Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Korong Shire Council held in the Shire Hall Wedderburn on Monday the 15th March 1886.

Present Cr Ross (in the chair) Crs Bourke, Cahill, Redwood Coutts & Catto

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed —

Correspondence

1. Mr Holmes Jun Barrakee requesting Council to compel Gaspar Tomanichael to erect swing gates on road closed by him. Attended to.

2. Govt Statist re agricultural Statistics

3 Lands Department notifying reservation of 17 acres land for Public Garden etc in the Township of Wedderburn.

4 Under Treasurer notifying appointment of Holidays within the Shire on the 19th March & 18th October

5 Secretary for Conference held at Inglewood for the purpose having certain works constructed by the London United Water Trust proclaimed, Head Works and made a charge against the General Revenue, — to the effect that such a resolution had been carried and that Candidates for Electoral honors be requested to support the above resolution at the

5a London United Waterworks Trust —

With regard to the proposal that the Council pay the interest due by the Trust Cr Coutts pointed out that a special rate could be levied on the properties benefitted. the subject was postponed till the attendance of the Shire Secretary

6 Victorian Decentralization League asking for a donation of £5. 5/- towards the Garden of the Queen

Cr. Ross
Cr. Coutts } That the Council take no action as it is doubtful whether their funds can be legally appropriated to such purposes. Carried

7. Central Board of Health acknowledging receipt of Health Officers report for last year

8. Post & Telegraph Department relative to complaint of Council that timber felled along the Telegraph route from Anglewood to Charlton has been allowed to remain on the public road on
The Secretary stated that the Inspector had called at the Office and promised that the Contractor would clear the timber away.

9 Secretary Murrand Shire asking Co-operation in the destruction of Bathurst burr.
attended to.

10 The Same declining to alter their scale of Weighbridge fees and suggesting the lowering of the scale employed by the Korong Shire —

11 Lands Department intimating that steps are being taken to temporarily reserve for watering and Camping purposes the land in Parish of Wehla indicated on the tracing transmitted with the application

12 J. W. Kethercote Hon Secty, Progress Committee Korong Vale stating that at a public meeting held at Korong Vale, it was unanimously resolved that Messrs Black, Greig & Mandeville wait on the Council for the purpose of asking that the Council undertake the reticulation of Korong Vale and that the Shire Engineer be

instructed to prepare an estimate of the possible increased supply to the Reservoir and the probable cost thereof
Messrs Black, Greig & Mandeville attended and Mr Clark stated that Mr Speight Railway Commissioner promised to allow the extension of the main through the Township as soon as there was a sufficient supply, there was now an abundant supply and the deputation asked that the Council would carry out the work of reticulation the inhabitants are willing to bear [illegible]

Cr. Bourke
Cr. Cahill } That the Engineer bring up at next meeting an estimate of the probable cost of the scheme for Korong Vale and that the Secretary apply for leave to ~~take~~ utilise the water and extend the main also to suggest that drains be cut to increase the supply to the Reservoir and that with this end in view an officer be sent by the Department to make an examination of the locality and that the Shire Engineer attend and assist such officer. Carried

The Deputation also asked Council to request the Department to establish a Post and Telegraph Office and Messenger at Korong Vale —
The Secretary was instructed to apply for the
Deputation also asks for Culvert and 6 Chains of gravelling between the gatehouses at Korong Vale.
Referred to Engineer

13. Patrick O'Brien reporting on Kingower Water Supply

14. Public Works Department relative to subsidy to Avoca and Kingparrot Creek bridges that the one will be paid in two instalments and that the vouchers from Contractors will be accepted as evidence of expenditure —
Secretary was instructed to apply for proportion of expenditure from Rail Raised Shire Council

15 W. H. Cane Manager Fearnought Company with reference to the use of dam at Thomsons Gully – Mr Cowper stated that the Company was erecting machinery in such a manner as to allow the sludge and other drainage to flow into the dam contrary to the conditions under which the use of the dam was granted.

Cr Booth instructed the Secretary to write to Mr Boyd that the Council objected to the site & to write to the General Manager to same effect – agreed to

16 Sutton Grimwade & Co quoting prices of Pulverized Bisulphide of Carbon in the various packages.

17 S. T. Edwards Youngtown asking that steps be taken to have the road through his land surveyed after the license restored to him. Secretary stated that the survey was now made and the license was with the Lands Department

18 W. Steel with Water Supply report

19 Lands Department stating the survey of road excised from Edwards holding must be made at the Councils' expense.

20 Lands Office to remand with ack for same

21 Lands Department stating that as the Council had compensated Mr S. T. Edwards the Department will effect the survey of a road as desired by the Council

22 Central Board of Health that the Public Works and Postal Departments would be communicated with in reference to the Water Tank at Meadows Post Office.

23 Ratepayers from the vicinity of Koroing Dale applying for the construction of a bridge over the creek between the selections of Mess Thompson and Thomas on the West boundary of Kingsland.
Engineer states the cost to be about £30
Postponed

24 Lands Department stating that an area of 10 acres in the parish of Tamaquella had been temporarily reserved for water supply.

25 Ratepayers Fentons Creek applying for road clearing.
Engineer to report at next meeting

26 Inspector Steel Charlton reporting the satisfactory completion of Curnett & Procters Sawmill licenses and recommending the issue of those licenses

27 Mrs Murphy Koroing forwarding cheque for £5 on ac of expenses incurred by Rabbit Inspector amounting to £5 9s and attorney's costs 30/ Council agreed to accept the £5 in full payment

28 Secretary N. W. Groups intimating that the half yearly meeting would be held at Dimboola on Tuesday the 23rd March at 11 o'clock a.m. and requesting attendance of a delegate from this Council

Cr Redwood
Cr Bourke } The Council withdrew from Group Meeting and resolved to form a more suitable sphere of operations [illegible]

29 Inspector Steel Charlton reporting favourably on the sanitary condition of the Borough

30 Engineer Shire of Lorton asking Council to join in the expense of excavating 2000 yards of tanks near the Terrapee State School and Douglas's Reservoir and pointing out that although one of the proposed tanks would be entirely within the Lorton Shire

the Ratepayers in the Korong Shire would be as much benefited as those of the London Shire postponed for attendance of North Riding Members

31 Archibald Chisholm applying for additional payment on contract at Kingower and Wehla road

Cr. Cutto
Cr. Redwood } That the contractor be paid £10 – Rest. Back.
For Cr. Cutto & Redwood.
Motion lost

32 Land Office Sandhurst with a/c of survey fees for survey of Reserve Parish of Wehla. Secretary was instructed to pay the amount and apply for a reserve on the Wehla and Rheola road at the old Homestead.

32 A. Dudley Charlton to Inspector stock calling attention to the nuisance of stray cattle wandering about the streets.
Instructions were given to summon all owners of vagrant cattle found in the streets of townships

33 Mrs Frech Korong Vale stating that she was not in a position to carry out the contract on the Charlton road and asking to be relieved of same and have her deposit returned
Agreed to and deposit to be returned.

34 Cr. Mandeville Wedderburn complaining of nuisance in the shape of a cesspit and pigsties in his neighbors yard which entailed loss of custom to his house
Inspector to have nuisance removed

35 C. Laycock Probett abandoning his contract for draining and refilling deposit
Frech Tenders to be called

Treasurer Reported Receipts since last meeting £175 13 0
Expenditure £576 5/- Bank overdraft £1620
received and approved

Engineer's Report

1 In company with the Central Riding members had enquired into the claim of Mr. Johnson of Korong Vale for damages alleged to have been caused by works constructed by the Council diverting the flood water into his premises – and they are of opinion that the Council is not responsible to Mr Johnson or anyone else for damage sustained by floods as the Township is in a swamp and the only way to relieve ~~the land~~ it is by lowering the eastern bank of the creek where the road crosses it and building the houses high off the ground & filling up around them to a high level

2 Had inspected the crossing by Wheelhouse's Wehla and find it is necessary to clear a portion of the old track, when constructing the crossing. also recommends reservation of old crossing near Wehla Township.

3 Before effecting any repairs to road near Somerville and Longes Wedderburn its course should be decided upon. Asks instructions as to cutting Bathurst burr in places other than the main roads

4 Had in company with Mr Sloan examined the road in Kurting and with a view to preventing the rush of water down the drain for Ashton's ~~Road~~ recommended the substitution of about one chain of metalling for the existing formation

5 C. Lucas was considerably behind with his Contract for breaking metal Bridgewater and as evidence for spreading the same were to be in this city he asked for instructions in the matter

Consideration The Crossings at Wehla were postponed
Cr. Redwood was authorised to have the ~~trustees~~ Engr act on road from Bridgewater to Salisbury

Cr. Redwood
Cr. Coutts — That Tenders be called for the construction of a crossing and fencing by Sloans Kerting. Carried

Cr. Redwood
Cr. Coutts — That if Lucas does not keep the Contractor for Spreading the metal on Bridgewater supplied the penalties be enforced. Secretary to give him notice to that effect. Carried

Rabbit Inspectors reports for the several Ridings were read and approved.

The Public Works Committee then brought up the following

Tenders

No. 1 Grubbing and removing stores from road near Hickson and Flatlands Est £ —
C. Gordon £15 . 0 . 0
C. Drummond 6 . 0 . 0
H. C. Hickmott 4 . 17 . 6 ×
Recommended Hickmott

2. Kerbing etc High St Wanderburro Estimate £107 . 15/
G. Duckett £86 . 8 . 0 ×
F. Hughes 135 . 10 . 0
H. Crisp 92 . 5 . 0
Recommended Duckett

3. 240 Chains of Side drains and constructing 3 Culverts on boundary road Kingsmill. Estimate £114 . 16/-
H. Crisp £99 . 0 . 0 Recommended

4. Forming & metalling Bridgewater
Egan £29 . 8 . 0 Est £25
C. Lucas 32 . 5 . 0
W. A. Jones 36 . 0 . 0 not let. Fresh Tenders to be called including

5. Painting Tarring and screwing up Charlton and Tenpoundy bridges. Estimate £35 . 10 . 0
J. Cox £34 . 10 . 0
H. Crisp 32 . 0 . 0
H. E. Hickmott 34 . 7 . 6
Recommended Crisp

Cr. Coutts
Cr. Redwood — That the tenders of Messrs Hickmott, Duckett & Crisp 2 as recommended by the Committee be accepted. Carried

Motions under Notice

Cr. Ross
Cr. Cahill — Tenders be called for clearing from Woodhatch to Yarrowy Hill. Carried

Cr. Cahill
Cr. Bourke — " for grubbing about 2 miles by Shaws Berrimal and constructing 4 open crossings. Carried

Cr. Coutts
Cr. Coutts — " for clearing road from Rickes Flat to Cochrans Creek or to junction with Wahla & Moliagul road. Carried

Cr. Coutts
Cr. Coutts — " for about 40 Chains draining and Culverts near P. Kelly's from Wesserburn & Salisbury road. Carried

Cr. Coutts
Cr. Coutts — " for crossing on East and west road between the farms of Ryans in the parish of Korong also for repairs to crossing on North and South road in same locality. Carried

General Business

Mr Cameron attended and complained of the way in which a Contract for fencing etc near his place in Borung is let and evinced that the pieces of road in most need of repair are not included in the contract

Cr. Bourke
Cr. Ross — That the matter be referred to the North Riding members and the Engineer with power to extend the Contract if necessary. Carried

Cr. Coutts pointed out that according to the Specification a sum of money was to be retained by the Engineer on ale of a contract at Old Inglewood for 12 months, the Contractor Rogers had informed him that the amount kept back was £10 and that the works has been completed some time.
moves that £9. 10. 0 be paid to him
seconded by Cr. Redwood and carried.

Cr. Redwood called attention to the advantage that would be afforded to the travelling public by the addition of a passenger carriage to the ordinary goods train leaving Sandhurst for Korong Vale at 3 O'clock. P.m. also by the issue of return tickets at reduced fares from all country stations lasting 3 days.
Instructed the Secretary to make application for both these concessions to the Railway Department and to solicit cooperation of other Shires in the endeavor to secure system of return tickets from bounding Stations.

Instructions to Officers

By Cr. Bourke. Engineer to have bridge at Avoca Forest gravelled and ascertain if Kara Kara Shire will pay half also attend to Culverts on Avoca Forest and Conroy roads where rabbits have burrowed.
It was decided that the services of the clerk of Works for the bridge over the Avoca be continued but the Contractor have instructions to push on with the work.
The Engineer was instructed to repair culvert by Mitchs Wedderburn

By Cr. Bourke Engineer to survey a line from Colvins Hotel to Magpie dam if available ~~for~~ water

Engineer was instructed to report on road from Bendigo to Kurting, and by Laing.
Secretary to apply for gravel reserve of about 2 acres by Tons creek on Bakeworths new selection.
Cr. Coutts stated that in company with Cr. Batts he had inspected road by O'Keefes and recommend that a footbridge and three crossings be made over creek there.

Notices of Motion

Cr. Redwood. That Tenders be called for construction of Culvert on Morrow and ~~Inglewood~~ Powlett road Branch of Inglewood.

Cr. Redwood. That resolution carried at last meeting by Cr. Kley be rescinded and that we have dinner at the usual time big when the business is over

Cr. Batts Tenders be called for crossing and approach on Tarnagulla and Rheola roads near the site of the old crushing machine.

Cr. Cahill " for construction of crossing between Chamberlin and Thompson Creeks.

310	Hansen & Knudsen	4	13	0
311	Stubbs Weighbridge Bowman	1	11	9
312	W. Crisp making crossing	4	19	0
313	Bow 1144. W. Crisp	4	10	0
314	Wm Hind Weighbridge Bowman	3	17	2
315	Bow 1109 Guthrie	25	0	0
316	Bow 1145. W. Crisp	10	0	0
317	W. Ashton Weighbridge Bowman	2	12	7
318	Neville Weighbridge [illegible]	3	11	[illegible]
			14.	10

		£	s.	d.
	Forwarded	£60	14	10
319	Con 1135 E. Whitney	5	0	6
320	Con 1141 do	6	0	0
321	John Kruse analyst	4	10	0
322	Con 1109 Guthrie	3	10	0
323	Office Expenses	6	18	0
324	D. R. Stewart & W. B. Commission	4	13	7
325	Printing on licenses	21	12	6
326	John McKay crossing Bennett	2	10	0
327	Con 1109 Guthrie	12	10	0
328	Con 1069 Guthrie & Fenwick	2	10	0
329	Con 1142 R. B. Wildish	8	0	0
330	Wildish repairs to roads	3	0	0
331	Dunkley, Neighbourhood	2	9	4
332	Martin Conference Inspection	2	2	0
333	Secretary 1 mo salary	25	0	0
334	Engineer do	29	3	4
335	J. H. Grant A. 1 mo do	4	0	0
336	Thos. Cosh Inspector	4	0	0
337	John Leach do Statistics	16	0	0
338	Geo Grant do	20	0	0
339	C. A. Stewart Transfer Expts	7	18	2
340	Dankers stand pipe	9	11	0
341	Clark burying goats etc	2	5	0
342	Thos. H. Crisp Con 1145 1099	16	0	0
343	Con 1148 John Welch	70	0	0
344	Thos. Cosh collecting Statistics	12	0	0
345	Con 1135 Lamplighting	3	18	0
346	Con 1152 Jenkins	10	0	0
347	Con 1151 Donaldson	26	0	0
348	Con 1149 Hickmott	50	0	0
349	Con 1063 Forsh	21	4	0
350	Con 1086 do H. Steel	1	17	0
351	Donaldson repairs K. W.	4	10	0
352	Con 1153 John [illegible]	40	0	0
		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

		£	s.	d.
	Forwarded £	519	6	9
353	Wild Dog Suppression Association	6	0	0
354	Labour Pumps etc	12	10	1
355	Simpson Bros. Printing & advertising	1	17	6
356	Hansen labour	2	0	0
357	Jas Simson labour & lamplighting	8	7	9
358	Star office advertising	1	7	0
359	Mandville Press allowance	4	16	0
360	Whitney labour	4	14	2
361	W. A. Jones labour	4	8	6
362	A. Chisholm labour	2	2	0
		571	11	7

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

Confirmed 19th Mar

Donald Ross

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Koroing Shire Council held at the Shire Hall Headburn April 19th 1886.

Present Cr Rose in the Chair till the arrival of the President and Crs Lello, Schell, Coutts, Redwood, King, Rourke

Mr Lello
Mr Coutts

That the Secretary memorialise the Honorable the Premier the following resolution viz That the Council of the Shire of Koroing representing a population of nearly ten thousand persons desires to convey to the Honorable the Premier its strong approval of the determined and vigorous protest made by him against the proposed occupation of the New Hebrides by France and to express the opinion that these islands properly belong to the Australasian Colonies and should on no account be allowed to pass into the possession of any foreign power.

Minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Correspondence

1 Lands Department placing under the control of the Council land temporarily reserved near Headburn Reservoir

2 M. J. Barrington asking that Cheque might be forwarded for the amount voted by the Council to the Widow of the Kingower Poetry Reading Society who has handed it to the Trustees.

3 Shire of Loddon asking Council to assist in bearing expense necessary to execute works on the Loddon River on the South

Mr King
Mr Lello

That Council bear half cost of the works asked for but not contributions for the Bridge in the Shire of Headburn by Kingower as a mere of [illegible]

4 Deputy Postmaster General re removal of saplings &c. cut down on Telegraph lines.
Secretary was instructed to inform the Department that the nuisance still exists.

5. Secty Loddon Trust relative to payment of interest by the Shire. Consideration postponed

6 Public Department stating that the application for Post office and delivery of letters at Koroing Dale would be considered

7 Shire of St Arnaud agreeing to pay half the cost of metalling bridge at Charlton.

8 A Nicholson relinquishing his Contract for formingtc on Kingower and Kreola roads

9 Joseph Hunt Bar of Wehla calling attention to prevalence of rabbits on land known as Miss Robinsons, parish of Berriwillock, McGrath the Inspector who was in attendance expressed his opinion that Miss Robinsons land had been forfeited some time ago and the Secretary was instructed to write to the Lands Department concerning it.

10 D. J. Spear & others near Glenalbyn Station asking Council to have gates placed on the Railway line where the Bagia & Kingower road crosses.
Secretary was instructed to make the necessary application.

Cr Rouchier here entered and took the chair.

11 Postmaster General declining to remove the Post office Koroing Dale from the Railway Station to the other