Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Korong Shire Council held in the Shire Hall Wedderburn on the 20th May 1884:—

Present Cr Ross in the chair, ~~Pres.~~ Hall, Redwood, Cahill, Clark, Coutts, Paterson & Boucher & Martin

Minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed

Correspondence

1. Treasury. that accrued interest on Govt Stock has been invested in and added to said Stock

Received

2. Public Works Department asking for return of last valuation of Rateable property, and Balance Sheet &c

Secretary had Supplied Same

3. Ratepayers of Wedderburn praying for erection of a lamp near Mr Cuthrie's Wedderburn.

Moved by Cr Ross, Seconded by Cr Cahill } That a lamp be erected near the Culvert by Mr Cuthrie's. Carried

4. Borough of Panmure that arrangements had been made for interviewing the Minister of Railways on Wednesday the 23rd April ~~and~~ re Inglewood to Dunolly line and asking Council to appoint a representative —

The Secretary and Cr Coutts had attended

5. Railway Department asking Council to suggest another name for Korong Station.

Moved by Cr Clark, seconded by Cr Boucher } That the name Korong Vales should be retained

Carried

6. Treasury stating that £ 1908. 6. 9 first moiety of Endowment has been passed for payment at Wedderburn. Received

7. Pat. O'Brien reporting favorably on condition of Reservoir at Kingower. Received

8. Municipal Association with a/c for Councils annual Subscription £ 4. 4. 0

Moved by Cr Boucher, seconded by Cr Paterson } That Municipal association a/c be paid Carried

9. Treasury re investment of Interest accrued on Sinking Fund. Received

10. Lands Department enquiring if Council will bear Cost of survey of road required in Cromwell and removal of Mr Hallissey's fence.

Moved by Cr Clark, seconded by Cr Boucher } Engineer to inspect & report as to proportionate cost of making Swamp passable, purchasing land, fencing etc. Carried

11. Secretary for Lands re Wedderburn Reservoir and drainage area.

12. William Davies Fernihurst applying for leave to carry water across road between Dry Sandy Creek and his land.

Cr Boucher, Cr Ross } That leave be given to carry water across road at Fernihurst, subject to supervision of the Engineer and construction of Culverts or crossings by applicant so as to not interfere with or obstruct traffic. Carried.

13. Thos Laing Kyneton applying for Slaughtering licence. Granted Had been issued

14. Inspector Delaney approving of Laing's application for Slaughtering licence.

Received

15. St Arnaud Shire asking Co-operation in endeavors to bring about a reduction in Railway freights

from up Country districts to the Seaboard.
and asking for appointment of delegates to attend the Conference at the Exchange Melbourne on 27 May
Moved by Cr Clark
Seconded by Cr Redwood } That the Council give its warm support to the proposal of the St Arnaud Council re reduction of Railway freights on grain and that the Secretary request the Parliamentary representatives (of both Houses) for this district to give the deputation from the proposed Conference their support. Carried

16. A. Branstone Lowett Complaining of impassable condition of road between Flynns and Betts selections, Lowett.
Cr Bourchier
Cr Redwood } That Engineer report on road between Messrs Brett and Flynns lands, complained of by Mr Branstone.
Carried

17. John Brown calling attention to bad condition of road and side drains from Inglewood to Avoca Forest at Wheld. and asking that repairs necessary may be carried out —
Engineer to report to next meeting.

18. L. Whitehead Inglewood Complaining that road between his land and Margaret Kanstone Salisbury West would take away two acres of land and necessitate the erection of a fence for which he applied to the Council for an allowance —
The Secretary was instructed to reply that the road is a surveyed road to which he has no right and that Council decline to allow for fencing it off.

19. Messrs Shelton, Simons and Papworth for the erection of footbridge over Fentons Creek near Messrs J & J and Simons land — Cr Clark moved that

Tenders be called for the footbridge at Fentons Creek
Seconded by Cr Cahill and carried: —

20 John Ward Burkes Flat, Stating that application had been made for piece of land at present crossed by track between Avoca Forest and Bourkes Flat and asking Council to consider advisability of having Survey of road there Completed.
Engineer instructed to inspect and see that Sufficient road accomodation is provided.

21 St Arnaud Shire asking if Council will Contribute half Cost of erecting footbridge over Avoca opposite Stewarts Post Office cost £58.17
Engineer Instructed to report to next meeting.

22 Secretary for Lands with tracing of Wedderburn Recreation Reserve and inquiring if Council is Content with boundaries thereof as surveyed and indicated on tracing. Reply Yes.
Moved by Cr Clark
Seconded by Cr Ross } That trees required for Reserves be procured and planted, and that trees and guards be supplied to any ratepayer in Streets of townships that may apply for same —
Carried.

23 Department of Agriculture, re application in aid of Wedderburn Public Garden, asking to be furnished with a sketch showing position of the Garden reserve — to be supplied —

24 Govt Statist, enclosing paysheet re agricultural Schedules on which Bonus would be paid —
Required

25 Town Clerk Ballarat re Supply of fish for Shire Reservoirs — received

26 Charlton Stock Protection Association enclosing a/c on which was claimed subsidy for dingoes and sheep destroying dogs killed within the Shire.

Moved by Cr Bouchier } That one third (1/3) of the amount
Seconded by Cr Paterson } paid on dingoes skins by the Charlton Stock Protection Society be refunded by the Council — Carried

27 David Cross, enquiring if the additional lamplighting at Charlton would be tendered for, if so offering to comply with previous Specifications at 2/- per lamp per week.
It was decided that the present Contractor should have the additional lamplighting —

28 George Sallett (Sandhurst) offering to sell at a cheap rate 2 pile drivers —
Council declined to purchase.

29 Stephen Gibbon (to Cr Hall) asking that side drains may be cut along side of fence enclosing what is known as Walsh's land Salisbury West.
Cr Redwood } That Engineer inspect the place and
Cr Hall } if drain can be cut at about £2.0.0 to have it done. — Carried —

30 Andrew Keogh (Tarnagulla) applying for extra payment on a/c of his Contract on Inglewood and Wedderburn road — on the ground that clean sand was the specified material to be used and understood to be that obtainable in the neighborhood of the works This was not according to the

Engineers satisfaction and he (Keogh) was obliged to cart gravel a distance of 3 miles. Specification produced which stated "good clean gravel" must be used
Council decline to allow extra payment

31 W. D. Vanstone Salisbury West asking for payment of fence on road.
Cr Paterson } That Mr Vanstones application for
Cr Martin } payment for fence be referred to the members for the South Riding with power to deal with it
Amendment by Carried
Cr Coutts that the Council deal with Mr Vanstones claim lapsed for want of a Seconder.

32 W. S. Steel Curator of Reservoirs Central Riding reporting favorably on condition of Water Supply
Received and approved

33 A. Knapp asking Council to cause approaches to Charlton State School by way of Weigall St to be made into a passable condition —
Engineer had seen place referred to by Mr Knapp and a footpath is much required, he thought about 5 chains at 30/- per chain would suffice.
Cr Paterson } That Engineer call for a chain of
Cr Bouchier } metalling and instruct for forming footpath as above. Carried

34 Korong Shire Irrigation League Inquiry convening resolution, appointing Delegates to wait on Council for purpose of asking that the Shire Engineer be instructed to take certain levels and make a flying Survey, with a view to ascertaining if water can be brought from the Loddon to ~~the Shire~~ Inglewood for Irrigating purposes —
Cr Bouchier moved the suspension of Standing orders for purpose of introducing Mr Gray President ~~of Leagues~~

and Mr Boyle Secretary of the League.
Mr Gray asked the Council should assist the League by ascertaining if water can be brought from say Eddington, or higher up the Loddon, by taking levels and making survey.
Mr Boyle stated that the League requires some tangible information, that it has no funds to procure same, and asks for help, and that the Shire Engineer be instructed to make the Survey and ascertain if water can be brought from the Loddon by way of Inglewood or by other route
Cr. Bourchier stated that the general impression was that Mr Cordon's report did not go far enough and the ratepayers were anxious to get a Survey made to ascertain if water can be brought from the Loddon, the Swan Hill Shire had expended large sums in irrigation surveys and preliminary works. He thought as the present application was made in the interests of the farmers it should be supported – Asks the Engineer if he can give some information as to cost of taking levels &c
Engineer stated that the probable cost would not exceed about £50 or £60 and if water can be brought to Inglewood it will run to Kangaroo Flat and probably to Bendigo.

Cr. Bourchier } That Council sanction the Engineer
Cr. Martin } to taking the levels &c if his other work permits, and that Council pay half cost up to £30 After some discussion the motion was carried the voting being

For	Against
Crs Bourchier	Coutts
Martin	Hall
Clark	Redwood
Cahill	
Ross	

Correspondence
35

J. Holden applying for repairs to road near Glenalbyn Railway Station –
Engineer to report to the Council at next meeting –
Cr Bourchier Calls attention to the falling of timber on the roads and especially on road from Railway Station to Wedderburn.
Engineer to attend to the nuisance.
Mr Stowe re rabbit scalps. addressed the Council asking that scalps coming into his possession as a skin buyer from rabbits killed in the Shire may be bought from him as from other persons. He would obtain the signatures of persons selling, to the effect that the rabbits were killed in the Shire.
Councillors objected that skins would be bought from the adjoining Shires and that it will be better to let persons killing rabbits bring scalps and ears to the Shire bounty who attend regularly for the purpose.
Council declined to interfere in the matter there being a resolution in force forbidding the purchase of scalps and ears from skin dealers.
Cr Bourchier left the Council.
The following Correspondence was read re Infectious Diseases: From Central Board of Health reporting diphtheria at Salisbury East. From Inspector Nolan re typhoid at Charlton with report from Dr Dean. From Dr Beaseman on same subject, and reporting typhoid in the family of Mr Lockhart teacher of Bannockburn State School From Dr Adam that diphtheria is spreading at Salisbury that one child has died & advising closing of school there From Secy. C.B. of Health that closing of school ought be recommended if another case occurs. From Inspector Nolan that cases at Charlton are recovering. Bannockburn that two more cases of typhoid have occurred at Bannockburn secretary stated that disinfectant has been supplied & necessary steps taken in these cases

Treasurer reported Receipts since last meeting £2233.9. Expenditure £9 Bank Overdraft less Cash in hand £37

Cr Clark } That Treasurers report be received
Cr Ross } and adopted. Carried

1 The Secretary reported that in conjunction with the members for the district he had waited on the Minister of Railways on the subject of Constructing the line from the Heddesburn Rly Station towards Coonor and urged its inclusion in the next Railway Bill & that at same time a large deputation had also waited on the Minister re the Construction of a line from Inglewood to Dunolly which he had attended and spoke on behalf of the Third. Mr Gillies replied that the arguments used would be laid before the Cabinet and due attention and consideration would be given to the requests. Though no promise had been given in either case ~~Mr Gillies~~ he gathered from Mr Gillies replies that there was great hopes of both lines being included in the Bill.

Cr Paterson } That the action of the Secretary in
Cr Redwood } attending deputations be approved and the thanks of the Council be given to the members who attended. Carried.

Engineer reported that owing to the revival of mining
1 at Barkers Flat and Rehla, traffic had increased and he thought the clearing by road from Barkers Flat to the other boundary should be widened about 4 chains

2 Re application of residents of Berrimal and Rozelle to have Heddesburn and Avoca Forest road opposite Sullivans and Logans drained. he thought it would be more advisable to expend all the funds

available in bringing gravel from Pine Hill to put in the worst places, about 10 chains require to be done at the angle near Mr Logans.

3. Mr Allfrey has consented to the removal of his gate as arranged for at last meeting.

4. upon visiting Charlton to fix site of 3 new lamps he found a fourth was urgently needed and he consulted Cr Paterson who advised that another lamp should be procured and erected which had

5 been done. Had in company with Mr Coutts and Redwood visited Salisbury West and arranged with Mr Jenkyns for purchase of sufficient land to connect the newly surveyed road with one between Vanstons and Thompsons land for sum of £12.0.0

6. Had conferred with the St Arnaud Shire Engineer re proposed bridge over Avoca in line with St Arnaud and Heddesburn road and would recommend the erection of a bridge at a cost of £500 he thought the Government might reasonably asked to contribute

7 one third of the Cost. Re scoured drain near Scotts and Ross land, thought the best plan to be adopted at present would be to wall about 6 chains of it 4 feet high on one side only, the bank above the wall to be sloped would also suggest putting in some silt bars with a view to reducing the velocity of the water and silting up the channel, the total cost of the work suggested would

8 not exceed £100. Re application of residents of North Heddesburn for a road at back of their properties thought road could be provided for about £25 or £30. Would recommend the expenditure of £5.0.0 in arresting further

9. progress of scour complained of by Mr Robertson at Mt Molongulo –

See page 461. for dealing with Engineers report

It was reported that the crossing known as "Jones" required repairing and the matter was referred to the President and Engineer — Brought up by the Public Works Committee.

Tenders

Estimate £76 . 0 . 0

1 Gravelling &c Burkes Flat

A. Keogh	£97 . 0 . 0
C. Rose	66 . 0 . 0
E. Whitney	70 . 0 . 0
W. McClure	55 . 0 . 0
D. Forrest	60 . 10 . 0
W. Crisp	58 . 17 . 6

Whitney recommended

2. Supplying Metal &c Rheola Est £74 . 10/

C. Rose	£96 . 5 . 0
D. Forrest	69 . 10 . 0
A. Chisholm	97 . 10 . 0
A. Keogh	73 . 15 . 0
W. Crisp	69 . 17 . 6
W. McClure	80 . 0 . 0
C. Lucas	73 . 13 . 4

Recommended Forrest

3. Grubbing. Cleaning &c Flights

Estimate £42 . 10/-

W. Crisp £48 . 16/-

Crisp recommended

Cr Redwood
Cr Clark } That the tenders of Messrs Whitney Forrest and Crisp be recommended by the Public Works Committee be accepted. Carried

Motions under Notice

Cr Collier
Cr Ryan } That tenders be called for 150 chains clearing between Walkers and Spring Hill Carried

Cr Coutts
Cr Redwood } Tenders be called for filling up the swamp by Mr Robt Kellys farish of Powlett. Carried.

Cr Paterson
Cr Ross } That the motion carried at a previous meeting fixing the rates for the various weighbridges be rescinded with a view to substitute the following more liberal Scale in lieu thereof. ~~Carried~~

~~The following Scale was agreed to~~

That 6d per ~~ton~~ bag be charged for first 10 bags of grain and 3d more up to the next 5 bags and so on up to 7 tons. Other charges to remain as before. Carried

Cr Paterson
Cr Ross } That Tenders be called for cleaning road north of Birds Selection occupied by Rly Department, also that all dead timber be removed for two miles West on Same road — Carried

Cr Redwood
Cr Hall } " " for about 3 miles of grubbing by Walls, Adams, and Dowling & in Kurting — Carried.

Cr Burton
Cr Coutts } That all stumps be removed from main road from Boort to Inglewood by Days and Kinsy paniel Carried

Cr Hall called attention to the absence of a slip gate at Old Inglewood & moved that the Secty request the Railway Department to provide one for the accommodation of foot passengers.

Seconded by Cr Redwood & Carried

Cr Ross
Cr Clark } That the Secretary write to the Minister of Railways urging the construction of line from Headburn road to township towards Coonoor Carried

Cr Clark intimated that he had been authorised by Cr Bourchier to ask leave of Council to withdraw motion on subject of taking levels for Irrigation Leagues

in order to substitute another viz That Council Contribute £30 to Cost of Survey applied for such survey to be carried out by the Korong Vale Irrigation League, and that the name of the Engineer to be employed be sent to the Council for approval before the Survey is Commenced
Carried

Jamieson Motion withdrawn and this adopted

Engineers report dealt with

Cr Hall
Cr Redwood } That Tenders be called for Cleaning 1¼ Chain wider from near Burkes Flat to the Shire boundary on Bealiba road and for necessary repairs there. Carried

Cr Ross
Cr Coutts } That tenders be called for 10 Chains of gravelling on Avoca Forest road near Logans yc as recommended. Carried

Cr Clark
Cr Redwood } That the action of the Engineer in having an additional lamp provided at Chalk be approved Carried

Cr Coutts
Cr Hall } That a piece of land be purchased from W. Jenkyns of Salisbury West for £12 for road purposes & to fence it. and transfer to be obtained. Carried

Consideration of question of constructing bridge over Avoca postponed

With regard to scour near Ross land Cr Clark moved that Tenders be called for putting stone wall in drain, and fencing and putting in Sill bars as recommended, total cost not to exceed £40
sec. by Cr Paterson Carried.

Cr Clark
Cr Cahill } Road at north Wedderburn by Specimen Hill be surveyed as recommended by Engineer Carried

The Engineer was empowered to expend £5 on scour near Mr Robertsons Mr McGregor.

Cr Coutts
Cr Paterson } That the Engineers report be received and adopted. Carried

The Secretary stated that after last meeting a tender was received from J.B. Smith for work at Salisbury West and had written to the South Riding members in the matter, who had decided to accept it

Moved by Cr Paterson
Seconded by Cr Martin } That the action of the South Riding members be confirmed.
Carried

Cr Hall
Cr Redwood } That bye-law No. 5 fixing level of Streets be Confirmed.
Carried

Instructions to Officers.

By Cr Redwood ~~Bouchier~~ Engineer to report on road from Rickards by Bouchiers to Korong Vale also to inspect grubbing on road from Hope Creek to Bremanah now being done

By Cr Coutts Engineer to see that road accomodation be left in new selections near Mr Korong

By Cr Cahill
Cr Ross } Engineer have 10 chains of drains be cut between Wingfields & Wheelers Carried and Engineer to have pipe drain put in opposite Moreno's Hotel Wedderburn

By Cr Coutts Engineer to inspect drains near Ashtons and Lamprells and report

By Cr Ross Secretary bring up at next meeting a list of Officers employed by the Council and the amount received by them during the last 12 months

Engineer asks for instructions relative to road from Wedderburn to Koroing Vale wants copy

Cr Clark } Engineer to have necessary repairs effected
Cr Ross } to the extent of £10 – Carried

Engineer asks for instruction relative to Reserve required for gravel in Chisholms Selection near Kilbunie; to 2 crossings on road to Kilbunie; to 2000 feet of timber left on hand of Contractor for well at Kanewillock Contractor wishes Council to purchase it –

Cr Clark } That necessary steps be taken to have
Cr Ross } 5 acres ~~[illegible]~~ excised from Chisholms Selection and to have it reserved. The two crossings to stand over till next meeting.

Reply to Jones that Council does not require timber left from Kanewillock well

Engineer intimated that Mr Edwards wished to wait on Council relative to road through his land. Secretary to ask him to attend.

Engineer states that Hodgson Bros – Bridgewater – offer to sell Council some spauls.

Council declines.

By Cr Martin calls attention to wall up Ainslie and Newman. Engineer to attend to it, and have ruts filled up which are scouring –

By Cr Cahill Engineer to inspect Golden Gully drain and report on repairs necessary thereto.

By Cr Bonchier Engineer to inspect road by Crocketts and Mackins, road at ¼ mile bank be made passable

Notices of Motion

Cr Cahill. that Tenders be called for clearing road to Railway Station Wedderburn 1/4 Chain wider.

Cr Redwood " " for about 5. Chains of metalling by D. McLeod on Inglewood and Tarnagulla road and 20 Chains of forming by Wettalmans hill –

Cr Ross That Polling Booth at Kunacca be removed to the Tarlons Creek State School

Cr Clark That a poll of the Ratepayers be taken on the subject of erecting Shire Hall at Wedderburn and that the following questions be put to the Ratepayers

1st Are you in favor of erecting a new Shire Hall at Wedderburn?

2nd Are you in favour of borrowing money for that purpose?

Cr Coutts Tenders be called for wing fences to bridge over Bul a Bul Creek, on West London road.

Cr Coutts Tenders be called for filling up and draining Swamps on road from Sowbitt estate to Inglewood by Mr Morrows.

Cr Hall moved that the following accs brought up by the Finance Committee be passed and paid seconded by Cr Coutts and Carried.

454	John Reach rabbit Suppression	7	" 14	" 2
455	Mrs Martin removing hut from Reserve Intended to Bank of Australasia	40	" 11	" 9
456	M. Kelly repairing bridge Tower	5	" 0	" 0
457	Pat O. Connell 5 months Salary	5	" 0	" 0
458	Aragog & Rose	4	" 0	" 0
459	Longyo Keogh	72	" 0	" 0
460	John Reach rabbit Suppression	9	" 3	" 4
	Forward	£150	" 9	" 3

	Forward £	150	9	3
461	Receiver & Paymaster Water Works (Interest)	28	12	5
462	Guarantee Premiums	6	0	0
463	Con 996. Crisp	20	0	0
464	Sutherland Weigh Office	27	0	0
465	Addyman labor Dangroom	2	0	0
466	Con 989 Rose and Smith	10	0	0
467	Con 988 Rose and Smith	7	0	0
468	John Keefe Weigh Comm	3	0	6
469	R McAdam do	2	2	10
470	Hamilton do	3	17	2
471	Con 979. Crisp	15	0	0
472	Con 942. Hughes	3	0	0
473	Con 973. do	200		
474	Con 960. Morey	19	4	9
475	Con 989 + 964 G. Duckett	26	0	0
476	John Reach Rabbit Suppress[n]	5	15	0
477	D. Kane 8. Sheet lanterns	4	12	0
478	Burrage Lottery & pipes	6	4	0
479	John Wilson lamplighting	3	16	2
480	Secretary 1 mo Salary	25	0	0
481	Engineer 1 mo Salary	29	3	4
482	A Kelsey 1 mo do	8	6	8
483	Dr Adam Health Officer	6	13	4
484	Star Office General Advy	2	12	6
485	Sundry Expes per voucher	14	1	4
486	Office Expenses per Voucher	2	17	6
487	Crisp repay road by Kilbourne	1	5	0
488	Kenny removing Culvert Splitter	2	0	0
489	Chisholm day labour	5	2	6
490	Kenny supplying Gravel	8	8	0
491	Con 941. 996. 994. 997 Crisp	26	13	0
492	Con 982 Kenny	50	— 0	— 0
493	Con 901 do	3	— 0	— 0
494	Con 943. L Thomas	1	— 0	— 0
	Forward £	728		

	Forward £	728	2	6
495	Con 975. Whitney	20	0	0
496	Con 984. Forbes	40	0	0
497	Con 935 do	19	7	0
498	Con 914 Lucas	4	0	0
499	Con 995 do	10	0	0
500	Con 925. Beer	2	0	0
501	C. Lucas day labor per a/c	1	16	0
502	Smyth supplying extra Gas lamps &c	9	10	6
503	Jones cleaning drains South Reading	12	6	0
504	Hemmingway & K advertising	1	15	0
505	S. Rinder deputation Expenses	6	0	0
506	Machine Casting and spreading earth K.V.	4	10	0
507	James Ritchie cleaning Pumps Fountain	1	10	0
508	W S Steel day labour pick a/c	4	4	0
509	W. Ashton weighbridge Common	1	19	6
510	O. Brien cleaning fallen timber from road		0	0
511	Municipal Association (annual sub)	4	4	0
512	Dr McVean Health Officer	13	10	0
513	Mrs Moorecroft President's allowance	3	10	0
514	Charlton Weld Dog Suppression Associ	2	10	0
515	Campbell maintaining outfall drain	4	7	6
		£ 906	2	0

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

Confirmed. June 17. 1884.

Donald Ross President