



131 Locators Association Inc.



Minutes for the General Meeting of the 131 Locators Association Inc.
held at Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club
at 11.05AM on Tuesday 26th May 2015

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, George Lane,
Ged Carroll, Vic Danko, Nick Proskurin, Terry Westerway, Gary Navas, Des McGuiggan

Apologies: Paul Dickson, Ian Amos, Bob Billiards, Bert Blink, Ross Gunnell

Welcome	Allen opened the meeting at 11.05 AM by welcoming all the attendees especially Gary Navas who is our newest Member. He also expressed Birthday wishes for Bert Blink who is celebrating at home (Bert does not travel on his birthday).	
Item 1	Minutes of the previous meeting and Correspondence were circulated with the Agenda and deemed to be read and correct except as mentioned in Issues arising below.	
Item 2	Recent Correspondence included DVA Media releases(click link below for details) : Veterans return to WW2 battlefields 70 years on - 26/05/2015 Statement on Vietnam - 25/05/2015. These will be Agenda items at the next meeting.	
Item 3	Issues arising from All Correspondence and the previous minutes were : Items were reviewed however issues arising were Nil. Move George Lane Second Ged Carroll Against Nil Accepted	

Item 4	<p>Financial Report. Current Balance at the Bank is \$11,493.09.</p> <p>Financial Membership is currently 149 comprising:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Associates</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Affiliates</td> <td style="text-align: right;">9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Financial</td> <td style="text-align: right;">138</td> </tr> </table> <p>New Members - Gary Navas 14/5/15 and Des McGuiggan at 11.20am 26/5/2015(after being cajoled by all present).</p> <p>Merchandise.</p> <p>Decals - stock: 287 – Cost price \$759. ROI is \$932 – Surplus \$173 Caps/Hats - stock: 28 caps/28 hats/5 surf. Cost @ \$1654 - ROI is \$2027 Surplus \$373</p> <p>Moved Ern Newbold Second Vic Danko Against Nil Accepted</p>	Associates	2	Affiliates	9	Financial	138	
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Item 5	<p>Presidents report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allen reported that the Seymour and Philip Island events went off very well and an enjoyable, though eventful, time was had by all despite military intervention. • Reported no advice yet re the DVA Grant decision covering the Seymour and North Head events. • Allen attended the LSTAA meeting on Sunday last where Joe Kaplun took delivery of the new military styled photo album made by David Newbold. • Reported the details of a meeting in Seymour with 2IC 20STA Regt, Russ Hamsey, who is keen to host all Locators in April 2016 for ANZAC DAY march and a ceremonial plaque dedication in the Enoggera grounds. More information will be provided when a detailed programmed has been drawn up for the event. KEEP THESE DATES CLEAR. • Major Hamsey also discussed the “bond between Locators” and is actively seeking to establish a record of the links between the early (pre 1970 Locators) and the currently serving soldiers. This is designed to record the story of Locators throughout history. A number of suggestions were received during discussion of this item which requires some follow up. <p>Moved Grahame Dignam Second George Lane Against Nil Accepted</p>							
Item 6	<p>Public Officer Report.</p> <p>Vic has requested feedback re ZEST function on Anzac Day. Most agreed that we were warmly welcomed and royally treated. He also raised the bi-monthly meeting schedule again, It was pointed out that the next 18 months will be particularly busy and monthly meetings will be required to process all the information.</p>							
Item 7	<p>Webmaster Update.</p> <p>Bob is currently in GDR</p>							

Item 8	<p>Daughter – Mother website item reminder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the lack of confirmed links on the RAAHC website “ON THIS DAY” banner item our Committee members will begin to capture relevant dates in the history of 131 DLB which can be passed on to MajGen Tim Ford to populate the feature. 	
Item 9	<p>Other Matters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Lane suggested that Long Tan Day 2016 which is to be officially recognized by the government in Canberra should be a featured event worthy of a 131 Reunion and Official Dinner. A programme will be developed to cover the event. • Des advised of the Gunners Lunch which takes place in Canberra yearly is also an event worthy of our participation. More info to come. • Ern Newbold enquired if maybe Seymour might have a significant event on Long Tan Day 2015 – more to come. • Vic mentioned that an opportunity for vets to anonymously tell of their experiences, however painful, could be a welcome addition to the website. It would provide a cathartic exercise which might be helpful for the vet and very informative for the reader. 	
Item 10	<p>Next General meeting will be on</p> <p>23rd June 2015 at 11.00 AM</p> <p>Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club 26 Humphries Rd Wakeley NSW 2176</p> <p>PHONE <u>[02] 9604 9975</u></p> <p>or</p> <p>Sec/Treas 0437 361 602</p>	
Item 11	<p>Meeting Closed 12.20PM</p>	
	<p>Signed A Morley</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chairman</p>	

Addendum A

131Locators Meeting Action Items May 2015 Prior Action Items

- Projects worthy of Support of 131Locator Association Members. **Ongoing** - details of proposed & current projects and their status to be identified.
 - .1.1. George Lane suggested 2 x \$500 scholarships be offered to a Locator’s family annually.
 - .1.2. Victor has suggested a website tab where vets anonymously tell their stories

Current Meeting Topics

1. Ongoing: Arrange for Meeting Minutes to be placed in Members Only area of Website (Sec/Treas to arrange pdf files for webmaster).
2. Review website tabs to accommodate OCs recollections plus suggested others.

Updates Completed on Prior Action Items

OCs recollections project is close to fruition with 1 to be beaten into shape and 1 outstanding.