Minutes of ordinary meeting of the Korong Shire Council held in the Shire Hall Wedderburn on the 19th January 1886.

Present Cr. Ross (in the chair) King, Martin, Burke Redwood Coutts & Catto

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

Cr. Bourchier, President arrived and took the Chair

Correspondence:-

1. Railway Department re water Supply Wychitella

2. Govt Statist re Collection of agricultural Statistics

3. Receiver of Revenue Inglewood received re Interest on Wedderburn Waterworks loan — Secretary had attended to the matter

4. Ratepayers near Mc Calman's Berrimal, asking for alteration of road there -
Referred to the members for the Riding to deal with

5. Secretary Decentralization League, Sandhurst applying for donation. No action

6. Sat. O'Brien reporting favorably on Reservoir at Kingower. received

7. Lands Department re Regulations for the Wedderburn Public Garden received.

8. Mr. R. Bloomfield Rees, Eaglehawk offering services as Public Analyst on the same terms as Mr Kruse, whose appointment terminates on the 31st Dec
The Secretary stated that Mr Kruse appointment

had been further confirmed to the 31st March by the Central Board of Health

9. Central Board of Health re extension of Mr Kruse's appointment as ~~Acct~~ Public Analyst

10 S. Hubbard, Burkes Flat enclosing petition signed by 32 Ratepayers praying ~~for~~ that no alteration of road through Mr Hubbard's be allowed — dealt with later on.

11 Public Works Department returning plans of Kinypanial creek bridge which are approved by the Department's Inspecting Engineer — received

12 London United Water Trust asking if the Council will be willing to pay a portion of the Interest on the Loan advanced to the Trust and create a sinking fund out of the Municipal fund in accordance with the powers conferred by the "Water Conservation Act 1884"
The President was in favor of the proposal which he considered affected the North Riding only but he thought the amount of interest due should be ascertained by next meeting
Referred to the North Riding members to attend the approaching Conference in connection with the matter

13 Central Board of Health forwarding bye law under the Public Health Act duly confirmed received

14 Treasury with forms in connection with claim for Endowment - Secretary had attended to same

15. Loddon United Waterworks Trust with statement showing approximate discharge of of water down their Channels. received

16 Ratepayers Wedderburn applying for improvements to High St and asking that Tenders be called for Kerbing that portion of High between Kerry & Chapel streets referred to Engineer

17 W. Steel reporting favorably on the state of the Wedderburn Reservoir and dams under his Control. The Secretary stated that the fish were escaping from the Reservoir and the Engineer was instructed to take steps to prevent same.

18 Adam Laidlaw Buckrabanyule calling attention to impassable Condition of the road between the Pre-emptive Section and Thos Darcy's block. Engineer instructed to inspect and report to next meeting ——

19 Crown Lands Bailiff, Rothery & Dudley re date fixed for commencing Rabbit Suppression

20 Lands Department stating that time fixed for Commencing Operations under Rabbit Act had been extended to the 10th Proximo —

Cr. Bourchier, Cr. Ross } That the date of Commencing Operations for destruction of the rabbits be postponed to the 10th February next. Carried

21 Hugh Ennis asking that the occupier of the Buckrabanyule Range be compelled to take action to destroy the rabbits thereon —

Cr. Bourchier stated that the matter had been referred to the Crown Lands Bailiff who says the Govt will

will cancel the license if action is not taken at once

Cr. Klug, Cr. Martin } That if the Government does not forfeit the license by the 10th February the Inspector be instructed to employ men to destroy the rabbits on Buckrabanyule, & sue the occupier for the cost after sending Capt Haines with notice. Carried

22 Mr Bowron re rabbits Youngtown.

Cr. Klug, Cr. Burke } That applications be called for the appointment of Rabbit Inspector for the North & Central Ridings together and for the North Riding alone applicants to state salary required —

Amendment lost

Cr. Ross, Cr. Redwood } That the Inspectors remain as they are —

For Cattlo Ross Redwood & Cattlo
against Bourchier, Martin, Klug

23. E. Proctor Charlton relative to complaint made against him by Inspector of nuisances and referring to the Health Officer or President re the Cleanliness of his slaughter yards etc —

Cr. Klug, Cr. Martin } That Dr Fee be appointed Health Officer for the North Riding at a salary of £20 per annum and an allowance of 5/- per mile one journey when on special visits.

Carried

Drs McKean and Adam were re appointed for the Central and South Ridings respectively at a salary of £20 each per annum and 5/- per mile one journey when on special visits.

Cr. Klug, Cr. Cattlo } That Constable Steele be appointed Inspector of Nuisances and Slaughteryards for the North Riding of this Shire. Carried

24. Applications for Slaughtering licenses were received from the following Messrs Sharman, Procter, Hamilton, Kenrick & Sons & Mrs Kennedy.

Cr. Kluzy
Cr. Martin } That no slaughtering licenses be issued in Charlton till favourable reports are received from the Inspector of nuisances.

Carried

25 & 26 Mr. Kentish and Mr. Cheshire Charlton complaining of stench arising from pigsties near the Post Office Charlton.

Inspector of nuisances

27 Mr Bannon Charlton in reference to the above and reporting that the filth from the pigsties & Slaughterhouse of Procter & Son was washed into the river by the rains

28 Central Board of Health enclosing copy of letter from the Local Board of Charlton advice in reference to the closing of the State School by the Health Officer the Secretary stated he had referred the letter to Dr. M. Grau

29 Dr McCrae Health Officer in reply to the above that owing to the fact that one third of the average attendance were absent through measles and the number of cases increasing he had anticipated the action of the Medical Board and instructed the Teacher to close the School

30 Mr Bannon reporting more favourably on the Sanitary condition of Charlton —

31 Dr Macrae reporting prevalence of measles throughout North & Central Ridings the various schools affected had been closed but are now reopened

Treasurer's Report

Receipts since last meeting £805.1.3 Expenditure £361.7.7
Overdraft £861.18.5.

Received & Approved

Secretary was instructed to write to the St Arnaud Council suggesting the adoption of a uniform scale of weighbridge charges at Charlton and in the event of their declining to raise their fees that ours be reduced ~~at that~~ ~~weighbridge to the same rate~~ as in St Arnaud — ~~proportion~~ portion

Rabbit Inspectors Reports were read from the several Inspectors and it was decided to supply ratepayers with bisulphide of carbon at net cost and to give a tin for use at the Bridgewater Meeting

Engineers Report:-

1 re drainage of Heatherburn the remedy he would suggest is the construction of a storm channel along the East side of Wilson St from the School to the Water Course passing through Cahills land and thence under High St to the main flat the land would have to be purchased from Mr Cahill a drain would also have to be carried from the School southward to High St and Eastward to the flat — the cost of the scheme would not exceed £350.0.0 another remedy would be to improve the streets subject to flooding by roughly forming & channelling them and raising the footpaths. this would be an attempt to make every street carry its own water the cost of this work would probably not exceed £20.

2 Re the cost of extending water supply to Messrs Steer & Boyd's would not exceed £25 and the annual rate would be 35/ the work was being proceeded with

3 Was of opinion that Messrs Procter & Son should remove their Premises back from the river before their Slaughtering license is renewed

4. Recommends the filling of the ruts on Barraklee road near the White Rocks ~~[illegible]~~ with Stone next winter if funds are available this road should be formed, and probably asphalted.
5. Recommends repairs to Wedderburn & Fernhurst.
6. Road also 40 Chains forming & gravelling road running East from Wychitella Station, and construction of Culvert in gully north of Graham's probable cost £120.
7. Mr Batts, Redwood, & himself had inspected the selection of Mr Stubbard at Buckes Flat & could not recommend cutting it in two to save a short distance of 10 Chains.
8. With regard to the application for improvements to road near T Keeps Eastwook, finds that 9 crossings in the course of ~~[illegible]~~ a mile, are required but would recommend the cutting of a Chain along the road as being sufficient for present requirements.

The report was dealt with as follows:—

Drainage of Wedderburn dealt with by notice of motion. Engineer to have repairs effected to road ~~near~~ near White Rock to have ruts & holes ~~[illegible]~~ filled on road near Bucks Flat & Sailors Gully.

The work near Wychitella station was postponed.

Mr Bouchier
Mr Kleeg } That no action be taken with respect to road through Husbands land Buckes Flat.

Carried.

The works required near T Keeps were postponed for further report from Engineer as to cost etc of single bridge and drain.

Mr Ross objected to the Engineer calling for tenders for work at Korong Vale without consulting the member for the Riding the Engineer stated that

though the Contract was let to Messrs Jackson & Grayson last November they had not commenced work & had they given notice of their intention to abandon it under the circumstances he thought it best to invite fresh tenders.

Mr Bourke
Mr Ross } That the Contract be cancelled and the deposit forfeited.

Carried.

The Public Works Committee brought up the following

Tenders

No. 1. Jarring & Painting & screwing up bridges at Charlton and Yeddyweddy — Estimate £35.10/

J. Ulich	£21
P. Dillon	24
W. Crisp	29.10/
D. Guthrie	39.10/

Recommended Ulich

2 Constructing timber bridge over Bulabul Creek by Kerrinyand Wacquires — Estimate £350.7.0

W. Crisp	£488
J. Ulich	317
Reilly Bros	413
Timms	345.15/
Jones	361.4/
D Guthrie	415.

Recommended Ulich

3 Forming & metalling 8 Chains near 19 mile post Wedderburn & Charlton road — Estimate £92.0.0

C. Lucas	£67 (withdrawn)
J. Forest	76.12.0
J. Kinniry	87.0.0
W. E. Hickmott	87.12.0
W. Crisp	96.16.0
D Guthrie	89.12.0

Recommended Forest

4. Forming & metalling about 20 Chains in High and Halidays Sts, Charlton etc

J. Kinsey	£329 . 10 . 0	Estimate £255 . 10/-
G. Lucas	167 . 10 . 0	
H. E. Hickmott	227 . 10 . 0	
H. Crisp	265 . 10 . 0	

Recommended Lucas. afterwards it was discovered that Lucas had put a letter into the Tender box stating he had made a mistake and withdrawing his tender & the Council gave the Contract to Hickmott he being the next lowest tenderer.

5 Constructing timber bridge over the Kingsmead creek near Pattersons and Burns.

John Kolich	£489 . 0 . 0	Estimate £535 . 2/-
D. Guthrie	640 . 7 . 0	
Reilly Bros	547 . 10 . 0	
A. Timms	516 . 4 . 0	
W. Crisp	641 . 15 . 0	
Grant & Kinsey	548 . 0 . 0	

Recommended Timms on a/c of Kolich having other Contracts.

6. Forming & gravelling Korong Vale

R. Donaldson	£27	Estimate £45
D. Guthrie	24	
G. Lucas	29 . 10/-	
J. Forest	30	

Cr. Kling
Cr Redwood } That Donaldson's tender be accepted on a/c of Guthrie being behind with other work

Carried

Cr. Boucher
Cr Martin } That Guthrie be informed that unless the Contract at Wychetella be completed within a fortnight the penalty will be enforced.

Carried

Cr. Ross
Cr. Redwood } That the tenders of Messrs Kolich & Forest & ~~Hickmott~~ Lucas & Timms & Donaldson be accepted.

Carried

Motions under Notice

Cr. Bourke
Cr. Coutts } That the Engineers salary be reduced by £100 a year.

Cr Coutts stated he would second the motion for the sake of discussion but would have preferred supporting a motion for his removal as he was of opinion that the Engineer has neglected his duty to the Council by attention to outside work.

Cr. Ross would support a motion to reduce the salary by £50.

Cr. Redwood is of opinion that the salary should be reduced and the ratepayers are generally of the same opinion.

Amendement by Cr. Ross that the reduction be £50

Cr Kling differed with both motion and amendement and is of opinion that the Engineer is not overpaid when comparison is made with the salaries of other Engineers.

President rules the motion out of order on the ground that the motion appointing the Engineer, should first be rescinded.

General Business

Cr Coutts
Cr Redwood } That the Engineer keep a diary of his work showing how he is employed and lay it on the table at ~~his~~ every meeting.

Cr Kling
Cr Martin } That tenders be called for footpaths and drains near Miss Bentoli's & at Charlton.

Carried

The Secretary was instructed to write asking Mr Greig if he would take charge of the Weighbridge at Korong Vale on the terms given to the present keeper.

Cr Ross was authorised to have nuts & holes filled where required in Wedderburn —

Engineer instructed to have stand pipe and through fixed opposite Shire Hall

By Cr Martin Engineer to ascertain if the Gordon Shire is agreable to bear half the cost of crossing or Culvert on boundary road over blind creek between Rogers & Fraser & if so call for tenders for same —

Cr Coutts inquired about the contract of Jackson & Gregson at Boulett and moved that it be Cancelled and the deposit forfeited. Carried Fresh tenders to be called with 10 Chains additional

Cr Redwood

By Cr. Redwood Engineer to inspect culvert by Fryfes which is damaged also have extra drains cut on Bay and Ringwood road — to have opening made into tank by Mrs Griffiths 3 chain road. also fence at Collins bridge re erected and employ a surface man to effect repairs in the South Riding for a few weeks.

By Cr. Ross Engineer to have hole filled at "possum" point

Cr. Kling referred at length to the complaints made repeatedly by those whose duty compelled their attendance at the Town House Thornton as to the insufficiency & ~~general~~ of accomodation & general inconvenience of the building and moved that the Secretary bring the matter under the notice of the Law Department and Public Works Department seconded by Cr Bourchier and carried —

Cr Ross suggested that attention be drawn to the steps which form the approach to the Wedderburn P.O and request the Department to remove them —

Notices of Motion

Cr. Bourchier That tenders be called for clearing and levelling stones on hill at Flatmans & Grays selections & Reg

Cr. Cahill " " for about 30 Chains of Kerbing on the East side of High Street —

Cr Redwood " " for forming & metalling road from Churchhurst road to the Steam Mill at Bridgewater also for constructing footpath on East side of same —

Cr. Martin " " draining the boundary road between the N & S Ridings from the west Loddon westward about 3 miles and a culvert on the east side of the Sandhill by Cornishes woolshed —

Cr. Ross That no proposal to reduce the salary of any Officer employed by the Council be entertained more than once a year and that the time for dealing with such notices of motion be at the begining of the financial year say October

Cr Kling
Cr. Coutts

That the following accounts brought up by the finance committee be passed for payment

213.	John Kinsey metal Charlton	7	18	9
214	Walker & Labour Inglewood	1	10	0
215	Mrs Moscroft Precedents allowce	4	10	0
216	W. Crisp dams repaired Wychetella	5	0	0
217.	Interest on Water Works loan	27	15	7
218	Wedderburn Racing Club	1	0	0
219	Office Expenses Stamps etc	4	14	6
220	Valuation Expenses	10	0	0
	£	62	8	10

		£	s.	d.
	Forward £	62	8	10
221	Peterson & Cosh labour	3	3	0
222	W. Steel curator of Reservoir	3	0	0
223	Con 1150 Guthrie & Simms	2	0	0
224	Crisp payment on drains	20	0	0
225	Weightbridge Commr & Stewart	7	1	6
226	Weightbridge Commr & Small	2	3	0
227	Duckett repairs to roads	10	10	0
228	Municipal Service Record	4	0	0
229	Weightbridge Commr & Dunkley	1	15	7
230	Inspector Delaney salary	1	5	0
231	Sundry accounts per order	19	12	8
232	Con 1110 Crisp	2	0	0
233	Crisp labour Head & Kilto rd	2	10	0
234	Ashton Weightbridge Coder per	2	19	9
235	Bell labour Borung	3	0	0
236	Secretary 1 month salary	25	0	0
237	Engineer do	29	3	4
238	Gyles fund do	4	0	0
239	Cosh salary as Inspector & Collector	16	10	0
240	Reach " "	16	10	0
241	Grant " "	22	0	0
242	Bonnell caretaker of Reservoir	3	0	0
243	O'Brien " "	2	10	0
244	Dr McFean Health officer	20	0	0
245	Wild Dog Suppression	3	0	0
246	Crisp repairs to roads	9	6	0
247	Hardell unpolging materials	7	18	6
248	Con 1138 Hughes	100	0	0
249	McFaun & Rigg	7	2	10
250	Star office advertising	1	15	0
251	L Mandeville Pres allowance	3	10	6
252	W A Jones labour Berage	4	13	0
253	Arnall & Jackson Printing &c	17	11	9
254	Crocker supplying lamps Shenton	1	15	[illegible]
	Forward £	442	10	3

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	Forward £	442	10	3
255	Bannon lamplighting	7	13	0
256	Chisholm repg roads South Rdg	3	18	0
257	Lucas ditto	1	4	0
258	W. S. Steel day labour	3	6	0
259	Duckett Con 1081 & lamplighting	4	18	0
		£ 463	9	3

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

Confirmed 15/2/86
Geo E Baumscher President