



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 17th May 2016

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, George Lane, Ian Amos,
Gordon Malcolm, Bert Blink, Terry Westerway, Nick Proskurin, Des McGuiggan, Merv Nairn,
Ged Carroll,

Apologies: Paul Dickson, Jim Fitzgerald, Vic Danko, Bob Billiards.

Welcome	Chairman, Allen Morley opened the meeting at 11.05 AM.	
Item 1	Minutes of the previous General meeting and Correspondence were circulated with the Agenda and are deemed to be read and correct except as mentioned in Issues arising Item 3 below.	
Item 2	Recent Correspondence (uncirculated) included NIL	
Item 3	Issues arising from the previous minutes and circulated Correspondence and were Nil: Move B Blink Second Nick Proskurin Against Nil Accepted	
Item 4	Financial Report. Current Balance at the Bank is \$8,731.03 Financial Membership is currently 138 plus Associates 2 plus Affiliates 8 Total 148 Plus Lapsed 13 members	

	<p>Major expenditure recently paid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of the 50th Anniversary Re-union Dinner \$3,334 • Cost of Association Wreath 20STA Dawn Service \$95 <p>Expenditure due</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donation to 20STA Rgmt Funds - BBQ on 24th April \$300 <p>Merchandise.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Assn Car Decals</td> <td>- stock: 282 – Cost \$759.</td> <td>ROI is \$952</td> <td>– Surplus \$193</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nasho ribbons</td> <td>- stock 74 -Cost \$300</td> <td>ROI is \$130</td> <td>– Short \$170</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Caps/Hats</td> <td>- stock: 20 caps/24 hats/5 surf. Cost @ \$1654 -</td> <td>ROI is \$2285</td> <td>Surplus \$631</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Polos</td> <td>cost 50 x \$1165 sold 15x \$30</td> <td>ROI is \$450</td> <td>– Short \$715</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tee Shirt</td> <td>cost 50 x \$ 890 sold 12x \$25</td> <td>ROI is \$300</td> <td>– Short \$590</td> </tr> </table> <p>Moved G Dignam Second George Lane Against Nil Accepted</p>	Assn Car Decals	- stock: 282 – Cost \$759.	ROI is \$952	– Surplus \$193	Nasho ribbons	- stock 74 -Cost \$300	ROI is \$130	– Short \$170	Caps/Hats	- stock: 20 caps/24 hats/5 surf. Cost @ \$1654 -	ROI is \$2285	Surplus \$631	Polos	cost 50 x \$1165 sold 15x \$30	ROI is \$450	– Short \$715	Tee Shirt	cost 50 x \$ 890 sold 12x \$25	ROI is \$300	– Short \$590	
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Item 5	<p>Presidents report.</p> <p>Allen advised that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He had written to Dan Tehan, Minister for Vet Affairs re the repatriation of the body of Tom Checkley. He was advised the flight would arrive at Richmond on 2 June 2016 and we have requested that a number of our Members be able to attend the Ramp ceremony and pay their last respects to Tom before his remains are sent on to the UK to his final resting place. • Allen had also written separately to the Minister to thank him for the assistance of the reduced Grant to stage the Anzac Weekend events. He remarked on the goodwill, shared experiences and the positive effects on, we the veterans, and the current Military cohort and the strengthened bonds created. Allen advised that he had received a reply from Tim Evans, Commemorations Branch of the Vet Affairs thanking us for taking the time to forward our advices. 																					
Item 6	<p>Public Officer Report.</p> <p>Nil report.</p> <p>Also refer General Business “A guessing Competition</p>																					
Item 7	<p>Webmaster Update.</p> <p>Bob is currently between Alice Springs and Cable beach and was unable to provide any website information at this time.</p>																					
Item 8	<p>General Business.</p> <p>50th Anniversary Battle of Long Tan.</p> <p>Bert Blink has a quote from the Pavilion hotel covering Accommodation, a Ceremonial Dinner on 18/8/2016, this will be a buffet, drinks from the bar. We have been given estimated room rates for the period ranging from \$145pn to \$245pn. Accommodation is also available at the Aria hotel part of the Capitol hotel group (range \$155 -\$255pn) When booking please mention 131 Locators Ceremonial Dinner.</p>																					

	<p>Geelong Paver Allen has been advised by Rieny the Rep, from Geelong & District VV , that the Geelong paver would be laid in their Memorial Park http://geelongvietnamvets.com/ on 27/6.</p> <p>North Fort Radar Ron Mason provided information via email relating to the North Fort AN/kpq-1 radar and the choices we need to make. Essentially the Australian War Memorial is swamped with offers of donations and has put in place a screening process to evaluate exhibits it will accept. Your Association needs to work through that process to establish how it will proceed in regards the placement of the Radar. We will advise developments.</p> <p>A Guessing competition. An email will be circulated as an announcement/reminder to the wider locating family of the opportunity. If you have purchased tickets please excuse as it's hard to segregate - much easier to aggregate. (You may buy more tickets if you wish).</p> <p>Sec/Treas running cost reimbursement. The Treasurer submitted details of the yearly running costs (ink postage, copy paper etc) totaling \$299.00 for consideration and payment if deemed appropriate. Allen Morley supported the proposal and raised the issue of a replacement Laptop due to issues experiences during the QLD reunion Dinner (The existing ASUS which is 5+ years old used by the Sec/Treas. runs Windows 7 while the James Menz Club had Windows 10 AV system installed). The motion to purchase a new laptop up to the \$900 value and repay \$299.00 to G Dignam was passed unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed A Morley Seconded B Blink Against Nil Accepted</p>	
Item 9	<p>Next General meeting will be on:</p> <p>June 21st 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	Meeting Closed 12.10PM due to arrival of Pizzas.	
	Signed Allen Morley	Chairman

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. **Ongoing** Suggestions - George Lane suggested 2 x \$500 scholarships be offered to a Locator's family annually.

Current Meeting Topics

1. Ongoing: Arrange the Canberra 2016 Vietnam Veteran's Day 50th Anniversary programme (including Commemorative Dinner.
2. 131 Bty flag project
3. North Head Flagstone paver dedication date

Updates Completed on Prior Action Items

1. Note: Meeting Minutes are now on the website in Members only area requiring password access.