Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Kaowarra Shire Council held in the Shire Hall Eucumbene, on Tuesday the 18th October 1881.

Present R. Hall - President, in the chair, and Cr. Steel, Ross, Crotty Robinson, Manton, Monachan, McKechnie and Patterson.

Cr. Patterson made the usual declaration and took his seat for the North Riding.

Correspondence:-

1 Treasury re sinking fund.
2 Public Works Dept re Charlton Steam Channel
3 R. Williams Esquire re Shire Mass
4 A. O. Neile " do
5 Hon Mr Wright for donation to Infant Asylum
6 P. Ryan Esq. Min. to Cr. Mech. Inst.
7 Town Clerk Inglewood re Road & Town Hall Rly
8 Treasury re interest on Stock
9 Secy for Lands rabbit destruction
10 Secy with Cert. for endowment £1932. 3. 3
11 Secy Min Water Supply engineering of C. with Dept re use of water mains with the understanding that half of cost of working shall be borne by the Government.
12 Govt. Statist re Census
13 Mr Hon Min. Hogg re weigh bridges
14 Govt. Statistician do
15 Secy for Lands intercepting water course at Rhyolite
16 J. B. Carrick re rabbit poisoning at Yarrowe
17 C. Dudley do
18 J. Sutherland do
19 Accounting re uniform Acct.
20 Secy for Public Works notifying appointment of Mr. R. Ross as Govt. Auditor
21 Dr Cleeland with report re appearance of rabbit fence at Salisbury Heath and

22 stating that the decision has disappeared at present.
23 Secy Teachers School 1917 do
24 Govt Gazette re audit
25 R. Slater, Inspector stating that miss of Kaowarra tank from had been cut by person in charge of travelling flock of sheep.
26 Secy states that he has obtained a summons for the offender.
27 Secy. Shire of Swan Hill promising co-operation in conveying water from Cobden by Kangaroo Creek to Bent Lake.
28 John Peer calling attention to unsatisfactory condition of pump at Mr. Cottrell's tank
29 Memorial from ratepayers at Parkes Flat asking the Council to clean the drain recently made there
30 improved, and to sink a well and erect a pump at another place specified
31 Treasury re endowment
32 C. R. Thompson complaining that compensation for clearing in Kangaroo was [illegible] from owned his land. Referred to [illegible]
33 Thos. Hamilton applying for clearing of road between Bitumen & Spur, Kangaroo
34 Secy. for Water Supply with copy of Water Conservation Bill
35 Secy for Lands re excision of land from Rh Mus - Lease in Cavan East.
36 R. Meachen re rabbits and fence-erecting
37 Week for extra work &c.
38 Secy for Water Supply re Reddan reservoir.
39 Report of Mr Lutz do
40 C. Cleeston calling attention to necessity of clearing in mountain done to suit men Young and Kings, Kangaroo - Referred to engineer with instructions to have affair effected at cost of £5-

or otherwise call for tenders for work.

40 Nelson Bros re weigh bridges

41 J. Howard asking for covering of ventilation shaft near Girls School in Buckersbompale.

Engineer to have it done.

42 J. Crosse for addl. clearing near his lands.

43 Mr Ogg for permission to lay pipes in drain at Charlton so as to form crossing.

Granted under supervision of engineer.

44 J. Ostrych for three weeks extension of time for contract

Granted.

45 P. Quirk asking for payment to Bank of Victoria Charlton of half cost of channelling done by them.

Course to be paid

46 Memorial from ratepayers in North & Central Ridings urging the necessity of undertaking a scheme for supplying with water the district lying North West from Bridgewater and recommending for special consideration Messrs. Gordon & Blachs proposal to construct a weir in the Loddon at Bridgewater.

Messrs. A. Coutts, Gray & Boyle attended as a deputation from meetings of ratepayers held at Wooroonde and Dingee to support the prayer of the petition, and submitted to the Council the necessity of obtaining water borers to test the pressure, of pumping water from the Loddon, and adopting other means of water supply, otherwise many of the farmers will be compelled to leave their holdings

Cs Bourchier & Patterson supported the application

The Secy stated that he had replied to the offer of water borers accepting it at once and asking that they may be sent immediately

Moved by Cr Bourchier

Sec. by Cr Patterson That the Government

be asked to supply immediately a centrifugal pump for use at the junction of the Kerrison with the Kangaroo Creek, the Council agreeing to pay its share of the cost of working same, and that the Council use every effort to establish a scheme of water supply for the Shire.

Carried.

Moved by Cr Patterson

Sec. by Cr Bourchier That if the Govt. fail to furnish the water borers as offered the Council procure two at its own cost for use in the Shire

Carried

Moved by Cr Bourchier

Sec by Cr Steel That the members for the district be requested to support the application of the Council & press for the supply of pumps & borers

Carried

In reply to Cr Steel the Secretary stated that the water in the Loddon was rapidly becoming useless for drinking purposes owing to the quantity of mineral water poured into it from the mines at Linnet and other places

He was instructed to apply to the Minister of Mines for an analysis of the water and for the prevention of the damage being done to the river

On Letter [illegible] it was

Moved by Cr Bourchin

Sec by Cr Martin That the C. support the proposal to carry the Swan Hill railway from Boort as the starting point

Carried

Cr Steel suggested that Mr Langston be asked to represent the Council in any movement with respect to the Boort & Swan Hill line

The action of the Secretary in summoning the person who cut the wires of the fence at Wychetitlow tank was approved.

Moved by Cr Beresford

Sec. by Cr. Steel That the engineer have a petroleum pump fixed at the Wychetitlow tank in lieu of the one now there, and that these pumps be substituted in all cases where the Cowgiles pumps give way or are broken

Carried

On memorial from Burkes Flat No. 29 it was—

Moved by Cr. Steel

Sec. by Cr. Redwood That the engineer report as to comparative cost of fencing tank and sinking well

Carried

Re letter No. 32 Mr. J. M. Thompson it was ordered That no contractor be permitted to sublet a contract without leave from the Council, and that a clause be inserted in specifications that contractors will be held responsible for all damage done by them in carrying out their contracts.

On letters 13740 (McLean Bros.) it was—

Moved by Cr. Steel

Sec. by Cr Ross That one weighbridge be erected near the sawmill at Wedderburn.

Carried

Moved by Cr. Patterson

Sec. by Cr. Burchin That the North Riding members consult the ratepayers at Charlton as to site for weighbridge there & report

Carried

Moved by Cr. Crotts

Sec. by Cr. Redwood That the cost of the weighbridge to be erected at Wedderburn be charged to the Central Riding

Cr. Steel objected to the motion on the ground that the cost of the bridges should be charged to the whole Shire and the receipts be credited to it.

The question was postponed to next meeting

The Treasurer reported Receipts since last meeting £2053. 18. 0 including endowment. Expenditure £652. 4. 9 Bank balance to credit £1579. —

Report received and approved

The Secretary submitted report showing Receipts & Expenditure for past year for Shire and also for each Riding; together with estimates of General Receipts & Expenditure for coming year.

The estimates for public works for each Riding were submitted by the engineer, all as follows..

North Riding Est. Receipts including esti at 1- per £. £2366. 14. 2. Liabilities and Est. General exp. £1107. 14. 11

Balance available for works £1458. 19. 4

Central Riding Est. Receipts as above £2505. 9. 3

Liabilities & est. general expenditure £1[illegible]. 15. 0.

Balance available for works £1[illegible]. 14. 3.

South Riding Est. Receipts £2744. —

Liabilities and est. General Expend. £1127. 10. 6

Balance available for works. £1613. 9. 6

Total amount available for works in Shire exclusive of contracts in progress £4712. 3. 1

Moved by Cr. Burchin

Sec. by Cr. Steel That the statement and estimates submitted by the Secretary & Treasurer be received, and adopted.

Carried.

The Valuer submitted valuation and report showing total valuation of all rateable property within the Shire £60. 560.

Moved by Cr. Steel

Sec. by Cr. Burchin That the Valuer's report be

be received and adopted and the valuation confirmed

Carried.

Moved by C. Reid, Sec. by C. Ross, in accordance with notice given at last meeting:- That in order to raise the sum required to meet the expenditure for the coming year as estimated a general rate be made of one shilling in each pound of the annual value of all rateable property within the Shire for the period ending the 30th September 1882 and that such rate be due and payable on and after the first day of November next.

Carried unanimously

The engineer reported that tenders were called for the various works ordered. That he had made a survey at the junction of the Kenyparnicl creek with the Cobbon and estimated the cost of cutting a channel 9 ft. wide and to the depth recommended by Mr. Gordon the port. engineer, at £110. That the contractor for bridge over the Cobbon at Rapin's farm crossing is making slow progress but has a quantity of material on the ground. Mr. Sanderson of Cram Park refuses to take less than £8 for ~~a quarter of~~ half an acre of his land required for road purposes but will at that price remove the fence

Report received and approved

Engineer instructed to offer Sanderson £8- and if he refuse that, to have crossing made on present road.

Moved by C. Bourchier

Sec. by C. Reid That the members for the North Riding be appointed a committee to confer with the committee of the Seven Hill Council re cutting at Kenyparnicl Creek

Carried

The following tenders were brought up by the Public Works Committee.

1 Tender chains felling near Spring Creek on the Charters & Cram road Est. £5.16.0

M. Kenny	15.10.0
D. Guthrie	£1

Kenny recommended.

2 Clearing boundary road from Douglas East to Hoppers abt. 7½ miles Est. £38.2.0

C. Lemon	30-10-0
D. Caspani	40.—
Madden	10.15.0
G. Ricketts	28.15.—
M. Kenny	30.10.—

Madden recommended with option as to taking over, if he declines, to be given to Ricketts

3 Fencing Mitchells dam. Est. 28-10-0

J. Keogh	31 —
C. Lemon	29-12-
P. Madden	33- —
J. Hughes	32- —
M. Reader	32- -

C. Lemon recommended.

4 Clearing by Tracy, McCormon, & Jones to Bylmore Borough boundary Est. 17.18.0

Kennedy & Co	20.19.6
J. Green	28.11
C. Keogh	20.11-

Keogh recommd.

5 Clearing between Alex & John Gray and South to Kenyparnicl Station 3½ miles Est. 44.14.0

J. McKean	63.10.0

McK recommended. —

6 Clearing by Stewart, Rutherford, Hossack, Springston Est.
J. Wilkie 92. 10.0
D. Guthrie 30. —
M. Kenny 21. 5.—
J. Crisp 42. —
Kenny recommd.

7 Clearing from Parkin's Flat to Spring Hill road from Wilsonville to Nelson 1½ miles Est. 56. 5.0
J. Green 112. 15.2
J. Hughes 78. 15.—
A. Keogh 60. —
Keogh recommd.

8 Clearing & repairing road from Middlebrook to Railway Station at Nelson Est. 55.—
A. Guthrie 29 —
C. Rose 38. 15.0
A. Crisp 39. 10.—
J. Kinsey 52. —
M. Kenny 56. 10
A. Guthrie recommd.

9 Clearing by Parkin's & Edwards, Massey 2 miles Est. 20.—
C. Lemon 10. —
J. Wilkie 10. 13.0
Wilkie recommd.

10 Grubbing stumps and clearing off dead timber on Charlton & Buckenbergh road 2 miles Est. 15. 10.0
M. Kenny 15. —
C. Lemon 12. 10.—
G. Ricketts 12. 15
Lemon recommd.

Moved by A. Coutts
Sec. by C. Ross that the tenders of M. Kenny, M. Kean & Ricketts, C. Lemon, A. Keogh, D. Guthrie & J. Wilkie be recommended by the Committee be accepted.

Carried

The Council then went into Committee of the whole for the purpose of receiving applications for collectorships for North Riding.

On resuming the president reported that applications had been received from J. J. Green, John Legg, James Anderson, A. S. Boyle, Jas. Cook, Jas. H. Russell, J. C. Hunter, A. J. Irving, and that the Committee recommended that Thomas Cook be appointed.

Moved by C. Coutts
Sec. by C. Redwood that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted and that Thomas Cook be appointed collector of rates and fees for registration of dogs in the North Riding of the Shire at a salary of forty pounds per annum and half the fees collected.

Carried

Moved by C. Steel
Sec. by C. Ross that John Read be appointed Rate collector pro. for the Central Riding at the same salary & allowance as last year

Carried.

Moved by C. Coutts
Sec. by C. Redwood that George F. Grant be appointed Rate collector pro. for the South Riding at the same salary & allowance as heretofore

Moved by C. Steel
Sec. by C. Ross that the assessment collectors be authorised to receive all rates and fine receipts for same, paying over all moneys to the Shire Treasurer in accordance with the provisions of the Local Govt. Act.

Carried

Motions under notice.

By C. Ross
Sec. by C. Peterson That tenders be called for fifty chains of formation on the Heddesburn & Charlton road opposite Mr. Jas Roberts farm.

Carried

By C. Steel
Sec. by C. McKechnie That tenders be called for formation on Comox East & Charlton road near T. Murphy & Tyler's as on estimates

Carried.

By C. Ross
Sec by C. McKechnie That tenders be called for constructing crossing near Roberts farm on Hedden. & Charlton road

Carried

By C. McKechnie
Sec by C. Ross That tenders be called for constructing two crossings over creek near Douglas farm, Tsolum road.

Carried

Moved by C. Peterson with leave
Sec. by C. McKechnie That one mile of clearing by Blairs in Bannerblock be added to Lemon's Contract No. 10. —

Carried

C. Ross stated that a meeting of the ratepayers held a few days ago in Heddesburn he was appointed to ask the Council to apply for the appointment of two additional justices of Heddesburn and a clerk of petty sessions & Receiver of Revenue.
On the motion of C. Ross sec. by C. Steel the Secretary was instructed to apply for these appointments.

Moved by C. Steel
Sec by C. Peterson That an application be made to the Government for a loan under the Local Governing Bodies Loan Acts 1872 & 1874 of £1100 for the purpose of repairing and enlarging the Heddesburn reservoir and bringing the water to the town.

Carried

C. Peterson put some questions to the Meeting on the subject of the qualification of C. McKechnie and moved that the President be requested to take the opinion of the Supreme Court on the question the motion not being seconded lapsed

Instructions to Officers

Moved by C. Coutts
Sec by C. Bonthron That the engineer call for tenders for clearing two miles of road by Kemp in Kenworth to be in in nine days and report by engineer & secretary with power to accept

Carried

C. Robinson That steps be taken for appointment of trustees for Bradfordale cemetery.
Moved by C. Peterson
Sec by C. Martin That the engineer have a pump placed on the Cumiston weir.

Carried

Moved by C. Martin
Sec by C. McKechnie That the engineer have a mile of road cleared between Philbert and Comox East & report same

Carried

C. Ross Engineer to call for tenders for work and let the same to be opened by Secretary & engineer with power to accept. Tenders to be in in nine days.

Cr. Beaton Engineer to endeavour to put a stop to the practice of carrying trees in roads.

Cr. Hall Engineer to survey a road from Mr. Kaufmann's to Rhodes Cemetery, and from the Kangaroo & Rhodes road to the Kangaroo cemetery and have them cleared half a chain wide.

Cr. Stott Engineer to have culverts or bridges at Rhodes road repaired and strengthened.

Cr Richards called attention to a tree left by contractor in a dangerous state between Griffin & O'Toole in Salisbury Ward.

Notices of Motion

By Cr. Stott that tenders be called for necessary works at Kinsey Gully dam as on estimates Engineer to prepare plan & specification.

By Cr. McKechnie that tenders be called for erecting a bridge across the Pooraka creek between Bowes & O'Neill.

On the motion of Cr. Bonython, sec. by Cr. Stott the Secy. was instructed to ask for tenders for providing refreshments for Committee and have food on the days of ordinary or other meetings.

Carried

Moved by Cr. Stott
Sec. by Cr. Paterson that the following accounts be passed and paid.

Carried.

1	Contract 747	O. Guthrie	15	—	
2	" 753	M. Rhodes	7	—	
3	" 755	Tudor	6	15	10
4	" 762	Fencing	100	—	
	Forward		128	15	10

	Forward		158	15	10
5	Labour	J. Hunt	1	10	—
6	"	R. A. Jones	9	15	—
7	"	Hutchinson	4	—	
8	"	W. Kenny	22	12	6
9	Printing Acts & M. Hyndman & Co		19	1	3
10	R. J. Smith Secretary		5	—	
11	Mrs. Boyce for purchase of land		7	19	10
12	Engineers Requisites		25	—	
13	Labour	A. Beaton	3	4	—
14	"	J. Allen	6	13	—
15	"	W. Harvey	2	17	—
16	A. Guthrie Administration		2	10	—
17	Cont. 647	J. Clark	14	—	
18	Labour	J. Hunt	7	—	
19	Cont. 757	Patterson & Co	27	—	
20	" 755	Tudor	5	17	—
21	Refund of temp. loan for Mr. Butler Aylmerton		[illegible]	—	
22	Cont. 721	M. Walker	3	—	
23	Interest on debentures		52	10	—
24	Cont. 753	Rhodes	5	—	
25	J. Strong	Labour	10	—	
26	J. Richards	"	10	—	
27	S. F. Hunt		18	—	
28	Labour	J. Hunt	6	17	6
29	Cont. 754	Detroit	6		
30	" 751	Jackman	4	4	3
30	Electoral Act. 89	Hunter Statute Act 47	1	16	
30	Advertising	E. A. Cockburn	4	16	
31	Inspector Delaney		3	5	
32	Pay. Allowance Mr. Croft		4	17	—
33	Sundries		8	14	
34	Health Statute	Dr. Cleland	10	10	
35	Cont. 761	J. Brown	70	—	
	Forward		510	5	2

		Forward	570	5.	2
36	Cont. 760	Mr Kenny	25.	—	
37	- 762	Bolitho	8.		
38	Engineer	Salary	29.	3.	4
39	Secretary	-	25.	—	
40	Labour	F. S. Peel	6.	12.	-
41	-	J. C. Patterson	2.	5.	8
42	-	J. Ligon	3.	10.	-
43	Education	Rhodes	30.	—	
44	Labour	F. Webster	8.	10.	—
45	-	R. A. Jones	2.	17.	
46	-	Sharpe	3.	—	
47	Cont. 762	Kenny	32.	12.	
48	Guarantee premium		4.		
		£	798.	15	-

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

Confirmed 15th Nov. 1881
Wm Hall President of Shire

The Annual Meeting of the Korong Shire Council was held in the Shire Hall, Boddington on Tuesday the 15th November 1881.

Present Cr. Hall (president in the chair) and Councillors Ross, Martin, Patterson, Henderson, Coutts & Beardsmore

The Secretary produced the books, accounts, and annual statement duly audited and certified to be correct.

Moved by C. Patterson
Sec. by C. Beardsmore That the annual statement and account produced by the Secretary and certified by the Auditors to be correct be passed and adopted, and signed by the Chairman of this annual meeting.
Carried

The accounts, and bills were then signed and the meeting closed