Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Korong Shire Council held in the Shire Hall Kerrenburn 18th December 1883.

Present Cr Ross, (President in the Chair) Clarke, Hall, Martin, Paterson, Redwood, Bourchier, Cahill and Coutts

Minutes of previous meeting were read and Confirmed

Correspondence:-

1. Geo Ward for additional payment on Work near Ducketts-
Cr Bourchier } That the balance £2-5/- be paid to Ward
Cr Clark } Carried

2. Secretary for Lands that Reservation of 22 acres of land in the town of Kooyoorah had been Gazetted on the 16/11/83.
Received

3. Secty for N. W agricultural Society acknowledging receipt of Councils donation of £10. Received

4. W Horwood (Castlemaine) ~~offering~~ soliciting order for improved road roller similar to in design to one supplied to Council previously
Received

5. Secretary Bet-Bet Shire re Crossing near Kietalmano Bul a Bul Creek to which that Council would contribute £30 the amount on their Estimates. Received

6. Secretary London Trust- with cheque for £787. 10. 2 payment for works transferred. Received

7. Neil Christenson (Wooraing) re exchange of land for Road purposes and offering to sell 5 acres at £2 per acre when he obtains lease
Cr Paterson } That the Secretary inform Christenson of
Cr Clark } the Councils willingness to purchase the land when the lease is obtained Carried.

8 Wild Dog Suppression Association Report with claim for bonus of £1 on Wild Dog Skin purchased by Society-

Cr Coutts moved } That One pound be paid to
Cr Bourchier seconded } the Wild Dog Suppression association
in settlement of their claim — Carried —

9. Secretary for Lands that Camping Reserve in the Parish of Beminal had been placed under control of Council
Received

10. Secretary Shire of Hampden re rabbit Suppression
Received

11. Secretary Shire of Kowree ~~that~~ approving of Councils views re rabbit Suppression and explaining that as Shearing was in full swing delegates could not attend Conference on the subject held at Exchange recently —
Received

12. Patrick O'Brien reporting depth of 14 feet of Water in the Kingower Reservoir —

13. McLean Bros & Rigg that Vessel containing Weighbridges was expected daily — Secretary stated that bridges had arrived

14. Government Statist forwarding form for Municipal Districts' return —
received

15. Secretary for Lands forwarding copy of the Mallee Act and Complete Set of the maps of the Mallee Country
Received

16. Central Board of Health with three copies of "Public Health Amendment Statute 1883" and intimating that the Central Board were engaged in framing various instructions ~~for~~ the guidance of local Boards which would be forwarded in due Course —
Received

17. Shire Secty St Arnaud (postcard) acknowledging letter from this Council re proposal for increase of bonus for Rabbit cars, which he did not think would be adopted by —
The Secretary stated that St Arnaud Council had declined to increase bonus —

18. Secretary for Lands that steps were being taken to temporarily Reserve 136. a. 1. r. 27. land in the Parish of Borung
Received

19. Secretary for Railways that Department did not consider it desirable to grant permission to erect weighbridge on the Borung Station Reserve as the use of the Bridge would possibly be required before and after Business hours and for other Railway purposes Received
~~Cr Paterson considered the objection a valid one.~~
Cr Bourchier thought the same objection might be raised to the Wychitella Bridge where the Engineer had applied for leave to remove the railway fence sufficient to enable the bridge to be built on the one chain road. and he moved that in the event of the Department declining to allow the removal of the fence, that the Engineer select the most suitable site.
Seconded by Cr Martin and carried —

20. Municipal Association Stating that it was intended to Submit Mr Gillies Endowment Clauses to members of Association next group meeting and requesting Council to forward any notices or Suggestions it may have thereon not later than the 20th January next. also any further Amendments on the local Government Act which it is required to include in the next Business Sheet to be forwarded at the same time —
Cr Clark } That Secretary supply members with
Cr Bourchier } Copies of Mr Gillies Endowment Clauses for Consideration. Carried

21. Shire of Bainsdale soliciting Cooperation in an effort to induce Parliament to retain the present duties on all feeding grains —
Amendment by Cr Martin seconded Cr Coutts that the Council co-operate with Bainsdale Council
Amendment by Cr Martin seconded
After some discussion, ~~ask to whether~~ the Council should not interfere in matters of a political nature — Cr Redwood then moved that this Council Cooperate with Bainsdale if the duties are taken off Agricultural machinery
Seconded by

by Cr Bourchier and Carried the voting thus
For 5. Cr Redwood — Against 4.

For	Against
Bourchier	Paterson
Ross	Clark
Martin	Coutts
Cahill	Hall

22. Secretary for Lands returning plan and field notes of Reservoir area, & pipe track for additions thereto. and inquiring if Council desired the land ~~[illegible]~~ available for Reservation, be also not excepted from mining. Received

23. George Shearman (Yamaguella) with copy of petition forwarded to the Minister for Lands, Moving for its object the throwing open for Selection a Strip of land on the Kangaroo creek and soliciting co-operation of Council in the matter —
Cr Redwood sympathised with the petitioners and moved that Council give its support to the movement for throwing open the ~~same~~ land reserved
Seconded by Cr Hall and Carried

24. W. M Kentish (Charlton) for permission to erect verandah. (Granted on usual conditions)

25 Secretary for Lands that Reserve 22 acres in the town of Koorooroh had been placed under control of Council. Received

26 Society for Protection of Cruelty to animals applying for donation. Received
Cr Clark } that One guinea be given to the Society —
Cr Hall } Carried.

27. Treasury Melbourne stating that £2 for a Temporary Licence issued on the 20th December last should have been paid to Receiver of Revenue and requesting that the

fee less 2/- percentage already paid be handed over to the local Receiver of Revenue —
The money ~~[illegible]~~ paid over as requested.

28. John Poyer (Wychitella) applying for position of Caretaker of Wychitella Weir bridge.
Cr Bourchier moved that applications be invited for the office of Caretaker for ~~of~~ bridges in the North Riding to be in in a fortnight, Secretary and Engineer to receive ~~[illegible]~~ the tenders at lowest percentage to be appointed if in other respects suitable. Seconded by Cr Martin and Carried —

29. Secretary for Lands that Steps were being taken to temporarily Reserve the land known as "Market Square" Heathcote — Received

30 The same re boundaries of Market Square,
Received information given

31. John A Craig (Secty Koroing Agricult Society) applying on behalf of the Society for the use of the Shire Hall to hold all their meetings —
Cr Redwood moved that the request be granted
Seconded by Cr Ross and Carried.

The Council then adjourned for the purpose of holding the annual meeting —

Annual Meeting adjourned from last month

The Secretary reported that the audit had not yet been commenced and Br Paterson moved that the annual meeting be further adjourned till date of next ordinary meeting, seconded by Br Ross and Carried —

The ordinary meeting resumed. & Correspondence Continued

32. Messrs Alexander Broo and others in North Riding asking that a road might be formed through Capt Haines land —

Br Paterson moved that Secretary and Engineer take the necessary Steps to carry out the wishes of the Ratepayers by communicating with Capt Haines and reporting to next meeting Seconded by Br Bourchier and Carried —

33. C. F. Mannell Solicitor Charlton re transfer of land Woorarra, attended to.

34. C. F. Mannell the same attended to.

35. Collectors for North & Central Ridings offering to Collect agricultural Statistics in their respective Ridings for £12 each in addition to bonus from Govt, the Secretary Stated that Collector for South Riding had agreed to ~~accept~~ collect Statistics in his Riding for a proportionate amount —

Br Clark } That the Collectors be appointed at
Br Paterson } the rates mentioned — Carried —

36 Daniel Arnoldt offering building lately occupied by Bank of Victoria for Shire Hall —
On the motion of Br Clark it was decided to hold the letter over till the whole matter was dealt with.

37 Dr McVean offering his services as Health Officer —
Mr McVean attended and explained that the large extent of the Shire made the duties of the Office worth £100 per annum.
Br Paterson was not disposed to make any permanent appointment without due consideration and moved for the temporary appointment of Dr McVean till next meeting
Br Clark agreed with Br Paterson and Seconded the motion which was carried. The Secretary was instructed to supply members with return showing expense to Shire under Health act for 8 or 9 years back —

The Treasurer reported ~~receipts~~ since last meeting
Receipts £1008.12.7 Expenditure £1269 " 6-1
Overdraft £1660.11.9

Cr Clark } That Treasurers report be adopted
Cr Coutts } Carried

Cr Clark } moved that applications be invited
Cr Ross } for the office of Caretaker of the Koorongvale weighbridge. Cr Coutts objected to such a procedure as there was no complaint against the present Keeper — Cr Bouchier would vote against the motion as no information had been given to Hamilton, Cr Clark stated that Hamiltons appointment was for 12 months and notice was unnecessary the Secretary pointed out the difficulty of getting a person to stay permanently at the Bridge and stated that in the case of Bridgewater where the caretaker had resigned the Council had not received an application for the Place.
The motion was lost the voting being For & against

For	Against
Clark	Bouchier
Ross	Redwood
Cahill	Hall
	Paterson
	Coutts
	Martin

1 Engineer reported re Mr Cattos application to have holes levelled on road at Johnstown, that the fence line had been destroyed by miners working on the road who had not been granted permission to do so in the usual way, if at all. and considered it fair that the Council should contribute something towards bringing the ground back to its usual form, the probable cost of which would not exceed £5-0-0

2. Had communicated with Land Office re Mr Collins statement that no road existed between his land and Mr Kjimmonds in parish of Koorong" and found that a one chain road did exist, as shown on the Parish plan

3. Had in company with Cr Cahill visited the places complained of at Mr Bowar and found that a good road had been left leading up to the saddle

in the range but that a crossing would be required at the S.W. angle of Mrs Prices selection ~~road~~ which would cost about £10.

4. Had abandoned the proposed survey of road near Hulls, Chambers and Douglas parish of Borung over Mr Egbert to the Wedderburn road as not even a fair bridle track could be found running in direction wanted.

5 Had met Central Riding members (Crs Clark & Cahill) the President being absent re catchwater drains near Trimbles land and they had decided to complete the drains.

6. Had surveyed roads in parishes of Buckrabanyule and Wehla but was compelled to stop for want of men.

7 The weighbridges had arrived and he hoped to have them ready for work in a few days.

With regard to Mr Cattos application — On the motion of Cr Hall seconded by Cr Redwood the Engineer was instructed to employ labour to fill the holes on the fence line complained of — Carried

Cr Ross ~~Redwood~~ moved that Collins be allowed two months to remove fence from road in Kooreang & the Engineer to write informing him that a road existed — seconded by Cr Redwood and Carried

Cr Paterson moved that ~~in reference to~~ the matter of selecting road over Mr Egbert ~~the matter~~ be left in the hands of Committee consisting of Crs Martin, Hall and the Engineer to inspect locality and report — seconded by Cr Bouchier and carried.

Cr Coutts } That ~~matter~~ recommendations of committee
Cr Paterson } ~~of~~ re Catchwater drains near Trimbles land
be confirmed Carried by that no alteration be made.

On the motion of Cr Ross seconded by Cr Paterson the Engineers report was adopted —

Cr Clark moved that the Shire Banking a/c
Cr Redwood seconded } remains with the Bank of Victoria until further arrangements can be made. The motion was lost the voting being For 4. Clark, Redwood, Hall, Coutts. Against 5. Ross, Bouchier, Martin, Cahill, Paterson.

Cr Bouchier opposed the motion and considered that the Bank already established in Wedderburn was entitled to the support of the Council.
Cr Martin supported Cr Bouchier and thought the Council had no right to offer any inducement to other Institutions to set up in opposition to the Bank of Australasia ~~at~~ by keeping the

Cr Bouchier
Cr Martin } That the Shire Banking a/c be transferred to the Bank of Australasia Wedderburn provided that satisfactory arrangements can be made, and that a Committee of the President Cr Paterson and the Secretary be appointed to make arrangements.
The voting being For 5. Ross, Bouchier, Martin, Cahill, Paterson. Against 4. Hall, Redwood, Coutts, Clark. Carried.

Cr Cahill moved that the Secretary's salary be reduced £50. from first January 1884. Lost.

Amendment by
Cr Ross
seconded by Cr Redwood } That the matter be postponed for 6. months with a view to a general reduction being made if thought necessary.
For Amendment 5. Ross, Redwood, Martin, Paterson, Hall. Against 4. Clark, Cahill, Bouchier, Coutts.
Amendment Carried

Cr Clark
Cr Bouchier } That a Committee ~~of~~ be appointed to choose site and facilitate the matters in connection with the erection of a new Shire Hall at Wedderburn

Amendment Moved by Cr Coutts seconded by Cr Martin
That Council call for ~~new~~ designs for new Shire Hall to ~~the~~ cost not exceeding £1500. and that a premium of £25 be paid for the accepted design and £10 for the second best. ~~Amendment~~ Carried ~~the only~~ Cr Hall only voting against ~~the motion~~.

Cr Clark
Cr Paterson } That a Conference of delegates from the Shires of St Arnaud and Korong be held at an early date, to consider the necessity for constructing a tramway from St Arnaud to Wedderburn.
Cr Clark in supporting the motion pointed out that the Canadian system can be introduced here and that the tramway proposed could be constructed cheaply and would doubtless pay; from information he had received ~~it~~ light rails could be obtained from the Government and the line constructed in level country for about £900 per mile.
Cr Coutts and Cr Ross objected to the proposal on the ground that it is desirable to allow the matter to remain in abeyance till after the next meeting of Parliament. The motion was lost the voting being For 4. Clark, Paterson, Bouchier, Cahill. Against 5. Ross, ~~Orr~~, Redwood, Martin, Coutts.

Cr Hall referred to the necessity of taking some steps to abate the rabbit nuisance in the Kingower District.
Cr Coutts moved that the Secretary write to the Mining Board complaining of the rabbits on the Goldfields. Common ~~and~~ at Inglewood, Kingower, Rheola, and Should the Board fail to take any steps in the matter that Council endeavor to have Common placed under the Control of the Council —
Seconded by Cr Redwood and Carried —

Cr Redwood moved that Council defray half expense of crossing by Mittermann's Bet-Bet Shire be requested to do work, Estimated cost £60 — Seconded by Cr Hall & Carried

Notices of Motion

Cr Clark The scour near Mrs Dices Selection be made good and that tenders be called for the work after next meeting —

Cr Redwood A Culvert be erected on main road from Inglewood to the grain by Mr Mackins, and one on the same road by Larkins —

(1) Cr Hall the road from Mathews to Bridgewater be
(2) formed through the various wet places: — Also that the drain made to take the water off the Swamp through Mr Cattos P.R. be deepened and widened to 1. foot & Some earth put on the side of the road near the Culvert to prevent the water flowing over Mr Cattos land.
(3) That 2 chains be formed and metalled at the boundary of the Borough of Inglewood on the Telegraph road.

Instructions to Officers

By Cr Coutts Engineer to inspect crossing by Mr Griffins on road to the Loddon by Baskervilles and ascertain if water can be brought from West Side of road ~~to~~ to Culvert —

The finance Committee then brought up the accs which were ~~duly~~ passed for payment on the motion of Cr Bouchier Seconded by Cr Ross & carried.

157	Con 966 Rowler	5		
158	Con 932 lamplighting	3	16	2
159	Samuel R, inder valuation expenses	8	10	
160	Grant 215½ dozen Scalps & Commission 17/11	8	19	6
161	Rabbit Orders paid to Bank	4	5	6
162	Grant for Connell curator Rheola Reservoir	2	-	-
163	Weighbridge freight Boroing	5	9	3
164	Con 940. M. Harvey	8	-	-
	Forward £	46	-	5

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165	Lucas 30. chains of drains	9	-	-
166	Con 917. & Lucas	13	2	6
167	Lamont preparing transfer for works to Loddon Trust	3	3	-
168	Rabbit Orders paid by Bank	41	-	
169	Rabbit Orders	1	7	9
170	Crisp various jobs for a/c	3	11	0
171	Con 938 Crisp	14	-	-
172	Hughes fencing approaches to culvert Italian Gully	2	-	-
173	Con 885. Hughes	4	-	-
174	Con 918. Hughes	9	-	-
175	Con 967 Rose	8	16	3
176	Con 968. "	12	-	-
177	McNichol carting bricks to Boroing Impecia for weighbridge	7	7	-
178	Inspector Skehan Salary for quarter ending Nov 21st	2	10	-
179	Inspector Murphy Salary to Nov 21st	2	10	
180	John O'Keefe Weighbridge Commission	2	8	6
181	John Reach rabbit Scalps	6	4	6
182	Crisp Horse and trap for survey of roads	2		
183	Con 887. Hughes	8		
184	Stephenson removing fence from road near Springfield	2	10	
185	Mr Moreno ff Residents allowance	3	16	
186	Whitney repairing Burkes Flat & Bealiba road	2	8	-
187	Bobieson & Horse and Boy 7. days at Boroing Weighbridge	5	3	10
188	Bobieson (Junior) 7. days Boroing Weighbridge	2	2	-
189	W. S. Steel day labour at Boroing	6	12	-
190	A. Keogh repairing Inglewood & Wed road	3	-	-
191	Gould filling Crathole ~~—~~ Barrakee near Smiths	5		
192	L.R. Gray Jun Salary to date	6	13	4
193	Macheau Bros and Rigg Weighbridge	90	-	-
194	Secretary & Treasurer 1mo Salary	25	-	-
195	Engineer 1mo Salary	29	3	4
196	John Wilson 1.mo lamplighting	3	16	2
197	Con 963. Rogers and Richardson	70	-	-
198	Con 954 Morse	12	-	2
199	Con 939 Jones	31	15	
	£	460	2	3

		£	s.	d.
	Forward £	460	2	3
200	Con 949 Keogh	40	0	0
201	Con 952 Chisholm	9	0	0
202	Tribune Office printing and advtg	3	4	0
203	Grant rabbit Scalps & bars	3	15	5
204	Office Expenses for stamps telegrams &c	3	18	9
205	Sundry labour &c	10	8	0
206	Donation to St Amand Hospital	5	0	0
207	" " Inglewood Hospital	20	0	0
208	" " Charitable Institutions per list	27	5	0
209	Geo Ward labour on road near Ducketts	2	5	[illegible]
	£	584	14	5

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

Confirmed 15th January 1884

Donald Ross President