Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Korong Shire Council held in the Shire Hall Wedderburn on the 20th November 1883.

Present Cr Ross. Hall, Redwood, Martin, Cahill, Patterson, Coutts, Bourchier and Clark

Minutes of previous meeting were read and Confirmed

Correspondence

1. Messrs Rogers and Richardson withdrawing from Contract at Hopetoun -- Deposit ordered to be forfeited. Contract given to C. Lucas next lowest tender.

2. J. Chamberlain forwarding A/c for removal of fencing in connection with land purchased by Council for road purposes

Moved by Cr Clark } That no further payment
Seconded by Cr Redwood } be made to Chamberlain. ~~be~~ ~~reason being paid out. special ex.~~ — Carried.

3. Dr McLean reporting outbreak of diphtheria in destitute family Wedderburn — Disinfectant to be supplied by Board and medical ~~attendance~~ assistance.

4. Department of Public Works returning vouchers but with A/c for subsidy to Charlton drainage works and stating that the account would be passed as soon as the amount had been re-voted by Parliament

5. C. F. Maxwell re Exchange of lands in Worsaw with A. Mission — no road purposes.

Moved by Cr Bourchier } That the following orders for
Seconded by Cr Clark } opening roads be now made viz.

First — being a strip of land part of Allot 11 Section A Corner East formerly J. Anderson —

Second — being a strip of land part of Allot 15 Napier adjoining and formerly T. B. Kirk

Third — being a strip of land adjoining and formerly Thos Chamberlain part of Allot 5 A Section D Parish of East Charlton

Carried

6. Govt Statist altering date of Collecting Statistics so that returns may be lodged in the Statist office by the 1st March instead of the 31st as heretofore and stating that the Govt intended giving bonuses for the due delivery of the Returns —

Cr Clark } That the matter be held over till next
Cr Martin } meeting and that the Secretary give each Collector information thereon and ascertain what amount they will require in addition to the Govt bonus for Collecting Carried.

7. R. H Allfrey applying for permission to plough furrows on road side of his paddocks

Moved by Cr Martin
seconded by Cr Redwood } That the application be granted
Carried

8. Secty Shire of St Arnaud re bridge over Avoca near Smiths
That on the Engineers recommendation ~~of the Engineer~~ that Council had decided to provide on next Estimates for half the Cost (say £400) of erecting same
Received, no Funds at present available

9. The same, That their Engineer should consult with Mr Starr as to site, cost &c and report on ~~bridge~~ proposed bridge over Avoca near Smiths & Ross

The Secretary produced circular from Mr W. J Elliott stating his intention to issue quarterly, a publication entitled "Municipal Notes" and asking the Council to Subscribe to same

Cr Burchell } That the ~~Secretary~~ Council Subscribe to the
Cr Ross } publication Carried

10 Secretary for Lands that Maps of marine border are being prepared as expeditiously as possible & that when published a Copy would be sent to Council

11. Inspector Delaney re outbreak of diphtheria at Fenybee Creek Received

12. Head Teacher of Fenybee Creek School re closing of school during presence of diphtheria —

13 & 14 Copies of letters in this matter

15 Thos Langdon applying for information re wells at Buckrabanyule ~~Secretary has supplied same~~

Cr Paterson } That the Council is not prepared to
Cr Martin } expend any more money on the well and that the Secretary supply the Department with a Statement of expenditure already incurred and apply for a refund of half that amount

Carried

16. John Catto re holes upon road at Johnstown and asking Council to have same filled up

Referred to Engineer for report

17. Secty Mechanics Institute Stawell thanking Council for donation, and asking that it might be forwarded as soon as Convenient

18. Secretary for Lands that the reservation of 1. 1. 8 a r p of land in town of Wedderburn had been gazetted for water supply purposes.

19. Wm McPherson Stawell Complaining of injury to his crop by rabbits harbored in fences of Wm Curtis —

Received

20 Secretary for Lands stating that steps were being taken to temporarily reserve the unappropriated Crown Lands comprised within the Reservoir drainage and pipe track areas.

Received

21. Secretary for Lands that steps were being taken to temporarily reserve allot 57 of Section 4 parish of Berriwillock for quarry purposes

22 Elizabeth Harding & Terence O'Brien Bulcaba[illegible] re Asking Council to have opened road between Messrs Graham's & Younghusband's lands
Engineer to have road opened

23 Patrick O'Brien report on Rheola Reservoir re

24 Secretary for Lands that about 40 a land parish of Berriwal had been Reserved and Gazetted for water supply. Received Secty to apply for control

25 Secretary to the Premier - acknowledging receipt of resolutions passed at last meeting of the Council re amalgamation Received

26 Secretary for Education Department - re closing of the Tenybee Creek School during prevalence of diphtheria Received

27 Treasury in answer to certain inquiries in connection with Sinking Fund of Shire - Received -

28 Secretary Loddon Trust - that amount of £187-10/2 claimed by Council had been passed for payment - and that cheque for amount would be forwarded on completion of Transfer re Received

29 Secty Swanhill Trust - inquiring if land at Manewilock upon which well has been sunk was sold or transferred by Mr Douglas to Council in any way re Received and replied that land has not been transferred.

30 Secretary for Public Works that voucher for amount of £500 subsidy on Storm Channel Charlton had been passed to the Treasury, payable at Inglewood

31. Secretary for Lands requesting strict and immediate enforcement of the provisions of the Rabbit Act with respect to land of Wm Curtis parish of Jeungroon

32. John Gillespie and Others Calling attention to unfinished Condition of Crossing near Terrihunt

Cr Bourchier, Cr Martin } That the Secretary write requesting the Loddon Trust to substitute a Culvert for the Crossing Complained of which has commenced by the Trust. Carried.

33. John Cook applying for permission to erect a verandah in front of his premises on usual Conditions Granted

34. N. Lamont forwarding A/c for £3-3/- charges in Connection with Transfer of Works to Loddon Trust re

Cr Bourchier, Cr Coutts } That Mr Lamonts A/c be paid Carried

35 D. R. Genaud resigning his office of Weighbridge keeper at Bridgewater

Cr Redwood, Cr Hall } That Genauds resignation be Accepted and applications be invited for a successor - Carried -

37. J. J. Proctor Manager Commercial Bank Charlton stating that Genl Manager would visit locality during ensuing week with a view to opening a branch in Wedderburn and soliciting patronage of Council

Cr Clark, Cr Redwood } That the Shire A/c be removed for the present, to Bank of Victoria Inglewood re

The motion and an amendment by Cr Bourchier were ruled out of order as no notice of motion had been given re

38 Secretary for Lands that reserve for water Supply purposes in the town of Wedderburn (Pingles Dam) had been placed under the Control of the Council re Received

39 Inspector Nolan re Fever at Charlton Received

40. Dr McVean reporting Cases of diphtheria in the vicinity of Wedderburn. The necessary steps had been taken to prevent the spread of the disease — Received

41. John A. Craig on behalf of Agricultural Society applying for use of Hall on Wednesday evening 5 Dec.
Cr Clark, Cr Martin } That use of Hall be granted — Carried

42. N Harvey applying for Extension of time on his Contract for Cleaning at Wyeia
Cr Bourchier, Cr Redwood } That all cleaning Contracts be suspended till further orders — Carried

43. John Reach Rabbit Inspector inquiring if he was to purchase scalps at 1/- per dozen as an impression had obtained currency that the Council had increased the bonus to that amount — Resolved that The price was to remain the same as at present but on the motion Cr Clark seconded by Cr Bourchier the Secretary was instructed to buy scalps and ears from any person @ 9d per dozen provided the Shires of Swan Hill and St Arnaud would pay the same price, failing which no purchases to be made from dealers. Carried

44. John E. Collins (Woosang) objecting to the encroachment on his land for purpose of forming road ~~which was originally 1 chain but had been reduced by a subsequent survey to about 12 feet~~
Cr Paterson, Cr Martin } That the Engineer inquire into the matter and obtain information — Carried

45 Secretary Wild Dog Suppression Association Bordertown with a/c for 20/- tonus on skins purchased
Cr Bourchier, Cr Coutts } That a/c be paid to Association — Carried

46. A. Cartledge applied (through Cr Clark) for leave to erect Verandah — Without charge granted on usual Conditions

46 Memorial (by Cr Martin) to Minister of Justice praying that Site at Kempton Lake Wyeia may be proclaimed a special licensing District
Cr Martin, Cr Bourchier } That Council recommend application — Carried

The ordinary meeting was here adjourned to hold the

Annual Meeting

The audit not having been effected the annual meeting was postponed to date of next ordinary meeting on motion of Cr Hall seconded by Cr Ross & Carried

Ordinary meeting resumed.

The Treasurer reported since last meeting
Receipts £ 3[illegible] 14 11 Expenditure £ 1081. 14. 6
Overdraft £ 1454. 0. 0
Cr Hall, Cr Ross } That Treasurers report as read be received and approved — Carried

Engineer reported that a new foot bridge was required at Johnstown near Jamieson and various small repairs near the Chinese Camp the total cost of which would be about £ 40
The road from Glenobbyn towards Kingsparnal required clearing for about 1 mile and a crossing made in the Creek which would cost about £ 25 or £ 30 He reported that a crossing was much needed near Mr Brownbills and could be constructed for about £ 40. half of which would probably be defrayed by the Shire of Bet-Bet
He would not recommend a crossing to be made over Simpsons Creek near McCamish but a crossing could be made on the Reserve a few chains South He recommended that a tank be

excavated on Mr Kelly's land Powlett and the earth therefrom ~~could be~~ utilised for road formation. In the event of Mr Kelly objecting, sufficient earth could be obtained from the rise between the two Swamps. Had surveyed a road from Glenalbyn P.R. to junction of Kingower and Newbridge; also from Caledonian Flat by Cranes to Hartleys in Bet Bet Shire. Others

Cr Coutts
Cr Redwood } That Consideration of Engineers recommendations be postponed, and that if the footbridge at Johnstown is dangerous be have it removed — Carried

Cr Redwood
Cr Ross } That Engineers report be received. Carried

Conference re Rabbits

Cr Paterson had attended the Conference at the Exchange which was called for the purpose of endeavouring to secure uniform action with regard to the ~~purchase of scalpers~~ matter of rabbit ~~bounty~~ suppression. He reported that very few Shires were represented; that the Conference decided to recommend that the destruction of rabbits be left in the hands of local bodies and that the Govt be asked to bear two thirds of Cost —

The minister declined to do this, but said an amending Bill would be introduced and attention would be given to the recommendations of the Conference —

Cr Martin (who attended Conference in place of Cr Bourchier) Confirmed statement of Cr Paterson —

Cr Coutts
Cr Bourchier } That report of deputation be approved and thanks of Council given to them. Carried —

Road by Edwards & Stewarts Kangaroo

Cr Clark reported that the Committee appointed to deal with this matter considered that as it could

not be settled without heavy expense in the purchase of land &c the subject should be held over —

He reported that application was being made by Mr Morphet for a piece of land which would stop road which it is proposed to carry through Edwards land and recommended that the ~~Council~~ Public attention be called thereto with a view to provision being made for a Continuation of road through Edwards —

Cr Hall
Cr Coutts } That report be approved & application made as recommended. — Carried —

Tenders

The Public Works Committee then brought up the following tenders —

1 Supplying 200 yds metal Korong East S. School
Dillon & Wildish £40 Est £50 - 0 - 0
C. Rose £35 -
S. Forest £40.
H.E. Hickmott £39. 3. 4
G. Duckett £45 - 0 - 0
Recommended C. Rose tender

2. Culvert & 1200 yards filling by Page & Batchelors
C. Lucas £93 - 10 - Est £95 - 0 - 0
Rogers & Richardson 120 - 0 - 0
W. Crisp 124 - 0 - 0
A. McDonald 121 - 10 - 0
A. Keogh 95 - 0 - 0
Recommended A. Keogh

3. Improving sand hill excavating Jaik Common Road
Dillon & Wildish £98 - 0 - 0 Estimate £85 - 0 - 0
A. McDonald 84 - 10 - 0
H.E. Hickmott 85 - 9 - 0
Betts & Duckett 85 - 1 - 0
J.B. Kinirey 74 . 18 . 4 Recommended Kinirey

4. Forming Wilson St. Wedderburn northward from Bridge
Wooding and Rose £9-0-0 Estimate £15
G. Duckett 10-10-0
G. Ward 18-15-0
Recommended Wooding & Rose

5. Bridge over Minyspaniel Creek
Estimate £682-4-6
J. H. Beer £688-4-0
W. M. Lure 787-0-4
F. Hughes 641-0-0
G. Pallett 1203.10-0
Recommended Hughes

6. Forming 20 Chains Old P.R. Powlett-Red Gullies road
J. Forrest £60-0-0 Estimate £60
Recommended

7. 60 Chains forming by Truscott, Cameron, & Gilmour
Dillon & Wildish £60 Estimate £60
P. Whitney 59-0-0
W. Crisp 82-10-0
J. Kinivy 75-0-0
A. McDonald 80-0-0
Recommended Whitney

8. Culvert &c by Goatho & Blelands Gully Yarrag
Dillon & Wildish £41-0-0 Estimate £49.10/-
A. McDonald 58-0-0
A. Chisholm 36-10-0
W. Crisp 49-0-0
Recommended Chisholm

9. Crossing by Barretts Kunaccra
Estimate £10
C. Rose £8-15-0
Wooding & Rose 10-0-0
W. Crisp 9-0-0
A. McDonald 27-0-0 Recommended C. Rose

10. 50 Chains of drains &c Wedderburn & Wychitella road
M. Rowler £24.12-6 Estimate £27.16-0
J. Forest 28.15-0
Wooding & Rose 20-8-9
Neal & Martin 25-15-0
Recommended Wooding & Rose

11. Bridge over Korong Creek by Morgans & Barlows
Pallett £471-6-8 Estimate £168-6-0
Guthrie 158-0-0
Hughes 156-0-0
Kinivy 167-0-0
Recommended Hughes

Moved by Cr Bourchier That the tenders of Messrs
seconded by Cr Coutts C. Rose² Keogh. Kinivy
Wooding & Rose³ Hughes² Forrest. Whitney Chisholm
as recommended by Public Works Committee be accepted
Carried

Motions under Notice

Cr Ross } That no works be let for ~~two~~ months
Cr Paterson } ~~during~~ forthwith harvest. Carried.
Notices of motion postponed accordingly

Cr Bourchier } That day of meeting be altered from
Cr Martin } third Tuesday to third Wednesday in
the month

For	Against
Cr Bourchier	Cr Paterson
Cr Redwood	Cr Cahill
Cr Martin	Cr Coutts
	Cr Hall
	Cr Clark
	Cr Ross

Motion lost

Instructions

By Cr Coutts Engineer to attend to damage of fences by parties clearing near Bremanah and keep back payment till damage is made good

Instructions Continued

By Cr Martin Engineer to have road surveyed from end of road between Hall and Douglas to main road from Fernihurst to Wedderburn by Wrights in 1 Journ and to have road now closed (by Chalmers) opened. Engineer inquired about work by Forest on Wedderburn & Wychitella road by Sinclairs & Williamson's Instructions

Also inquires about Gregarnie between McDonalds and McInnes Kangaroo requiring immediate attention

Cr Clark } That Forest be employed to do this work
Cr Cahill } at £1 per chain. Carried

By Cr Cattle Engineer to ascertain if Bet Bet Shire would join in constructing crossing over Simpsons creek by Brownbill

By Cr Secretary to ask Central Committee to get Councils opinion re rights of Water Trusts and remedies against them

By Cr Paterson Engineer to have line for road, surveyed from Butleys to Railway station

By Cr Ross Engineer to send surface man to Wedderburn & Charlton road to fill up ruts on Charlton side of Big Hill.

By Cr Clark Engineer to send surface man to repair road from Morgans to Railway station.

By Cr Cahill Secretary to apply for reservation of 10 acres land on West side of Reservoir bank Wedderburn.

By Cr Paterson Engineer to have crossing near Black Dam levelled

Engineer asked for instructions re drains by Kimbles land which had been stopped on a/c of Mr Kimbles objecting

Cr Paterson moved that matter be referred to Engineer and members for that Riding seconded by Cr Bourchier & carried

Notices of Motion

Cr Clark That the Shire a/c be left with the Bank of Victoria until further arrangements can be made

Cr Cahill That the Secretary's salary be reduced Fifty pounds from the first of January 1884.

Cr Bourchier That the Banking business of the Council be transferred to Bank of Australasia Wedderburn provided satisfactory arrangements can be made with said Bank

Moved by Cr Cattle } That the following a/cs
Seconded by Cr Hall } be passed and paid

		£	s	d
74	Secretary Mallee Conference St Arnaud	3	3	-
75	Con 931. Maclure	15		
76	Con 884. Maclure	5	2	4
77	Stars Supervising well at Nanewillock	4	16	-
78	Con 942 Hughes	30	-	-
79	McAllister grubbing for a/c	2	-	-
80	Morse grubbing for Tamaqulla	12	-	-
81	Con 984 Frank Rose	5	13	4
82	Con 950 Rose	11	5	-
83	Con 919. Harvey	19	1	4
84	Rabbit Orders paid by Bank	4	4	9
85	Councils donation to Korong V Institute	10	-	-
86	Con 944. Duckett	4	10	-
87	Carlon labour	4	10	-
88	Rabbit scalps & tars for voucher	6	16	10
89	Con 914 Lucas	20		
90	Whitney cutting drains &c	4		
91	Con 902 Whitney	23	15	
92	Road Survey wages of men	19	16	-
93	Con 966 Rowler	3		
94	O. Stowe Rabbit scalps	13	-	6
95	Con 946 W. ~~[illegible]~~ & Dillon	13	12	6
		£ 295	6	7

Forward £295-6-7

96	Con 94 Weldish & Dillon	15		
97	Con 92 S B Weldish	25	10	
98	S B Weldish repairing road	3	-	
99	Con 45 W.A. Jones	20		
100	Boort Agricult Society	5		
101	R.W. Agricult Society	10		
102	Charlton Agricult Society	15		
~~103~~	Con 11 C. Rose	13		
104	John Forest labour	5		
105	Con 12 Forest	50		
106	Con 35 Forest	58		
107	Rabbit Orders per Reach	39		
108	Con 25 A H Beer	31		
109	Rabbit Orders paid	8	3	6
110	Con 11 C Rose	3	15	
111	Geo Ward grubbing per a/c	1	13	
112	Con 53 Garrone	10	4	3
113	Con 56 Garrone	9	12	-
114	Sundry accounts	7	1	9
115	Office Expenses	3	11	4
116	~ ~ ~			
117	Rabbit Orders paid	5	1	7
118	J R Gray 5 wks salary	10		
119	Arnall & Jackson stationery &c	6		
120	Health Statute Dr M'Shaw	3	3	-
121	Mrs Moorcroft Pres allowance	4	8	-
122	Johnsons C.S. pipes	3	10	-
123	C. F Maxwell law reports	8	16	-
124	A.B. Starr 1 mo Salary	39	3	4
125	Saml Rinder 1 mo Salary	25	-	-
126	Survey of Gravel Reserve	3	1	6
127	Rabbit Suppression	4	17	6
128	Hornblower & Co Printing &c	7	-	6
129	J.B. Kinniry spreading gravel &c	1	1	-
130	Chambers & Matchem grubbing &c	4	19	-
131	A. Beer crossing near Laidlaw	4	10	-
		£713	17	10

Forward £713-17-10

132	A. Timms fixing trough at Douglas tank	2	8	
133	Buckingo Pottery Co pipes	10	-	-
134	Leslie & Co supplying metal	5	15	- 9
135	W. Stewart day labour	8	5	-
136	W.A. Jones day labour	4	8	6
137	A Bobeien horse and dray work	2	16	-
138	Chisholm day labour	3	18	-
139	Garrone grubbing by Laidlaw Powell	5	1	4
140	Con 54. Morse	20	-	-
141	Con 31. Maclure	21	11	2
142	Con 18 Hughes	40		
143	Con 15. Forest	19	-	-
144	Con 41. Crisp	3	12	6
145	Con 44. Duckett	7	10	-
146	Con 45 Jones	18	5	6
147	Con 56. Garrone	17	8	4
148	Con 58. Guthrie	12	-	-
149	Con 65. Hicknott	11	12	10
150	Con 49. Keogh	100	-	-
151	Con 34. Kinniry	100	-	-
152	Con 87. Kinniry	5	-	-
153	Con 86. do	6	-	-
154	Con 901. do	13	10	-
155	Con 64. Lucas	10		
156	Dr Dean attending destitute families	5	12	6
		£1666	18	- 3

The next meeting was ordered to be held on the usual day and the meeting then Closed –

Confirmed 18th/12th/83.
Donald Ross President –

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Council was held on the 20th December 1883 being the day appointed by the Local Govt. Act

Present Cr. Ross (President) in the Chair and members of the Council

The Secretary stated that the auditors have not yet attended for the purpose of auditing the accounts

Moved by Cr. Hall

Sec by Cr. Coutts that the annual meeting be adjourned to the day of the next ordinary meeting.

Carried.

Confirmed 18/12/83.

(Donald Ross President