



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 13th February 2018

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Bert Blink, Gordon Malcolm, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, George Lane, Ged Carroll, and Bob Billiards.

Apologies: Paul Dickson, Jim Fitzgerald, Nick Proskurin, Merv Nairn, Ian Amos, State Reps.

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| Welcome | Chairman, President Allen Morley, opened the meeting at 11.05 A.M. and thanked those who were present especially those who continue to travel considerable distance to attend. | |
| 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 Grahame Dignam 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 Grahame Dignam Seconded George Lane Against Nil Accepted | |
| Item 4 | Financial Report. The Treasurer circulated the Current Bank Statement showing the balance at the bank and noted that, to date, an amount of \$2460 has been deposited to our account from Coral reunion attendees and this amount and any further amounts received will be passed to that organizing committee when requested together with our donation as mentioned below. | |

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| | <p>Financial Membership is currently 129</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">plus Associates 2</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">plus Affiliates 8</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Total 139</p> <p>Plus Lapsed 24 members Deceased 5 Members</p> <p>Only expenditure in prospect is a donation to assist the 2018 50th Anniversary Battle of Coral/Balmoral reunion in Canberra Merchandise as at 1 February 2018.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Assn Car Decals</td> <td style="width: 30%;">- stock: 214 – Cost \$759.</td> <td style="width: 20%;">ROI is \$952</td> <td style="width: 20%;">– Surplus \$193</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nasho ribbons</td> <td>- stock 38 -Cost \$300</td> <td>ROI is \$186</td> <td>– Short \$114</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Caps/Hats</td> <td>- stock: 2caps/19 hats/0 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 George Lane Against Nil Accepted</p> | Assn Car Decals | - stock: 214 – Cost \$759. | ROI is \$952 | – Surplus \$193 | Nasho ribbons | - stock 38 -Cost \$300 | ROI is \$186 | – Short \$114 | Caps/Hats | - stock: 2caps/19 hats/0 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. Allen advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been no mention of the tellurometer that accompanied the Radar to Philip Island and was to be included in the display. A report on that aspect will be requested from the Museum. • Dates for the Coral reunion in the ACT on May 11-13 and the opening of the Radar display on May 5th are only 1 week apart and may impact on numbers appearing at both events. • The next LSTAA meeting will be held at the Paddington RSL on 11 March at 11.15AM. • Following the resignation of Vic Danko, we need to fill the position of Public Officer on our committee. A discussion ensued and nominations for Gordon Malcolm, Ern Newbold and Allen Morley were received. The duties of the position were outlined and the nominees in turn were asked if they would accept and stand for the position. As Gordon Malcolm being first accepted the nomination and there were no objections he was duly elected unanimously without further ado. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Item 6 | <p>Public Officer Report. Gordon Malcolm has been newly appointed as the new Public Officer.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Item 7 | <p>Webmaster Update. Bob has supplied stats via email to each of the committee members. A discussion re “the Surveyors “Website ensued as to the avenues we can pursue to effectively return that website back to its original condition and position. Bob will canvass the possibilities and advise the next meeting.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Item 8 | <p>Radar Moves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to correspondence attached to these meetings’ Agenda between NVVM Phillip Island and Sec/Treas for the current position of Radar ANKPQ1. • Radar ops to be canvassed for suggestions how/what should be included in Radar display. So far a theodolite was suggested and it will be investigated. Also a 82mm mortar tube would make the Radar display more realistic and investigations have commenced along those lines. • A story board linking the various aspects of the use of the radar might be produced. • This Assn continues to 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. • Additional photographs will be made available by Keith Ayliffe for use in the display. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Item 9 | <p>General Business</p> <p>Treasurer: A merchandise message and update/order request will be sent to gauge interest in what our Locators want to wear and display.</p> <p>Ern Newbold expressed his regret at missing the Jim Menz remembrance day but he is otherwise committed to a pressing family matter. His absence will be regretted and his thoughtful recollection will be passed on to the family of Jim Menz.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Item 10 | Next General meeting will be on: March 13th 2018 at 11.00 AM Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club 26 Humphries Rd Wakeley NSW 2176 PHONE [02] 9604 9975 or Sec/Treas 0437 361 602 | |
| Item 11 | Meeting Closed 12.20 PM | |
| | Signed Allen Morley | Meeting Chairman |

Addendum A

131 Locators Meeting Action Items May 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. 131 Bty flag project
 3. 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