



131 Locators Association Inc.



Minutes for the General Meeting of the 131 Locators Association Inc.
held at Granville RSL (Diggers) Club
at 11.10AM on Tuesday 24th April 2018

Attendees were: Gordon Malcolm, Ian Amos, Nick Proskurin, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, George Lane, and Geoff Blackwell.

Apologies: Paul Dickson, Jim Fitzgerald, Ged Carroll, Barry Guzder, Ric Marques, Bob Billiards, Allen Morley, Bert Blink, Merv Nairn, and State Reps.

Welcome	This meeting was Chaired by Grahame Dignam due to the absence of President Allen Morley and VP Bert Blink. The Chair opened the meeting at 11.10 AM and thanked those who were present especially Geoff who drove over from SA.	
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) was nil. 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 balance and mentioned that \$1040 had been paid to the RAA RGMT Fund bank account as payment for the "Meet& Greet and RAA Dinner" functions in Canberra in May. Further amounts for Caps and Name badges and the 131 Dinner at the Pavilion on 13 May will be required.	

	<p>Financial Membership is currently 115 plus Associates 2 plus Affiliates 8 Total 125</p> <p>Plus Lapsed 36 members Deceased 7 Members</p> <p>Merchandise as at 1 April 2018.</p> <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: 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 Tracks of the Dragon \$35 ea plus postage</p> <p>Moved Grahame Dignam Second George Lane Against Nil Accepted</p>	
Item 5	<p>Presidents report. No report due to Allen s’ absence but he advises he is progressing and has moved to rehab and expects to be up and about in 6 weeks.</p>	
Item 6	<p>Public Officer Report. Gordon Malcolm has accepted the Public Officer position and will take up duties on receipt of the formal resignation of Past PO Vic Danko.</p>	
Item 7	<p>Webmaster Update. Due to Bobs’ absence no report is available at this time.</p>	
Item 8	<p>Radar Moves. Discussion with the CEO NVVM at Phillip Island has begun re the agenda for the unveiling of the Radar on 12th June 2018and the National Vietnam Veterans Museum Phillip Island. Phil Dressing CEO advises:</p> <p>Grahame, Good to get a date set for your visit and stay.</p> <p>The cost to visit our Museum with a guide/s is as follows:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Guided Museum tour; lunch in the Nui Dat Café comprising a steak or chicken pie with chips and salad; urn tea and coffee - \$21.50 per head or; 2. Guided Museum tour ; lunch in the Nui Dat Café comprising a baked potato, coleslaw, bacon, cheese and sour cream, urn tea and coffee - \$18.00 per head. <p>I have included links to three accommodation facilities. Glen Isla Apartments, in Cowes, is owned and managed by Geoff & Lesley Argæet. Lesley works as a volunteer here at our Museum. www.apartmentsatglenasla.com.au The Big 4 Caravan Park in Newhaven has cabins and close to San Remo’s hotels (2) and restaurants.https://www.big4.com.au/caravan-parks/vic/philip-island/philip-island-caravan-park Ramada Resort is closer to Cowes township. www.wyndhamhotels.com/book In both latter cases, mention you are part of a Vietnam Veterans Museum group and they may offer a discount. The latter has Dinner facilities within. I suggest you access the links and see what suits. There are other accommodation facilities in the area. It’s just a matter of your preferences, cost etc.</p> <p>A draft itinerary follows:- 12.00pm Arrive at our Museum. 12.30pm Lunch. 1.30pm Formal opening of radar display. 1.45pm Guided Museum Tour. 3.45pm or after, depart Museum. Grahame, we’re pretty flexible in terms of the timing.</p> <p>We will need to decide on the Agenda and advise Phil ASAP</p>	

Item 9	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to the congestion of events at this time of this year the meeting decided to cancel the May 2018 meeting. 	
Item 10	<p>Next General meeting will be on:</p> <p>June 19th 2018 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 11	Meeting Closed 12.04 PM	
	Signed Grahame Dignam	Meeting Chairman

Addendum A

131Locators Meeting Action Items March 2018 Prior Action Items

- 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

- North Head Flagstone paver dedication date
 - 131 Bty flag project
 - Photo Album Project
- Photo Album project.** This major undertaking is ongoing .and 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.

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items