

Present at noon.

The President (C. Laird) Hardy, Jackman,
Mahoney, Shaw, Coulter, Bissett,
Gill and McCree.

Minutes of meeting held 11th December 1901
re road and confirmed on the motion
of C. Hardy, seconded by A. McCree. Carried.

Correspondence.

From Department of Water Supply.

Stating that permission was granted
the Council to apply £283. 2. 4
from its municipal fund towards
the maintenance and management
of works of the London United Water
Trust. Received.

From Railway Department

Stating that there was no ob-
jection to the Council laying a
water pipe under the railway line
through the cattle pens over mile
south of Melton, on condition that
the work is carried out to the sat-
isfaction of the Railway Inspector
at Kerang. Received.

From Public Health Department.

Re the proposed erection of a Public
Hall at Tompsett stating that
"Egyptian bricks" were not considered
as satisfactory material for the construction
of a public building, but the Board
as a rule did not object to their use
for smaller or medium sized buildings.

subject to certain stated conditions. Received.

From Murray Shire.

Asking support in an endeavour
to have green trees on water reserves
crossroads for the comfort of travelling
stock and the public generally.
Cooperation granted.

From Secretary Municipal Association

Asking if the Council required any
copies of the Joint Municipal Address
in connection with the recent visit of
the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and
York.

C. Mahoney moved that 10 copies be
procured. Seconded by C. Jackman. Carried.

From Railway Department

Stating that the department could
supply water at train from Melton,
for the use of those coming to the
Station, at the rate of 7 per 1000 gals.
in addition to the freight charge of
9 per ton. Received.

From S. G. Seales.

For Leo. Pyramid Hill and District
Murray-Goulburn Water League, asking
Council to be represented at a
public meeting to be held at Pyramid
Hill on 27 Feb, to further the work
being done for its object, the con-
struction of the Murray-Goulburn
Channel to provide a much needed

water supply to the northern districts and the pasture matters.

A letter was also received from Gordon Shire asking the attendance of a delegate at a conference to be held at Bendigo on 11th March on the same subject.

C. M. Crea moved that the president attend in response to the tyramid request, a sum of £3.3.0 being granted as a donation to the league on the motion of C. Mahoney, seconded by C. Coulter.

C. Mahoney moved that the Secretary and President attend the conference at Bendigo. Carried.

From Secretary Shire of Karkarool.

Asking for support in having an Act of Parliament passed prohibiting the sale of tax matches in country districts from Oct^r 1st to the end of March in each year. Cooperation granted. Carried.

From Secretary Brainerd Hill St. Patrick's Day sports, asking to have the 17th March proclaimed a public holiday. Request complied with on the motion of C. Hardy, seconded by C. Gill. Carried.

From Constable Grib, Crown Lands Bailiff. Submitting the names of the following applicants for frontages to Brainerd

Lafrow, under annual grazing licenses, and asking if there were any objections thereto.

Consideration deferred till next meeting on the motion of C. M. Crea seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

From Shire of Stratfield says

Asking support to a protest against further loans being floated by the State Parliament.

C. Mahoney moved that no action be taken. Seconded by C. Coulter.

C. M. Crea moved as an amendment that cooperation be granted. Seconded by C. Jackman.

Voting for the amendment. The President and Councillors Jackman, M. Crea, Gill Shaw and Bissett.

For the motion of C. Mahoney, Coulter and Hardy.

The President declared the amendment Carried.

From Lands Department.

That gates erected on certain roads outside the areas agreed upon should be removed, and intimating that steps be taken by the Council to that end.

The president moved that it be referred and an answer sent that the Council was the best judge of what gates were a benefit or otherwise, and also stating that if the department thought it could manage the roads of the Shire better than the

council could, it had better come and do it. Seconded by A. Coulter — Carried —

Amendment

By A. Mahoney seconded by A. Gill that the Lands Department be written to asking to define the position of the jobs.

Voting for the amendment A. Gill, Mahoney & Jackson.

For the motion the President and C. McCrea, Bennett, Shaw & Coulter.

C. Hardy did not vote.

The President declared the motion — Carried —

Petitions

Presented by Councillor Coulter from 52 ratepayers in the East riding, calling attention to the inconvenience and loss they had suffered through want of water for their stock during the last few years of dry weather, and requesting the Council to do so as convenient supply them with water from Bullock Creek so that they might have water for domestic purposes in times of drought. In connection with the petition the resolutions passed at a public meeting held at Duigo on 8th January were read by the Secretary.

A. Jackson moved that the prayers of the petitioners be complied with as soon as funds were available.

Seconded by C. Coulter. — Carried —

Petition presented by A. Coulter.

From 54 ratepayers and residents of Kaurarooka and district, bringing under notice the urgent need of a water supply for the district of Kaurarooka.

A. Coulter moved that the petition be received and the President appointed to attend a conference of the Shire interested, to be held at Kaurarooka, on 12th March after which a report would be submitted to the Council.

Reports

The Police, roads and bridges report reported having examined, tested and adjusted the Duigo bridges, with the exception that the bridge required adjusting, the bridge was in thorough ^{good} working order, very clean, and appeared to be well looked after. — Carried —

The annual reports of the Health Officers for the Shire were read and — Carried —

The Inspector of Nuisances at Mtiamo reporting number of stock slaughtered was — Carried —

From Constable G. J. Brown suggesting that a public depot be arranged for in the vicinity of Mtiamo.

C. McCrea moved that the Sec. write to the Lands Department and ask that a portion of the reserve near

Mr. Buckland's residence, on the Bullock
Creek, be set apart for the purpose of
a depot.

Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

The rate collector reported collections since
last meeting, Rates current £985.2.0,
Rates arrears £8.4.0. Dog fees
£5.5.0. Total £998.11.0.

Received.

The Treasurer reported receipts
Rates current £985.2.0 Rates
arrears £8.4.0; dog fees £5.5.0, hire
of hall 157 Neighbourhood fees £6.4.10
Refund by C. Mahoney £1.0 total
£1006.11.10. Debit balance £2337.13.1.

Received.

The Shire Engineer's report was read
and received.

Clause 1. That a further extension
of the water channel at Yorklan was
necessary in order that Messrs Chapple
and Poyser might receive a supply.

A bill was moved that the work be carried
out when funds are available, seconded
by C. Hardy.

Carried.

Clause 2. For contract at Downhues, etc.
in an unfinished state, was.

Received.

Clause 3. That the plan of R. Colby
had been accepted for Channel to
Mr. Edmonds Rowstead. Received and adopted.

Clause 5. That as soon as a suit-
able opportunity occurred culverts would
be built near W. K. Hardy and J. Muelers.

Received.

Clause 5. Relative to offtake on Bullock
Creek at Yarnaw water holes, that
a more suitable place might be
found further south was received
and on the motion of C. Coulter
seconded by C. Jackson the Eng.
was directed to effect the survey. Carried.

Carried.

The president reported on his action
in advancing £100 half year's
interest to the Lodon United States
Trust to prevent a receiver being
put in to collect a rate, and on
the understanding that a promise
of the Water Supply Department
to reduce the liabilities to £15,000
would be given effect to.

C. Coulter moved that the action taken
by the president in paying the money
be approved of.

Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

The president urged the necessity for a
daily mail at Calver in lieu of
the present service of Stines a
week. He moved that the Secretary
write to the Department asking
for a daily mail. Seconded by
C. Hardy.

Carried.

C. Coulter intimated that he would
odge a notice of motion to the
effect that no day labor be employed
without the sanction of the Council.

C. H. Cress moved that the Secretary write to the Railway department asking that a concession, as in former years, be made on the freight of feedstuffs for stabling stock.

Seconded by A. Hardy. ——— Carried.

On the motion of C. Mahoney seconded by C. Gill the Engineer was directed to place a handrail at the edge of water channel on road between Grop's Dray's. Motion.

On the motion of the President & C. Bessie the mill at Mellars was ordered to be jumped out.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £337. 1. 8 (for 15th July 1902) and £248. 19. 11 (26.2.02) were passed for payment on the motion of A. Jackson seconded by A. Hardy. Carried.

Motions on Notice

By A. Coulter.

That a culvert be erected near Steels. Motion has withdrawn.

By C. Gill

That all owners, lessees and licensees of lands within the shire having roads enclosed with gates or other obstructions be asked to make application to the Council to legalise the erection of swing gates across such roads at present not required

for public traffic, and to pay an annual license for the erection of the gates under the provisions of the Local Government Act.

C. Gill intimated that he would withdraw the motion pending the result of Mr. O'Neill's bill relative to closed roads.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Wednesday 19th March 1902 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 19th day of March 1902.

D. C. Lewis President
East Loddon Shire

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held 19th March 1902

Present at No. 10.

Mr. Laird (President), Birrell, Shaw,
Gill, Jackman Coulter and McCrea.

Minutes of meeting held 26th February
1902 read and confirmed on the
motion of Mr. Jackman, seconded
by Mr. Shaw. _____ Carried.

Correspondence.

From Town Clerk, Raynood.

Soliciting the co-operation of the
Council in urging upon the Government
the desirability of assisting in the
further development of the goldfields
trading towards the northern plains
from Melbourne.

Mr. Coulter moved that co-operation be
granted. Seconded by Mr. Jackman. _____ Carried.

From J. Grillo, Kaurarooka, to the Shire Engineer
stating that at a meeting of East Loddon,
Manung and Shubby Shire Councils, held
to consider a water supply scheme for
Kaurarooka and district it was
decided to ask the East Loddon and Manung
Engineers to make a flying survey of the
out the best route and probable cost of
making a channel from the Coliban
race from Drumbarra about Melbourne
to Kaurarooka. _____ Received.

From Under Secretary, notifying proclamation
of 17th March as a public holiday
throughout the Shire. _____ Do.

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held 19th March 1902

From the Shire Solicitors, dated 4th March 1902,
that on the previous Monday the
Chief Justice had reserved his de-
cision upon the matter of refunding
the cost in the case of Cheque v.
East Loddon Shire. _____ Received.

From S. G. Seales, Esq. Sec. Pyramid Hill and
District Manung Goulburn Water League,
notifying that the Railway Standing
Committee would take evidence at Pyramid
Hill on Tuesday, 25th inst. in support of
the Goulburn scheme, and asking ass-
istance in providing witnesses who could
give information of the effects of the
drought.

Mr. Jackman moved that the President
and Secretary attend. Seconded by
Mr. McCrea. _____ Carried.

From W. H. Odgers, Secretary to the Central Manung
Goulburn Scheme Water Supply League,
Durham etc, forwarding copies of re-
solutions passed at a conference
held at Bendigo on 11th March, and
notifying further action taken by
the Executive committee then appointed,
where he was instructed to write
to all the bodies represented at
the conference, asking for a contribution
in aid of the movement.

Mr. Coulter moved that £500 be voted.
Seconded by Mr. McCrea. _____ Carried.

From Secretary to Commonwealth of Australia.
Acknowledging receipt of letter from
Council asking for substitution of
daily mail service for present tri-
weekly service between Melbourne and
Adelaide, and stating that the matter
had been referred to the Deputy
Postmaster General, Melbourne, for
attention.

Resolved

From Harry Smith, Separatist.

Asking for use of Shire Hall on 16th
April. Granted on the motion of
the President. Secured by C. Jackson. Carried.

From Constables Council, Crown Lands Bailiff.

deposed from last meeting.
Submitting the names of the following
applicants for frutages to Bear's Lagoon
under annual grazing licenses, and asking
if there were any objections thereto.

Mr. Ross names W. Hardy, E. Tracey, M.
Dicker & M. Hamman.

Mr. Ross moves "If your Council are
granting your approval might I respect-
fully ask that you approve of the same
privileges being granted in respect
of the blocks I occupy in the same
locality."

In connection therewith the President
presented a petition signed by W.
Duddy, E. Duddy, J. Duddy, J. Kerr, J.
Thompson, J. Davidson, W. McTuley,
D. Dobbie, J. Chappell, A. Cheyne,
J. Dobbie, R. Miller, A. P. Adams and

J. R. Connaughton, objecting to any
grazing licenses being granted to
the people living along Bear's
Lagoon for the water frutage, and
desiring that "all obstructions on
the water frutage on the east side
of Bear's Lagoon, running north
and south, be removed so as to
allow free access to the water.

Mr. Gill moves that the Lands Dept.
be informed that the Council was
of opinion that grazing licenses
should not be issued to property
holders along the frutage to Bear's
Lagoon. Secured by C. McCrea.
Carried unanimously. Carried.

Reports.

The President reported having attended
highly successful conferences at Pyramid
Hill and Bendigo to support the
Murray Goulburn Scheme.

A vote of thanks was passed to
the President for his attention to the
desires of the Council.

Mr. Coulter said, with the president,
he had attended a meeting of
representatives of the Murray, Mallee
and East Loddon Shires, held at Ramarrick
to discuss the question of how to ob-
tain a water supply for the districts
now suffering so severely from the
drought. It was decided that the 3
Shires interested should join in having

a flying survey made to ascertain how and at what cost the water could be carried into the districts affected from the Colliery Channel in the vicinity of Keilborough.

A vote of thanks having been passed to A. Coulter for his attendance at the Conference, he moved that the Engineer be empowered to confer with the Marquis Strick Engineer relative to making the flying survey asked for by the Conference. Seconded by C. Pissett. Carried.

The Rate Collector reported receipts Rates Current £10. 15.0; Dog fee 5/- Received.

The Treasurer reported receipts, Rates current £10. 15.0 dog fee 5/- Hire of Hall £10. Total £21.
Overdraft £2553. 4.9 Received.

The Shire Engineer's report relative to proposed channels from Yarnan Water holes eastwards to Keils was read and preserved. Do.

General Business

A. Coulter moved that the Secretary be instructed to ask the consent of the Railway Department to the erection of a pump upon the railway bank at Dinged by the Council. Seconded by A. Jackman. Carried.

State Retouchment
The President moved that the Council grant its cooperation to the proposal, ^{sent} forth by the Kyabram Shire Council, and that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Premier. Seconded by A. Gill. Carried.

Accounts
Accounts amounting to £98. 9. 8 was passed for payment on the motion of A. M. Cava seconded by A. Jackman. Carried.

Notice of Motion
By A. Gill,
That a road 1/2 miles to the west of Dobbies be cleared of stumps and dead timber p chain wide.

A. M. Cava moved that the April meeting be allowed to lapse except in the case of important business intervening. Seconded by A. Jackman. Carried.
A. Coulter voting against, holding that in the interests of the rate payers, regular meetings should be held.

The Meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Wednesday 27th day of May 1902.
Read and approved at Separation this 27th day of May 1902.

D. Cairns President
East Loddon Shire

Present at noon.

The President (C. Laird) and C. McEwen,
Gill, Bissett, Shaw, Jackson, Jackson
and Hardy.

Minutes of meeting held 19th March 1902 read
and confirmed on the motion of
C. Jackson, seconded by C. McEwen. — Carried.

Correspondence.

From the Treasury.

Forwarding account £256.14.6 expenses
for half year ending 30.6.02, for
completion. Allowed to. — Received.

From N. S. Department

Inquiring whether the request made by
the Loddon U. N. Trust that the reservation
of the Chief Engineer of N. S. Supply
with regard to the reservation from its
territory of 36 sq. miles (with an indent
value of £395) in the East Loddon
division, be not given effect to, met with
the concurrence of the Council.

The Secretary has replied that the Council
concurred in the request. — Received.
Secretary's action approved of.

From Lands Department, asking to be in-
formed of the exact position of the
land desired to be reserved as a
site for a public depot in the
parish of Methuen.

Allowed to by Secretary. — Received.

From D. N. Coulter, Landward.

In reply to a letter from the Secretary,
relative to the Dingle Firwood Reserve,
stating that the residents as a body
concurred that the 30 acres for re-
creation purposes was to be situated
at the S. W. corner adjoining the school
and church. The writer desired the
Sec. to use every effort to get the Lands
Dept. to stay its hands in the matter
of boundaries until the Council met.
The Sec. had written to the Braidgo
Lands office, pointing out that the
situation of the recreation reserve,
as marked on plan supplied by
the department was not at all in
accord with the desire of the ratepayers,
who wished it at the S. W. corner
of the reserve, this being the site
used for years past for such pur-
poses. The site as shown on the plan
could not be approached during winter,
owing to the swampy nature of the app^{ts},
further, the request made by the Council
some months ago for the reservation
of 5 acres for such site would not be
included in this, but could be in
that now asked for. The Council therefore
trusting the Dept. would give its request
favourable consideration, and instruct
the Surveyor accordingly.

The Sec. explained that the matter had
been arranged satisfactorily.

C. McEwen moved that the action taken by
D. Coulter & the Sec. be approved of. — Carried.
and adopted. Sec. by C. Jackson.

From Railway Department.

Stating that a reduction of 2 1/2% is allowed in the freight on fodder sent to drought stricken districts for the purpose of feeding stock. The full rate was charged in the first instance, and each case dealt with afterwards on its merits, as regarded a refund. — Carried.

From Railway Department

Stating that the Act. Comm^r was prepared to lease to the Council the tanks at Dingee, the Council to pay 4 per year, and the agreement to be subject to termination by one month's notice. The other conditions to be observed were - Council to erect fencing, pump to be erected outside such fence, shire to defray expense of cleaning out the tanks whenever necessary, department or its employees to have the right to take water free of charge, shire to provide a gate or slip panels in the fence, and all work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the Department. Consideration deferred for one month.

From Shire of Portland, drawing attention to

the necessity for some means being provided to cope with the yearly increasing difficulty of maintaining roads in a fairly passable condition.

C. Jackman moved that the Council declare to cooperate. Seconded by A. Gill. — Carried.

From Secretary, Shire of Waranga.

Enclosing copy of resolution adopted by that Council protesting against mis-statements appearing in an article by Mr. J. L. Dow in the Leader of 24th March on the Waranga Basin. — Received.

From Secretary, Central Murray-Gallipoli N.S. League
convening a conference at the Town Hall, Bendigo, on 27th May, of delegates of all municipal Councils, water trusts and leagues and agricultural societies interested in the scheme.

On the motion of C. Makousy and M. Cera the president was deputed to attend. — Carried.

From Loddon U. N. Trust

Notifying that the stands to the Trust tank at Heyman was no longer fit for use, the tankers being occupied and asking that repairs be effected forthwith.

C. M. Cera moved that tenders be called for the work. Seconded by C. Jackman. — Carried.

From Loddon U. N. Trust

Requesting cheque for £16.10 proportion allotted to the Council for morning expenses and maintenance of the trust for quarter ended 3rd March 1902. C.

Councillor Jackman moved that the amount be paid. Seconded by A. Hardy. — Carried.

From London N. W. Trust.

Stating that there was no objection to the Council constructing a stop with movable bars in Bullocks Cr., near the Yarnau Waterholes.

Received

From The Treasury

with che for £105 Equivalent Licences Licenses for completion. Attrib. to.

Do

From James Martin. Temppon

asking for refund of the cost paid to Railway Dept. at Rainie St. for supplying tanks of water.

C. M. Carr moved that the amount be paid. Seconded by C. Jackman.

Carried

From M. Thomas. Correspondent, Board of Advice.

Stating that the Board took strong objection to the increasing number of school holidays especially with some proclaimed by the Council.

Received

From Grown Law Department

Stating that the mere fact of the Council considering any gentleman ^{as a Justice of the Peace} nominated as being eligible is not a sufficient reason why the Minister should make an appointment.

Do

From Postal Department, Melbourne.

Stating that the additional expenditures that would be incurred in giving increased mail services between Melbourne and Colerib was not warranted, neither

the amount of correspondence warranted it. The request of the Council could not therefore be complied with.

Received

From Secretary, Echuca District Hospital.

Notifying that the Consumption Sanatorium can receive patients only in accordance with regulations which necessitate application being made through the Melbourne Committee. M^{rs} Simpson, Secretary, 1169 Little Collins St.

Received

Petition

From 20 ratepayers in the East Riding, asking for a tank to be constructed on the Dungee reserve.

C. Jackman moved that it be received and request considered as soon as funds were available.

Seconded by C. M. Carr. Carried.

Reports of Officers

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates current £61.16.0, rates arrears £2.5.0, dog fees 17, Licenses Equivalent £105. Government Endowment £245.11.6.

Mis of Hall £2.5.0 total £416.7.6. D. balance £2260.6.8.

Recd

The Rate Collector reported collections, rates current £61.16.0, arrears of rates £2.5.0 dog fees 17. Total £64.11.0.

Received

From Dr. Gill. (Tele gram)

Typhoid fever Catharine Norah Kiley

Mitiamo.

From Laws

Reporting above case as having fully recovered and that no other case has since occurred.

Received.

The Shire Engineer's report was read and approved

Clause 1. Estimating cost of proposed channel from Yarnau Waterholes to Louisa at £290 was

do

Clause 2 That the location and tank site areas at Dingles reserve had been pegged to as desired by the ratepayers

do

Clause 3. An exchange of roads in the Parish of Sainsbury East. desired by the Council and Mr. Eltershank.

Submitting an order under Sections 290 & 291 L.S. Act 1890 to be sealed and signed.

C. Jackman moved that the Seal of the East Loddon Shire Council be affixed. Seconded by C. Mahoney.

Carried.

The order was sealed and attested by the President (C. Laird) and J. Hardy and countersigned by Stephen Collins Jones, Secretary

General Business

C. Jackman moved, that the charge for the hire of the Shire Hall be reduced to 10s. Seconded by C. Mahoney. Carried.

C. Mahoney moved that the Engineer get a small hollow log culvert and hand rails over channel adjoining Kiley's property. Parish of Calmick. Seconded by C. Gill. Carried.

Motions or Notices

By C. Gill.

That the employment of day labor on contracts and other works be curtailed. Was ordered to stand over.

By C. Gill.

That the Council make application to the Board of Land and Works to have vested in it, for recreation purposes, all that portion of land on the Eastern bank of Pease Lagoon extending from the boundary road of the N. and S. ridings, thence North to the Southern boundary of the Serpentine Per. emp. section. Section.

Seconded by C. Jackman. Carried. C. Hardy, Bissett and Shaw voting against.

On the motion of Mr. McTear and Bissett the President to be asked to convene meetings at Dingles and Carpenters re Parliamentary Reform.

Notice of Motion

By C. Coulter.

That employment of day labor be discontinued except in cases where work is found to be in a dangerous condition for traffic.

Motion on Notice

By C. Gill.

That dead timber and stumps be cleared off the road near D. Dobbie's farm, Sarslaw.

Engineer to report.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £167.14.6 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Mahoney seconded by C. McCrea

Carried.

The Meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Wednesday 18th June 1902 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Sarslaw this 18th day of June 1902.

D. Cairns President
East Loddon Shire

Present at noon

The President (C. Cairns), and C. Bissett, Shaw, Gill, Coulter and McCrea.

Minutes of meeting held 21st May 1902 read and on the motion of C. Bissett, seconded by C. McCrea — Confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence

From Secretary Loddon U.D. Trust.

That the U.D. Dept. had applied to the Trust for payment with the least possible delay, of a substantial sum in reduction of the amount of interest and redemption £2247.17.7 owing on 31st December 1901. The Dept. had been notified that consideration had been deferred until the ordinary meeting of the Trust on the 12th July. Payment on acc of the Shire Shaw was requested.

C. Shaw moved that £125, six months interest, be paid. Seconded by C. Gill. Carried.

From Secretary for Lands.

That the Minister was of opinion that the frontages to Bears Lagoon should be licensed, despite the Council's objections, and that this course would be followed. C. Gill moved that the Sec. write asking upon what terms the licenses were to be granted and also communicate the decision arrived at by the Council previously.

Seconded by C. Shaw. Carried.

From Paulison Dr. Dingo.
Calling attention to a supposed error
in rates.
Spends & Values for report.

From Jimmy W. Shaug
Asks for consideration for loss caused
by an accident to his horse, when cross-
ing a Shire Culvert.
C. H. G. moves that the Sec. inform
the rider that the Council disclaims
any liability.
Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

From Secretary, Central Murray Goulburn Water
Supply League.
Forwarding report of resolutions adopted
at the conference held on 21st May, and
asking for appointment of a delegate
to attend a conference to be held at an
early date to arrange for a deputation
to the Government.
C. Coulter moved that President and Sec.
be appointed to represent the Council.
Seconded by C. H. G. Carried.

Reports of Committees

The President reported having attended
the recent conference (Murray Goulburn
Scheme) at Bendigo, at which the
recommendations of the R. S. Committee
were condemned, as not nearly adequate
to provide the amount of water required
to supply the districts interested. Was Received.

The President reported that successul
meetings had been held at Toppin
and Dingo in furtherance of the
defects of the Citizens' Reform League. Received.
A meeting had been held at Kauratooka
for water supply from Colburn race, to which
he had been invited but was unable
to attend. C. Coulter said he had also
been invited, but had not been able
to attend. Received.

From Bendigo Hospital
Reporting admission of case of typhoid
from within the Shire. Received.

Reports of Officers

The Rate Collector reported receipts rates
£463.19.0, dog taxes £3.10.0. Total
£467.9.0. Received.

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates £463.19.0
dog fees £3.10.0
Total £470.3.0. D. balance £121.3.0. D. Received.

The Shire Engineer's report estimating cost of
cleaning roadway adjoining Stam Dobbin's
farm at E. is now received.

The Declaration of Peace

C. Coulter moved that the Council place
on record its gratification at the
termination of the war in South
Africa, and its appreciation of
the wisdom and courtesy which
prompted the generous terms that

have been conceded to the Boers by the British nation.

Seconded by C. M. Gera. — Carried

Resignation of the Governor-General

The President moved that this Council record its regrets at the impending departure of His Excellency the Governor-General, and deplore the circumstances which have arisen to necessitate his request to be removed.

Seconded by C. Coulter. — Carried

The Annual Elections

The returning members were stated to be North Riding C. Gill, East Riding C. Jackson, South Riding C. Shaw.

The following returning officers were appointed. North Riding C. Mahoney, East Riding C. Coulter, South Riding C. Bissett.

General Business

Correspondence deferred from last meeting relative to the leasing of the railway tracks at Dingsa by the Council was considered and resolved

C. Gill alluding to the coronation festival to be held on the 26th inst, moved that the use of the Shire Hall be granted free of charge for that day. Seconded by C. Coulter. — Carried

C. Bissett moved that the following amounts be passed towards the cost

of providing refreshments at a supper to be held on 26th June viz:

East Riding Rs. North South Ridings £4 each. Seconded by C. Shaw. — Carried

Instructions to Officers

By C. Gill. Sec. write Frazer & Trust asking for the erection of a culvert across channel on road at the N.W. corner of allot 53 parish of Jarlan. 2. Secretary prepare return financial position of each riding.

By C. Bissett, Engineer get a few trees removed from Sepulchre & Bridgwater roads, north from Foley's lane.

By C. Shaw. Secretary to take steps to prevent damage to trees by sheep being allowed to trespass on Sepulchre & Bissett Reserve.

By C. Coulter.

Engineer to take steps to complete road exchange with C. Shaw.

Motions on Notice

By C. Gill. That tenders be called for grubbing & levelling adjoining Bissett's was postponed.

By C. Coulter. That the employment of day labor be discontinued, except in cases of repairs to bridges and culverts where found to be in an

unsafe condition.

Seconded by C. Gill _____ Carried _____

Accounts

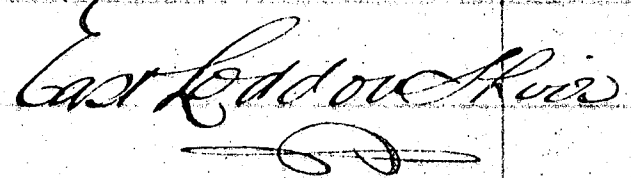
Accounts amounting to £ 85.5.11 were passed for payment on the motion of C. McCrea seconded by C. Coulter _____ Carried _____

Notice of Motion

By C. Shaw. That in all future contracts to be let by this Council the specifications shall include all work incidental to the main work (such as approaches to bridges, culverts to channels, drains to tanks, cranies, etc) and the tender price shall be the price for the whole, and that no portion of such work shall be omitted with a view to its being done later on by day labor without the previous authority of the Council.

By C. Shaw. That in future before tenders can be called for any work by this Council plans specifications and Engineer's estimate (if the work to be let) must be placed on the table at a meeting of this Council.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Wednesday 23rd July 1902 at 11 and

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 23rd day of July 1902
D. Laird, President
East Loddon


Present at 11.50 am _____
C. Laird (President), Pissett, Shaw, Gill, Mahoney, McCrea and Jackson and Hardy.

Minutes of meeting held 18th June 1902 were read and on the motion of C. McCrea, seconded by C. Pissett _____ Confirmed _____ Carried _____

Revision Court at noon

The same councillors being present. The Secretary submitted the lists, claims and objections for the 3 ridings.

North Riding

William John Leo claimed to have his name inserted as owner of a house and land at Hunica, one vote. Application granted on the motion of C. Gill seconded by C. Hardy.

Joseph Heib objected to the name of Thomas Foley on the grounds that he had disposed of the property and Frederick Heib claimed 2 votes as occupier of the land. Thomas Foley's name was struck off and F. Heib substituted on the motion of C. Gill seconded by C. Mahoney.

Patrick Gill objected to the name of Mr. Carter as being neither owner, occupier or lessee and having ceased to occupy the land prior to 10th June 02. Mr. Carter's name was struck off on the motion of C. Mahoney, seconded by C. Hardy.

Patrick Gill objected to the name of James Ball, on the grounds, being neither owner occupier or lessee.

The name of James Ball was struck off on the motion of C. Mahoney, seconded by A. Hardy.

Patrick Gill objected to the name of Frederick Druitt on the following grounds, that he is not a bona fide owner, occupier or lessee of the lands assessed and that he was illegally placed on the voter's list by the casting vote of the President and not by an absolute majority as required by the act.

C. Gill moved that F. Druitt's name be struck off, seconded by C. Mahoney. Voting in favor of the motion, C. Gill, Mahoney, Jackson and Hardy.

Against the motion, the Chairman (Laird) and C. Bissett, Shaw and McCrea.

The voting being equal and the Chairman not being entitled to a casting vote it was unanimously agreed that lots should be drawn for and against keeping F. Druitt's name on the roll, the result being against inclusion.

The motion was then carried.

Alfred Etershank applied to have his name inserted for 3 votes, claiming occupation of 750 acres land.

A. Bissett moved that the application be granted, seconded by C. Shaw.

C. Gill, ^{verbally} objected on the grounds that

applicant was neither owner, occupier or lessee, and that he had given no particulars as to numbers of allotts on his application.

Voting for the motion. The Chairman (Laird) and C. Shaw, Bissett and McCrea.

Voting against the motion C. Gill, Mahoney, Hardy and Jackson.

The voting being equal it was agreed that lots should be drawn for and against inclusion, the result being against inclusion.

The motion was therefore lost and the application refused.

Robert Dean claimed two votes instead of one for property assessed under £25.

The Chairman (Laird) moved that the application be refused. Seconded by C. McCrea.

The North riding roll as revised was then adopted on the motion of C. Gill, seconded by C. Hardy.

South Riding

M^r J. Hunter claimed 2 votes as lessee of land, Janisber Park.

The Chairman moved that the application be granted, the owner of the land. M^r Hunter Davidson to be reduced from 3 to 2 votes. Seconded by C. Shaw.

The South riding roll was then adopted on the motion of C. Bissett seconded by C. Shaw.

East Riding

William Aitken and Robert Aitken
as occupiers of land in the parish
of Yallock claimed 2 votes each
C. Jackson moved that the applications
be granted. Seconded by C. McCrea. — Carried —

The East Riding roll as revised was
then adopted on the motion of C. McCrea,
seconded by C. Jackson. — Carried —
After the rolls had been signed and
alterations initialled the Chairman de-
clared the Court closed.

Read and Confirmed at Serpentine, the 20th day of August 1902.
President East Loddon Shire.

M. Bisset

Ordinary Meeting Resumed

The same councillors being present.

Correspondence

From Land Tax Registrar, desiring to be fur-
nished with a return of all persons
holding freehold or leasehold property
within the Shire exceeding in extent
640 acres. Attended to by Secretary. — Received. —

From Victorian Sanatorium for Consumptives,
soliciting donations.
To be considered with charitable votes.

Reports of Committees

The President reported relative to the business
done at the recent conference in Melbourne
re the Murray Goulburn water supply
scheme, and the interview next day with
the Hon. the Premier. The provision for water
conveyance promised was to be far in

excess of that proposed by the R. S.
Committee, and that no delay would
be allowed to occur before the whole
matter was laid before Parliament.
C. Hardy moved a vote of thanks to
the President and Engineer for per-
suing the Council. Seconded
by C. Jackson. — Carried —

The President moved "That the thanks
of this Council be conveyed to the Hon.
the Premier for his courteous re-
ception of the deputation which
approached him recently on the Murray
Goulburn water supply scheme, also the
Council's appreciation of his thorough
grasp of the pressing requirements
of the Northern districts, and his promise
to meet same by proceeding with the
construction of the main channel and
the Waranga basin at an early
date"
Seconded by C. Jackson. — Carried —

Reports of Officers

The Rate collector reported collections
Rates current £21.17.0, dog fee 5/- — Received —

The Treasurer reported receipts rates
current £21.17.0, dog fee 5/- Endowment
£11.13.0, paper interest by L.M.N.
Trust £11.4.1. — Received —

The Shire Engineer's report was read
and received.

Clause 1 that timber for culvert at Huelbata
and railing to culvert on Pittman roads

was lying at Prain's Pyls & would be fixed next week was received and approved.

Clause 2. Suggesting that a box culvert be inserted in channel opposite Duffys was received and tenders ordered to be called.

Clause 3. asking for authority to clear out subway & culvert south from Serpentine, was granted.

Clause 4. Suggesting that application be made for a supply of water for these channels was adopted.

Clause 5. Estimating cost of permanent repairs to Styamus water lift at £30. and suggesting that the structure be stayed for the present at a cost not to exceed £5. The Engineer's suggestion was adopted on the motion of C. McCrea Sec. by C. Jackson. Carried.

General Business

It was decided that application be made to the Forestry Dept. for a number of trees for planting in different localities throughout the Shire.

The President alluded to the quarrows being made in Melbourne to divert water from the Goulburn. He moved that the Council concur with the quarrows being made by the residents of the Central Murray Goulburn League in the endeavour being

made to prevent the diversion of the ^{river} below water into the Yan Yean water shed. Secured by C. Jackson. Carried.

C. McCrea moved that tenders be called for five culverts through water channels leading to St. Eduard's property. Prain's. Secured by C. Jackson. Carried.

C. Gill pointed out the necessity for a supply of water being sent into Prain's Lagoon.

On the motion of C. Hardy Secured by C. Gill the Engineer was instructed to get a few trees removed from roads near Mr. Peters residence.

C. Jackson. The Sec. to give one month's notice of proceedings to persons being taken against defaulting rate payers. Secured by C. Gill. Carried.

C. Bissett moved that the rate of Burke in the township of Sanitambra East be abandoned. Secured by C. Shaw. Carried.

Motion on Notice

By C. Shaw.

That in all future contracts to be let by this Council the specifications shall include all work incidental to the main work, such as approaches to bridges, culverts to channels, drains

to faults etc, and the tender price shall be for the whole, and that no portion of such work shall be omitted with a view to its being done later on without the previous authority of the Council.

Seconded by C^t. Jackson. Carried.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £246.6.1 ✓ were passed for payment on the motion of C^t. Mahony seconded by C^t. Bissett. Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Wednesday 20th August 1902 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 20th day of August 1902

W. Bissett President Chairman
East Loddon Shire

Present at noon.

C^t. McCrea, Jackson, Hardy, Gill, Mahony Bissett and Shaw.

On the motion of C^t. McCrea, seconded by C^t. Hardy, C^t. Bissett was voted to the chair, C^t. McCrea explaining that the President (C^t. Laid) would not be in attendance he being ill suffering from influenza.

Minutes of meeting held 23rd July 1902 and Revision Court of same date read, and on the motion of C^t. Hardy seconded by C^t. Jackson. Confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence

From Lands Dept.

ack^d receipt of letter re frontage to Bainslaquod and that the matter would be dealt with in due course. Received.

From Sance.

That the preservation of 10 acres of land in the parish of Poupapies, as a site for public recreation was notified in Cor. Gaz^t of 2nd July 1902. Received.

From Secretary to the Premier.

acknow^d receipt of letter communicating a resolution expressive of appreciation of the manner in which the Premier used the Murray Goulburn Water Supply Corporation, and of the consideration of the subject proposed by him. Received.

From Public Health Dept
 Asking to be furnished with particulars as stated concerning proposed public depot adjoining Bullock Cr., Parish of Nayland.
 C. McVera moved that the Sec. supply information. Seconded by C. Mahoney. Carried.

From Shire of Waverley.
 That the cooperation of the Municipal Assocⁿ; also the various Shire Councils of the State, be solicited with a view of having the Dog Act amended so as to allow every bona fide owner or lessee of property the right of keeping one dog free of tax.
 C. Mahoney moved that cooperation be granted. Seconded by C. Gills. Carried.

From Sec. Rudigo Ag^l Society
 Soliciting donation.
 To stand over for our month.

From Sec. Grand Mill Ag^l Society.
 Requesting that 1st Oct. be proclaimed a public holiday throughout E. L. Shire. Received.

From Sec. Central Murray Goulburn Water Supply League. Asking for the appointment of a delegate to attend a meeting to be held in Melbourne to further agitate for the speedy construction of the Channel.
 C. McVera moved that the President be asked to attend. Seconded by C. Mahoney. Carried.

From Conservator of Forests.
 That this application for trees was rec^d too late. Received.

Telegram from C. Coulter. Malmsbury
 Cannot attend meeting, convey my disappointments to Councillors, hope have enjoyable day. Received.

Reports of Officers
 From Constable Const. with returns of Live Stock slaughtered for 6 months ending 30th June 1902. Do.

The Rate Collector reported. Collections.
 Rates current £1.17.0; Dog fee 5/- Do.

The Treasurer reported receipts.
 Rates current £1.17.0; dog fee 5/-
 Contractors deposits £1; Hire of Hall £1. Total £4.2.0. Overdraft £215.4.7. Received.

The Shire Engineer's report was read - and - Received.
 Clause 1. That the tenders of A. Jamieson at £11. and £3.16.8 for works near Methuen and Dordys had been accepted. Do.

Clause 2. That guide rails were required to culverts near Dobbies and Buxtons and stanchions to Bullock Cr. bridge near Humbleton. C. Gills moved that the works be carried out. Seconded by C. Mahoney. Carried.

The Snow declaration of the Valuer was read and received.

General Business

Mr. Gill moved that the Shire of Loddon be asked to join in the cost of repairs to about near Webb's Mill.

Seconded by O. Makouff Carried

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £19.0.9 were passed for payment on the motion of Mr. Hardy seconded by O. Makouff Carried

Motions on Notice

By Mr. Shaw that in future before tenders can be called for any work by this Council plans, specifications and Engineer's estimate (if the work to be let) must be placed on the table at a meeting of this Council.

Seconded by C. Bissett Carried.

Notice of Motion

By O. Makouff. That a rate of one shilling in the £1 be struck on the nett annual value of all the rateable property in the Shire of East Loddon for the period ending 30th September 1903.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Wednesday 17th day of September 1902

Robert Jackson *Präsident*
East Loddon Shire

Shire of East Loddon
Annual Elections

28 August 1962

North Riding

Mr Patrick Gill being the only candidate nominated for the office of councillor for the North Riding, I hereby declare him duly elected as a councillor for the North Riding of the Shire of East Loddon.

James Mahony Returning Officer

South Riding

Mr James O. Shaw being the only candidate nominated for the office of councillor for the South Riding, I hereby declare him duly elected as a councillor of the Shire of East Loddon.

W. B. M. M. Returning Officer.

East Riding

Mr John B. McLeod being the only candidate nominated for the office of councillor for the East Riding, I hereby declare him duly elected as a councillor for the East Riding of the Shire of East Loddon.

Donald Christie Returning Officer

Shire Hall
Serpentine 17th Sept 1902

Election of President

The following councillors being present:-
Councillors Laird, Bisett, Hardy, Mahony,
Jackman, Fowler and the newly elected
Councillors Gill, McCrea and Shaw having
subscribed to the following declaration
before taking their seats.

We the undersigned do solemnly declare
that we will faithfully and impartially
according to the best of our ability and
judgment execute all the powers re-
posed in us as Councillors by virtue
of the Local Government Acts 1890-1891 Nos.
1112 and 1243.

Patricia Gill
J.B. McCrear
James Shaw

Declared at Serpentine before us this Seventeenth (17th)
day of September 1902

W. Bisett J.P.
Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 17th day of
September 1902.

Robert Jackman President
East Loddon Shire.

Present at 12.30 o'clock.

C^o Laird (President) Bisett, Shaw,
Mahony, Hardy, Gill, McCrea and
Jackman.

Election of President

In resigning his position as
President of the Council, C^o Laird
thanked his colleagues for the
support accorded to him during
his term of office and also ack-
nowledged the hearty assistance
provided from the Secretary and
Engineer.

He called upon the Secretary to read
a financial statement, which showed that
there was that day a bank debit
balance of £2271. 9. 3, with accounts
to be paid £143 - making total indebtedness
£2414. 9. 3. Probable receipts Govt. Subsidy
£215, rates £200, refunds by shire and
H.E.A. £100, total £515, leaving
probable credit or surplus ^{debit} £1869.

President's allowance.

C^o McCrea moved that the president's allow-
ance be fixed at £50 for the incumbrant
year. Seconded by C^o Shaw. Carried.

C^o Laird moved that C^o Jackman be
appointed president for the ensuing
12 months. Seconded by C^o Mahony. Carried.

In taking the chair, C^o Jackman thanked
his colleagues for the honor conferred upon
him and moved a hearty vote of thanks

to the retiring president, for his able discharge of the duties of the office during a most trying year.

Seconded by C. M. Gera. Carried.
A. Laird returned thanks for the vote.

Ordinary Meeting
The same councillors being present.
Minutes of ordinary meeting held 20th August 1902 were read. C. Mahoney moved that they be confirmed. Seconded by A. Gill. Carried.

Correspondence.

From C. Coulter.
Asking for leave of absence from meeting. C. M. Gera moved that leave of absence be granted. Seconded by A. Hardy. Carried.

From Chief Secretary's office.
That 8th Oct. had been proclaimed as a public holiday in the Shire of E. Loddon. Received.

From Sec. Tragowel Trust
That the Trust had decided to take no action relative to bridge over channel near N.E. corner of allot. 58. Tanklan. Do.

From Gordon Shire
Agreeing to pay to cost repairs to small bridge on boundary road near Nettles. Do.

From Municipal A. of Victoria re petition on the improved Lands Bill, asking cooperation in opposing same. A. Laird moved

that the Council oppose the passing of the Bill. Seconded by C. M. Gera. Carried.

From Municipal A. of Victoria
Relative to proposed reduction of subsidy to £5000. and asking that cooperation of the Council should be granted in opposing the proposal.
C. Mahoney moved that no opposition be made to the proposal for our year. Seconded by C. M. Gera. Carried.

From Puckingen Shire.
Advocating extension of dog law for mildford to 1st February.
C. Mahoney moved that cooperation be granted. Sec. by A. Lau. Carried.

From Sec. for Lauder.
That steps had been taken preliminary papers for pre-arrangement purposes at Dunge. Received.

From Sec. Mump. Association
That annual session would be held on 15th Oct., and forwarding copies of business sheet. Do.

From Rev. A. J. Ellis, the Vicar, Raymond.
Inviting attendance of councillors at Parish Agave on 30th Sept. 1902, to meet Bishop Lancelotti of Diocese diocesan.
It was resolved that any councillors who were in a position to attend should do so.

From Bank of Victoria St. Inglewood
Advising that the interest on the overdraft had been reduced by 1/2 per cent from 1st July 1902.

Reports of Committees.

C. Laird reported having attended the recent conference in Melb^e relative to the Murray Goddard water scheme. A vote of thanks was accorded to C. Laird for the able manner in which he had advocated the larger channel and early construction (in sections) of the main line.

1. A. Mahony 2. C. Hardy. Carried

The Rate Collector reports collections.

Rates current £10.4.0
do ansars 3.14.0
Dog fee 5. Total £13.13.0 Received

The Treasurer reports receipts.

Rates current £10.4.0, rates ansars £3.14.0, dog fee 5. Total £13.13.0
Overdraft £227.9.3. Do.

The Shire Engineer's report was read and Do.

Clause 1. Read
Clause 2. Suggesting that Mr. Ramsbottom's rate be reduced 10p by refunding that amount on the grounds that as a producer was included with the allotments.

C. Laird moved that clause 2 be adopted and rate book altered accordingly. Secured by A. M. Gird. Carried.

Estimates and Vote
For the year ending 30th September 1903.

Moved by A. Gill
Sec^d by A. Mahony. That this Council do now adopt and confirm the Estimates for the year 1902-3 ending 30.9.03 of the receipts and expenditures, the sum of £2,150.0.0 being required for the several purposes therein specified. Carried

Moved by C. Laird. Secured by A. M. Gird. That this Council do now adopt the net valuation of all the rateable property within the shire amounting to £34,443 as made by the Valuer & Tax Collector for the year 1902. Carried

Moved by A. M. Gird. Secured by A. Thickett. That to raise the sum of £1,722.3.0 the Council make and levy a rate of 1/4 in the £1 upon the net annual value of all the rateable property within the Shire of East Loddon for the period commencing 1st Oct 1902 and terminating 30th September 1903. Carried

Moved by C. Laird
Secured by A. Gill. That the Rate Collector be directed to collect the said rate forthwith. Carried

General Business

The report of Inspector Coull relative to action taken in buying horses

at Bank Lagoon was received and action approved of. on the motion of C. McCrea, seconded by C. Laird. Carried.

The Engineer was instructed to notify Parties borrowing the boring rods to return them after use, and to ask the L. & N. J. to notify the W. Bailiff to remove sticks from water channels.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £449.8.5 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Laird seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

This meeting was closed and the Council adjourned to Wednesday the 15th October 1902 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 15th day of October 1902.

Robt Jackman President
East Loddon Shire

Present at noon _____
The President (C. Jackman) and C. Gill, Hardy, Mahoney, Coulter, McCrea, Bissett and Laird.

Minutes of Meeting held 17th September was read. C. Bissett moved that they be confirmed. Seconded by C. Gill. Carried.

Correspondence

From C. Shaw, apologising for non attendance at Meeting. Received.

Leave of absence being granted on the motion of C. McCrea seconded by the President.

From Secretary for Public Works, that Mr. C. Penick, of Melbourne, had been appointed Government Auditor to the Shire at a remuneration of £6.6.0 Received.

From C. C. Shopper, M. L. A., Ballarat, suggesting the formation of a fund for the purpose of erecting a memorial of some kind at Myabroun, in recognition of the efforts emanating from there in the cause of reform. C. Laird moved that consideration be postponed till next meeting, to allow councillors to think over the matter. Seconded by C. Gill. Carried.

From W. J. Department, that owing to the quantity of water available for distribution being very small, the request for an additional supply

of water for Yarragoo could not be complied with at present.

Mr Laird said the reply was not satisfactory, as a good supply had been running for months down the Bullock Ck. He moved that the Dept. be again written to asking for a further supply and the assistance of the members for the district be requested. Seconded by A. Bissett. Carried.

From J. Gills, hon. Sec. to Kaurarooka and district Water League and from Secretary Hautley Shire Council relative to extension of Coliban Water from Melbourne to Kaurarooka. Mr Laird moved that a reply be sent suggesting that a conference of the 3 Shires interested viz. Hautley Marong & East Loddon be held at Kaurarooka Hall on 8th Nov. at one o'clock & that the President & Mr Price and Coulter represent this Shire. The Engineer was also directed to make surveys in connection therewith. Secd. by A. McEwen. Carried.

From N. E. A. Edruch. Forwarding cheque £72.14.0 on account of work done by their Council in constructing channel from Railway Line south from Melbourn to Peamung Creek. Received

From C. Lam. Officer, that fee of £100 was required for the issue of a writ for swearing in president as J.P. Referred to Secretary.

From Secretary Vic^{ia} Storekeepers and Traders Assoc.

Asking cooperation in having holidays such as the Melbourne Cup Day and Melbourne Show Day limited to the area affected - say a 25 mile radius.

Mr Laird moved that consideration be held over till next meeting.

Seconded by A. Gille. Carried.

From H. Smith, Water Bailiff

Claiming £1.50 for filling their tank known as Mellars also 7/- for drawing out drain leading thereto.

Mr Coulter moved that £1.50 be paid in full of the demand made.

Seconded by C. Mahoney. Carried.

Reports of Officers

The Treasurer reported receipts of Rates current £3.16.0, rates arrears £110.0 Dog fee 5/- Refund W. E. A. Edruch £72.14.0, Neighbourhood fees £3.5.0 Total £81.10.0.

Overdraft £2350.11.8 Recd

The Rate Collector reported collections Rates Current £3.16.0; Arrears £110.0 Dog fee 5/- Total £5.11.0 Recd

The Shire Engineer's report was read & Resolved & suggesting that 7 additional girders be fixed in the Bullock Ck.

bridge on Durham Ox and Raymond
road _____ was _____ *Carried*

General Business

Moved by C. McCrea, seconded by
C. Coulter. That the Sec. make
special application to the L.N.
Trust to have the Railway dam
at Haines filled as soon as
possible. _____ *Carried.*

M. Hirsch M. L. B. advised organ-
isations in the droughty districts,
to take full advantage of the
Gippstead offers of free grass; also
offered suggestions for Committees
in procuring information from
Gippstead re forwarding stock.

On the motion of C. McCrea the letter
was received with thanks.

A. Bissett moved that immediate
action be taken to make the
propositions contained in the
letter public, and that C. Coulter
be appointed Secretary to the
movement. Secd by C. Gill. _____ *Carried*
C. Coulter expressed his willingness
to give any assistance possible.

Moved by C. Gill.

That in consequence of the prolonged
drought and the widespread disaster
that is at the present time staring
people in the face, His Council
urges upon the Government to take

prompt action for the construction
of the Murray Goulburn Channel, with
a view to alleviating the distress, by
providing immediate work for the
farmers and their working horses in
the northern districts; and thus assist
them to tide over the calamity which
has unfortunately overtaken them.

Seconded by C. Hardy. _____ *Carried*
The Sec. was directed to forward
this motion to the Hon. Mr. Francis.

Retrenchment

Suggestions now made by the President
in Committee and the Secretary was
asked to submit a list of items
where reductions in expenditure
could be effected. The return to be
furnished by the next meeting.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £43.7.4 was
passed for payment on the motion
of C. McCrea seconded by C. Bissett. _____ *Carried*

Notice of Motion

By the President. That with further
notice the meetings of the Council
be held on the 3rd Wednesday each
alternate month.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to
Wednesday the 26th November 1902

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this
26th day of November 1902.

R. J. Ashman President
East Loddon Shire

Present at noon.

Councillors Jackson (President) Coulters
McGara, Bissett, Laird, Gill, Hardy
and Mahoney.

Minutes of meeting held 15th October 1902
was read and confirmed on the
motion of C. Bissett seconded by
C. Laird. Carried.

Annual Meeting.

The audited statement of the receipts and
expenditure for the year ended September
30th 1902, together with the Auditor's
report certifying to the correctness
thereof was read by the Secretary.
C. McGara moved that the accounts
as read be now finally examined
settled and allowed. Seconded
by C. Bissett. Carried.

C. Laird moved that the report of
the auditor be adopted, with the
exception of that part referring
to the disallowed deputation
expenses. Seconded by C. Gill. Carried.

Correspondence.

From Secretary to Premier.

Acknowledging resolution passed by
Council urging prompt action in the
matter of the Murray-Guelburn Channel,
with a view to providing immediate
relief to the farmers in the northern
districts, and stating that the
question was being the farmers

attention of the Government. Received.

From J. H. McCall B.A. on same subject,
suggesting that Council should
make an application to the Govt for an
allot of the water to be provided
by the channel without delay, so in
the future the question of priority
of application would be certain
to carry weight.

The Sec. said Gordon Shire Council
was preparing to arrange a con-
ference upon the matter.

Laird moved that this Council agree
to the proposal, and suggests that the
conference be held at Melrose.

Seconded by C. Mahoney. Carried.

From Secretary Loddon L. N. Trust.

Forwarding copy of letter recd. from W.
S. Dept. with reference to the revision of
rents and consequent reduction of
liabilities desired by the L. N. Trust,
and stating that the Trust was un-
willing to accept the proposals contained
herein. Received.

From Secretary for Lands.

Asking the Council's intentions in regards
to the care, management and improvement
of the land forming the frontage to
Deans Lagoon, Jamieson East. Read.

From Secretary for Water Supply.
With copies of orders in Council

granting permission to the East Loddon
Shire Council to apply £323.5.6
from its municipal funds towards
the maintenance and management
of works of the Loddon R. N. Trust. Received.

From Secretary, Nursery Shire, suggesting meet-
ing of committee of councils interested
to discuss the question of the proposed
extension of the Coliban Channel. Recd.

From C. C. Shippie M.L.A., advocating establish-
ment of a fund to provide for the erection
of a memorial at Lyndhurst, in recognition
of the initiation of the reform movement.
C. Laird moved that the matter stand over.
Seconded by C. Mahoney. Carried.

From Secretary Victorian Forekeepers and
Traders Association, advocating
limitation of such holidays as
the Melbourne Cup Cup Day and M.L.S.
Show Day to a 25 mile radius.
Cooperation granted on the motion of C.
McCord. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

From Shire Solicitors. (Telegrams)
As to closed roads.
Judgment for charges with costs
from various Councillors. Received.

From Railway Department
Forwarding cheque £400 for excavating
charges from Bullocks Cr. to Railway
Person Metams. Received.

Petition presented by C. Coulter
From G. Forrest, F. R. W. Dredge,
J. W. Rawlinson, D. Parker, J. S. Old,
and J. Wallace, asking to have the
N. and S. road east from the late
Dunlop firm overgrown, drained and
made fit for traffic.
Consideration deferred.

From H. Smith, Water Bailiff
Claiming £1.17.6 for filling dams,
on this presented.
Consideration deferred for next month.

Telegram from A. G. Brown
Drought relief committee will pay
on production of invoices for food
and clothing ordered by you for
"urgent cases up to amount £50.
C. Laird moved that the offer be
accepted. Each Councillor to be
empowered to order up to £5
Seconded by C. McCord. Carried.

From Sec. Meredith Shire, asking co-
operation in having the Gelton
waterbeds comprising 7000 acres
of splendid grass, thrown open
for benefit of standing stock.
C. Coulter moved that support
be accorded. Seconded C. Laird. Carried.

From M. Hirsch M.L.A. to D. C. Laird
Telegram. Conditional promise
made from storage Bridgewater
in about a week. Received.

From E. A. De Ravin
applying for 14 days leave of absence.

Granted -

From Two Solicitors

Re exchange of roads with
Ettershant.

A. Pissett moved that an endeavour
be made to complete the matter without
further delay. The solicitors to be
written to. See Land.

Carried -

Reports of officers

Rate collector Rates arrears

£5.19.0

Read -

Treasurer reported receipts rates
arrears £5.9.0, Weighbridge £3.5.0

Refund By Dept £40 Total

£48.14.0 D. £2359.15.3

Do

The Shire Engineer's report was
read & received.

The clause suggesting that a
revaluation of the shire be
made was held over for our
month.

Read -

Retrenchments

The following reductions in the
salaries of officers were agreed
to Engineer Secretary £252 to
£214.10.0, caretaker from £20
to £15. Inspectors from £5 10s
each. H. Officers from £10 to £5.
Analyst from £1.0 to 10/6.

The reductions to take place after
the expiration of our month.

It was also agreed to ask the
Bank of Victoria to further reduce
the rate of interest charged on
their overdrafts.

In connection with a letter from
H. Rich addressed to C. Coulter
asking for construction of culverts
over water channels & repairs to
pump at Mayanui. C. McCred
was requested to have the
pump repaired as well as
necessary work at Prairie Railway
Station to allow of storm water
to reach the Railway Tunnel.

The matter of the erection of the
culverts to stand over public funds
was available.

Moved by C. Gill seconded by
C. McCred that the Sec. write to
Rabbit Inspector drawing attention
to the great increase of the pest in
the northern portion of the shire. Carried -

C. Coulter moved that the Secretary
present at next meeting be
also in connection with the formation
Denis. Sec. C. Mahoney. Carried -

On the motion of C. Mahoney
and Hardy the Sec. was directed

to take steps to collect outstanding rates.

C. Gill moved that an application be made for a supply of water for Bears Lagoon. Seconded by C. Hardy.

Carried -

C. Laird moved that the Engineer be empowered to clean out the Pumpapial water channels. Cost about £4.

Secd. by C. Bissett.

Carried -

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £60.4.7 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Gill seconded by C. Hardy.

Carried -

The president decided to hold over his notice of motion fixing alternate meetings of the Council until next meeting.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Wednesday 17th Nov^r 1902 at 11 am.

Read and signed at Tisbury this 17th day of Nov^r 1902.

D. C. Laird Chairman President

Present at noon.

Councillors Hardy, Mahony, Gill, McCoo, Coulter, Shaw Laird and Bissett

In the absence of the president (Mr Jackson) C. Laird was voted to the chair on the motion of C. Bissett. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried

Correspondence

From

Minutes of Meeting held 26th Nov^r 1902 read. C. McCoo moved that they be confirmed. Seconded by C. Bissett. Carried

From Secretary for Water Supply dated 6th Dec^r that at an early date, at the urgent request of Mr. M. Hirsch M.L.A., and Mr. D. C. Laird 300 cubic feet of water per min. would be turned into Bullock Ch for the purpose of filling the Colvib this tank.

The Chairman said a 2 inch supply was asked for to supply the whole of Colvib but it was only put on for one week. He moved that the department be notified that a further supply was needed also at North Colvib, and that Mr. Hirsch be asked to assist. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried

C. Coulter moved that, after North Colvib had been supplied, the department be requested to send a fresh supply down Bullock Ch. Seconded C. McCoo. Carried

From Chief Secretary's Office.

That Constable Brown, of Mitiamo, had been appointed Electoral Registrar for the Tauranga division of the Electoral districts of Mauderangi, vice Mr. J. Howcroft, resigned. — Received

From Mr. Bisset M.L.A. forwarding letter recd from Leo de Landa relative to list of seed wheat required for South Island. The letter referred to stated that forms would be sent to each person named on the list referred to, and as soon as possible boards would be appointed to visit the various centres of the drought stricken districts, and enquire into the merits of each applicant, and make the necessary arrangements in regard to the advances. — Received.

C. Coulter moved that the Department be asked to act promptly to prevent loss of time. Seconded by C. Bisset. — Carried.

From Councils Mitchell & Dwyer, Shire Solicitors, re exchange of land for road deviation with Mr. John Ethersault, that they had at last succeeded in bringing the Dept. to something approaching finality in this matter, and enclosing letter showing that upon the payment of £12 to the Crown for the excess area of the road to be closed over those to be opened there would be no

departmental objection to the exchange.

The Chairman said he considered the Council should pay the money as it had saved by the exchange. C. Bisset moved that the amount be paid. Seconded by C. Shaw. — Carried. C. Mahoney & Gill left the table before the vote was taken. C. Mahoney protested that the Council could not pay the money, only by Councillors paying it out of their own pockets. C. Laird, Shaw, Bisset, Hardy, Coulter & Bisset voted for the motion which was declared Carried.

From Mr. A. Odgers, Secretary to Murray Goulburn Water Supply League, suggesting that it would be wise for the various public bodies representing the land that will be commanded or supplied with water from the Goulburn Council part of Norouga, to make application for an allocation of water for its area, to prove to the Govt. that there will be a demand and use for water in such quantities that it will be necessary for it to carry out the largest scheme possible. — Carried.

From J. R. Gray, acting secretary Shire of Horoua, inviting the Council to appoint representatives to meet delegates from the Shire of Horoua, Chatham, Gordon and Wykeproof at Horoua, take on 27th Dec., for the purpose of

of discussing the allotment of water from the Murray Goulburn Scheme, and deciding what action shall be taken to ensure the channel being kept upon the highest levels and of a uniform width throughout the greater portion of its course.

A. Pissatt moved that the president be requested to act as delegate to be nominated by C. Mahoney. Carried.

From John Harry Galboke.

Calling attention to James Mahoney's letter in the "Advertiser" of 2nd inst, in which it was stated that there were wealthy ratepayers who had not paid their rates. If such was not the case the writer thought it would be advisable to expose the falsehood. He is quite capable of anything but creditable to the C.C. Council.

As Chairman moved that Mr Harry be informed, relative to the drink question that there was no desire to force the president to supply liquor, as the councillors were all temperate men, and did not care if they had any liquor or not. Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

Reports of committees.

Murray Goulburn Water Scheme
C. M'Gara reported that the president, A. Mahoney and himself met representatives of the Foodon Shire Council

and Pyramid Hill Agricultural Society in conference at Melbourne, to discuss the question of the allotment of the Murray Goulburn Channel water, when it was unanimously decided to ask for 10,000 cft p.w. in summer and 15,000 cft p.w. in winter. This was regarded as merely a preliminary application.

A. Pissatt moved that the report be read and a vote of thanks accorded to the delegate. Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

Reports of officers

The Rate collector reported collections Rates Current £258.5.0, rates arrears 18/- Total £259.30 Carried.

The Treasurer reported receipts rates current £258.5.0, rates arrears 18/- Total £259.30 Overdraft at Bank of Victoria, St. Margaret. £2160.10.4 Carried.

A. Smith Water Bailiff for Loddon U.D. Inst. East Loddon Division 500/- also for filling tanks £57.6
A. Coulter moved that payment be deferred pending production of the orders to fill the tanks. Sec^d by C. Gill.

Amendment

By C. Hardy Seconded by C. M'Gara that payment be made forthwith. Voting for the amendment C. Hardy, M'Gara, Pissatt & Lamb.
For the amendment motion C. Gill, Coulter, Mahoney and Shaw.

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The voting being equal the Chairman gave his casting vote in favor of the amendment.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £67¹⁵ 11 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Shaw seconded by A. Coulter.

Carried

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to the 18th day of February 1903 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Secretary's this day of February 1903.

Robert Jackson East Loddon Shire