



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 AM on Tuesday 21st March 2017

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Bert Blink, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, George Lane, Gordon Malcolm, Ian Amos, Ged Carroll.

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

Welcome	Chairman, Allen Morley, fresh from the plains of Tanzania and then testing his access to Great Britain pre BREXIT, thanked those who were present and opened the meeting at 11.05 A.M.	
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: NIL Moved Ian Amos Seconded George Lane Against Nil Accepted	
Item 3	Issues arising from the previous minutes and circulated Correspondence and not mentioned below were Nil. Moved Ian Amos Seconded George Lane Against Nil Accepted	
Item 4	Financial Report. The Treasurer provided a printout of the Associations bank accounts which was circulated. Member numbers have been reconciled after the renewals were processed and the current numbers are below: Financial Membership is currently 127 plus Associates 2 plus Affiliates 7 Total 136 Plus 25 Lapsed members	

	<p>NO major expenditure is in prospect.</p> <p>Merchandise.(to be reconciled an updated by April meeting)</p> <table> <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 Second 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.</p> <p>Allen became aware of a veteran named Russell Grigg who quoted 131 DLB in his correspondence but searches were unable to confirm his connection to 13 DIV LOC BTY to our knowledge. A phone call will be made if his contact details are available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allen advised that the “Spirit of Anzac” exhibition will open in Sydney Convention Centre in April 2017 and would be worth a visit. • The John Monash Centre will open in France in April 2018 which may require a trip. • The North Fort Radar was collected and is in transit to the NVV Museum Phillip Island. • Anzac Day – arrangements for 131 DLB marchers in Sydney see Public Officers report below. • Photo Album Project – pictures covering 1968-70 are particularly required showing locations, establishments, FSB’s, where soldiers worked, the equipment used. • 2018 ANZAC Day in Marysville Vic to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the death of Jim Menz 																					
Item 6	<p>Public Officer Report.</p> <p>Vic has sent his apologies for this meeting but has arranged a booking for 12 at ZEST restaurant for those attending the 2017 Sydney Anzac day march.</p>																					
Item 7	<p>Webmaster Update.</p> <p>Bob has supplied stats for Jan and Feb 2017 separately.</p>																					
Item 8	<p>Radar Moves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See presidents report above. 																					
Item 9	<p>Adelaide reunion.... 50th Anniversary May 1967 in Adelaide ANZAC DAY 2017</p> <p>The numbers for the attendees are changing :</p> <p>Geoff and Sally , Bob and Cathy, Chris and Vanessa Bouilly, John and maybe Kirsty Blake, Ric Marques, Vic Danko, G Dignam with the prospect of meeting up with a few more locals on the day.</p> <p>Call Sec/Treas 0437 361 602 if you are interested in attending.</p>																					
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. • 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 birddogs, etc • Pics of the US Arty guns in support units 1/83rd and 2/35th: pics of liaison with ARVN personnel and positions. 																					

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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 managed to gather 15 vets for an informal lunch and general chat on the 15th of March. More to come. 	
Item 12	<p>Next General meeting will be on:</p> <p>April 18th 2017 at 11.00 AM AT A VENUE TO BE ADVISED (We are investigating combining the meeting with a visit to the “Spirit of ANZAC “ exhibition at the Convention Centre in the Sydney CBD)</p> <p>Or at the normal venue Canley Heights RSL & Sporting Club, Canley Heights.</p> <p>call Sec/Treas 0437 361 602 if you are interested in attending</p>	
Item 13	Meeting Closed 12.05 PM due to arrival of Pizzas.	
	Signed Allen Morley Meeting Chairman	

Addendum A

131 Locators Meeting Action Items March 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.

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

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