Minutes of a special meeting of the Korong Shire Council, called by a resolution passed at the ordinary meeting of the Council held at Kingower on Thursday the 14th June, and held at the Old Inglewood Hotel on Thursday 12th July - Present Messrs Hunter Marriman, Stutt, Coutts, Clayton & Clarkson. Cay

The Secretary read a report on the powers of the Council with respect to Shire Pounds in which an opinion was expressed that the only payments accruing to the Council from the pound are pound fees given by the statute, and one half of all fines levied under it, together with the net proceeds of cattle sold, if unclaimed during six years. Also that the sustenance fees are by the 10th section of the Statute No. 269 appropriated to the pound keeper for his own use and must be properly transferred by him to the Council before they can be paid into the Shire Fund.

Also that the Council cannot levy any fees or rates except those directed by the Statute and cannot directly receive any other revenue from the pound than that arising from pound fees & penalties.

Also that the Council cannot entertain the question of the legality or otherwise of any charges made by the pound keeper to impounder that being the business

2 From the Office of Roads & Bridges in reply stating that the main road proclaimed between Inglewood & Wedderburn does not extend through but only to the better township

Moved by Mr Hunter

Seconded by Mr Clarkson that the members for the Wedderburn Riding be appointed a committee to correspond with the Govt. and act upon any information that may be received in the above matter

Carried

3 From the Progress Committee Wedderburn requesting the Council to forward a memorial praying for the establishment of a Govt. Post Office and Telegraph station at that township

The Secretary stated that the memorial had been forwarded as requested.

4 From the Office of Roads & Bridges in reply stating that no error has been committed in the appropriation of the sum of £500 to the erection of a bridge at East Charlton.

From the General Post Office in reply stating that no application has been received for any alteration in the present mail route to Yowen Hill & Swanpan & that (such no) alteration will (only) be made without full consideration

Enquiry

6 From the Treasury Melbourne in reply stating that the endowment of the Union for this year will amount to 1430-3-6 of which the balance will be payable in September

7 From the District Surveyor enclosing tracing of the road between Milangil and Jericho.

8 From the Office of Works & Bridges in reply - stating that it will be sufficient to obtain payment of the expenses with for bridges if the contract is entered into for the expenditure before the 31st December next.

9 From the General Post Office stating that the Chief Inspector does not consider that the postal business transacted at Heathcote will justify the establishment of a Govt. Post Office there.

10 From Michael Larkin complaining that an overcharge has been made by the pound keeper on his horse & cattle impounded on the 27th July

Moved by Mr. Hunter
Sec by Mr. Marcan That the consideration of this letter be postponed to next meeting and that the pound keeper be requested to attend and produce his books.

Carried.

11 From Messrs. Loddle & Keating relative to a supposed application from Mr. Smith of the same place for permission to erect a bridge over the road, and requesting an inspection of the ground before it should be granted

Moved by Mr Roy
Sec. by Mr. McPherson That Mr. Kitchener and the engineer enquire into the matter and report at the next meeting.

Carried.

12 From the Building Committee of the Common School Heathcote asking for the assistance of the Council in erecting a School Building

Moved by Mr. Marcan
Sec by Mr Hunter That twenty pounds be granted to the Committee in aid of the Building Fund.

Carried

On Mr. 5. it was moved by Mr Hunter and seconded by Mr Roy That the Council join the residents on the Road in endeavouring to obtain

in the present mail route to East Charlton by carrying it by Spring Hill, Yarong Springs, Coomera & Spring Bank.

Carried

The Treasurers report showed receipts for the month £20-2-10 and expenditure £166-6-5

Moved by Mr Roy
Sec by Mr McPherson That the report be received and adopted Carried

The Storm Channel Committee reported that the first meeting had been adjourned until the working plans were prepared. The second meeting was held at Gaylene on the 8th Sept. - Present Messrs Ware Ratcliff, Simon & Pearce.
Tenders were ordered to be called for the excavation only in three portions. This has since been done and a meeting for the acceptance of tenders will be held as early as possible.

Moved by Mr McPherson
Sec. by Mr Roy That the report be received and adopted

Carried.

The engineer reported that the various works in the district are progressing satisfactorily. In consequence of the pressure of work he has not been able to prepare plans for the proposed bridge at East Charlton. Reported also that the Loganlea Bridge requires immediate repair and repainting. Report received

The engineer then laid before the Council the photographic views of plans within the Shire deemed to be prepared in accordance with the request of the Commissioners of the International Exhibition.

The views were accepted and referred to the Exhibition Committee for the selection of fourteen out of the fifteen provided.

The Secretary stated that he had written to the Council of the Shire of St. Arnaud requesting their assistance in the erection of the East Charlton Bridge. He had received a reply to the effect that the application would be considered by that Council on the 4th Sept. and requesting that plan and estimate should be forwarded. —

The President asked if the engineer would be able to furnish a plan by the time named, in the event of the time for receiving the exhibits being extended. The engineer replied that he could have the plan of the bridge ready by the 1st Sept. if the exhibition work were postponed. It was then decided that the bridge should be proceeded with and an application made to the Commissioners for an extension of time. —

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Barony Sub Council relative to the repairs required to the Loughan Bridge

Moved by Mr. Roy
Sec. by Mr. Harkness That Mr. Hunter be a member of the Public Works Committee in the room of Mr. Steel retired. —
Carried.

Moved by Mr Hunter
Sec. by Mr Boyle That as no opinion has been received from Council on the case submitted respecting the management of the pound the question be again postponed until next meeting
Carried.

Moved by Mr. McPherson
Sec. by Mr. Harkness. That the estimates for the ensuing year be brought up at the next meeting.
Carried

According to notice it was
Moved by Mr Hunter
Sec by Mr Hegarty That a general rate of one shilling on each pound of the nett annual value of all rateable property within the Union be made at the next meeting of Council on the 11th October
Carried

The letter of Michael Larkin postponed from last meeting complaining of an overcharge made by the keeper of the Cluse Pound was read.
The pondkeeper was in attendance and produced his books from which it appeared that the cattle on which the overcharge was said to have been made were properly charged with the fees paid by the complainant. Personal notice had been given of the impounding instead of by post for which 2/- was charged — It was therefore
Moved by Mr. Brannan
Sec. by Mr. Hegarty That the sum of 1/- be refunded to the complainant.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Clarke

and seconded by Mr Ray that as the personal notice was advantageous to the informer there be no repayment, and that there is no irregularity in the transaction. —

Carried

The Treasurer reported that convictions have been obtained at the Court of Petty Sessions Bytown against several persons in the Ship under the Wines Beer & Spirits Sales Statute.

Moved by Mr Coutts
Sec by Mr McPherson That a sum equal to half the penalty inflicted in each case be paid to the person by whose information the convictions were obtained

Carried

The following accts. were passed and ordered to be paid

On Engineers certificates

Cont. 48	H. Chisholm	5 -	00
71	do	58 -	15
81	Mrs. Bom	68 -	—
83	do	8 -	—
82	do	9 -	—
80	J. Jacot	23	—
74	Jas. Kane	66	—
73	Pritchard	15	
67	Le Cour	15 -	10

Moved by Mr Kimer
Sec. by Mr Carson That the Treasurer report be received and adopted

Carried

The Lucerne report on behalf of the Storm Channel Committee;
That the Committee met at Bytown on Tuesday the 2d. Sept.
That the plans & specifications had been returned by the Public Works Department approved.
A foot bridge was ordered to be erected over the Channel within the C.S. & Reserve.
Tenders for the excavation were then opened and the following accepted

No. 1 - Portion -	A. S. Keefe	123 - 6 - 0
No. 2 -	A. S. Keefe	648 - 1 - 2
No. 3 -	H. Chisholm	492 - 14 - 3
		1264 - 1 - 5

These tenders were forwarded to the P. W. Department and have been gazetted as accepted by the Govt.

Moved by Mr Ray
Sec by Mr McPherson That the report of the Storm Channel Committee be received and adopted

Carried.

Moved by Mr Hunter
Sec. by Mr Rawson That the contract for the destruction of thistles within the the Hedderburn Riding be paid an addition to his contract of £2 and that the time of expiry be extended to the end of March 1867 with a proviso that the contractor destroy thistles in any part of the Riding to which he may be called.

An amendment was
Moved by Mr Sherhead
Sec. by Mr Roy That the contract remain unaltered and that the members for the Hedderburn Riding be empowered to expend a reasonable amount in destroying thistles outside the contract area.

The amendment was carried & the original motion lost.

The engineer reported that he had prepared plan & specif. for a bridge at East Charlton and also for a bridge over the a creek near Coanover on the East Arden Road. Estimated cost of the former £800, the latter £50. The dams on the Inglewood & Kingower Road and the roadwork in the township of Kingower have been unavoidably delayed by the work in connexion with the Intercolonial Exhibition. This work will be completed in about ten days.

Mr Macrae called the attention of the engineer to the state of the roads in the Hedderburn Riding owing to the insufficient manner in which the maintenance contract was carried out.

Moved by Mr. Macrae
Sec. by Mr. McPherson That if the maintenance contract be not carried out to the satisfaction of the local members after one week's notice to the contractor the contract be annulled and fresh tenders called

Carried

Moved by Mr Sherhead
Sec by Mr Hunter That a ballot box be provided for the Inglewood Riding

Carried.

Mr Hunter gave notice that he would at the next meeting move that a rate be made on all taxable property within the Shire.

The next meeting was (held) ordered to be held at Kingower on the usual day and the meeting then closed.

Confirmed
Sept 15th 1866

Henry Hunter
President