Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Koppamurra Shire Council held at the Shire Office, Heddenham, on the 13th December 1897.

Present Cr. Wm Coutts (President in the chair) and Crs. Steel, Macqueen, Redwood, Cattle, Johns, and Paterson.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

1 A letter was received from Cr. Hall stating that he would not be able to attend the meeting.

2 Telegram from engineer that he is not able to attend.

3 Letter for Rains re water supply.

4 Letter for Rains stating that if the Council will supply details of proposed dams & tanks with statement of area which they wish to have reserved in each case the matter will be duly considered.

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec by Cr. Wm Coutts That the members for each Riding furnish the engineer before next meeting with list of dams or other works required for water supply and that the engineer be instructed to furnish estimate of cost, area, and necessary details

Carried.

Letters from various ratepayers applying for time to pay rates due referred to Secretary.

5 Secretary Shire of East Loddon stating that that Council will pay half the cost of asphalting Salisbury Bridge.

6 Mr. A. Boyce relative to survey of roads in parishes of Kangaparil & Barnetta.

7 Public Works Department relative to re-division of Shire.

8 Same referring to Gov. Gazette of 30th November for proclamation of Lowther division of Shire.

9 Reading Benevolent Asylum re James York.

10 Evans Bros. re Shire directory. 12 copies to be ordered.

11 District Surveyor St. Arnaud stating that in future if a road be marked out by the Shire engineer and notification thereof be given to the District Surveyor such road will be regarded by authorised surveyors in effecting departmental surveys.

12 Dept. & Dept. Asylum applying for usual subscription

Moved by Cr. Cattle Seconded.
Sec by Cr. Johns That the sum of £2 2s be given

Carried

13 Shire of Beverley re survey of district road from Beverley to Dryandra.

Moved by Cr. Cotts
Sec. by Cr. Jones that the Council pay cost of survey of that portion of the road referred to which is within the limits of the Shire

Carried.

14 Govt. Statist acknowledging receipt of annual returns

15 Secretary to Ben. Anderson re James Gale

16 Office of Lands & Survey reporting to Gazette of 7th inst. for proclamation of addition to reserve near Rock Hole parish of Wongan Hills, 30a. 3rd.

It was stated that a person named Lemon had taken possession of a portion of the reserve & built a place of business thereon upon it.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Department engineering if Mr. Lemon has authority to occupy the reserve. And also to ask that the Council may be appointed custodians of the reserves. —

The Secretary called attention to a recent regulation made by the Land Tax Commission inflicting a penalty of twenty pounds on any Municipal clerk who shall neglect to supply on demand copies of the rate book.

The Treasurer reported Receipts since last meeting £296.14.6. Expenditure £406.9.4 Bank overdraft less cash in hand £401.8.4.

Report received & adopted.

The engineer had not sent in a report

Cr. Hall postponed his motion for metalling or Dryden & Reid. road.

Cr. Jas. Cotts postponed both motions standing in his name

Moved by Cr. Redwood for Cr. Bell
Sec. by President. That cases in Dryderow Road be managed according to motion given at last meeting and that engineer give instructions to Mr. Cherry to make the surveys

Carried.

The agreement between the Council and the engineer was produced and read, and it was pointed out that the conditions had not been complied with.

A resolution was then submitted signed by all the Councillors present as follows.
"That the Secretary be instructed to inform the engineer that after one month from this date the Shire Council will not require his services." Carried.

Moved by Cr. Hall
Seconded by Cr. Marquen That a special meeting of the Council be held at the Royal Hotel Dryderow at twelve o'clock noon on the 18th January next, for the purpose of removing the engineer from his office.

that that notice of such intention be given to the engineer.

Carried.

Instructions to Officers.

Cr. Steel - That engineer be instructed to bring up at next meeting plans & specifcn for bridge between first and second locks from Bradfordtown on the Inglewood & Bradfdn. road. Also for bridge on Bradfdn. & Salisbury road over deep creek and for cutting down banks of second creek. Also for installing three or four chains on Inglew. & Bradfd. road South of Rowley's contract.

Cr. Marquess That engineer furnish at next meeting plans & specifs. with estimate of cost, for forming and metalling twelve chains on Bradfdn. & East Charlton road South of present formation near Hunter.

Cr. Catto That in future the time for the completion of all contracts be inserted in the body of the specification.

Cr. Redmond was authorised to have some stumps removed on the Inglew. and Kangaroo road.

Moved by Cr. Marquess with leave
Sec. by Cr. Steel That a committee to consist of the president, Cr. John Catto, and the mover be appointed for the purpose of considering and reporting on the erection of a Shire Hall or the purchase

or leasing of suitable premises.

Carried.

Cr. Steel made an explanation with reference to his objection to the clearing of a road through Kangaroo at last meeting, he being then under the impression that the road was in the Bradfordtown Riding.

Notices of Motion.

Cr. Redmond That tenders be called for draining road and filling culverts near Rankin's on the East Loddon road from Guthrie's contract to the junction of the Inglewood & Bridgewater road.

Cr. Marquess That tenders be called for forming and metalling about twelve chains of the Bradfdn. & East Charlton road South of the formation South of Barnes's hill.

Cr. John Catto That tenders be called for sundry small works, to be specified at next meeting, in the Bridgeland Creek district.

Cr. Johns asked for length of clearing and amt. paid on Belkin's contract at Longham's Flat stating that more work was paid for than had been done. Engineer to report.

Cr. Marquess & Paterson were appointed to inspect Kelly's work at Connor and report.

Moved by Cr. Marquess } That the sum of
Sec. by Cr. Johns } £50 voted for cattle yards be re-voted as allowance to President.

Carried.

Moved by Cr. Jas. Curtis
Sec. by Cr. Steel That the following
accounts be passed and paid.

			Carried	
72	Cont. 421	J. Gotch	30 - 11 - 8	
73	Cont. 424	Rowley	32. —	
74	- 409	Hunter	10. —	
75	- 411	McKean	15. 12. —	
76	- 403	Walker	15. —	
77	- 383	McPherson	8. —	
78	- 429	Harris	10. —	
79	- 418	Rowley	12 - 10. —	
80	- 358	Lovell	2. —	
81	- 364	-	7. —	
82	- 385	C. Ross	1. —	
83	- 428	C. Ross	12. 5. —	
84	- 387	-	1. —	
85	Labour	Rowley	2. 3. —	
86	Incidentals	A. Bengough & Co.	11 - 17. —	
87	"	J.P. Gray	7. 7. —	
88	Cont. 416	Steel	27 - 10. —	
89	Labour	Rowley	9. 8. —	
90	Incidentals	Barns & Co	2. 9 - 6	
91	Meeting Exp.	Ingersoll	5. 15. —	
92	Education	Glover	50. —	
93	Cont. 437	Murphy	13 - 19 - 6	
94	Deposits	Saunders	12. —	
95	Cont. 412	Guthrie	45. —	
96	Labour	Guthrie	5 - 6. —	
97	H. Hall	Salary	10. —	
98	Meeting Exp.	Thomas	5. —	
99	Surveyor		20. 16. 8	
100	Deposit Cont 404	Taylor	7. —	
101	Cont. 380	Rowley	5 —	
102	Expenses under Health Act		11 - 11 —	
			429 . 5. 4	

	Forward		429 . 5 - 4
103	Refund to Receiver General of Kennedy's licence fee		2 - 18 - 6
104	Deposit Cont. 408		5. —
105	Sundries		11 - 0 - 6
106	Scutching		25. —
107	Cont. 389	Kenning	4. 15. —
108	" 373	"	10. —
109	- 438	Harris	14. —
110	" 429	Harris	11. 5. —
111	" 415	Whitney	36. 18. —
112	" 410	Innis	3. 10. —
113	" 383	McPherson	5. 17. 6
114	" 397	Keogh	6. —
115	" 350	"	5. —
116	" 402	"	20. —
			£590 . 9. 10

The next meeting was ordered to be held at Inglewood on the second Thursday in January and the meeting then closed.

John Curtis
President

10 January 1878