MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING of the COINCIL of the SHIRE of KORONG held in the SHIRE HALL, WEDDERBURN on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8th, 1917 at 11a.m.

PRESENT. : Crs. Howe(PRESIDENT) ; White ; Gray; O'Brien ;Kelly; Thomas; Andrews.

Cr.O'Brien referred to the fact that another son of Cr.Chalmers had fallen while serving his Country.He moved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Cr.&Mrs.Chalmers. CrAndrews in supporting the motion referred to the good qualities of the young man. Cr.Thomas also supported the motion which was carriedin silence. The meeting then adjourned for 15 minutes.

ON RESUMPTION- The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of CrsKelly and Thomas.

CORRESPONDENCE.

1.TREASURER of the COMMONWEALTH. Ackmowledging with thanks the intimation that the Council would invest a sum of £300 in the "Liberty Loan". RECD.

2.LANDS DEPARTMENT. Re Survey of Gravel Reserve in the Parish of Moliagul. Enclosing a/c for £2:19:- Survey Fees.

Crs.O'Brien and Kelly moved that the amount be paid ; The Lands Dept to be informed that the Council would prefer their own surveyor to dothe work. CARRIED.

3.State RIVERS &W.S.COMMISSION. Approving of estimates and requesting that Rating By-Laws be passed and submitted. RECD.

4. " Asking if Council had any objection to 20acres Reserve on Fentons Creek, betwe en allots. 21 &22 Murraca being sold to W.A.Shelton

Engineer to inspect and report.

5. " Asking if Council had any objection to 24 acre s adjoining allot 171 &171a. Konypaniel being licensed to W.J.Lyon.

Engineer to inspect and report.

6. COUNTRY ROADS BOARD. Intimating that the Board has no intention of authorising any Permanent Works in the Shire this year. RECEIVED.

7.SHIRE OF UPPER YARRA. Soliciting support and co-operation in an endeavour to have legislation enacted to empower the FORESTS DEPT. to divert portion of its revenue received from royalties on timberto the construction of roads in forest areas.

Resolved on the motion of Crs.White and Kelly that support be given.

8.SHIRE OF EAST LODDON. Intimating that that Council was prepared to assist in repairing the SALISBURY PLAIN RD. to the extent of one third of the cost.

Received as satisfactory . East Loddon Shire to be requested to join this Shire in urging the C.R.B. to class this work as PERMANENT WORK.

9.LIET.L.HOLDER. Recruiting Officer to Grampians Electorate. Soliciting support and co-operation.

Crs.O'Brienmoved that £5 be donated to the Grampians Electorate Recruitin Fund. Secd. by CrAndrews and CD.

10.WESTLEY & DALE, Solicitors and Others . Also Objecting to proposed deviation at Gilmours. Owing to complications it was decided -on the advice of the Shire Solicitor to abandon the scheme.

11.
ALBRECHT & EDWARDES, ENGINEERS. Submitting a/c for £34:7:-. Commission on Water Works. On the motion of Crs. WHite and Andrews the a/c was passed for payment.

12.LINE INSPECTOR. Notifying Council that Street tre s required cutting. Crs.White and O'Brien moved - Work to be attented to. CARRIE D.

13.PUBLIC ANALYST. Reporting on samples of food received, forwarded by the Shire Inspector. RECEIVED.

14.MRS. H.STAGG. Applying to have her place registered as a PRIVATE HOSPITAL. Also from Dr.Deravin reporting on same.

On the motion of Crs Kelly and Howe it was resolved that the place be recommended for registration.

15. H.C.GORDON. Complaining of road opposite the Spfing Hill Homestead.

To be informed that tenders have already been called for the work.

16.N.Younghusband. Complaining of drianage into his property from adjoining property.

To be informed that the matter mustbe settled with the adjoining landowner.

17.W.CHAMBERS. Complaining that the meter at his premises had been set too low.

the Engineer explained that some meters had b en set low to suit th pipes. and recommended that the pipes be raised at MrChambers expense.

Engineers recommendation adopted on the motion of Crs White & Kelly

18.P.L.EDWARDES. Re Stone etc. from Andersons.

The Shire Engineer stated that investigation showed that the Council had responsible for payment of 30 loads of material and that the a/c had been placed on the finance sheet.

Action approved.

19.MRSA.S.GREEN. Applying to have water laid on to her premises.

On the motion of Crs.Gray and White the Enginer was instructed to interview Mrs Green and explain the position.

20.QUICK & BUTCHER:Making enquiries re a road claim between Green Hills and Inglewood.

Resolved on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly to palace the matter in the hands of the Engineer for further enquiries

21.J.K.Kay. Re Night Soil Depot at Korong Vale.

On the motion of CrsGray and White the Secretary and Engineer were empowered to proceed and arrange the necessary details for carrying out the scheme.

22.N.YOUNGHUSBAND. Declining to sell gravel.

Crs O'Brien and Kelly moved that MrYounghusband be informed that the gravel is required for road purposes and that if Council cannot buy same at a reasonable price the gravel wi l be taken under the provisions of the LocalGover. Act. CARREED.

23.CONTRACTOR HARDING. Stating that permit is required for removing timber, stone gravel etc. from Crown Lands.

Crs.O'Brien and Kelly moved that permit be applied for. CARRIED.

24.GEO. TAYLOR. Applying for rebate of waterrates, owing to water having been cut off.

Crs White and Kelly moved that the Engineer fully investigate the case. CARRIED.

Engineer's Report

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2—Tenders have been called for 3 additional contracts.

3—Lease of reserve by H Hendry, Salisbury West—There is no objection provided access is allowed for the public to the tank.

Secretary's Report

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The President and Councillors, Shire of Korong,

Gentlemen,—

I have the honor to report as follows :—

1—Receipts from the beginning of the financial year to the 31st October,

Rates, arrears	£154 15 7
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Water rates, Wedderburn ...	8 11 0
" " Korong Vale ...	1 5 0
Pan fees, Wedderburn ...	13 2 0
Water meters, Korong Vale	64 6 4
Weighbridge fees, W'burn...	8 5 6
Moiety of Fines	0 10 0
Wychitella water rates ...	26 0 0
Sale of water pipes ...	0 7 0
Contractors' Deposits ...	29 14 6
	£312 15 5

Financial position of ridings at 31st October, 1917 :—

North, credit	£443 3 9
Central, debit	400 15 2
South, credit	1018 18 11
Trust acs. credit	149 9 7

2.—Arrears of rates—Letters have been sent by the shire solicitor to all defaulters, but of the £760 outstanding at the end of the financial year, not more than £200 has been collected. In some cases not even a reply has been received, and it appears as though summonses will have to be issued.

3—Wire Netting Account—The credit balance at the bank at the date of last report was £187 3s 7s, and since that date £109 5s 9d has been collected. Since last meeting £265 6s 1d has been paid to the Treasury. The credit balance at the bank to-day is £31 2s 9d. Another instalment of £82 plus interest will be due to Crown on January 1st, 1918.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
E. HARGREAVES,
Shire Secretary.

Wedderburn, 8|11|17

Tyler's property toward St Arnaud road

17—Road between Lyon and Le Court. Improvements are required.

H. CROWTHER,
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5—Closed road lease to A G Hawkes—This road is little used. I recommend that no objection be offered to the lease.

6—Water supply to Mrs Green—207ft of pipes for extension of main is required Estimate cost of the work, £6.

7—Hubbard's Road, Burke's Flat, re land purchase from Mrs Gilmour—An inspection has been made by the committee, who recommend that steps be taken to treat with the owners and to acquire the land

8—Symond's road—A diversion is required through Cosh's and Gallagher's to avoid scour on the existing road

9—Land purchase, fencing, etc; T. James.—The matter is in the hands of Cr Thomas

Drainage at Mrs Reach's—The land is low-lying. The back yard is under water after heavy rains

11—Road north of Cornish's, Korong Vale—I have inspected with Cr Kelly. The east and west road is scoured, and beyond repair for more than one mile. I recommend deviation and land purchase

12—Road south of Cornish, between Cornish and Aitken—Either the road should be closed or a bridge provided over the large watercourse which is badly scoured

13—Riding's boundary road; east and west road, west from Mrs Spiers. I have inspected with Cr Andrews. 50 chains of formation and improvements are required.

14—Road between Nixon and Rymer—One of these roads is badly scoured. The traffic on the road is small

15—Application has been made to the Country Roads Board for grants for permanent works. The reply is unfavorable

16—Boundary road at Morphatt's, near Brandrupp's. This road is in bad order, and is required for traffic from the Coonooer road, south through Tyler's property toward St Arnaud road

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F I N A N C E

On the motion of Crs O'Brien and White the accounts as under were passed for payment.

On the No 2. a/c(Wire-Netting)the amountof £265:6:1

" General a/c of the Shire " " £834:13:4

" the Country Roads BoardA/c " £67:18:-

O R D I N A R Y B U S I N E S S

Crs O'Brien and Kelly moved:- That the valuation of the Shire at £54014 be adopted.

Carried.

Crs White and O'Brien :- That the estimates as presented be adopted.

Carried.

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Crs White and White moved :- Thata rate of one shilling and sixpence in the pound uon the annual value of property assessable within the Shire be made for the period ending the 30th Sept. 1918, the said rate to be due and payable on the 10th day of December 1917, to the person duly authorised to demand and collect the same.

CARRIED.

Crs Howe and White moved:- That a pan charge of one pound perannum per pan-with a reduction of 25 % on additional pansin the same tenement- within the boundaries of the township of Wedderburn be madefor the period ending the 30 th September 1918, the same to be due and payable in two equal moieties on the 10th December and 10th June to the person duly authorised to demand and collect the same.

Carried

Crs.Howe and White moved that the following Rating By-Law be passed and made.

Carried.

SHIRE OF KORONG.

BY-LAW No. 17.—RATE AND CHARGE FOR WATER SUPPLIED.
—KORONG VALE WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT.

THE Council of the Shire of Korong, in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred by the Water Acts, do hereby make the By-law following :—

1. The following rates and charges are those which owners or occupiers of land and tenements shall pay for the year ending 30th September, 1918 :—

(*a*) On every house and tenement whether occupied or not a rate of One shilling and threepence in the pound on the municipal annual valuation with a minimum of One pound.

(*b*) Occupied, or unoccupied allotments where no water is supplied, the sum of Five shillings per allotment, or 5 per centum of the municipal annual valuation whichever sum is greater.

(*c*) For water supplied by measure the sum of Two shillings per thousand gallons in addition to the rates in (*a*) and (*b*) above.

2. The rate hereby made shall be due and payable on the tenth day of December, 1917, at the Shire Office, Wedderburn.

3. Such person or persons as the Council may from time to time appoint shall be authorized to demand collect sue for and recover the said rates and charges.

The foregoing By-law was made by the Council of the Shire of Korong on the 8th day of November, 1917, and the common seal of the said Shire of Korong was hereunto affixed the 8th day of November, 1917, in the presence of—

(SEAL)
J. B. HOWE, President.
A. D. WHITE, Councillor.
E. HARGREAVES, Secretary.

Approved by the Governor in Council,
11th December, 1917.

F. W. MABBOTT,
Clerk of the Executive Council.