

LOCAL GOVERNMENT
THE SHIRE OF KORONG

A petition of landowners was presented to the Victorian Government in June, 1862 and the Kingower and Wedderburne Road District was proclaimed on 8th July, 1862. Confusion reigned for two months afterwards because public meetings had formed three separate boards to administer the one District. However, a joint meeting was held at Inglewood on 13th August, 1862 and the following persons were finally elected to the new District -

Messrs. J.S. Robertson
H. Hunter
A. Ritchie
W. Page
T. Burnett
J. Catto
W. Hall
J. Coutts
P. Roy

The Secretary appointed was Mr. Samuel Rinder, the chairman of the municipality of Inglewood.

The Board continued its work until 1864, when it petitioned the Governor for the formation of a Shire. The petition was accepted and official proclamation of the Shire of Korong appeared in the Government Gazette of 6th September, 1864. Cr. H. Hunter became the first President, a position he held on five occasions. Mr. S. Rinder was elected Shire Secretary and Mr. J. Wynne Shire Engineer.