Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Korong Shire Council held in the Shire Hall Wedderburn on Monday the 21st December 1885

Present Cr Redwood, Cattle Ross Burke King & afterwards Cr Martin

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed -

Cr Redwood appointed chairman in the absence of the President.

Correspondence

1 Victorian Branch of the Geographical Society of Australasia, drawing attention to its claims for support.

Cr Cattle
Cr Redwood } That the letter be referred to the Finance Committee

2 E. Goodwin Charlton applying for additional payment on account of grubbing Contract near Kilburnie Bound declined to entertain the application

3 Honorary Wychitepoog Racing Club applying for the proclamation of a Bank holiday on the 29th Dec Council declines to make application

4 Lands Officer St Arnaud relative to survey of road through Edwards land Barraki

5 Sat K O Brien reporting on Water Supply Korgower.

6 Wayman & Kay. Engineers etc Stawell with particulars etc of hand pumps made by them.

7 Treasurer of the "Boys orphanage" Emerald Hill for donation Received

8 Lands Department stating that renewed exertions will be made by the Department for the suppression of rabbits on the 21st Inst and requesting the Co-operation of this Council.

9 Central Board of Health re charges made for advertising Bye Laws in the Government Gazette -

10 Lands Department re rabbits on Porpichen Run

11 A. H. Tomelty Rheola applying for a reduction of the rate on his premises from 25/- to 15/- on the ground that the Store had not been licensed for 3 years - Referred to the Valuer

12 C. F. Maunsell Charlton stating that Mrs Murphy had applied to him for about a months time to pay the expence incurred in destroying the rabbits on her land and that he has assumed the Council would be agreeable — and would not proceed further till the expiration of the period mentioned. Approved.

13 Postmaster Charlton in reply to complaint that objectionable matter had been allowed to pass from the Post Office premises into the street Channel, that such was not the case and that every care will be taken to prevent offensive matter passing through the drain recently made

14 Messrs Felton Grimwade & Co Melbourne stating that they had made arrangement for the manufacture of Bisulphide of Carbon at a much lower rate than formerly —

15 Notice of Mr Scott that a Conference to discuss the desirability of the Land Tax being given to the municipalities in which the properties are situated would be held in the Melbourne Town Hall on the 17th Decem

The Secretary stated that he had written requesting Mr Bourchier to attend —

16 Lands Department re regulations for care protection & management of Wedderburn Public Gardens.

17 Mrs Ward Burkes Flat asking Council to have a road surveyed through S. Halloran's land near Burkes Flat.
Referred to members for the South Riding

18 Robert Proctor, Charlton complaining of the unsatisfactory manner in which the Inspector of nuisances carries out his duty and recommending the appointment of a Constable in place of the present officer. Council declines to take action

19 Mrs. Smith & Sons complaining of damage caused during flood through defective drainage of the streets in Wedderburn. and asking that instructions may be given for a more efficient system whereby their property will be rendered free from the danger of being inundated every time a storm occurs.

20 E.H. Hughes manager Bank of Australia Wedderburn on the same subject.
Cr Martin here took his seat

Cr Ross
Cr. Burke } That the Engineer inspect the drainage complained of and report to next meeting. Carried

21 Charlton Independent applying for share of Council's advertisements —

Cr Kerr
Cr Martin } That the Charlton Independent be appointed a newspaper for the insertion of the Council's advertisements
Carried

22 W. Williams Connor Bridge requesting that a supply of arsenic for the destruction of Rabbits be sent to him and he would distribute it to the farmers gratis —

Cr. Kerr
Cr. Ross } That the distribution of arsenic be left to the Rabbit Inspectors. Carried

23 J. Dermody for permission to fill up shaft sunk by him near Inglewood.
Referred to Engineer

24 Secty Wedderburn Racing Club applying for donation to the Race fund of the fees received from Temporary licenses. It was decided to refund half the fees received for temporary licenses.

25 Crown Lands Bailiff Rothery recommending the removal of a "dead wood fence" near Kennedy's land Connor as it is a harbour for rabbits.
Inspector to keep the fence clear of rabbits as it cannot be burned at present

26 W.S. Steel with Report on Wedderburn Water Supply and an application for payment for time occupied in turning off and on the water from the Rss mains prior to the last rain.
It was decided to keep the valve between the Reservoir and mains open all night for the future and Cr Ross moved that Steel be paid one pound for the extra work occasioned to him seconded by Cr Bourke & carried —

27 Messrs Stevenson & McNicol Photographers re proposal to execute views for Colonial & Indian Exhibition — no action

28 J. Gallacher Secty Burkes Flat Pmnt applying for road clearing & other works
Referred to Riding members who will attend to the matter when funds are available

29 John Cunliffe asking that one of his Water Rates on the Premises now unoccupied may be struck off —
Referred to the Engineer for inquiry and report

30 Secretary for Mines & Water Supply asking for particulars of any works performed in connection with Wedderburn Water Supply during present year. Secretary to Supply

31 Messrs Guthrie & Simmers applying for an extension of 3 weeks time on Contract at Wycheitella. — Granted

32 Geo. F. Grant curator Rheola Reservoir reporting favorably on same —

33 C. Goodland applying for permission to erect verandah at his place High St Wedderburn.
Granted

34 R. Steel junr & J. Boyd applying for the extension of the Water Supply Pipes to their Premises
Referred to members for Central Riding with power to have same done if advisable —

Treasurer's Report Receipts during month £667.14.—
Expenditure £814.1.4 Bank Overdraft £1549.13.½
Received & approved.

Cr Catto moved that the secretary take the necessary steps to have about 5 acres of Land Reserved on the East of Charles Browns selection formerly Bretto with about 10 chains frontage to Simpsons Creek — seconded by Cr Redwood & carried

Rabbit Inspectors' reports for the North South Ridings were read and approved —
It was decided to advertise that the Council would expect landowners to make renewed exertions in connection with rabbit Suppression on the 21st Jany

Engineers Report.
1 Had found a suitable track for road from Burkes Flat to Cochrans Creek via McIntyres — and surveyed it.
2 Had examined and found the Wycheitella Neighbridge
3 Correct. With regard to the complaint of offensive matter being allowed to pass through drain at the Charlton Post office finds that the Pipes have not been used and has taken no further action in the matter
4 Recommend tenders being called for improvements to the Charlton bridge and the Teadywoddy footbridge ~~and~~ half the expense of which will no doubt be ~~expended by~~ borne by the St Arnaud Council
5 Has had the well on the Reserve excised from Thomas's selection in Berrimal, walled up and
6 Protected with timber. Has surveyed a recreation reserve adjoining the catchment area of the Wedderburn Water Supply —

Cr Kiley
Cr Martin } That Tenders be called for the improvements to the Charlton & Teadywoddy bridges indicated as necessary by the Engineers report —
Carried

Cr Martin
Cr Kiley } That Secretary apply for the control of the Wycheitella Railway Tank and two iron tanks there
Carried

Cr Redwood
Cr Kiley } That the Engineers report be received & approved
Carried

The Public Works Committee then brought up the following Tenders

No. 1 Repairing Turners crossing through Tuckers Creek
John Polick £9. 10. 0 Estimate £5. 0. 0
E. Whitney 6. 0. 0
Recommended Whitney

2 Supplying 40 C yds metal & filling crabholes etc near Ashtons & Boyles Kupwirkly
John Forest £14. 0. 0 Estimate £17. 0. 0
A.B. Wildish 10. 0. 0
Geo Irving 17. 0. 0 recommended Wildish

3 Forming & metalling & chaining on Wead & Charlton road near the 19 mile Post Estimate £88
J. Kinniry £98. 0. 0
E. Goodwin 92. 16. 0
Wildish & Forest tenders withdrawn
Fresh Tenders to be called

4. Forming, gravelling and constructing culvert on Avoca Forest and Wehla road
John Polick £18. 10. 0 Estimate £12. 18
W. Crisp 14. 0. 0
E. Whitney 10. 0. 0
recommended Whitney

5 Forming by Temples on 6 mile Plain Reading to Myers crossing Estimate £37. 10. 0
J. Boyd £50
J. Forest 29. 19. 0
Geo Irving 24. 0. 0
A.B. Wildish 28. 10. 0 Recommended Wildish

6 Forming & gravelling on the East & West road by Lindsays Williamsons Bannerons Estimate £150 —
Forest 153. Kinniry 149 Wildish 180 Boyd 160 Crisp 168. 16/-
Guthrie 195 Kinniry accepted for 40 chains £2. 9/- per chain

7. Constructing 7 crossings on road from Caldwells to Sagworths etc Estimate £63. 10. 0
A.B. Wildish £54. 0. 0
D. Guthrie 65. 0. 0
W. Crisp 87. 0. 0
Recommended Crisp

8 Jarring painting and screwing up Coonos & Avoca Forest Bridges Estimate £60. 0. 0
W. Bamerman £69. 5. 0
W. Crisp 40. 0. 0
J. Hughes 50. 0. 0
A. McDonald 53. 18. 6
D. Guthrie 50. 0. 0
J. Polic 42. 0. 0
Recommended Crisp

Tender for Windmill and plant Standing at Beers selection Boring
R. Redwood £25. 1st accepted
It was decided call for fresh tenders

Appointment of Clerk of Works for Bridge over the Avoca on Wedderburn St Arnaud road

7 applications were received and Cr Martin moved that Wm A. McCalman be appointed which was seconded by Cr Kling & carried it being understood that the appointment was for one month with the option of the Engineer continuing it ~~for another month~~ weekly if necessary.

The other applicants were Jas Jackson Wedderburn
D. Guthrie "
W. Crisp "
E. Flannery "
W. A. Jones Inglewood
Anonymous Burtons Flat

Cr Redwood
Cr Kleeg } That the tenders of Messrs Whitney 2 Kilduff 2 Crisp 2 & Kipling be accepted and that the appointment of Mr A. McCalman as Clerk of Works be confirmed —

Carried —

Appointment of Weighbridge Keeper

The following applications were received for the office of Keeper to the Charlton Weighbridge

R. Stubbs 40%
C. J. Tait 45%
E. H. Miles 5 2/3%

Cr Kleeg
Cr Martin } That Mr C. J. Tait be appointed —

Carried

Buckrabanyule
Jas Dunkley 50%

Barraklee
Saml Smale 50%

Wychitella
Thos Hindson 50%

Boning
John Aird 45%

Nepid
Wm Ashton 50%

Wedderburn
J. Moroney 50%

Korong Vale
No application
Cr Hamilton in charge

Bridgewater
No application
D. R. Gerrand in charge.

Cr Kleeg
Cr Catto } That the tenders of Messrs Dunkley, Smale, Hindson Aird, Ashton, ~~Hamilton & Gerrand~~ & Moroney be accepted for the various Weighbridges ~~and Mess. Hamilton & Gerrand be appointed~~

Carried

Motions under Notice

Cr Bourchier For tank near Howard

Postponed

Cr Redwood
Cr Catto } Tenders be called for the Construction of a bridge over the Bulabul Creek by McPhee —

Carried

Instructions to Officers

By Cr Kleeg
Cr Martin } That the Engineer have road repaired ~~near~~ by Geo Sparks property near the Railway line also repairs to small Dam Wychitella

Carried

By Cr Redwood Engineer to inspect and report as to necessity for crossings on road near O'Keefes Korong

By Cr Bourke Engineer to inspect road near White Rock & have repairs effected —

By Cr Kleeg Engineer to inspect and have repairs effected to road near Graham's & McPherson's. Wychitella

Cr Kleeg
Cr Martin } That tenders be called for repairs to Street Charlton from Martins to the bridge and ~~from~~ and footpath from Martins to Keeffe's

Carried

Cr Redwood
Cr Catto } That Engineer have damage caused by late rains to Inglewood Storm Channel repaired. —

Carried

By Cr Ross Engineer to have crossing by Carlons repaired

By Cr Ross Engineer to fill in the selections and roads in the Shire on the Map hanging in the Shire Hall

By C. Burke Engineer to attend to the crossing near Mrs. Whites which is in need of repairs —

Cr. Cutto
Cr. Redwood

That the following accounts brought up by the Finance Committee

171	Inspector Delaney salary	2	10	0
172	Inspector Cox do	7	10	0
173	Tarrouna labour per a/c	3	10	0
174	Con 1110 W. Crisp	10	0	0
175	Con 1107 Jas Walker & Co	7	18	0
176	Cost of summoning Ratepayers	14	8	0
177	Con 1110 W. Crisp	15		0
178	Korong Agricult Society donation	5	0	0
179	Mr. C. Logan Curator of Reservoir & Forest	5	0	0
180	Charitable Donations	33	3	0
181	Inglewood Hospital donation	20	0	0
182	Hansen day labour per a/c	3	12	0
183	Timms day labour do	2	2	0
184	Turpie labour by Cushin	2	10	0
185	Con 1034 & 1068 Wildish & Co	1	10	0
186	Con 1132 Jackson & Co	4	0	0
187	Con 1134 do	10	0	0
188	Con 1079 Hughes	28	8	0
189	John Carlow making crossing	4	0	0
190	Con 1106 Thos Carlow	20	0	0
191	Con 1110 W. Crisp	15	0	0
192	Con 1078 W. Crisp	2	0	0
193	Hansen & Timms making well	9	15	0
194	Surveying Mr Sutpes & Flat Road	16	10	0
195	Sundry accounts per vouchers	9	9	2
196	J. R. Gray 1 month's salary	8	6	8
197	Engineer 1 months do	29	3	4
198	Secretary 1 months do	25	0	0
199	Grant 5 weeks Rabbit Inspector	5	0	0
200	Reach 5 weeks do	5	0	0
	Forward £	325	5	2

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201	Cosh salary as Rabbit Inspector	5	0	0
202	Bannon lamplighter and Scavenger	37	16	9
203	W. S. Steel day labour per a/c	2	8	0
204	Geo Torrance labour & Cheeta	6	14	0
205	Con 1135 Duckett	4	17	6
206	Con 1110 Crisp	14	0	0
207	Rent of Shire Hall to 1st December	35	0	0
208	Star office advertising	5	8	0
209	Advertiser Office printing & advertising	9	7	6
210	Tribune Office ad otg	5	18	6
211	Con 1065 & 1103 Whitney	4	12	0
212	Con 1108 Christohan	10	0	0
	£	466	7	5

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

Confirmed 18/1 — 1886

E. L. Hourahie President