



131 Locators Association Inc.



Minutes for the General Meeting of the 131 Locators Association Inc.  
held at Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club  
at 11.25AM on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, George Lane,  
Ged Carroll, Ian Amos, Nick Proskurin, Bert Blink, Terry Westerway, Merv Nairn and Joe  
Librizzi.

Apologies: Paul Dickson, Warwick Hamilton, Bob Billiards, State reps

Welcome	Allen opened the meeting at 11.25 AM by welcoming all the attendees especially Joe Librizzi who travelled from WA.	
Item 1	Minutes of the previous meeting and Correspondence were circulated with the Agenda and deemed to be read and correct except as mentioned in Issues arising below.	
Item 2	Recent Correspondence was nil.	
Item 3	<p>Issues arising from <b>All Correspondence</b> and the previous minutes were :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We were notified of the sudden passing of Wayne Jeffrey by his widow Jean, after a short severe illness.</li> <li>• An investigation to locate Gnr R F Holmes continues following a request to return Medals located by Darren Willcox.</li> <li>• WO2 Geoff Jebb has confirmed to Bert Blink that the Curta model used in SVN was the Small Curta Model II 15 digit display version. Now efforts will be made to locate and acquire an example for display at the NVVM Phillip Island.</li> <li>• Bert Blink reported that Geoff Jebb expressed his concern that the first website relating to Det 131 DLB in SVN was now lying dormant and not available to the public. The website contained detailed information of the duties and tasks performed by the Survey section of</li> </ul>	

Det 131 whose processes improved the accuracy of the survey results produced at Battery level of the US army at the time in SVN. The meeting resolved that we should again approach the Survey website Principals with a view to having their website resurrected in some form to offer a complete picture of the Detachments' scope of operation while involved in the conflict. It would also enhance the understanding of the evolution of the role of Det 131 Div Loc Bty during the course of that period.

Moved George Lane                      Seconded Ged Carroll              Against Nil              Accepted

Item 4

Financial Report.  
 The financial balance sheet was circulated prior to the AGM and the Association has a healthy balance at the Bank with minimal outlays due to:

- our ISP VentralP of \$466.20 for a 3 year hosting fee
- Re-imburement of the cost of 2 Banners to Nick Proskurion of \$184.00
- The Dept of Fair Trading fee of \$45.00 for lodgement of the annual summary of Financial affairs.

In November a Term Deposit was renewed with interest added and is now due in June 2018.

Financial Membership is currently 136 comprising:

Associates	2
Affiliates	9
Financial	125

Merchandise as at 1 November 2017.

Assn Car Decals	- stock: 212 – Cost \$759.	ROI is \$962	–	Surplus	<b>\$203</b>
Nasho car ribbons	- stock 38 -Cost \$300	ROI is \$186	–	Short	<b>\$114</b>
Caps/Hats - stock: 47caps/19 hats/0 surf.	Cost \$2212	ROI is \$2341	–	Surplus	<b>\$591</b>
<b>Polos</b>	cost 80 x \$2217      44 sold x \$30	ROI is \$1320	–	Short	<b>\$897</b>
<b>Tee Shirt</b>	cost 50 x \$ 890      23 sold x \$25	ROI is \$575	–	Short	<b>\$315</b>
<b>Tracks of the Dragon (10)</b>	<b>\$240                      sold 3 x\$40</b>	ROI is \$ 120	–	Short	<b>\$120</b>

Moved Grahame Dignam                      Seconded Ged Carroll              Against Nil              Accepted

Item 5

Presidents report.  
 Refer to the document previously circulated an the copy attached to these minutes.

Moved Allan Morley                      Seconded Grahame Dignam              Against Nil              Accepted

Item 6

Public Officer Report.  
 Vic was not present at the meeting.

Item 7

Webmaster Update.  
 Bob circulated the Webmaster stats report prior to the meeting.

Item 8	<p>General business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion ensued regarding the Surveyors website - the meeting was unanimous in requesting that we approach the Surveyor group with a view to returning their website to public access. We will follow up this important item.</li> <li>• Following a number of requests over a long period of time the Association will investigate the production of a fresh version of the original DET 131 DIV LOC BTY shield in its' original form. More information as the plan evolves.</li> <li>• Allan Morley mentioned that a proposal was made some time ago to attend a ceremony at Marysville in 2018 to honour the late Jim Menz. More to follow.</li> <li>• A suggestion to alter the meeting schedule of the Association to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday monthly was made and after a robust discussion the meeting adopted the motion. The change will be implemented beginning 12 December 2017.</li> </ul>	
Item 9	<p>Next General meeting will be:</p> <p>12 December 2017 at 11.00 AM</p> <p>Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club 26 Humphries Rd Wakeley NSW 2176</p> <p><b>PHONE [02] 9604 9975</b></p> <p>or</p> <p>Sec/Treas 0437 361 602</p>	
Item 10	Meeting Closed 12.20PM	
	Signed A Morley	Chairman

## Addendum A

### 131Locators Meeting Action Items November 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. 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 birddogs, 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

- Review web albums contact vets for approval.
- Eye & ears item reminder