Minutes of an ordinary monthly meeting of the Korong Shire Council held in the Shire Hall Wedderburn on Thursday the 6th of August 1897.

Present

Cr McKechnie President in the chair Crs Gray Stewart Catto Redwood Kennedy Procter Boyle & Chalmers.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed

Correspondence

1 Town Clerk of Melbourne on the subject of licensing and control of Hackney Carriages Received

2 Shire of Marong asking cooperation in an endeavor to have a uniform law passed to regulate the traffic of traction engines

Cr Catto
Cr Redwood } That this Council support the Bill referred to by the Marong Council which has been introduced with object of controlling the traffic of traction engines Carried

4 Shire of Marong Re voting by post at municipal Elections and requesting Councils assistance to obtain such an alteration of the Local Government Act as will permit of Ratepayers recording their votes by post

Cr Boyle
Cr Stewart } That Council support the proposal to allow voting by post at municipal Elections. Carried Crs Chalmers & Catto only voting against it.

5 Town Clerk Ballarat inviting appointment of a delegate to a Conference in Melbourne for the purpose of considering amendments desirable in Fire Brigades Act so far as it relates to the Country Fire Board.

Received no action taken

6 Secretary for Water Supply Department consenting to delay collection of the Avoca Water Trust rate for 14 days in order that the amount due for repairs to the Coonor weir may be subscribed by the Ratepayers in the Koroing Shire who are liable

7 The same intimating that in addition to the sum of £9.13.5 for repairs to the weir a further expense of £3 has been incurred in obtaining 1a thousand serving Rate notices which must be provide by or for the Ratepayers within the Trust area

The Secretary stated that in accordance with instructions of Council he had communicated with one of the Ratepayers in the Water Trust area Mr Geo Bryant and advised that the rate be collected by him. Mr Bryant had sent a cheque for £11.4.4 collected by Mr Williams and himself and stated that Mr Blackshaw had paid his rate of 10/ direct to Crown the Collector so that amount claimed by the Department had been subscribed all but about 19/

Cr Stewart
Cr Catto } That the Council pay the small deficiency of 19/ to the Department on a/c of repairs to Coonor Weir.
Carried

10 Richard Illius Glenalbyn applying for position of Rate Collector for the South Riding rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr Goloth.
Received

11 Secretary to the Law Department promising attention to Councils request that wages & A Stewart and Jas J Procter be appointed to the Commission of the Peace

12 Municipal Association forwarding copy of "Traction Engine Bill" introduced into the Legislative Assembly by the Postmaster General and requesting that the opinion of this Council may be furnished upon it.
Dealt with previously

15 Geo Macey, Logan for permission to remove a number of bushes growing on the road near his holding which constitute a harbour for destructive birds
Leave granted subject to the Engineers supervision.

16 L. Barber Kurting with an age for 5/ for removing tree from near McGregors Fowell
Referred to Engineer.

17 Francis Rae Secretary Benevolent Society Koroing Vale for a donation

Cr Gray
Cr McKechnie } That the sum of £2.10/ be donated to the Koroing Vale Society.
Carried

Cr Stewart
Cr McKechnie } That £2.10/ be donated as a special grant to the Wanderburn A.B. Society. from the General Fund. Cr Boyle Gray objected
The motion was carried

Cr Catto
Cr Boyle } That the sum of £2 be given to the Alberta Benevolent Society c/o Mr Robt Williams.
Carried

21 R Swale Salisbury West claiming payment for removal of a dead horse from main Road Inspector Nevins had investigated his claim and considered it entitled to payment.

22 Inspector Nevins forwarded a monthly report dealing principally with nuisances caused by dead animals also forwarding a letter disclaiming

ownership of a horse found dead on one of the roads.

19 Mrs O'Brien forwarded her monthly report upon the Water Supply at Kingower.

24 Jas Kay monthly report on Korong Vale Water Water Supply and general maintenance works there, and stating that he had difficulty in Collecting the Water Rate

Cr Redwood
Cr Gray } That all persons in arrears for Water Rates at Wedderburn and Korong Vale be Summoned for the same at once. Carried

25 A. H. Tonelly reporting on Rheola Water Supply which was in a satisfactory condition
Engineer to give estimate for strengthening bank at Rheola Reservoir

26 Health Reports were received as follows:—
From Head Teacher Wedderburn
" Dr De Ravin Inglewood
" Dr Rieder Wedderburn the latter stated that he had arranged with the Shire Engineer for a joint inspection of the drainage works Korong Vale after which he expects to be able to submit some practical solution of the difficulties met with there

30 Secretary for Mines and Water Supply Melbourne with regard to Complaint of Myers Park & Roes dealt with previously and stating that in view of the provisions of the Local Government Act the Department has no power to interfere in the matter.

31 Richard Donaldson Wedderburn asking for the Construction of a crossing on

road lately Cleared at Woolshed Flat
Referred to Engineer for report

32 Jas Truscott with an age for 20/ for labour the Engineer had authorised this work & Council ordered it to be paid.

The Engineer was instructed to report upon the drain across the road mid said leading into Jas Smiths dam.

Treasurers Report showed
Receipts for the month £ 42.. 2.. 7
Expenditure for the month £ 338.. 0.. 8
Bank Balance to Credit £ 657.. 14.. 3
Received and approved

Cr Chalmers
Cr Redwood } That Secretary give notice by advertising three times that all rates not paid within one month will be sued for.
Carried

Engineers Report had been printed and circulated amongst members.

On Clause 3 Cr Boyle & Cr Kennedy moved that tenders be received at next meeting for loaming about 40 Chains between James & Hamiltons Kingparrid
Carried

On Clause 4
Cr Boyle & Chalmers that the action of the Engineer in substituting loaming for scour filling at Bucknall's Jungle be approved and the additional cost of £ 4.. 2.. 6 be paid.
Carried

On Clause 5
Cr Stewart and Gray moved that tenders be called for 4 Chains of forming and repairs to a crossing near Myers and White & Barrakee cost not exceed £10
Carried

On Clause 6
Council agreed to join in reconstruction of Low water bridge providing this Councils Share does not exceed £50

The Engineers report was received & approved

An a/c for £8 for digging out burrows from bridges on the Tarnagulla road by Rabbit Inspector Seconde was ordered to be paid

The Secretary was instructed to insert the Election advertisement in the Korong Vale Lance

The Public Works Committee here brought up the following

Tenders

No. 1 Metalling by Dowsbury & Carlton Road

Beer	162. 4. 2	Estimate £118. 0. 0
Clark	123. 15. 0	
Kierce	120. 15. 0	
Ross	119. 3. 4	
Jenkins & Sons	128. 5. 0	

Cr Gray & Cr Chalmers that this work be postponed for two months when fresh tenders be called. Carried

2 ~~Crossing~~ Clearing on Burkes Flat & Wedderburn Road

Goulett	14. 18. 8	Estimate £10. 0. 0
Dalrymple	16. 16. 0	
Richmond	12. 16. 0	

Recommd Richmond

3 Crossing on Burkes Flat & Rheola Road

Dalrymple	8. 19. 6	Estimate £12. 0. 0
O'Shannassy	12. 4. 2	
Mason	16. 10. 0	

Recommd Dalrymple

4 Side drains & clearing Burkes Flat & Beaufort Road

Crisp	50. 16. 6	Estimate £34. 0. 0
Mason	50. 12. 0	
Lee & Scollary	49. 10. 0	
Lyons Jno	42. 19. 0	

Recommd Lyons

5 Forming, Draining & Crossing South from Calamanda Channel

Beer	30. 19. 0	Estimate £38. 0. 0
Glasheen	33. 12. 0	
Osborn	25. 6. 6	
Kierce	30. 4. 0	
O'Shannassy	30. 16. 7	
Jenkins	28. 4. 0	

Recommd Osborn

6 Forming new bridge & Bridgewater Road

No tenders

7 Forming & Crossing by Rivett & Goulett

Beer	39. 14. 0	Estimate £33. 0. 0
Jenkins	31. 18. 6	
Kierce	39. 15. 0	

Recommd Jenkins & Sons

8 Cutting near Davis Bridge Tarnagulla Road

Keogh	16. 0. 0	Estimate £20. 0. 0
Lyons	16. 13. 0	
O'Shannassy	11. 19. 0	

Recommended O'Shannassy

Cr Redwood & Cr Gray That the tenders of Messrs Richmond, Dalrymple, Lyons, Osborn, Jenkins & Sons & O'Shannassy as recommended by the Committee be accepted

Instructions

In view of the recent Decision of the Supreme Court the Secretary was instructed to notify 123rd Section Bloggs

By Cr Boyle the Engineer was instructed to send two men & a team to Inglis Tank also to have scour filled behind Allens on road from Korong Vale also to report on best plan to drain road at Moonlight

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Instructions

By Cr. Redwood Engineer to report on drains at Brownhills on Thompsons Creek.
also on repairs necessary to Salisbury & Inglewood road.
and drain between Isaacs and Guilfoyles which is damaging Guilfoyles fence.

By Cr Kennedy Engineer to inspect culvert near Sarkers and Kitsons and if necessary have a crossing substituted, also to have ruts filled on Thompsons Gully road and at Hope Creek.

By Cr Chabanus Engineers to inspect Magpie timber yard where the sheeting is giving way, and consult East End Dock as to pining in Cost.

By Cr Gray Engineer to inspect road between Martins and Railway Gate Glenalbyn which requires widening & scours filling.

Cr Malmros inquires about Shire plans and asks that copies be obtained as soon as possible 25 copies to be mounted on calico.

Cr Gray referred to the Retrenchment proposals submitted at last meeting which had been held over and modified in the direction indicated by the discussion to be more in accordance with the Councils ideas. The Secretary then read the amended report which Council agreed should be substituted for the original one and it ran as follows:—

Clause 1 That all duties heretofore performed by the Rate Collectors and Water Rate Collectors be hereafter performed by the

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and Assistant without extra remuneration.

Clause 2 That the duties of the Curator of the Wedderburn Reserves be so extended as to include the Care and protection of all dams, roads and Reserves within four miles of the Shire Office also to supervise the use of water and prevent waste of same, act as Inspector of Nuisances and Dog Registrar for the same area, any extra remuneration not to exceed £[illegible] per annum and half the dog fees.

Clause 3 The salary of the Engineer be reduced to Two hundred and twenty five (£225) pounds per annum with right to same outside practice as heretofore but no other outside practice to be allowed or permitted.

Clause 4 That the salaries of Inspectors of Nuisances where retained be reduced to £5 per annum.

Clauses 5 & 6 The rent of Shire Hall be reduced to £1 per week or £52 per annum and the allowance for valuations be discontinued.

Clause 7 The allowances to Health Officers be reduced to £17 for North & Central Ridings, and £10 for South Riding.

Clause 8 That all expenses incurred in laying on Water at Wedderburn and Korong Vale be borne by persons requiring the Water.

Clause 9 That receipts for Powders and disinfectants be made to cover the Cost of Same

Cr. Boyle disapproved of the scheme and moved the following amendment viz
That Engineers salary be £200 per annum and that he be allowed private practice.
That Secretary's salary be £225 per annum
That the Collectors and Assistant Secretary be dispensed with, &c

The President ruled that the scheme submitted by the Committee must be first and if lost then Cr Boyle can put his scheme before Council

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Cr Redwood } That the Collection of Rates be omitted from the duties of the Secretary. Carried the Voting being as follows For the motion Crs Catto, Redwood, Stewart Chalmers, McKechnie and Gray
against Crs Kennedy, Boyle and Procter

Cr Procter
Cr Boyle } That 15% be deducted from the salary of the Secretary and Assistant.
Lost the mover and seconder only voting for it

The first clause in the report was then adopted, clause two was also adopted & clause 3 Cr Boyle moved that the Engineers salary be reduced to £200 with private practice. No seconder.
In clause 4 Cr Catto & Redwood moved that the salaries of Inspectors of nuisances in the North Riding be retained at £70 per annum
Lost mover and seconder only voting for it
Clause 5 dealing with the sale of Poisons &c was then put. Clauses 5, 6, 7 & 8 were then adopted, and Cr Boyle moved that the scheme come into operation

in three months seconded by Cr Procter an amendment by Crs Gray and Kennedy that the scheme come into operation at the first of October next. The amendment was carried Crs Boyle & Procter only voting against it.
Cr Gray reminded the Secretary to give the Inspector at Wedderburn notice that his services will be dispensed with after the 30th of September, notice also to be given to the Rate Collectors.
Cr Boyle moved that tenders be invited for the erection of a Shire Hall at Wedderburn in accordance with No 2 design submitted by Engineer
President ruled that notice of motion must be given.

Cr Procter thanked the Council for its Courtesy and Kindness during his term of office also thanks the Officers for their good will and he intimated that though he does not intend to seek re-election at present he hopes at some future time to be a member of the Korong Shire Council.
Crs Chalmers, Stewart, Gray & Kennedy expressed regret that the Council is losing the services of Cr Procter.

Notices of Motion

Cr Boyle That tenders be called for erecting a Shire Hall according to the second design submitted by the Engineer

Cr Gray
Cr Catto } That the following accounts submitted by the Finance Committee be passed and paid. Carried

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Cr Gray
Cr Catto

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be passed and paid. Carried

Korong Shire Council.

REPORT OF THE RETRENCHMENT COMMITTEE.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5th, 1897.

To the President and Councillors of the Shire of Korong. Gentlemen,—The undersigned members of the council having been appointed as a committee to devise a scheme of retrenchment, respectfully submit the following instead of the one submitted at last meeting, viz.—

1. That all the duties heretofore performed by the rate collectors, (except statistics) and water rate collectors, be hereafter performed by the secretary and assistant secretary without extra remuneration. A saving of £207 6s 3d will be effected.

2. That the duties of the curator of the Wedderburn Reservior be so extended as to include the care and protection of all dams, roads, and reserves within four miles of the Shire office, and also the supervision of the use of water and the prevention of waste of same; and also act as inspector of nuisances and dog registrar for said area. Any extra allowance not to exceed £7 10s and half the fees on dog registration.

3. That the salary of the engineer be reduced to £225 per annum, with right to same outside practice as heretofore, but no other outside practice to be allowed or permitted. A saving of £72 10s will be effected.

4. That the allowance to inspector of nuisances, when retained, be reduced to £5 per annum each. A saving of £12 10s will be effected.

5. That the rent of Shire Hall be reduced to £1 per week or £52 per annum. A saving of £18 will be effected.

6. That allowance for valuation be discontinued. A saving of £10 will be effected.

7. That the allowance to health officers be reduced to £17 for the North and South ridings combined, and £10 for the South riding. A saving of £15 10s will be effected.

8. That all expenses incurred in laying on water at Wedderburn and Korong Vale be borne by the persons requiring the water. A saving of £20 will be effected.

We think by the adoption of the above recommendations a saving of about £400 per annum will be effected.—We have the honor to be your obedient servants, J. R. Gray, David Chalmers, R. J. Kennedy, Councillors on Committee.

C. R. Goode, Printer, Wedderburn.

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Accounts for Payment

			£	s.	d.
492	Sundry a/cs per Voucher		6.	0.	0
493	Dennis Stamps a/c	✓	3.	0.	0
494	6 Bartrops due Joint Works	✓	24.	4.	6
495	Water Loans Interest	✓	38.	8.	7
496	Country Fire Board	✓	2.	12.	11
497	Contract Watts	✓	3.	3.	6
498	Mr Carroll Labour	✓	1.	11.	6
499	Voucher 2100 Kay	✓	6.	0.	0
500	President's allowance Flags		4.	12.	0
501	Labour Briggs	✓	1.	7.	6
502	Labour Clarke	✓	1.	7.	0
503	Weekly wages for Week	✓	1.	15.	9
504	Radio Benevolent Soc'ty	✓	7.	10.	0
505	Dalrymple's Contracts	✓	10.	0.	0
506	Voucher 63 Joulet	✓	2.	0.	0
507	Voucher 148 Beer	✓	3.	0.	0
508	Voucher 136 Ross & Co	✓	13.	0.	2
509	Voucher 60 Joulet	✓	3.	8.	4
510	Voucher 114 Bartrop's deposits		9.	3.	4
511	Voucher 48 Irving	✓	12.	0.	0
512	Voucher 122 Kyrolo	✓	20.	0.	0
513	Voucher 134 Watts deposit	✓	1.	14.	0
514	Voucher 136 Ross	✓	12.	0.	0
515	Inspector Skipper	✓	1.	17.	6
516	Labour Hurley	✓	3.	0.	0
517	Labour Carroll	✓	4.	0.	0
518	Goode advertising &c	✓	8.	3.	9
519	President's allowance	✓	4.	18.	0
520	Inspector Hornibrook	✓	1.	17.	6
521	Do Devine	✓	1.	17.	6
522	Do Broomham	✓	1.	17.	6
523	Curator Donnelly	✓	2.	11.	0
524	Do O'Brien	✓	2.	2.	6
525	Do Cook	✓	2.	2.	6
526	Voucher 143 J A Beer	✓	30.	0.	0
527	Contracts [illegible]	✓	[illegible]		

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Brought forward

			£	s.	d.
528	Sundry a/cs per Voucher	✓	5.	0.	0
529	Voucher Mitchell	✓	3.	10.	10
530	Voucher 148 Beer	✓	1.	0.	0
531	Voucher 141 & 1 borrow	✓	7.	15.	0
532	Voucher 131 Beer	✓	1.	16.	10
533	Voucher 137 Dwyer	✓	9.	0.	0
534	Voucher 2100 Kay	✓	5.	0.	0
535	Voucher 2094 Henderson	✓	4.	7.	0
536	Voucher 73 Lovell	✓	16.	0.	0
537	Voucher 120 Malaney	✓	2.	0.	0
538	Voucher 113 McCanister	✓	12.	0.	0
538a	Voucher 66 Connolly	✓	2.	14.	4
539	Voucher 111 Ross	✓	6.	10.	0
540	Labour Blinkhorn	✓	3.	5.	0
541	Lamplighting Supplies	✓	4.	0.	0
542	Lamplighting Kalmutt	✓	1.	1.	8
543	Under salary as Secretary	✓	14.	3.	4
543	Hendrinus salary as Engineer	✓	12.	15.	10
544	Gray Jun'r salary	✓	1.	7.	11
545	Trees from Brunning for Reservoir	✓	3.	8.	0
546	Water Supply Department	✓	12.	3.	5
547	Korongvale Benevolent Soc'ty	✓	2.	10.	0
548	Rhodla Benevolent Soc'ty	✓	2.	0.	0
549 or 550	Passed above Sundry a/cs	✓	6.	0.	0
		£	440.	7.	0

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

Confirmed September 1897

John Catto President

Annual Elections

1897.

At the annual Election of One Councillor for the North Riding Hughes Ennis was the only Candidate nominated and I therefore declare him to be duly elected.

David Chalmers Returning Officer

18th of August 1897.

At the annual Election of one Councillor for the Central Riding Mr John McKechnie was the only Candidate nominated and I therefore declare him to be duly elected

J. R. Gray
Returning Officer

18th of August 1897.

At the annual Election of one Councillor for the South Riding Mr John Catto was the only Candidate nominated and I therefore declare him to be duly elected.

Richd Redwood
Returning Officer

18th of August 1897.

Mr Wm Williams being the only Candidate nominated for the office of Local auditor I declare him to be duly elected.

President
18th of August 1897. } John McKechnie

1897.

Councillors Declarations

I Hugh Ennis do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Councillor by virtue of the Local government Act 1890.

Declared before me at Wedderburn this 9th day of September 1897. } Hugh Ennis

David Chalmers Councillor

I John McKechnie do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Councillor by the virtue of the Local government Act 1890.

Declared before me at Wedderburn this 9th day of September 1897. } John McKechnie

J. R. Gray Councillor

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