



## 131 Locators Association Inc.

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting of the 131 Locators Association Inc.  
held at Canley Heights RSL at 11.00AM on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Attendees were: Ian Amos, Ernest Newbold, Grahame Dignam, George Lane, Robert Billiards, Allen Morley Nick Proskurin, Ged Carroll Vic Danko.

Item 1	Welcome from Chair President Allen Morley	
Item 2	Apologies: Paul Dickson.	
Item 3	Minutes of Previous meeting Read and adopted  Moved George Lane Seconded Ged Carroll Accepted	
Item 4	Issues arising from previous minutes. Nil –except listed below.	
Item 5	<p>Financial Report:</p> <p>The Treasurer provided a financial snapshot with copies of Bank statements showing cash at Bank \$ 5949.69.</p> <p>We have an invoice for \$129.50 for 16 copies of Tracks of the Dragon from A Morley. When presented for payment the request was withdrawn and he asked for the amount to be treated as a donation. There are no other outstanding accounts due.</p> <p>Membership.</p> <p>Dave Auld joined as an Associate on 23/5: Kevin Maker on 9/6/12 and Peter Suckling on 18/6 after a bout of nostalgia caused by Eyes &amp; Ears.</p> <p>Gary Lovell, Chook Fowler and Ken Taylor have expressed interest and been sent forms. Total active now 105</p> <p>Moved G Dignam Second George Lane Accepted</p>	

Item 6	<p>Correspondence. IN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Received an email re 2 suspect "Larger than LIFE" vets attending the Brisbane march making dubious claims of service. Photo was circulated for identification purposes. A watch would be kept in future for these gents.</li> <li>RAA Messageboard found by E Newbold. Resolved to place a message on the site re our association and website.</li> <li>Bob Billiards has recovered from health issue and will behave in future.</li> <li>Merchandise - Query was received from S Sporn, NT Rep. As this issue had previously been mentioned it will be followed up. Costs of embroidered caps @ \$6.50 per unit and sales @ \$15-20 per unit on a Min order of 100 would be viable. Ern Newbold will make enquiries for the Association cap and Niick Proskurin for Car decals.</li> <li>T Cavanagh has requested we supply a Lapel Pin for an historical project where he is accumulating badges from Ex-Service Organisations (over 1500 to date) to present to the AWM. Voted 10 Yes (3 email) ---2 No Carried.</li> <li>Website galleries – see later</li> <li>The way forward – see later</li> </ul> <p>OUT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Message to AWM thanking them for their support with our Plaque project</li> </ul> <p>Moved Ged Carroll Second Ian Amos Accepted</p>	
Item 7	<p>Presidents Report.</p> <p>Allen Morley (and Bert Blink ) noted an article in the newspapers: The DVA needs volunteers to assist at the Anzac Day dawn service at Gallipoli and the Australian Lone Pine ceremony. "The volunteer organization would need to provide 30 people and be able to cover their cost and expenses relating to their attendance and be able to undertake the required administrative arrangements". The volunteers would provide assistance to Government officials, welcome visitors, hand out information packs, assist special needs visitors and clean up at the conclusion. They would be paid a partial subsidy to cover their expenses."</p> <p>Due to the restrictive conditions we resolved to let the opportunity pass.</p> <p>Moved G Dignam Second Ern Newbold Accepted</p>	
Item 8	<p>Report on Website B Billiards.</p> <p>Website activity stats are unavailable at this time due to human error.</p> <p>Galleries.</p> <p>Content has been improved greatly with addition of photo albums for 204 eligible veterans (not all are Association members but may be encouraged to join by this recognition). If the links are not utilized by 30/6/2013 the albums can be dismantled.</p> <p>"Boys and their Toys" and "Locator memories 66 and 67" have been added and are available to the public.</p> <p>Next focus will be Vietnam Veterans Day 2012 and content will be provided shortly.</p> <p>Vic asked if Bob was happy with the level of support and local backup available to him and Bob assured Vic he was. Access available to existing members ensures we could maintain continuity of the Website relevance</p> <p>Moved G Dignam Second A Morley Accepted</p>	

Item 9	<p>The way forward:</p> <p>Vic Danko has suggested the Association review our agenda to identify what events/issues we focus on next . He suggests that we seek out small scale projects suggested/required by a Locator or family member where our involvement could make a difference. Maybe adopt a charity and work to provide some fundsto assist them eg SIDS More development is required and possible projects needed.</p> <p>Terry Erbs replied “this is something all organizations confront as members get old and die... Possible solutions include recruiting new veteran members from 20th STA, who continue to serve in Afghanistan, a policy actively pursued by the Locating Association who have elected recent veterans to executive positions. Alternatively, has the 131 Locators Assn thought of or sought a closer relationship with the Locating Association, maybe as sub branch?”</p> <p><i>131 Locators Assn Inc. has forged a link with the Loc Arty Assn by having members with dual memberships and having Bob Billiards President on the 131 Locators branch of their Assn. Our members attend their meetings and functions and also support their recent action in the renaming of the Assn and the long term future of the Association.</i></p>	
Item 10	<p>Nick Proskurin reported back re the “Commemorative Plate” wall ornament and submitted the re-design. He has obtained quotes of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 inch plate between 50-100 cost \$35 ea excluding GST</li> <li>• 9 inch                             \$40   “   “             “</li> <li>• 10 inch                            \$45   “   “             “</li> </ul> <p>A minimum order 50 x 8inch plates would cost \$1750 and with a sale price of 50 x \$45 generate income of \$2250 - a \$500 profit. A vigorous discussion ensued. A sample plate will be requested for evaluation.</p> <p>At the moment, the project will be placed on hold due to the prime cost of the plate until the likely market can be gauged.</p> <p>Moved GDignam   Second G Lane                             Accepted</p>	
Item 11	<p>Other items: The Dvd and VHS video from John Chilton mentioned in the May minutes have arrived and have been copied. The original will be returned to John Chilton and a copy sent to the RRAA Historical Company (Kev Browning).</p> <p>The Association wishes to thank John Chilton for his generous donation of his personal property to the Association archives.</p>	
Item 12	<p>Next meeting set down for 24th July 2012 1100 Hrs Canley Heights RSL</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 1320 hours AEST</p> <p>Signed A Morley   Chairman</p>	