



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 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam, Terry Westerway, Ged Carroll, Ernest Newbold,  
George Lane, Merv Nairn, Nick Proskurin, Vic Danko and Bob Billiards

Apologies: Paul Dickson, Jim Fitzgerald, Bert Blink, Ian Amos, Gordon Malcolm, State Reps.

Welcome	Chairman, President Allen Morley, opened the meeting at 11.05 A.M. and thanked those who were present for their attendance.	
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 <b>Issues arising</b> below.	
Item 2	Recent Correspondence (uncirculated) included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an item concerning the closing of "www.ausvets.com.au" website</li> <li>• an email re Port Pirie RSL Artillery information board from Ron Mason</li> <li>• Website stats – see #7 below.</li> </ul> <p>Moved George Lane                      Seconded Ged Carroll                      Against Nil                      Accepted</p>	
Item 3	Issues arising from the previous minutes and circulated Correspondence refer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an item concerning the closing of "www.ausvets.com.au" website</li> <li>• an email re Port Pirie RSL Artillery information board from Ron Mason</li> <li>• Website stats – see #7 below.</li> </ul> <p>Moved George Lane                      Seconded Ged Carroll                      Against Nil                      Accepted</p>	
Item 4	<b>Financial Report.</b> The Treasurer circulated the Current Bank Statement showing the balance at the bank. Financial Membership is currently ..... 128 plus                      Associates                      2 plus                      Affiliates                      7 Total                      137 Plus Lapsed 24 members  No major expenditure is in prospect.	

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Item 5	<p><b>Presidents report.</b>  <b>Allen advised:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He attended a Vets forum and Morning tea at North Sydney to hear Dan Tehan, Minister for Vet Affairs and Trent Zimmerman, Federal MP for North Sydney speak. He was joined by Vic Danko who is a local constituent from Mosman NSW.</li> <li>• He advised that he had received an invitation to the Birthday celebration of 20STA on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and unfortunately had to decline.</li> <li>• He had reviewed the status of his pension application after the recent change to qualifying conditions. He again applied under the new rules but has been denied leave to proceed which he has appealed – more to follow.</li> </ul>																			
Item 6	<p><b>Public Officer Report.</b>  Vic outlined his recent travels and experiences when travelling through the golf courses of northern England and during his visit to South Vietnam including Nui Dat, on his way home.</p>																			
Item 7	<p><b>Webmaster Update.</b>  Bob has supplied stats via email to each of the committee members.  Most popular days for viewing are at the end and start of the month – we all must be hanging out for a fix (as are a multitude of people around the world).</p>																			
Item 8	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nick will proceed with ordering and paying for 2 x Association banners previously approved (1 x \$49 1 x \$99) and he will be reimbursed.</li> <li>• Ron Mason noticed Port Pirie RSL had an artillery notice board which had no information on Det 131 DLB’s involvement in SVN. The meeting resolved to provide the club with the “Historical timeline” appearing on our website which can be edited down to suit their format.</li> <li>• Bert Blink noticed that a website <a href="http://www.ausvets.com.au">www.ausvets.com.au</a> which contained very detailed accounts of operational activities of Australian involvement in SVN has ceased to function at its original level. It would be a shame to lose this resource and we shall seek the website owner’s approval to keep the information available in some form. An approach will also be made to the owners of the Surveyors website to again see if we can assist keep their site alive.</li> </ul>																			
Item 9	<p><b>Next General meeting</b> will be on:</p> <p>October 17th 2017 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	<p>Meeting Closed 12.05 PM due to arrival of Pizzas.</p>																			
	<p>Signed Allen Morley</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Meeting Chairman</p>																			

## Addendum A

### 131 Locators Meeting Action Items July 2017 Prior Action Items

1. The Association is open to new suggestions for projects that would benefit other Association member individually or collectively.

#### Active Items

1. North Head Flagstone paver dedication date
  2. 131 Bty flag project
  3. Photo Album Project
- **Photo Album project.** This major undertaking will represent all Locators who served and to achieve its aim we require the help of all vets. Unlike the photos that appear in Eyes & Ears which are reduced in size, we will require BEST POSSIBLE QUALITY photos that will make the final cut. This project will represent the entire period of 131's involvement in the SVN conflict and will be a heritage item so each photo will need a full description.
  - The committee is requesting the BEST pictures you have of Orderly Rm, Tpt Office. Raeme and Radar and LP sites (showing different modifications over time): Equipment used- Bearing Boards, Sound Ranging, Sensors etc. incl. details of how, when, where and why. (Radar. Starlight scopes, firearms, Transport modes {vehicular, airlift by chopper}: Aircraft used for deployments to FSBs and in close support roles bird dogs, etc
  - Pics of the US Arty guns in support units 1/83<sup>rd</sup> and 2/35<sup>th</sup>: pics of liaison with ARVN personnel and positions.
  - We will be looking for help from Personnel from each year/Corp to help with names and position identifications to ensure accuracy.
  - We need YOUR INPUT!

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items

Photo album steps TO DO

- Write to vip radar contacts –# 1 Yes x1 : # 2 x more to go
- Review web albums contact vets for approval.
- Eye & ears item reminder