Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Morang Shire Council held at the Shire Hall, Heidelberg on the 19th July 1892.

Present Cr. Adell President, in the chair, and Cr. Hall, Ross, Clark, Deakin, Lewis, Richmond, Watts & O'Sullivan.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence:-

1 Central Board of Health re Tenders.

2 Secy. for Railways Widths of Train Approaches

3 W. & S. Board Requisitions asking consent of Council to the use of a room by them as Office & 7/- for B Requisition.

Moved by Cr Richmond

That in lieu of the Board requisition subject to permission being obtained from the Minister of Railways

Carried.

Moved by Cr Watts on Letter No. 1

That the Council as Local Board of Health make an order prohibiting the owners, lessees or occupiers of premises in Commercial Street in the Shire from allowing any obstructions to the Gangways or passages, and directing that all escape doors be conspicuously marked as such and kept open during the whole time that the building is open to the public, and requiring the provision to be made therein of suitable appliances for the extinction of fire. Such order to be in accordance with the 64th section of the Health Act 1890, and that such order be now made.

Carried.

4 Explaining Postmaster General that no more increasing the accommodation for the Emigrant

of the roads at Bedfordtown is practicable at present.

5 Bellbourne Lying in Hospital for operation

6 Secy. for Lands that 100 A. 0 R. 32 P. land in parish of Lindsay are reserved for water purposes

7 Secy. for Water Supply that the Loddon United Water Trust is appointed and is to consist of two members of the Swan Hill & East Loddon Municipal Districts one of each of the districts of Kerang and Kerang and suggesting that the Council write that a Commissioner of the Trust

Moved by Cr. Steel

Sec. by Cr. Clark That Cr. Coutts be appointed a Commissioner of the Loddon Water Works Trust.

Carried

8 Acting Secretary to Loddon Trust on dam subject

9 Mr Roberts for 30/- cost of approach to bridge over Hope Creek and suggesting that the Council should buy the land.

Mr Secy. was instructed to enquire if the Railway Department will buy the land referred to, and if not to purchase it for the Shire.

10 Hon. Sec. Royal Stock Protection Society asking the Council to grant the Society a bonus of 10/- on every wild dog skin purchased.

Moved by Cr. Bourchier

Sec. by Cr. Martin That the request of the Society be complied with and that the present reward of 5/- for skin be withdrawn.

Carried

11 Memorial from ratepayers of Swan Hill asking for a crossing or culvert over cutting on Swan Hill

Engineer stated that as the road was impassable he had employed a man to improve upon it

Motion approved and Pathbridge ordered to be put on estimates.

12 Secretary for Lands re water reserve at Rock Hut Cemetery Trust.

13 Memorial from ratepayers at Tarra asking for reservation of Barnes Reserve as "Shepherds Lagoon."

Application for reserve ordered to be made.

13 Correspondence re water rates by ratepayers

14 Secy. Point Railway Station League re

15 Correspondence and deputation to Minister of Railways

16 Secy. Municipal Association with opinion from Mr. Webb Q.C. re ratepayers votes for Legislative Council

17 Under Secretary re Leg. Council votes.

18 Secy. for Water Supply asking if a dam & tank proposed to be constructed on the boundary of the Shires of the Bet Bet Council is a good one Secretary stated that the work would be of little service to ratepayers in the Shire

Moved by Cr Steel

Sec. by Cr Coutts That the Council decline to place on the work.

Carried

19 Secy. for Water Supply re Trust for Shire

20 Mr. Barron application re Kerang channel

Moved by Cr Roberts

Sec. by Cr Steel That as the channel is now under the control of the Loddon Water Trust the services of Mr Barron be dispensed with but that he be recommended to the Trust for appointment to the same office of Keeper of the Channel.

Carried

Adjourned at 11 P.M.

Revision Court.

A Court for the revision of the Voters Lists of the Shire was held in the Shire Hall at noon on Tuesday the 17th July 1888.

Present All the Councillors and the President.

Cr. Hall in the Chair

The Secretary submitted the Voters Lists and Separate Lists of ratepayers and stated that the necessary notices had been given

An application from Chas Young was placed on the roll for Land situate purchased by him subject to the whole of the rates not having been paid and the applicant being allowed in the Vote

Moved by Cr. Steel

Sec. by Cr. Ross That the Voters Lists be approved as submitted and signed by the Chairman and two members of the Court

Carried.

Moved Cr. R. Blanchine

Sec. by Cr. Clark That the Separate List as submitted be accepted and passed

Carried

The Revision Court was then closed.

The Council here adjourned for the purpose of holding the Revision Court. On resuming the correspondence was continued as follows:

22 Letter to Committee re construction of Protection

23 Letter for tenders re Water Reserve in Nangkita

24 Memorial applying for payment of £3.11.0 for gravel box used at Pachewongala Waggon Way, to apply that by decision the contribution paid for the

Moved by Cr. Clark

Sec. by Cr. Blanchine That the Secretary be instructed to issue summonses for rates unpaid relating as far as possible cases in which there is liability to sue.

25 Joseph Chambers complaining of obstruction to road in Nangkita. Attended to. —

25 Letter to Waterworks Engineer attention to report from Mr. Gordon to the effect that the channel being cut at the Kangaroo creek is more than double the width specified by him.

Referred to Goldsmith Bros.

26 Letter for ~~[illegible]~~ 2 Lamps or reserve of Spring at Nangkita

27 Ratepayers at Kongorong Lake requesting that the road from Greig's Store to the Railway Station may be put in order

Engineer instructed to inspect & report

Cr. Clark moved that £10 be expended in repairing the road referred to but the motion was objected to as being without notice

28 R. Ray Condon Esq. re selection in Rosen Cut where land is agricultural [illegible]

29 Ratepayers in parish of Nangkita asking the Council to join the R.A.P. Council in constructing a tank on the homestead [illegible]

30 C. Hall asking for repairs to dam at Reuben's Flat.

31 Ratepayers Meddaburn & Injunn & others applying to have gates to be put in fence across Market Square

Referred to be supplied.

32 Ratepayers South Riding requesting the Council to join the Port Pirie Council in constructing a Crossing over the Port Pirie Creek on the Blue road

Moved by Cr. Redwood

Sec. by Cr. Hall That the engineer be instructed to meet the Port Pirie engineer and consult with him as to work and furnish estimate of cost.

33 Report of deputation to Minister of Water Supply stating that the Minister had promised to give an advance to the Burra Water Trust and also to the Council if formed into a Trust for works in the centre of the State.

34 Mr. John Brown asking the Council to agree to an exchange of a road running through his land at Parish of Wilson for a piece more suitable for road.

Referred to engineer for report

35 Surveyor General stating that the Department will accept surveys of reserves, roads, &c. if the work be done by a municipal engineer possessing the necessary certificate of qualification provided that a deposit of £50 be placed as guarantee of accuracy or that the Councils become responsible for the correctness of surveys made by their officers

Moved by Cr. Brownlow

Sec. by Cr. Clark. That the letter of the Surveyor General be accepted, and that the Council guarantee the accuracy of surveys made by their engineer, who is requested to take the necessary steps to satisfy the Surveyor General as to his qualification.

Carried.

36 Mr. G. Hall forwarding copy of resolution carried at a public meeting of ratepayers in the South Riding to the effect that no further steps be taken for the formation of a Water Trust which will include any part of the South Riding until a poll of the ratepayers has been taken on the question

Mr. Hall was in attendance as a delegate from the meeting and addressed the Council in support of the resolution.

Moved by Cr. Clark

Sec. by Cr. Martin That a poll be taken of the ratepayers in the South Riding as to whether or not that Riding be included in the proposed Central Water Trust District.

For	Against
Cr. Hall, Redwood, Martin, Devine, Coutts, Ross	Cr. Hall, Brownlow & Clark

Carried

Moved by Cr. Redwood

Sec. by Cr. Coutts That for the purpose of taking such ballot rolls be prepared including the names of every ratepayer in the South Riding, and that each person have only one vote

Carried

For 6 as above — Against 3 as above

An amendment by Cr. Clark sec. by Cr. Brownlow "That only the rolls will be used; and that Ballot papers need not be prepared in taking the vote

Moved by Cr. Coutts } That the poll on the
Sec. by Cr. Redwood } Water Trust question be taken one week after the general election.

Carried unanimously

Moved by Cr. Hall } That the poll be taken at the
Sec. by Cr. Redwood } same time and places as in the general election.

Carried

For	Against
Cr. Hall, Redwood, Devine, Ross & Martin	Cr. Coutts, Clark, Brownlow

37/6 J. H. Gray calling attention to the movement for substituting Beach for Kinsey as the starting point of the Cross Hill line and asking the Council to support it.
Messrs. Gray & Clark were in attendance and addressed the Council in support.
Moved by B. Clark, Sec. by Cr. Bouchier, That the Council strongly support the movement to make Beach the starting point of the line and that the members for the district be asked to support it. Also that, if necessary, the Secretary go to Melbourne and assist in the matter.

Carried.

The Treasurer reported Receipts since last meeting £238-15-0 Expenditure £162-6-7 Credit Balance £79-9-.
Report received & approved.

The Engineer reported that the Inglewood & Beach road near Mr. Evans' Hunting is getting into bad condition owing to the removing of the rails &c. And recommended that all the water shed be marked, a large storm drain cut to Hope Creek, and the earth from it put on the road, and covered with a coat of metal.
Mr. Hall & Golden near Wickenden recommended that the natural drainage be improved. The road raised on growing side & afterwards covered with a coat of gravel or sand clay.
Mr. Charlton and Cross road near Chinaman's garden. 15 chains metalling required.
All cleaning contracts rd & sec. during summer have been commenced again except one near Elmore in Long Gully. Under Order are Mr. Jones & Wimmera contract at Kingower for which new tenders will be called.

Contracts generally working fairly progress. except Kinsey's for clearing Roads from Kinsey to Inglewood on Inglewood & Bealiba road £3 00 to be put on estimates for 1883-3.
The Secretary reported on interview with Minister & Secretary for Water Supply re formation of Tanks & point for bank water.
Reports received & approved.
Copy of Minutes of Group Water Supply Conference meeting was read and Cr. Bouchier as Acting Secretary reported that an engineer & Secretary had been appointed at a salary of £400 per annum in order that work might be commenced at once. Also submitted form of guarantee to be given by the Councils forming the Group prior to expenditure of advances from loan.
Moved by Cr. Coutts, Sec. by Cr. Clark, That the report be received and the action taken by the Conference confirmed. Also that the guarantee be signed by the President & Committee and the seal of the Corporation attached.

Carried.

The Secretary submitted Copy of by-law for regulating the proceedings of the Council and stated that the necessary form and notice respecting it had been obtained & given.
Moved by Cr. Bouchier, Sec. by Cr. Clark, That the by-law proposed being by-law No. 1 of the Council be confirmed.

Carried.

The Public Works Committee brought up the following tenders:-
For clearing from Wheatlands to Bealiba Road - Lot 1 -
J. Bodkin 4 £. —
[illegible] 4 £. —
J. Mahony [illegible] —

F. Crisp	37 - 6 - 8
M. Madden	32 - 13 - 4
T. Rose	25 - —
S. B. Meldrish	25 - —

T. Rose's tender recommended.

2 For forming & drains by J. Rogers on the Redan.

J. Sylvester sen.	Est. £338 - 15 - 0
T. Forest	27 - 17 - 0
M. Madden	163 - 2 -
J. Kenny	246 - 15 - —
F. Crisp	32 - —
C. Rose	280 - —
M. Kenny	258 -

M. Madden recommended but as he appears to have more on hand, permission to be given him to withdraw his tender, in which case contract to go from to J. Kenny the next lowest tender.

3 For clearing 3¼ miles on three chain road commencing West from Kenny's creek. Est. £20 -

S. B. Meldrish - £11. 13. 4

Recommended.

4 Clearing between Young, Franks & Gibson, 1¼ miles in Kingparish. Est. £12 - 10 -

S. B. Meldrish £4. 3. 4

C. Potter 7. 10.

Meldrish recommended.

Motion by Cr. Ross

Sec. by Cr. Martin That the tenders of T. Rose, M. Madden & S. Meldrish be recommended by the committee be accepted.

Carried

Motions under notice.

Mr. Cr. Smith That tender be called for by Cr. Stark for clearing one two miles on Mr. Gibson's road & Southwood road.

Charles & O'Donnell - Carried.

Also clearing three miles on the Long Hyphetlla road by Forest. Carried

By Cr. Redwood.

Sec. by Cr. Watts; That tenders be called for clearing unclaimed portion of Nelson and Crown Forest road. Carried.

By Cr. Martin That tenders be called for by Cr. Blanchin; for clearing dead one mile between Chapple & Kenny's. Carried

Also for permission, for clearing in road to Rogers Fine Bridge between Nelson's & Gibson.

Carried

By Cr. Watts That the Clerk of works (Mr. Peterson) receive a month's notice that his services will be dispensed with.

The motion was not seconded.

By Cr. Clarke That the motion passed at a Cr. Blanchin's previous meeting to postpone all action with respect to the connection of the Water Trust District within the Shire be rescinded

For	Against
Cr. Clarke	Cr. Dale
" Blanchin	" Forde
" Martin	" Watts
" Stark	" Robinson.
" Ross	

The majority not being two thirds of the whole council, as required in the rescinding of a motion, the motion was lost.

Mr. Peterson objects for the building was appointed by the Council.

Both building Cr. Bowering Contract building Cr. Stark. Both buildings. Cr. Redwood

Moved by Cr Ross.
Sec. by Cr Clark That application be made for the appointment of a polling place at the State School Kerang East.

Carried

Moved by Cr Stud
Sec. by Cr Cutts That the valuer be instructed to make and return a valuation of all rateable property within the Shire

Carried

By Cr Stud
Sec. by Cr Ross } That the engineer have the letter from the Wedderburn residents read on day of letter

Carried

Moved by Cr Cutts with leave
Sec. by Cr Richardson That tenders be called for clearing 400 trees under by Kelly, Reeves, & Powell.

Carried

By Cr Clark with leave
Sec. by Cr Richardson. That tenders be called for opening road from Mr Lacy's store to Kerang East Station

Carried

By Cr Stud
Sec. by Cr Clark That the engineer explain balance of amount or estimates for opening road from Wedderburn to Wedderburn Station
Tenders to be called

Carried

By Cr Clark Railroad.
Sec. by Cr Cutts. That road be cleared from Patterson corner to new line at Koongamia.

Carried

By Cr Ross.
Sec. by Cr Stud That Cr Clarke be added to Roads Committee in lieu of Cr Mc. & Norman

Instructions.

By Cr Quick. Engineer to prepare plans of drainage at East Charlton to be paid out of grant of £300.

Carried

Cr Richardson. Engineer to report on possibility of getting water at Hartley Gully and also on extension of Mia Mia Creek. Plans to be prepared

Moved by Cr Clark with leave
Sec. by Cr Richardson. That the resolution passed to postpone action for three months with respect to the formation of the Shire site & water supply be rescinded as it affects the North & Central Ridings.

Carried unanimously.

Application to be made for share of grant for water supply

Cr Cutts } Collection to be deferred to enforce the
Cr Clark } registration of dogs, and to take proceedings on those found to exist

Cr Stud Inspection to be made as to falling timber for splitting. Reserves to be destroyed and not allowed on roads.

Cr Clark Engineer to report cutting down on roads

Cr Stud Engineer to survey and form new Kerang Flat to road passing on South side of Messrs Lord Glendalbyn. Also road from Station Junction to Nyrwen & Wehla road via Inglewood. Also from R. J. Gully Mc. Arthur through Lake to Shire boundary

Cr Quick That engineer prepare plan & specification for 11,000 yd. tank East of Flotman on Reserve
Also for 10,000 yd. tank on reserve near Mitchell, Bloodwoodgrove.
Also to select a site for 500 yd. tank near Mr Joy's Bunkerangie

Cr. Quirk Resolution to write Education Department asking for painting in of school house at Charlton.

Cr. Clark Engineer to report on road leading to Kawarabe Settlement Station with estimate of cost of putting in repair

Petitions & Notices

1 Cr. Bourchier That road between Graham and McPherson's selections Mychatella be closed.

2 Also from Gibson's corner east on boundary road to Hoppe's est. 1½ miles

3 Cr. Ross. That road be closed from S.E. corner of J. Roberts' land to N. Turnbull's housing.

4 Cr. Scutts That 40 chns. side drains be cut on Church road, Violet Town.

5 Also 5 chns. drain and crossing made on Kialting road north of Mylecharane's school.

6 Cr. Quirk That roads be closed in Nissing as follows:

1 Between Fleming & Ross. 1½ miles
2 Between Cr. Gibson & N. Killen 1 mile
3 Between Cr. Robertson & Cr. McNeil 1¾ miles and west to J. N. Ross.
4. Between Rawlings & Walls, Hands & Anderson and Black & Emmett, Hand & Williams

7 Cr. Redwood. That forming and draining be done on road at Bridgewater off Lucas and some repairs to mill road.

8 Also side drains on road by Steers and Tatchells from Dyer & Tamagalla road to Belabat creek.

9 Also clearing by the Hounds at Colosseum Flat.

10 Also draining on Nyleuna & Kialting road off the Swamp, and a gate chain

of metalling between Gibson & Hamilton's on Main road.

11 Cr. Quirk That road from Buckenbowranke township north to 1 mile past Charlton & Wedderburn road be deemed of 66 links and follow timber for full width of reservation

12 Cr. Quirk That the ~~section~~ resolution fixing the third Tuesday in each month as the day for holding ordinary meetings of the Council be rescinded

The retiring councillors at the annual election were declared to be Cr. Hall, Ross & Quirk

Moved by Cr. Crotty
Sec. by Cr. Bourchier That the following accounts as recommended by the finance Committee be passed and paid

Carried

520	Jonkin & Freight	Reservoir pipes	41	9	11
521	"	Carriage theodolite	[illegible]		
522	Crisp	Water Supply	5	–	–
523	Williams	" " Lope	3	[illegible]	[illegible]
524	Con 820	Hughes	65	0	0
525	Grant	Rabbit Inspector	31	10	0
526	Con 811	Crisp & Rae	10	–	–
527	Bourchier	Expenses [illegible]	[illegible]		
528	Con 911	[illegible]	2	–	–
529	Reach	Commissions on dogs	5	10	–
530	Rowler	Con 8	12	–	
531	Crisp & Co	Con 812 Reservoir	30		
532	" "	Con 830	1[illegible]		
533	Con 912	Medich	10	13	
534	" 823	[illegible]	40	–	
535	Walker	timber for Mars bridge Kiyana	23	4	9
		[illegible]	3	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Forward	£300	5	[illegible]
536	H. N. Scouller timber for Pagan bridge	5	3	6
537	Con 791 Rose	2	10	–
538	J. Rose repairing culvert on Gutheries	2	7	6
539	Con 764 Irving	9	8	2
540	J. N. Cook Salary Commr	11	–	–
541	Sergt Delaney Salary	2	10	–
542	Coffey Salary Insptd Nuisances	2	10	
543	J. R. Fontin Carriage of Pipes	57	16	2
544	Water Supply McLean [illegible]	1	8	3
545	" " Morgan Gutheries	3	17	–
546	Loddon Trust Bunchier repairs	3	3	–
547	Con 796 Letto	10	–	
548	Reach Salary [illegible]	10		
549	Con 771 Hurley	2	8	–
550	" 769 "	5	15	
551	" 810 Crisp & Ross	12		
552	" 830 [illegible]	10		
553	" 813 Kinning	3	0	
554	" 795 Kinsella	3	10	
555	Sundries	4	13	5
556	Con 821 Lucas	1	6	1[illegible]
557	" 825 [illegible]	1	0	
558	A. G. Starr Deputy res Surveying	13	10	6
559	Labour A Chisholm	9	18	–
560	Kinning various works at Shallow	14	18	
[illegible]	H. A. Jones redecking Pagan bridge	10	9	6
562	W. [illegible]	8	[illegible]	6
563	H. Robins horse & sundry works	4	17	
564	Murdoch [illegible]	10	[illegible]	
565	Hemingway v Blunder	5	10	3
566	[illegible]	13	13	–
567	Office Sundries [illegible]	4	1	–
568	Engineers Salary	29	5	
[illegible]	Secretary "			
	Forward £	669	9	–

	Forward £	669	9	–
570	G. S. Grant Secretary	18	–	
571	Ernest Nolan Secretary	5		
572	John Banks goods per invoice	247	11	2
573	A. R. Gray	13	10	–
574	L. Mandeville free allowance	5	1	9
575	Martha Moscroft " " etc	8	5	6
576	A. Nelson various jobs	19	4	
577	Councils Subscription to Municipal	4	4	0
578	Avoca Trust Bunchier repairs	5	13	8
579	Water Supply [illegible]	6		
580	Rob Roberts [illegible]	1	10	–
581	Con 810 Crisp [illegible]	10	2	8
582	Con 812 Crisp [illegible]	9	15	[illegible]
583	Quirk half cost of crossing at [illegible]	5		
584	McNichol repairing crossing long paid	2		
		1030		

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

Confirmed
P. Quirk Chairman 15/8/[illegible]

Annual Elections.

North Riding.

August 10th 1882.

At the election of one Councillor for the North Riding the following candidates were nominated and polled the number of votes set opposite their respective names

Mr. John Patrick Howard	59
" Patrick Smith	236
Majority	189

I therefore declare Mr. Patrick Smith to be duly elected

Geo. E. Bouncher
Returning Officer North Riding

Central Riding.

For the Central Riding the only candidate nominated was Mr. Donald Ross and I therefore declared him to be duly elected

Rob Steel
Returning Officer
Central Riding

South Riding.

For the South Riding the only candidate nominated was the Rev. William Hall, and I therefore declared him to be duly elected

R. Redwood
Returning Officer
South Riding

Publicans' Licenses Vote.

A ballot to determine whether or not the number of publicans' licenses in each Riding of the Island should be increased or not, and if to be increased then by what number, was taken on the 10th August 1882, the results being as follows

North Riding.

For increase	65 votes
Against increase	120. —
Majority	55 — against increase

Returning Officer
North Riding
Geo E Bouncher

Central Riding.

Ballot taken only at this Hall. —

For increase	5 —
Against increase	16.
Majority	11 against increase

Rob Steel
Returning Officer Central Riding

South Riding.

For increase	53.
Against increase	155 —
Majority	102 against increase

Returning Officer
for South Riding
R. Redwood

A Poll for and against the inclusion of the South Reding in a Water Trust District was taken at the polling places for that Reding on the 18th August 1877, with the following result.

For inclusion	14
Against	323
Majority	309 against inclusion

Returning Officer
South Reding