Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Murong Shire Council held at the Shire Hall on the 21st June 1881. –

Present Councillor Steel, (President in the chair) and Cs. Bourchier, Ross, Paterson, Hall, Coutts, & Quick.

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed

Correspondence: –

1 Kingscote Mech. Institute thanking the Council for book donation in 1880.

2 John Kelly asking for payment of six pounds deducted from his contract for the Cheltenham road for delay in completion

Moved by C. Bourchier

Sec. by Cr. Martin That the amount be paid

Carried

3 Secretary for Lands in reply to the Council's application for assistance in destroying rabbits on Crown Lands referring the Council to the Crown Lands Bailiff at Cheltenham.

4 Application from Nuriootpa Free Library Committee for grant to Building Fund

Moved by Cr. Paterson

Sec. by Cr. Steel That £15 – for this purpose be put on next year's estimates for the North Ward

Carried

5 Chairman of Murong re repairs to Bridgewater bridge
6 proposed by that Council

The engineer was instructed to communicate with the Murong Shire engineer on the subject and it was ordered that the sum required be placed on next year's estimates

7 J. P. Howard, complaining on the part of Messrs. Butler, Sweeney, Maher, and others with himself of the destruction caused among sheep by dogs and requesting that the Act may be enforced
The Secretary stated that on receipt of this and other complaints he had directed the dog inspector to visit the locality at once and summon all owners of dogs who refused or neglected to register them, and to destroy all dogs found at large apparently without owners.
Cr. Bourchier said that the collector neglected his duty and the Secretary was instructed to request more strict attention to it.

8. Education Department for information as to number of Scholarships in Shire.

9 Shire of East Loddon stating that it is intended to open tenders for the bridge at Major's Line on the 15th Inst. and requesting that this Council may be represented at the meeting.
Moved by Cr. Quick
Sec. by Cr. Martin That Cr. Coutts and the engineer be appointed to attend
Carried

10 Borough of Castlemaine forwarding copy of a resolution passed by that Council in favour of running railway trains on Sunday and asking the support of this Council in the matter.

Moved by Cr. Quick
Sec. by Cr. Coutts That this Council is of opinion that Parliamentary trains should be run on the Govt. railway lines on Sunday.

For	Against
Cr. Quick	Cr. Hart
" Coutts	" Ross
Bourchier	" Patterson
Hodgson	" Hall

The voting being even the presiding Pres. his casting vote against the motion which was therefore lost.

11 Secretary for Lands in reply to application that certain water reserves within the Shire should be placed under the control of the Council and stating that no reserve can be dealt with in any way at present.

12 J. Fitchett applying for half temporary license for receiving for bowls in Inglewood Race Course as subscription to funds. Granted to be paid.

13 Charles Ross asking for repair of bridge over Bulabul Creek known as Callender's bridge.
An order to close this bridge as dangerous for traffic was made by the Council some time ago but the fence then erected has been removed and the bridge used. The Council was of opinion that the traffic is not sufficient to warrant the erection of another bridge and it was
Moved by Cr. Quick
Sec by Cr. Hall That the engineer have the bridge removed and the material stacked
Carried.

14 From Messrs. Wm. Arthur, Keith, and other ratepayers at Inglewood complaining of the manner in which James' tank has been cleaned out
Cr. Bourchier stated that he had inspected the work and was of opinion that the complaint was well founded.
Cr. Martin, Cr. Quick was of the same opinion.
The engineer said that he had inspected the work which was done according to specification and as well as the circumstances would permit.

Moved by Cr. Quirk
Sec. by Cr. Bourchier That the engineer be requested to exercise more care in dealing with contracts for cleaning out tanks.

Carried.

15 Central Board of Health stating that information had been received that diptheria had appeared in the neighbourhood of the State School at Terapee South and requesting that the necessary steps to prevent its spread may be taken. (Attended to)

16 Treasurer with acct. for endowment £1932-3-3. for half-year ending 30th June.-

17 Secretary for Waterwupply that an Officer of the department will inspect the reservoir at Bellfarbourne.

18 J. F. Klein that a road between Mr. R. Hill and Mrs Walker formerly Garrigan is obstructed by a brush fence and asking that it may be opened and cleared a quarter chain wide.

19 District Survey Office Omaruru requesting payment of £2-5-0 for survey of a water reserve of two acres at Kingower
Ordered to be paid.

19 G. Grant for 10/- for filling hole at Broiles
Ordered to be paid

20 S. St. James as chairman of a meeting at Mychetelia stating that in compliance with the wish of the Council the following persons had been appointed by the ratepayers to take charge of tanks or reserves providing that the Council will keep them in repair

For Mt. Arthur dam Messrs H. Adams, Thiers, & H. McArthur.-
For James' tank Messrs James, Thomas & Clements
For the Mychetelia tank Messrs A. McCalman, W. McCalman and Foster
For Chepa tank Messrs A. Chalmers, Kelly, and Lacy.-

21 J. Forest applying for extension of time for completion of contract
Allowed eight days.

22 Jas. McLaurin applying for payment of a balance of £3-19-0 said to be due on the Teddy-uddy bridge
Not entertained

23 Ratepayers in Buckrabanyule asking for fencing and erection of pumps and troughs at Mitchells dam.
Moved by Cr. Bourchier
Sec by Cr. Quirk That this work be put on the estimates for next year.
Carried

24 J. Howard applying for ten pounds extra payment on work of cleaning out Mitchells dam.
Moved by Cr. Bourchier
Sec by Cr. Martin That the amount be paid as an allowance for extra work done in the dam Carried

Cr. Steel made a personal explanation with respect to work done at the north end of High St. said to have been at his request, and produced an application for the work from ratepayers in Bellfarbourne

in compliance with which the order for construction of footpath had been made.

The Treasurer reported receipts since last meeting £788-7-6 Expenditure £623-0-5—
Report received and approved.

The engineer reported that he had examined the Heddleston reservoir and estimated the total cost of putting it in repair at £120. providing that the bank is sound. A new public trench would cost about £160 bringing up the total to £180. Had examined the Kehla Creek near Brian's for which a crossing had been applied for and considered that, on account of the depth a crossing was not practicable and recommended that provision be made in next estimates for the erection of a bridge at a cost of about £180.—
Works are generally making fair progress and final certificates have been issued on contracts Nos. 713, 719, 723, 725, and 728.—
Report received and adopted.
Reports were read and received from the Rabbit Inspectors for each Riding

Mr. Stewart from Boring was introduced by Cr. Bourchier. He stated that rabbits were very numerous on the Crown Lands near his selection, and that he had at his own expense laid down poisoned oats there which had destroyed numbers of them. He now asked for a supply from the Council for himself and some other selectors who would engage to distribute them in the worst places.
It was pointed out that it is the duty of the Govt. to destroy rabbits on Crown Lands, but as

they had neglected to do so the Council might assist in such cases as the present and it was—
Moved by Cr. Bourchier
Sec. by Cr. Martin That 100 lb. oats and the requisite proportion of phosphorus be supplied to the following persons, Messrs. Graham, Gr. Nelson, Mutchum, A. Chambers, J. Chambers, Jonathan Mann, & Stewart, Messrs. Stewart & Munro to act for the others and prepare the grain the whole of which is to be used on Crown Lands only.
Carried
The Secretary was instructed to write to the Chief Secretary on the subject, requesting that provision may be made for destroying rabbits on Crown Lands within the Shire.

Moved by Cr. Hall
Sec. by Cr. Steel That the inspector for the Central Riding be authorised to distribute not more than 300 lb. of poisoned oats for use on Crown Lands within the Riding. Carried

The following tenders were brought up by the Public Works Committee.
For culvert and approaches on the Connor and Charlton road. Estimate £31—

Sellen	43. —
Reader	33. 10. —
Kenny	27 — 10.
J. Kupe	44. 4. 6
Hercules	35. 12. —
D. Guthrie	36. —
L. M. Taylor	27 — 7 — 6
M. Kenny	29. —
J. Howard	29. 15. —
M. Bending	35 —

L. M. Taylor recommended at £27 — 7 — 6

2 For sixty chains of Kerbing and channelling in High St. Wedderburn — Estimate £207-10-0

J. Kinsey	193.—
J. Burst	203-6-8
C. Rose	205-10--
D. Guthrie	209-10--
F. Hughes	230-10--
W. Crisp	237-6-8
J. Congdon	200-—

J. Kinsey's tender recommended at £193.—

3 Clearing 2½ miles between Griffiths and Thompson in Kingsbridge — Est. 13-15-0

Tudor	11—
J.A. Beer	13-15-—
Sutherland	27-10.
R. Clark	11-13-4
D. Watkins	11-9-2

Tudor recommd. at £11.—

4 For ten chains Kerbing and channelling in the township of Charlton — Est. £85—

G.R. King	125.—
T.B. Kinsey	69
J. Kerfe	75-10--
Luckes	95---
W. Jones No	84-10.
S.M. Taylor	76. 5
M. Kenny	60. 11
M. Roche	77.—
G. Smith No	92-10-2
J. Howard	94-10-

M. Kenny's tender recommd. £60-11-0

5 Clearing two miles by Holmes & the Adams parish of East Charlton. — Est. £13-6

Holmes	5-6-8
Parker	8.—
Beckworth	8-10.—
C. Connor	11—

Holmes recommd. — 5-6-8.

6 Clearing two miles from Wright to the Reflexion — Est. 10-11-6

H. O'Brien	12-6-9
J.A. Beer	10-12--
A. Chisholm	9-13-10

Chisholm recomd.

7 For open crossings over Fenton's creek near Spring Hill — Est. £16-0

F. Rose	17-10-—
Mitchell	24——
Rafferty & Shelton	26-15-6
W. Crisp	16-17-6
J. Kinsey	14-10--
L. Johnson	22-—
J. Howard	49-15-
D. Guthrie	14-5-
W. Lette	9-15-—
H. O'Brien	14-13-—
W. Jones No	13——

W. Jones No recomd. £13-—

Moved by Cr Ross

Seconded by Cr Smith That the tenders of S.M. Taylor, J. Kinsey, Tudor, M. Kenny, Holmes, A. Chisholm, & W. Jones, as recommended by the committee be accepted

Carried.

Councillors Bonython, Paterson, & Curtis were declared to be the retiring Councillors for their respective Ridings at the coming election.

Cr. Smith was appointed Returning Officer for the North Riding.

Cr. Steel was appointed Returning Officer for the Central Riding.

Cr. Hall was appointed Returning Officer for the South Riding.

The Revision Court was ordered to be held at noon on the 15th July.

Moved by Cr. Bonython
Sec. by Cr. Paterson That Mr. Owen Stanwell's house at the Lake be appointed a polling place for the North Riding in lieu of Mr. McCullough's house

Carried

Moved by Cr. Ross
Sec by Cr. Paterson That the State school on Mr Kelman's selection be appointed a polling place for the Central Riding in lieu of Mr. Wright's house

Carried

Moved by Cr. Paterson
Sec by Cr. Ross That the Kanmantoo South School be appointed a polling place in lieu of the Spring Hill Home Station.

Carried

Moved by Cr. Bonython with leave
Sec by Cr. Martin That tenders be called for clearing abt. one mile between Blacks & O'Folks in Nairne.

Carried

Moved by Cr. Paterson with leave
Sec by Cr. Steel That tenders be called for clearing abt. one mile from the Corner and Green Forest road to Yankalilla Springs station

Carried

Moved by Cr. Hall
Sec by Cr. Steel That the engineer remove the stones on rise on road from Lenwitts to Reilly. Also to survey a road from Rhodes to Parkin Flat and from end of Hallstown & Salisbury road to junction of Kangaroo & Hallstown with Reilly and Hallstown road on boundary of Ridings

Carried

Moved by Cr. Curtis
Sec by Cr. Steel That engineer survey a road from Kroopnuck towards Wheal Ellen to Elmsthorpe pre-emption right

Carried

Cr. Curtis Engineer instructed to inspect Bope Creek bridge post and, if necessary, to have it repaired and gravelled.
Also to have guide post placed at Salisbury bridge to Kanmantoo and corner of Hartett homestead on Three Chain road to Inglewood.

Moved by Cr. Ross
Sec by Cr. Paterson That road be cleared between Boyle's & Stewart's, and Brookfield and Pakenham's parishes Randell & East Charlton

Carried

Notices of Motion

Cr. Hall for clearing following roads
From Rhodes towards Sawyer's
" " " Brookside
" Mr Wright's through Wells to Long's creek & Inglewood road.

4 From Rhodes and Ashington road through Brooks to Shin boundary

5 Roads in Glendyne from S.E. corner of Pryor's land Northward to Beaumont & Inglewood road; from creek near Pryor's to S.E. corner of J. Thompson's land; and from A. Thompson's gate to Kangaroo & Old Inglewood road.

6 Road from Old Inglewood to Reating

7 " from Burke's Flat to Lower Front

8 " from Burke's Flat towards Spring Hill to boundary of Reating

9 " from Kangaroo & Old Inglewood road to the Springs

10 Road between Garrigan & Harrison.

11 Remainder of road from Salisbury to Hillsborough

12 Road between Stan Hearn in Kangaroo and between J.R. Lyon & R.J. Lyon South.

13 Road from Inglewood & Tarrangower road East between Dwyer & Buckland

Also that engineer survey a road from Rhodes to Burke's Flat

(Also to survey a road)

Also works to be put on next year's estimates

Cr Beaumont that in future notice of motion be required for the erection of guide posts within the Shire

Also for clearing about one mile between Anglers and Crazy Buffalo bridges

Cr Martin for clearing between Welsh and Comins Kangaroo

Cr Quick that no contractor be required to maintain clearing contracts

Also that 20 chains of drains be cut from Cr Carman to the house at Charlton

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

Carried

310	Adams & Co	for photo	12	11	0
311	Rent of Shire Hall		40	—	
312	Cont 727	G. Hearn	6	—	
313	" 658	J. Solicit	2	—	
314	Labour	Barman	4	5	—
315	Cont. 720	Flear	29	—	
316	" 712	Kilkenny	40	—	
317	" 713	"	11	8	
318	" 730	W. Rooker	5	—	
319	" 723	"	11	15	—
320	" 710	Tuson	20	—	
321	" 728	O'Rourke	8	10	—
322	729	G. Cripps	25	—	
323	683	Young	3	—	
324	Labour	Preston	6	—	
325	Cont 736	Barrett	30	—	
326	" 719	Jackson	10	—	
327	" 731	Lawson	2	—	
328	R. Martin	Rabbit Inspector	7	—	
329	Cont 699	R. Hardley	40	—	
330	" 726	D. Gretton	12	—	
331	" 664	J. Venning	1	13	6
332	" 667	"	1	—	
333	" 717	Solicit	5	—	
334	" 721	Walker	20	—	
335	" 722	Parker	80	—	
336	" 730	Rooker	6	—	
337	Engineer	Salary	29	3	4
338	Secretary	"	25	—	
339	Rabbit Ass.	J. Reach	13	—	
340	do	R. Marlene	6	—	
			502	5	10

		Forward	502	5	10
341	Cont. 706	J. Howard	31	—	
342	" 711	J. Forest	15	—	
343	" 720	S. M. Taylor	25	—	—
344	Labour 4, inside post. A. Wilson		10	4	4
345	—	A. Christiansen	1	4	—
346	"	R. L. Steel	8	5	—
347		J. C. Paterson	4	4	6
348	Sundries		8	5	5
349	Advertising	E. Ch. Lubeck	4	8	6
350	Printing, Books &c.	Arnold & Jackson	11	18	8
351	Pres. Allw.	J. Moncrieff	4	14	—
352	Print. Exp. for warrants		1	10	
353	Advertg. Rolls &c.		1	17	6
354	Labour	J. Pretty	2	—	—
355	Painting & Glazing Comfortable &c.		7	11	11
356	Cont. 736.	J. Hunt	10	—	—
357	" 712	W. Kenny	6	6	—
358	" 695	Kirk	6	—	
359	Item on Cont. 706	J. Howard	10	—	
360	Labour Rent 57/6	Allen 24/-	4	1	6
361	Cont. 718	J. Somerville	50	10	—
362	Labour	do	6	5	—
363	Surveying fees pr warrant		2	5	—
3			£734	17	2

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

Wardens

Confirmed

14 Aug 1881

Robt Steel President