Minutes of an ordinary monthly meeting of the Korong Shire Council held in the Shire ~~Hall~~ Hall Wedderburn on Wednesday the 4th of November 1897.

Present

Cr Cato (President in the Chair) Crs Redwood, Kennedy, Gray, Boyle, Chalmers, Ennis, Stewart and Mr Kechnie.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence

1 Premiers Office stating that with a view to bringing under general notice the resources of the Colony ~~of~~ in Great Britain it is desirable to send to London for inspection & collection of photographs of buildings and interesting places, and asking this Council to cooperate

Received

2 Head Teacher Barraport School reporting prevalence of whooping cough amongst her scholars.

Received

3 Dr Davin inquiring what travelling allowances ~~are~~ are in vogue for Health Officers

Cr Redwood
Cr Chalmers } That the travelling expenses to Health Officers do not exceed 5/ per mile one way

Carried

4 Public Health Department with regard to election of members of Public Health Board for 1898.

Received

5 Rev Williams Alexander stating he had been selected by a meeting of residents to fill the vacancy on the Alexander Cemetery Trust caused by the resignation of Mr Forsyth and asking that Council take steps to have the appointment made

Agreed to

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6 H. Anderson of Bungaree Shire who had been nominated as a representative of the Western Shires Group upon the Board of Public Health, for the Council's support to his candidature

Cr Redwood
Cr Chalmers } That the Council support the nomination of Cr Anderson, for a seat on the Board of Health, Carried

7 Arnall & McRae re letting orders for the Municipal Directory of 1898. Secretary was authorised to obtain the usual number of copies.

8 Rabbit Destroyer Co of Australia bringing under notice their ability to supply poisoned grain and pollard.

9 Town Clerk Melbourne for 2½ proportion of the cost payable by this Council in connection with the united municipal address presented to Her Majesty during the Jubilee celebrations.
Ordered to be paid.

10 Water Supply Department applying for a cheque in payment of the sum of £5 17s 7 interest on overdraft to 30th Sept last paid this week

11 A. J. Gilchrist with his amended a/c for £5 5s subscription or retaining fee as Consulting Counsel
Ordered to be paid.

12 Secretary to the Committee for the erection of a monument to the memory of Baron von Mueller for donation

Cr Boyle & Cr Stewart that one guinea be donated
Carried

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14 Dr De Ravin for leave of absence for 10 or 12 days during which his place will be filled by Dr. Allen M.D.
Granted

15 Richard Cornish, Glenalbyn for leave to fence across the Kingower road near Martin Bodys
Council has no power to give leave

16 Public Works Department re appointment of Mr McCutcheon as foot auditor

17 From Mr McCutcheon kindly with regard to arrangements for the audit.

18 Jas Thompson Sowar Boat for payment for work of removing fallen trees from road near Hallivays.
Referred to Engineer

19 Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital for the usual donation. To be paid in December

20 Mrs O'Brien monthly report on Kingower Reservoir.

21 Public Health Department advising the Council to avail itself of the arrangements that have been made by the Board for accommodation in suspected cases of Diphtheria Tubercle & Typhoid fever &c —

Cr Evans
Cr Chalmers } That the Council take charge of package to be sent out by the Board in connection with the above letter and advertise the fact that they are available for medical practitioners in the District. Carried

22 Jas Kay monthly report on Korongvale Maintenance contract

23 Geo Gregson applying for the use of the Water in the Guile dam Barraklee.

Cr Stewart
Cr McKechnie } That the Council give leave to Messrs Walker & Roberts for whom Gregson applies to occupy a site on the Guile dam Reserve and to use the water for a period of six months. Engineer to approve of the site
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24 Mr. Mitchell reporting on monthly work done under his yearly Contract.

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The Secretary was directed to the ~~Scheme~~ Sub Committee report which provides for extra Payment not exceeding £7. 10/ per mum for additional work imposed on Mitchell

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28 David Guthrie Wedderburn applying for reduction of rate upon his house South Wedderburn.
Secretary stated that the rate had come down from 18/ to 12/.

29 Dr. Manly Health Officer Monthly Report.

Treasurers Report
Receipts during the month £61. 4. 9
Expenditure do do £334. 11. 7
Credit Balance in Bank £596. 4. 3

Received & adopted

Engineers Report was printed and Circulated and dealt with as follows.

Clause 2
Cr Boyle & Chalmers Engineer have improvements made to drainage near Major Line Bridge.
Carried

3 The cost of Supplying Boring & Mapia with water the Engineer estimated at £86 for each township and Cr Boyle asked leave from the Council to have the scheme carried out in the usual way that Payers to pay interest on cost and the working expenses.
After some discussion the Secretary was instructed to report to next meeting upon the probability of being able to raise a loan of £300 and upon the amount likely to be raised as water rates,

Clause 4
Cr Chalmers & Boyle that tenders be called for work near Barnes & Mathieus at an estimated Cost of £18 Carried

5 Cr Stewart & McKechnie that tenders be called for cutting down a sideling and other work recommended on the road running South from White towards Pigeon Hole Dam
Carried

6 Railway Drains &c Korong Vale consideration postponed till next meeting

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GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to report having prepared drawings and specifications for eight new contracts, tenders for which and fresh tenders for cancelled contract at Wychitella, and re advertised work at Powlett, will be in for your consideration to-day.

NORTH RIDING.

2.—With reference to the scour near the Major's line bridge, Fernihurst, I beg to report that having taken levels find the water can be taken eastward from the scour and then discharged northwards into the river, necessitating the deepening of 2½ chains of the present side cutting and the construction of 2 chains of new drain. The cost, including filling up of the scour, I estimate at about £2 10s, and beg to recommend that the work be done, as the river being 3 chains from the road there is little danger of the bank scouring back to the road.

3.—The cost of erecting wind-mills and tanks at Mysia and Borung townships, with 10 chains of 1½in pipe in each place, I estimate at £86 for each township; providing for an 8ft mill and two tanks of 1000 gallons' capacity each.

4.—The roads referred to by Mr Game I have inspected, and are as follows:—(a) 14 chains of narrow forming south of Game's house requires widing and loaming, at a cost of about £8. (b) Riding boundary road between Gray's and Manlein's needs clearing in places and some dangerous scours filling; estimated cost £10.

CENTRAL RIDING.

5.—On the road running south from White's, towards Pigeon Hole Dam, a rocky sideling requires cutting down a little, some repairs are needed to a crossing, and a little cutting is also required at a steep bank near the crossing. The cost, including taking out several trees, I estimate at £5; and beg to recommend that the work be done as the places are dangerous for night traffic, of which there is a fair amount on the road.

6.—On the 13th ultimo I met an engineer from the Railway department at Korong Vale, and with him made an inspection of the railway drains, pointing out necessary alterations required to place them in proper order; and that it was the duty of the department to effect the desired improvements. The alterations to the council's drains as suggested by Dr Rinder, when health officer, should be carried out, to do which will cost about £40.

SOUTH RIDING.

7.—As instructed I have inspected the Inglewood and Powlett road, north from the finger post to Morrow's. It requires some draining and scours filling in, about 40 chains would do the worst portions; the cost would be about £8, including some banks. Just north from the finger post the sludge from a puddling machine has been running over the road, I interviewed the owner of the machine and told him that proper provision must be made for carrying the sludge across the road, which he promised to do. If he does not shortly do what is necessary, I will take the requisite steps to compel him to construct a proper crossing.

8.—Regarding scours by Mrs S. C. Rinder's, Salisbury West, I have made arrangements for the necessary draining, filling, etc., to be done at a cost of about £3.

9.—With reference to the Kurting and Mysia road north and south of Harrison's bridge. I can only reiterate my report of some time ago, stating that about 40 chains of forming and and metalling are required—the worst portion being north of the bridge.

10.—The majority of contracts in hand are progressing in a satisfactory manner.

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Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant,
ERNEST W. HAWKINS,
Engineer

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Carried

8 The Engineers action in providing for drain filling near Mrs Rinders Salisbury at a cost of about £3 was approved

9 Consideration of the Kurting & Mayne road near Harrisons bridge was postponed

The following **Tenders** were then dealt with

No 1 Gravelling & forming near Dobbies & Cameron

Crisp	90.7.6	Estimate £135
Hindson	99.7.6	
Pierce	131.5.0	
McMahon & Neil	112.0.0	

Recommend Crisp

2 Stone filling in scours between Langs & Rogersons Richmond Plains. Estimate £20

Ross	19.11.8
Letts Sand	17.0.0

Recommend Letts Sand

3. Forming &c on the boundary road between Morphets & Ross's Richmond Plains

Estimate £30.8.0

A R Jenkins	30.4.0
Geo Ross	37.11.8

Recommend Jenkins

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Tenders Cont'd

4 Outlet drain from East end of drain Boring & Fernihurst road to Kingsmill Creek

Estimate £25.0.0

Beer	27.13.0
Abbott	22.16.3
Jenkins Bros	28.13.0

Recommend Abbott

5 Draining & filling scours by Brenners Boring & Middlebrook road. Estimate £7.8.0

Letts Sand	7.9.0
Beer Jobt	12.0.0
Crisp Bros	9.7.6

Recommend Letts Sand

6 Stone pitching along the side cutting by Sullivans fence Walburn & Powell road

Estimate £14.0.0

Crisp Bros £19.3.0

Not accepted as too high

7 Forming by Douglas Walsh & nuger

Estimate £8.0.0

Ross	10.0.0
McMahon	6.0.0
Letts Sand	12.0.0
Beer Jobt	7.10.0

Recommend McMahon

8 Forming nuger & Fernihurst road near Evans &c

Estimate £15.0.0

Abbott	20.10.0
Beer	16.13.4

Recommended Beer

9 Metalling near Daniel Salisbury West

Estimate £7.0.0

A Jenkins £7.0.0

Recommended

10 Repairs to stone pitching & Hyde Lutetta and repairs by Sullivans & McRae's

Estimate £8.0.0

R. H. Kerr £7.18.0

Recommended

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Shire of Korong.

TENDERS, addressed to the President and endorsed with the advertised number, will be received at the Shire Office, Wedderburn, until 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 4th day of November, 1897, for the following works :—

1. 81 chains of gravelling on formation on N. and S. road between Dobson's and Cameron's, Wychitella. (Fresh tenders).
2.—One hundred (100) cubic yards of stone filling in scours on the N. and S. road, between Lang's and Rogerson's, Richmond Plains.
3.—Forming and loaming, draining, and 2 chains of metalling on the E. and W. shire boundary road between Morphet's and Ross's, Richmond Plains; and improving formation and crossing on N. and S. road by Morphet's.
4.—10¾ chains of outlet drain from east end of Borung and Fernihurst road into Kinypaniel Creek; and constructing open stone crossing.
5.—Draining and filling scours by Bremner's Borung and Wedderburn road.
6.—Stone pitching, etc., along the side-cutting by Guilfoyle's fence, on the Wedderburn and Powlett road. (Fresh tenders).
7.—20 chains of forming on N. and S. road by Douglas' and Walsh's, Mysia.
8.—About 30 chains of loaming on the Mysia and Fernihurst road, between Ritchie's and Evans'.
9.—Stone pitching under culvert by Daniel's, on Whitehead's road, Salisbury West.
10.—Repairing stone pitching at bridge east of Stradling's Railway Gate, Wychitella; repairs by Sullivan's, between Wychitella and Buckrabunyule; and repairing crossing by M'Rorie's, Buckrabunyule.

Specifications for Nos. 1 and 10 to be seen at Hindson's Hotel, Wychitella, 2 and 3, at Richmond Plains P.O.; 4, 7, and 8, at Farmer's Arms Hotel, Mysia; 5, at Kitson's Hotel, Borung; 6 and 9 at Empire State Hotel, Inglewood, and all at the Shire Office, Wedderburn.

A deposit of five per cent in cash or marked cheque must accompany each tender.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

ERNEST E. HAWKINS,
Shire Engineer.

Wedderburn, 27th Oct., 1897.

rs Cutting
from Eastend of Borung
to Kinypaniel Creek
Estimate £25. 0. 0

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A. H. Kierce £7. 18. 0

Recommended

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Cr Catto
Cr Redwood } That the following tenders as recommended by the Public Works Committee be accepted, viz Crisp & Otto for 2 Jardines 2 Osborne & Madison Beer & Pierce. Carried

Motions under Notice

Cr Gray
Cr Stewart } That tenders be called for extending drains to Wedderburn Reservoir cost not to exceed £10. Carried

Cr Catto
Cr Redwood } for strengthening & raising the Embankment of the Rheola Reservoir. Carried

Cr McKechnie
Cr Stewart } for forming about 10 chains on the Steep Hill near Sovar East School and a crossing on W. Burn off Arnaud Road. Carried

Mr Boyle's motion for supply of water to Inglewood Borung was dealt with previously

Instructions

By Cr Ennis Engineer to have scoders filled on the Barraker & Korong road near Watts Contract.

By Cr Redwood Engineer to have repairs executed to road near Glenalbyn Station & and culvert by Shands.

By Cr Kennedy Engineer to have crossing between Korrolor & Bootowa raised also attend to drain by Inglewood Cemetery

By Cr Boyle Engineer to have some loaming done on road between Birds & Bells Korung

Instructions to Officers

By Cr Chalmers Engineer to see that Sheet Contractors repair fences that have been damaged by them.

" Secretary to write to Railway Department re state of fence along road between Korung & Inglewood.

The President suggested that the January meeting be allowed to lapse and the annual meeting be postponed to December. Agreed to

Cr Gray That Mr Jas. S. Cook be paid a sum of £3 as recognition for his services as Water Rate Collector Wedderburn it having been promised by the late Cr Rose that some increase of salary would be made him. Cr Stewart seconded the motion which was carried Crs Gray Stewart Boyle McKechnie Catto Redwood voting for it Crs Ennis, Chalmers & Kennedy against it.

In deference to the wish of the Council Cr Gray withheld his resignation which had been written out.

Cr Ennis inquired what provision the Council contemplated for enforcing the Dog Act, and it was understood that the subject will be considered in connection with the collection of Statistics.

Cr Ennis moved that notice be given by advertisement to land holders to clear all burr and saffron thistle from their lands failing which Council will have them destroyed at their expense

An amendment was moved by Cr Boyle

and seconded by Cr Chalmers "That "an advertisement be inserted giving "notice that all Bathurst Burr must be "destroyed on all roads adjoining "occupied lands within the Shire "at the proper time."

Carried

Notices of Motion

None

Cr. Redwood
Cr. Kennedy } That the following accs presented by the Finance Committee be passed and paid

Carried

65	Dennis Stamps per a/c		3.19.0
66	Sundry a/cs		2.0.0
67	Connolly contracts		20.0.0
68	Jenkins "	"	33.0.0
69	Jas Kay	"	5.0.0
70	Mitchell	"	3.10.0
71	Henderson	"	4.7.0
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73	Richmond	" 150	2.10.0
74	Robson	" 110 & 153	11.10.0
75	Stewart	" 52	3.10.0
76	Irving	"	6.11.4
77	Irving	" 78	8.10.5
78	Watts	" 128	6.0.0
79	Nicholson	" 152	15.0.0
80	Dalrymple	" 157	8.0.0
81	Dalrymple	" 123	3.12.0
82	O'Shannassy	" 153	5.0.0
83	Letto	" 1	6.0.0
84	O'Shannassy	" 90	1.5.4
84a	Kerr	" 145	3.0.[illegible]
84b	Crisp	" 95 & 138	4.[illegible]

85	O'Shubarrow	labour	1.2.6
86	Henderson	do	5.2.6
87	Richmond	do	2.7.6
88	Hay & Cowan	Cowan Cart	1.0.0
89	Dalrymple	labour	4.10.0
90	Turpie	do	12.6
91	Moore	labour Glenalbyn	1.0.0
92	Masterson	" Salisbury	2.0.0
93	Deposits	A. R. Jenkins	12.0
94	"	Henderson	4 0
95	"	Dalrymple	1.0.0
96	"	Richmond	12.6
97	"	82 bond	10.0
97a	"	various forfeited deposits	6.10.0
98	President	allowance	3.14.0
99	advertising	& goods	4.2 6
100	Mining Deposit	Worden & Co	5.0.0
101	Dr Rabin	Health Officer	2.5 0
102	Reader	Shire Secretary	14.3.4
103	Harris	Shire Engineer	18.15.0
103	Gray	part assess Shire Secty	12.7.11
104	Thos H. Griffiths	lamplighting	3.6.8
105	Likings	" "	17.4
106	Dennis	Stamps	4.10 0
107	Baron & Co	Jewellers Grave Fund	1.1.0
108	W. J. Fitchmiot	Secretaring fee for year	5.5.0
109	Printing	address to Queen	1.2.0
110	Jas. B. Cook	Water Rate to Director	3.0.0
110	"	"	"
			£ 267.0.5

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Confirmed December 2nd 1897

John Catto President

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Engineer's Report.

The President and Councillors of the Shire of Korong.

GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honor to report having prepared specifications for six new words, tenders for which, with fresh tenders for contract not let at last meeting, are returnable to-day.

NORTH RIDING.

2.—About 5 chains forming done some months ago in Wychitella township need gravelling, and I beg to recommend that the work be done.

3.—With reference to the request for a pump and trough for the tank at Mysia township, I would recommend that it be complied with, as the tank will then be of great convenience to the residents.

4.—Regarding Mr James Coutts's offer to purchase the troughs at the tank at Beer's corner, Borung, I am of opinion they should be retained by the council, as, although the tank has not yet been used to any extent, in a dry season as the present promises to be it will prove of great value (being quite full), and the troughs needed.

5.—On the Wedderburn and Buckrabanyule road, near the Woosang School, about 20 chains of bad clayey formation require loaming. I beg to suggest that Contractor Kierce, who is doing similar work towards Buckrabanyule on the same road, be given the work at his contract price of 6d per cubic yard. The total cost will be about £ 10s.

6.—As instructed, I made an inspection of the Borung weighbridge, and could find nothing wrong so far as I could see; all the bearings and the balancing gear of the bridge seem in good order, and in their proper places. I had no opportunity of testing with a heavy weight the working of the bridge, but found it to weigh correctly with 2 cwt when compared with a scales. It is in as good order as the other bridges in the shire, about which no complaints are made. I will on the first opportunity test it with a weight of several tons, and if then there is any discrepancy discovered arrange for it to be examined by an expert.

CENTRAL RIDING.

7.—Regarding the letter from the Railway department stating the local inspector had reported that the drain leading to the Korong Vale reservoir had broken away allowing a great waste of water, I beg to report that on the 8th inst. I inspected the drain which is in good order (with the exception of silt in places requiring clearing away, which I instructed the caretaker to do at once), and that the inspector's report is without foundation.

8.—The side drains by Goode's and Dennis's, and by Richards' and Barclay's, and the Wesleyan Church, in High street, Wedderburn, should be bricked, as every time they are cleaned out the ground is worn away, causing lodgment of drainage. The cost would be about £14.

9.—The bridge between Willis's and Morgan's, on the 3-chain Wedderburn and Korong Vale road requires a new deck in lieu of the present one, which is Bullarook timber, and which is constantly breaking through. The bridge with the present deck would be unsafe for any heavy traffic. The cost of the work will be about from £45 to £50.

10.—I beg to recommend that instead of clearing only 10 acres along the Wedderburn reservoir drains that 40 or 50 acres be cleared of scrub and brush, and the bushes, etc., on the ground be burned; this would on the hard ground materially increase the flow of water in the drains. Pending your decision I have not called for tenders for the 10 acres authorised at last meeting.

SOUTH RIDING.

11.—In accordance with instructions I have inspected the dam near Kingower which Mr P. Coar wishes the council to purchase, but as I do not see that it will be of any benefit to the council, cannot recommend its being bought.

12.—Most of the works in hand are progressing favorably.

13.—I beg to again draw your attention to the fast increasing practice of ringing and cutting trees on the shire roads.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant,
ERNEST E. HAWKINS,
Shire Engineer.

Wedderburn, Sept. 11th, 1896.

109	United a/c dr	
110	Jas. G. Cook a	
110	" "	
		£ 367.0.5

The next ordinary meeting was ordered to be held on the second day in December and the business ended.

Confirmed December 2nd 1897

John Letts President