[illegible] meeting of the Korong Shire [illegible] in the Shire Hall Wedderburn

September [illegible]

Present Cr Redwood (President) in the Chair Crs Hall, Ross, Bourchier, Bourke, Paterson, Coutts, Cahill [illegible]. Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence:

1. Inspector Nolan Charlton with letter from Dr. Dean re imperfect drainage in Charlton especially Armstrong Street.

Cr Bourchier } moved that Engineer inspect & bring in an
Cr Paterson } estimate of cost of works necessary. Carried

2. ~~Const~~ Inspector Coffey Rheola re prevalence of Diphtheria in his district. received

3. Constable Sheehan resigning appointment of Inspector of Nuisances - ~~[illegible]~~ & recommending Const Morris

3a Const Morris applying for the appointment. Received

4. N. Watts Connor East pressing Council to take action with regard to clearance of rabbits from Crown Lands in his vicinity — The Secretary had forwarded copies of letters received to Minister [illegible]

5. W. Williams Connor East on same subject and suggesting free distribution of Bisulphide [illegible]

The Secretary here stated that the Council had expended £229 odd during the month in the purchase of rabbit scalps.

6. R. Laidlaw Wychitella applying for permission to erect swing gates on road running through his property adjoining Hobb and [illegible] gates.

Secretary to reply Council had no authority

+ Continued

+ Cr Ross suggested that [illegible] Consider the [illegible] be affected to meet would be advisable to [illegible]

Cr Bourchier moved that with that end in view the Standing orders be suspended. Seconded by Cr Coutts & carried

Cr Coutts } That the Council offer the present owner of
Cr Redwood } the Shire Hall £50 per annum for five years

Amendment by Cr Cahill } That Council take
" Cr Bourke } Steps to erect a new Shire Hall.

For	against
Cr Cahill	Cr Redwood
Cr Bourke	Cr Paterson
Cr Martin & Ross	Cr Hall
	Cr Coutts
	Cr Bourke

Amendment by Cr Bourchier seconded by Cr Paterson

"That applications be invited from persons willing to lease suitable premises for a Shire Hall in Wedderburn for two years.

For	against
Cr Bourchier	Cr Hall
Cr Paterson	Cr Redwood
Cr Martin	Cr Coutts
Cr Ross	
Cr Cahill	
Cr Bourke	

Carried

[illegible] Cr Cotter

* Continued

7. Booth Agricultural Society asking that Council to proclaim 3rd October (Show day) a public holiday. Similar applications were received from Charlton, Shire of Korong & North [illegible] Societies.

Cr Bourchier } That the President request the inhabitants
Cr Hall } to observe the Show days of the [illegible] societies [illegible]

8. N. Kirley asking for permission to plough road [illegible]

9. Secretary Avoca Water Trust asking Council to contribute cost of roadway and weir over River [illegible]

Letter W'd & [illegible] this

Cr Ross moved that £50 be given towards construction of Crossing at Connor by Avoca Water Trust [illegible] Council

Other applications declined

Public Works Department drawing attention to Claim [illegible] vidy to Kingsbaniel Bridge which should only contain Payments on account of work performed prior to 1st July. [illegible]

11 Secretary Central Board of Health, that the matter of Head Teachers of State Schools reporting Cases of Contagious diseases direct to Local Boards had been embodied in instructions to Local Boards now being issued [illegible]

12, 13 included with No 9

14 Sat to O'Brien reporting favorably on Condition of [illegible] received

15 dealt with No. 9

16 Secretary for Railways re "watering arrangements at Wyalkatchem Rly Station [illegible]

17 Secretary for Lands asking Council to convene Public meeting for the purpose of nominating gentlemen to act as Trustees of Kingsbury Cemetery. Referred to President. It was decided to take necessary Steps for calling meeting

18. Treasury with a/c for Endowment 1908. 6.9. attended to.

19 Edward Thos [illegible] bringing under notice a movement for the recognition of the services of the late Wm Stein [illegible] & soliciting assistance [illegible]

20 Chief Inspector of Stock asking Council to report ~~any~~ the existence of any Cases of Contagious diseases in animals in the District. [illegible]

21 Swanbiel Council suggesting Conference at Charlton on the 24th Inst on the subject of Rabbit extirpation and advocating the purchase of Skins @ 2/8 per dozen for two months.

Mr Bourchier thought united action should be taken in the matter and moved that ~~[illegible]~~ members present at Charlton on the day of the [illegible] be authorised to attend. ~~Moved to that effect~~

Mr Paterson agreed, and seconded the proposition [illegible]

22. Secretary for Lands asking Council to suggest any alterations or amendments it may deem necessary or desirable in the provisions of the "Rabbit Suppression Act 1880" and the Act amending the same.

Mr Paterson thought if the whole of the crown lands in the Shire were handed over to the Council, the matter might be easily dealt with. Mr Hall agreed.

Mr Bourke thought the Council should destroy the rabbits but the Boot should pay the cost of destroying those on Crown lands. Postponed for opinion of Conference

23. Secretary Boort & District Rly League asking Council to pass a resolution in favor of the Boort extension and send copies of same to Parliamentary Representatives of district.

Mr Bourchier & Mr Martin That the Secretary forward to the Members for the district the following resolution, under seal in favor of the line from Boort to Sunset Hill:-

"That in the opinion of this Council a line of "Railway from Boort to Sunset Hill would secure to "this Colony the trade of a very extensive area beyond "the Murray, much of which will otherwise go "to Sydney and Adelaide; and also that it would "open up new markets for the produce of this and "neighbouring districts, would serve a much larger "number of Victorian farmers than if carried to "Kerang and would bring all that Country into "communication with the Western districts of this "Colony. & therefore trusts the B line will be [illegible]

"in the Bill to be shortly introduced and
"that the Representatives of the district in both
"Houses of Parliament will heartily support it —

24 Secretary Korong Vale Railway League the same subject
Secretary to attend to

25 Secretary for Public Works with reference to Shire
severance and asking for Copy of Roll now in
force with names of persons marked thereon who are
rated in respect of property within the area
proposed to be severed — dealt with later on

26. Secretary for Lands intimating that names of Streets
for Charlton as per list submitted with letter of the
1st July had been noted on Office plans of locality

27 Secretary to Avoca Water Trust that Mr Clark one
of the Shire Representatives had resigned his Seat upon
that body. Mr Ross moved that Mr Cahill
be appointed Seconded by Cr Bourke. Mr Paterson
moved that Mr Clark be re-appointed and referred
to the hard work done by Mr Clark while in office
Mr Bourchier thought the honor of reappointment was
one due to Mr Clark and Seconded the motion.
Carried

Appointment of Water Trust representative

28 Secretary Municipal Association with Supply of
Business papers for September, Group meeting received

29 Secretary Avoca Water Trust asking Cooperation in
the Cost of Crossing ~~over~~ Connor Kerr Kruphys Hotel
to the extent of £50 — Dealt with as of

30 Joseph Chambers Boroung asking if it was
legal to lay poisoned grain on Crown Lands
as he had lost Cattle &c thereby.
Similar Complaints had been made by Mrs Rutherford
and McShane ~~&~~ relative to poison laid from the
Boroung depot. A letter was read from Mr
exonerating Loring (who is in charge of Boroung depot) and
was accepted as Satisfactory, on the motion of Cr
Bourchier seconded by Cr Ross, resolved

31.
William McConnell enquiring about Plumbers Rates
for laying on Water in Connection with Avoca Water Trust
Attended to

33. Dr McLean reporting prevalence of Measles in the
Korong Vale portion of Charlton District — necessary precautions
had been taken — Received

34 Secretary for Lands with copy of report of Mr
Brown Contract Surveyor re Survey of 320 acres
of land for Mr S.J. Pelwood and answering
general other Complaints of Council ~~that~~ re
provision for Crown. received

Treasurer reported Receipts since last meeting £416
Expenditure £938.13/4 Stg Bank Overdraft £15

The Secretary read a report of the proceedings at the recent
Rabbit Conference in Melbourne and the promise of
the Minister to make more persistent & extended efforts
The report also dealt with the Shire Severance movement
and the necessity for a Counter Petition. The Secretary
read a Copy of the Severance petition and the correspondence
forwarded by Mr Bourchier of the [illegible]. Cr Bourchier
moved that the action of Secretary be approved and that
he be empowered to take whatever Steps he may deem [illegible]
in the matter. Seconded by Cr [illegible] Carried

The Secretary read a letter from the Municipal Asso
re matter for Consideration at Group meeting.
Cr Bourchier moved that the President [illegible] Councillors [illegible]

to the Group meeting, to submit the resolutions agreed to
seconded by Cr Robertson.

Cr Peterson } That applications be invited for next
Cr Martin } meeting from Persons willing to take
charge of Shire Bridges. Carried

Cr Bourchier introduced Mr Clark & J. Hamilton as a deputation from the Korong Vale Railway League to ask for a donation.

Mr Clark stated that the League was a strong one but the expenses were heavy and delegates would require to visit Melbourne and watch the progress of the Bill through the House. He spoke of the advantages likely to accrue from the Construction of the line from Boort to Swan Hill instancing the present value of Chaff in Melbourne & Riverina where Cereals cannot be grown & pointed out this would be the last opportunity of working for the line and the support of the Council would be endorsed by the whole Shire.

Mr Hamilton spoke to a similar effect.

In reply to Mr Coutts Mr Clark said the deputation represented the two Leagues now in existence in the Shire.

Cr Bourchier moved that a donation of £20 be voted to the two Branch Leagues £10 each seconded by the President. Cr Bourke said the overdraft was now over £1800. & he thought the advantages likely to accrue were exagerated, he moved that £10 be given seconded by Cr Ross. Cr Peterson supported the motion and would also include the expenses of Secretary in going to Melbourne as a delegate from the Council. Cr Bourchier added this to his motion Cr Coutts supported the motion. Cr Ross withdrew his seconding to Cr Bourke's amendment & the motion was carried. The deputation thanked the Council [illegible]

Engineers Report

Re application of Coney in the Parish of Barrooka
1. to close road between his land & Hannah's & open the one on the East Side of Coney's selection find the present road would be the best ~~and~~ therefore Cannot recommend the alteration
2. Re footbridge over Creek near Rutherford South Wedderburn would recommend the erection of one at a probable cost of £15.
3. Finds the road by Cornish & Innes in Kingsbury requires 20 Chains of forming and a Culvert north of Laity's house and 4 Chains forming & Culvert South of Laity's total Cost £60. The work should be done before next winter.
4. The Avoca Water Trust had broken up the Streets in Charlton to lay their Water pipes without obtaining the Consent of the Council.
5. Messrs Ross & Strachan had abandoned their Contract for Clearing on Burkes Flat & Beaiba roads & fresh tenders had been called Kilduff & Dillon had also abandoned their Contract for Culverts by Spiers & Hamilton's Kingsbury asked for instructions as to whether he should call for fresh tenders or give it to the next highest tender.

The London United Water Trust had constructed
6. the weir at Kingsbury in such a manner as to block up about two thirds of the ordinary water way of the London and no provision had been made to carry off flood the consequence of which must be very serious damage to our bridges over Kingsbury, "if not" to private property along Creek. Suggests the construction of an embankment by the Trust from the Kingsbury head Sluice Southwards along the bank of the river to prevent overflow on the West Side.

The Engineers recommendation re road by Hannah's & Conroy's be adopted.

The erection of Footbridge at South Heidelberg and works here, Bonnicks, Stomps &c Kingsland be ordered to stand over

Cr Bourchier, Cr Paterson } That the Attention of the Engineer of the Yarra Water Trust be invited to the necessity of obtaining this Council's consent before breaking up the streets of Chandler. Carried

The deposits of Messrs Ross & Strachan and Waddick & Dillon were forfeited and

Cr Bourchier, Cr Martin } That fresh Tenders be called for Culverts by Hamilton's. Carried

It was also resolved on the motion of Cr Martin seconded by Cr Bourchier that Contractors failing to proceed with any work for which their Tender has been accepted be prohibited from again tendering for the same work. Carried

Cr Bourchier, Cr Smith } That a copy of the Engineers remarks anent the Kingsland Weir be forwarded to the Toddon Water Trust. Carried

The Public Works Committee then brought up the following Tenders.

No 1. Open Crossing by Mrs Rices land Coonor Ck

N. Rowles	£14 . 0 . 0	Est £9 . 0 . 0
F. C. Rose	£6 . 0 . 0 Rec.	

Recommended Rose

2. Grubbing &c by Pollock & Ellis & Martin & Ellis Salisbury

A. Keogh	£21 . 8 . 2	Estimate £24 . 10/-
L. Garrone	14 . 5 . 10 Rec.	

Recommended Garrone

No 3. Constructing Culvert & approaches & 10 chains of metalling &c by Stephens near Salisbury Bridge. Estimate £113 . 15/-

A. Oberhead	£90 . 5/-
C. Lucas	95 . 12 . 6
D. Callanan	99 . 0 . 0
W. Crisp	100 . 10/-
T. A. Jones	119 . 0 . 0
A. Keogh	76 . 3 . 6 Rec.
F. Walker & Co	124 . 19 . 2
J. Kinivy	100 . 0 . 0
J. Forrest	84 . 0 . 0
J. H. Beer	134 . 5 . 0
Timms & Guthrie	94 . 15/-

Recommended Keogh

4. Grubbing & Clearing 1½ Chains & Constructing Crossing through Fanny Creek by Mrs Allans. Timms & Guthrie £28 . 15/- Estimate £31 . 6 . 8

J. Forrest	£25 . 0 . 0
F. C. Rose	£45 . 12 . 6
W. Crisp	£24 . 12 . 6 Rec.

Recommended Crisp

5. Grubbing & Clearing from Inglewood & Bremanah roads by Johns South to Glenalyn & Moyston above 1½ miles. Estimate £23 . 7 . 0

F. C. Rose	£21 . 17 . 6
Thos Griffiths	£21 . 17 . 6 Rec.
L. Garrone	£29 . 3 . 4
A. Chisholm	£24 . 1 . 3

Recommended Griffiths

6. Re-clearing & grubbing Lowlett road to fro to junction with Old Inglewood & Moyston road to the Railway gate Kewling &c

Keogh	£28 . 9 . 4
Crisp	£110 . 0 . 0
Garrone	39 . 9 . 8
A. Chisholm	15 . 9 . 0 Rec.

Estimate £141 . 4

Chisholm Recommended

No 7. Grubbing &c along by Barxibaldi Sawmill along Creek to Wedderburn & Wella road by Cunning

F. C Rose £15. 15/ Estimate £11. 5/-
R Cutherie £19. 10/-
Too high, not recommended

8. Clearing etc between Noble & O. Callagan & between Davis & Shannon etc

A. Cowan £27. 11. 8 Estimate £33. 13. 4
M. Rowe 48. 11. 3
R Goodwin 32. 7. 1
Noble Bro 23. 0. 10 Rec.
Recommended Noble Bro

9. Grubbing &c from Turnbulls in Woorong Southward past Caldwells & Winters to Pigeon Hole track near Bell etc Estimate £40

A. Cutherie not to £5. 0. 0
W Earl £62. 10. 0
Too high. Not let

10 Grubbing etc, by Page & Catchpole for of Inglewood Northward by Deming and Mrs Pound &c Estimate £16. 18/-

J. Barrone £24. 12. 11
A. Simpson 45. 0. 0
J. Dimody & Maroney 32. 7. 10
John McCarthy 20. 0. 0 Recommended McCarthy

11 Forming & Constructing Pipe Culvert by Railway gates, by Mays for of Inglewood

John Forrest £19. 10/- Rec. Estimate £ none
H. Hutchinson 31. 10/-
J. H. Beer 28. 3. 5 Recommd Forrest

12 Forming 25 Chains on Charlton & Wesloch road near Churchills Estimate £33—

J. B Kinity £24. 14. 0 Rec. to Tender £36. 6/-
J. Forrest 25. 11. 0 Recomd Kinity
Welsh & Pillow 27. 0. 0
D. Fraser 26. 7. 6

13. Widening clearing on Burks Flat & Bealiba road to this boundary by Kelleys —

Estimate £25. 10. 8—
No Tenders

14 Felling 11. Chains in the depressions on road by J & R Kelleys land in Dowlett

W. Crisp £32. 10/- Estimate £32-0-0
A. Keogh 21. 8/- Rec.
J. Forrest 30. 15/-
J. H. Beer 35. 19. 6
W. Lowe 39. 0. 0 Recommended Keogh

15 Lighting Street lamps in Wedderburn for 12 months from 1st October 1884.

John Wilson 2/2½ per lamp per week
W. J. Steel 1/9½ " " " Rec.
G. Duckett 2/3½ " " "
Recommended W. J. Steel

Cr Coutts moved that the tenders of Messrs Rose Barrone, Keogh, Crisp, Griffiths, Chisholm Noble Brothers, McCarthy, Forrest, Kinity, Keogh and Steel, ~~as~~ recommended, by the Public Works Committee be accepted, seconded by Cr Bourchier and carried.

Cr Ross reported that the Committee appointed to deal with the road through Edwards land at Borrabee had agreed to pay Edwards £5— as Compensation and cost of fencing.

Cr Bourchier moved that the arrangement be approved seconded by Cr Lowe carried.

Motions under Notice

Moved by Cr Ross, That Tenders be called for 1500 feet by Cr Paterson forming on Weed & Charlton road to commence at Robertson's corner

Moved by Cr Bourchier, seconded Cr Paterson } That Tenders be called for metalling the Barakee Hill from deviation of road to bottom of hill on West side towards Charlton. Carried

Moved by Cr Bourchier, Cr Martin } " for Culvert between Gillespies & Johnstons also forming 6 Chains in swampy place about 40 rods on Plain Crossing Carried

Moved by Cr Hall, seced by Cr Redwood } " Clearing from Brownbill to Simons Creek and the road near Mr Hardcastles be cleared North & South Carried

General Business

Cr Hall called attention to the Telegraph Department having cut down and lopped saplings in dangerous proximity to crops on their lines. Cr suggested that the Govt be asked to remove or burn timber cut down by them. Agreed to.

The Secretary produced draft regulations for the care, protection & management of the Headenburn Public Garden Reserve which were adopted on the motion of Cr Coutts seconded by Cr Bourchier and carried.

Cr Hall brought up an a/c for Survey of roads near Boroondara and objected to 7/- per day being paid to men and also to C. Boyle who is doing Engineers work. It was decided to pay the present a/c but not in future.

Cr Ross called attention to a/c for £8-2/- for work let by Mr Clark which amount exceeded that allowed for the disposal of individual items. Cr Bourchier moved the a/c be paid. Seconded by Cr Paterson.

Instructions to Officers

By Cr Cahill That immediate steps be taken to prevent the pollution of Water by M'Keron at Water Hole Farm.

By Cr Bourke asks for leave to expend £5 in clearing between Langs selections near Redwoods. Granted.

The President moved that the Engineer be allowed to employ labour to grub road between Morrhouses and O'neallys, Salisbury West, seconded by Cr Coutts carried.

Cr Paterson, Cr Martin } That Engineer have road near Butterys (surveyed by him) cleared at same rate as present Contract. Carried

Engineer asks permission to extend grubbing at Burkes Flat 4 Chains. Granted on motion of Cr Hall seconded by Cr Redwood carried.

Cr Ross, Cr Cahill } That engineer be authorised to repair crossing near Kitneys and remove 150 stumps this side of Howong P.O. also stumps removed from near School Koonoes East Carried.

By Cr Bourchier Engineer to have Crabhole near Bloombes filled up as soon as practicable

By Cr Cahill Engineer to inspect road to Wehla near Frolmans. Engineer replies a drain is required & shall do so.

By Cr Bourke Engineer to inspect road between Spring Hill Station and Dimas road improved.

By Cr Hall Engineer to confer with Mr Thompson & Kronglake re his dam which backs water on

The Finance Committee then brought up the following accounts which were passed for payment on the motion of Cr Fontes seconded by Cr Bennett.

696	Const Fletcher Inspect of Insurance	£ 5	0	0
697	Boort Wild Dog Suppression	16	0	0
698	Sutherland cutting foot bridges	3	0	0
699	Hare destroying Hut on Reservoir Watershed	3	0	0
700	Richmond repg of Dale road	8	2	0
701	Cash rabbit suppression	6	11	1
702	Grant do	7	10	0
703	Con 1020 Hughes	20	0	0
704	J. H. Beer clearing road by Fernihurst	1	10	0
705	Cash rabbit Suppression	7	18	4
706	Con 1023 W Crisp	10	0	0
707	Con 1010 Ross Strachan	12	0	0
708	Con 1015 Wildish & Dillon	37	8	0
709	Reach rabbit suppression	53	18	4
710	Grieve clearing road Mt Wellington	2	0	0
711	O'Keefe Weighbridge Commission	8	4	4
712	Reach rabbit Suppression	15	5	10
713	Sundry labour & other opes per Voucher	12	1	6
714	Malcolm & Co refund of N.B Charges	11	6	6
715	Con 1026 Crisp	20	0	0
716	Con 1006 Whitney	9	3	4
717	Sutherland repg foot bridges	4	10	0
718	Grant rabbit Suppression	7	3	4
719	Con 991. A. Rose	30	0	0
720	Cash rabbit Suppression	11	16	7
721	Reach rabbit Suppression	34	19	2
722	Con 1017 Hughes	40	0	0
723	Resident's allowance	4	19	6
724	Cash rabbit Suppression	5	10	6
725	John Wilson Lamplighting	4	5	[illegible]
	Forward	£ 413	3	8

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726	A. Ribbray Jun salary	8	6	8
727	P. Reuter 1 mo do	25	0	0
728	Shuttleworth 1 mo do	29	3	4
729	Star Office Printing	5	3	3
730	Hornblower & Co do	6	17	3
731	Hemingway & Alexander do	3	3	9
732	Survey of roads Wages of men	8	1	0
733	J. H. Beer grubbing Inspid	2	5	0
734	Jones labour South Riding	1	16	0
735	Wilson various jobs per ope	1	9	0
736	James Bannon labour Lamplighting	13	8	0
737	Lucas Grubbing per ope	2	2	0
738	McCauliffe repg crossing Dawson Springs	2	0	0
739	Christmas day labour	6	6	0
740	Con 1014 J. H. Beer	4	19	0
741	Con 1004 Goodwin	12	15	6
742	Con 1028 do	15	0	0
743	Steel day labour per ope	7	4	[illegible]
744	Cheque Substituted for no 742 deposited			
745	Con 1013 Lucas	10	0	0
746	Con 1018 do	20	0	0
747	Sundry opes per Voucher	7	19	7
748	Con 1026. W Crisp	10	0	0
749	Con 1031 Keathene	6	0	[illegible]
		£ 625	3	0

Notices of Motion

1 for Redwood for culvert & approaches by Deebles & Ernts land South of Sayleswood

2 Nico for Culvert & approaches and 4 or 5 Chs of metalling near Kleinas Sayleswood & Wallaces roads

Mr Paterson that a rate of 1/- in the
3 Pound be made on the nett annual value
of the Property in the Shire of Korong —

4 Mr Bourke For 10 Chains Clearing & forming
between Walls & Bolters Selections Parish
of Berrimal

5 Mr Martin For Construction of Culvert or
crossing by the Black Dam Buckrabanyule.

6 Mr Martin For 15 Chains of forming and
Culvert by Days crossing —

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

Confirmed October 21st 1884.

Logged

	Accounts Brot forward	£	625	3	0
750	Office Expenses, firewood, lights &c		15	12	0
751	Office Stamps &c		5	16	3
752	Govt Commission for Dogs		18	13	9
753	Funding Cases for Bridges		9	8	0
754		£	674	13	0

Confirmed October 21st 1884.

Neilson Redwood President