



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 15th March 2016

Attendees were: Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, George Lane, Ian Amos, Bert Blink,
Terry Westerway, Gordon Malcolm, Ged Carroll, Vic Danko, Bob Billiards.

Apologies: Allen Morley, Paul Dickson, Nick Proskurin, Jim Fitzgerald, Des McGuigan, Merv
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Welcome	Chairman, Bert Blink opened the meeting at 11.05 AM in the absence of Allen Morley who is currently overseas	
Item 1	Minutes of the previous General meeting and Correspondence were circulated with the Agenda and deemed to be read and correct except as mentioned in Issues arising below. Move George Lane Second Ged Carroll Against Nil Accepted	
Item 2	Recent Correspondence (uncirculated) included NIL	
Item 3	Issues arising from All Correspondence and the previous minutes were : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb 2016 Minutes Item 8. 3D radar model. Prices range from \$1500 down to \$300 for a 5 inch high model, due to different levels of detail. Bert is to investigate the \$300 version and will advise outcome. • Feb 2016 Minutes Item 4. Room hire Kedron-Wavell Reunion Dinner- cost to be offset against catering costs depending on choice of menu. (from T Erbs). • Feb 2016 Minutes Item 6. Vic's offer of a2 day stay in Noosa – see General Business. Move Ern Newbold Second George Lane Against Nil Accepted	

Item 4	<p>Financial Report. Current Balance at the Bank is \$12,817.76 Financial Membership is currently137</p> <table style="margin-left: 200px;"> <tr><td>Associates</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>Affiliates</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>Total</td><td>147</td></tr> </table> <p>Lapsed 12 members.</p> <p>Major expenditure recently paid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refurbishment of 131 sign previously approved. \$564 <p>Major expenditure due shortly include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost of the NAMES plaque \$2733 Cost of tee and Polo shirts \$2293 Assistance to cost of BBQ on 24th after Dedications est. \$200? <p>No advice from DVA re Grants at this time.</p> <p>Merchandise.</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Assn Car Decals</td> <td>- stock: 284 – Cost \$759.</td> <td>ROI is \$942</td> <td>– Surplus \$183</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nasho ribbons</td> <td>- stock 80 -Cost \$300</td> <td>ROI is \$80</td> <td>– Short \$220</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Caps/Hats</td> <td>- stock: 26 caps/26 hats/5 surf. Cost @ \$1654 -</td> <td>ROI is \$2083</td> <td>Surplus \$429</td> </tr> </table> <p>Moved G Dignam Second Ged Carroll Against Nil Accepted</p>	Associates	2	Affiliates	8	Total	147	Assn Car Decals	- stock: 284 – Cost \$759.	ROI is \$942	– Surplus \$183	Nasho ribbons	- stock 80 -Cost \$300	ROI is \$80	– Short \$220	Caps/Hats	- stock: 26 caps/26 hats/5 surf. Cost @ \$1654 -	ROI is \$2083	Surplus \$429
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Item 5	<p>Presidents report. Bert presented the report on Allen’s behalf. Discussions are ongoing with Maj Geoff Meekan regarding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final arrangements to place the Radar in position. The Names plaques has been ordered with delivery direct to 20STA (cost \$2733.50) The Dedication of both the Remembrance plaque and the Names plaque listing the Names of all those involved in the SVN conflict. Allen has confirmed the order of the tee and polos (cost \$2293.50) with delivery prior to Easter 2016. Watch this space and the website for prices. <p>Move George Lane Second Ern Newbold Against Nil Accepted</p>																		
Item 6	<p>Public Officer Report. Vic reports that he is now a member of his local RSL Sub-Branch. Also refer General Business</p>																		
Item 7	<p>Webmaster Update. Bob provided copies of the web data via email.</p>																		
Item 8	<p>General Business.</p> <p>Bert Blink. 3D model of Radar. From Feb Minutes – see Item 3 above for latest pricing <i>If the original radar is accepted by the NVVM Philip Island, it will be transported to the museum as they are very keen to display it. If conditions can’t be met other options will be investigated. The proposal for a 125mm 3d computer-produced model of the Radar would fill the void for the NVVM. It</i></p>																		

	<p>would be placed in the Det 131 DLB display case and could be a very good reproduction at the appropriate cost. Details of the initial cost are to be confirmed but it may be possible to have a personal model on your bookcase at a cost in the vicinity of \$400 each (to be confirmed and dependant on level of interest). More information to come.</p> <p>Bert Blink. Moved that the record of names of veterans of Det 131 Div Loc Bty SVN who served overseas should be consistent across all records. The contentious point being that some personnel who were posted overseas in the 131 Det numbers may have been RAEME or Catering Corps. Etc.</p> <p>The matter was put to a vote and carried unanimously.</p> <p>Raffle. Vic Danko has generously donated a 2 night escape at http://www.netanyanoosa.com/ with tickets to be offered to Locators from both Associations at \$20 each. Check the website shown above to see the value of the prize offered. The proceeds will be used to assist a 131 Locator veteran to attend the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in Canberra in August 2016. The winner to be selected by the 131 Locators Association committee. An email will be circulated and details will be on the 131 website.</p> <p>Ern Newbold enquired regarding the banner for the Sydney March. As the LSTAA banner will be present it was decided that Locators will march behind this banner. Refer Reveille for the timing and Order of the March.</p>	
Item 9	<p>Next General meeting will be on</p> <p>April 19 2016 at 11.00 AM Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club 26 Humphries Rd Wakeley NSW 2176</p> <p>PHONE [02] 9604 9975 or Sec/Treas 0437 361 602</p>	
Item 10	<p>Meeting Closed 12.19PM</p>	
	<p>Signed Bert Blink</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chairman</p>	

Addendum A

131Locators Meeting Action Items March 2016 Prior Action Items

1. Due to new planned expenditure in the short term the following projects have been deferred.
2. 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 a Locator's family annually.

Current Meeting Topics

1. Ongoing: Arrange 2016 Enoggera event including sourcing Names Plaque and Personnel list item.
2. Ongoing: Arrange the Canberra 2016 Vietnam Veteran's Day 50th Anniversary programme (including Commemorative Dinner).
3. 131 Bty flag project
4. North Head Flagstone paver dedication date

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items

1. OCs recollections project has been completed and all are available on the website.
2. Meeting Minutes are now on the website in Members Only area requiring password access.
3. Refurbishment of the 131 Battery sign has been completed. Invoice has been received and payment of \$564 has been made.