Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Korong Shire Council held in the Shire Hall Wedderburn on the 16th October 1883.

Present Cr Rossie in the chair, Crs Paterson, Redwood, Bourchier, Coutts, Hall. Clark Martin & Cahill.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed —

Correspondence

1. Secretary Avoca Trust forwarding cheque for £50. 9. 6 in payment of pump and tank at Charlton — Received —

2. Secretary Shire of St Arnaud stating that matter of Bridge over Avoca had been referred to Engineer for report. Received —

3. Victorian Infant Asylum soliciting donation — no action

4. Secretary for Mallee Conference forwarding acc^t for £3. 3/- that amount being Councils Share of Expenses —
Cr Bourchier } That amount be paid —
Cr Coutts } Carried

5. Secretary Public Works Department intimating that Mr W. B. Blackham had been appointed auditor on behalf of the Govt — Received

6. W. A Jones, Contractor re claim for additional payment on well near Douglas & stating willingness to accept £11 — 8/- in full settlement of same if Council would grant it — Received

7. Secretary Municipal Association that date of Group meeting would probably be the 28th Inst — in

The President had attended, and reported that owing to the sparse attendance no quorum could be formed, but that subjects on the business paper were considered and that the recommendations made by this Council were approved and ordered to be sent to the Central Committee.

He considered the Association of little value and suggested the withdrawal of the Councils support after the expiration of the present year for which period the subscription

had been paid. This was agreed to and the Secretary was instructed to inform the Secretary of the Association to that effect—

8. William Curtis (Tawonga) in reply to a letter re brush fences & rabbits &c that complaints made against him were exaggerated, and that he had destroyed portions of his fence and adopted various means to extirpate the rabbits
Received

9. Town Clerk Ballarat re fish and advising Council to wait till May or June, as being the months in which transportation is likely to be attended with most success.—Received—

10. Secretary Wychipros Railway Banquet Committee forwarding complementary ticket to President — Received—

11. Secretary Public Works Department— re proclamation of polling places — Received

12. Shire Secty St Arnaud re bridge over Avoca.

13. Secretary for Water Supply re claim against London Water Trust— stating that matter could not be dealt with till provision had been made for payment of same by an amendment of the Trust's schedule of Works— Received

14. Secretary for Public Works that the Vote for Subsidy of £500 towards Charlton Drainage works had lapsed and would not be available till revoted by Parliament.—Received—

15. F. C Mannell (Solicitor) forwarding certificate of Title for Chamberlains Cr lease also Bill for charges — £5 —
Cr Bourchier } That Mannells account be paid and that
Cr Paterson } a crown Grant be obtained for land purchased from Chamberlain Carried
The Secretary }

16. Central Board of Health re Contagious Diseases

stating that the Central Board would willingly adopt any better method of obtaining information on the above subject that could be devised.
The Secretary was instructed to again write, pointing out that State School teachers should be instructed to give information of appearance of infectious disease to Local Boards so that preventive measures could be at once adopted.

17. Secretary for Lands that steps were being taken to temporarily reserve for Water Supply purposes allot 8 Section R township of Weeaburn Received

18. Manager Bank Victoria Inglewood acknowledging receipt of Cheque £52 - 10/- in payment of Coupons on Shire debentures
Received

19. Shire Secty St Arnaud that Cr Margetts & Vernon had been appointed to attend Conference at Charlton on Rabbit question
Received

20. Telegram Swanhill Shire stating that delegates would attend Conference on Rabbit question —

21. Secretary for Lands that steps were being taken to temporarily reserve for Camping, and affording access to water Allot 13 of Section A parish of Berrinal — Received

22. Swanhill Trust enclosing cheque for £50. 15. 9. for work at Douglas Korrewillock and stating that application for a further amount was not entertained by the Trust—
Received, and in the face of this refusal of the Trust to make any extra allowance the Council decided to not pay Jones the Contractor anything more on a/c of the work.

23. Secretary Ripon Shire re borrowtires — and requesting Council, if they approved of the proposal, to ask their Parliamentary Representatives to support it in Parliament —
Cr Paterson moved and Cr Hall seconded that Support of

Council be given to proposal to lease —

For	against
Paterson	Coutts
Hall	Bourchier
Ross.	Redwood
Clark	Martin & Cahill

The motion was lost

24. Secretary Korong Vale Institute applying for donation
Cr Ross } That £10 be given to Institute
Cr Coutts }

Amendment
Cr Clark that the application stand over till after Refreshment
For 5 against 4 Carried

25 Under Treasurer stating that amount of £15-16-9 interest accrued to Octo 1st had been invested and added to Victorian Govt Stock standing to credit of Shire Sinking Fund account.
Received

26. Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution for donation

37. District Survey office St Arnaud requesting payment of fees for Survey of gravel Reserve parish of Boroung

28. Messrs Maclean Bros & Rigg stating they could supply 3 ½ ton Weighbridges at once and quoting prices &c

29. The same amending quotations —

30. The same that they had now only one bridge in Stock but expected shipment in a month —
Bridges desired to be erected as soon as possible

31. Deville Stowe, who forwarded about 52½ dozen rabbit
32. ears and scalps on which he claimed the Shire bonus, after
33. having been informed that the Council would not purchase scalps from dealers —
Moved by Cr Bourchier } That Stowe a/c for 52½ dozen
Seconded by Cr Paterson } scalps be paid for @ 5/- per doz
Carried

34. G T Grant Caretaker Rheola Reservoir reporting that application had been made for the Sale of an allotment through which the pipes from the Reservoir were laid —
Secretary was instructed to object to the Sale and apply for the Reservation and control being placed under Council of the pipe track area — —

35 Central Board of Health re outbreak of Scarlet Fever at School Bulla Bulla Creek — Secretary had taken action

36 C Trego (Powlett) That Scarlet Fever had been eradicated from that locality &c Received

37. Inspector Delaney report on same —

38. Inspector Delaney report on outbreak of diphtheria at Bryans near Glenalbyn Railway Station & Scarlet Fever at Bul a Bul Creek. Received

39 Telegram from same that diphtheria was spreading at Glenalbyn and recommending closing school — Received —

40. Inspector Nolan (Charlton) enclosing letter from Dr Dean and reporting on outbreak of scarlet Fever and Measles and recommending Council to provide Medical attendance and disinfectants —
Cr Bourchier } That Medical attendance be provided
Cr Coutts } where necessary — Carried.
~~Secretary stated that disinfectants supplied~~

Treasurer reported since last meeting Receipts £2846.8/6
Expenditure £1030:7:4 Bank overdraft £907
including Treasury order returned unpaid for £500 —
Moved Cr Paterson & seconded by Cr Ross that report be approved
Carried

The Secretary reported that the Shire books had been closed and balanced to 30th September 1883. as required by the Local Govt Act —
Cr Coutts } That Estimates as submitted be passed and
Cr Bourchier } adopted — Carried —

Moved by Cr ~~Ross~~ Paterson } That in order to raise the sum
Seconded by Cr Ross } required for works and general expenditure during the year as shown by the Estimates adopted, a general rate of one shilling per pound on the annual value of all rateable property within the Shire be made and levied for the period ending 30th September 1884. and that such rate be due and payable on and after the 31st October inst
Carried

The Valuer submitted the valuation of Rateable property showing a total nett annual value of £63.968.
Moved by Cr Coutts } That the valuers report
Seconded by Cr Hall } be received and the valuation of rateable property submitted by him be approved and confirmed –
Carried

The Engineer reported the approval by the Public Works Department of plans and specifications for bridge over the Kingparnie creek at Wagos hire which could now be let at once – He enumerated various repairs to crossings &c in Agnia and Fernihurst – which had been necessitated through the late floods, and was of opinion that works which answered very well before the Loddon water was diverted into the Kingparnie creek would not bear the increased scour they are subjected to now – and seeing that when the Loddon ~~Inst~~ works are completed, the Kingparnie creek would be in almost constant flow he recommended provision being made for the erection of a bridge at the earliest convenience
With respect to the road required by Stewarts and Edwards Kingsoon he found that the most suitable route had been interfered with by the selection of an allotment recently, and in view of the difficulty of finding a practicable road suggested the appointment of the members for the Central Riding to deal with the matter –
Re Leslie & Co arrangement to deliver metal 1150 yards had been delivered and the balance was about to be

delivered, and he asked for instructions as to spreading the same. Had communicated with W Brown with a view to getting latest Surveys plotted on the map and he had promised to commence at once –
He reported that Lucas had completed the forming at Salisbury and that an additional 4 chains was required –
Cr Redwood } That extra forming at Salisbury as recommended
Cr Hall } by Engineer be done – Carried – also side drains about 30 chains on south side – carried –

Cr Bourchier considered the Kingparnie bridge to be a work properly within the province of the Trust, and further action in the matter was postponed pending a reply from the Secretary for the Trust –

Cr Cahill } That the Central Riding members and Eng
Cr Ross } visit the locality and decide what is best to be done re road by Stewarts – Carried

Cr Paterson moved that the further purchase of metal from Railway Contractors be held over for the present – seconded by Cr Martin and carried.

Cr Coutts
Cr Redwood } That Engineers Report be received and approved Carried

Presentation to Ex-Councillor Steel

The President introduced Mr Steel who was invited to a seat at the Council table, and the Secretary read an address to him signed by the Councillors and Officers Mr Steel thanked the Council for the address and expressed his appreciation of the friendly expressions contained in it –
Cr Paterson heartily approved of every word contained in the address, he was followed by Crs Hall Bourchier Clark Coutts who spoke to same effect –

Mr Stut again thanked the Council and asked leave to withdraw —

Cr Paterson } That £70. be voted for charitable purposes
Cr Bourchier } to be divided in accordance with list furnished by Secretary — Carried —

Motions under Notice.

Cr Paterson } That tenders be called for metalling rear
Cr Martin } Moreang East School. Amt. not to exceed £50. — Carried

Cr Redwood } Tenders be called for culvert and draining
Cr Hall } and filling swamp on road from Inglewood and Tarnagulla road to ~~Nuthbridge~~ Tarnagulla & Bendigo road over Bul a Bul creek by Mr Dwyers Carried

Cr Cahill } Tenders be called for improving Sandhill
Cr Ross } Bonnie & Charlton Road — Carried —

Cr Cahill } Tenders be called for clearing continuation of
Cr Ross } Wilson Street — Carried —

Cr Martin } Tenders be called for bridge Kingsland
Cr Bourchier } creek — carried —

Cr Coutts } Tenders be called for forming and
Cr Redwood } draining about 10. chains West Loddon road by Powlett — Carried —

Cr Hall } Tenders for repairing Burkes Flat and
Cr Redwood } Avoca Forest road by Sutherlands —
2 Tenders for repairing road from from Finger post Bealiba to Burkes Flat past Sorrahs land.
— Carried —

Cr Clark Tenders for Culvert opposite Chambers Kingsland Withdrawn altogether

The Public Works Committee then brought up the following Tenders —

1. Clearing from Caledonian Flat towards Tarnagulla
Estimate £21.
G Morse £19. Recommended

2. Grubbing &c from Gibbons to Whiteheads Salisbury West
J. Rose 16. 16. 3 Estimate £22-16-9
D Sanborne 22. 16. 9 Rose recommended

3. Supplying and Spreading gravel Bonnie & Weatherburn road
Nellis & Derby £75-0-0 Estimate £43-12-6
Guthrie 50-0-0
G. Rose 40-12-6
W. Crisp 62-10-0
Dillon & Wildish 84-10-0
J. Hughes 50-0-0
M. Rowler 44-15-0
G. Duckett 38-6-8
Recommended Duckett if he declines to go on Wildish rd to have it.

4. Forming by Harrisons Walls Sag & Mysia road
G. Lucas 154-10-0 Estimate £138-
W. Crisp 115-0-0
J. Forrest 149-0-0
J. H. Beer 134-0-0
Rodgers & Richardson 108-0-0
Recommended Rodgers & Richardson

5. Supplying and spreading 1000 yards metal Hope Creek
Nellis & Derby 118-0-0 Estimate £100.
G. Lucas 95-16-8 Rodgers & Richardson 63-10-
A. Keogh 150-0-0 A. Simpson 94-10-8
W. Crisp 150-0-0 W. Madine 110-0-0
J. H. Beer 107-10-0 Recommended Rodgers & Richardson
J. Forrest 125-0-0 if they decline Lucas to have it

6. Grubbing and Clearing from Hilliards to Allens Collins &c
Korsang — Estimate £ 15-10-6
R. Baker 14. 13. 3.
M. Rowler 15. 10. 6
H. & Hickmott 11. 12. 10 Recommended Hickmott

7. Grubbing from Railway gates by Hamiltons to Shaws Borung
Estimate £ 16. 14. 6
Ellis & Derby 17. 10. 0
F. Rose 14. 17. 4
M. Rowler 13. 18. 9
Recommended Rowler

8. Grubbing by Winters and Whites Selections Barraker.
R Baker 10. 13. 4
F. Rose 10. 0. 0
M. Rowler 11. 3. 4 Recommended Rose

9. Widening Clearing from Brennanah to Job Roberts
W. Lovell 42. 18. 0 Estimate £ 32. 3. 6
F. Rose 32. 3. 6
W. Crisp 52. 2. 6
L. Hutchison 39. 6. 6 Recommended Rose

Moved by Cr Paterson
Seconded by Cr Coutts } That the tenders of Messrs Rose Rose 3. Duckett Rodgers Richardson 2 Hickmott and Rowler as recommended by the Public Works Committee be accepted — Carried —

General Business

Cr Ross
Cr Clark } That the Council support the Government proposals to annex New Guinea and the New Hebrides and that the Secretary forward a copy of the Resolution to the Hon the Premier. Carried —

Cr Clark resumed the discussion re application for assistance from the Secretary Corong Vale Institute and moved that £ 20 be granted —

Cr Ross considered that in the present state of the finances £10. should suffice, & moved to that effect seconded by Cr Coutts and carried —

Cr Coutts moved that the Assistant Secretary's salary be increased to £2 per week seconded by Cr Ross ~~and carried~~

For	against
Coutts	Clark
Hall	Bourchier
Paterson	Cahill
Martin	Redwood
Ross	

Carried

Instructions

By Cr Coutts Secretary to enquire as to power of Councils to Construct tramways.

By Cr Clark Engineer to have Crossing constructed by Barnetts and Betts Terraces, provided cost does not exceed £20 —

By Cr Bourchier
Seconded by Cr Martin } Engineer to have all stumps taken out of road from Wychitella Station past Beds selections also to have crossing constructed near Sparks where pointed out by Cr Paterson Carried

By Cr Martin. Crossing to be constructed on road through Stewarts & Eng to inspect road from Ritchies to Kirks (M Harvey's Contract)

By Cr Martin that £ 4. balance of cost for road purchased from Stewart be paid to him seconded by Cr Paterson. Carried.

By Cr Cahill Engineer to have cleared 1/2 Mile of road from Gutheries by Camp reserve east to Widdeys.

By Cr Ross
Cr Clark } That tenders be called for repairing approach to ~~Wychitella~~ crossing over Railway on Wychitella road. — Carried —

By Cr Redwood Engineer to have crossing made by Omish and Larkins.

2. Engineer to report on road from Kheola to Weaderburn at Johnsons near Chinese Camp —

By Cr Redwood Engineer to have road by Beechs and Watts grubbed by Barrone at scheduled rate –

2. Engineer to report on road between Smellies and Allens on Inglewood and Korong Vale road –

3. Engineer to report on cost of forming & metalling between Kellys and Guilfoyles –

By Cr Coutts Engineer to report on Crossing by Hargreaves and McCamish –

By Cr Bourchier That crossing be made by Deaddons and Butterfields and metalling to the extent of £8. be done Seconded by Cr Martin and Carried.

By Cr Coutts Engineer to have Barrones contract for grubbing extended South from Hubbards one mile –

By Cr Coutts Engineer to have road by P. Nelsons Glenalbyn cleared –

By Cr Clark Engineer to have road by Carlons ~~drained~~,

Cr Clark, Cr Ross } with leave that tenders be called for erection of a bridge over Korong Creek near Morgans – Carried

Cr Redwood, Cr Hall } Engineer to have drains at Big Hill Wehla cleaned out. Carried

Notices of Motion

Cr Ross Tenders be called for a culvert and 20 chains filling in Black Swamp by McSimmons and Rowes also for drains from McSimmons to Black Swamp –

Cr Bourchier That the day of meeting be altered from Tuesday to Wednesday –

Cr Martin For forming by Hamiltons &c and for clearing all dead wood and stumps from 3 chain road running East from Boroing Station –

Report from Delegates to Rabbit Conference

Cr Clark reported having attended a meeting (at Charlton) of delegates from the councils of the Shire of Swan Hill (one of whom was absent) and St Arnaud. There was no properly formed meeting but a resolution was passed affirming the advisability of increasing the bonus on ears and scalps to 1/- per dozen during the Summer months. Also that an endeavor should be made to obtain a proportionately increased Subsidy from the Government –

It was unanimously agreed that a Conference of ~~all~~ delegates from all Shires interested in the subject should be held in Melbourne. And that depots should be established in the worst infested districts of the Shire for the purchase of ears and scalps –

Cr Bourchier spoke on the subject and referred to his motion to appoint an Inspector under the Rabbit Act at £100- per annum which had been overruled by the Council at last meeting when he was absent –

He considered an Inspector should be appointed as the best means of dealing with the plague –

Cr Coutts, Cr Paterson } That Cr Clarks report be received and recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted – ~~and~~ that delegates be appointed to attend Conference at the Exchange Melbourne November 13th – to be called by the Secretary. Carried

Crs Paterson and Bourchier to be delegates

Cr Coutts, Cr Hall } That the following accounts be passed and paid

683	Ann Carlon cleaning N & S road	5 - 0 - 0	
684	Congl. Machine	70 - 0 - 0	
		75 - 0 - 0	

		£	s.	d.
	Forward £	75	0	0
685	John Wilson lamplighting Wednesbury	3	16	2
686	Office Expenses. Firewood Revenue &c	15	12	0
687	Rabbit Orders (Reach)	10	2	6
688	Con 919. M Harvey	15		
689	Con 925. Beer	25		
690	Grant 167 dog ½ Rabbit bars &c	6	5	7
691	Grant Commission on dog Registrations &c	13	1	3
692	Grant for Connell curator Cheslyn Reservoir	2	0	0
693	Con 920. M Lowler	30	0	0
1	Con 926 Baker	30	14	9
2	Con 893 Honest	12	8	6
3	Con 935 Forest	60	0	0
4	Con 936. Rose	6		
5	Con 922 & 938 Crisp	20		
6	Con 914 Lucas	40		
7	Mining carting and spreading metal	75		
8	Con 931 Maclure	12		
9	Interest on Debentures	52	10	0
10	Con 896 Wildish	28	16	0
11	Con 937. Wildish & Co	30		
12	Con 931. Maclure	60		
13	Con 911. Rose	15		
14	Duckett cutting side drains by Wilsons	10	12	
15	Rabbit Orders Cook	8	5	1
16	George Ross labour at Wilsons paddock	3		
17	Whitney repairing Barkers Flat road	10		
18	Rabbit Orders Reach	12	15	9
19	John O'Keefe Weighbridge Commission	2		
20	Con 938. Crisp	10		
21	Lemon grubbing by Butters & Buckhaby &c	3		
22	Ross rolling road and carting gravel	4	1	
23	Lemon grubbing by Laidlaws	7	11	2
24	Con 925. Beer	15		
25	Con 943. Thomas	21	10	
26	Con 955. Sanonne	10		
27	Con 957. do	8	5	4
	Forward £	464	7	1

		£	s.	d.
	Forward £	464	7	1
28	Con 956. Sanonne	5		
29	Con 920. C. Mann	24	10	
30	Con 901. Kinsey	45		
31	Con 941. Crisp	20		
32	Con 937. Wildish & Dillon	8	10	6
33	Con 928. E H Laity	11	15	8
34	Con 922 & 938. R Crisp	22	15	6
35	Con 878 W. Crisp	4		
36	Con 916. J. B. Kenny	18		
37	W. A Jones various repairs South Riding	11	14	0
38	Mining carting and spreading metal Charlton	57	1	0
39	Evans repairing crossing Kingsbank Duck	10	10	
40	Mrs Moorcroft Residents Allowance	3	16	6
41	Tribune Office Charlton Painting	3	0	0
42	Rabbit Orders Reach	5	19	3
43	Star Office advertising	1	15	0
44	Rabbit Orders paid by Cook	4	1	9
45	G. Whitney Senr 1 day labour	6	12	0
46	Richardson Horse and dray South Rdg	5	8	0
47	H. Ashton day labour per acc South Rdg	4	7	0
48	W S Steel day labour per acc	6	12	0
49	A. Bobier Horse and dray work per acc	2	16	0
50	Nelson making and fixing gates Reservoir	6	5	0
51	Guarantee premiums for Collectors	4	15	0
52	Robinson & Co S.C.I pipes	34	0	0
53	C. H. Maunsell purchase of land & expenses	5		
54	Boort Wild Dog Society bonus on skins	4		
55	Arnall & Jackson Printing &c	24	4	9
56	Inspector Coffey salary	5		
57	Survey fees for Gravel Reserve Bonna	4	13	6
58	Inspector Delaney salary & Health acc	3	6	6
59	Secretary 1 month Salary	25		
60	A R Gray 1 mo Salary	6		
61	John B Starr 1 mo Salary	29	3	4
62	Rabbit Suppression	6	13	6
	Forward £	1205	12	10

	Forward £	1205	12	10
63.	Office Expenses	4	12	2
64	James Abson repairs to Powbett road	1	10	0
65	A. Chisholm day labour	9	12	0
66	Lock & Craig various articles per acct	4	13	2
67	Sundries per Voucher	10	19	2
68	John Keith Salary as Rate Collector	12	10	0
69	Bosh do " "	12	10	0
70	Grant do " "	18	0	0
71	John Wilson salary as Lamplighter	3	16	2
72	President Ross expense in attending Provincial	2	2	0
73	Road Purchase balance to Stewart	4	0	0
	£	1289	17	6

The next meeting was ordered to be held on the second day after the meeting then closed.

Witness Jas. Ross Jun.
Donald Ross President