



## 131 Locators Association Inc.

Minutes for the General Meeting of the 131 Locators Association Inc.  
held at Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club  
at 11.00AM on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, George Lane,  
Bob Billiards. Bert Blink, Ged Carroll.

Apologies: Paul Dickson, Ian Amos, Nick Proskurin, Vic Danko

Item 1	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated with the Agenda and deemed to be read and correct except as mentioned in Issues arising below.</p> <p>Moved G.Lane                      Second B Blink                      Against Nil                      Accepted</p>	
Item 2	<p>Recent Correspondence (uncirculated) DVA : Ronaldson Media Release - WARTIME DEFENCE OF DARWIN HONOURED</p>	
Item 3	<p>Issues arising from <b>All Correspondence</b> and the previous minutes were :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 131 Projects-(previous discussions agreed that the major Veterans Associations i.e. RSL and V V P&amp;P Assn Granville were more suited to handle humanitarian issues.) Allens' project re 131 DLB unit history using researcher and Grant funds would not be viable due to cost and level of research required.</li> <li>• Our Association should concern itself with issues affecting its members, their family's and general Locator issues.</li> <li>• Barry Heards' "Well done those Men" is to be made into a movie and donations are being sought. This could be a project worthy of our Associations' support. Details will be obtained from the Author to allow an assessment to be made.</li> <li>• Allen and Vic will contact 20STA with an offer to assist any recent returned Veterans with social or welfare needs including Associate Association membership, fellowship or just to chat to "someone who knows and understands".</li> <li>• 131 DLB unit history project to be progressed via all available avenues including CO's being asked to place their recollections of their army experiences on voice recorder with a view to collation and eventual publication.</li> </ul> <p>Moved B Billiards                      Second G.Lane                      Against Nil                      Accepted</p>	

Item 4	<p>Financial Report Current Balance at the Bank is \$10,726.74</p> <p>Ken Thornton signed up prior to to-days meeting and active Membership (including Associates and Affiliates) has increase to 145. Merchandise.</p> <p>Decals - stock is 302 – Cost price \$759. ROI is \$867 – Profit \$108 Caps/Hats - stock is 45 caps/36 hats/8 surf .Cost price \$1654 - ROI total \$1421 Def \$233</p> <p>Moved B C Blink                      Second G Carroll                      Against Nil                      Accepted</p>	
Item 5	<p>Presidents report. Allen advised that Vic approached his GP for a script renewal but had a pacemaker inserted instead - without prior notice - and is now resting. He questioned the bi-monthly General meeting as they would prove unwieldy and questioned whether we should continue with Thursdays due to lack of attendees. March would proceed on 20<sup>th</sup> but April would be vacant due to ANZAC DAY with May to be held at Goulburn RSL.</p> <p>Moved G Dignam                      Second E Newbold                      Against Nil                      Accepted</p>	
Item 6	<p>Association Expenditure policy.</p> <p>A formal policy outlining amounts and purposes require in the ordinary operation of the Association business was presented and unanimously adopted. A copy is attached to these Minutes.</p> <p>Moved G Dignam                      Second E Newbold                      Against Nil                      Accepted</p>	
Item 7	<p>Change to Association Membership Categories.</p> <p>Following discussions among the executive it has been decided to consolidate our Membership Catogories to “Member” and “Associate” only ( thereby deleting Affiliate and Life member as nominated categories). A draft copy is attached.</p> <p>Moved G Dignam                      Second E Newbold                      Against Nil                      Accepted</p>	
Item 8	<p>Det 131 DLB in the Artillery Panel at the National Vietnam Veterans Museum Phillip Island.</p> <p>During a visit by Bert Blink to the museum ,he learned that panels were being allocated to various units .He suggested we should Investigate and make a reservation for placement of a 131DLB display.</p> <p>Moved B Blink                      Second R A Billiards                      Against Nil                      Accepted</p>	

Item 9	Anzac Day 2014. Recommended that a mention be made in E&E and request expressions of interest via email as to who may join us for luncheon at ZEST City Tatts.	
	Moved G Dignam                      Second R A Billiards                      Against Nil                      Accepted	
Item 10	Webmaster Update. Monthly activity data for Dec and Jan will be circulated	
	Bob Billiards	
Item 11	Other Matters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey Monkey is being tested with a view to implementation. We need to review purpose of the survey and if it will be effective and secure placement.</li> <li>• Arrange for Meeting Minutes to be placed in Members Only area of Website ( sec/Treas to arrange pdf files for webmaster).</li> </ul>	
Item 12	Meeting Closed 12.15PM .  Next meeting will be at the Canley Heights RSL & Sporting Club on the 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 11.00AM	
	Signed A Morley                                              Chairman	

## Addendum A

### 131Locators Meeting Action Items Dec 2013 Prior Action Items

- Projects worthy of Support of 131Locator Association Members. **Ongoing** - details of proposed & current projects and their status to be identified. Suggestions - George Lane suggested 2 x \$500 scholarships be offered to Locators family annually. Further ideas are encouraged.
- Donation to seed a Movie project "Well done those Men" from a book by Barry Heard

### **Current Meeting Topics**

1. For mention – plan and co-ordinate Paver for Det 131 DLB service in SVN at Seymour Vietnam Memorial Walk on-going.
2. For Mention - DVA Pension Questionnaire and Survey Monkey.
  - Further to the community assistance projects – see main body of Minutes - other ideas are required.

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items

### **Current Action Items**

2016 Anniversary Reunion.

While the LSTAA has planned their 2016 reunion for October in Coffs Harbour Allen would like us to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Det 131 Div Loc Bty s' departure for South Vietnam in May 2016 at the Gallipoli Barracks Ennogergera home of the 131st Surveillance and Target Acquisition Battery. Project will given a kick along.