Minutes of a Special meeting of the Norong Spur Council held at the Shire Office Heidelberg on the 12th March 1873

Present Cr. Marsden, President in the chair, Roy, Curtis, Johns, Griffith, Steel & Hall

The President stated that the meeting was called in compliance with the request of the Secretary for Agriculture for the purpose of considering the present Fencing and Impounding Laws with a view to the suggestion of Amendments in it.

The Secretary read the Fencing Act and the following amendments were agreed to

1 That all owners and occupiers of adjacent lands be placed on the same footing with regard to the erection and maintenance of dividing fences.

2 That the words 'secure fence' be defined to mean

1 A brick or stone wall not less than four and a half feet high.
2 A log fence of same height, constructed with logs not less than ten inches in diameter.
3 A four-railed fence 4½ feet high
4 A three railed fence of split rails of same height with openings not more than eight inches wide

5. Six split rails and three wires 4½ feet high
6. One ~~top~~ rail and five wires same height
7. Six wires, same height with plough furrow along outside of fence.

3 That three months notice to fence be sufficient ~~to~~ to adjoining occupier.

4 That cost of erecting or repairing fence after neglect of notice be recoverable at Petty Sessions.

Impounding.

1 That when owner of owner of trespassing cattle is known to the occupier of the land trespassed on, cattle shall not be impounded, but fixed trespass fees may be demanded and recovered, without driving cattle home, on notice to owner, and that the Court or Council within whose jurisdiction the former is shall appoint assessors whose duty it shall be to assess special damage from trespass, amount of damage to be recoverable at petty sessions.

2 That all impoundings shall be advertised in next issue of local newspaper as well as in Gazette and that advertisements shall state place

from whence imported, and name of importer.

The foregoing amendments were ordered to be sent to the Secretary for Agriculture and the meeting was closed.

Geo. Hunter
President