



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 19th April 2016

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, George Lane, Ian Amos,  
Bert Blink, Terry Westerway, Nick Proskurin, Ged Carroll, Vic Danko, Bob Billiards.

Apologies: Paul Dickson, Jim Fitzgerald, Des McGuiggan, Merv Nairn

Welcome	Chairman, Allen Morley opened the meeting at 11.05 AM. And thanked Bert Blink for taking the chair for the March meeting.	
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 <b>Issues arising</b> below.  Move B Blink                      Second G. Lane                      Against Nil                      Accepted	
Item 2	Recent Correspondence (uncirculated) included NIL	
Item 3	Issues arising from <b>All Correspondence</b> and the previous minutes were : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bert commented on the arrangements for the function in the Great Hall on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2016. I confirmed that our 4 members have been submitted for consideration however no acknowledgement has been received from the organisers. (See general Business).</li> <li>• In a recent Media release from Minister Tehans' office reported that action is proceeding to return to Australia the remains of those soldiers interred overseas. We will follow up on the decision regarding Tom Checkley.</li> </ul> Move B Blink                      Second George Lane                      Against Nil                      Accepted	

Item 4	<p>Financial Report.</p> <p>Current Balance at the Bank is \$9,994</p> <p>Financial Membership is currently ..... 138</p> <table style="margin-left: 100px;"> <tr> <td>plus</td> <td>Associates</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>plus</td> <td>Affiliates</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Total</td> <td>148</td> </tr> </table> <p>Plus Lapsed 13 members</p> <p>Major expenditure recently paid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost of Association Polo and Tee shirts \$2,293.50</li> <li>• Cost of "Names" plaque \$2,733.50</li> </ul> <p>Major expenditure due shortly include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Re-union Dinner \$3,330</li> <li>• Assistance to cost of BBQ on 24<sup>th</sup> April \$300</li> <li>• Assist transport costs in lieu of buses \$300?</li> </ul> <p>No advice from DVA re Grants at this time.</p> <p>Merchandise.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Assn Car Decals - stock: 284 – Cost \$759.</td> <td style="width: 40%;">ROI is \$942 – Surplus <b>\$183</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nasho ribbons - stock 83 -Cost \$300</td> <td>ROI is \$85 – <b>Short \$215</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Caps/Hats - stock: 26 caps/26 hats/5 surf. Cost @ \$1654 -</td> <td>ROI is \$2125 Surplus <b>\$471</b></td> </tr> </table> <p>Moved G Dignam                      Second Ern Newbold                      Against Nil                      Accepted</p>	plus	Associates	2	plus	Affiliates	8		Total	148	Assn Car Decals - stock: 284 – Cost \$759.	ROI is \$942 – Surplus <b>\$183</b>	Nasho ribbons - stock 83 -Cost \$300	ROI is \$85 – <b>Short \$215</b>	Caps/Hats - stock: 26 caps/26 hats/5 surf. Cost @ \$1654 -	ROI is \$2125 Surplus <b>\$471</b>
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Item 5	<p>Presidents report.</p> <p>Allen reviewed arrangement for the QLD 2016 function including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to and return of the 131 Banner held by 20STA for the Dinner venue.</li> <li>• The 131 Association portions of the Dedication formalities on Sunday.</li> <li>• Options to cover the cost of completion of the Radar site if DVA grants are not forthcoming.</li> <li>• Advised that if the Grant is approved the funds will come via VVA Granville office bank account.</li> <li>• Grahame Dignam confirmed numbers for the Re-union Dinner 47 (split package for military) 64 for Dedication ceremonies and 57 for Dawn Service and reviewed transport arrangements.</li> </ul> <p>Move George Lane                      Second Ern Newbold                      Against Nil                      Accepted</p>															
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 provided copies of the web data via email.</p>															

Item 8	<p>General Business.</p> <p><b>Bert Blink</b> mentioned the Invitation to the ceremony in the Great Hall and has established contact with the organizers.</p> <p>A Guessing competition.</p> <p><b>Vic Danko</b> has generously donated a 3 night escape at <a href="http://www.netanyanoosa.com/">http://www.netanyanoosa.com/</a> with entry tickets to be offered to Locators from both Associations at \$10 each. Each purchaser can nominate a 131 Locator who they feel would benefit from attendance at the re-union and would not otherwise attend.</p> <p>Check the website for full details (prize value \$1500).</p> <p><b>The prize draw</b> will be made closer to the event but not later than 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016</p> <p><b>The proceeds</b> will be used to assist a 131 Locator veteran to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in Canberra in August 2016.</p> <p><b>The winner</b> to be selected by the 131 Locators Association committee and its' decision will be final. An email will be circulated and details will be on the 131 website.</p> <p><b>Ern Newbold</b> 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>May17th 2016 at 11.00 AM  Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club  26 Humphries Rd Wakeley NSW 2176</p> <p><b>PHONE [02] 9604 9975</b> or  Sec/Treas 0437 361 602</p>	
Item 10	Meeting Closed 12.05PM	
	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.
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 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. Names Plaque delivered to 20STA
2. Note: OCs recollections project has been completed and all are available on the website.
3. Note: Meeting Minutes are now on the website in Members only area requiring password access.