



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 20th June 2017

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Bert Blink, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, George Lane, Ian Amos, Merv Nairn, Terry Westerway, Gordon Malcolm, and Joe Kaplun

Apologies: Paul Dickson, Jim Fitzgerald, Des McGuiggan, Nick Proskurin, Vic Danko, Bob Billiards, Ged Carroll and State Reps.

Welcome	Chairman, President Allen Morley, opened the meeting at 11.05 A.M. and thanked those who were present , those who travel intrastate to attend and invited guest Joe Kaplun, President LSTAA Sydney	
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 below.	
Item 2	Recent Correspondence (uncirculated) included: an item concerning the Radar move which will be covered below. Moved Bert Blink Seconded George Lane Against Nil Accepted	
Item 3	Issues arising from the previous minutes and circulated Correspondence again concerned the Radar and will be covered below. Moved Bert Blink Seconded George Lane Against Nil Accepted	
Item 4	Financial Report. 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 Deceased 4 Members No major expenditure is in prospect.	

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Item 5	<p>Presidents report. Allen advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He had received a message from Terry Erbs, President LSTAA SE Qld Branch requesting expressions of interest and individuals preference for 2018 Reunion Venue and date (12/13th October 2018. A decision will be made based on the results so please reply ASAP (RSVP is 1/10/2017). As some at the meeting did not receive the original we will re-send to our members to ensure all Locators are advised. A copy of the advice appears on our website. • Allen has received advice from the Commemorative Grants Team of the official Acquittal of the Saluting their Service Grant we applied for covering the 2016 ANZAC DAY and the unveiling of the Plaques and ANKPQ1 Radar in 20STA Gallipoli Barracks Enooqera Qld 																			
Item 5A	<p>Locating an Association future. Allen invited Joe Kaplun, President LSTAA Sydney, to address the meeting to gain a clearer picture of what the future may hold for our Association and how we best prepare ourselves to negotiate the paths available to us.</p> <p>Joe had been integral to the re-positioning of the Locating Artillery Association to the LSTAA where the power and administrative control were closer to those Serving Army members at 20 STA. These are the soldiers who would be in need of the Associations' comfort and guidance at a later time in their lives. The exposure to the Association now would make for an easier transition to the Association at the end of the soldiers' army career.</p> <p>Joe covered a multitude of scenarios and contingent concerns which, we as an Association will need to address. Allen will draw together the various issues and a working paper will be produced which may point the way forward for us.</p>																			
Item 6	<p>Public Officer Report. Vic is travelling to Europe and will return after the August meeting.</p>																			
Item 7	<p>Webmaster Update. Bob is travelling to Tasmania on family business and will publish web results on his return.</p>																			
Item 8	<p>Radar Moves..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ron Mason has been informed by Museum contacts that the plan is to display the Radar inside the Museum which is the best possible outcome. The refurbishment will be undertaken by the Museum staff after they complete restoration of an existing project) see here https://vietnamvetsmuseum.org/node/aircraft-restoration • Radar ops to be canvassed for suggestions how/what should be included in Radar display. • This Assn will look to acquire a CURTA mechanical calculator for inclusion in the general Det 131 DLB display. Also check out a revolving photo display showing the radar in various FSB positions. 																			
Item 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo Album project. This project is continuing and will appear as an action item at the end of this record. 																			
Item 10	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merchandise – a review has been conducted and we are in urgent need of a re-supply of Association Caps. We are also lacking tee shirts on the larger size consequently we will issue a SPECIALS email reminding all of the existing stock and available sizes and seek expressions of interest. 																			

Item 11	<p>Next General meeting will be on:</p> <p>July 18th 2017 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 12	Meeting Closed 12.30 PM.	
	Signed Allen Morley	Meeting Chairman

Addendum A

131Locators Meeting Action Items June 2017 Prior Action Items

1. The following projects have been deferred. **Ongoing** Suggestions - George Lane suggested 2 x \$500 scholarships be offered to a Locator's family annually.

Active Items

1. North Head Flagstone paver dedication date
 2. Photo Album Project
- **Photo Album project.** This major undertaking will represent all Locators who served in SVN 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 1/83rd and 2/35th: 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