Representing St Lucia

A paper on the governance of the suburb of St Lucia

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INTRODUCTION AND AUTHORS NOTE

Around the same time that Sir Thomas Brisbane the Governor of New South Wales was writing to Lord Bathurst, the Minister responsible for the British Colonies, advising of his intent to establish a penal settlement at Moreton Bay, Lord Bathurst was forwarding a letter advising that the British Parliament had passed an Act providing for the better administration of justice and the more effectual government of the Colony.

The Act established the Supreme Court of New South Wales and created the Legislative Council. These were the first steps in establishing representative government in the Colony, at the same time moderating the power of the Governor. Election by popular vote to the Legislative Council, however, was still twenty years away.

By 1823 when the Legislative Council was formed, settlement in Australia was limited to areas on the north and south coasts of Van Diemen’s Land and within an 80 to 100 mile radius of Sydney (a way through the Blue Mountains had only recently been found opening up the plains beyond, initially to sheep farmers). The original establishment at Norfolk Island had been temporarily abandoned.

Within the next twenty years permanent settlements would be established in Western Australia, South Australia and Victoria providing a tenuous foothold and claim on the continent for Great Britain. Population growth was gradual until the discovery of large quantities of payable gold, initially in Victoria and NSW in 1851, then subsequently elsewhere. Within ten years the population of Victoria had risen from 77,000 to 540,000 and in NSW from 187,000 to 350,000.

This influx brought about additional pressure for general reform (licensing, land tenure etc) and strengthening of the calls for self-government. Following on from the introduction of such reforms in Canada the British Government responded enabling the introduction of ‘responsible government’ in 1855. Parliaments were established and control of the affairs of each of the colonies (except WA) passed to the hands of the men who had the support and control of the Lower House. Subsequently South Australia showed leadership in introducing further democratic reforms its 1856 Constitution including adult male suffrage, secret ballot voting, one man, one vote, no property qualifications for Members of its House of Assembly and a relatively low property qualification for Members of its Legislative Council. Trade unions were legalised in 1891 and female suffrage introduced in 1894.

Brisbane, and in turn Queensland had its genesis in an exploratory voyage by John Oxley to identify and evaluate potential locations for an additional place of incarceration for prisoners convicted of offences in the Colony. The Moreton Bay penal settlement, originally based on the Redcliffe Peninsula and subsequently moved to what would become Brisbane, was established in 1824. Sufficiently remote, yet offering the potential of some self-sufficiency, it was considered a favourable location for the detention of prisoners convicted of serious crimes.

Democracy and representation as we know it, however, was still a novel concept, the settlement run on military lines under an army Commandant posted to the position. This arrangement continued until the early 1840s when effectively what was a prison was disbanded and the embryonic Brisbane Town and surrounds opened up to free settlement. By this time pastoralists were establishing themselves on the periphery and combined with an influx of free immigrants, the towns of Ipswich and Brisbane developed as commercial centres for the hinterland.

From 1843 the Legislative Council of New South Wales became partially elected and the ‘Northern District of NSW’ (including the Moreton Bay settlement) became a distinct electorate. The formation of the Legislative Assembly in 1855 resulted in increased representation, however, the local population considered they were still poorly served by a government based in Sydney and campaigned for separation from NSW.
The late 1850s saw the culmination of arguments put forward to the British Government over a number of years and on 15 December 1859, Queensland was proclaimed a separate colony. The first Governor was Sir George Bowen and the first Premier Robert George Wyndham Herbert. In 1859 the new Colony had a population of around 26,000, an estimated 3,500,000 sheep, 450,000 cattle, 20,000 horses, and apparently an empty Treasury.

Whilst Brisbane was pronounced a Municipality just before separation, followed by other regional towns, the general introduction of the next tier of local government would not occur until the late 1870s. The timing was probably appropriate reflecting the increase and distribution of population within the Colony.

The absence of a formal structure, however, did not mean that locals were not active in lobbying and petitioning for improvements prior to this time, one response being the formation of single focus entities such as The Indooroopilly Roads Trust Board 1. Populated mainly by local farmers the Board appears to have been responsible for the improvement/maintenance of just over five miles of roads in the locale. It is not clear on what basis this was undertaken although it is anticipated some element of voluntary labour may have been involved.

This research was initially started to establish a consolidated list of the people who have represented the local electorates, at Queensland and Local Authority levels. This list to act as a reference and springboard for further research on how prominent individuals had an influence on what is now the suburb of St Lucia. Its scope has expanded somewhat to include examination of enabling legislation and for the local authorities section, information on issues of the day. The document will remain for some time a ‘work in progress’ as research time permits.

A major disappointment has been the realisation that the majority of the records of the activities of the Indooroopilly and Taringa Divisional Boards and the Shire of Taringa have been lost or destroyed. This update, however, has been supplemented by a set of notes gleaned from the local press, a process now made much simpler since the digitisation of newspapers initiative of the National Library. Rather than consolidate these additional notes with the original material they have been kept separate to reflect their source. The Divisional Board period has been covered, Shire to follow.

Federal representation has not been addressed and the local government section covers only the period up to the formation of the ‘Greater’ Brisbane Council.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Local Authority responsible for St Lucia flow diagram - Author
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And as noted throughout the text.
COLONIAL/STATE GOVERNMENT

New South Wales 1842 - 1859

[For background only and subject to further research in due course]

The Legislative Council was established in 1823 to advise the Governor of New South Wales in relation to the making of laws. Initially appointees were government officials, however, in due course this expanded to include private citizens.

Significantly, in 1843, the Legislative Council (LC) became partly elected and the ‘Northern Districts’ a distinct electoral district. Our first elected member was Mr Alexander Macleay \(^2\) who held the seat for the Counties of Gloucester, Macquarie and Stanley from June 1843 to June 1848. Macleay, born in Scotland, was previously an appointed member of the LC serving from 1824 to 1836.

The introduction of the Legislative Assembly (LA) in 1855 was the next significant step in the evolution of ‘responsible’ government. The members of the LA were elected by male voters over the age of 21 (subject to property qualifications) with the government of the day formed from those who had majority support. The LC reverted back to members being appointed by the Governor, however, from this point in time, based on advice from the government of the day.

The Assembly and Council were often at loggerheads over the passage of Bills and it was not until the original appointees were replaced in the early 1860s (the original five year term now became appointment for life) that the LC adopted more of a ‘house of review’ role.

The Council by its makeup tended to represent the ‘conservative’ view and over time there were attempts to reform or abolish it. Whilst the LC has survived in NSW, in Queensland, it voted itself out of existence in March 1922 following what was considered by the reformist Ryan Government to be unreasonable refusal to pass its legislation. Premier Ryan stacked the LC with supporters to achieve the outcome (a similar move by the Lang administration in 1925 failed on the actions of two of his own supporters and the action of the Governor – subsequently the constitution of NSW was amended to require not only the consent of both houses but also a referendum of the electorate).

Local representation in the NSW Parliament increased over time with a dedicated member for Stanley in 1851, increasing to nine members in 1858 just prior to separation\(^3\). The following table lists a number of the individuals who represented the areas that would subsequently become the Colony of Queensland in the New South Wales Legislative Council and Assembly.

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\(^2\) Parliament of NSW website
\(^3\) Queensland Year Book 1969
Representation in NSW Parliament (primarily sourced from the NSW Parliament website)

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Queensland 1859 - Present

With local pressure and a recognition that the northern part of New South Wales was approaching the stage where it needed self-government the new Colony of Queensland was created by legislation in mid-1859 and later that year formally declared upon the arrival of Governor Bowen. The Governor was greeted by amongst others the Mayor and Aldermen of Brisbane which had been incorporated in September. Bowen with a small executive set about the task of establishing an administration and arranging for elections to the first Parliament, a bicameral arrangement along the lines of NSW.

The parliament, based on the Westminster system, comprised two houses, the elected member Legislative Assembly (LA) and the nominated member Legislative Council (LC). The Legislative Council was subsequently abolished in 1922.

This paper focuses on the popularly elected chamber, the Legislative Assembly.

Legislation

The NSW Electoral Act of 1858 was the basis for determining eligibility to nominate, who could vote and procedural matters. The Act had only just been updated prior to the separation with electorates defined as Brisbane, Ipswich, East and West Moreton, the Darling Downs and the Burnett. In addition the ‘Gold Fields’ (in our case the northern group) were to be represented by one elected member.

To stand for a seat in the LA you had to be a male subject of Her Majesty (HM), 21 or over, natural born (born in HM Dominions or child of parent so born) or naturalised (definition suggests this had to occur in England), ‘free’ (ie at least no longer a convict) and have been resident for 5 years in the colony.

To be entered onto the electoral role and be eligible to vote, you had to be male, over 21, subject of Her Majesty, natural born or naturalised and have resided in the colony for 3 years. There was also a requirement to reside in the electoral district (6 months) and/or (the wording of the act is a little confusing) own property, the voter qualification based on the value of the estate (which could be multiple holdings). The estate had to be worth at least £100 outright, or if leased, produce an annual income of £10 to the owner. Joint owners of a property could both be eligible if the value was sufficient (£200/£20pa for example if two owners).

Plural voting (ability to cast votes in multiple districts) was allowable for individuals with qualifying property holdings in different districts. Multiple properties in the same electorate did not appear to result in more than one vote in that district. Plural voting was abolished in 1905 together with the property qualification.

Members of the armed forces and police were not eligible to be on the electoral role and faced a fine up to £100 if they attempted to influence the outcome of an election.

To qualify as a Gold Fields voter you had to be subjects of HM etc and have been a holder for 6 months of a miners right/business licence/mining lease. Miners who were also property owners had to choose in which district to cast their vote (plural voting was not allowed in this case).

Electoral roles were to be compiled in January each year and displayed in the local courthouse for 14 days ending 28 February. There was a process outlined in the Act to appeal against persons included or if someone had been missed off.

A Returning Officer (RO) was to be appointed for each district who was required to call for nominations and conduct any required poll. The RO had to set a date for nominations with election by a show of hands on the day. If one of the nominated candidates raised an objection (to the outcome I
presume) then a poll had to be conducted. The RO had to produce voting slips and the voter struck out the names other than his chosen candidate. Candidates were not allowed to offer inducements (meals, liquor, travel etc) to voters.

Since the framing of the original Act the gradual increase in population and the change to its distribution has required the progressive amendment to both the number of LA seats and the electoral boundaries. The original LA comprised 26 members, some electorates having more than one representative, compared with 89 single electorate seats in 2004. Adjustments to boundaries and levels of representation for purely political reasons was a not unheard of strategy for Queensland governments of the day. Amendments to the Act have been regular and numerous.

Women did not get the right to vote until 1905 and the right to stand for election to the LA until 1915. Compulsory enrolment was introduced in 1914 and compulsory voting in 1915. British subjects who were natives of Asia or Africa were enfranchised in 1959 however Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders could not enrol to vote until 1965 and this did not become compulsory until 1971. The age for enrolment and voting was reduced to 18 in 1973.

The method of election until 1892 was by simple majority (first past the post), between 1892 and 1942 this was amended to a preferential system, from 1942 to 1962 it was changed again to simple majority, finally reverting back to preferential in 1962. Five year terms were the norm until 1890 when the Triennial Parliaments Act amended this to the current 3 years.

From 1860 to 1872 St Lucia was part of the East Moreton electorate (with two Reps), from 1872 to 1910 the Oxley electorate (one Rep), from 1910 to 1992 the Toowong electorate (the Toowong electorate was created in 1887 and expanded to include St Lucia in 1910) and subsequently part of the new electorate of Indooroopilly from 1992 (refer additional indicative maps on following page).

Members of the LA (MLA) first received expenses from 1886 (max £200 pa) and salaries from 1889 (£300 pa). A pension was granted from 1949 to members after a minimum period of service.

![Diagram of Brisbane Electoral Districts 1860 - 1872](image)
Queensland Parliamentary Representatives

[Information sourced primarily from Queensland and NSW Parliament websites and the Australian Dictionary of Biography].

St Lucia has been represented by the following MLA (renamed MP since 2000):

**East Moreton (1860 - 1872  2 Reps)**

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<td>May to Sept 1860</td>
<td>Henry BUCKLEY (1813-88)</td>
<td>Born in Yorkshire, son of a woollen manufacturer. Educated at the Moravian Boys Boarding College, Fairfield, Manchester. Arrived in Sydney 1834, squatted at Queanbeyan and then to Brisbane late 1840s as agent for Australasian Steam Navigation Co, AMP and fire insurance companies. Represented Stanley in NSW Legislative Assembly. Elected MLA East Moreton 1860, resigned later in year to become first Auditor General. Subsequently resigned due to his own financial circumstances, initially not accepted but later accepted (untidy end). Original purchaser Portion 27 Parish of Enoggera – subsequent owner Robert Cribb and part of extended Lang Farm development of Richard Gailey</td>
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<td>May 1860 to July 1867</td>
<td>George EDMONDSTONE 4 (1809-83)</td>
<td>Born in Edinburgh, Scotland on 4 May 1809. He arrived in New South Wales in 1832 and had businesses in Sydney and Maitland. In 1840 he purchased Normanby Plains Station south of Ipswich, selling this in 1842 and becoming one of the early free settlers in Brisbane working as a butcher. He was an alderman in Brisbane 1859-66 and the mayor 1863-64. He represented Brisbane and Wickham in the Legislative Assembly and was a member of the Legislative Council from 1877 to 1883</td>
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<td>Oct 1860 to Aug 1863</td>
<td>Thomas Symes WARRY (1820-64)</td>
<td>Born England arrived Brisbane 1850, practiced as a Chemist. Bachelor</td>
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<td>6 Sep to 15 Sep 1863</td>
<td>William BROOKES (1825-98)</td>
<td>Born in Manchester, arrived in Sydney in 1848 and came to Queensland in 1853. In 1858 he purchased Sutherden’s ironmongery business in Brisbane (with brother Benjamin ?). From 1858 to 1866 he was an alderman with the Brisbane City Council, represented Brisbane as MLA and subsequently was a member of the Legislative Council from 1891 to 1898. Quaker, active in the campaign to abolish the import of Kanaka labour (considered one step up from slavery)</td>
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<td>Sep 1863 to Jul 1867</td>
<td>Robert CRIBB (1805-93)</td>
<td>Born at Poole, Dorset, arrived at Moreton Bay on the ship 'Fortitude' in January 1849 with wife and children [paid Lang half of passage, balance to be paid on receipt of land grant – didn’t eventuate]. Set up grocery business and speculated in land (bought first freehold land in St Lucia). Represented Moreton electorate as MLA in NSW Parliament 1859, Brisbane Council Alderman 1859-61 and subsequently on Toowong Shire Council. MLA for North Brisbane 8 Dec 1860 to May 1863. Brother Benjamin, partner in Ipswich based business Cribb and Foote,</td>
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4 Note there are various spellings of George’s surname
5 Evidence to Committee considering Lang’s claim for reimbursement of his outlays -Qld Parliamentary Papers
also had a parliamentary career

Jul 1867 to Feb 1870
Arthur Morley FRANCIS (1828-1902)
Farmer, Journalist, Public Servant. Oxley/Corinda farmer including failed (1868) sugar venture,. Lead writer the *Courier and editor of The Telegraph* in 1874. Buried at Francis Lookout cemetery, Corinda, memorial lych gate erected by his widow

Jul 1867 to Sep 1868
Sir James Francis GARRICK (1836-1904)
Solicitor, Crown Prosecutor. Later MLA East Moreton 1877 - 78 and Moreton 1878 – 83
Born in Sydney, articled to a solicitor and admitted to practice in 1860. Move to Brisbane in 1861, one of only five solicitors and entered into partnership with Charles Lilly. Appointed to LC in 1869 but seat declared vacant whilst away in London. Called to Bar of Middle Temple 1873 and returned to Brisbane 1874 and acted as Crown Prosecutor before going back into politics representing East Moreton and then Moreton from 1877 to 1883 when returned to a seat in LC. He acted as Secretary for Public Lands, Attorney General, Colonial Treasurer and Postmaster General. In 1883 he was posted to London as Agent General and in his first term arranged 10,000 immigrants per year. He was appointed CMG. in 1885 and KCMG. in 1886. He died in London. In 1921 the Garrick Chair of Law, within the University of Queensland, was founded under the will of his daughter.

Sep to Dec 1868
John DOUGLAS (1828-1904)
Born in London, educated at Edinburgh Academy, Rugby and the University of Dublin. He arrived in Sydney with his brother and £2,000 to acquire land. He was appointed sub commissioner of the southern goldfields in 1852 receiving £200pa eventually taking up Talgi on the Darling Downs which he represented as MLA in the NSW Parliament in 1859. He represented Port Curtis and the Eastern Downs prior to his short stint for East Moreton and subsequently Maryborough. He was made Agent General in London in 1869/70, held various posts including Treasurer, postmaster-general and Secretary for Public Lands and was Premier from 1877-79. He had an untidy end to his political career being censored by parliament for releasing documents for the press. In 1885 he took up the post of government resident and police magistrate of Thursday Island where he died on 23 July 1904. Port Douglas was named after him whilst he was Premier

Dec 1868 to Oct 1871
Henry JORDAN (1818-1890)
Born at Lincoln, schooled at Kingsford College in Bristol and studied Medicine in London becoming a dentist. Initially went to South Australia with the Wesleyan Missionary Society and moved to Brisbane in 1856. He settled on the Logan, at Waterford and engaged in sugar-growing and was a strenuous supporter of white labour, although the majority of the settlers favoured the employment of Polynesians. At his plantation Tygum he employed thirty or forty men, at good wages, mostly local farmers or their sons, who worked for him season after season, to their mutual benefit. He subsequently acquired between 3,000 and 4,000 acres of what was called second-class pastoral land, on part of which the seaside resorts of Palm Beach and Currumbin are now situated. In 1861 he was posted to London as commissioner for immigration and penned the pamphlet ‘Queensland, the future cotton field of England’. Initiated
the Black Ball immigration scheme (bit untidy but exonerated). He was elected MLA for Brisbane prior to East Moreton and subsequently for South Brisbane and Brisbane South. It was his motion which resulted in the opening of each sitting of the House with a prayer.

In 1875 he was appointed Registrar General and Minister for Lands and Works 1887/88

Feb 1870 to Mar 72  
Robert Travers ATKIN (1841-1872)  
Born in County Cork, educated in France where the family moved after his father died. Came to Queensland in 1864 spending eighteen months on central properties were he had a bad fall from a horse injuring his chest. Became editor of the Guardian and started the Queensland Express and subsequently the Colonist. He originally represented Clermont and resigned from East Moreton due to ill health. Mr Atkin lived with his sisters, who conducted a school ‘for young ladies’ on the Hamilton Road, Breakfast Creek. The house, with its large tree-shaded grounds, was then known as ‘Waterview’ later as Camden House. Two months after Mr Atkin's retirement he died aged 31 at Sandgate. At his request he was buried on a hill where he often used to sit, alongside the site of the Church of England. A monument was erected to his memory by the Hibernian Society, of which he was vice-president. His son became Lord Justice Atkin, of the King's Bench Division of the High Court of England, Lord Atkin of Aberdovey, and married a daughter of Mr W Hemmant in 1893

Nov 1871 to Nov 1873  
William HEMMANT (1838-1916)  
Born Kirkgate, Yorkshire and travelled to Victoria in 1859 to try his hand as a miner at Ballarat. Moved to Brisbane in 1860 and established a drapery with Alexander Stewart. Their premises were destroyed in the 1864 Brisbane fire and re-built. Brisbane Alderman from 1868 to 1870, defeated John Douglas for East Moreton seat with the backing of the committee formed to defeat the squatting oligarchy. Also member for Bulimba during which time he served as Treasurer from 1874 to 1876. Relocated to London 1876 as resident partner for Stewart and Hemmant, acted as Agent General 1885. Member of the London Board of the Australian Stock bank

April 1872 to Nov 1873  
Sir Samuel Walker GRIFFITH (1845-1920)  
Educated in Ipswich, Sydney and Maitland, first class honours at University of Sydney. Articled clerk under Macalister at Ipswich. Combined legal career with Politics. Attorney General, Secretary for Public Instruction, Secretary for Public Works, Premier 1883 to 1888. Knighted 1886. Chief Justice 1893 to 1903, first Chief Justice of High Court of Australia. Active in the drafting of the Australian Constitution

Oxley (1873 - 1910) [918 on Electoral Role in 1890]

Nov 1873 to Nov 1878  
Subsequently MLA North Brisbane 1878 - 93

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6 The parliamentary representatives of SE Queensland - some electioneering incidents. Miss Isobel Hannah July 22 1943 (including Tygum etc), HSQ Journal

7 The parliamentary representatives of SE Queensland - some electioneering incidents. Miss Isobel Hannah July 22 1943, HSQ Journal
1878 - 1902  Samuel GRIMES  
*Farmer and Arrowroot merchant (with brother George), born England. Established the farm 'Fairfield' (subsequent name for suburb)*

Jul 1902 to May 1915  Digby Franks DENHAM (1855-1944)  
Born in Somerset and after Grammar School indentured to a drapery firm. Emigrated to South Australia in 1881 and then to Sydney, followed his brother into partnership opening a Brisbane branch in 1886. They bought out the company and changed its name to Denham Brothers operating as Grain and Produce Merchants. First of many and varied businesses owned. Member of Stephens Divisional Board from 1893 before being elected to L.A. Represented Brisbane business interests, held a number of portfolios before becoming Premier in 1911. Criticised for brutal police treatment of strikers during January 1912 General Strike but returned to power at following election. Refused a knighthood and state funeral. Deacon at the City Tabernacle

Toowong (1911 - 1991)

Sep 1911 to Oct 1920  Sir Edward Henry MACARTNEY  
Arrived in Brisbane in 1883 from Ireland, tried life as a new chum and then joined the Queensland National Bank before taking articles. Entered into partnership with Thynne in 1893 focusing on commercial law. Elected to the Toowong seat in 1900 and 1904 before regaining in 1911. Strong opponent of Ryan and lead the opposition party for a while. Various directorships and Agent General in London in the late 1920s, knighted in 1930

Oct 1920 to Apr 1938  James Francis MAXWELL  
*Painter and Decorator, born in Ireland*  
Brisbane City Council Alderman pre and post World War 1 and Mayor 1920 to 21

Apr 1938 to Apr 1944  Harry MASSEY  
*Draper*

Apr 1944 to Apr 1950  Sir Charles Gray WANSTALL  
Judge, Chief Justice of Queensland.  
*Qld Peoples Party (?)*  

Apr 1950 to May 1966  Sir Alan Whiteside MUNRO  
Accountant, various Directorships. Born in Brisbane. Attorney General 1957, Leader of the Liberal Party and Deputy Premier 1962 to 1965, Minister for Justice and Attorney-General 1957–63. Awarded a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire on 12 Jun 1965 for his distinguished and statesmanlike services to the state as a minister and
Charles Robert PORTER
Arrived in Queensland in 1914 from England. Playwright and broadcaster, radio plays broadcast in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, United Kingdom and Canada. Chairman, Church of England Grammar School, 1958 to 1967. General Secretary and State Campaign Director, Queensland People's Party, 1944 to 1949 and subsequently State Campaign Director for the Liberal Party, Queensland Division, 1949 to 1966. In the late 1960s Mr Porter became a member of the 'Ginger Group', an influential body in Queensland conservative politics. It was made up of Liberal backbenchers who, fed up that their views were being ignored by the Bjelke-Petersen cabinet, banded together to exert more influence. Minister for Aboriginal Affairs 1977 to 1980

Ian George PRENTICE
Barrister, born Brisbane. Life Member, Young Liberal Movement. Mr Prentice's wife, Jane Prentice, former BCC councillor is the current federal Liberal member for Ryan

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Television and Film Producer, Journalist

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Indooroopilly (1992 - present)

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Scott EMERSON
Born in Ipswich, the son of an officer in the Royal Australian Air Force based at Amberley, he was schooled across Australia and overseas as the family moved with the RAAF. He attended the University of Queensland to study Law, Economics and Journalism graduating with an Arts degree (Law and Journalism) and an Economics degree. Scott began his journalism/media career with the ABC in 1994 before joining The Australian. In 2001 he was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to study political campaigning including undertaking research at Harvard and in Washington DC. In 2004 he left journalism to become a director of a Brisbane-based public and media relations firm. Scott was the inaugural Secretary of the St Lucia Community Association formed in 2002, an offshoot of which was the St Lucia History Group
Henry Massey
Charles Gray Wanstall
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Alan Whiteside Munro
(JOL)

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The following diagram illustrates the transition of responsibility of the various local government bodies responsible for the St Lucia area.

![Diagram of local government bodies]

**Legislation**

As Brisbane and other centres developed and expanded, the need was recognised to create a local government structure beyond the existing municipalities to cover the whole of Queensland. The Local Government Act of 1878 set the base legislation and the Divisional Boards Act of 1879 the framework and process to implement it.

The Divisional Boards Act (DBA) assented on 2 October 1879 provided for the Governor in Council (G in C) to set up Divisional Boards for areas outside the municipalities. The G in C had the power to nominate the initial members and the Act covered subsequent election, responsibilities and so forth. The Divisional Boards were ‘bodies corporate’ capable of being sued.

The duties of the Boards were to construct, maintain and control public works including roads, wharves, ferries, wells and the like from monies raised by rates or other means. Boards could impound stray cattle, charge/set tolls for ferries, roads and markets. They could make By-Laws which passed into law if published in the Government Gazette. The Boards had the right to ‘take charge’ of...
botanic gardens and commonage and could take land under ‘The Public Works Lands Resumption Act of 1878’. The G in C retained the right to nominate roads etc within divisions which the colonial government would provide or continue to maintain.

Their principal source of revenue was to be property rates based on valuations undertaken by the local Board. Valuation factored in both land and buildings and was based on ‘net annual value’, an estimate of what the property could be let for per annum. The anticipated rental for the house/buildings was discounted by 50% in the calculation of the rateable value. A range was set in the Act, a minimum of 4d in the pound (of net annual value), a maximum of 1/- in the pound. A Special rate could be raised to cover interest on loans for specific purposes not covered by the rates income (the G in C reserved the right to raise such a rate, presumably if the Board got a bit too adventurous). This could be raised on ratepayers as a whole or those in a specific sub-division who may have benefited from the works, revenue generated had to be applied wholly to repayment of the loan.

Rates were levied on the occupier of the property, or if unoccupied the owner. The Act gave the occupier the right to set off rates paid against any rent due to the owner (obviously depending on the individual arrangements). If rates were overdue by 60 days the Chairman of The Board was allowed to recover same by the sale of any goods and chattels found on the premises (this appears to have been a little harsh on the occupier if the owner was the defaulting party).

Property exempt from rates included, Crown Land or property occupied by the Crown, Divisional Board Land, commons, mines (underground workings only excluded), places of public worship (including any associated place of education), mechanics institutes, schools of art, public school libraries, cemeteries, hospitals, lunatic and benevolent asylums and orphanages.

To supplement rates income based on valuation government was to provide an annual endowment based on the actual rates collected by the Board. This was to be at least equal to the amount raised and the Act allowed for this to be up to double during the first 5 years. The Colonial Treasurer was to be provided with audited annual accounts, the Auditors having first to be approved by government (early accounts were published in the Government Gazette). The ratepayers had to elect 2 Auditors (who had to be ratepayers) by the date fixed for the closing of nominations for the Board. A ballot of ratepayers present was taken if more than two nominated. Tenure was 12 months before re-election.

The Boards could borrow money to undertake public works from sums voted by parliament for this purpose, they had to provide a submission for same outlining the proposed works. If the Boards were tardy with repayments on these loans then the G in C could withhold overdue amounts from the annual endowment.

Boards had to consist of 3 - 9 members (with provisions for sub-divisions). To qualify to stand for election, candidates had to be male, a subject or naturalised, a ratepayer of the Division, and neither a servant of the Crown or publican. A member does not appear to have been allowed to contract with or supply to the Board. The Act had the provision for the G in C to nominate the first Board however ratepayers were given the opportunity to petition for an election (minimum of 20, had to be within 60 days of the Act being proclaimed).

Nomination for the Board had to be in a prescribed form, be supported by three other ratepayers and be accompanied by a £5 deposit. If the number of nominations equalled the number of seats no election was required.

All ratepayers including females (the Act is quite specific in this respect) over the age of 21 could vote in these elections, with more than one vote allowed depending on the value of rates payable, < £50 one vote, £50 -100 two votes and > £100 three votes. If the rateable value of the property was < £2 then it was necessary to be an occupier to qualify. If an election occurred before valuations were
made then those on the Legislative Assembly electoral role could vote (this would have excluded females in the first election at least - women did not qualify for the Colonial/State Role until 1905). The Board had to nominate a Returning Officer (RO).

The RO had to forward voting slips to the ratepayers and arrange for locked ballot boxes to be held safe by the Postmaster at the post office until voting was complete. Ratepayers who were not up to date with their rates did not get issued with a voting slip. Voting was by post (repealed by proclamation July 1886 in favour of a poll). The postal service carried the outgoing slips free of charge, postage had to be paid by the voter for the completed ballot papers.

The Act detailed the required format of the voting slip, with the voter having to strike out names of the nominated prospective members from the list, leaving their selected candidate, and then sign the slip in the presence of another ratepayer. Interestingly each nominated candidate could have a scrutineer present at the vote counting so it is assumed that the prospective members knew who voted for them and who didn’t. Counting of the votes could not take place in premises licensed for the sale of ‘fermented and spirituous liquors’. In any tie the RO had the casting vote (the RO did not have an ordinary vote).

On election the Board was required at its first meeting to elect a Chairman who would become a Justice of the Peace during his tenure, the Board could vote him an allowance. Divisional Boards had to meet at least once a quarter, and decisions made by majority vote. Meetings had to be open to the public. Half the Board members being present formed a quorum.

One third of the Board were required to step down each year by rotation (they could nominate for re-election), at least one from each sub-division as applicable. Those longest in office stepped down first, if equal duration then those who had attended the least number of meetings in the previous year. If still not decided then the member who received the least number of votes at the last election. In the unusual situation that this did still not resolve the issue, it was to be decided ‘by lot’.

If a majority of the ratepayers, or a significant proportion of them, had concerns over the schemes proposed by the Board, or considered them beyond their means to support, they could petition the G in C and he had the power to change them. (Petitions appear to have been a common means to get some action from government in the early years of the Colony).

Eight Divisions were created in the area immediate to Brisbane namely Bulimba, Woolloongabba, Ithaca, Tingalpa, Nundah, Yeerongpilly, Booroodabin and Toowong representing a total population of 28,149. The Divisions were based on existing Census Districts, Toowong being part of Oxley. With only 1,789 residents it was one of the more sparsely populated divisions the average being 3,518. Tingalpa had the least with 1,490 and Woolloongabba the most with 8,314 (Woolloongabba subsequently amalgamated with Brisbane South Ward in 1888 and become the Borough of South Brisbane)

There appears to have been considerable apathy in the general community to nominating for positions on the Boards and the G in C had to resort to his powers under the legislation to nominate members himself. There was also concern over the workability of the legislation and the relevance of the boundaries.

Responsibility for administering the Act rested initially with the Works Department and subsequently with the Colonial/Home Secretary.

Sec for Public Works and Mines 1879 - 87
Sec for Mines and Works 1887 - 1890
Sec for Railways and Public Works 1890
In October 1879 Government placed a notice in the Government Gazette (GG) advising that the boundaries of the divisions were being sketched by proper officers and requested Magistrates, Municipal Councils and members of the public for comment. The boundaries were described on 11 November.

On the same day the Government requested residents of the Divisions to ‘petition for election’ within 60 days, alternatively a meeting was to be called at the nearest Court House for Saturday the 10 January 1880 (Police Magistrate to attend and preside) to nominate members. Nominations would be subject to G in C approval, if all else failed he would nominate the board members. Boards were not to be finalised until after 14 January 1880 (why? not sure may have been a day counting thing - check). Separate notification of the above was posted for the attention of all LA electoral role members.

Once the Board was formed Government would provide the initial funds to cover the cost of any election and the preparation of property valuations.

Notices in the GG included a reminder to get on with valuations as soon as the Boards were formed, only £100,000 funding had been allowed in 1879/80 Loan Estimates (there was provision for in the order of 75 Divisional Boards throughout Queensland), a very strong ‘suggestion’ that officers of the Ministry of Public Lands handled acquisition of land and road closure issues on behalf of the Boards (at the Board’s expense) and directions on the accounts to be kept by Board officers.

Separate books had to be kept (the Government printer subsequently offered same for purchase - only in Jan 1893 though), as a minimum a Valuation Register, a Rate Book, a Register of Rates Received or Rate Cash Book, a General Cash Book, a Ledger and a Receipts Book. WLG Drew - Auditor General issued the later directive rather than the Minister for Works.

On 3 January 1883 Henry Edward Clifton was appointed as Government Inspector under the DBA. (Not sure what his role was, if more than one etc?)

**Toowong Divisional Board (1880)**

Suggestions for the boundaries of Board No 17, the Division of Toowong, were noted in the GG during December 1879. The northern boundary with Ithaca was questioned (Milton Road/Petrie Terrace Primary School/Red Jacket Swamp Road location), the inclusion of the Parishes of Moggill and Indooroopilly (up to Ugly Creek) was requested to be within sub-division 1 and comments on the line along Sandy Creek made.

The overall boundaries for Toowong were proclaimed on 8 January 1880 and the sub-divisions a week later. The area of modern day St Lucia formed part of Sub-Division No 2. Francis DG Stanley was appointed Returning Officer with nominations to be called no later than 31 January, address, The Institute Toowong. Elections were to be held by 14 February.

Even before the Board was formed there was dissent from the residents of Toowong and Milton. A public meeting chaired by Mr Drew considered they would be better served if they came under the Local Government rather than the Divisional Boards Act. Mr Gailey, acknowledging that he lived in

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8 Reported in The Brisbane Courier 27 January 1880
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Thomas William Wells and William H Bothamley were the Auditors. Richard Gailey appears to have been the first Chairman.

The reluctance to nominate in Sub-Division 3 (current Toowong area) was probably indicative of the residents displeasure in being lumped together with the largely agricultural areas to the south (Toowong at the time was becoming the ‘Gentleman’s suburb’ of Brisbane). They obviously ran a convincing argument because by June the Division had been split into the Shire of Toowong and the Division of Indooroopilly.

**Toowong Shire Council (May 1880)**

(Reference primarily JB Fewings memoirs)

The Shire encompassed the area of Sub Div No 3 of the original Toowong Division.

The first council comprised 6 elected councillors Robert Cribb, Samuel Kay, John Markwell, WH Miskin, Henry Howard Payne and JW Todd. Similar to the Division of Indooroopilly this council comprised 6 members presenting an immediate practical problem as there was a 50/50 split in vote for the role of President (Cribb/Miskin). After some months and following an appeal to Government Mr Miskin was nominated for this role.

Problems however continued and fresh elections were called in February 1881. Learning from the previous mistake the number of councillors was increased to 9, the successful candidates being AC Gregory (President), SW Jones, Thomas Mathewson, Charles Patterson, W Richer, Fred Shaw, Henry Sleath, JW Todd and TE White.

**Toowong Supplementary Notes (Odds, Newspaper Reports)**

- 16 Apr 1880 (Queenslander), Toowong Shire Meeting report - the following roads have been officially named; River Road, from Boundary Creek to railway bridge near, the Toowong Station.

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9 The Queenslander reported on 7 February 1880 that a poll was not required, three nominations were received for Sub-divisions 1 and 2 and two for Sub-division 3

10 RG advertised for a Clerk and Valuer in The Brisbane Courier on 28 February 1880
thence to the omnibus stand near the English Church, High Street. From High Street to the boundary between the Shire and the Divisional Board of Indooroopilly, Moggill Road. From the omnibus stand in High-street to the road leading to the cemetery, Church Street. From the Regatta Hotel to the cemetery, Sylvan Road. From the railway station past Mr W H Wilson's house, Sherwood Road, Lower Sherwood Road being the deviation from the Bishop's corner passing the Hon T McIlwraith's house to the Morely Estate, Milton Road. From the Bishop's corner to River Road near the new stand pipe, Park-Road and from River Road past Messrs Quinlan, Gray, and Co.'s distillery, Cribb Street.

**Indooroopilly Divisional Board (1880 - 1890)**

On 6 April 1880 the Minister for Public Works and Mines appointed WH Bothamley and William Fryar as Auditors for the Division of Indooroopilly with a formal proclamation on 2 June 1880. Boundaries for the new division comprised Sub-Divisions 1 and 2 of the original Toowong area.

Early correspondence from the Board is addressed from their office in Toowong (1881) and subsequently from Taringa (1883) so it is assumed a move was made within this timeframe. The later Taringa Shire Offices were on the land bounded by the intersection of Morrow Road (now Street) and Moggill Road so it may be a reasonable assumption that this was the location for both the Indooroopilly and subsequent Taringa Board offices. Reference to Land Sale advertisements from the 1880’s support this.

With two sub-divisions the initial Board consisted of 6 members which appears to have been workable until early 1885 when deadlock was reached in respect to election of the chair. The issue appears to have been disproportionate representation across the sub-divisions, the rates income from Sub-Div 1 being approximately half that of the more populous Sub-Div 2 (eastern section comprising Taringa/St Lucia).
In April 1885 a petition signed by 28 ratepayers was presented to Government outlining the case to create a third sub-division with 3 additional representatives. 9 members rather than 6 enabled a casting vote preventing the occurrence of a similar situation in future. The new Sub-Division was proclaimed in April 1885 (apparently not too much red tape in those days!). Sub-Division 3 covered the area East of the Ipswich to Brisbane railway line.

The existing deadlocked Board resigned however they omitted to nominate a returning officer for the new election and Richard Gailey had to be appointed to fulfil this role by The Minister for Works on 20 May 1885.

The creation of multiple authorities by government (many with few resources) presented a number of difficulties for the Divisional Boards in the early years, particularly in relation to responsibility for shared infrastructure and services. Gailey was obviously a fairly perceptive individual and wrote to the Minister of his concerns in respect to this general issue (inefficiencies in this respect would be a major influence in the push to create the Greater Brisbane Council).

Issues for Indooroopilly included agreement on the timeframe and necessity to regrade ‘cross boundary’ major roads (to reduce gradients etc) and the satisfactory operation of the Moggill Ferry. The later was neatly resolved by a tripartite agreement between the two affected Boards and the operator. Tolls at the time of the agreement were, horse 6d, 2 horse buggy 1sh, cow 3d, pig 2d and sheep 1d. Unfortunately when the lease came up for renewal negotiations did not go as smoothly and the Minister for Works was asked to intervene (in fact to take over the working of the ferry).

The Purga Board (Ipswich side) appear to have been very difficult about this issue so it may be that the ferry was more beneficial for business and residents on the Indooroopilly side. The salient points/version according to the Division of Indooroopilly were as follows (advice to Minister):
The Government opened the ferry in 1876, providing a 7 year old punt

In 1879 under the DBA the Divisions of Purga and Toowong assumed control for the working of the ferry

The ferry was indispensable for the transport of produce to Riverview Station and into the town of Ipswich

In 1881 the Divisions of Indooroopilly and Purga leased the operation of the ferry to Henry Stanley for 3 years. A 24 hour service was to be provided

Stanley duly took possession of the punt, ropes, chains, implements, premises and approaches and operated the ferry for the agreed tolls

Sometime during the lease period Stanley agreed to carry out necessary repairs to the punt including removing all damaged material, replacing with good and sheathing same. The punt was to have new 1 ½ inch decking and tailboards (all joints filled smooth with boiling tar or pitch)

The Division of Indooroopilly maintain they went to considerable expense in providing a road to and construct the north side approach

Stanley was obliged to maintain the approaches and at the expiry of his lease replace ropes and chains etc and hand over all plant etc in good order. He was not allowed to dispose of anything.

It would appear both Stanley’s operation of the service and his intentions in respect to repairs were suspect and towards the end of the lease period the Divisions got together and decided to call tenders. Board members Cardell and Sugars represented Indooroopilly. There was some to and fro about fares and on which side of the river the punt should moor. There must also have been a growing discontent with Stanley (this may have been two way) as the Boards decided to take possession (the Lease allowed them to do this by force if necessary)

No one turned up on the allotted day from Purga and Indooroopilly put in a Mr Duthrie to take over the running

The punt was rotten and shortly after (14 April 1884) it sank

It was at this point negotiations turned particularly sour with Purga and the Minister was called in. It was resolved that Indooroopilly would take over the running of the ferry for 5 years (10 proposed but knocked back by Purga) and they would arrange for the provision of a new 32ft x 12ft punt. When asked if they would contribute, say half, the response from the acting Chairman of Purga WM Gibson was unequivocal, ‘Not one penny!’.

The Division of Indooroopilly also conducted negotiations with South Brisbane for the provision of ferry services on the St Lucia Reach of the river and these appear to have been more amicably conducted (refer separate Paper ‘Posties, Cops and Ferrymen by Author).

By the end of the 1880’s the good citizens were campaigning again for amendments to boundaries and the creation of a new Division to reflect that Indooroopilly comprised ‘two classes of residents, farmers and suburban’. 340 ratepayers/residents signed the petition to the colonial government calling for the creation of the proposed new Division of Taringa. An ‘incontestable majority’ (of 92) according to WH Wilson MLC. Other promoters included Newman-Wilson, W Kent, F McMullen (Secretary Taringa Divisional Committee), CD Douglas, WH Cato, H Pike and JH Robinson (first 8 signatories to petition - copy on file).
The presentation of the petition received coverage in the press (both the Courier and the Telegraph) and having identified a potential rates income for the new division of £1,470 pa received a favourable hearing. The proposal to sub-divide did not go unopposed and at least one delegation including George Carr, James Dennison, J Graham, Mr Moon and Mr Woodcock are reported as to having made representation to government (this may have been the ‘farmer’ lobby who had concerns about losing their influence on the Board and the potential for an ‘undue’ increase in rates due to suburban development, more roads etc). Richard Gailey according to the Observer stated that ‘if sub-divisions 1 and 2 were separated they could easily be self sufficient if they fairly rated themselves’.

The growth in rates income during the 1880’s would have been fairly significant reflecting the buoyant economic conditions of the day, the influence of the railway on local development (opened in 1875) and the general rise in population. Property speculation on a major scale was about to take off in the area. A number of Board members were active in the development of property.

Published accounts for the 1889/90 financial year show receipts in the order of £5,200 with a corresponding expenditure. Contracts fulfilled include payments of £80 to Thomas Shields for Valuation, £117-17-0 to Alfred Dove for Reserve fencing and £276-14-7 to Frank Laws for constructing the Cubberley Creek Bridge. Assets were noted as the Moggill Ferry Divisional Hall, furniture and cash.

On the local (St Lucia) front, expenditure in Sub-Division 3 during calendar year 1890 included £68 on Indooroopilly Road, £290 on St Lucia roads, £1,565 on branch roads and £15 on the Montague Road Ferry. Expenditure is noted on roads at Fig Tree Pocket and to Gold Creek Road (Brisbane Board of Waterworks contributed to same) and maintaining Indooroopilly ferry approaches. Divisional Board salaries for 6 months are noted as £147.

**IDB Supplementary Notes (Newspaper Reports)**

(Q) – Queenslander, (TBC) – The Brisbane Courier and as noted

- 12 Jun 1880 (Q) 5 acre Reserve created for quarry at Indooroopilly (GG). New boundaries proclaimed for IDB

- 1 Jul 1880 (TBC), Richard Gailey, Chairman, calls tenders for the erection of an office for the ID Roads B, plans at his office [assume he was the Architect]

Original IDB Office

*(Brisbane Courier 13 October 1913)*
3 Jul 1880 (Q), cheap excursion fares on the railways for the period of the Exhibition of the Queensland National Association

8 Sep 1880 (TBC), date set for rate appeals court hearing

18 Sep 1880 (Q), appeals court determine in favour of ratepayer, technicality in respect to applicable maximum % (raised for other divisions)

25 Sep 1880 (Q), Public Notice, rates are ninepence in the pound and payable within sixty days – Thomas Shield, Secretary

5 Jan 1881 (TBC) road gangs dissatisfied with their 4 shillings a day pay, Woolloongabba get 6sh and others 5sh

29 Jan 1881 (Q), nominations for IDB, Sub 1 Stephen Hardgrave, Sub 2 Louis Stamm and A Boyle (declared invalid)

11 Mar 1881 (TBC), notice issued that warrants to be issued for unpaid rates

9 Jun 1881 (TBC), correspondence with Toowong Shire re joint cost of works to reduce the grade of Toowong Hill

16 Jun 1881 (TBC), tenders called for the cutting of Constitution Hill. Thomas Shield, Secretary. Plans etc at Board’s Offices Toowong [both hills appear to be on Moggill Road]

9 Jul 1881 (Q), Richard Gailey, Chairman advertises creation of new road [probable re-alignment of Moggill Road, old route appears to have been what is now Cedarleigh Road, Kenmore Plaza to Kenmore Village]. Advertising from Board’s Office, Institute, Toowong

14 Jan 1882 (Q), IDB accounts published in newspaper

19 Aug 1882 (Q), IDB suggest to Toowong Shire that a joint committee be formed to look after their shared ‘border’ roads

16 Sep 1882 (Q), rates payable at office in Toowong

12 Jan 1883 (TBC), published accounts show expenditure of £71 on Divisional Board Hall [assumed to be new offices]

10 Feb 1883 (Q), Chairman invites members and ratepayers present to a champagne lunch (furnished by the host of the Sovereign) to celebrate his three years as Chairman. Toasts etc including recognition of smooth running of Board and even handed approach by Mr Gailey

12 Feb 1883 (TBC), polling results Sub 1, ES Cardell 63 votes, Charles Lane 27, informal 6. Sub 2, WM Gibson 50, George Carr 47, Charles Patterson 40, informal 13

24 Feb 1883 (Q), IDB meeting at their offices at Taringa. Mr Gailey elected to Chair (again). Mr Shield appointed Secretary and Valuer. Rates set at 1sh in the pound

31 Mar 1883 (Q), ratepayers of Indooroopilly Pockets write to Board re roads. £300 budgeted for Indooroopilly Pocket the majority on Indooroopilly Hill (conditional on a new road being opened)
12 May 1883 (Q), Divisional Boards Conference at Nundah to discuss creation of Bye-laws and recent overturning of a number by the Attorney General who had different views on nuisance etc. Richard Gailey suggests drafting of standard bye-laws for review by legal advisors. Idea of vehicle registration floated with revenue shared by Divisions tabled

5 Jul 1883 (TBC), Dart’s Pocket ratepayers pushing for road through Portions 28, 29, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 to a road dividing them from Portion 13. Noted only signed by three of the affected property owners. Work suspended on Indooroopilly Hill (WA Wilson request ?), further survey required

13 Jul 1883 (TBC), Richard Gailey retires as Chairman, all express regret. Mr Stamm takes Chair

18 Aug 1883 (Q) IDB seek support of other Boards in pursuing a test case regarding Board’s valuation of property. Mr Newman JR Wilson elected by poll to fill vacancy due to R Gailey’s resignation

12 Sep 1883 (TBC), correspondence with Mr Short re road deviation at Moggill Ferry, with WA Wilson re new road at Indooroopilly, from Martin Depper refusing request to give up land in Portion 9 for road purposes

15 Sep 1883 (Q) ruling on case re rates assessment of lodged sub-divisions ie if to be treated as individual lots if not sold (minimum rate £2 10sh) or as one combined lot [bit confusing – grey area of law]. Portions 14 and 15 Parish of Moggill – old coal mine

6 Oct 1883 (Q), meeting held ‘but nothing of general interest’

20 Oct 1883 (Q), WA Wilson requests permission to operate a ferry between Boundary Street and Portion 12. Dispute brewing with RJ Logan over supply of timber (logs ?)

7 Nov 1883 (TBC), petition from Dart’s Pocket ratepayers requesting a road be formed through Lang farm, by Mr Strong’s and then on to the road leading to the St Lucia sugar mill

7 Mar 1884 (TBC), from Lands, no intention to sell quarry reserve proclaimed in 1880, Postal Department advise petition to provide post office at Taringa will receive careful consideration. Tenders to be called for work at Moggill Ferry, £7 10sh expenditure approved for clearing and stumping on road between Long Pocket and Anderson’s. Mr Morrell to be approached re a road through his land (Portion 44) to connect Taringa Hill Road with the road leading to the Station

18 Jun 1884 (TBC), ‘a good deal of coal is already brought down the main line to Indooroopilly and thence punted down the river’ – article on railways

28 Jun 1884 (Q), passengers with a disease ‘known as scarlet fever’ arrive on the Crown of Arragon out of Glasgow. Quarantine to be arranged on Peel and Bird Islands

9 Aug 1884 (Q), deputation to Minister of Works to request railway through Brookfield (150 signatures). Sample of slate taken along. Receive un-enthusiastic response, however, will send surveyor out to take a look

18 Oct 1884 (TBC), IDB advertise for someone to take on the duties of Clerk and Foreman of Works
8 Nov 1884 (Q), Board member James Gibson chairs meeting at State School Fig Tree Pocket to discuss new branch line from Indooroopilly to Moggill. Area plenty of agriculture and possibly slate and coal. Idea to link to Esk to Ipswich line

6 Dec 1884 (Q), various matters, un-availability of punt at Moggill Ferry, formation of road Indooroopilly Station to Wilton [Witton] Estate, surveying of road for an over-bridge at Indooroopilly, warrants to be issued for overdue rates and steps be taken to lease land with rates overdue for more than four years, Chairman and Mr Wilson to arrange overdraft

8 Jan 1885 (TBC), (Railways) engineer ready to peg out overbridge at Indooroopilly. Elections to be called

14 Feb 1885 (Q), Newman James Row Wilson elected for Sub 2, Charles Gregory for Sub 1. Proceeded to elect Chairman, two nominations ES Cardell and WM Gibson. Vote split equally, decide to write to Colonial Secretary for him to decide

24 Feb 1885 (TBC), William M Gibson to be Acting Chair until elections called and additional sub-division members elected. Moggill Ferry lease to be terminated and re-called for tender

5 Mar 1885 (TBC), William Martin Gibson nominated as Chairman and passed four votes to two. Mr Wilson objected as this was contrary to previous resolution. Sub 2 Improvement Committee to interview Mr Dart and Mr Gailey re deviation from the crown of Indooroopilly Hill towards the school and St Lucia. Mr Stanley’s tender for the Moggill Ferry to be accepted, £150 security required. Petition from the division of Sub 2 read, received and adopted and signed by Board members

6 May 1885 (TBC), contributions for road in Newtown Estate received from Wilson and Wilson, correspondence from Waterworks for work at Chapel Hill. Works confirm Sub 2 has been subdivided and members increased from six to nine, re-election of members referred to Crown Law. Rate set at 1sh in the pound

20 May 1885 (TBC), letter from Dept of Works requiring all Board members to resign or Sub 3 election only would be held. Mr Wilson encouraged to resign his seat, all others handed in their resignation. Mr Gailey to be recommended as Returning Officer

30 Jun 1885 (TBC), G Tidey to be advised the Board would not support the application for a licence for a Hotel at Taringa. Considering request to create a 3 acre reserve at Quarantine Ground for a pound (shared with Toowong). Letter from Lands re proclamation of reserve for office purposes [IDB Offices]

8 Jul 1885 (TBC), J Carmody complains about Dart’s Pocket road, gang to move on and do work. Office reserve to be fenced

18 Jul 1885 (Q), Mr Charles Smith of Pullen Vale nominates and elected for sub 1 (vacancy arising from Mr Cardell’s resignation)

15 Aug 1885 (Q), proposed Indooroopilly to Brookfield Railway. Inspecting engineer George Phillips gives report noting the area is very hilly, however, there are a number of well-made roads in the area evidencing demand. Will require at least three bridges to get to Rafting Ground reserve, anticipated costs £5,000 per mile. Believes could be profitable but suggests possibly best arrangement would be for the LA to operate taking responsibility for repayment of interest on the capital and making up any difference in operating costs
11 Sep 1885 (TBC), various road closure issues, just moved banking to London Chartered Bank of Australia. To write to Postal Department re irregular mail deliveries to Taringa. Trustees of Brookfield Cemetery given approval to cut timber for fencing. Morrow, WA Wilson and Patterson to draw up a code of bye-laws. The well at Taringa to be deepened, lined and fenced at a cost not exceeding £10 and a pump erected

26 Sep 1885 (TBC), all rates and arrears due – Thomas Shield, Secretary

8 Oct 1885 (TBC), correspondence from James Carmody and others re deviation Indooroopilly Hill on the St Lucia Road and from James Carmody requesting opening up of St Lucia Road to the river. From Lands, old road up Indooroopilly Hill had been vested in Mr Gailey (as Board’s request) in exchange for deviation. £2 to be spent clearing road near Jarrott’s. Railways to be advised bridge at Pye’s cutting not wide enough and handrails too low, request to be widened as part of rebuilding arising from duplication of line

15 Dec 1885 (TBC), Lachlan McKinnon applies for slaughtering Licence, Copeland Spode appointed as Clerk/Foreman of Works

6 Jan 1886 (TBC), £5 voted as donation to Hospital. George Day requests road be completed to road Portions 33 and 67 Indooroopilly

18 Feb 1886 (TBC) Newman Wilson requests extended leave of absence. Edward Sydney Cardell (Sub 1, 60 votes compared with 50 for FC Smith), Gibson (2) and Morrow elected to Board (last two unopposed). Additions to be made to Board offices including stables, shed and closet, cost not to exceed £40

12 Mar 1886 (TBC), £120 approved for gravelling, culverts etc for Long Pocket road also £40 on Swan’s Road subject to proportional contribution by property owners

14 Apr 1886 (TBC), mainly roads issues

22 May 1886 (Q), Albert Stack’s tender to clear and stump Swan’s Road to be accepted. Board members christian names to be used in minutes and Esquire to be dropped

22 Jun 1886 (TBC), some irregularity in Minutes, WA Wilson moves correction as per Mr Wilsons motion. Mr Gailey’s letter to be acknowledged and Messrs Corbett, McKinnon, Anderson, Long and Hart be communicated with to determine what terms they are willing to give the land for the proposed new road and what contribution the benefitting landholders may be willing to make for its construction. As soon as the Chief Engineer approves the plans for the over-bridge at Indooroopilly tenders to be called. No objection to Mr Land’s request to erect a verandah to his shop at Taringa

26 Jun 1886 (Q), Toowong Shire to be communicated with re paying half cost of the bridge [across Toowong Creek] as part of Mr Gailey’s proposal [unclear what the original line proposed was]

12 Aug 1886 (TBC), L Murphy’s tender for the Indooroopilly over-bridge accepted. Railways request tracings of resumptions

11 Sep 1886 (TBC), Colledge Brothers run a steamer (Emma) up the river to just past the Bremer to show their quarry recently leased for 10 years from Thomas Sugars. Plan to supply local authorities throughout Brisbane
17 Sep 1886 (TBC), Engineer to take a look at road proposed by Mr Gailey at St Lucia, Board can’t contemplate extension to Indooroopilly Station at this time. Board departed after meeting to visit overbridge site at Indooroopilly and review alterations proposed by Mr Stamm

22 Sep 1886 (TBC), special meeting to consider problems with Witton and Priory Creek bridges under construction, Architect FDG Stanley present. £245 to be paid to contractor once Architect certifies work satisfactory, extra length of piles considered a variation other items not. Witton Road not considered fit for other than foot traffic and to be barricaded to prevent drays etc using. Old footbridges to be taken down by contractor (they can keep materials). Allcorn and Gibson are the contractors

15 Oct 1886 (TBC), insurance policy lapsed on Board offices (Commercial Insurance Company). Frank Hall, Secretary School Committee requests Board’s support by granting site on Board Reserve. Mr Graham Hart to be advised that Messrs Long and Day have agreed to extension of Jarrett’s road through to Newlands. St Lucia road to proceed subject to Mr Depper agreeing (WA Wilson pushing Gailey’s offer), £500 proposed for first year and then £250 pa until complete. Role of Clerk and Foreman of Works to be split

11 Nov 1886 (TBC), Board have written to landowners re [St Lucia] road, Ryan has forwarded cheque for £200 in good faith. Clerk to provide estimate for approaches to over-bridge at Indooroopilly

2 Dec 1886 (TBC), long letter from Copeland Spode, Clerk IDB, responding to previously published letter from Mr Prentice re DB rights to rate and spend on roads etc

17 Dec 1886 (TBC), various matters discussed: T Ryan enclosing final contribution of £50 towards St Lucia Road, H Stanley lessee of Moggill Ferry requesting new boat, Plans for new bridge over railway at Indooroopilly (Westminster Road) tabled by Clerk, moved that the Chairman proceed with resumption through Mr Corbett’s freehold at St Lucia, Toowong to be advised of intention to build bridge over Toowong Creek, representatives to wait on Toowong and advise of plans, discuss formation of approaches etc, nine tenders for bridge received £128 to £256, tender of P Benson to be accepted subject to Toowong approving plans and agreeing to contractor’s alternative

17 Dec1886 (TBC), WD Smith of Pullen Vale looses case heard in District Court. IDB found not at fault for his shying horse having gone down an unfenced section of road (jury). No contributory negligence

12 Jan 1887 (TBC), letter from Graham Hart re road through Greylands. N Wilson (Sub 2) and Charles Lane (Sub 3) resign from Board. Mr Gailey stipulates conditions for the bridge and St Lucia Road, Clerk to review

15 Jan 1887 (Q), Metropolitan Traffic Board set up under Local Authorities (Joint Action) Act of 1886, area includes Sub 2 of Ind Div Board. Aims to regulate traffic, license and regulate porters, public carriers, carters, water-drawers and vehicles plying for hire, imposing, collecting and expending fees (on above) and making and enforcing laws. Five members on Board, 2 from Brisbane and then joint representatives from other authorities (one from IDB/Toowong/Ithaca). Effective 11 February 1887

27 Jan 1887 (TBC), floods, work on repairing Gold Creek Reservoir held up until IDB can fix up road, ‘strong’ gang working on task night and day
12 Feb 1887 (Q), election results (Sub 2) Charles Patterson 92, Richard Woolcock 27, Extraordinary election (Sub 7) John Graham 73, Andrew Todd 49, Sub 3 Extraordinary George Carr 54, Lachlan McKinnon 33. Returning Officer Mr Gibson declares results

15 Feb 1887 (TBC), fair amount of debate on the role of the combined Clerk and outside Engineer and the ability of one man to cover both, Mr Spode had previously noted he had difficulty in this regard. Charles O’Brien is contractor for work on Maddock’s Hill. Discussion with FDG Stanley re him not giving Board advice on the height of the Indooroopilly overbridge being 3’ above the minimum height required by the Railways (Stanley must have acted for Board), Board thinks this is neglect particularly in light of anticipated expenditure to rectify. Railways suggest raising the embankment of the approaches may be more economical than lowering the bridge. Mr Stamm provides his version of events re set out of bridge and suggests probably better to move than lower. Colonial Secretary requires nomination of representative to United Traffic Board. Flood Relief Committee suggest meeting to initiate action to relieve recent cases of distress. Mr Ryan advises that if final section of St Lucia Road was built through Mr Gailey’s he would save 3½ miles on the trip to his house, keen to get finished

1 Mar 1887 (TBC), a few problems with Board projects, new road approaches to Afghan estate not safe (approved £20 already spent), two men sent to take down section of Mr Lisk’s fence built on the road reserve (couldn’t clearly find line), issue been around two years. Carr and Graham try to give Lisk more time, Morrow and Board disagree, Board vote is 6 weeks. Mr Gailey advise timber being used on Toowong Creek has a lot of sapwood, Board acknowledge but can’t afford to sap the timber

2 Mar 1887 (TBC), new Metropolitan Traffic Board constituted on 7 January, Mr Cardell fails to turn up at allotted time for election causing procedural matters in election of Toowong/Ithaca/Indooroopilly representative (one for three authorities)

5 Mar 1887 (Q), Thomas Shield advises a new 39’ girder will be required for Toowong Creek Bridge as the one already cut was condemned (dry rot) plus a 24’ head stock. Mr Shields to be retained and works to proceed. Tenders received for lowering or removing the railway overbridge at Indooroopilly as follows, P Benson, lowering £42, moving £220, F C Walter, lowering £46, moving and re-erecting £96 16s, H Heffenstein, lowering £65, moving £250, Adam Anderson, lowering £68 10s, moving £110, Ed Farias, lowering £39, moving £230. Mr Stamm willing to provide land swap to accommodate. Clerk advises cost of St Lucia Road including bridges etc anticipated to be £2,221 (30’ wide), £2,141 (20’ wide). Discussion on transfer of funds Sub to Sub, accounting still appears to be on a Sub-Division basis. Proposed and agreed that Sub 1 not be valued this year, agreed (Mr Ryan suspects a shonky move).

15 Mar 1887 (TBC), HC Stanley advises Railways approval to move overbridge at Indooroopilly a chain and a half towards Brisbane and to lower it to a minimum of 14’ clearance from rail to soffit. Robert Stewart applies for permission to run a steam or warp punt ferry from Montague Road across the river. Board think a good idea and agree licence fee of 1sh per year, Stewart to make own approaches. Jetty Road South to be temporarily closed as no use. Resumption of land through Mr Corbett’s property to be expedited to progress new road between Mr Gailey’s and Dart’s Mill. St Lucia Estate Company to be summoned for unpaid rates. Mr T Shields tender of £60 to undertake valuation (seven tenderers). Board subscribe £5 to Brisbane Hospital (vote 5 to 4)

26 Mar 1887 (Q), GG notices, J Brimblecombe, S Heathwood, CW Gregory, TI Jones and J Shield to be Trustees of the Reserve for a Public Hall at Indooroopilly
- 14 April 1887 (TBC), nominations to be called to replace Mr WM Gibson (deceased) as representative for Sub 2

- 16 Apr 1887 (Q), [report on 12 April meeting] E Ferris tender to lower Indooroopilly overbridge to be accepted. Terms to operate Montague Road ferry forwarded to R Stewart, Mr Cardell advises he is taking a trip to England and requires six months leave of absence, Mr Patterson unanimously elected to chair. Mr Ryan puts board on notice he will move no more contracts be committed this year due to Boards financial position. Mr Ryan and Mr Morrow censored for talking to Bankers without leave to do so. Motion put and all members except Ryan and Carr leave the meeting

- 22 Apr 1887 (TBC), Government nominate James Carver and JC Keith Auditors for the year, the ratepayers having failed to elect an Auditor

- 15 Apr 1887 (TBC), Mr Morrow writes to newspaper censoring Mr Ryan for his conduct and recent statements about the Board’s financial position. Morrow acknowledges some poor choices and amateur engineering causing problems, not helped by others such as himself and Ryan being outvoted by Sub 2 and 3 members. Time will come for Board to be split. Never the less Mr Ryan’s conduct not appropriate

- 10 May 1887 (TBC), Mr Andrew Todd elected to Board. James Brimblecombe for Sub 1 ratepayers not happy ES Cardell allowed such a long leave of absence. Peter Benson complains of delay in payment for work, Mr Morrow advised not willing to sign off at time as work not complete, action endorsed (work now complete and paid). Mr Gailey wants Board to fence the road alignment through his land, Board think he should. Work to commence. Robert Stewart advises arrangements for Montague Road ferry have fallen through. George Day advises he will hand over the £50 contribution to the road works when he sees some sign of action. Long Pocket Road between Sandy Creek bridge (South Toowong), past Dart’s property and up to Cock’s Hill to be put in serviceable order. Mr Morrow moves Chairman approach bankers for £600 overdraft (£150 per month for 4 months) until rates are due. Mr Gregory objects, Mr Morrow advises it is because of expenditure in Mr Gregory’s sub-division that running out of cash, motion carried

- 18 Jun 1887 (Q), letters from Colonial Secretary soliciting subscriptions for an Imperial Institute and from Sir Charles Lilley requesting support in the establishment of a university for Queensland. London Chartered Bank agree to £600 overdraft facility. Toowong decline making contribution to Toowong Creek bridge. Woolloongabba Board agree to opening of a ferry at Hill End. EJ Corbett claims £350 for land resumed for road. Ongoing demands for road improvements in estates

- 11 Jul 1887 (TBC), Appeals Court meet to hear rates appeals, IDB fail to lodge valuations, Mr Spode requests postponement, denied, IDB to negotiate

- 12 Jul 1887 (TBC), letter from Mr Gailey’s solicitors requesting payment for fencing etc or Board to desist from working on his land. Surveyors to draw up plans of road to be run through the property of Mr Hart and Mr Long. Board decide not to support petition for a hotel license to be granted at Taringa

- 11 Aug 1887 (TBC), claim for wages of a signal man at the Indooroopilly overbridge [assumed under construction]. Copeland Spode believes salary of £160 is a bit light on for his joint role as Clerk and Foreman of Works. Mr Ryan against any increase. Ryan suggests the Board apply for a loan of £3,000 to be spent on roads (£1,000 each sub)
1 Sep 1887 (TBC), Parliament considering changes to Div Boards Act and method of calculating Rateable Value of land (hence rates payable), unimproved value plus half value of improvements to two thirds unimproved value. Boards would be particularly impacted. Premier Griffith and rest of lower house censored for lack of forethought, second time Leg Council had had to reject

13 Sep 1887 (TBC), Mr Day writes to reduce his original offer of £50 contribution to the forming of the road through Mr Hart’s and Mr Long’s properties £25 and further condition this on the Board completing in six months

17 Sep 1887 (Q), road from Indooroopilly Station to Witton in poor state particularly bridge over Priory Creek, £50 allocated to improvements. Bridge at Pullen Creek on the road to Ipswich to be re-built (becoming impassable)

6 Oct 1887 (Q), public meeting at Sherwood School to discuss provision of a road bridge at Indooroopilly including discussion on how to be funded. Petition being circulated. Ferry would be only a stop gap measure

10 Oct 1887 (TBC), deputation to Minister suggest road carriageway be added above or below existing railway bridge, an additional line of piers or a new independent bridge

15 Oct 1887 (Q), Lands advise application made for a portion of the Board’s office reserve for a school by Education. Mr Corbett to be offered £50 or go to arbitration. Mr Cardell moves, seconded by Mr Todd that Board Reserve not suitable for school and idea be rejected. No action to be taken on suggestion a road be opened on Prior’s Pocket

15 Nov 1887 (TBC), Wilson, Wilson and Brown (Board’s solicitors) advise on progress of Corbett property acquisition and Hart/Long land resumption. Mr Carr wants main road [?] widening from the embankment at the foot of the big ridge to the top of Cocks Hill, also embankment at Behan’s stockyard and Cock’s gate be widened and fenced, estimate £250. Outstanding rates amount to £900 and Board need to act without delay to recover (irrespective of who owns the land)

9 Dec 1887 (TBC), report on proceedings of the Supreme Court in respect to a poll associated with the Licensing Act and Mr Patterson’s right to act as polling officer [appears to relate to poll conducted in respect to granting a License for hotel premises in Sub 2 – Mr Timothy James Donovan, land owner, and Mr O’Flynn, lessee]

13 Dec 1887 (TBC), Mr Carr agitating for work on road as previously agreed noting little spent on his neck of the woods for seven years, will resign and organise ratepayers if nothing done. Mr Ryan suggests Bank accounts be moved to one of the branches now opened at Toowong. J Lloyd’s tender of 6sh per rood of three rail fencing accepted for the road through Corbett’s land (R English second at 7sh 6d)

12 Jan 1888 (TBC), deputation to Mr Jordan (Lands) re problems of locating school on reserve, expenditure on Board’s facilities, only one mile from Toowong School, storage of explosives etc

14 Feb 1888 (TBC), Graham, Carr and O’Brien elected. T Morrow elected as Chairman. Recognising demands, roles of Clerk/rates collector and Foreman to be split, Foreman role to be advertised. Lots of discussion on proposal/decision to move bank account (particularly as Queensland National Bank had refused IDB an overdraft in 1885. London Chartered Bank advise £3,088 placed on account arising from receipt of endowment. Ryan pushes Morrow on the Bank transfer, stand up argument for half an hour, most members leave room. Morrow objects to Ryan’s attempt to run Board, Ryan feels Morrow inconsistent. Mr Carr votes £5 5sh to Hospital,
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others not happy [?]. £204 overspent on St Lucia Road, difference of opinion Ryan & Patterson vs others, work to continue.

- 13 Mar 1888 (TBC), Mr Spode and Mr Blucher re-engaged (Spode not happy with £150 salary). Depper and Corbett land lodged with Titles office. £3 proposed as donation to Sick Children’s Hospital, Carr and Cardell object but outvoted.

- 10 Apr 1888 (TBC), ES Cardell resigns his seat on the Board. Mr Spode claims £7 10sh for acting as foreman for a month prior to engagement of same. Not supported by Board and some members dissatisfied with Clerk. Board agree that if a man and cart have to load gravel then a second man should be sent as well. £58 estimated to repair Indooroopilly Station Road, agreed once new road through Long/Harts property completed road will not be required, agreed to spend £20 in meantime. Decision on fencing tenders to Board Reserve deferred until next meeting. £1,000 placed on three months deposit with QN Bank, 2½%. Mr Ryan proposes all land in Division be treated as Suburban, legal opinion to be obtained

- 15 May 1888 (TBC), £80 received from One Tree Hill Estate syndicate as contribution to making the road. Foreman Mr Blucher advises his estimate to form Hart/Long road did not include cutting down the hill. Further amount of £103 voted to continue works. A further £45 required to complete the work to St Lucia road, Mr Blucher advises he can’t get men sufficiently skilled in axe work to square the timber (hence shortfall in estimate). Agreed in future such work should go to tender. A further £35 voted to complete Pullen Creek Bridge [Blucher having a bad run with his estimates]. £10 voted to give Sub 3 fences a coat of white lead, £20 fencing embankment on road by Mr Gailey’s paddock

- 12 Jun 1888 (TBC), thanks extended to CW Gregory who had retired from the Board. Mr Blucher awarded allowance of £2 3sh 4d per month for fodder.

- 21 Jul 1888 (Q), Thomas Moon takes seat as newly elected member for Sub 1. Tenders to be called for Witton Road, £12-£15 to be spent on Corbett’s swamp as required. Tenders received for the cutting down of Ciciley [Sisley ?] Street on the Ironside Estate, W Briggs tender of £79 15sh accepted

- 15 Aug 1888 (TBC), Secretary of Rabbit Conference requests £5 contribution to defer expenses, Mr Carr objects but appears to have been passed. Joint Ferry Committee report on proposed Montague Road Ferry, wire rope etc. Discussion on recent case against Mr Patterson and invalidated poll, agreed to pay him £150 towards legal costs (Mr Carr declined to vote). Acknowledged no one would take the Chair if they were to be held personally liable for acting on Board’s behalf, no remuneration for members. Mr Carr calls for Mr Blucher to be put on one months notice, noted men working on St Lucia Road without authority

- 20 Oct 1888 (Q), S Larard queries if IDB would grant a ten/twelve year lease to a company considering operating a punt ferry at Oxley Point. Concrete wall tender (Witton) in abeyance pending more certainty in anticipated founding level. Change in Valuation Act appears to be causing problems across the division [Sub 1 Country rating ?]

- 27 Oct 1888 (Q), Appeal Court decision on IDB rate valuation appeals, some agreed, majority let stand

- 24 Nov 1888 (Q), Mr Gailey notes requirement to position road for Montague Rd Ferry, S Larard still discussing arrangements for Oxley punt ferry with Div of Yeerongpilly
4 Dec 1888 (TBC), Mr Morrow served with writ as presiding officer in recent local poll, JH Briar instigator.

22 Dec 1888 (Q), R Gailey advises road through his paddock surveyed and Board can commence any time. Chairman to discuss establishing a ferry at Oxley Point with Yeerongpilly DB. Chairman requests that consideration be given to legal costs incurred on Boards behalf in connection with Mr Donovan’s legal action. Board agreed to pay costs via allowance of £70. Dingy to be purchased for Moggill Ferry

12 Feb 1889 (TBC), Mr Morrow elected to Chair. Mr C Spode re-engaged as Clerk with salary of £200. £50 increase (provided no additional clerical assistance required – as last year), Mr Blucher £150. £25 also voted for Mr Spode for his past services as Valuer

9 Mar 1889 (Q), Divisional Board reps acting as licensing justice can act on decisions only in their own area

20 Apr (Q), Toowong Shire to be asked to attend to decking of Sandy Creek bridge [later report refers to Burn’s Road culvert – must have meant Toowong Creek]

18 May 1889 (TBC), correspondence, suggestion that the Boards collect the timber tax (rather than government), Thomas Noble objecting to the open drain being cut on the St Lucia Estate, Clemente Wragge requesting that the tree cut down on his property be cut up and left on his land, WE Andrews Taringa claiming medical expenses arising from his wife falling over a surveying peg. Sub 1 rates set at one shilling in the pound. No support to increase the wages of the draymen and labourers. Road to be improved near Mr W Wilson’s house provided he contributes ¼ of cost

11 Jun 1889 (TBC), petition from ratepayers on Ironside Estate, £5 agreed to be spent on clearing and stumping Depper Street. Decision to fence Board Reserve queried by meeting of ratepayers, no change in Board’s decision. River bend drain – to be filled in. £35 voted for gravelling and clearing Lantana on Long Pocket Road and £25 on gravelling St Lucia Road. Tenders to be called for Cubberly Creek bridge

20 Jul 1889 (Q), Mr Gailey forwards promissory note for £125 as per agreement for opening road, suggests another from Anderson’s paddock to open up the Pocket to Toowong and North and South Brisbane. SB Municipal Council advise Montague Ferry will be free during week. Mr Carr suggests rate in Sub 3 should be 9d in the pound as valuation high, Ryan suggests at least 1sh as rest of Division, rates income will be needed

18 Aug 1889 (TBC), various matters discussed: Yeerongpilly Ferry Co intending to run ferry to Indooroopilly, seek work on ferry approach formation, R Gailey offering to pay £100 towards construction of [Gailey] road from Indooroopilly Pocket to Toowong (and cut distance down considerably), Ryan in favour but George Carr against (out voted), Mr Blucher (Foreman) threatens Board for impugning his reputation at last meeting. Mr Graham advises a mis-understanding his words were ‘might as well have put it in his pocket as spend it uselessly’ – matter dropped

22 Aug 1889 (TBC), Mr Morrow attends joint LA Conference to discuss tenure of Board’s Reserves and other matters

3 Sep 1889 (TBC), Meeting at site of new bridge over Cubberly Creek, Fig Tree Pocket. Questions had been raised as to best location for bridge. Mr Blucher advised he had tested the footing and being satisfied had commenced work (also next to existing bridge). Agreed works to continue
18 Sep 1889 (TBC), John Potts on behalf of River Bend Estate syndicate confirm they will lay pipes out ready for IDB to install. R Lee Bryce St Lucia writes in connection with arrears of rates, to be referred to the Secretary of the St Lucia Company. Ratepayers want improvements to road from Taringa Station to Swan’s Terrace and Hart/Long’s Road. Board awaiting advice from Railways before any decision on road leading to and approaches to Indooroopilly Ferry. Embankment near Mr Gailey’s stockyard to be widened together with the one near the Ironside Estate. Mr Blucher asked to resign with two months salary in lieu of notice. Two ladies slip down embankment on road reserve and as no protection Board offer $10 compensation. Vote on other Board’s proposal for continuation of £2 to £1 endowment [assumed Government funding – original commitment may have been for 10 years only]

15 Oct 1889 (TBC), £300 to be spent on Hart and Long’s Road reducing grade by cutting and raising culverts, improvements required to Swan’s Road, dangerous for traffic at night. Mr Ryan storms out and threatens to resign following discussion on one of his proposals. Mr Hamilton (H and Raff) will attend on Clerk at Long Pocket to discuss drainage scheme. Mr Gormley present at meeting and advises he will hold Board liable for any damages he might sustain, Mr Morrow advises him the interests of the majority had to be considered

19 Oct 1889 (TBC), Mr Morrow attends joint LA Conference to discuss creation of public abattoirs to better service and regulate supply of butchered meat. Deputation to wait on Government

4 Nov 1889 (TBC), Montague Road Ferry opens on Saturday 2 November

10 Dec 1889 (TBC), R Gailey requests cattle pit (crossing) be built under the road in his paddock, will pay if Board do the work. AB Wilson reports bridge structure near Indooroopilly Station has sunk considerably and needs immediate attention. Mr Feez requests making of a road off Hart’s Road. Mr Carr complains of amount of money being spent at St Lucia with men there doing unauthorised work. Mr Morrow denies same backed by Mr Ryan, general uproar for 10 to 15 minutes with threats of punches etc

14 Jan 1890 (TBC), Mr Robert Swan writes that he has been unduly taxed. Brisbane Gas Company advise that as only 47 residents had signified their willingness to sign up the £1,500 investment on mains (two miles) and meters not warranted. If IDB considered forty lamps (@ £8 per annum) they would re-assess. In connection with discussions with Finney Isles it was agreed that the roads (on that side of) Taringa needed to be re-surveyed, probably many instances of encroachment both ways. Chairman censors Mr Spode for airing his grievances with the Board in public, Mr Spode regrets his actions. St Lucia Company owe £100 in back rates. Board decide to advertise combined Clerk/Valuer/Collector at £200 or £300 pa (not clear type) and Foreman at £175pa (must supply own horse)

15 Feb 1890 (TBC), John W Todd declared elected by five votes for Sub 2, however, Mr Patterson objects as some votes not on roll. Mr Todd retires on advice of solicitors to minimise any expense

25 Feb 1890 (TBC), public meeting at the Institute Taringa, chaired by Mr Mark Blasdale. Concern that Mr Copeland Spode the Clerk and Foreman has been sacked without apparent reason. Mr Morrow, Mr Graham and ex member WA Wilson appear to have been behind the decision. Mr Spode made a statement that he had been a resident in the area for 26 years and had

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11 Alexander Brown Wilson had recently established his own architectural practice in Brisbane having previously worked for Government and then FDG Stanley. Following this advice he subsequently submitted his account for five guineas to the Board – Account book Wilson Architects Fryer Library
never had any adverse comments from the auditors in the past. Meeting supports that he be given a testimonial by the Board

- 1 Mar 1890 (Q), first meeting of Board Mr Morrow steps down from chair noting works proceeding on Hart and Long’s Road, on the road through Mr Gailey’s paddock [Gailey Road], works approved but to commence, embankments to overbridge at Indoorooppilly and approaches to Indooroopilly Ferry. Witton Road in sorry state again and closed plus other flood affected roads arising from recent floods. Mr Morrow elected as Chair. 100 applications for Clerk, Valuer and collector of rates. Mr Alfred M Stephens appointed, Bonus of £25 voted to late Clerk Mr C Spode. Mr William Weedon appointed as Foreman of Works. Mr Ryan proposes £120 be spent forming roads on the Indooroopilly Park Estate (between Swan’s and Station Roads), discussion commence with SB Municipal Council regarding opening a punt ferry between Boundary Road and St Lucia Estate and the Board seek a loan of £1,000 to extend the Board’s meeting room and build a residence for the Clerk

- 15 Mar 1890 (Q), ratepayers action meeting (no Board members present). Objections to the Board’s proposal to borrow £1,000 to extend the office accommodation and increase Clerk’s salary and upgrade the Moggill Ferry tackle [amongst other things it is assumed]. Recommended that Charles O’Brien resign from the Board. Mr Sugars in the chair +40 others including Cardell, Sexton, Shields, Mitchell, Findlay and Herne

- 18 Mar 1890 (TBC), Foreman gives report on works required after recent flood, Pullen Creek bridge washed away, Ogle’s Creek bridge sunk 2’ on one side, Witton Road bridge extensive damage and land slippage, too early to assess effect on Indoorooppilly ferry approaches. Sub 3 problems, Montague Road ferry guide pile washed away and slippages on approaches. Chairman notes flooding at St Lucia Estate (Mr Ryan clarifies that most affected are River Bend and Ironside Estates) and he had authorised £9 in relief to families affected. Letter received from Copeland Spode re dismissal and failure to give him a reference, Board disappointed with his actions (not providing assistance to new Clerk as agreed etc) particularly as he had been granted £25 for same. Mr Carr sole dissenter to Board motion concerning Mr Spode. Moggill Ferry approaches damaged, both Punts ok. Agreed to finalise the lease with Mr Richardson and purchase new wire rope. Nundah propose conference to discuss proposal that the LA Act be amended to require all sub-divisions to be approved by local authorities. £5 voted to the General Hospital and £3 3sh to the Children’s Hospital, Mr Carr objects to use of ratepayers funds this way

- 14 May 1890 (TBC), deputation to Minister arising from LA Conference re approval of sub-divisions. State example of recent plan which would require Board to create a 30 to 40’ embankment. Minister has sympathy, realises how much debate this will create in Parliament and advises can’t be considered in next session

- 15 May 1890 (TBC), letters to Mr Congram refusing him permission to erect a slaughterhouse, Mr Briggs cautioning him against any further removal of gravel and Messrs Overend and Co accepting tender to drive piles at Priory Creek. Moggill ferry fares discussed, ferryman to charge passengers on vehicles (driver included in rate). IDB agree they will maintain Gold Creek Road if Waterworks contribute £25pa. Various works to proceed including culvert on Clarence Road, £10 on Ryan Street [Road?] as requested by Mr Lee Bryce, up to £50 on road requested by Mr Feez. Persons snigging logs on the roads to be prosecuted in future. Motion that wages men should be paid for Good Friday lost 8 to one. R Whitten’s tender for Hart’s Road cutting, A Pye’s for Clarence Road and F Hocking’s to re-erect Pullen Creek bridge all accepted

- 10 Jun 1890 (TBC), Mr O’Connor Licensed Surveyor provides plans of how it is proposed to cut up the West Milton Estate [probably relates to ongoing difficulties associated with survey in this
area]. Various tenderers for cutting at 1sh 3d to 1sh 5d per (cubic) yard accepted. Engineer’s right to dismiss workmen confirmed

- 15 Jul 1890 (TBC), Whitmore Logan advises his offer of £40 would cover his total outlay for the road proposed through Portion 220. Department of Public Works believe drainage works at Long Pocket should be carried out at the expense of Board rather than by special loan recently applied for. Legal advise on entering the names of the QN Bank board directors on the rates book [later letter to editor notes Manager has voted in last three elections on behalf of Bank which appear on rates register]. Heated discussion about WH Villacott and WH Congram’s application to slaughter cattle in paddock occupied by Mr Breddin [Braddon’s in separate report] leads to Mr Morrow leaving the chair for half an hour. Mr Morrow believes beyond the province of the Board as it had been before The Licensing Bench and refused

- 15 Jul 1890 (TBC), separate article on unruly conduct at IDB meeting, Mr Moon and Mr Woolcock main protagonists against Mr Morrow who at one time threatens to resign altogether

- 9 Aug 1890 (Q), IDB used as an example in debate on continuing Government endowment, noted they had £2,000 in hand and £1,000 on deposit. Perhaps should not be stopped but be more selective in distribution

- 14 Aug 1890 (TBC), ratepayers meeting to discuss access problems at Taringa Station

- 26 Sep 1890 (TBC), deputation to the Minister for Lands, introduced by Mr Grimes MLA. Gailey, Ryan, JW Todd, J Newman-Wilson, T Morrow, FA McMullen, H Pike, JH Briar, GS Robinson, JT Mee, WH Cato, W Kent. Receive good hearing to proposal (to split Division). George Carr stirring pot on behalf of Long Pocket farmers who are concerned about their farming land possibly being taxed as suburban (will not be the case). Minister recommends to proceed

- 18 Oct 1890 (Q), some confusion after Gazetting of new boundaries, delegation to Minister for Works Mr Tozer, he advises IDB still exists and has powers to act. Accounts etc to be sorted in due course

- 22 Nov 1890 (Q), Charles Patterson in the Chair. HJ Gorman requests use of meeting room for ratepayers meetings, granted. Mr Morrow letter requesting official denial of (Mr Graham) rumour that he has been drawing £50 whilst chairman, denial to be issued. Ratepayers meet at Kenmore Hall and suggest further sub-divisions be created (Brookfield and Moggill), to be forwarded to Minister

- 9 Dec 1890 (TBC), Patterson (presiding), O’Brien, Graham, Denniston, Moon and Woolcock present. Colonial Secretary seeks Board’s view on a general election in light of changes to Division’s boundaries. Agreed a general election appropriate

The following table is a snapshot of Board membership at various times during the currency of the Division of Indooroopilly. During Charles Patterson’s spell in the chair the Board actively lobbied, and got approval for the substitution of a poll for postal voting. This was subsequently adopted by all divisions.

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- Mr Blucher  
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- Alfred Murray  
  Foreman
- Copeland Spode  
  C/Fore Clerk C/Fore Clerk
- Thomas Shield  
  Sec Sec Sec Assessor Assessor
**Taringa Divisional Board (1890 - 1903)**

The Division of Taringa was proclaimed on 11 October 1890. It covered an area roughly bounded by a line from the outfall of Toowong Creek into the Brisbane River, west to Mt Coot-tha, south to Witton Creek and then east to the river just upstream from the Indooroopilly railway bridge and then back down river. It comprised 3 sub-divisions each to be represented by 3 members.

![Diagram of Taringa Divisional Board](image)

The local ratepayers petitioned for the new Board to be formed and James Row Newman-Wilson was appointed Returning Officer (Richard Gailey witnessed the signatories to the petition which included D Guyatt).

Newman-Wilson advertised to receive nominations for candidates and auditors at the offices of the Indooroopilly Board on Thursday 13 November 1890, between the hours of 2 and 4 pm. Nomination forms could be collected from his office in Selbourne Chambers, Adelaide Street. Each nomination had to be supported by three eligible voters from the relevant subdivision. A £5 deposit had to be lodged with the nomination. Candidate’s names were to be displayed at the Board’s office on Friday 14 November and if required a poll was to be conducted on Saturday 29 November.

The Clerk of the Indooroopilly Board AM Stephens was concurrently advertising for payment of arrears of rates to be made promptly or these would be recovered by the ‘process of law’ - the notice was applicable to and included the areas covered by the new Board.

The local press speculated on who would stand for election and reported on the outcomes of the Taringa Ratepayers Progressive Association meeting of 5 November which was called to both question and offer endorsement of the prospective candidates.

The editor of the Toowong Herald anticipated Mr Morrow to stand for (Sub-Division) No 3 or more likely No 2 (where he lived) and W Todd, TA Ryan and George Carr for No 3. JH Robinson (Taringa Grocer) and Mr Burton were expected to stand, Mr Boyle and Mr Addison were not. It was anticipated that Mr T Collins (who would be a shoe in for No 3) would not nominate due to the demands of his own business.
The Ratepayers meeting chaired by Mr Munro and attended by 30 members (plus Mr Morrow) offered their support to nine candidates and four reserves (if any of the nine did not stand) as follows:

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(Reserves - Messrs Patterson, Todd, Moore and Carr)

Questions put to prospective candidates included their opinion on holding Board meetings in the evening, the installation of gas lighting to the main street, allowances for the Chairman, borrowing money ‘to excess’ and the preference of employing local married men on road works within the division (the economy at the time was depressed).

The editor also noted that at least 2 of the Indooroopilly Board members may have regretted the recording of their opinions expressed of Mr Morrow and Mr Ryan (in connection with the separation of the old and creation of the new boards) and there was talk of part of the minutes being expunged from the Boards books.

William Weedon was appointed ‘Clerk’ to the Divisional Board a role he held for a number of years including acting in the same role for the Taringa Shire Council (to 1917 at least). WW was a founding member of the Taringa Masonic Lodge in 1893.

Issues of the day for the Board requiring correspondence with the Colonial Secretary included:

- **Nov 1891** Request for the calling of a Local Government conference to discuss work for the unemployed
- **Dec 1891** Request for a police constable to be stationed in Indooroopilly due to the increase in population and the number of people employed or seeking work on the Mt Crosby water main (premises rented and station opened on 11 January 1892)
- **July 1892** Board advise rateable value of division stands at £365,600 (Sub Div One £163,118, Two £86,270 and Three £116,212)
- **May 1895** Requesting deputation to discuss and promote the construction of a road bridge at the same time as the new rail bridge at Indooroopilly (road bridge not built until mid 1930’s)
- **Sept 1895** Board request to be exempt from inclusion in the Metropolitan Traffic Board [I assume this would have excluded them from the costs associated with the Board and associated works - with multiple local authorities government was empowered to create cross authority Boards such as this one]. At the time Taringa appears to have been serviced by an omnibus however only a short way into the Division
- **1899** Board concerned that the Police constable had on instruction refused to shoot an enraged bullock even though the Board had offered to remove the carcass. Margin note suggests police could loan them their gun and ammunition should the situation re-occur

A long simmering dispute appears to have been the upkeep of the bridge over Toowong Creek which formed the boundary with the Shire of Toowong. This seems to have been ongoing for several years and was not resolved finally until the Shire of Taringa was formed in 1903. It would appear the bridge was built by the Division of Indooroopilly in 1887 for £663-10sh-10d, they sent a bill to Toowong for
£331-15-5 as their contribution and asked them to tidy up the Toowong approach. It would appear they did not pay however did do the approach works.

A further bill for £65, being half the repair costs arising from the major floods in 1893 was forwarded to Toowong and argument and counter argument continued throughout the decade. Toowong did not pay however Taringa continued to maintain the bridge. The bridge is referred to as both Toowong Creek Bridge and Gailey Bridge.

(Note This may or may not be the bridge Richard Gailey proposed in April 1884 to be built at his own expense, £3-400, perhaps so he could develop his landowning fully. The Shire of Toowong approved his proposal to start at the end of a Toowong Road. He asked no favours from Toowong other than that if Council wanted to take over the bridge in future they would recompense him by a payment of 50% of the current value. It is unclear if this bridge was ever built or if it is the same one that the Division of Indooroopilly subsequently constructed).

Reported problems with the bridge included the suggestion it was originally built from suspect timber and that omnibus traffic running to ‘Ironsides Estate’ was now exacerbating the situation. The Home Secretary arranged for a traffic count in 1901 (12 October Toowong ‘owned’ traffic 104 vehicles and 24 saddled horses, Taringa ‘owned’ traffic 102 vehicles and 23 saddled horses) and at the point of him ruling on the dispute in 1903 (creation of a joint board of works and maintenance cost split 60% Taringa, 40% Toowong) the newly formed Shire advised that agreement had been reached and that no further action was required by the Home Secretary.

Interestingly both Taringa and Toowong refer to the road leading to the bridge from the south as St Lucia Road with Gailey Road commencing only where St Lucia Road turns east (the section now known as Sir Fred Schonell Drive).

In the mid 1890’s another hot issue appears to have been getting rid of the special tolls imposed by the Shire of Toowong on River Road (Coronation Drive) traffic, initially levied to repair the damage caused by the 1893 floods. Government had approved the by-law introducing the toll however for a fixed period of 2 years. Correspondence from the Indooroopilly Board (now based at Kenmore), the Taringa Board and the Ratepayers Association of Toowong (CF Siemon) respectfully advised the Colonial Secretary that Toowong had long since paid for these repairs and now had a nice little earner. Toowong were instructed to remove the toll gates.

Local Authorities had the power to enact By Laws and the following list reflects the issues Taringa residents and their elected representatives had concern about, sufficient to pass a local law to control (date of reference document unclear, possibly 1902/3). The laws reflect the largely rural nature of the district at this time.

By Law No/For control of:

1-3 ??
4 Dairies
5 Registration of Goats
6 Riding or driving furiously
   Travelling on the footpath/around corners
   No lights at night
7 (Indecent and Obscenity)
   Bathing without suitable dress
   Disorderly houses (ill fame or gambling)
   Damaging Div Boards property
   Advertising on fences
8 Dangerous lands
9 Licensing of noxious trades (bone/blood boiler etc)
10 Noxious weeds
11 Damaging streets
12 (Sanitary By Law)
   Emptying cess pits
   Water closets to be 5ft from any street or house
   Builder/Dev to provide earth closet during construction
   Construction/maintenance requirements for earth closets
   Inspector to be advised if earth closet gets within 2 inch of rim
   Nightmen (or scavenger) to have licence
13 8.33% discount on rates if paid within 30 days of notice
14 Repealing Gazetted By Laws
15 Discharging fireworks and firearms (penalty not to exceed £20)
16-22 Straying and impounding of animals
23 African Box Thorn declared a noxious weed
24 Tick pest prevention
25 Speeding of vehicles

TBD Supplementary Notes (Newspaper)

(Q) – Queenslander, (TBC) – The Brisbane Courier and as noted

- 18 Oct 1890 (Q), reports Division of Taringa declared
- Saturday 29 Nov 1890 Election, returning officer JR Newman-Wilson

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15 Dec 1890 (TBC), opening meeting of TDB. Mr Morrow voted to the Chair. Luncheon. Role of Mr Newman-Wilson as ‘father’ of separation recognised, in his speech he notes that this was justified by closer settlement compared with Indooroopilly, which remained primarily a farming area, and that someday the area would be part of Brisbane (interjection by Mr Moon). Mr Newman-Wilson suggests ratepayers resist the macadamising of the roads, believes too much money dedicated to this purpose, passable is adequate. TDB to retain the services of Mr Stephens and Mr Weedon. IDB members Moon, Woolcock, Graham and Dennison present at the opening unhappy with split, loss of Clerk/Engineer etc. Urged to forget the past and work cooperatively in the future, TDB will assist in transition.

The Taringa Divisional Board
Messrs G Burton, TJ Moore, C Patterson (standing)
TA Ryan, T Morrow (Chairman), G Carr (seated)
WA Weedon (Clerk), GS Lambert (inset),
(Brisbane Courier 13 October 1913)

15 Jan 1891 (TBC), request from Mr Gorman to have oil lamps in the main Taringa Road. Not at this time, however, will encourage Gas Company to lay their mains through Taringa and on to Indooroopilly. Health Officer to be appointed arising from scarlet fever epidemic. Bank account to be opened with the Bank of Australasia with a £250 overdraft limit. Statement on status of rate collected following the splitting of the Division. Acknowledged that the workload of the Board Clerk and Engineer had been extensive and to receive a bonus of £20 each.

10 Feb 1891 (TBC), Taringa Ratepayers Association request Board meetings be held at night so they can attend. Brisbane General Hospital request a subscription, agree to send £5 (Mr Carr
believes all should contribute from their own pocket). Mr McAulay complaining of state of Hill
Street, Long Pocket ratepayers request attention to road. Board of Waterworks laying main in
Frederick Street. Report on adjustment of accounts following split with IDB. Mr Morrow after 3
years will retire from chair, he doesn’t agree with chairs receiving honorarium

- 15 Apr 1891 (TBC), decide to get on with the construction of the new road between the Station
and the Ferry

- 12 May 1891 (TBC), Gas Company advise insufficient demand to bring gas to Taringa and
Indooroopilly. Mr Moore moved flood gates be erected at the river bend on the St Lucia Estate,
referred to Engineer

- 9 Jun 1891 (TBC), Toowong Shire Council, no intention of carrying out further works to Princess
Street. Mr MM Smith advises several properties have encroached onto Princess Street. Railways
agree to Board removing the metal south of the entrance to the Indooroopilly Station Goods Shed
entrance (recent resumption to create Ferry Road). Board to notify Mr H Pike to remove his house
from the road near Taringa Station. Mr Burton moves that water troughs and work to main roads
in division be charged to general account [must be being charged to relevant Sub-division
account]

- 11 Aug 1891 (TBC), Indooroopilly Ferry Company approach Board about taking over the ferry
punt and on what terms. Mr Thomas Harding complains of treatment by TBD officers in
connection with his appeal against the valuation of his property. Rates forecast Sub 1 £510, Sub 2
£272-2sh and Sub 3 £364-17sh-2d. £80 to be spent on the extension and formation of Beatrice
Street. Mr Ryan suggests approaching SBMC re reducing charges on the Boundary Street ferry.
Discussion on reducing officers from 2 to 1, noted already on reduced salaries on the basis of their
positions being retained. J Jones tender of £35-8-4d accepted for the driving of piles at the St
Lucia floodgates

- 15 Sep 1891 (TBC), petition received from Sub 3 ratepayers requesting Ryan’s Hill be cut down 4
or five feet

- 13 Oct 1891 (TBC), Colonial Secretary payment request for £36-13sh-9d as Board’s contribution
to Scarlet Fever Hospital costs causes much discussion, agreed to pay up and be happy. Agree to
Toowong proposal for Burns Road culvert to be covered with metal. Mr Morrow to represent the
Board at the sewerage conference proposed by the Mayor of Brisbane. Big debate on the flood
gates built on the St Lucia Estate, Munro and Ryan have a go at each other. Noted few people live
down there [Munro ?]. Finally agreed that all the board members would visit and view and decide
on what action to take. Proposal to realign the Sub 2/Sub 3 boundary

- 15 Dec 1891 (TBC), AM Stephens resigns as Clerk (aware of downsizing), Mr Weedon to take on
both jobs for time being (remuneration to be sorted). Advice from Colonial Secretary that local
bodies are to arrange relief work, endowment would be £1 per £1. Metropolitan Traffic Board
request sanctioning of cab stands in the division. John W Todd requests Montague and Grosvenor
Roads in the Sandford Estate be cleared and stumped and ‘water tables’ formed. H Kaye requests
a culvert be provided in Lucinda Street and improvements be made to Norman Street. John Dyer
complains of closet nuisance on the premises of Caldwell and Archdale at Indooroopilly (had
already been warned). E Kelk and W Rudde, Trustees River Bend Estate, object to request for
contribution to the cost of lowering the drain in Cross Street, they had already purchased and
supplied the pipes £33-12sh, not their fault they had been installed at wrong level. Board agree to
relay (additional pipes to be supplied by Trustees if required). J Carmody and three others petition
Board for repairs to the road leading to the river. Discussion on raising the St Lucia floodgates 3
feet, decision postponed. Mr Moore moved to communicate with Colonial Secretary on the need for a police presence at Indooroopilly

- 12 Jan 1892 (TBC), Bank of Australasia closing branch in Toowong, Board decide to move account to the Queensland National Bank [!]. Board of waterworks laying the new 24” main

- 20 Feb 1892 (TBC), advice received from the Colonial Secretary that a police station had been opened at Indooroopilly. Board of Waterworks corresponding on laying pipes in Jackson Street. WH Jackson confirms £30 contribution to works in Finney’s Road, expenditure up to £150 agreed, £35 on Lucinda Street South Taringa and £5 on William Street St Lucia. £5 subscription to Brisbane Hospital and Toowong Fire Brigade

- 19 Mar 1892 (TBC), Toowong Fire Brigade request lease of part of reserve, JR Newman-Wilson requests easing of grades on Gailey Road, A McKenzie on cutting down of Ryan’s Hill. JW Slack advises sanitary service to South Toowong will soon cease (Toowong re-negotiating contract), TDB advise no by-law passed yet. Advice on final levels for Jackson Street requested by Board of Works (residents requesting mains to be laid), deferred. Quarantine Road to be improved when money available, £35 to be spent on Ellerslie Crescent, Victoria Parade St Lucia to be inspected. William Steven’s tender of 11d per cubic yard for cuttings in Finney’s Road accepted

- 21 Mar 1892 (TBC), Mr Morrow provides introductory remarks to Mr Grimes MLA at a meeting of Oxley electors (and others). Mr Grimes offers support to extension of the Polynesian Act, one man one vote (can’t support) and refers to recent labour troubles and government action. Meeting breaks up with cheers for Mr Glassey (Labor politician ? and reference to the St Helena prisoners ?) – probably the Toowong contingent

- 16 Apr 1892 (TBC), Board of Waterworks advise pipe trench from Mt Crosby will be better protected and will limit haulage of materials in wet weather. Works to be progressed in Ellerslie Crescent to permit laying of mains. South Brisbane advise Montague Road Ferry approaches will be maintained. J McAuley and Thomas Green complain of working of St Lucia ferry, operator to be advised to lift game. £12 to be spent on Victoria Parade St Lucia and £40 on Ryan’s Hill, further work on easing grades on Gatley Road deferred

- 10 May 1892 (TBC), 18 shillings in the pound received from Treasury this year. Board of Waterworks will extend the main into Ellerslie Street. Chief Inspector advises they will destroy two cancerous cows at St Lucia and indemnify the Board against owners claims. Nineteen ratepayers from Swan’s Road request Princess Street be raised or a foot bridge be constructed. St Lucia Ferry operator EA Barker and SBMC both write re unsatisfactory management of ferry, regulation by parties required. £5 to be spent on Main Street St Lucia, estimate to be prepared to cutting down steep hill. Good progress made with cutting on Finney’s Road and clearing Ellerslie Crescent, Quarantine Road work commenced. Munro, Smith and Burton suggest some procedural changes to provide advance warning of issues to be raised and resolved at meetings, outvoted.

- 16 June 1892 (TBC), flooding reported in Main Street Princess Bridge Estate. Mrs Barker, nominal rental for St Lucia Ferry, Board to erect shelter sheds

- 18 Jun 1892 (Q), Toowong Fire Brigade advise building offered not suitable, prefer land on which they could build their own building, Board to consider. Rev Robert Steward advises land on which rates are being charged is for religious purposes with the intent to build a church in due course, Board decide to maintain current stance ie rates to be paid. Disagreement on whether to nominate delegates to the conference on public markets (some concerned this will become another call on boards funds). SBC suggest St Lucia Ferry be operated under joint control, improvement to slips etc. Deputation from Princess Street adjacent Swan Road suggest provision
of a footbridge rather than filling, Board to consider if proponents contribute 1/3 cost. £24 voted to metalling and gravelling the centre portion of Long Pocket Road, £14 to widen road at Witton Paddock near the river. Estimate £55 to reduce the current grade in Sarah Street by 9"

- 13 Sep 1892 (TBC), Board of Waterworks, respective engineers to agree location of 24” main in Jackson’s cutting, also looking to firm up agreement to cover making good of roads (carting pipes etc). £5 voted for repairs to St Lucia main road, engineer to report on gravelling of Ferry Street. Ryan’s Hill work completed but concerns about quality. JR Newman’s letter (last meeting) prompts discussion on the formation of a road through Gailey’s paddock, decide to call tenders based on the engineers plan and specification. Request for improvements to ‘Sicily’ Street. Mr Carr moves to invite tenders for the fencing the bank at Jackson’s Gully, agreed

- 11 Oct 1892 (TBC), South Brisbane Municipal Council request talks re operation of the Montague Road Ferry, agreement expires in November. Burton, Moore and Ryan to attend. Board of Waterworks offer contribution to repair of damage to roads, Board hang out for an additional £12-10sh. Mr Weedon has inspected William Street [later Keith Street] and estimates £6 to gravel from the Main Road to Mr Keith’s entrance. Indooroopilly Road and River Road both metalled and improvements to Sarah Street and at Jackson’s cutting completed.. Mr W Stevens tender of £39-2sh-6d for the cutting down of Gailey’s Road accepted with allowance of £11 for further works

- 15 Nov 1892 (TBC), Qld Nat Bank advise Toowong branch is closing and accounts being transferred to head office. Joint board resolve Montague Road Ferry no longer to be a free service, tenders to be called for operation 6 am to sunset. Plant to be valued and TDB to pick up half. SBMC advise costs to date have been £1,312-1sh-2d, monthly traffic 99 horses, 451 vehicles, 6 cows and 2,010 foot passengers. Board decide against contributing to punt but agree to cover half the cost of the boat ferry, this to go to tender. Mr Hunter [Hunter Street ?] complains of state of culvert at the corner of Indooroopilly and Clarence Roads near his residence. Engineer advises Moggill Road widened at Chapel Hill, in Sub 3 Lesley Street completed and the St Lucia ferry steps sorted, Gailey’s Road cutting progressing well. Finney’s Road fencing under way. All roads in fair condition, no great damage from recent heavy rains. £15 voted to improve the Moggill/Witton Road intersection, £5 for repair of Thorpe Road and £5 for Meyers Road

- 20 Dec 1892 (TBC), South Brisbane correspondence on the discontinuity of the Montague Road Ferry from the end of the year

Far left, only known picture of the Montague Road Ferry, saved from the flood by securing on the St Lucia ramp/approach. The collapse of the Victoria Bridge resulted in the punt being put to use downstream, never to return. Richard Gailey’s residence Glenolive House on right
(RHSQ courtesy Peter Brown)
14 Jan 1893 (Q), Queensland National Bank confirm confirming Board’s cheque for £500 had been placed on fixed deposit for 3 months. R Gailey concerned about the possible closure of the Montague Road Ferry, he would lose £2,000 which could be reduced by vesting the donated land back to him and filling etc. South Brisbane Town Clerk advises the punt ferry would cease at end of month. TDB don’t seem to be too enthusiastic about ferry, disagreement between Ryan and Carr on the benefits [Note this was an IDB initiative]. Mr Bole appointed following resignation of Mr HF Smith

14 Feb 1893 (TBC), Mr Ryan defeats Horace Palmer in Sub 3 poll

4 Mar 1893 (Q), outgoing chairman reports on the flood damage, worst affected areas are Long Pocket, Witton Estate and St Lucia. 8 out of 12 homesteads swept away at Long Pocket, damage to culverts on Moggill Road and the bridge on Toowong Creek (near Mr Gailey’s house). Indooroopilly Bridge gone. Morrow, Moore and Burton to discuss ferry operation with Sherwood DB. Auditor will be Blackiston Robinson (Mr Luck too late with submission), Mr Weedon Clerk/Engineer and Valuer. Suggested wage £225 plus £25 forage (in end vote down the forage allowance)

15 Mar 1893 (TBC), Indooroopilly Ferry Board meeting, Mr Morrow presiding. Letter from Col Sec constituting board. Railway Commissioners advise they will meet one half costs on the four items noted in the agreement drawn up by the Joint Ferry Committee plus they wished to add that in the event they bring their coal across the river at Indooroopilly their drays would only be charged half rate. SBC advise they are unable to offer the Board a punt as all being used in the Municipality. Peter Woods offer to build a punt (similar to Brisbane) for £20 delivered in 14 days accepted. Ferry Committee/Railways agreement, Railway Commissioner to pay for rail passengers ferried across river free of charge in February, contribute half cost of new punt, approaches, shelter sheds etc (£95), trains to be run as close as possible to the river and provide a gate in the station fence. Ferry Board to transport passengers and carry luggage/mail free of charge, subject to quarterly review and contribution by Railways if ferry not covering its costs. Railways have the option to take over and run the service if not satisfied at any time. Three men to be employed, one at £3 per week, two at £2 10sh. Joint Board to bank with Qld National Bank, solicitors Wilson, Newman-Wilson and Hemming

13 Apr 1893 (TBC), JH Woodlands letter re state of Hill Street to be returned, considered it not to be respectfully worded. Toowong advise will fix approaches but not contribute to repair of Toowong Creek Bridge - Engineer advises piles driven and topping well in hand. Long Pocket Road repaired and Witton Creek culvert again open to traffic Elizabeth Street improvements nearly finished. Agreed that the costs of repairing Moggill Road, Toowong to Indooroopilly, and the ferries be charged to the general account. 14 November decision not to support the Montague Ferry rescinded, negotiations to commence

11 May 1893 (TBC), cheque for £610 7s received from Treasurer, endowment for 1892, advice from SBMC that TDB’s proposal for Montague Road Ferry had been laid before Council. Sherwood suggest joint deputation to push for traffic bridge over river near rail bridge at Indooroopilly. GW Westwood complains Main Street is quite impassable. Approaches at the Toowong Creek culvert filled up and repairs started on Witton and Long Pocket roads. Moggill, Quarantine and Indooroopilly boundary roads repaired. Gailey’s bridge on St Lucia Road re-erected. The culvert authorised at Chapel Hill completed. 12 men currently employed but to be reduced. £610 7sh government endowment received, 13sh in the pound. Mr Moore promoting name change to Indooroopilly

17 Jun 1893 (TBC), Qld National Bank forward detail of Scheme of Arrangement. John McKenzie complains of drain near his property overflowing resulting in filth being deposited
under his house. Correspondence with Div of Stephens re desirability of constructing a road bridge at the same time as the new rail bridge at Indooroopilly (support from Indooroopilly Board as well), Chairman to lobby Colonial Secretary. Duncan McAskill applies for a job on the roads. Engineer reports work minimised to reduce expenditure as instructed by Chairman, eight men only currently employed on making good works arising from recent heavy rains. Rateable value calculated but reduced by 25% [to reflect impact of floods?]. Clerk offers to reduce salary by £25, reluctantly accepted. Mr Morrow to arrange short term funding from Brisbane Banks to enable payments to be made

- 22 Jul 1893 (Q), Toowong Volunteer Fire Brigade looking for a room as a branch station. Queensland National Bank advise an amended scheme of arrangement, Chairman to follow through. Board short of cash to pay bills

- 17 Aug 1893 (TBC), Treasury advises £667-16sh has been released from the funds locked up in Queensland National Bank (Board had applied under the Public Depositors Relief Act 1893). Qld Nat Bank advise transferred from ‘trust’ to ‘ordinary’ account. Chamber of Commerce request advice on the rateable value of flood affected property before and after flood. Engineer reports Indooroopilly/Clarence Road culvert had sunk 3 feet and needs stripping back and re-building, £20 agreed for Boards workmen to undertake

- 15 Sep 1893 (TBC), John McCormick and Son request permission to use part of road in order to give them more room for the erection of the Indooroopilly [Albert] bridge. WR Hunter requests clearing of culvert near his property. Colonial Secretary declines to become involved in bridge cost dispute with Toowong. WA McLean writes to Board confirming the efforts being made to obtain a State school and requesting part of reserve where Boards offices are be allocated. Board consider it is ‘in the interests of the ratepayers...the request be not entertained’. Mr Moore wants the Boards name changed to Indooroopilly DB rather tha Taringa DB, IDB to be called something else

- 13 Oct 1893 (TBC), T Hudson requests repairs to footpath adjacent his shop. William Peterson given approval to resume Montague Road foot passenger ferry. Reports from ratepayers of an outbreak of measles. Deputation of gentlemen request portion of reserve on which Board offices stand be granted for the erection of a State school. Board refers to previous resolution. Board’s contribution to Indooroopilly Ferry Board £41-0sh-4d

- 9 Nov 1893 (TBC), request from J Mackenzie to improve the approach to his shop (he would contribute) discussed with firm negative views from Mr Carr, proposal dropped. Mr Little’s attempts to reduce nuisance on his property not sufficient and Board to insist he carries out the Boards written requirements. Surveyor General had requested all made up streets to be named, suggestions to be brought to next meeting. Letter to be written to Traffic Board objecting to further contributions as no benefits being received. Mr Carr raised the question of establishing a toll on Moggill Road – discuss at next meeting

- 14 Dec 1893 (TBC), Board change the previous resolution from granting the lower part of the Reserve for school use to the upper part. Mr Ryan advises he will be away for the summer

- 16 Dec 1893 (TBC), Report on Metropolitan Traffic Board meeting, payment demands issued based on rateable value of authority within Boards area. TDB relatively small but noted that TDB did not share in distributions [assumed receipts from licences, tolls etc. Scheme seems a bit of a raw deal for outlying authorities]. Three sub-inspectors dismissed, largely affecting suburban areas

- 12 Jan 1894 (TBC), Traffic Board send bill for £7-5sh, anticipate this will be the last
5 Mar 1894 (TBC), a report on TBD finances notes that the Board has never needed to borrow money as even from its formation it has been in credit (only £66 on separation). Expenditure had consistently been below income and a reserve established. Mr WA Weedon is the sole employee as Valuer and Engineer salary £225 including forage allowance. Population approx 2100 with 1150 eligible to vote

21 Mar 1894 (TBC), Mr Ryan resigned from Board. John Radford Toowong Volunteer Fire Brigade writes soliciting donation. Rates reduced by 25% from the previous year. General rate 1d [assumed in the £]

12 Apr 1894 (TBC), IDB advise they have dropped the idea of a conference to fight the Toowong Toll, Indooroopilly Ferry Company send bill for £10 4sh being Board’s share of the loss. Ratepayers petition received to improve the steps at the St Lucia Ferry, permission to be obtained from property owner. £225 in bank. Sub 2 and 3 roads need work, Quarantine Road culvert standing up but may not survive a heavy flood. Commercial Bank of Australia to be requested to clear Witton Flat of Noogoora Burr. Toowong Fire Brigade secretary joins meeting at end of normal business to discuss the Board purchasing the West End Brewery real for Taringa rather than just giving a donation, sympathy but no offer

May 1894, reports from numerous Boards that TDB circular letter re tolls had been received

12 Jul 1894 (TBC), fencing contract for Chapel Hill let to Mr John Henry at 3sh 7 ¼ d per rod. Board to be represented at the forthcoming conference to decide if the nominee board of Waterworks should be replaced with a joint local authority. Agreed to enact the Health Act as required to prevent nuisance

13 Aug 1894 (TBC), Board decide to support Rockhampton proposal that LG Act should be amended to give councils/boards power to enforce penalties to prevent strays on streets. Culvert on Central Avenue widened, good progress being made with Chapel Hill bank fence. Agreed to enforce requirement to register goats

13 Dec 1894 (TBC), advice from Surveyor General that henceforth the name of the road from the State School to Mount Coot-tha would be known as Russell Terrace [!]. Fencing on Chapel Hill bank completed

11 Jan 1895 (TBC), IDB suggest they join with TDB in writing to Colonial Secretary to abolish the Toowong toll on River Road. £20 voted to Mr Burton retiring chair

6 Feb 1895 (TBC), Report on hearing Susan Odling vs TDB, claim is for £360 damages. Evidence given by Clerk WH Weedon, WE Brunton (Frederick Street – Civil Engineer), David Petrie Ogilvie (Frederick Street – Accountant), William Jack, J Patterson, RH Odling (son of plaintive) and G Oakenfull who had accompanied Mrs Odling down the street that night. Legal debate Mr Rutledge (for TDB), Dr Boone (for plaintive) and Judge Paul. Judgement reserved

22 Feb 1895 (TBC), report on local government finance gives TDB a reasonable rap noting rate arrears are rather high and there have been annual valuations with marked differences in value but changes to rates charged, hence, not much difference in revenue. Notes population of 2,100 with approx 470 dwellings and 1,142 voters. Area has 29 miles of improved roads and about 50 miles that have not been touched

5 Mar 1895 (TBC), deputation visits Mt Tozer to discuss removal of tollbar on River Road, favourable hearing
28 Mar 1895 (TBC), District Court finds for TDB in action brought by Mrs Susan Odling who sustained injury by walking into a stump at night time. Judge considered that TDB had fulfilled their duties in maintaining part of the road albeit that not all of the road reserve was cleared and formed (Metalled road 26′ wide with 3′ water tables on either side then 17′ either side uniformed, some trees cut down)

11 Apr 1895 (TBC), SBC request approval to re-lease the Montague Road Ferry (agreed to), letter from Colonial Secretary re Toowong tollbars (to be considered in detail). Report received on Witton Creek obstruction, roads in division in good order

13 May 1895 (TBC), Rev W Powell advises the requirements of the Board will be complied with when conducting burials at Chapel Hill Cemetery. Cost to Board of Mrs Odling’s action £120 9sh 3d (costs awarded to Board), costs to be split across all three sub-divisions

12 Sep 1895 (TBC), Mr McNevin granted three months to re-open the Montague Road Ferry. Railways advise that TDB must maintain the bridge they built over the railway at Indooroopilly [Westminster Road bridge]. Terms agreed with Sherwood DB for them to operate the Indooroopilly Ferry, boat and ferry shelter to be brought back to Board’s office. Agreed to support provision of a standpipe and tap at the eastern side of Indooroopilly Station, cup and chain to be provided at the standpipe on the corner of Moggill and Figtree Pocket Roads

1 Nov 1895 (TBC), TDB, IDB and Toowong Ratepayers Association present a petition signed by 900 ratepayers requesting the removal of Toowong Shire tolls on River Road. Petitioners not against original concept, however, toll monies appear to be diverted for other purposes. Mr Tozer (Colonial Secretary) acknowledges his original commitment to limit toll to two years but also notes the road is used by a lot of traffic going to the cemetery. He may have to consider the formation of a joint road board

15 Nov 1895 (TBC), letter to Toowong Shire re formation of upper end of Stanley Terrace, from Railways noting [Westminster Road] bridge at Indooroopilly was built by board, any maintenance would be a TDB cost. £5 will be required to improve drainage in Witton Creek, held over. Board agrees to 25% discount on rates for Banks holding mortgaged properties not yet built on (Mr Carr dissents strongly)

10 Jan 1896 (TBC), Central Board of Health requests Boards with bye laws for dairies to enforce them. Requests from Mr Jones and Mr Valentine to improve Glen Nevis Estate. Mayor of Brisbane writes re establishment of Public Abattoirs. Colonial Secretary advises closing of the Toowong toll on River Road will be considered by Parliament. Mr Surman’s tender of £27 to repair collapsed culvert on Moggill Road accepted. £10 voted for filling up on Oxford Terrace. Mr Morrow retires from the chair and suggests that granting of an honorarium (usually £20) to the chair be phased out. Odling’s lawsuit had cost the Board £120

3 Feb 1896 (TBC), D Guyatt beats Charles Lane in poll for Sub 3

13 Feb 1896 (TBC), Mr Moore elected to chair on retirement of Mr Burton. Culvert at Stamm’s Flat re-erected (main works during month), other culverts and railings throughout the division painted

13 Feb 1896 (TBC), Mr Grimes advises government are ready to instruct Toowong to remove tolls on River Road (first time this action will be taken by government) on return of full cabinet. Grimes will write to Toowong and suggest they remove voluntarily
14 May 1896 (TBC), JG Furton requests a road between his house and Waverley Road, Mr Ryan advised someone had erected a fence across the main street St Lucia. Discussion on Board of Health’s query on what TBD had done about the registration and inspection of dairies, Mr Carr for example believed they should do nothing as only applicable to dairymen. W Moore complains of night soil nuisance. Morrow and Carmody support 1d in the rates, Carr suggests 3/4d (no seconder). Separate session held to discuss traffic bye-laws, noted TDB outside the jurisdiction of the Transit Commission.

13 Nov 1896 (TBC), correspondence received, Home Secretary re Scarlet Fever Regulations (Chair to make public), Board of Waterworks re location of fire plugs for mains to be laid in Rokeby Terrace, Manchester Terrace, Moggill Road, Goldsborough Road and Payne Street (Chairman and Clerk to decide), Mrs Hart thanks for providing a standpipe near her property. Recent storms resulted in considerable work being done on main road, Sub 1 roads need systematic repair, Sub 2 in fair condition, Sub 3 St Lucia Road needs work as does Gailey Road. All outstanding rates received (except one), Sub 3 a bit tardy particularly St Lucia Estate (residents paid on time).

11 Feb 1897 (TBC), J Goldsborough elected chair. Noted year had ended with cash in the Bank [Trivia – St Patrick’s Day 18 March declared a public holiday throughout the Colony and 1 May a holiday in Brisbane]

12 Mar 1897, (TBC), Mrs Barker requests release from lease for the Boundary Street ferry. Mr William McNevin offers to take over, originally at 2d per trip then at 1d. Mrs Barker advises can’t make it pay. Mr Finch refused permission to take sand from the Long Pocket Road (voted down) – Mr Burton disappointed with Board decision. Inspector reports a great improvement in dairies in the Division.

16 Apr 1897 (TBC), Board of Health request advice on what methods were adopted of disposing of night soil. W McNevin requests a shed to be supplied at the ferry. Board censor Mr Carr re his recent claim that Mr Weedon had falsified the books. Board commend Constable McConchy for his service to community over last five years (transfer to Wynnum).

19 May 1897 (TBC), ‘Ratepayer Indooroopilly’ writes in support of Mr Carr following recent bad press (berating someone in public – notes Mr Carr well known for ‘brusque’ nature).

27 May 1897 (TBC), A joint committee meeting of representatives from the Divisional Board and State School Committees in the Taringa Division was held in the Board Hall, Taringa, on Tuesday evening last, when it was determined to give a treat to all children in the division on Diamond Jubilee Day.

10 Aug 1897 (TBC), Clement L Wragge requests banks be cut down to their permanent levels in front of his land and promises he will abate the nuisance of his dogs attacking passers by.

2 Oct 1897 (TBC), a meeting of residents and ratepayers interested in obtaining a State school for Taringa was held in the Divisional Board Hall, Taringa, on Thursday evening, Mr S Grimes MLA in the chair. The hall was filled by a representative gathering. It was moved by Dr Culpin, and seconded by Mr W. Kent, "That In the opinion of this meeting the time has arrived when a State school should be erected at Taringa." The resolution on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously. A general committee to forward the object of the meeting was then appointed, consisting of the following gentlemen: Messrs Culpin, Morrow, Kent, Leo Bryce, East, Voller, Ogilvie, Phillips, Le Breton, Payne, Lehmase, Robottom, McLeod, Ballard, Grisewood, and Palmer. Subsequently Mr T Morrow was appointed chairman of committee, Mr G. Lee Bryce, secretary and Dr Culpin, treasurer.
14 Oct 1897 (TBC), discussion on the provision of land for the school including the option for government to provide an alternative site for the Boards offices. Nothing resolved

Report of discussion at meeting of the Taringa Divisional Board yesterday afternoon, a letter was read from Mr Lee Bryce, stating that at a meeting of ratepayers recently it was resolved to write to the board, pointing out the desire of the ratepayers for so much of the reserve as would be required for a public school and It was further suggested that the board might see their way to relinquish the whole of their ground for school purposes, providing the Government could place a suitable spot at their disposal. Dr Culpin and Mr W Kent were appointed a deputation to Interview the board on the question, and these gentle- men attended. Dr Culpin said that Taringa had felt the want of a school for a long time, but as he understood the board had agreed to give a portion of the reserve there was a prospect of their desire for the school being gratified. He was of the opinion that the whole of the reserve, 2 1/2 acres, was little enough, and it was a question whether another suitable place could be obtained for board purposes. He was not in a position to say there was, but he thought the board could assist them in the matter. Mr Kent also spoke on the necessity of an additional school. A resolution was read from the board's books to show that the board were willing to give up a portion of the reserve for the purpose stated. Mr Morrow said the deputation had represented the wishes of the rate- payers very faithfully, and it was he who had suggested to them the advisableness of asking for the whole of the reserve. He moved "That this board, in furtherance of the object of the Taringa School Committee, would be willing to relinquish the present board ground, providing the Government place at our disposal a site that we can approve of and that the board buildings be removed and re-erected free of cost to the board." Mr Carmody seconded the motion. Mr Carr thought an opportunity should be given the rate payers of the other subdivisions to express their opinion on the matter. They should have compensation. Mr Burton was willing to support the motion if it was altered so that affairs between the sub- divisions would be adjusted. The clerk said the value of the present fence was £77. Mr Moore thought they were too far ahead of the subject. He did not think there was the slightest chance of obtaining a piece of ground from the Government, as he knew there was none to be had. It would come back to the question of giving a portion of their reserve, to which they were all agreeable. Mr Morrow added a clause to his motion, providing for the erection of a fence free of cost, and the motion was then put and agreed to by 7 to 2, the dissentients being Messrs Carr and Lambert. The deputation returned thanks, and the meeting terminated

11 Nov 1897 (TBC), Chairman advises of his action regarding the Victoria Bridge Bill [appears to be in relation to taking off the tolls on the bridge and getting authorities to contribute to costs]. Various opinions including suggestion that the net should be widened. Mr Grimes appears in favour of dropping the tolls which he believes is consistent with his stand on the Toowong tolls and intention to propose that the Local Authorities Act be amended to remove this power

11 Nov 1897 (TBC), FR Sharpe of Ellerslie Crescent complains of nuisance at (Salvation) Army home with the consequence his family members were under the care of the doctor. Mr Weedon had called and requested improvements. Mr Moore believed should never have been allowed at this location. JS Brown requests approach to his property on St Lucia Road be made. Forty residents request Oxford Street be cut down to level and formed

14 Jan 1898 (TBC), Solicitor’s letter received (acting for a beneficiary under Mr Pike's will) advises obstruction in William Street will be removed. Chair to discuss representation on Victoria Bridge Board with Ithaca and Enoggera DB’s. Post and Telegraph advise telephone wires removed as directed. Mr Guyatt moves that owners be required to destroy Nagurra and Bathurst burrs on their properties. Culverts in Pike’s Lane to be inspected. D Guyatt advises a bull is roaming St Lucia estates and suggests the animal be destroyed. Retiring Chair Mr Goldsborough
commended on his efforts in reducing rates arrears, he in turn recognises input of Mr Weedon (Assistant Clerk) to this task

- 22 Jan 1898 (TBC), nominations Sub 1, Charles Lane and John C Keith, Sub 2, John Goldsborough, Sub 3, W Bale. HC Luck and A Boyle Auditors. Returning Officer George Burton. Lambert does not seek re-election (Charles Lane subsequently withdrew ?)

- 3 Feb 1898 (TBC), election of David Guyatt as new chair. Board agree to put Mr Weedon’s salary back following his voluntary reduction from £225 to £215 in 1893. Some debate and finally agree to £220. Applications from Messrs LH Healley and W Best to ply ferry boats from West End, Mr Healley’s application based on using a boat belonging to TDB at a nominal rental of 1sh per month

- 15 Feb 1898 (TBC), SBC meeting, application from LH Healey to operate Hooghly Street ferry

- 17 Feb 1898 (TBC), Sherwood Board receive letter from TBC agreeing to remove 50 loads of rock from the Taringa side of the Indooroopilly ferry approach

- 10 Mar 1898 (TBC), resolved to request owner of property at Witton Creek to remove the obstruction that was preventing free drainage. Land Bank of Queensland agree to use of land on Sub 3 of Hyde Park Estate for a ferry landing provided no cutting of land. SBC advise costs of steps etc at Hoogley Street would cost £30 and as Tramway Company had declined to contribute they would also defer. Tender to be called for the ‘breaking of metal’ for 100 yards of road on the Princess Bridge Estate. Possibility of raising rates discussed to fund the £50/60 contribution to Victoria Bridge next year. [Trivia - London theatres had to take £30,000 per year before making a profit]

- 10 Mar 1898 (TBC), letter from Mr Lee Bryce intimates Board of Instruction has approved school for 200 pupils plus a teachers residence, Committee now request a plan of the land to be released by the Board. Mr Weedon’s plan discussed and debated. agreed the Board offer all land east of the line drawn from the ‘wicket gate opposite Bilbrough’s’..... Board keen to recoup cost of existing fence (many children outside area will attend and why burden ratepayers) and for Committee to provide new fencing

- 15 Mar 1898 (TBC), SBC correspondence (to TBC) that they cannot at present bear any expense in relation to the moving of the Boundary Street ferry to Hoogley Street

- 14 Apr 1898 (TBC), Auditor General happy with accounts. A Graham to be advised no intent to interfere with levels in Greenlaw Street. GB Lee-Bryce Secretary School Committee thanks the Board for their assistance with the proposed State school. Requests consideration of granting higher section of reserve for school rather than lower section. Mr Moore reminds Board they had offered all the reserve if the committee would provide alternative. Chair D Guyatt concerned Committee don’t seem to be able to make their mind up, this could have been proposed at the last meeting. Ongoing problems with drainage at Long Pocket, Mr Carr suggests all owners be given one months notice to clear/open up their own drains. Tenders to be called for pile driving at Priory Creek bridge

- 10 May 1898 (TBC), William Kent and Henry Payne nominate for Board following death of Mr Goldsborough. Poll will be required

- 12 May 1898 (TBC), At a meeting of the Taringa Divisional Board yesterday, a letter was read from the Education Department in connection with the proposed grant of the eastern portion of the Divisional Board Reserve for a school site. The Under Secretary reported that the area was
very unsuitable for a school site, but that the eastern area, on which the board's offices stood, would do very well, though the extent of land was limited. The department asked that the board should surrender the western part, in which case the offices would be removed free of cost. It was resolved to agree to give up the whole of the reserve on condition that a site to be approved be provided and the offices removed thereto.

- 30 May 1898 (TBC), Mr Kent elected by a majority of 16 (79 to 63). 246 on electoral role of Sub 2. Polling booths at Brisbane Town Hall and at Taringa.

- 9 Jun 1898 (TBC), discussion re changing boundaries for representation on the Victoria Bridge Board, potential of having to find new location for offices if Education Department want the reserve for school and open drains at Long Pocket.

- 14 Jul 1898 (TBC), JFG Foxton requests restoration of footbridge over Priory Creek, Board thank him for use of bridge but decline (stock bridge over creek now completed). South Brisbane Council advise they have granted a permit to LH Healy of Turin Street to run a ferry from Hoogley Street to the Taringa side, TDB no objection. Home Secretary advises Scarlet Fever Hospital open again and local authorities will be expected to contribute on a pro rata basis. Bill from Victoria Bridge Board. Mr Weedon commended on his books/accounts by auditors. Russell Terrace culvert flood damaged and to be re-erected.

- 2 Aug 1898 (TBC), note in South Brisbane Council meeting of TDB correspondence with board re control and liability for ferry at Hoogley Street and suitability of Healy [doesn't appear to be negative].

- 9 Aug 1898 (TBC), Dr Culpin reports to Board on recent cases of scarlet fever, mild cases and can be handled by confinement at home for two to three days.

- 13 Aug 1898 (TBC), report on Board of Health meeting re scarlet fever outbreak. TDB advise that recent cases caused by violation of regulations, infected children following issue of orders by doctor had been found eating with others. They had been ordered to go to hospital but this was ignored. TDB queried what should be done in these cases. Caused a lot of discussion, needs resolution by Home Secretary and advice from Ambulance Brigade (disinfection of vehicles).

- 17 Sep 1898 (TBC), several cases of scarlet fever and measles reported to have been admitted to hospital. Dyball & Co request permission to lay water onto their property adjacent the Sheep Quarantine Reserve Indoooroopilly to setup a tannery, agreed subject to no local nuisance.

- 14 Oct 1898 (TBC), Clerk empowered to break 300yds of metal and call tenders for cartage to Moggill, Long Pocket, Indoooroopilly and St Lucia Roads. Ongoing problems with Witton Estate drainage discussed, problem is a former property owner had built a brick drain diverting the creek, the drain was not sufficient to cater with flows resulting in flooding preventing other residents from reaching their properties. Mr Moore quips there should never have been a road in this location, Mr Morrow that house should never have been built on Witton Estate. Had the Board condoned the building of the drain? Matter to be referred to solicitors for advice. Clerk believes at least £100 to fix the problem.

- 8 Nov 1898 (TBC), lots of discussion on the Board's offer of the lower portion of the reserve for the school. Education Dept believe the upper part is more suitable, no progress appears to be made.

- 15 Dec 1898 (TBC), Brisbane Board of Waterworks advise they will be laying mains in several streets and request advice on number of 'fire plugs' required. J McKenzie requests permission to
erect a balcony, approved. Legal opinion provided on ‘obstruction’ of Witton Creek (?). Stewart Brown suggests the raising of George Street 6 or 7 feet to coincide with the laying of the water mains, offers £5 towards costs and will approach others, referred to Sub 3 committee. Notice of motion to rescind granting of lower portion of Reserve to school

- 18 Jan 1899 (TBC), nominations for TDB vacancies, Sub 1 George Carr, Sub 2 T Morrow, Sub 3 David Guyatt, therefore elected. Auditors nominated include Andrew Bogle, B Robertson, Robert H Tanner and George Simpson

- 2 Feb 1899 (TBC), St Mary’s Toowong request permission to lease land on the Taringa side of St Mary’s. Board decide that as considerable rates are due they should take possession and offer for lease. Registrar General requires statistics on inhabited houses and number of inhabitants. Board of Waterworks advise laying there main 10 feet deep at the corner of Ada Street and Wilson Road so the Board can defer cutting down the road is not a sustainable option. Defer any action on Witton Creek nuisance, Wilson and Hemming (Solicitors) advise the measures being taken to abate the nuisance, to be stood over for 6 months

- 2 Feb 1899 (TBC), at Board meeting Mr Grimes MLA obtained permission during the meeting to address the members on the question of the ‘ deadlock which appeared to exist with regard to the erection of a public school. A site was wanted, and the Department of Public Instruction did not care to accept the lower portion of the area upon which the board offices stand. Therefore he urged that they should give way and allow the school to be erected on the top of the hill, and the present board offices removed to the lower portion at the expense of the school committee. There had been a fear expressed that the establishment of a school would interfere with another elsewhere; but he felt sure that there was no ground for this. He pointed out the advantages of a school in the district, and pressed for the acceptance of his scheme. Dr Culpin, who was present on behalf of the school committee, thanked Mr Grimes for the interest taken in the matter, and desired to contradict the idea which had obtained currency that the committee did not know their own mind on the matter. They would be prepared to accept the scheme proposed by Mr Grimes. Motion proposed that a ballot of ratepayers be taken on the subject. The question as to the lower portion of the ground being suitable as a site for the board office was then discussed, and the general opinion expressed was that for health and other reasons it would not be. Mr Carmody questioned whether they had the right to hand over what was the property of the ratepayers in this way; but It had been pointed out by Mr Grimes that the object was a public one. It was eventually decided, after a long discussion, that a poll of the ratepayers be taken on a similar basis to the Divisional Board elections, at a date to be decided upon. The question to be as to the advisability of retaining half-an-acre on top of the hill as a site for the board offices and half-an-acre at the bottom of the hill for stables, stores, &c; the school to have the portion between-a little over an acre and a-half,-a piece to be reserved as a path from one portion of the board property to the other. A committee was also appointed to confer with the school committee as to the actual boundaries which would suit them, and to wait in conjunction with them upon the Department of Instruction with a view to obtaining their approval of the scheme.

- 11 Mar 1899 (TBC), At Wednesday's meeting of the Taringa Divisional Board, a letter was read from Mr G E Lambert, complaining that several fine trees had been removed from the road- side going towards the Indooroopilly Railway Station, which were not in any way a menace to the public, and objecting to shade trees being removed unless absolutely necessary. The clerk was instructed to write to Mr Lambert, stating that the trees had been removed without permission of the Board and that the matter would be inquired into. The matter of the site of the Taringa State School has now been definitely settled, as a letter was read at the meeting of the Board yesterday, from the secretary of the School Building Committee, forwarding a copy of one received from the Department of Public Instruction approving of the site selected for the school
10 Apr 1899 (TBC), result of ratepayers poll, 197 to 26 in favour of setting aside part of Board Reserve for State School purposes

1951 Aerial photograph illustrating the extent of the Board Reserve bounded by Moggill and Morrow Roads (Note – pre construction of the bypass). The school was located on the western upper part (left), the Council Offices (right) remaining as constructed on the eastern side. This area was redeveloped in the late 1990s/early 2000s (BCC Archives)

13 Apr 1899 (TBC), letter from Indooroopilly State School requesting headmaster be informed of all cases of scarlet fever. Results of poll of ratepayers in connection with the site for the school announced, committee and Board of Instruction to be advised [no details of what was agreed ]

17 Apr 1899 (TBC), meeting of the State School Committee. Dr Culpin was voted to the chair, in the absence of Mr T. Morrow, chairman. Sub-committees were also appointed to continue the canvass of the district for donations towards the Building Fund, and to arrange for concerts and an excursion trip to' the 'Bay, &c. Musical Committee, GB Mant, J Barr-Phayre, FR. Lloyd, S. Parkinson, WC. Voller, and G Lee-Bryce. Canvassing Committee : Dr Culpin, W Kern, H Payne, H Palmer, T Grisewood, J Finch, G Le 'Breton, Lehmhase, T Ballard, H East, and R Robottom. Excursion Committee, H Palmer, R McLeod, R Young, W Bryans, and the secretary. The proceedings closed with votes of thanks to be conveyed to the chairman and presiding officers and members of the Taringa Divisional Board for their services in connection with the recent poll of Ratepayers.

11 May 1899 (TBC), Sherwood Board request TDB to attend to ferry approach and suggest consideration be given to old approach. Board decide against affiliating with the Local Authorities Association. John McCaul complains about state of Hill Street

12 May 1899 (TBC), Board of Health, of 30 cases of scarlet fever reported since 26 April, 5 are from Taringa

16 Jun 1899 (TBC), white metal from the quarry to be spread on Jackson’s cutting at Chapel Hill and Mt Coot-tha Road. All goats in district to be registered, ferry approach be repaired and trees cleared in Wilson Street near Mr Lamb’s residence
• 13 Jul 1899 (TBC), Archdeacon David offers to lease land next to St Mary’s Home 13 (accepted). Atthow and McGregor (on behalf of) Salvation Army request action on drainage issue adjacent the Rescued Sister’s Home

• 26 Aug 1899 (The Worker), Board’s Hall one of the nominated polling places for the 2nd September Poll on the acceptance/rejection of a Bill to Constitue the Commonwealth of Australia. Richard Gailey noted as Assistant Returning Officer. Electoral division of Oxley

• 14 Sep 1899 (TBC), ratepayers protest at board proposal to carry the drainage from the Salvation and St Mary’s Homes to the creek rather than to the river. Board to consider what nuisance would be created, option is to enforce a separate rate to handle. Richard Gailey also concerned with a similar situation at Indooroopilly, Railway to be consulted on possibility of draining to river

• 14 Oct 1899 ( ), Mr S Grimes MLA advises he will do his best in furthering any flood prevention scheme. Septimus Davis complains of the state of the drain in front of his house, two of his children have been down with dysentery which is directly traceable to the drain (open sewer ?). Railway Department will attend to drainage at Indooroopilly Station. J Forsyth asks if Bellevue Parade can be cut down, Board have no funds available at the moment. Mrs Millyard complains of the dead horses being buried next to her residence, Board to write and request person to desist. Mr Weedon tables estimate to construct a sewer from Mount Coot-tha to Toowong Creek, £3,300 for a 4’x2’ open brick drain (some piped crossings under roads), £600 for a 12” piped drain. Mr Carr suggests useless to consider further. Noted 3 or 4 cows in full milk running about St Lucia in a state that called for inspection by a vet. Resolved to take possession of property on which 4 years rates were due

• 9 Nov 1899 (TBC), Mr Stamm attended 'for the purpose of making a present of two allotments to the 'board as a site for the Divisional Hall, the necessity having arisen through the board members expressing a wish to vacate the present site so as to allow the School Committee to have the advantage of the whole of the board reserve for the new school. Mr Stamm said the two allotments he wished to give were close to 'the overbridge, near Indooroopilly Station, and the area was 39 perches. The condition he wished to make, however, was that the division should change its name from Taringa to Stamford, the hall to be called the Stamford Hall, and the long name of Indooroopilly Station to be changed to Stamford Station. Mr Keith thought the condition was rather a hard one. Mr Stamm said he did not anticipate any objection from the Railway Department. Mr Moore remarked that at one time there was a proposal made to the Government that Taringa should be called Indooroopilly and the latter Moggill division, but although Sir Horace Tozer was agreeable to the change, some misunderstanding arose on the question of the postal division, and the change of name was not effected. Mr Moore suggested that the matter should be left for the board to consider, and the other members agreeing, Mr Stamm expressed satisfaction and retired.

• 16 Dec 1899 (TBC), engineer provides estimate of £130 to provide drainage at Indooroopilly, agreed to purchase pipes and call tenders for the works, £150 loan to be sought from Government. Mr Stamm offers land for a board hall subject to name change to Stamford, Mr Carr suggests Mr Stamm would accept Indooroopilly. Suggested IDB may be willing to change their name to Kenmore or Moggill. Board agreed that land would be accepted provided condition be dropped

• 1 Feb 1900 (TBC), William H Kent elected as be chair. Mr Weedon’s salary £225, five guineas each

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13 St Mary’s was opened on September 21 1894 by the Sisters of the Society of the Sacred Advent, at West End. It was originally called The Church of England Rescue Home. In 1898, St Mary’s Home moved to Taringa (Toowong) and was overseen by the Sisters until 1907 when lay management took over. In 1992, St Mary’s became part of Anglicare Brisbane which is now known as Spiritus (since 2005) – Spiritus Website
- 15 Feb 1900 (TBC), rate to remains at 1¼d in the pound
- 15 Mar 1900 (TBC), Mr AA Davey of Bellevue Crescent complains night soil man parks outside his residence each night and empties the pans into a barrel causing unpleasant odours etc. Board can’t intervene as arrangements are between the residents and the contractor. Board need to set a special rate to commence contracted service with Board
- 16 Mar 1900 (TBC), Auditor General happy with TDB accounts, however, need to purchase a pre-numbered receipt book for dog/goat fees. Brennan is Audit Inspector
- 12 Apr 1900 (TBC), Hon AC Gregory to represent Taringa at the Joint Board for the Prevention of Epidemic Diseases. Mr Weedon confirms he has supplied date to the Board of Health re disposal of refuse, inspection of slaughterhouses etc
- 24 Apr 1900 (TBC), Leslie G Corrie (President Acclimatisation Society) in his letter to the Editor promoting bringing into force the Native Birds’ Protection Act notes in principle support from Divisional Boards around Brisbane including TDB. Working on list of birds
- 15 May 1900 (TBC), ‘A Taringaite’ writes to Editor denouncing reported view of a TDB member who suggested the current panic did not warrant spasmodic action (expense of health officers etc). AT believes better to spend a few pounds now and stamp out the epidemic
- 23 May 1900 (TBC), large deputation of local authority representatives attend on government to discuss/demand greater effort in preventing shipping bringing in disease (plague) by holding in Bay/fumigating etc prior to docking. Alternatives discussed including allowing ships in, mooring mid stream, off loading onto lighters into sheds for fumigation. Other ports trying various different methods. Mr Welsby (well versed in Bay) suggests Vigilance Committee going a bit far with suggestion to offload in Bay (difficult), believes Pinkenba would suffice and meet agreement of ship owners (but did we have enough lighters ?). Home Secretary Mr Foxton outlines various advice he has had and responsibility of Board of Health to define and implement Regulations. Current regulations based on Melbourne ones (less some items) and under review.
- 15 Jun 1900 (TBC), South Brisbane Municipal Council correspondence on a scheme to establish Greater Brisbane, Chair to represent the Board. Home Secretary chasing TDB overdue contributions of £109 16sh to the fever hospital, deferred until next meeting. Chair Mr Burton considers such costs should be borne from Consolidated funds, other authorities to be canvassed

*Minutes of the Conference held to discuss the Greater Brisbane Scheme on 31 July 1900*  
(State Archives, Runcorn)
- 21 Jun 1900, Joint Epidemic Board, correspondence from TDB, £1,700 of disinfectants purchased, £1114 worth in store. Mr Gordon’s (Officer in charge of disinfecting gangs) horse, harness and sulky purchased for Board use

- 29 Jun 1900 (TBC), report on meeting of Municipal, Divisional and Shire authorities to discuss the cost impost of plague regulations falling on the Joint Epidemic Board’s account. William Kent attends for TDB. General agreement that plague costs are Colony wide and should be borne from consolidated revenue. Authorities not happy but can cope with disinfecting etc for scarlet fever

- 13 Jul 1900 (TBC), Chairman Mr Kent to represent the TDB on the joint local authorities deputation to the Home Secretary [re various Boards requiring contributions ?]. Trustees of Captain Heath’s property grant approval for access to clear out the obstruction to drainage. Agreed a sanitary drainage scheme needs to be adopted, boundaries to be considered at next meeting

- 1 Aug 1900 (TBC), conference of local authorities to discuss Greater Brisbane scheme

- 19 Aug 1900 (TBC), noted government had granted TDB a loan of £150 for the construction of a pipe drain sewer at Indooroopilly

- 14 Aug 1900 (TBC), Royal Bank offer to lease McKinnon’s paddock to Board as a sanitary depot at nominal rental. Decision stood over to next meeting

- 6 Oct 1900 (Warwick Argus), Mr RL Morrison, teacher in the Warwick West Boy’s School will leave today for Taringa whither he has been transferred. Good teacher and all round community asset, will be missed. Presented with gold Albert by headmaster as memento from staff and students. Also noted he had been separately presented with travelling bag from the CEMI Society and an engraved gold watch pendant from St Mark’s Tennis Club

- 8 Oct 1900 (TBC), Taringa School finally opens today following week-end ceremony around 13 years since first suggested. Noted a number of difficulties perhaps the principle one being with TDB over the site. Cost £881 with a further £500 required for a teachers residence (part of commitment to Government), residents to find one fifth, £12 10sh in the kitty at the moment. Enterprising locals rig up a flagpole for the ceremony so the flag can be raised

- 13 Oct 1900 (TBC), Messrs James Carmody and McCaffrey bring Board’s attention to dangerous road conditions at the swamp near their properties. Mr Guyatt and Mr Keith move that the Board take possession of properties where back rates £1 and above are owing, carried. Br Burton presents a petition from thirty seven residents requesting a tap be placed on the water stand pipe at the corner of Moggill and Fig Tree Pocket Roads, carried. Clerk calls attention to noxious weeds in district, Board agree for them to be removed

- 17 Nov 1900 (TBC), Railways correspond on improving road under line near Taringa Station, Toowong re repairs to Toowong Creek bridge. Loan monies received for drainage work, tenders to be called by next meeting

- 10 Dec 1900 (TBC), public meeting to discuss proposed Recreation Reserve. Nine acres, known as Hart’s Paddock, natural amphitheatre, important to act before sub-divided [best guess is that this is the area currently partly used by Taringa Rovers – 1918 Greylands Sub-Division plan has Indooroopilly Recreation Reserve noted on fringe in this general location]

- 22 Dec 1900 (TBC), LE Groom, S Davies, FW Taylor, WM Crawford and J Holsworth attend on Home Secretary (facilitated by Mr F McDonnell MLA) to discuss the ‘Indooroopilly Recreation Reserve’
Reserve’. Minister confirms same terms as offered to South Brisbane would be applied ie grant plus balance as loan over 40 years. Board needs to apply as responsible authority

- 22 Dec 1900 (TBC), Brisbane City Council request contribution to cost of bands playing in the Botanic Gardens (deferred) and local authority celebrations on the forming of the Commonwealth (decided not to move on the matter)

- 18 Jan 1901 (TBC), Board of Waterworks willing to extend main into Bellevue Terrace if the road is stumped (probably not at this stage). Payments of £100-12sh-9d for sewer at Indooroopilly. Delegation E Mansfield, LE Groom and WM Crawford (representing public meeting at Indooroopilly) urge purchase for £900 of 9 acres known as Hart’s paddock for a recreation reserve 14. Home Secretary will grant £300 and balance as a loan at 4% over 40 years on the balance – held over until new Board elected. £10 voted as honorarium to Chair

- 1 Feb 1901, new Board formed David Guyatt elected to chair, Agreed to forward a letter of condolence via the Governor to the Sovereign and also of their allegiance to the King

- 14 Feb 1901 (TBC), TDB offices used as meeting place for the purpose of forming a local branch of the Commonwealth Electoral League. Officers and committee elected

- 19 Feb 1901 (TBC), (Div of) Sherwood request 50% contribution to the £160 cost of repairs to the ferry punt, meeting resolves to offer 1/3 cost

- 6 Mar 1901 (TBC), nomination for Sub 2 following resignation of WA Morrow, Alexander McLeod duly elected

- 18 Mar 1901 (TBC), recreation reserve for Indooroopilly considered, whole division to be polled

- 23 Mar 1901 (The Worker), TDB Hall nominated polling station Div of Oxley for C of A

- 29 Mar 1901 (TBC), Richard Edwards and Henry Turley nominate for House of Representatives

- 11 Apr 1901 (TBC), article/editorial promoting establishment of reserves before it is too late and in particular urging Taringa DB residents to vote for the purchase of the land subject to next week-end’s poll. Equidistant between Ind Pocket, Indooroopilly and Taringa public schools

- 13 Apr 1901 (TBC), only five board members present, local requests only discussed

- 15 Jul 1901 (TBC), items discussed at TDB, refuse collection, public park at Indooroopilly and options for the sanitary service

- 23 Aug 1901 (TBC), correspondence with Railway Commissioner re proposed road under railway near Taringa Station 15, Guyatt and Culpin to represent Board at conference to discuss new Local Government Bill, progress being made on proposed recreation reserve at Indooroopilly, favourable hearing from Home Secretary on the Lower Toowong Creek bridge. Offer received from Mr Finch to provide sanitary service, defer response for a month

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14 Jack Speare Park on the corner of Lambert Road and Fairview Street is the remaining ‘recreation’ portion of this, primarily used by Taringa Rovers Soccer Club
15 The formalisation of the Beatrice Street to Moggill Road connection. Note this and the Allwood Street bridges were initially built to enable the free running of water courses rather than road ways. The Beatrice Street arrangement was complicated by the configuration and number of land parcels involved
14 Sep 1901 (TBC), report to be obtained for the next meeting on the subject of a sanitary service for the more densely settled portions

9 Oct 1901 (TBC), representatives of local authorities meet to discuss abolishing the Epidemic Joint Board. Agree on representatives to lobby government

18 Nov 1901 (TBC), Railways advise considering request for more equity with fares for suburban areas. Petition to open River Road at Indooroopilly, if petitioners will contribute £60, Board will cover balance of £120 estimate

16 Jan 1902 (TBC), Alexander McLeod elected unopposed for Sub 2, Mr Daniel Guyatt Sub 3. Mr John Carr and Mr Walter Thomas Robertson to go to poll for Sub 1

11 Feb 1902 (TBC), Clerk to conduct a revaluation

12 Feb 1902 (TBC), revenue for year £1414, £446 from government endowment. Expenditure £1371. Outstanding rates £483

18 Mar 1902 (TBC), Sherwood Board write suggesting united action to abolish the Epidemic and Victoria Bridge Boards and equalisation of railway fares. Recreation Reserve Committee offer to raise funds for fencing, accepted. 34 ratepayers petition for tennis court on lower reserve

25 Mar 1902 (TBC), members and officers of TDB turn out in a welcome and procession in Brisbane for Lord and Lady Chermside the new Governor [report has a good list of Friendly Societies etc]

3 Apr 1902 (TBC), Annual Licensing Court, Taringa noted as having one license renewed

12 Apr 1902 (TBC) Toowong Shire offer to pay 50% of the costs to repair the culvert in Burns Road. Not feasible to create a tennis court at the reserve in Taringa (too steep), Indooroopilly Recreation Reserve to be fenced as money in hand, tenders to be called

10 Jun 1902 (TBC), Brisbane City Engineer for proposals to sewer Brisbane including some surrounding areas. Charge to be levied on areas connected to cover treatment etc. Believes part of Ithaca, Toowong and Taringa would be most economically served by a treatment plant at Taringa

13 June 1902 (TBC), W Barton’s tender of 5d received for the removal of nightsoil. Mr Guyatt moved that application be made to the Waterworks Board for the provision of a trough and tap on the main being laid through the Ironside Estate. 2 guineas donation to Toowong Fire Brigade. Toowong Creek bridge deteriorating

20 Jun 1902 (TBC), report on funeral and burial at the South Brisbane Cemetery of Mr Grimes MLA (residence Arallalah George Street Taringa, Baptist)

24 Jun 1902 (TBC), deputation of local authorities seen by Home Secretary JFG Foxton to plead their case for abolition of Joint Epidemic Board and associated precepts (payment of rate/levy to fund)

12 Jul 1902 ( ), sanitary rate struck at 6d per pan per week, no exemptions. Rate to be collected monthly

23 Jul 1902 (TBC), The Board of Waterworks agree to lay on the trough and tap at Ironside Estate. At same meeting improvements to Enoggera Reservoir approved including raising
embankment and installing purification plant (lime and alum – still working on methodology for water quantity to precipitate out coagulants), £33,000 to be raised by loan. Work should cover Brisbane demand of three million gallons a day. Other loans to be arranged for new pipe laying etc

- 6 Aug 1902 (TBC), North Brisbane Summons Court hear 3 rate valuation appeals for TDB, two confirmed one reduced by £10

- 18 Aug 1902 (TBC), report on results of anti-diptheritic serum (anti toxin) used at Children’s Hospital in Brisbane. Injection had resulted in 75% reduction in mortality rate. Early intervention required. Dr Turner talk at the Royal Society

- 20 Aug 1902 (TBC), Toowong again refuse to contribute to Toowong Creek bridge maintenance, Waterworks decline laying mains in Jackson Street for the time being

- 1 Sep 1902 (TBC), TDB support change of time for 9.35pm train from Central to be re-scheduled for 9.15pm. 56 residents sign petition. Sherwood DB object, no change proposed by Railways

- 25 Sep 1902 (TBC), Mayor of Brisbane invites local authority leaders to conference on providing work for the un-employed

- 18 Nov 1902 (TBC), Board resolves to place collection of all rate arrears in the hands of a debt collecting company. Railways forward bill for £120 for repairs to overbridge at Indooroopilly [Westminster Road bridge]

- 13 Dec 1902 (TBC), David Guyatt chosen as Returning Officer for election (3 members retiring

- 29 Jan 1903 (TBC), objection raised to Dr Culpin being elected to chair, D Guyatt and Mr McLeod consider not appropriate that he be Health Officer and chair. Mr Moore elected (six to three)

- 13 Feb 1903 (TBC), Dalby Council receive proposal for dual pan sanitary system from W Burton contractor to TDB

- 23 Feb 1903 (TBC), first meeting of new Board. Rates for year agreed as General 1 1/2d, recreation reserves 1/2d and special sewerage 2d. Committee to look at which properties were to be sold to recover overdue rates, Health Committee to investigate sanitary rates arrears. Clerk to undertake revaluation in accordance with new Local Authorities Act

- 21 Mar 1903 (TBC), house to house inspection under way in response to the Health Commissions request to help prevent the spread of plague [drains, rubbish etc capable of harbouring rats]

The following table provides a snapshot of the Board members at different times during the currency of the Division of Taringa.
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Divisional Board Representatives

George Car and Charles Lane
(April 1929 Sunday Mail cutting courtesy Peter Brown)

Richard Gailey
(Wikipedia)

Thomas Sugars
(Knox, History of Qld)
TJ Moore  
(Courtesy Nesta Russell)  

David Guyatt  
(BCC Brisbane Images)
Taringa Shire Council (1903)

[Further work required]

- 1903 proclaimed a Shire
- 1909 Proclamation that future sub-divisions including new roads would require approval prior to being lodged with Titles Office
- 1910 By Law, speed limits imposed on motor cars/vehicles/cycles travelling in the Shire, 12 mph maximum, not more than 6 mph at intersections. Fines not to exceed £20
- 1911 Approval granted to levy separate defined area rate for metalling of roads
- 1913 Approval granted to levy separate defined area rate for street lighting

![c1914 Postcard view of the Moggill/Morrow Road intersection from Moggill Road. The new Shire Offices and School of Arts (centre) were formally opened in May 1913. It is anticipated that they incorporated the original Board office in some form or other. The design was by Mr WC Voller, the report suggesting that this was said to be one of the best appointed and largest Shire Halls in Brisbane. Cost of construction was £552 for the offices and £214 for the school of arts (part funded by public subscription, part Education Department grant) (Brisbane Courier 10 May 1913, photograph courtesy Dorothy Welch)](image)

- Frank Presnell WEST served on Council 1918 - 25 together with (Sir) John Chandler and Mr Carmody. Decisions included transfer of land for Laurence Street, organisation of Ferry Services to West End (1920’ish) and transfer of Title of the old Silver Mine at Indooroopilly to UQ - Laurie West

- 13 July 1917 William Weedon, Shire Clerk, corresponds with PO confirming support for Indooroopilly postmistress to close at lunch time - Australia Post Archives NACH
14 December 1914 William Weedon on behalf of Shire writes to Police Commissioner in respect to thin cover around the Indooroopilly area and to some extent in Taringa. Mt TJ Morris Chairman at the time

(January 1923) P&T receive letter from AE Harding Frew (Consulting Engineers) acting on behalf of Taringa Shire Council enclosing plans of proposed electrical supply reticulation and advising P&T work due to commence January 1923. Contractor Kerwick and Crombie of Ipswich. Includes request to use telegraph poles (on opposite side of street) for suspension of street lighting - Australia Post Archives NACH

13 June 1923 P&T Dept letter to Clerk Taringa Shire Council advising that Council contractors are erecting power and street lighting poles on the wrong side of the street in the Moggill Road / Frederick Street area (side allocated for P&T) - Australia Post Archives NACH

The new Shire Offices and School of Arts
(Brisbane Courier 10 May 1913)
Board and Shire Officers

William Arthur Weedon
Shire Clerk

William Arthur Weedon served three incarnations of our local authority commencing as Engineer with the Division of Indooroopilly, taking over as Clerk to the Taringa Divisional Board on the resignation of Mr AM Stephens, and retaining this position at least until the early 1920s. A period spanning 30 years.

He arrived in Brisbane in 1863, the youngest of five children, his family settling on a substantial property in Cannon Hill. Arthur married Catherine Clinton in 1890 the couple living in Taringa and subsequently Sandgate. They had one son, Thornhill Clinton, who may also have served the Shire Council (appears on mid 1920s photograph). William Arthur was a founding member of the Taringa Masonic Lodge when it was consecrated in 1893

Catherine died in 1931, William Arthur in 1933.

Eugenie Kathleen (Gene) Derbyshire
Assistant Shire Clerk

Gene was the youngest of eight children of Joseph and Rebecca Derbyshire. They lived in Wilson Street (now Whitmore Street), South Toowong. She was born on 21 December 1900 and died on 15 March 1967.

She attended Taringa State School and then for about four years, St John’s Day School in Ann Street. She then studied shorthand typing and book keeping at the Central Technical College, obtaining the position of Assistant Shire Clerk when she was only 17 or 18 years old.

When the Greater Brisbane Council was formed in 1925 she resigned and obtained a similar position with the Queensland Ambulance Brigade in Ann Street Brisbane.

Her daughter Nesta recalls Gene telling her that when the rates were due there was a lot of cash at the office which was hidden in various places.

Land in St Lucia was very cheap in the 1920s and could be purchased for the arrears in the rates. Gene was always wishing she had bought some of it as prices went up dramatically when the University was planned to be built.

(Family information in this section courtesy Dotti Kemp and Nesta Russell, Gene’s Daughter)
Shire Councillors and Officers 1925 (Pre amalgamation)

Images courtesy Nesta Russell

Councillors
Officers
Greater Brisbane Scheme (1925)

St Lucia formed part of the Toowong Ward following adoption of the Greater Brisbane Scheme and was represented on the Brisbane City Council by Archibald Watson. He was one of twenty three Aldermen elected in February 1925.

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There have been a number of distributions over the years, the pace increasing since the 1970s. St Lucia was originally included in the Toowong Ward, subsequently Auchenflower, Taringa, back to Toowong again and since 2007 part of Walter Taylor. Consideration was originally given to renaming this re-configured ward ‘St Lucia’, however, the old name prevailed.

Since Mr Watson the representatives for our area have been Harry Massey, William Richer Moon, Lex David Ord, Denver Beanland, June O’Connell, Judy Magub and Julian Simmonds (Walter Taylor).

Walter Taylor Ward Boundaries
(Queensland Electoral Commission)