Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Korong Shire Council held in the Shire Hall Wedderburn on Tuesday 17th July 1883.

Present – Crs Stub Ross Clark Martin Redwood Coutts & Hall. In the absence of the President – Cr Stub was appointed Chairman.

The minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed

Correspondence

1 Secretary for Railways re names of Stations on Sheepton line &c

2 Secretary for Lands that steps were being taken to Reserve temporarily a site at Deats Springs parish Kingower.

3 Shire of Wimera, re immigration & asking Council to Cooperate in order that the matter may be laid before the Government with a view to inducing them to propound some practicable scheme of immigration whereby Agricultural and other useful parties would be induced to come to this Colony.

Cr Clark
Cr Hall } That the hearty cooperation of this Council be given
carried.

4 Secretary for Mines & Water Supply forwarding Order & intimating that amount £345 . 10 . 6 claimed from Stock Fund by this Council Wt Arnaud, had been passed to the Treasury for payment – received.

5 Secretary for Lands stating that subsidy of 3d per doz now paid for rabbit skins would be discontinued after the 30th of June but that if Council would arrange to purchase ears with scalps attached at 6d per doz the Department would recoup them to the extent of ½ that amount – received, the Council consenting to propose

6 Shire Secretary Ararat re Railway from Ararat to Avoca asking Council to be represented on the deputation to wait upon the Minister. received

7. Railway Dept. stating that the Minister had decided that troughs can be supplied in dry districts where water for the purpose is available but persons requiring such to use the pumps themselves. received.

8 Crown Lands Bailiff Dudley, that 3 men had been sent to deal with the rabbit nuisance near Messrs Stewart, Hunter, & Mann, and the Boring depot would be reopened on the 14th July. received.

9. P. O'Brien report on Kingower Reservoir received.

10 Railway Department that it was not considered desirable to retain the name of Korong Vale for the Railway Station at that place as the Department preferred the shorter name of Korong. Received.

11 District Survey Office, Sandhurst, requesting fees for survey of Deuto Springs. Received, cheque forwarded.

12. Sarah Dwyer Inglewood asking Council to sanction her purchasing road on north side of her holding
Referred to Engineer for report.

13. Dr Dean, Charlton, asking for extension of Kerbing near his house - to be provided for on next years estimates. -

14 C. D. Leach calling attention to bad state of road and bridge in Cutting. - Received.

15 Shire Secretary, St Arnaud, asking that petitions sent re Mallee settlement be called in & returned. -

16. Malcolm & Charlton asking that wheat for transmission by rail once weighed ~~etc~~ on the Shire bridge should be reweighed at a reduced rate, & forwarding letter from Town Clerk St Arnaud stating such was custom in this Borough

Cr Clark } That Council cannot make any alterations in
Cr Coutts } weighbridge charges for this year but the subject will be fully considered and scale of charges revised by Committee, for next year. Carried

17. D. R. Gerrard asking for instructions with regard to an application from Isaac Cotton for concessions in weighbridge fees
dealt with similarly to previous applications

18. John O'Keefe Charlton re Malcolm & letter re Weighbridge fees
Received

19. Residents of Burkes Flat objecting to heavy outlay of money on contract at Ironbark Hill, Wehla road, and suggesting that other works mentioned should be substituted therefor.
Cr Hall thought the works necessary at Ironbark hill & the other work could be done next year.-
Cr Steel thought the petitioners should leave such matters to the Council & moved that the works be proceeded with - the recommendation, re other works to be attended to in next years estimates.
Seconded by Cr Ross & carried.

20 Secretary for Lands stating that as the financial year ends on the 30th June any claims for subsidy on Rabbit ears should be forwarded by the 12th inst.
Received account has been forwarded

21 William Spark calling attention to sheet of water standing opposite his Hotel Banakee & asking Council to improve the drainage & road. Mr. Spark attended to support his application. Work to be put on next years estimates.

22 Secretary for Lands in reply to letter sent to the Shire Secy re alterations in Dog act, & stating that suggestions contained therein would receive careful consideration.
Received

23. Secretary for Railways, re alteration in time of departure of train from Charlton stating no request of the kind had reached the Department. Received

24. Chief Secretary Marong enclosing copy of petition having reference to the depredations committed by vagrant dogs and soliciting co-operation in furthering the views expressed therein. Approved & previously dealt with.

25. M. Maclaw applying for £2-15/- expense incurred in extirpating rabbits on Michael Kenny's land. Vouchers to be produced for expenditure.

26. G. W. Abson Wadesburn asking permission to erect verandah over footpath. granted on usual conditions.

27. N. W. Water Conservation & Irrigation League (Durham Ox) forwarding form for information relative to occupation in this shire. Referred to be supplied.

28. Secretary for Lands stating that acc- for Rabbit scalps &c would be passed on for payment so soon as funds are available and enclosing forms for adoption in future purchases. Received.

29. J. P. Western asking for construction of footbridge over drain opposite Court House Charlton
To be provided for on next estimates

30. Well Dog Suppers Associ Boort with acc- for £21-10 for skins purchased
Cr Redwood, Cr Steel } That 2/3rds of the money paid for dingo pups be stopped out of the acc-, balance to be forwarded to Society. Carried.

31. Thos Caldwell calling attention to road 3/4 of mile long on west of Robert Turnbull Wooraing which is in bad condition
Cr Ross to have it attended to

32. G. T. Grant curator of Kerlo reservoir reporting that a slight leakage existed in the embankment and asking that Inspector or Engineer Inspect it when in the locality
Cr Redwood, Cr Hall } That Engineer have embankment repaired. Carried

33. Ratepayers Charlton applying for improvements to Armstrong Street.
Cr Martin supported the application and moved that tenders be called on. Objected to and ordered to be postponed for next years estimates.
The Council then adjourned for the purpose of revising the roll.

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Revision Court

Cr Steel appointed Chairman.

Messrs R Robertson, James McDevitt ~~& James McDevitt~~ applied through Mr Joseph Howard to be placed upon the North Riding roll as occupants of land in Buckrabanyule

Cr Martin
Cr Ross } That R. Robertson be placed on the roll for one vote and James McDevitt for two votes —

Amendment was moved by —

Cr Clark
Cr Redwood } That as there is no evidence that claimants have any title to be on roll their claim be not allowed Carried

For amendment 5 against 2

Cr Clark
Cr Steel } That the voting lists be passed.
Carried

The lists were then signed by the Chairman and certified by Councillors, and the Court closed.

Mr Spark submitted a memorial to the Chief Secretary asking for the proclamation of a site at Barnuna Railway Station for the issue of a Special publicans licence.

The Council declined to interfere but would not offer any opposition. ——

Council Resumed (Correspondence continued)

Deputation Ferguson & Johnson for weighbridge at Nyrraw Station. Mr Ferguson addressed the Council in support of the application and asked that it be erected —

Cr Redwood
Cr Coutts } That weighbridge be supplied in time for next wheat season Carried

32. J. B Griffiths Tons asking Council to treat Sandhill at Springbank in same way as those by McNicols is now being treated. To be considered on next years estimates

33. C. Lucas applying for extension of time on Contract near Edwards Inglewood Serpentine road
Extension of 6 weeks granted

34. Ratepayers in Nyrraw applying for repairs to Cobbing Connor road —
Attended to

Treasurer's Period. Receipts £121-17-7
Expenditure £469-15-7 leaving balance to credit £625-2-0

Treasurer's submitted for engagement

Total receipts from all sources to date since 30th Sept. incl. balance at beginning of year £
Expenditure on all accounts to date £ 713

which with balances on contracts in progress £1529 & an allowance of £300 for labour and sundries with £400 for general expenditure to end of year will bring up the total for the year to £3350, against an estimated total revenue of £3579 provided that the sums portion of endowment & subsidies, &c. be paid before the end of the year 30th Sept. The amount accrued for rates to date is £2151.2.0 — Arrears £364.13.0. Statement of Ridings, receipts & expenditure accompanies the report

The question of unpaid rates was then discussed when it was moved by Br Coutts & seconded by Br Hall — That summonses be issued against all defaulters — Carried.

Engineer Reported having prepared plans &c [illegible] the plans having first been approved by the Railway Department. He had attended to complaint of Mr Garratt & he had inspected & recommended provision being made in next Years estimates for continuing road from Cumbian Rd southwards to Old Wesleyan & Meeting house. And had tested weighbridge at Bridgwater and had no doubt that the defective weighing complained of by Mr Flight were due to the late rains having swelled the deck of the bridge. [illegible] This was an unusual occurrence [illegible] And in company with the Members for North Riding inspected a tal offered [illegible] by Leslie & Co and agreed to take from 500 to 2000 [illegible] to be delivered when directed within 3 months from 29th June [illegible]

Had in conjunction with Messrs Hall & Coutts examined tenders for works near Ashtons & Lambrills but as Mr Langdell had offered land necessary to cut sufficient drain through his land to carry the drain for [illegible] the slight percentage of [illegible] which was to [illegible]

He advised opening to Hope back road — Report received & approved [illegible] That action with regard to [illegible] & that Engineer have [illegible]

The Public Works Committee brought up the following tenders —

1 Kerbing, Channelling &c Rorong Rd
Estimated [illegible]

John Young	£541 . 13 . 4.
James Porter	558 . 17 . 0
W. McClure	523 . 16 . 8
J. Hughes	644 . 0 . 0

Recommended McClure

2 Side drains by Grazes & Scotts Weddurburn & Railway Road

M Rowler	£11 – 17 – 6.
D. Guthrie	12 – 14 – 2
W. Crisp	14 – 5 – 0

£10 – 0 [illegible]
To be left in hands of [illegible]

3. Lamplighting Chandon

James Buchanan	2/9 per lamp per week
D. Cross	4/ per lamp per week or £14 [illegible]

Cross recommended

4. Lamplighting Weddurburn

Thos Griffiths	£6 per annum
J. Wilson	2/9 per lamp per week

Moved by Br Coutts
Seconded by Br Ross } That the tenders of Messrs Wilson & Cross be accepted as recommended by Committee [illegible]

Motions under notice

Br Hall } That the [illegible] recommended by Engineer on
Br Ross } Weddurburn Wednesday road [illegible]

Cr Hall
Cr Ross
That Tenders be called for draining and improving roads over Isaac Hall's to amount on 5 hundred Dollars

Cr Hall } For 2½ miles grubbing by Walters
Cr Clark } and Hallis in Bridgewater

Cr Hall } For about 35 chains forming by
Cr Clark } Davis and Wingfield [illegible]

Carried

Cr Martin } Forming by McNiels and Temples
Cr Clark } to amount on 2 hundred

Carried

Cr Martin } For grubbing from Rathbun to Nutts
Cr Hall } parish of Wagoner Carried

Cr Redwood } For erection of footbridge at Emuf P.O
Cr Hall } Carried

Cr Coutts } For construction of culvert over
Cr Redwood } Spring Flat creek on Waldronburn
& Nutters Flat road Carried

Council's Business

Cr Hall called attention to what he regarded as an absurdity viz the keeping the 1st May Separation Day as a holiday. He looked upon it as a useless holiday with no old association to endear it and moved that the Secretary ~~for the Municipality~~ apply ~~to the Government~~ [illegible]

Carried

Cr Martin referred to the vacancy in the office of Inspector of nuisances that had occurred through the death of Inspector Killam & moved that Cont[illegible] be appointed [illegible]
Cr Ross objected to Cont[illegible] as Korneyale was in the Eastern portion of the Riding & as the Inspector had to visit Conner and the Western portion of the Riding he considered an officer [illegible]

Cr Clark approved of Cr Martins proposition as an Inspector of Nuisances was much required at Korneyale [illegible]

Cr Hall moved the matter be deferred till the Council ascertains what changes or arrangements are contemplated by the Inspector. Seconded by Cr Clark [illegible]

Inspection

By Cr Redwood Engineer to have holes filled near Bates on Mahone road & report on road from Gardo to Flour Mill Bridgewater.

By Cr Martin Engineer to have culvert put on road by Sinclairs Mills
Cannot be done, no funds

By Cr Ross Engineer to have formation through Conner road extended
No funds

By Cr Ross } to have 5/8 mile of clearing done by
Sec Cr Clark } Cadwallo. Carried.

By Cr Martin } Engineer to survey a road from
Cr Ross } Waldronburn & Charlton road west of [illegible] & [illegible] lands, [illegible] 9.

By Cr Hall Engineer to survey road from Redwood [illegible] Mahoganian Flat [illegible]

And from R.R. corner Greenalbyn, by Pope's Harding [illegible]

Also from Morrow's to West Lordon road [illegible]

Mr Cr Ross } Engineer to have holes filled up between Montague [illegible]

Mr Clark called attention to the large sums of money being paid away for the destruction of wild dogs, the greater proportion of which, he understood, was paid within the Shire. He thought the Shire subsidy should be paid only on sums [illegible] from persons resident within the Shire. After some further discussion it was decided to allow the matter to remain as a general bill be [illegible]

Amending Local Govt Act

The Secretary produced a copy of the Act and enumerated the [illegible]

On the motion of Mr Clark it was resolved that the Secretary be [illegible] and suggest any further alterations he might [illegible] each being that provision should be made for the [illegible] and that copies of suggestions be sent to Members of Council & Assembly & Members for Province [illegible] seconded by Mr Hall & [illegible]

Mr Clark was empowered to sign cheques

Mr Ross } That the following accounts be
Mr Clark } passed and paid.—

481	A. Ruder Conference expenses Melbourne	5 — 0 — 0
482	M. Hall Land for Res[illegible] reservoir	6 — —
483	Con 92. Jones	35 — 0 — 0
484	Priddy Cleaning Market Square	4 — 2 —
485	[illegible]	9 — 6 —
[illegible]	Whitley removing fallen timber from road	1 — 4 — 0
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

		£ 58 . 12
488	Con 23 Forrest	3 - 4 - 4
489	Con 93 "	30 - 0 - [illegible]
490	Wages of labourers trenching Market square	9 - 17 - 2
491	Wm Ruder rent of the Hall to [illegible]	40 - 0 - 0
492	Weldish cartage & fitting of stroughs [illegible]	5 - 12 - [illegible]
493	Congn. Rice	15 - 0 - [illegible]
494	John O'Neill weighbridge Commission	6 - 1 - [illegible]
495	Lands Office fees for survey of Reserve [illegible]	3 - [illegible]
496	Wm McLeod Shut lamps for [illegible]	3 - 1 - 1
497	Wheelton Waterworks loan	28 - 9 - 10
498	Con 97. Jones	25 - 0 - 0
499	Con [illegible] Ruder	7 - 6 - [illegible]
[illegible]	Con 67. Ruder	5 - 16 - 0
501	Buddigo Pottery & earthenware pipes	11 - 12 - 0
502	Expenses in transferring School land & [illegible]	2 - 15 - 0
503	C. Stone [illegible] rabbit scalps [illegible]	16 - 11 - 8
504	[illegible]	14 - 9 - [illegible]
505	Inspector Delaney salary to [illegible]	2 - 10 - 0
506	Con 93 Jones	30 . 0 . [illegible]
507	Inspector Nolan salary to [illegible]	5 . 0 . 0
[illegible]	Pitman Clerk of works salary to [illegible]	[illegible]
509	Secretary 1 mo salary	25 . 0 . 0
510	Engineer 1 months salary	29 . 3 . 4
511	J. Long 4 week salary	6 . 0 . 0
512	Cook salary for quarter (as Rate collector)	12 . 10
513	Cook " " " "	[illegible]
514	[illegible] " " "	18 . 0 .
515	Sundries — — —	10 . 11 .
516	Thos & Rae for Shut lamps [illegible]	[illegible] . 1 .
517	Lighting Office [illegible]	[illegible]
518	[illegible]	1 . 10 .
519	[illegible] fencing	8 . 11 .
520	John Leach rabbit scalps Thompson	4 . 13 .
[illegible]	Inspector [illegible] salary to [illegible]	5 . 0
522	[illegible] — Printing [illegible]	8 . 17
[illegible]	Town Office [illegible]	[illegible]
		£ 637 . 10

Interest Bank Deposit	£637	10	0
	35	12	7
	£673	3	3

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

Confirmed

August 21st 1883 Donald Ross President

Resignation of President Quirk.

On the 19th July Councillor Quirk sent to the Secretary his resignation of office as president of the Shire and councillor for the North Riding. Cr. Bourchier, being the only member for that Riding was appointed Returning Officer in the room of Cr. Quirk, and, as directed by the 108th section of the L. G. Act in cases where no day of election for extraordinary vacancies is fixed, the election for a councillor to fill this vacancy was held on the 21st day after the vacancy namely, the 9th August.

The Shire Secretary was appointed Deputy Returning Officer for the North & Central Ridings and for the election for local auditor.

Annual Election 9th August 1883.

North Riding.

At the annual election for the North Riding Mr. John Hartion was the only candidate nominated and I therefore declared him to be duly elected

Geo. E. Bourchier
Returning Officer

Central Riding.

At the annual election for the Central Riding the following candidates were nominated and received the number of votes placed opposite their respective names

	Votes.
John J. Lilford Cahill	212
Robert Stud	201

I therefore declared Mr. John J. Lilford Cahill to be duly elected

Donald Ross Returning Officer

South Riding.

At the annual election for the South Riding the only candidate nominated was Mr. Richard Redwood and I therefore declared him to be duly elected

Wm Hall Returning Officer

Election for Local Auditor.
9th August 1883. —

The following candidates were nominated for the office of local auditor for the Shire of Kiama and received the number of votes placed opposite their respective names

	Votes
John Craig	242
Joshua Rogers Gray	414
Henry Frederick Cook	152

I therefore declare Mr. Joshua Rogers Gray to be duly elected.

Wm. Kinsela
Deputy Returning Officer

We certify the above return to be correct.

Returning Officer North Riding
Returning Officer Central Riding
Returning Officer South Riding

Extraordinary Election for one Councillor for the North Riding in the room of Councillor Quirk who resigned his seat on the 19th July 1883, held on the 9th August 1883.

At this election the following candidates were nominated and received the number of votes placed opposite their respective names.

Robert Laidlaw	137
James Paterson	137

The voting being equal I gave my casting vote for Mr. James Paterson and declare him to be duly elected

Wm. Kinsela
Returning Officer