulter.

Asking for leave of absence. — Granted.

From Secretary, Shire of Marong.

Intimating that that Council had appointed delegates to attend conference of Councils interested in water trusts and asking the East Loddon Council to appoint representatives.

A letter on the same subject was also read from the Birchip Council.

C. Hardy moved that this Council agree to the action taken by the Birchip Shire in convening the conference and approve of the President of this Shire attending the same. Seconded by C. Bissett. —

Carried.

From Water Supply Department.

In reply to a communication from the Council asking that a supply of water be sent down Bullock Creek from Bridgewater for the purpose of filling dams on farmer's holdings, stating that no more water than the usual supply (300 c/gal per minute) can be

sent down Bullock Creek at present. Received.

From Treasury, Melbourne.

Directing attention to Section 66 of the Vermin Destⁿ Act, which makes councillors liable if they consent to money received from owners of land in payment of vermin proof fencing being applied to a purpose other than that of reducing the amount of the loan. —

Received.

From Public Health Department.

Intimating that there is accommodation at the Terpruins School for 38 children, at 10 s/g per child. —

Received.

From Public Health Department.

Intimating that the board will be glad to learn what steps the Council propose to take with a view to the institution of a proper system of night-soil removal and disposal for the township of Mitiamo. —

Received.

From Secretary, Loddon United Water Trust.

Asking for cheque for £4.10.2, working expenses of the trust for quarter ending 31st Decr 1897.

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

Carried.

From Secretary, Loddon U. W. Trust

Stating ^{that} at the trust meeting on 12th Feby, the engineer reported that

the river on Bullock Creek, at outlet of Yarnup Channel, was practically completed and recommended a further payment of £60, a cheque for which was asked for.

C. Lind moved that the amount be passed for payment. Seconded by A. Ross. Carried.

From General Manager, Bank of Victoria Ltd.

Stating that it is the intention of the board to pay off on 15th April 1898 with accrued interest to that date, one fifth of the amount of all its deferred deposit receipts which mature on the 15th June in the years 1898, 1899, 1900 and 1905 respectively. Received.

From Secretary to Royal Commission on State Forests and Timber reserves.

Asking for information. Do.
Referred to Secretary.

From Robert Bogie, Carrib, asking the council to make good the damage (£10) caused to his traps while passing through one of the gates across the road. Mr Murray and the miller's lands.

Joseph Heib also claimed £2 for damages to his spring cart from a similar cause.

C. Hardy moved that the letters be held over for our month. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

C. Ross refrained from voting.

From Mrs Anderson

Thanking the Council

in assisting to accord him the almost unanimous vote of the Western Shires Group in connection with the recent election of a member of the Board of Public Health. Received.

Reports of Officers

The Treasurer reported receipts

Rates current £513 8.0, rates arrears £15, dog fees £8 10.0, Interest on Deferred deposit receipts £3 7.0, Sale of timber & Offsets 76. Total £540 12.6

Bank overdraft £315 2.10. Received.

The Rate collector reported receipts, rates current £513 8.0, rates arrears £15 0.0, dog fees £8 10.0. Total £536 18.0 Do

The Shire Engineer's report was read and received.

The Secretary presented a list showing amount of rates paid on or before 31st December for the past four years as follows:-

1894	Amount of rate	£1709	and paid	£521
1895	"	1714	"	1047
1896	"	1722	"	602
1897	"	1692	"	620

C. Ross moved that consideration of this matter be deferred for our month. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

Constables J. H. Pickett and Brown
With return of live stock slaughtered
in the shire for year ended 21.12.97. Received.

Tenders

Contract No 212. Laying formation on
road east from Taudara Railway
Station. Four tenders received.
Lowest tender John Crapper
£39 17.6.

C. Jackman moved that the lowest
tender be accepted. Seconded by C.
Bissett. Carried.

General Business

By permission of the Council C. Ross
moved that tenders be called for con-
structing a light formation and culvert
on road adjoining the calico creamery.
Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

C. Jackman moved that the Railway
Dept. be written to asking for repairs
to be effected to a culvert constructed
by the Department on road north from
Dunro. Seconded by C. J. McCrear. Carried.

C. J. McCrear moved that the Railway Dept
be written to asking that the dam
at the Prairie Railway Station be cleared
out. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £245.5.4
were passed for payment, on the
motion of Councillor Bissett.

Seconded by C. Ross. Carried.

Notice of Motion By C. Laid

That tenders be called
for constructing formation and
crossing on east and west road
near Davis's old residence, ad-
joining Durham ex and Raymond
road. Parish of Pomfret.

The meeting then closed and the Council
adjourned to Friday 18th March 1898 at 11 a.m.

Read and confirmed at Signature this 18th
day of March 1898.

John Pittman President
East Loddon Shire.

Present at 11.30 am

The President (F. Potter) and Councillors
Laird, Ross, Hardy, Coulter, Jackson
McGraw, Bissell & Coult.

Minutes of meeting held 18th February 1898

was read and on the motion of
F. Bissell, seconded by C. Jackson
Carried.

Correspondence

From Secretary for Railways

Stating that it did not consider
it necessary to draw out the dam
at Prairie Station, but the Dept would
offer no objection to the Council
doing so.

C. Jackson considered the answer
unsatisfactory and moved that the
Dept be again written to, asking
them to reconsider the matter &
pointing out the advantage it
would be to ratepayers in the Echuca
Shire as well as those in East Loddon.

Seconded by C. McGraw

Carried.

In the event of the Dept. again
refusing to clear out the tank it
was agreed that the Echuca Council
be asked to join in the cost.

From O. Campbell, contractor. Hayman.

Asking payment for extra earth
taken from bank at Bullock Creek.

C. McGraw moved that the request be
granted, the extra earthwork to be paid
for at schedule prices. Sec? C. Coulter. Carried.

From Harriett J. Bennett. Yallock.

Asking for reduction of rates
owing to removal of house.
Referred to Valuers for report.

From League of Victorian Wheelmen

Stating their willingness to supply
finer posts for the guidance of
cyclists and others if the Council
would meet them.

C. Jackson moved that the letter
be simply read. Seconded C. McGraw
Carried.

By C. Ross, seconded by C. Coulter
that the Council agree with the
suggestion contained in the letter
and that the Engineer procure
a sample tablet & report on the
cost of erection.

Notice

For the motion: C. McGraw, Coulter
& Jackson.

Amendment

C. Ross, Coulter, Bissell, Laird
and the President.

The President declared the amendment Carried.

C. Hardy left the table when the
vote was taken.

From Andrew Cheyne - as follows.

I, Andrew Cheyne of Melbourne, former
a ratepayer of the Shire of East
Loddon do hereby give you notice
and require you forthwith to remove
or cause to be removed from the
roads marked on the L.H. plan

amended hereto and shewen colored blue and red respectively the fences and gates across the said roads and which fences and gates are marked and delineated on the said plan and numbered from 1 to 33 both numbers inclusive.

Dated the 11th day of March 1898

Andrew Rogers.

By his agents and Solicitors

Leitch Hyatt & Rymer

Notaries Solicitors

Bank St. Bridgton

The President moved that the letter be read.

Seconded by C. Land. Carried.

C. Hardy voted against the motion and C. Ross refrained from voting.

From Under Secretary

That Wednesday 9th March had been appointed as a public holiday throughout the Shire of East Loddon. Received.

Reports.

From D. De Kavin forwarding annual report. Do.

From The Treasurer

Acknowledging receipts rates arrears £28. 15. 0; arrears rates £3. 5. 6, dog fees £4. 5. 0; Licences £2; Contractors deposits £2. Resund Const^l Brown 10/-; Duigan weights £10. 14. 0. Total £51. 9. 6.
 Draft ^{1897. 17. 5. Arrears} £51. 9. 6. Do.

The Rate Collector reported receipts rates current £28. 15. 0, rates arrears £3. 5. 6 dog fees £4. 5. 0
 Total £36. 5. 6. Received.

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

The President reported having attended the Water Supply Conference held in Melbourne on 17th Feb. and referred Councillors to the business transacted to the printed sheets. In his opinion the conference was one of the best that he had ever attended, and the Minister (in reply to the Deputation) seemed in accord with almost everything that was brought forward.

C. Land moved a vote of thanks to the President for his action.

Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

Deferred Letters.

The letters of Joseph Hall and Robert Briggs, claiming damages for injury to their vehicle caused through obstructions on roads, which were deferred from last meeting were further postponed for two months. C. Ross left the table while this matter was under discussion.

Tenders

Contract No. 212 Constructing formation and
culvert near the Calville Crossway.

No tenders received.

Lowest tenderer Thomas Foley £13.2.6

C. Coulter moved that the tender of T.

Foley be accepted. Secd. by C. Hardy. — Carried.

General Business

Councillor Jackman drew attention to the
complaints that were being made about
the Ovinger neighbours. Great discrepancies
had occurred lately and it seemed
very strange that this should happen
seeing that the bridge was put in
thorough repair with a brick foundation
some time ago. In our lot of 600
bags of wheat weighed there was a dis-
crepancy of difference of 27 bushels.

On the motion of C. Coulter & Jackman
the Eng. was instructed to examine
the bridge to see if it might possibly
also furnish a return for the past
3 years of the receipts & expenditures. — Carried.

Instructions to Officers

By C. McGraw

Secretary to write Lands Department
requesting permanent reservation
of reserve near Cronins, parish
of Raynham, also permanent reservation
for water supply purposes of
reserve near Cronins Hotel, adjoining
site of tank lately excavated by them.

Secured by C. Jackman — Carried.

By C. Coulter.

Engineers to report on cost of culvert
etc over Langs Creek.

By C. Jackman.

Engineer to report on cost
of grubbing stumps etc east from
Tandara Railway Station.

Motions on Notice

By C. Lamb

That tenders be called for con-
structing four crossings and
formation on road leading to
Gum's farm, east from Durham
to Raynham Road.

Secured by C. Coulter — Carried.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £115.14.3 were
passed for payment on the motion
of C. Jackman Secd. by C. Ross — Carried.

Notice of Motion

By C. Ross. That the following resolutions be resolved, with the
view of adopting a cheaper and more satisfactory method for the
collection of the rates. Res. Aug¹³/1898 That Mr. Henry Jones be
appointed Rate Collector, Collector of Statistics and dog fees, at a
salary of £70 per annum and 50% on amount of dog fees collected.
Res¹⁵ March 1898. That the salary of the Rate Collector be reduced from
£70 to £50 per annum.
Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 15th day of
April 1898.

John Peter Persio sub.
East Loddon Shire

Present at 11.30 am.

Mr. Potter (President) and councillors Mr. Ross, Bissett, Coulter, Hardy, Gault, Jackman and Mr. Cress.

Minutes of meeting held 18th March 1898
now read and on the motion of Mr. Gault
seconded by Mr. Bissett. Confirmed - Carried.

Correspondence.

From Under Treasurer

Forwarding of £100, equivalent under
the financing act. for completion.

Attended to by Treasurer. President Secretary. Received.

From the Secretary of the State Forests Commission
Thanking the Council for information
forwarded. do.

From Secretary Loddon United Water Trust.

Requesting payment of £5. 9. 10, Council's
proportion of the working expenses of
the Trust for the quarter ending 31st March.
Mr. Gault moved that the amount be
passed for payment. Seconded by
Mr. Bissett. Carried.

From Secretary Loddon United Water Trust.

Bringing under notice the necessity of
cleaning out the Bridgewater channel, and
wished to know if the Council would con-
tribute to the cost of same.

Mr. Gault moved that the Council express
its willingness to contribute towards the
cost of cleaning out the channel, the
matter to be left in the hands of their

trust representatives. Seconded by Mr. Jackman. Carried.

From Secretary Loddon United Water Trust
Forwarding for Council's information
the following clause from its
Engineers report regarding the
distribution of water from Bullock
Creek, which was approved of by
the Trust, and forwarded as a
suggestion to the Water Supply
Department

"A constant supply is allotted to
the Bullock Creek of 300 cubic feet
per minute; from this creek the
Trust has over offtake the Yanapra
Channel, to which the Department
allots 15 or 60 Cfs per minute. The
Trust and East Loddon Shire Engi-
neers are agreed that if 200 cubic feet
per minute were allowed down
the channel for 3 months in the
Year the requirements of the Shire
would be met, leaving for the Trust
stated a constant flow of 100 Cfs
per min. down the creek, and for
the remaining 9 months of the
Year giving the creek the full
supply of 300 Cfs per minute. This
suggestion, if adopted, would ensure
the most beneficial results from
the supply available, as the 60
cubic feet per minute allowed to
the Channel will be quite useless."
Mr. Gault moved that the report be
agreed with. Seconded by Mr. Coulter. Carried.

From Geo. Foristab, Neighbourhood Keeper, Dings

In reply to Secretary's letter
Stating that as far as he knew the rights
are correct, and he gave both buyer and
seller equal justice, and he enclosed
letters from J. C. Bailie, Melloo, who stated
that he was satisfied with the bridge,
and from James Coult, Prairie, that it
was a difficult matter to deal with
the correctness of the weighing.

C. Coult moved that the communications
be received. Seconded by C. McCrea. Carried.

Reports

From Health Officer, East Pruing

Annual report. Received

From Head Teacher Prairie State School and
James Coult, Prairie.

Reporting case of Scarlatina do.

From Health Officer, North North pruing

Reporting case of Typhoid fever. do.

From Head Teacher, Taudara S. Schools and

C. Coult, reporting cases of Measles do.

From Head Teacher, Pumpapier S. School,

reporting case of Scarlet fever. do.

From Public Health Department.

Asking if the Council has a by-law
under section 35 of the Health Act 1890
with regard to disinfection of rats etc,
and, if not, to have the observations
of the Council as to the desirability of

making such a by-law.
Secretary to reply.

Received.

Reports of Officers

The Rate Collector reported receipts of
rates current 12¹/₂; rates arrears
£2.10.0; dog fees 5¹/₂. Total £3.7.0. Received.

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates
£3.2.0; dog fees 5¹/₂. Contractors
deposits 13¹/₆; hire of hall £1. Total
£5.0.6. Overdraft £609.17.8. Do.

The Shire Engineer's Report was read and Received
Clause 1, Suggesting that clause 3
of the several conditions of contract
be replaced in relation to John
Grappers Contract for covering over
road East from Taudara Railway
Station.

C. Ross moved that the clause be
received and adopted. Seconded
by the President.

Amendment.

Moved by C. McCrea, seconded by
C. Jackson that consideration of
the clause stand over for 1 month.

Voting

For the amendment, Councillors McCrea
Jackson, Coult and Hardy.

For the Motion.

The President and Councillors Ross,
Coult, Laid and Bisett.

The President declared the motion. Carried.

Clause 2. With estimate of cost of constructing culvert over Tangua Creek.

Draft with by "Notice of Motion" lodged by C. Coult.

Clause 3. An action taken in connection with proposed exchange of roads near Majors Linn Bridge was received and approved.

Clause 5. Estimating cost of grubbing stumps on road east from Taudara Railway Station at £1000. Received.

Clause 6. Suggesting that a committee be appointed from the members of the North and South ridings to draft a regulation making it punishable for unauthorised persons to divert the water in the Shire channel from Bullock Creek to North riding boundary. C. Piers moved that the clause be received and adopted. Seconded by C. Land. Carried.

Clause 7. Reporting that repairs were necessary to bridges near East Loddon & Bear's Lagoon Hotel. C. Land moved that £3 be expended at each bridge. Seconded by C. Coult. Carried.

Clause 8. Suggesting that N. J. Brimble's rate be reduced 10%; the house rated at that ~~low~~ amount having been removed shortly after the valuation was made. C. Coult moved that the clause be received and adopted. The rate book to be amended accordingly. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

Tenders

Contract No. 214, Constructing stone crossings and foundations near Bunkers and Rogers properties, parish of Souparie.

Three tenders received, Lowest tender, Michael Kett. £60.7.6

C. Bissett moved that the lowest tender be accepted. Seconded by C. Land. Carried.

General Business

C. McCrae moved that the Secretary obtain permission from the Land Department to remove sand from the reserve over mile west from the Maitland R. No. Seconded by C. Jackson.

C. Land moved that as many councillors as attend, ^{attend} call on the Government Engineer of Water Supply and Shire Engineer at the Bullock Creek weir, with a view of allocating the streams of water for the Shire channel and other matters in connection with Bullock Creek waters. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

C. Bissett moved that the Secretary write to the Morang Shire Council, asking assistance in placing sand weirs on the deck of Salisbury bridge. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

C. Jackson moved that the Engineer visit and report on cost of constructing roadway immediately north from

property lately in the possession of Mr
Fisher, parish of Sandara.

Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

Motion on Notice

By C. Ross. That the following resolutions
be presented, with the view of adopting
a cheaper and more satisfactory method
for the collection of the rates

No. 1. August 13th 1893. That Mr. H. Treviser be appointed
Rate Collector, Collector of Statistics, and
dog fees, at a salary of £70 per annum
and 50% on amount of Dog fees collected.

No. 2. March 15th 1895. That the salary of the
Rate Collector be reduced from £70 to
£50 per annum.

In response to the general wish of
councillors, C. Ross agreed to hold his
motion over for 1 month.

By permission of the Council

C. Coulter moved that tenders be called
for constructing 30 chains formation on
road east from the Quincey Railway
Station near Mr. John Joyce's residence
Seconded by C. Jackman. Carried.

Notices of Motion

By C. Jackman.

That tenders be called for grubbing
and clearing on road east and
west from McMahon's Swamp. Parish of
Sandara.

By C. Coulter.

That tenders be called for con-
structing small culvert and
approaches over Angus Creek
and formation west thereof.
Parish of Sandara West.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £127-7-9 were
passed for payment on the motion Carried
of C. Jackman. Seconded by C. Coulter

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to
Friday 20th May 1898 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Sandara
this 20th day of May 1898.

John Potter President
East Loddon Shire

Present at 11.55 a.m.

The President J. Potter and Councillors
Hendy, Rose, Laid, Joubert, Bissett
McGee Jackson and Fowler

Minutes of meeting held 15th April were
read and on motion of J. Bissett. Carried.
Seconded by J. Jackson Unopposed

Correspondence.

From The Treasury, Melbourne, forwarding
account for £320. 8. 11 for con.
pletion, endowment for half year
ending June 30. Received.
Attended to by President, Treasurer, Secretary

From Department of Public Health, notifying
vacancy in the Western Shires Group
of the Boards of Public Health, through
the drafts of W. H. Anderson, and stating
that Monday, 13th June, had been fixed
as the day on or before which the
Council may nominate a member.
J. Jackson moved, that the matter
be left in the hands of the Pres-
ident & Secretary. Secd. C. McGee Carried.

From Water Supply Department.

Asking for an expression of opinion
on a report, enclosed, from the Engineer
of the Loddon United Water Trust, relat-
ative to the distribution of water from
Bullock Cr.

The Secretary stated that the resolution
carried at last meeting was forwarded
as a reply. The Secretary's action

was approved of on the motion
of the President. Seconded by
C. Rose. Carried

From Water Supply Department.

Submitting that the "bars" at the mill
on Bullock Creek had been removed
at the instance of the Department
with a view of affording, if poss-
ible a supply of water to the
Gordon Shire. Received.

From Secretary Shire of Echunga.

Relative to clearing out lands at
the Train's Railway Reserve, asking
to be supplied with the probable
cost of the work.

Information to be supplied by
Shire Engineer Received.

From Government Statist

Asking to be supplied with the
average produce per acre of
wheat in the Shire for the past
season as some doubt has
been raised as to the correctness
of the Statistics. The opinion of
the Council was also asked as to
how the collector did his work,
whether he actually visited each
farmer or made estimates based
on an assumed general average
per acre.

Information supplied by the
Secretary. Received.

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From Secretary Shire of London.

Requesting the Council to urge upon the Minister of Lands the necessity for a reduction in the royalty charges at present levied on timber in the Tinnis Tinnis State Forest.

C. McEwen moved that cooperation be granted. Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

From B. Ruider

Applying for use of hall for Friday 3rd June, for the purpose of taking a poll of the electors on the four new mills Bill. Granted.

From Captain Salvation Army, Inglewood.

Soliciting donations in aid of the annual demonstration on behalf of the sick and rescue work of the Army.

Received.

From Town Clerk, Melbourne.

Forwarding one copy of the Photographic Album of the Municipal Address to the Shire. Do.

From Secretary for Lands

In reply to enquiry relative to reserves at Major's Linn, that the area is not reserved for road purposes. Do.

The Secretary explained that he had again addressed the Dept. on the matter, and thought that the request of the Council would be complied with. Action approved of.

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Postab cards acknowledging receipts of letters were received from:
Lands Dept. re reserves at Major's Linn
do do re Major's Linn
Public Health Dept. re nightsoil service at Melburn.

Public Health Dept. re annual reports of the officers of Health. Received.

From F.R.W. Dudge. Dinges.

Notifying for the last time that no chips had been taken to run over culvertments to drain at Dinges.

Also from

F.R.W. Dudge and W. Kelyach.

Referring to drainage in front of their business premises at Dinges and requesting to call the attention of the Central Board of Health thereto.

C. Coulter moved that the matters complained of be referred to the members of the East Riding and the Engineer.

Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

From J. Foley and C. Hill.

Asking that a sum of £1 be refunded to them, if amount they were fined and expenses in connection with the removal of loam off reserves near Melburn.

C. McEwen moved that the letter be received, the Secretary to write Mr. Foley asking the reason Mr. C. Hill is included in the matter.

Seconded by the president. Carried.

Reports of Committees

The President reported that he and other Councillors had met Mr. Creech of the Water Supply Department at the new mill in Bulbeck Beck, and discussed matters in reference to a supply of water for down the creek for stock and domestic supply and also for the channel cut by the East Loddon Shire. Mr. Creech promised to fill all faults in the stock and domestic supply districts of the L. & N. Trust three times a year provided that each council supplied him with a plan showing sites of tanks and their capacity together with length of main channels.

Mr. Creech disclaimed any intention of claiming out the Yarroway Channel. The Dept. had nothing to do with the channel, but had control of the water. He considered the channel should be improved by the mud being taken out and made a little deeper so as a larger quantity of water could flow along it in a quicker time. Mr. Creech was of opinion there was no need to clear out the Bridgewater Channel.

C. Laird moved that the report be received and thanks accorded to the President for the tact displayed by him in dealing with the matter. Seconded by J. Hardy. Carried.

The President on behalf of himself and J. Hardy, reported in connection with claims made for compensation

by two ratepayers in the North riding for alleged damage to vehicles while passing through gates erected on the Trepurich Estate, under the Vicinia Destruction Act, and authorised by the Council.

In reference to Mr. Bogie's trap it had been repaired, painted, and looked almost equal to a new buggy. From information received they had no doubt the accident took place where stated, and they were of opinion that £4 would be full compensation for any damage done, but that was a matter they would leave in the hands of the Council to agree to or otherwise.

Mr. Hill's Complaint. They were unable to find that his cart had been damaged in any way.

J. M. Gera moved that the report be received. Seconded by C. Laird. Carried.
J. Hardy declined to vote and left the table.

Reports of Officers

The Rate Collector reported receipts of rates current £16. Dog fees 10/- Received.

The Treasurer reported receipts rates current £16; dog fees 10/-; Licenses £105; Deposits £2. 19. 6. Govt Grant £320; exchange charged on cheque 6/-; D. O. Receipts £32; Rent Hall £10; Slaughtering Licenses £-; Interest D. O. Receipts 9th Feb £487. 19. 9. Overdraft £240. 14. 5. Received.

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

Tenders

The following tenders being the lowest were accepted. (1) Bents (2) Coulter. Carried

No. 215. Formation near Mr. J. Gylls farm
Thomas Foley £27. 6. 8

No. 216. Lanning near Taudara Railway Sta.
Thomas Foley 20. 1. 0

General Business

C. Laidmond moved this Council places on record its appreciation of the efforts of the Federal Convention in framing the Commonwealth Constitution Bill, and cordially approves the measure as the basis of Australian federation.
Seconded by C. Ross. Carried
Councillors Hardy, Jackson and Coulter voting against.

The President referred to a request for assistance by Mr. Langdon M.B.A. as Chairman of the Ryan Memorial Committee.

C. Hardy moved that a donation of £2. 2. 0 be granted. Seconded by the President.

Voting for, C. Potter, Hardy, Bissatt and Coulter.

Voting against; C. Ross, Jackson, Coulter, Laidmond and Laid.

The President declared the motion Lost.

The President alluded to the advisableness of becoming a member of some Municipal association and on the motion of C. Coulter and Jackson the question was deferred till next meeting. Carried

Instructions to Officer

By C. Bissatt

That the Engineer report as to the cost of cleaning ^{from} silt and enlarging the Yanagarra Channel immediately north from the new weir. Seconded by C. Laidmond. Carried

By the President

That the Engineer visit the roadway forming the northern boundary of Mr. Dowsett's property, and should the drain cut by the Council require clearing out to have the work done.

Seconded by C. Laidmond. Carried

Motions on Notice

By C. W. J. Coulter

That tenders be called for constructing Culvert formations at and adjoining Langas Creek.
Seconded by C. Bissatt. Carried

By C. Jackson

That tenders be called for clearing stumps off roadway near Harveys East from Taudara Railway Station.
Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried

By C. Jackson (with the permission of the Council) moved that tenders be called for constructing stone crossing and approaches thereto on road near Mr. Fisher's late residence. Seconded by C. Foulter. — Carried.

By C. Ross
Relative to resigning (notice of Motion and resolution appointing Harry Tress as Rate Collector was withdrawn and the matter dealt with by special meeting.

Notice of Motion
By C. McGraw

That tenders be called for constructing culvert and formation north from Paines, loaning roadway east from Paines, and constructing formation and pipe culverts west from J. Duffy's house finish of Hayman.

Accounts
Accounts amounting to £230 were passed for payment on the motion of C. McGraw seconded by C. Ross. — Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 7th June 1898 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Supt. this 17th day of June 1898

John Potter President

Minutes of Special Meeting
held 20th May 1898
at the Shire Hall, Supt. Office

Present at 5 pm.

Mr. Potter (President), Messrs. Hardy, Coult, Land, Bissett, Coulter, McGraw and Jackson.

Business

To consider a notice of motion by C. Ross, adjourned from last meeting to rescind the resolution appointing W. H. Tress, rate collector, with a view of adopting some cheaper method of collecting the rates.

C. Ross moved that the services of the rate collector be dispensed with after 30th Sept. next. Seconded by C. Land. — Carried unanimously. — Carried.

C. Foulter moved that applications be called for the position of Rate collector, Agricultural Statistics collector, and Dog tax collector at a salary of £10 per annum and 50% on amount of dog fees collected. The successful applicant to commence duties on 1st Oct. next. Seconded by C. McGraw. — Carried.

The meeting then closed.

Read and confirmed at Supt. this 17th June 1898.

John Potter President

Present at 11.30 am

The president C. Potter and Councillors
Messrs. Hardy, Jackson, Coulter, McLeod
Coulter, Bissett and Laird.

Minutes of ordinary and special meetings held
20th May 1898 were read and on the motion of
C. Jackson seconded by C. Hardy. Confirmed. Carried

Correspondence.

From Secretary Leadow & Water Trust.

Notifying the Shire Engineer that the
water at present flowing down Bullock
Creek, is intended for the supply of
Granite Hill and requesting that
obstructions if any be removed from
the creek within East Loddon Shire.

Received.

From Chairman, Public Health Department

acknowledging receipt of letter forwarding
the Council's nomination for the position
of representative member on the Board
of Public Health for the Western Shire
Group.

The president stated that M. M. B. George
was nominated for the position.

Do.

From Secretary for Lands.

Stating that the portion of land in the
parish of Jarrauw referred to in
Council's letter is permanently reserved
for public purposes and inquiring if
the remainder of the land will answer
the Council's purposes of exchange.
The president moved that the Secretary
reply that there is ample room

in the balance of land for the
purpose of exchange with Jarrauw
Down property.

Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

From Contractor Foley

With explanation why C. Heib was
included in the claim made at
last meeting for repairs of fences
and expenses in connection with
the removal of loose from off
crown lands near Mettams. To the
effect that Heib was engaged by
him in carting and was also
summoned and fined.

C. McLeod moved that the original
claim of J. Foley be paid. Seconded
by C. Hardy.

Carried.

From B. L. Hall

Asking to have Shire roller painted
white or removed from its present
position as the roller narrowly
escaped a serious accident through
horses he was driving taking fright
at same.

The president moved that the roller
be removed to the Shire Yards.

Seconded by M. McLeod. Carried.

Reports of Officers

D. Denarian, health officer for the North and
South ridings reported that there
were no cases of infectious or
contagious diseases.

Received.

Rate collector's report — Receipts —

Rates current. £817. 16. 0

" Ansars 5. 6. 0

Dog fees 3. 15. 0 total
£826. 17. 0.

Received.

Treasurer reported receipts of:-

Rates current £817. 16; dog fees £3. 15.

rates ansars £5. 6. 0. Contractor's

deposits £2. 7. 6. Total £824. 14. 6.

Credit balance at Bank of Victoria

Inglewood. £348. 1. 5

Received.

The Shire Engineer's report was received
and dealt with as shown in report
book.TendersContract no 217 Works near Mr Fisher's late
residence, Tauranga. 3 tenders received.Lowest tender. Mr. Kirk £58. 15. 0Contract no 218 Works at Sangu's Creek.

Two tenders received. Lowest tender

A. Jamieson £31. 7. 11.Contract no 219 Grubbing east from the
Tauranga Railway Station.

Two tenders received. Lowest tender

A. Jamieson £11. 19. 0.C. Bissett moved that the lowest
tenders be accepted. Seconded by
C. Coulter.

Carried.

General BusinessThe president reported that according
to instructions the Secretary andhimself had met and decided to
support the candidature of M. W.
B. George of the Bungaree Shire, for
a seat on the Board of Public
Health for the Western Shires group.
Received and action approved of
on the motion of C. Hardy, seconded
by C. Jackman.

Carried.

C. Ross moved that the Council
join the Municipal Association
of Victoria. Seconded by C.
Coulter.AmendmentBy C. McCrea that for the present
the Council defer joining any
association. Seconded by C.
Jackman.Voting for the amendment
C. McCrea, Land & Jackman
For the motion the president
and C. Ross, Coulter, Cuth. Hardy
and Bissett.

The president declared the motion Carried

C. Hardy referred to his actions
at last meeting in refusing to
vote for the reception of a report
he had signed relative to claims
made by Messrs. Boye & Reid. It
was on account of his getting
confused that he had acted so
rashly and he very much regretted
it and apologized to the Council.

C^r Hardy moved that the sum of £4 - amount assessed by the Council for damages to M^r Bogie's buggy while passing through a gate authorised by the Council to be erected on a road in the parish of Calne be paid. Seconded by the president and lost.

Voting for the motion the president and C^r Hardy.

Against the motion. C^r Ross, Laird, Wills, Jackson, M^r G. Goulton and Bissett.

The president declared the motion - Lost.

Instructions to Officers

By C^r Goulton. Engineer to carry out drainage works in front of Quincey Store. Seconded by C^r M^r G. Carried.

By C^r Ross

Secretary write Lands Department asking that the southern end of road recently surveyed in the Poupapies forest be increased in width 1 chain. Seconded by C^r Hardy. Carried.

By C^r Hardy

That the Shire Engineer report on the best site for a water channel from Poupapies Forest eastwards to serve Messrs Gilman, Marshall, How, Pagenie Braxton & others. proprietors.

C^r Bissett moved that day labours now be increased $\frac{1}{2}$ per day above

present rate of 5/- and horse dray and man to remain as at present viz. 10/- per day.

Seconded by C^r Hardy. Carried.

C^r Bissett moved that the Engineer be instructed to have the silt in the channels in the North and South ridings removed. Seconded by C^r Laird. Carried.

C^r Bissett moved that the Engineer get a coating of loam spread in front of the Bears Lagoon Hotel. cost not to exceed £20 0 0. Seconded by C^r Laird. Carried.

C^r P. Goulton moved that the Engineer take steps to have the roadway opposite M^r Haney's residence at Yallock coated with red loam at a cost not to exceed £5. If over that amount tenders to be called. Seconded by C^r Jackson. Carried.

C^r M^r G. moved that the Secretary write Colonial Shire Council asking to join in the cost of cementing formation near Watcops. Seconded by C^r Jackson. Carried.

Appointment of Collector

For the appointment of rate collector, collector of agricultural and population statistics and dog fees collector, & applications were received from the

following:

— W. H. Bacon —

— Henry Tresser —

C. Ross moved that Mr Henry Tresser be appointed. Seconded by C. Jackson. — Carried.

Motions on Notices

By C. McEwen

That tenders be called for constructing foundations etc on road north from Prairie and road to west from J. Duffys. Hayman. Seconded by C. Jackson. — Carried.

Notice of Motion

By C. Coulter

That tenders be called for work on roads east from Mr Rogers residence. Passed.

Returning officers for Annual Election

— 25th August 1898 —

The following were appointed on the motion of C. Ross. seconded by Coulter and — Carried.

North Riding Councillor Potter

South riding Councillor Laird

East riding Councillor Coulter

Returning councillors being C. Hardy,

Bisell and Jackson.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £164. 7. 8 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Hardy, seconded by C. McEwen — Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday the 22nd day of July 1898 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at September this 22nd day of July 1898.

John Potter President
East Loddon Shire

Present at 11 a.m.

The president (Stott) and councillors Ross, Hardy, Laird, Coult, Bisset, Jackson, Coult and McGraw.

Minutes of meeting held 17th June 1898 were read and confirmed on the motion of Hardy, seconded by C. Jackson.

Carried.

Correspondence

From Chief Secretary

Stating that W. C. Whitaker, of Melbourne had been appointed electoral registrar for the Tauranga division of the electoral district of Maudslayi. vice R. R. S. Bishop, resigning.

Received.

From Secretary for Lands

That the department cannot see its way to alter the Royalty charges on box files as requested by the Council, the charges as now regulated being considerably moderate.

Do.

From Secretary for Lands

Stating that the necessary permission had been given by the Minister to the Council to remove land for road making purposes from the reserve adjoining allotment 21 parish of Happonia.

Do.

From Secretary for Lands

Anticipating that steps are now being taken to proclaim, as a road, the land which is not included in the permanent

reserve along the Loddon river, near the Majors Line Bridge, with a view to enable the Council to effect the proposed exchanges.

Received.

The president moved that the Shire Engineer make the necessary survey etc in connection with exchange of land with Silesian Downs property. Seconded by C. Hardy.

Carried.

From Lands Department, Bendigo.

That applications had been lodged by Roberts and Jamieson Tysa for the sale of 20 acres of land adjoining their homestead in the parish of Yarragut, and would be dealt with by the Land Board at Bendigo on 7th July. The Secretary replied that the Council offered no objection.

Action of Secretary approved of on the motion of C. Bisset seconded by C. Coult.

Carried.

From Secretary for Lands

Stating that in view of the deferred recommendation of the Land Board at Pyramind Hill on 14th Oct. 1897, it has been decided to refuse the application for sale of allotment 109, parish of Happonia, and further stating that the site in question is sufficiently protected by the existing temporary reservation for water supply and recreation.

On the motion of C. McGraw, and seconded by C. Jackson, the letter

was referred back to the department,
asking for the land to be permanently
reserved.

Carried.

From A. Cheyne, Surveyor

Calling attention to the state of a road
near McLeans Swamp.

C. Laid moved that the matter be
referred to the North riding members
for inspection and report. Recorded by
C. Coulter

Carried.

From Loddon United Water Trust

Forwarding account for £7.13.0 being
cost of cleaning out the first section
of the Yarnayee Channel.

C. Bisset moved that the ac be
passed for payment. Secd C. Coulter

Carried.

From Loddon United Water Trust

Requesting payment of £8.17.5, Council's
proportion of the working expenses of the
Trust for quarter ended 30th June.

C. Ross moved that the amount be paid.
Recorded by C. Laid.

Carried.

From Secretary Loddon United Water Trust
Telegram

To Shire Secretary Enquiries
Received wire from Checchi saying water
can be diverted down Yarnayee channel
for our month so close our works.

Ernest E. Hawkins

The Shire Secretary stated that the water
was now being used for filling up
pits where required.

From George Bell M.B. Cllr.

Pyramid Hill.

Applying for the position of health
officer to the East Riding, rendered
vacant by the death of D. Kelly.
C. McCrea moved that D. Bell be
appointed to the position. Recorded
by C. Coulter.

Carried.

From the Municipal Association of Victoria and
Shire of Loddon.

As the allocation of License fees.

was received and cooperation granted.

Carried.

Petition

C. Coulter presented a petition from
John Harry and six other ratepayers
in the East Riding, calling attention
to the bad state of the road extend-
ing west from the Railway line via
State School Yallock to Bullock
Creek.

C. Coulter moved that the petition be
received and the Shire Engineer
report on the cost of the works not
included in the Notice of Motion
to be dealt with this day. Recorded
by C. McCrea.

Carried.

Reports of Officers

The Rate collector reported receipts of
rates current. £21.3.0, dog fees
£1.

Received.

The Treasurer reported receipts

as follows:-

Rates current £21. 3. 0; dog fees £1-
Contractors deposits £5. 4. 0; Interest
on Defered deposit receipts £2. 12. 8;
Hire of Hall £1; repairs drawing
tank & Raleigh £6. 4. 5. Total
£37. 4. 1. Credit balance at Bank
of Victoria, Inglewood £200. 2. 10. Received.

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

Revision Court.

The same Councillors being present.
— (Potter Chairman) —

The Secretary presented the voters lists
for the various ridings.

North Riding. Messrs R. H. Campbell and
J. A. Campbell applied to have their
names inserted.

The Chairman moved that their applications
be granted. Seconded by C. Ross. Carried.

The North riding roll as revised was
then adopted on the motion of C.
Hardy seconded by the Chairman. Carried.

South Riding. There being no claims
or objections C. Bissett moved that
the South riding roll as examined
be adopted. Seconded by C. Laird. Carried.

East Riding roll.

Applications for insertion upon the
roll were received from John
McNauard, Harriett R. Bissett, Robert
M. Buchanan and Harry Foster.

C. H. Cross moved that all the
applications be granted. Seconded
by C. Hardy. Carried.

The East Riding roll as revised
was then adopted on the motion
of C. H. Cross. Seconded by C.
Bissett. Carried.

The rolls for the 3 ridings having
been signed and alterations initialled
by the Chairman the meeting closed.

Read and confirmed at Inverurie this 19th day of
August 1898.

John Potter, President
East Loddon Shire.

Ordinary Meeting resumed.
The same Councillors being present.

Tenders.

Contract 8th 220. Constructing small formation
near Yallock Post office.
Lowest tenderer John Crapper £12. 16. 6.

Contract 7th 221. Stone crossing formation on
Tennicks road and pipe culvert and
approaches near Duffys. Haynamie
Lowest tenderer C. J. Phillips Sons
£28. 17. 6.

C^r Coulter moved that the lowest tenders be accepted. Seconded by C^r McGee. Carried.

General Business

C^r Laid referred to the high charge for the Shire Hall and moved that 10% be charged for a concert, lecture or entertainment and 15% for a ball. Seconded by C^r South. Voting for the motion C^r Laid, Coulter, Bissett, Jackman, McGee Coulter & Ross Against the motion The President.

The motion was declared Carried.

C^r Bissett moved that the Council present its application to the Town Law Dept. for the appointment of Messrs Gardew, Jackman & Marshall as Justices of the Peace. Seconded by C^r South. Carried.

Instructions to Engineer.

By C^r Coulter.

That the Engineer get loan spread on each of bridge over sewerage to near Mossops. Cost not to exceed £1. Sec^d C^r Bissett. Carried.

By C^r Coulter.

That the Engineer engage contractor Jamieson to construct small formation on road east from his contract at Angus Creek at schedule prices. Sec^d C^r Bissett. Carried.

By C^r Jackman.

That the Engineer have the formation extended northwards from Railway gate at Quipoo. Seconded by C^r Coulter. Carried.

By C^r Bissett.

That the Engineer procure one 2000

gallon tank for Shire Hall. Seconded by C^r Laid. Carried.

By C^r Bissett.

That Contractor Jamieson be notified to complete his contract for grubbing near Tipconry, and that provision be made by the Engineer for conveying surface water across roadways near Tipconry house. Seconded by C^r Laid. Carried.

By C^r Jackman.

Engineer to examine and report on road east from Matson's house towards.

By C^r Laid.

Engineer to examine and report on road west from Beaver's house towards Quipoo Creek.

By C^r Hardy.

Engineer to make another survey of proposed channel to sewer from Marshall, Gittas Johns at Calver.

Motions on Notice

By C^r Coulter.

That tenders be called for constructing stone crossings, culverts and formation on road from Bullock Creek at Rogers residence eastwards to near Abbot's residence. Seconded by C^r Jackman. Carried.

Notice of Motion

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By C. Hardy

That orders be called for grubbing
roadway recently surveyed through
the Pohopapies Forest, and for con-
structing formation on road west from
M. Poolau's house. Carried

Accounts amounting to £201.6.3 now
passed for payment on the motion of C. Hardy
seconded by C. Jackson Carried.

The meeting then closed and the council adjourned to Friday
19th August 1898 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at September this 19th day
of August 1898.

John Potter President
East Loddon Shire

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held 19th August 1898

Present at 11.35 am.

C^o Potter (President) / Ross, Hardy,
Coulth, Laird, Dixie, Jackson and
McGee.

Minutes of meeting held 22nd July 1898
were read and on the motion of
C^o Laird seconded by C^o Jackson
were confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence;

From Lands Department.

Stating that the various forests
officers had been instructed to
supply half and three-quarter
length poles at proportionate rates. Received.

From Lands Department.

Stating that it had been
decided to temporarily reserve,
for water and camping purposes,
the land asked for in the parish
of Hayammi, not included in
the permanent preservation along
Pullock Creek. Received.

From Lands Department

Enquiring the nature and value
of the improvements effected on allot
109 and 150. Parish of Hayammi.
C^o McGee moved that the Secretary
furnish particulars. Seconded by
C^o Jackson. Carried.

From Secretary Loddon United Water Trust.

Notifying that C^o Potter's term of office

as the Councils representative on the trust had expired and asking that the vacancy may be filled.

C. Jackson moved that C. Potter be re-elected. Seconded by C. Hardy. — Carried —

From Loddon United Water Trust

Intimating that the interest due upon the liabilities of the trust allocated to East Loddon Shire up to 30th June 1898, is £1300. 11. 7, and requesting the favor of a cheque in reduction of same.

The amount was made up as follows
Back interest £408. 7. 0, Current interest £891. 14. 7.

On the motion of the President, recorded by C. Hardy, the communication was. — Received.

From Secretary Port Ag. Society

Requesting donation.

The President moved that the usual grant be passed. Seconded by C. Ross. — Carried —

From Secretary Port Agricultural Society

Asking that Wednesday 28th Sept. be appointed a Public Holiday.

The President moved that the request be granted to apply to the North and South ridings. Seconded by C. Pissett. — Carried —

From Secretary Pruned Hill Ag. Society

Asking that Wednesday 5th Oct. be proclaimed a Public Holiday throughout the East riding. Request granted.

From H. A. Austin, intimating that he had been appointed representative on the Board of Public Health for the Western Shire Group. A letter was also read from W. B. George, thanking Council for supporting his candidature for the board. Received

From Secretary Shire of Gordon

Asking support to have the Mildura railway extension carried by way of Lamberton and Alford.

C. Hardy moved that cooperation be granted. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried —

From Secretary Shire of Port Phillip

Enclosing copy of amendments of the Venereal Diseases Act 1890, introduced by Mr. Duggan M. L. A., and asking that the Parliamentary representative for the district be asked to support the bill.

C. Ross moved that the request be complied with. Seconded by J. McGee. — Carried —

Councillor Hardy voting against.

From J. Fairbrother, Bendigo

Asking charge for Shire Hall for about 2 hours once a week, for lessons in dress cutting.

C. Laird moved that the charge be one shilling and six pence per week. Seconded by C. Jackson. — Carried —

From Andrew Cheyne. Jarrlaw

Received by Shire Secretary on the 19th August 1898 9.30 am.

"I beg to draw your attention to a horse of mine which got killed on one of your roads where you have allowed an obstruction in shape of a fence and gate across the road on the 2nd August which I value at £7. and which I expect you to pay me the £7 for the horse with out any further trouble. The road is near Mr Hardy between allotments K and 32 parish of Jarrlaw."

Councillor Hardy moved that the North riding members inquire into the matter. The motion not being seconded, the letter was simply — Received —

From Municipal Association of Victoria.

Stating that the sixth annual session of the association will be held in the Town Hall, Melbourne, in the latter end of September.

Received.

From Contractor John Foley

Stating that he had made a mistake in his contract on road near from Dungee railway station, having made a drain in a different place to that specified.

C. Jackson moved that the Engineer report thereon at next meeting.

Seconded by C. Ross — Carried —

From Public Health Department

Approving of the appointment of Dr. J. Dick as officer of Health

for the East riding of the Shire of East Loddon. — Received —

Reports of Councillors

C. Hardy reported relative to a request by Mr Cheyne that work be done on a road in the North riding adjoining Mr Leans Traupo, and moved that the Engineer inspect and report at next meeting. Seconded C. Ross. Carried.

The rate collector reported receipts of rates current £10; arrears of rates £3.14.0; Dog fees 10/- — Received —

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates current £10; rates arrears £3.4 dog fees 10/-, Contractors deposits £2.5.0. Hosi of Hall £1.15.0. Total £17.4.0. Credit balance £7.8.7 — Received —

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

Tenders

Contract No. 223. Stone crossings and foundations east from Rodgers residence, Poupapile. Lowest tenderer Michael Kelt £76.18.4.

No. 224. Fencing at Majors Lane Bridge. Lowest tenderer C. W. Henshaw £11.15/-

C. Birrell moved that the lowest tenders be accepted. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried —

General Business

A letter was read from the Council's solicitors (Messrs Councilly, Tatchell & Dunlop, Williamsons & Prudig) relating to the action being brought against the Council by Messrs Cheyne and Mahoney in reference to roads closed in the North riding by permission of the Council.

The Secretary stated that the affidavits in connection with the case had been sent upon him and that it would be necessary for the Council's solicitors to be appointed under seal to defend the case.

C. Bissett moved that Messrs Councilly, Tatchell and Dunlop, Solicitors, Prudig be appointed under seal, with power to retain counsel, to defend the case.

Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried
Councillor Hardy voting against.

C. Jackson moved that the Shire Engineer report on cost of clearing roadway in the Kamarooka Tillage Settlement.

Seconded by C. McGraw. Carried

The sworn declaration of the Valuer Stephen Collier Jones, made bearing date 19th August 1898 was read and. Received

The president explained that the Crown Lands Bailiff wished to know if the Council had any objection to a reserve on the Ballock & near Peters, being lease to under an annual lease for grazing purposes.

C. Jackson moved that the Crown

Lands Bailiff be informed that the Council strongly protest to the alienation in any form of the reserve referred to, it being very much needed as a camping and watering ground.

Seconded by C. Ross. Carried

C. Bissett moved that the Engineer have scour on various roads in the South riding attached to.

Seconded by C. Laidy. Carried

C. Jackson moved that the Secretary apply for the 2nd day of the Prudig Show to be proclaimed as a public holiday throughout the Shire of East Loddon.

Seconded by C. McGraw. Carried

C. Bissett moved that the Engineer apply to the Marong Council for permission to cut a drain on road south east from Sepulchre, and also draw the Council's attention to a number of Stumps requiring removal on main road from Sepulchre to Eaglehawk at Campbells Forest.

Seconded by C. Laidy. Carried

C. Jackson moved that the Secretary write kindly Shire Council regarding application for payment of their portion of construction on boundary road.

Seconded by Councillor McGraw. Carried

C. Coult moved that the Engineer have
Stumps removed on Gill's road, between
the North and South ridings.

Seconded by C. Lamb. Carried

C. Ross moved that the Engineer report
on cost of constructing roadway north
from Mr. Adams' residence. Carried

C. Bissett moved that the Secretary write to
the Water Supply Department asking per-
mission to fill the Pe Pe and Brans
Lagoons with water. Seconded by
C. Coult. Carried

Motions on Notice (No. 1)

By C. Hardy. That tenders be called
for constructing foundation on road met
from Mr. Doolan's residence. Carried

Seconded by the President. and Lost
Councillors McCreo, Lamb and Ross
were of opinion the road was not
in need of urgent repairs.

The President submitted the motion
Councillors Hardy, Bissett and the
President voting for and Councillors
McCreo, Lamb, Ross, Coult & Jackman
voting against the motion.

The motion was Lost Carried

Motions on Notice No. 2.

By C. Hardy.
That tenders be called for
grubbing and cleaning roadway in
the Pumping Station Forest. Seconded

by C. Lamb. Carried
Tenders to be called returnable on
25th instant.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £309. 13. 6 Carried
were passed for payment on the
motion of Councillor McCreo, Sec.
by A. Jackman Carried

Notices of Motion

By C. Jackman. That tenders be
called for constructing foundation
and culvert on road east from
Watson's residence. Tenders.

By C. Bissett

That a rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ in the £
be struck on the net annual value
of all the rateable property in the
Shire of East Loddon for the period
commencing 1st October 1898, and
terminating 30th September 1899.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to
Friday 16th day of September 1898 at 11 am

Read and confirmed at September this 27th day of
September 1898.

W. Bissett
President
East Loddon Shire

Annual Elections25th August 1898Shire of East Loddon
North Riding

Mr William Hardy 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.

John Potter Returning Officer

J. H. Law

12th September 1898South Riding

Mr William Bissett 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. B. Law Returning Officer

C. H. Law

12th September 1898East Riding

Mr Robert Jackman 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.

L. H. Law

+ Maria Law Returning Officer

J. H. Law

Sept 12 1898 Shire of East Loddon

Election of Auditor

Mr Henry 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 thereto.

John Potter President and Returning Officer

J. H. Law 12th September 1898

Shire Hall

Septentius

27 September 1898

Election of President

The following Councillors being present:—
Councillors Potter, Rose, McEwen, Law, Bissett and the newly elected Councillors Hardy, Jackman and Bissett 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 all the powers and authorities reposed in us as Councillors by virtue of the Local Government Acts 1890-1891 numbers

1112 and 1243

Wm Hardy
Robert Jackman
W. Bissett

Declared at Septentius before us this 27th day of September 1898

John Potter J.P.

Confirmed at Septentius this 27th day of September 1898

W. Bissett President
East Loddon Shire

Present at now.

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

Election of President

The retiring president before leaving the chair made a statement showing the financial position of the Shire.

His debit balance on the 30th Sept. 1897 was £138. Today the overdraft was £162 and with the Aps to be passed (£217) making a liability of £379, but the receipt of £320 second moiety of the Endowment would reduce the overdraft to about £50 at the end of the financial year. The Shire had thus reduced its debt during the year by something like £200, which he considered very satisfactory. He thanked councillors for the uniform courtesy extended to him during his occupancy of the chair and also acknowledged the assistance given him by the officers of the Council.

Allowance to Incoming President
Councillor Laird moved that the incoming president's allowance be £50.
Seconded by C. Hardy.

Carried.

C. Potter moved that Mr Bissett be elected president for the next 12 months.
Seconded by C. McCrea.

Carried.

The newly elected president thanked councillors for the position they had placed him in and proposed a vote

of thanks to the retiring president for the efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties.

C. Laird seconded the motion, and, with Mr Hardy and Mr McCrea, spoke of the successful manner in which C. Potter conducted the business of the Council.

C. Potter having acknowledged the kind expressions, the Ordinary business was proceeded with.

(C. Coulter took his seat)

Ordinary Business

Present at 12.35 pm The President (C. Bissett) and Councillors Potter, Laird, Hardy, McCrea and Coulter.

Minutes of meeting held 19th August 1898 were read and confirmed on the motion of C. Laird, seconded by C. McCrea.

Carried.

Correspondence

From Secretary for Lands.

Stating that the Conservator of Forests is opposed to the widening of the road in the Poupapiri Forest, as there is no necessity for it, and the land alongside is open. C. Potter said the reply was contrary to what Mr Ponui told the Council Committee when visiting the place some time ago. He had then agreed to recommend to the Lands Department that a road 1 1/2 chains wide be surveyed on the eastern side of the channel. C. Laird moved that

the Department be again written to, pointing out Mr. Pinner's promise. Seconded by C. Potter. Carried.

From Lands Department.

Stating that it is not usual to permanently reserve a site of such a nature as that applied for by the Council in the Parish of Haymanville until it is adequately improved.

C. H. Gira moved that the Secretary inform the Department that since the last meeting of the Council a course for racing purposes had been constructed on the reserve as well as other improvements and to again ask for the permanent reservation of the allotments: Mr. O'Neil M.L.D. to be asked to assist.

Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

From Secretary Crown Law Department.

Stating that the appointment of additional Justices of the Peace at Scepterburgh could not be sanctioned, the records showing that there were six justices in the neighbour hood who attended the Court regularly.

The President moved that the Department be again communicated with, pointing out the exceptional fitness of Mr. Alexander Gardew for the position, and also mentioning the great distances some of the present justices were from Scepterburgh.

Seconded by C. Laid. Carried.

Councillor Laid moved that the Crown Law Department be requested to

appoint Mr. Stephen Collier Jones, Shire Secretary and Constable George J. Brown of Methuen, Commissioners for taking affidavits. Seconded by Mr. Coulter. Carried.

From Shire of Maroona.

That the matter of clearing roadway at Campbells Forest was referred to the Shire Engineer with power to get the works done, also, offering no objection to the Council constructing about 40 chains of side drains on road south east from Yarragoe. Received.

From Shire of Hardy.

Referring the Council to previous correspondence, in the matter of the claim by East Loddon Shire Council for cost of constructing the boundary road. Received.

From Shire of Dunnin.

Asking cooperation in requesting the Parliamentary representatives to urge on the Government the necessity of at once bringing in a bill to give relief to the heavily handicapped Shires by writing down the valuation on waterworks and the production of interest etc.

C. Laid moved that cooperation be granted. Seconded by C. McLean. Carried. C. Potter voting against.

From Chief Assistant Engineer Victorian Water Supply Department, telegraphing that water may be diverted into Yarrapine, channel until further directions.
 Mr. Laird moved that the Secretary convey to Mr. Keckie the Council's approbation of and thanks for the manner in which the distribution of the Bullock O. waters has been directed. Seconded by the President. — Carried —
 Mr. Coulter voting against.

From Municipal Association of Victoria
 Notifying date of annual meeting etc.
 Mr. Laird moved that the Municipal Association be asked to urge the Government to introduce a bill to give Councils power to lease on an annual tenure unused roads, the revenue to go to the municipal funds. Seconded by Mr. Coulter. — Carried —
 Councillors Hardy & Potter voting against.

Councillor Laird moved that the President be asked to attend the Municipal Congress. Seconded by Mr. Potter. — Carried —
 Councillor Hardy voting against.

From Lands Department.

Stating that the reservation of 19 acres of land on Bullock O. west from Terrieh West Hotel, parish of Koyamie, as a site for water supply and camping purposes, is duly notified in the Government Gazette of 16th September 1898. — Received —

Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure
 for the Year 1898-99.

Moved by Councillor Laird, Seconded by Mr. M. Croa that this Council do now adopt and confirm the estimates as submitted for the Year 1898-9 ending 30th September 1899 of the receipts and expenditure the sum of ^{2561 14 0} being required for the several purposes therein specified. — Carried —

Valuation

Moved by Mr. Hardy seconded by Mr. Potter that this Council do now adopt the net valuation submitted of all the rateable property within the Shire amounting to £ ^{34 114 0 0} as made by the Valuer in the Year 1898. — Carried —

Fixing the Rate

Moved by Mr. Pissett, Seconded by Mr. Hardy that to raise the sum of £ ^{1705 14 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 commencing on the 1st October 1898 and ending on the 30th day of September 1899. — Carried —

Collecting the Rate

Moved by Mr. Laird, Seconded by Mr. M. Croa that the Rate Collector be directed to collect the said rate forthwith. — Carried —

Reports of Officers

The Rate Collector reported receipts as follows.

Rates	Current	£120. 6. 0	
Rates	arrears	5. 7	
Dog fees		10	
Total	£	126. 3. 0	Received

The Treasurer reported receipts:-

Rates current £120. 6. 0, rates arrears £5. 7. 0; dog fees 17. Contractors deposits £4. 15. 0. Total £130. 18. 0

Debit balance at Bank of Victoria, Inglewood. £162. 10. 11 Received

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

Appointment of Surveyors

For the financial year ending 30.9.99.

Public Works.

The President and Councillors Coults, Hardy, Coulter and Potter.

Finance.

The President and Councillors Ross, Laird, McCrea, and Jackson.

General Business

Laird moved that the Dog Tax collector be directed to strictly enforce the act.

Seconded by the President. Carried

Instructions to Engineer

By C. McCrea

That a small formation be constructed on road North from State School, Mithams. Seconded by C. Coulter Carried

By C. McCrea

That the Engineer visit and report on necessary works on road west from Mithams and near Bryants late residence.

By C. Hardy, Laird.

That Engineer report on cost of formation near Calver Post office also cost of loaning formations on the Inan Hill road.

Motions on Notices

By C. Jackson

That tenders be called for constructing formation and culvert on road East from Watson's residence. Seconded by C. McCrea. This motion was moved by C. McCrea. Seconded by C. Coulter and Carried

Notices of Motion

By C. Hardy

That tenders be called for constructing formation on north and south road near McLeans Smuggers Parish of Larklan.

By C. McCrea. That tenders be called for constructing a culvert and approaches near Cochrane's late residence. Hayman.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £218⁰ 3⁰ 3 were presented
passed for payment on the motion
of Mr. Lamb. Seconded by Mr. Lamb. Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned
to Friday 21st October 1898 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Superintendent's this 21st
day of October 1898

W. Bissett President
East Loddon Shire.

Present at 11.30 am.

The President (Mr. Bissett) and Councillors
Hardy, Potter, Coulter, Jackson, McLean,
and Lamb.

Minutes of meeting held 27th September
1898 were read and on the motion
of Mr. Lamb. Seconded by Mr. Lamb
were confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence

From Treasury, Melbourne.

Forwarding account for £320.8.4 and amount
for completion. Received.

From Public Works Department, intimating
that Mr. J. C. Muir, of Maryborough, has
been appointed Government Auditor. Do.

From Crown Land Office, Melbourne.

Intimating that the recommendation
of the Council in favor of appointing
Mr. A. Gardew to the commission of
the peace had been reconsidered
by the Solicitor General, who has nothing
to add to the intimation already
conveyed to the Council. Received.

From same.

Stating that the application to
have Constable G. J. Brown, of Maitland,
and Mr. J. C. Jones, of Leppington, appointed
commissioners for taking declarations
etc is receiving consideration. Received.

From Lands Department, Melbourne.

Waiving that permanent reservation of allotments 109 and 151, parish of Haynam, cannot be sanctioned at present.

Received.

From Shire of Echuca

Agreeing to pay 1/2 cost of cementing roadway east from Prairie Pfl. Station.

Received.

From Loddon B. H. Trust.

Requesting cheque for £7.9.7. pro. portion of working expenses allocated to the Council for quarter ended 30th ult.

Land moved that the amount be passed for payment. Seconded by C. Buchanan.

Carried.

From Department of Mines and Water Supply,

asking if the Council could render any assistance in the way of preparing a representative collection of the minerals rocks and fossils of the colony for exhibition at the Great Britain and Paris exhibitions.

Received.

From the Municipal Association of Victoria.

Asking the Council to take steps to have a clause inserted in the Land Bill now before Parliament making Licenses under Section 123 of the Act, (grazing areas) liable to be rated.

Land moved that cooperation be granted. Seconded by C. Buchanan. Carried.

From Dr. E. McFarlane

Health Officer, North Strathfields. Requesting our month's leave of absence, and that he had arranged with his brother Dr. Hugh McFarlane to carry out the duties.

Land moved that the application be granted. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

From Lands Department, Melbourne.

Acknowledging receipt of letter re road through Campasie Forest.

Received.

From Head Teacher, Campasie State School.

Reporting supposed case of measles at the Campasie State School.

Received.

From R. O'Neill M.L.A. and Mrs. J. Bell

and J. M. Pratt M.L.C.'s reporting re the deputation to the Minister in connection with the application to have agricultural colleges etc established at Bendigo and Ballarat. The former stated that he was pleased to report that the Minister had given a favorable reply to the deputation.

C. M. Gera moved that the letters be received & thanks accorded.

Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

Reports of Officers

The Treasurer reported receipts:-

Rates arrears £2.17.0, dog fees 17
Licenses £1, Neighboring fees £29.6,
Hire of Hall 157. Debit balance at Bank of Victoria, Inglewood £370.4.2

Received.

The Rate collector reported receipts of rates amount £2.17.0; dog fees 10/- Received -

The Shire Engineer's report was read and Received -
and draft with as shown in report book.

(C. Coult's took his seat)

Tenders

Contract No 1. 1898-9. Constructing formation and crossing east from Watson's residence. Tenders

Two tenders received.

Lowest tender Mr. H. J. Crapper £28.5.0. C. Coult's moved that the lowest tender be accepted. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried -

General Business

C. Laird moved that C. Jackson, Coult's, and the Secretary be appointed to attend a meeting of the Shire Council to place the matter of the expenditure of money by the East Loddon Council on boundary road near J. Goo's residence before that Council with a view of getting that body to pay our half cost thereof. Seconded by C. McCrea. Carried -

C. Laird moved that the Secretary be empowered to erect a cupboard for the purpose of storing Shire books and documents.

Seconded by C. Potter. Carried -

On the motion of C. McCrea and Coult's, the Secretary was empowered to expend a sum of money not to exceed £10 in repainting and recoloring the Shire Hall. Carried -

Residence for the use of the Shire Secretary

It was unanimously agreed that the Engineer bring up a report and plan at next meeting giving the differences between the cost of weatherboards and brick, and all particulars of the cost of a building suitable for the purpose required.

Instructions to officers

By C. Prescott

Engineer to report on cost of constructing drain on road South east from Yarragoe.

By C. Coult's

Engineer to report on cost of forming roadway between Messrs. Shaws and C. G. Goo's residence, Yallock.

By C. Jackson

Engineer report on cost of formation West from Tandra Railway Station.

By C. Potter

Engineer to report on cost of forming Iron Hill road in North riding, south from Jackson Post Office.

By C. Bissett

Engineer to get the plant commonly known as "Rat Tail" cut from off main roads, also to submit to the Department a specimen for naming.

Motions on Notice

By C. Hardy

That tenders be called for constructing formation on road adjoining McLean's Swamp. Int. Law.

Seconded by C. Potter. _____ Carried.

By C. McCrea

That tenders be called for constructing box culvert and formation on road east from old brick kiln. Hayman.

Seconded by C. Coulter. _____ Carried.

By C. McCrea

That tenders be called for constructing 14 chains formation east from Peanumy St Bridge on road east from the Prairie.

By Lutton. (Joint with Echuca Shire)

Seconded by C. Coulter. _____ Carried.

By C. Coulter

That tenders be called for constructing formation and crossing on N. & S. road near Eales farm Talambo. Seconded by C. Jackson. _____ Carried.

Notices of Motion

By C. McCrea

That tenders be called for formation etc on road near Bryants old residence,

parish of Mitiamo, and for constructing formation east from McTeggs old butchers shop. Mitiamo.

By C. McCrea

That a residence be constructed for the use of the Shire Secretary.

By C. Hardy

That tenders be called for constructing a portion of a branch channel from off main channel at Poupapil Fork eastwards towards the Howes property Poupapil.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £158.3.3 now passed for payment on the motion of C. Jackson. Seconded by C. Lairs. _____ Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 18th November 1898 at 11 a.m.

Read and confirmed at Lerpentua this 18th day of November 1898.

W. Bissett President
East Loddon Shire.

Present at 11.50 am.

The president (C. Bissett) and Councillors
Cuth. Laird, Jackson, Potter, Hardy
McGraw and Ross.

Minutes of meeting held 21st October
1898 read and on the motion
of C. Jackson, seconded by C.
Potter. Carried.

Correspondence

From Mr. Duffy, Poupapire.

Asking for the water to be shut
down the Calve channel in order
that tanks on his land be filled.
C. Hardy moved that the request
be complied with as soon as the
water is available. Seconded by
C. Ross. Carried.

From Department of Lands and Survey
through Mr. O'Neill (M.L.A.) informing
the Council that the permanent res-
ervation applied for of allotments
109 and 150 Parish of Hagarua, cannot
be sanctioned at present. Mr. O'Neill
wrote to the effect that the Minister
had informed him that the reason
for refusing the application is that
the Council had spent no money on
the reserve, but they could use it for
the purposes of sports, which will prevent
it being otherwise dealt with. Mr. O'Neill
suggested that application be made
to have the reserve vested in the Council.

C. McGraw said the department was
under a misapprehension, as a
considerable amount of money had
been spent on the reserve of late,
by the ratepayers. He moved that
the Secretary take the necessary
steps to have the reserve vested
in the Council.

Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

From Shire of Colac

Enclosing report on the Drainage
Rates Bill. Received.

Annual Meeting

The same Councillors being present.
The audited statement of receipts
and expenditure, as read by the
Secretary, was adopted on the motion
of Councillors Laird and Potter. Carried.

The auditors report certifying to
the correctness of the a/c, disallowing
of items to Loddon U. W. Trust
and also to agricultural societies
was received on the motion of
C. McGraw seconded by C. Ross. Carried.

Tenders

Contract No. 2 1898-9 Constructing foundation
near McLeans Swamp and South Calve
Post office. 3 tenders received.
Lowest tenderer The Foley Est. 11.8.

Contract No. 3. 1898-9. Constructing foundation
etc near Cochrane brick-kiln. Four

Tenders received. Lowest tenderer. Thomas Foley £32. 14. 11.

Contract No. 4. 1898-9. Constructing crossing and formation near Eels farm, Talaube.
Two tenders received. Lowest tenderer £20. 16. 8. John Griffiths.

Contract No. 5. 1898-9.

Construction of formation on road east from Paines Railway Station.
Two tenders received. Both tenders being considerably higher than the estimate it was agreed that fresh tenders be called, returnable in March 1899.

C. Potter moved that the lowest tenders for contracts Nos. 2, 3 and 4 be accepted.
Seconded by C. Boults. Carried.

Reports of Officers

The Rate Collector reported receipts of rates current £12, arrears of rates £7. 1. 0. Received.

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates current £12, rates arrears £7. 1. 0, Contractors deposits £1. 16. 0.
Total £20. 17. 0.

Overdraft at Bank of Victoria, Inglewood £187. 19. 7. Received.

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

General Business

C. Lind moved that the Engineer have necessary repairs effected to certain rooms connected with the hall, at a sum not to exceed £5. Seconded by C. Potter. Carried.

Motions or Notices

By C. McEwen.

That the Council construct a merchant residence for the use of the Shire Secretary at a cost of £350. Seconded by C. Ross. Carried unanimously. Carried.

By C. McEwen.

That tenders be called for constructing foundations and crossings on roads near Bopants Lake, residence, Williams, and east from M. Jutyes butchers shop. Seconded by C. Jackman. Carried.

By C. Hardy.

Tenders be called for constructing a portion of water channel from main line at Forest Eastwards to Marshalls, Lillans etc.
Consideration deferred for one month.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £148. 1. 0 were passed for payment on the motion of Councillor Jackman.

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held 18th November 1898.

Seconded by C. McEwen. Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 16th December at 11 am

Read and confirmed at Secretary's this 16th day of December 1898.

W Bissett President
East Loddon Shire

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held 16th December 1898.

Present at 11.45 am

The President (C. Bissett) and C. McEwen, Laird, Hardy Coulter and
Coutts.

Minutes of meeting held 18th November 1898 were read and on the motion of C. Laird Seconded by C. McEwen. Confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence

From Senior Law Officers, Melbourne.

Notifying that M. J. C. Jones, their Secretary had been appointed a commissioner for taking affidavits and declarations.

C. McEwen moved that the letter be received the Secretary to ascertain if he had power for taking affidavits for the Supreme Court.

Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

From Bank of Victoria, Limited.

Intimating that it is the intention of the board to pay off, on the 13th March 1899, with accrued interest to that date, one third of all its deferred deposit receipts which mature on the 12th June 1899, 1900 and 1905 respectively.

Received.

From Government Statist

Re collection of Agricultural Statistics.

Received.

From C. Jackson, apologising for non-attendance.

Received.

From Town Clerk, City of Brisbane.

Intimating that a meeting of the general Committee of the Wyckemore-Mildura Railway League would be held in Brisbane on 17th inst. to consider the recommendations of the Railway Standing Committee that a line be constructed to Mildura from Ellimera, and to decide what further action is necessary.

C. Hardy moved that the President attend. Seconded by C. Laird. — Carried —

From Secretary Municipal Association of Victoria

Forwarding copies of report of the association for year 1898. — Received —

From Water Supply Department

Notifying that water may be diverted into Yarragoe channel from the 13th Decr.

The Secretary stated that he had informed the Dept. that the date would not be suitable for filling majority of dams and in reply received the following telegram.

"Cannot alter arrangements, on 1st January there will be no water to send you"

The letter and telegram were Received —

From Dr. Thomson, Telegram

"Diphtheria Florence Gyles Quigley now at M^{rs} Martins, Shot Street, Brisbane female above three." — Received —

From Head Teacher, Poupapae State School

Notifying 2 supposed cases of Measles in the family of William Davidson. — Received —

Reports of Committees

C. Hardy reported on the action taken by himself and the other members of the North riding in authorizing the construction of a pub. channel to fill dams constructed by M^{rs} Hursey at Calver. M^{rs} Hursey was agreeable to pay a portion of the cost of having the work done, and considering this and the necessity for having the channel made at once, the members for the riding had instructed the Engineer to have the work done.

C. Laird moved that the action of the North riding members be approved of on the distinct understanding that the North riding members will not take upon themselves any like work again, and that no further sub. channels be constructed by the Council.

Seconded by the president. — Carried —

Reports of Officers

The Rate collector reported Rates current £88.10; Rates arrears £3.10.0; dog fees £1.5.0. Total £93.5. — Received —

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates current £88.10.0, rates arrears £3.10.0, dog fees £1.5.0; Contractors deposits £4.9.0; Rent of Office, Loddon Trust £10; Rent of Hall M^{rs} Timbriker £1.10. Interest D. O. Receipts £2.12.7 — Received —
— D^r balance £225.2.0 —

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

Received —

J. E. A. De Maria, health officer for North and South ridings, reported having advised the closing of State School at Bears Lagoon, for a fortnight, on account of an outbreak of measles. No other illness of note had come under his notice.

Received —

Tenders

Constructing residences for the use of the Shire Secretary.

The tenders received being above the amount voted by the Council Mr. McCrea moved that fresh tenders be called for a building to cost about £350 returnable at next meeting. Seconded by C. Coulter

Carried —

Constructing foundations etc east and south east from Melbourn.

5 Tenders received. Lowest tenderer John Cropper £26.7.2

C. Coulter moved that the lowest tender be accepted. Seconded by C. Hardy.

Carried —

General Business

C. McCrea moved that the Railway Department be written to asking that a new sheep yards & race be erected at the France Railway Station.

Seconded by C. Coulter.

Carried —

On the motion of C. Coulter seconded by C. McCrea the members for the ridings were empowered to cut the side ditches and Bankers bars from off main roads.

Carried —

Motions on Notice

By C. Hardy.

For the construction of a water channel leading east from the Poupapier Forest was again proposed.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £341.4.11 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Hardy seconded by C. Lamb.

Carried —

C. Lamb drew attention to the amount of interest to be paid in connection with the £2000 Trust and at his suggestion the president agreed to ascertain from the bank if a reduction had been made, in the amount of interest as provided by the Premier.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 20th January 1899

Read and Confirmed at Serpentine, this 20th day of January 1899

W. Bissett

President