

# The School of Mines, Ballarat.

Special Meeting  
of the Council

Thursday 5 p.m.  
July 21<sup>st</sup> 1887.

Present - The Vice-President, in the chair, Councillors  
His Lordship the Bishop of Ballarat, The Venerable  
Archdeacon Churchill Julius M.A., W.P. Beckhouse,  
J. Louis, L. J. Martell, E. J. Rosenblum, and The Williams J.P.

Business: - 1. - I receive applications for Lectureship on  
Applied Mechanics and Technical Drawing and make a  
selection for the appointment. - 2. - I receive and consider  
Revised Draft of The Constitution and Statutes of The School  
submitted by the Affiliation Committee. - 3. - To consider  
and determine in regard to (a) The machinery and  
appliances to be erected at The School (b) The erection  
and equipment of Mining Laboratory and accessories.

(2) The revised draft of the Constitution of The School  
submitted by the Affiliation Committee was first dealt with  
and after due consideration of the several clauses the  
following was agreed to: -

Chapter I - Name and title - The name  
or title of the school shall be "The Ballarat  
School of Mines, Industries, and Science in  
the University of Melbourne" but in all  
legal and other documents it may be cited  
as "The School of Mines, Ballarat."

Chapter II - Objects - The school is es-  
tablished for the following purposes: - (a) To  
impart instruction in the various branches  
of science relating to mining, the theory and  
practice thereof included. (b) To teach  
such other sciences and subjects as may be  
required by the University of Melbourne for  
the attainment of the degree of science or  
such other University degree as the Council  
of the school may deem advisable. (c) To  
teach mathematics, surveying, and those  
branches of technical and industrial science  
which may be considered most likely to  
promote the industrial progress of Victoria.  
(d) To teach such other subjects as may be  
from time to time deemed advisable by the  
Council of the school.

Chapter III - Government - (1) The  
school shall be under the control and manage-  
ment of a visitor, president, vice-president,  
council, and administrative council. (2) The  
visitor shall be the Governor of the colony  
of Victoria for the time being. (3) The  
visitor for the time being shall have the  
ordinary visitatorial jurisdiction of the  
visitor of a college or corporate body.  
(4) The president shall be elected by the  
council, and shall hold office for a period of  
five years, and shall be eligible for re-  
election. (5) The president shall preside at  
all meetings of the council, administrative  
council, and other meetings of the school at  
which he may be present. In addition to a  
deliberative vote, he shall have a casting  
vote at all meetings when the votes are  
equal.

(6) The vice-president shall be  
elected by the council at its first meeting  
after an annual meeting from its own mem-  
bers for the period of four years, and shall  
be eligible for re-election. (7) The vice-  
president shall enjoy all the rights of the  
president during his absence. In the absence  
of the president and vice-president, a chair-  
man may be elected by the quorum of the  
council present at any meeting, and such  
chairman shall at such meeting have all the  
rights of the president and vice-president  
named above. (8) The council shall consist  
of thirty members, namely, the president,  
the vice-president, the treasurer, six mem-  
bers appointed by the Melbourne University,  
the mayors of the City and Town of Balla-  
rat, the chairman for the time being of the  
Ballarat Mining Board, two representatives  
appointed by the Governor in Council, and  
seven elective members. The representa-  
tives of the University to hold office for  
four years. The elective members shall  
be elected by the governors and  
annual subscribers at their annual meeting,  
and shall hold office for a period of four years  
provided that four of them shall retire from  
office in rotation by seniority at the end of  
each year after the election in January, 1888,  
retiring members being eligible for re-  
election. Vacancies - (9) Whenever a vacancy  
occurs in the office of president during his  
currency the vice-president shall occupy the  
position for the remainder of the term.  
Other vacancies in the council are to be filled  
(for the unexpired term) by resolution of the  
council. (10) No person shall be eligible  
for the office of president, vice-president, or  
elective member of the council who is not a  
life governor or annual governor, and has not  
been such for three months, at least, prior to  
the date of his election.

Quorum - (1) Seven  
members of the council shall constitute a  
quorum at any meeting thereof. (2) Three  
members shall form a quorum of the ad-  
ministrative council at any meeting thereof.  
Powers - (1) The council shall frame or  
alter all statutes for the government of the  
school and for the guidance of the council  
and administrative council; shall grant cer-  
tificates, appoint professors, lecturers, ex-  
aminers, curator, registrar, honorary cor-  
respondents, and all other officers and  
servants; shall regulate the revenues of  
the school and determine the maximum  
annual expenditure, and shall appoint  
honorary life or annual governors in  
recognition of valuable services rendered  
to or moneys collected for the school.  
Meetings - Four ordinary meetings of the  
council shall be held in every year to accord  
with the terms, viz., during the months of  
April, July, October, and January, to  
receive reports of administrative council,  
and for the transaction of all other business  
of the school. The registrar shall convene  
meetings of the council or administrative  
council by order of the president, vice-presi-  
dent, or by a requisition signed by not less  
than five members of the council. Seat  
vacated - Any member of the council absent-  
ing himself from three consecutive meetings  
of the council shall be deemed to have  
vacated his seat unless leave of absence shall  
be obtained from the council. Any member  
of the administrative council absenting him-  
self without leave obtained from three con-  
secutive meetings thereof shall be deemed to  
have vacated his seat in the administrative  
council, but shall, nevertheless, retain his  
seat on the council. Administrative council  
- The administrative council shall consist of  
10 members, viz., the president, the vice-  
president, the treasurer, and seven mem-  
bers of the council (one-fifth of the administrative  
council shall be representatives of the Uni-  
versity). The seven members above-men-  
tioned shall be elected by the council from  
its own members at the first meeting of the  
council, after the annual meeting of governors  
and subscribers. Duties and powers of ad-  
ministrative council - The administrative

council shall have the executive control of  
the school, with power at any special meet-  
ing thereof convened for the purpose, to sus-  
pend or dismiss professors, lecturers, curator,  
registrar or any other officer or servant, pro-  
vided that such suspensions or dismissals  
shall be subject to appeal to the council,  
and shall control all examinations, the re-  
venues of the school and their expenditure,  
in conformity with the estimates approved  
of by the council annually. Meetings of  
administrative council - The administrative  
council shall meet regularly, not less than  
once a month, the day and time of each such  
meeting to be fixed by the adminis-  
trative council at their first meeting  
in each year. Special meetings of the  
administrative council may be convened  
by the president or vice-president.  
Governors and subscribers - A donation of  
twenty pounds (£20) shall constitute the  
donor thereof a life governor. An annual  
contribution of two guineas (£2 2s) shall con-  
stitute the donor thereof an annual governor,  
and the annual subscription of one guinea  
 (£1 1s) shall constitute the donor thereof an  
annual subscriber. Any new subscriber shall  
not be entitled to vote at any election unless  
his subscription shall have been paid three  
months previous to the day of election.  
Expenditure - 1. The president shall have  
discretionary power to expend or authorise  
the expenditure of a sum not exceeding five  
pounds of the school funds per month on  
behalf of the school. No other person, whe-  
ther a member of the council or otherwise,  
shall incur expenditure or liability of any  
kind unless under authority of a directing  
resolution of the council or administrative  
council; and all orders involving expendi-  
ture of money, except the five pounds placed  
at the disposal of the president, shall be in  
writing, and signed by the chairman of the  
meeting authorising such expenditure and by  
the registrar. Duplicates of all orders in-  
volving expenditure shall be laid by the re-  
gistrar before the administrative council at  
its next meeting after the issue of such  
orders. 2. All ordinary expenditure of  
money, such as for stores, fuel, &c., exceed-  
ing five pounds, shall be subject to the call-  
ing of tenders for the same.

A Clause having reference to Trustees and property of  
The School to be submitted to the Honorary Solicitor

(1) Four applications for the appointment of Lecturer on Applied  
Mechanics and Technical Drawing were read. - A ballot  
was taken and Mr Herbert Alexander King C.E. was duly  
elected.

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the  
27<sup>th</sup> instant at 5 o'clock p.m. to consider the business  
not disposed of.

Confirmed

10<sup>th</sup> October 1887

Andrew Anderson Vice-President