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131 Locators Association Inc.

Minutes for the General Meeting of the 131 Locators Association Inc.
held at Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club
At 11.05 AM on Tuesday 10th December 2019

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, Bob Billiards, Ian Amos,
Nick Proskurin and Ged Carroll.

Apologies: Paul Dickson, Bert Blink, Gordon Malcolm, Merv Nairn, George Lane, Jim Fitzgerald and State Reps.

**Comrades, Brothers in arms remembered
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Van Driel, Marinks Hendricks 'Marty'	Gnr	38954	Survey	1967 – 1968	07/08/44	08/08/98
Walker, Leonard	Gnr	3798942	-	1970 – 1971	28/09/49	03/02/07
Webb, Ronald Adrian	Gnr	1411172	Survey	1967 – 1968	30/05/43	29/03/77
Weber, Hans Reinhard	Gnr	3789591	Radar	5/1967 – 4/1968	10/12/45	12/07/2016
Wertheimer, Peter William OAM RFD	Capt	355747	132 Div Loc Bty	N/A	06/11/41	23/11/19
White, Robert Barnett	Sgt	311537	-	1966 – 1967	08/12/37	1992
Whittaker, Roger John	Bdr	2184592	-	1970 – 1971	18/06/49	01/12/08
Wickenden, Richard Newell	Maj	19945	B Com	1969 – 1970	06/09/40	06/04/10
Wood, Geoffrey Paul	Gnr	2783898	A Radar	1967 – 1968	09/02/45	26/04/07
Yerbury, Ian Michael	Lt	43129	Survey	1967 – 1968 / 1971	05/02/44	1989

Item 1 Welcome	Chairman President Allen Morley opened the meeting and thanked those in attendance.	
Item 2	Minutes of the previous General meeting and Correspondence were circulated with the Agenda and are deemed to be read and correct except for item to be covered in General Business below.	
Item 3	Recent Correspondence (uncirculated) was: Nil. Moved Grahame Dignam Seconded Ged Carroll Against Nil Accepted	
Item 4	Issues arising from the previous minutes and circulated Correspondence were nil. Moved Grahame Dignam Seconded Ged Carroll Against Nil Accepted	
Item 5	Financial Report. The Treasurer advised the Current Bank balance from a Statement dated today. The balance had been depleted by a donation to the "12pdr gun project" RAAHC and repayment of annual office expenses to the Sec/treas.	

Financial Membership is currently 119
 plus Associates 2
 plus Affiliates 9
 Total 130
 Plus Lapsed as at 1/12/2019 38 members

Merchandise as at 1st Dec 2019.

	In Stock	Cost	sold	ROI	Result
Car Decals	213	\$759	230	\$1062	+\$303
Nasho UCG ribbons	178	\$905	122	\$486	-\$419
Caps/Hats	37/15	\$2212	158	\$3220	+\$1008
Polos	40	\$2752	70	\$2100	-\$652
Tee Shirt	36	\$1307	34	\$850	-\$457

Moved Grahame Dignam Second Nick Proskurin Against Nil Accepted

Item 6	<p>Presidents report. Allen advised that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He was not able to attend the LSTAA Xmas function on Sunday last. • Asked if we any luck in tracing Robert Ness who is listed as passed on our Honour Roll but was seen by a 1RAR vet who is a neighbor near Macclesfield SA recently. Enquiries are continuing. • Whilst browsing the "Pinot Noir" display at Dan Murphy's Allen noted a particular selection "created by Sally Blackwell". Enquiries reveal that Sally is closely related to our SA Rep Geoff Blackwell. Maybe we could have "Wine of the Month" item in future editions of Eyes & Ears. • Geoff Blackwell and Barry Guzder drove home to SA following the recent Celebration for Warwick Hamilton. On the journey the idea of a memorial to our particular OC SVN germinated and was passed on to Allen for discussion at the meeting. The meeting agreed with the principal however agreed that a memorial to each of the Det OC's would be appropriate. The proposal was agreed to by the meeting and would be further developed and the result advised at a future meeting. 	
Item 7	<p>Public Officer Report. The PO was absent due to his priority duty serving with the Rural Fire Service during our current crises.</p>	
Item 8	<p>Webmaster Update. Bob provided stats for the past 3 months which showed a consistency of use of the website.</p>	
Item 9.	<p>Health.</p>	
Item 10	<p>Photo Album Project Little new to report on this long term and labour intensive project.</p>	
Item 11	<p>General Business. Discussions ensued on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The resurrection of Robert John Ness continues with the current listing on our Honour Roll to be deleted. This to be followed by a listing of the original Robert John Ness on the living version of 131 Locators Members. Contact has been established and conversation via Lima Lima is expected shortly. • A suggestion for an Eyes & Ears item covering the various Retreats around Australia favoured by Grey Nomads of the SVN variety will begin shortly. 	

Item 12	Next General meeting will be on: February 11th 2020 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 13	Meeting Closed 12.10PM	
	Signed Allen Morley	Meeting Chairman

Addendum A

**131Locators Meeting Action Items Nov 2019
Prior Action Items**

Active Items

1. Revise Det 131 Display at NVVM to consolidate display items
2. Complete the application for a DVA grant for the 131 Pictorial Photo album project and seek to finalize the project.
3. Resurrect Robert J Ness Regm No. 4717755 DOB 9/1/1946 DOD to be advised.

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items