



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 March 2018

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Bert Blink, Nick Proskurin, Ian Amos, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, George Lane, and Bob Billiards.

Apologies: Paul Dickson, Gordon Malcolm, Jim Fitzgerald, Ged Carroll, Merv Nairn, State Reps.

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 and the Wreath laid at Jim Menz 50 th Anniversary commemoration in Marysville . 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 \$3160 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.	

	<p>Financial Membership is currently 115</p> <table style="margin-left: 200px;"> <tr> <td>plus</td> <td>Associates</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>plus</td> <td>Affiliates</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Total</td> <td>125</td> </tr> </table> <p>Other notes are: Plus Lapsed 36 members Deceased 7 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="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>Assn Car Decals</td> <td>- stock: 214 – Cost \$759.</td> <td>ROI is \$952</td> <td>– Surplus</td> <td>\$193</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nasho ribbons</td> <td>- stock 38 -Cost \$300</td> <td>ROI is \$186</td> <td>– Short</td> <td>\$114</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Caps/Hats</td> <td>- stock:46caps/19 hats/0 surf. Cost @ \$2212 -</td> <td>ROI is \$2341</td> <td>Surplus</td> <td>\$631</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Polos</td> <td>cost 50 x \$1165 sold 15x \$30</td> <td>ROI is \$450</td> <td>– Short</td> <td>\$715</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tee Shirt</td> <td>cost 50 x \$ 890 sold 12x \$25</td> <td>ROI is \$300</td> <td>– Short</td> <td>\$590</td> </tr> </table> <p>Moved Grahame Dignam Second George Lane Against Nil Accepted</p>	plus	Associates	2	plus	Affiliates	8		Total	125	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:46caps/19 hats/0 surf. Cost @ \$2212 -	ROI is \$2341	Surplus	\$631	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"> • He attended LSTAA meeting along with Ern Newbold and they report they have 160 members with 130 being financial. • News on the 2018 reunion in Enoggera will be available after the CO arrives. • Major Russ Hamsey RTA from OS duty in May and will assume President role of SE QLD LSTAA. • 20STA are seeking a later model radar unit for display on base. • ANZAC DAY will follow the new route down Elisabeth ST and a table has been booked at the Tatts club for 20 – please advise Allen or Grahame via email to ensure your seat if you haven’t done so. • There has been mention of the tellurometer that accompanied the Radar to Philip Island and was to be included in the display. A request for a tripod though was attached so a search begins again. • 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. (Repeated info on notice). 																																			
Item 6	<p>Public Officer Report. Gordon Malcolm was absent</p>																																			
Item 7	<p>Webmaster Update. Bob has supplied stats via email to each of the committee members.</p>																																			
Item 8	<p>Radar Moves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to correspondence attached to this meetings’ Agenda between NVVM Phillip Island and Sec/Treas for the current position of Radar ANKPQ1. • A 82mm mortar tube would make the Radar display more realistic and investigations have commenced along those lines. • The Museum has provided a loose timeline of activity with a view to having the Radar display ready for weekend 4/5th May 2018 																																			
Item 9	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George advised that Jim Fitz has suffered another heart attack but is home and rehabbing well. • An approach will be made to the Singleton Infantry museum re a mortar for display in the NVV Museum Phillip Island • Bert submitted an account for \$100 for a wreath laid at the commemoration ceremony at Marysville for the 50th anniversary of passing of Jim Menz KIA 18th Feb 1968. The ceremony largely organized by the Survey comrades of Jim was attended by 11 fellow vets from Det 131 Div Loc Bty. • Grahame submitted that the Constitution be amended to bring the conditions for application for new membership into line with current standards and that we change – 																																			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • application parameters for membership should be updated to meet current community standards. The meeting concurred and a draft will be prepared. • Also that once members have been granted access to the website (by becoming a financial member) that priviledge should continue unhindered (currently requiring ongoing financial membership). 	
Item 10	<p>Next General meeting will be on:</p> <p>APRIL 24th 2018 at 11.00 AM Granville RSL Club 29 William St, Granville NSW 2142 02) 9637 7500</p> <p>or</p> <p>Sec/Treas 0437 361 602</p>	
Item 11	Meeting Closed 12.10 PM	
	Signed Allen Morley	Meeting Chairman

Addendum A

131Locators Meeting Action Items February 2018 Prior Action Items

Active Items

1. North Head Flagstone paver dedication date
 2. 131 Bty flag project
 3. 2018 Qld Reunion – more to follow
 4. Photo Album Project - the search continues – see below
- **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.
 - 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