Minutes of a meeting of the Kerang Shire Council held at the Shire Office Kangaroo, on the 20th December 1897

Present Cr. John Coutts (President in the chair) and Crs. Hart, Hall, Johns, Richardson, Patterson and Cotter.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary stated that he had forwarded £7.13.0 to the Mayor of Melbourne for the Indian Famine Relief Fund, and Cr. Hart said that he had forwarded £10.- which with Cont. still remaining in hand would (Cont. &) make the total subscription about £100.. —

With reference to road to Watchman referred to in minutes Cr. Hall said that he had visited the road and find it was quite impracticable for heavy loads and should not have been cleared as a much better line could be got within a short distance of it.

Correspondence. —

1 Lands Department consenting to add a strip of land to reserve on Mekdahbum and E. Charlton road near the Richardson Plains P. Right.

2 Mr. Lamont forwarding copy of Mr. Grice
3 to application for a cow to be stolen in Boyle v. Harper in which the P.M. refuses to state a case and describes the application as frivolous. The appeal had therefore been withdrawn.

4 Govt. Statist applying for annual returns

5 Shire of Hamilton suggesting that such an alteration be made in the Local Govt. Act as will enable Councils to recover costs when suing for rates

Moved by Cr. Hart
Sec. by Cr. Patterson That the Council approve the suggestion and assist in endeavouring to obtain the alteration

Carried

6 District Surveyor, St. Arnaud stating that if road at Lemon Swamp from Cudgie to main road be blazed the line will be respected in future surveys.

Referred to engineer with instructions to have line cleared.

7 Same with reference to road surveys from Spring Hill to Benmah & Nhill.

8 Secretary Benev. Asylum acknowledging donation

9 Secy. to Bridgewater Progress League with reference to condition of roads there

10 Acting Secretary of Railways asking for return of land in occupation within the Shire giving no. of section and

allotment, and of surrounding maps on which lands to be shown.
Mr Lentaigne stated that he had no means of procuring such a return and that he had applied to Head Office

11 Secretary to Land & Tax Commissioners on same subject.

12 District Surveyor, Castlemaine stating that there is no objection to the survey of certain roads provided that the cost is paid by the Council.

13 Manager Bank of Victoria East Charlton with circular for subscriptions in aid of Indian Relief Fund £36.18.6.

14 Peter Johnson, East Charlton, applying for permission to erect a verandah in front of his premises there
Granted subject to usual condition

15 Mayor of Melbourne acknowledging cheque for £10- subs. to Indian Relief Fund.

16 Same ackn. cheque for £61-10-0 on same a/c. —

17 Page & Catchpole complaining that R. Dwyer has blocked up a road

18 Robt. Turner denying that there is any road at the place referred to in last letter

The engineer was instructed to inspect and report. —

19 Dist. Surveyor St. Arnaud that there is plenty of road accommodation in Stuart room

20 Same That if the Council marks out a road from Redbluff to join the one running by Turnbull & Jenkin selections to Moseley, it will be allowed to in future surveys. — Mr. Lloyd is requested to make survey of road, adhering to the track

21 Public Works Office re re-division of Shire.

22 Mr. Bentwell re water reserves on East Charlton roads.

23 Report on alleged lunacy case at Redbluff

24 Medical Superint. of Kew Lunatic Asylum with information as to mode of admission and forms.

25 Application for drawing road in Inspire Matter of Prices selection. Inspector to report

26 Bet Bet Shire asking this Council to join in securing a direct road from Benlibra to Simmons
Further information to be asked for

Moved by Cr. Steel
See by Cr. John Coutts that Mr. Bentwell's offer be accepted and that the Secretary of Lands be asked to sub-div. lands mentioned by him for sale by auction.
Carr.

27 Letter from Receiver & Paymaster, Inglewood, requesting that licence fee for billiards licence issued to James Kennedy be refunded on the ground of its being a new licence.

28 T. Hughes, contractor stating that he has made an error in his tender for work at East Charlton and asking for some allowance.— Postponed

29 Ratepayers at Burkes Flat re common fence, and asking Council to appoint herdsman.
Postponed for enquiries.

The Treasurer reported Receipts since last meeting £92.13.3. Expenditure £436.1.5. Bank Overdraft Bal. £290.14.9.
Report received and approved

The Sanitary reported on outbreak of Diphtheria at Kingsbrook and described the steps taken to prevent its spread &c.
Moved by Cr Steel
Seconded by the President That the Council express its approval of the action of the Sanitary, that the expenses incurred be paid, and that the Inspector of Nuisances be requested to attend to this duties and see to the removal of all nuisances
Carried

The Engineer reported that he had called for tenders for works ordered at last meeting. Also that tenders had been

received by the Inglewood members for clearing from Creamery to Farm towards Salisbury P.R. & Wheatley Lt — and for clearing from Mitchells towards Bissetts Lane & Hanson Lt 1 & 2. He report stated that the road from Stevenson's Bridge South towards Kingsbrook would shortly be fenced and should be cleared for 10 to 12 miles. He chain wide and crossings made over small creeks. That the cost of asphalting and repairs to Salisbury Bridge will be about £80. That it should also be tarred and painted. Total cost for all work required about £120. — Great estimate of cost had been forwarded to East Loddon Shire Council with request that they would join in work, though it was stated at a meeting of that Council that no communication had been received from this Shire on the subject. He report recommended that crossings near Kidney's should be patched and formation completed for about six chains towards Murphy's Cost about £29. — also formation, drains & new pipes Jessens and Murphys at cost of £70.— That cost of extending pipes and fencing drain at East Charlton would be about £12.— That in company with Cr Tuttle & Shire Engineer a new track had been laid out from Kingower & Bealiba road North of Glen Point to the Bealiba and Kalkbean road, and that a clearing on this track of 7½ chains wide had been substituted for Bateman's Contract so assigned and the Engineer.
Engineer also reported that if Hughes have refused to sign his Contract for works at

East Charlton on the grounds stated in his letter to the Council. That Parties be have completed their contracts at East Charlton except removing a few logs. Keogh's contract is completed but not satisfactorily and will have to be done over again. McPherson's cont. is completed his maintenance and other contracts are progressing satisfactorily. Some roads require filling in on Inglewood and Tamaguella road.

The Report was received and acceptance of tenders considered

The Secretary was instructed to write the East Lorne Council re repairs to Salisbury Bridge.

Engineer was instructed to have necessary repairs effected over Mutchmans Tamaguella roads.

Recommendations re East Avoca road were postponed.

Moved by Cr. Patterson
Sec. by Cr. Steel That engineer be instructed to have ~~[illegible]~~ drains at East Charlton extended as recommended by him in Dickwork at cost not exceeding £12.—

Carried

The Secretary brought up report of committee on appointment of collectors for Heidelburn Riding with tenders attached as follows:—

For Northern division of Riding

Mercantile	£35 -	Australian Ex.	Daily expires.
R. Rennie	30 -	for ~~[illegible]~~ each	do
J. H. Cook	35 -	both	do
J. S. Cunningham	£2 per	—	
Thos. Montague	30	—	—
G. Pearce	40	—	—
J. Reach	30 p. c.	—	—
J. Cardiffe	60 -	South Division	—
J. Tait	35 p. c.	both D.	— —
G. Hall	34 p. c.	South D.	— —
J. H. Cook	30	— —	— —
G. Pearce	40	—	— — —

The Committee recommend the appointment of Mr. J. Tait for the Northern division and Mr. J. H. Cook for the Southern division.

Moved by Cr. Hall That the recommendation be by Cr. McCutcheon of the committee be accepted

An Amendment was moved by Cr. Cutter seconded by Cr. Ross. That Cr. Hall be appointed for the Southern division
The amendment was lost

Cr. Hall withdrew his former motion with the consent of the Council and moved that Mr. J. Tait be appointed Rate Collector for the Northern division of the Heidelburn Riding at a salary of £35 per annum including Collection of agricultural Statistics and 2½ % on all rates collected before 31st December 1887 with half the exhibition fees received by him
Seconded by Cr. Yeomans. Carried

Moved by Cr. Hall
Sec. by Cr. McCoatts That Mr. J. H. Cash be appointed Rate collector for the Southern division of the Hedderbann Riding at a salary of twenty pounds per annum, 2½% Commission on rates collected before 31st December 1897 and half day registration fees collected by him

Carried.

Moved by Cr. Ross
Sec. by Cr. Robinson That Mr. R. T. Grant be re-appointed collector for the Inglewood and Kingower Ridings on same terms as hitherto

Carried.

Both respect to J. Hughes application for allowance on his tender on acct. of an error made by himself Hughes was informed that unless he signed the contract at once his deposit would be forfeited and he would be disqualified from tendering. He stated that he would sign the contract and go on with the work

The following tenders were brought up by the public works committee

1 For Constructing dam at Simpson's Creek Est. £60

Mr. Davis	32.	10 - 0
Rowley Bros	25.	18. —
Davis Bros	32 —	4. —
Lovell	18 -	2. — —
Karagoorath	17.	15 - 0

Acceptance of Baragoorath's tender recommended.

2 Supplying metal on Inglewood & Hedderbann Roads within Hedderbann Riding. Est. £47 per yd.

J. Walsh	5/4 per c. yd.
C. Rose	6/6
Henderson	5/6
A. Guthrie	4/4
Taylor & Kenning	4/9

Guthrie's tender recommended

3 Supplying metal in Kingower Riding Est. 4/6

Thos. Walker	5/6 per c. yd.
Rowley	3/

Walker's tender recommended.

4 Construction Culvert and approaches on Kingower & Wheadon road Est. £35.

A. P. Cotter	41 -	7 - 0
A. Cruickshank	39.	15. —
A. Guthrie	36	15. —
Taylor & Kenning	37.	13. —
J. Davis	39.	—

Guthrie's tender recommended.

5 Constructing culvert No. 1 at Bishop's Kingower Est. 50. 16. 0

Rowley & Son	43.	10. 0
Taylor & Kenning	65.	11. —
J. Davis	61.	—
A. Cotter	67 -	17 - —
A. Cruickshank	47.	15 - -

Rowley's tender recommended.

6 Day labour in Kingower Riding

L. Walker	6/6 per day	12/ Horse drag & man
S. Whitney	6/ —	12/ — —

Whitney's tender recommended.

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Jones That the tenders of
R. Blackmore at £7.15.7, C. Guthrie
4/4 prepd. Thos. Walker 2/6 per yd. C. Guthrie
£3.0.5.2, Rowley from £33.10.0 and
F. Mathews as recommended by the
Committee be accepted

Carried

Moved by Cr. Robinson assuming Cr. Allen
Sec. by Cr. Hall That the engineer be
requested to take proper levels of all
drainage work before tenders are called
on the work let; and to lay out the
work for contractors. And that in future
if work be passed by the engineer which
afterwards proves unsatisfactory he be
required to pay the extra cost. Engineer
to be empowered to employ assistants
for taking levels &c if necessary.

Carried

Instructions to Officers.
Cr. Jones That division posts completed
be at once erected.

Cr. Jones That engineer appoint certain day
and hours when he will be at his office for
the purpose of being contacted by the
ratepayers after each meeting and the
Monday fortnight following. Notice to be
given by advt. and that in future
payments be made fortnightly.

Cr. Patterson That engineer have small
crossings made where necessary on
Burks Creek on Redderburn & Port
road.

Cr. Hall That Mr. Royle be requested to
survey road from S.R. corner of Kennyparrick
survey to Barnson's bridge at once, and
if he cannot do it that Mr. Ewing be asked
to do it. Also that road be surveyed
from Redderburn & Port road South of Newman,
selection to Fenchurch road near Sullivan's
selection.
Cr. Steel objected to spend money on by-roads
until the main roads are completed.

Moved by Cr. Johns
Sec. by Cr. Cutts That the Engineer member
be empowered to expend £10 in making
crossings over creeks on Wheeler and
Redderburn road now being cleared

Carried.

Cr. John Cutts That engineer prepare
plans, specifn and estimates for forming
and metalling on Bungaree for about
half a mile towards Ballarat. To specify
for gravelly or blue stone.

Cr. Cutts That engineer employ labour
to cut hill near Mr. Bates at cost
not exceeding £5.—

Notices of motion.
By Cr. Steel That tenders be called for
forming and metalling the hill connecting
the two already formed portions of the
Ballarat road and Redderburn road at
the west side of R. Steel, Senr. selection
and also overall portion near junction of
Salisbury road.—

A. Hall Notices of Motion Contd.

1 That Mr. Cherry be employed to survey a road from the North-east corner of Kiel's land near the Inglewood & Darling.

2 Road from near Marquis' out to Cradin Colesberry West by J. C. Brown's selection.

3 Road from Inglewood Bonnyr boundary in a line with the street on West side of Hospital to Whitehead so as to avoid hills in present ~~survey~~ clearing.

Cr. Wm Watts. That a finance committee be appointed to consist of three members of the Council.

J. Wm Watts That the resolution that the Council meet in the three Ridings alternately be rescinded and that there be only one place of meeting

Moved by Cr. Johns
Sec. by Cr. Patterson That the following accts be passed and paid

			Cash	
24	Lippett	Election posts	21.	11. 4
25	Cook 389	Kinsey	40.	—
26	" 394	Taylor	30.	—
27	" 377	Kinsey	10.	—
28	Deposit Cook 350 375	Keogh	3.	—
29	" " 389		5.	—
30	G. F. Grant	Salary	4	—
31	"	Dog registration	18.	—
32	A. Hall	Salary	15.	17. 6
33	Deposit	Cook 394	30.	—
34	Secretary	Salary	2.	—
			25	
			204	8.

	Forward	204.	8. 10
35	Labour	Flight	1.	10. —
36	Indian Relief Fund	10.	— —
37	Southwest Benev. Asylum	10.	— —
38	B. Kinsey	Collecting signatures	15.	— —
39	Salvation Army		60.	—
40	Inglewood Benev. Soc.		5.	—
41	Cook 410.	Stock	6	12. —
42	Dawson Bros	printing	5	12 —
43	Dumbleton & Co.	Advt.	5. 3.	6 9
		Electoral	3.	10. 6
44	Barnes Co.	Advty.	3.	9. —
45	Labour	Barrier	5	9 6
46	Cook 409	J. Hunter	20.	—
47	" 391	J. Gollick	25.	—
48	" 403	T. Walker	15.	—
49	" 405	Sullivan	69.	—
50	" 407	Wampey	15	15 —
51	Labour	G. Watts	3	12. —
52	Cook 392	O'Rourke	3.	— —
53	" 386	"	3.	— —
54	Commutation premiums		6	10. —
55	Deposits 407. 390. 392. 386.		6.	—
56	Cook 415	Rooney	16.	—
57	" 373	Kinsey	5.	—
58	" 377	Kinsey	5.	—
59	Labour	McPherson	1.	—
60	"	Taylor	4.	17. 6
61	Cook 404	"	72.	8. 6
62	" 414	Cotter	24.	3. —
63	" 402	Keogh	10.	—
64	" 381	Hughes	6.	—
65	" 346	"	10.	1. 8
66	" 405	Sullivan	3.	—
67	Engineer		60.	16. 8
		Forward	705.	2. 10

	Forward	105	2	11
68	Salaries R.	5		
69	Cont. 399 Longstaff & Co	134	18	6
70	" 413 Bateman	10		
71	Sundry	25		
		£ 280	1	5

The next meeting was ordered to be held at the Shire Office Beechworth and the meeting then closed.

John Coutts
President

13 December 1877

Annual Meeting.

The Annual meeting of the Council of the Shire of Yackandandah was held at the Shire Office Kingsvale at noon on the third Tuesday in December the 20th 1877.

Present. Cr. John Coutts President in the chair and Cr. Steel, Kelly, Smith, Bateman, Patterson and Coutts.

The Secretary stated that the necessary notices of the meeting had been given, and produced the statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 30th September 1877, certified by the Auditors to be correct.

Moved by the President Cr. John Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Patterson That the annual statement and account produced by the Secretary and certified by the Auditors as correct be passed and allowed by the Council and signed by the President as Chairman of this annual meeting.
Carried unanimously
The statement was then signed by the President.
The annual meeting then closed.

John Coutts
President

13 December 1877