



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 21st February 2016

Attendees were: , Bert Blink, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, George Lane, Gordon Malcolm, Nick Proskurin, Des McGuiggan, Vic Danko, Merv Nairn, Ian Amos, and Bob Billiards.

Apologies: Allen Morley, Paul Dickson, Jim Fitzgerald, Ged Carroll, State Reps.

Welcome	<p>Chairman, Bert Blink, in the absence of Allen Morley, opened the meeting at 11.05 AM. and thanked those who were present. The chairman advised that Mr. Morley's' absence was due to a prior engagement on the Serengeti.</p> <p>Mr. Merv Nairn asked permission to address the meeting. He thanked the meeting for the support he received from the Association on the passing of his wife Carole. He handed a note of thanks from he and his family for the kind wishes expressed.</p>	
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	<p>Recent Correspondence (uncirculated) included: NIL</p> <p>Moved George Lane Seconded Nick Proskurin Against Nil Accepted</p>	
Item 3	<p>Issues arising from the previous minutes and circulated Correspondence and were Nil.</p> <p>Moved George Lane Seconded Nick Proskurin Against Nil Accepted</p>	

Item 4	<p>Financial Report. The Treasurer was distracted and failed to produce the up to date Bank figures and Membership numbers but there were no marked changes since the last meeting. Full details will be produced at the next meeting.</p> <p>Financial Membership is currently 133 plus Associates 2 plus Affiliates 7 Total 142</p> <p>Plus Lapsed 20 members</p> <p>NO major expenditure is in prospect.</p> <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 73 -Cost \$300</td> <td>ROI is \$136</td> <td>– Short \$164</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Caps/Hats</td> <td>- stock: 19 caps/23 hats/5 surf. Cost @ \$1654 -</td> <td>ROI is \$2341</td> <td>Surplus \$687</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 Grahame Dignam Seconded Ern Newbold Against Nil Accepted</p>	Assn Car Decals	- stock: 282 – Cost \$759.	ROI is \$952	– Surplus \$193	Nasho ribbons	- stock 73 -Cost \$300	ROI is \$136	– Short \$164	Caps/Hats	- stock: 19 caps/23 hats/5 surf. Cost @ \$1654 -	ROI is \$2341	Surplus \$687	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. No presidents report due to Allen’s absence overseas. However, he requested we discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radar Transport from North Fort to the NVV Museum Phillip Island. See below • We will need to prepare the unit for pickup so another work day will be required and still another day to supervise dispatch. • Anzac Day – arrangements for 131 DLB marchers in Sydney. TBA • Photo Album Project – pictures covering 1968-70 are particularly required showing locations, establishments, FSB’s , where soldiers worked, the equipment used 																					
Item 6	<p>Public Officer Report. Vic attends the Cremorne RSL sub-branch and has provided his insights into the internal effect on members of the current turmoil in the State branch of the RSL. Resolution is some time away.</p>																					
Item 7	<p>Webmaster Update. Bob will supply stats separately.</p>																					
Item 8	<p>Radar Moves..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A decision of convenience was made to meet to-morrow, the 22 Feb, at North Fort to finalise the preparation of the radar for collection prior to transport to Phillip Island. 																					
Item 9	<p>General Business Arrangements for 50th Anniversary May 1967 reunion in Adelaide ANZAC DAY 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request for expressions of interest did go out in mid-January as a first advice backed up by a mention in Eyes & Ears. A second reminder will appear in the Feb edition. Responses to date have been minimal. • An itinerary of events including day trips to wineries proposed for the period was included. 																					
Item 10	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 																					

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Item 11	<p>General Business cont....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A get together of 131 DLB personnel from WA is being organized by State Rep. Barry Guzder who has contacted 15 vets to gather on the 15 March for an informal lunch and general chat. More to come. 	
Item 12	<p>Next General meeting will be on:</p> <p>March 21st 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 13	<p>Meeting Closed 12.00 PM due to arrival of Pizzas.</p>	
	<p>Signed Bert Blink Meeting Chairman</p>	

Addendum A

131 Locators Meeting Action Items December 2016 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.

Current Meeting Topics

1. Ongoing: Arrange the Adelaide 2017 50th Anniversary or Reos' departure (4 May 1967) programme (including Commemorative Dinner).
 2. North Head Flagstone paver dedication date
 3. 131 Bty flag project
 4. Photo Album Project
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Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items

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