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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 11th June 2019

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Bert Blink, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, Ian Amos, Gordon Malcolm,
Nick Proskurin, Merv Nairn, Ged Carroll and George Lane,

Apologies: Paul Dickson, Jim Fitzgerald, State Reps.

Comrades, Brothers in arms remembered

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Frost, Leslie David	WO1	215230	RSM	1966 - 1967	24/08/45	26/03/14
Gault, Peter "Pappy"	Gnr	2783644	LP	1967	19/12/45	24/05/14
Gordon, Colin Barry 'Bones'	Bdr	16975	Radar	1968 – 1969	31/01/45	28/03/10
Goss, Pierre Ramon	BQMS	213990	Det HQ	1969 – 1970	17/08/36	06/08/11
Greenland, Graham	GNR	2792441		1970	03/08/48	17/11/14
Griffith, Derek "Dirk" Williams	Gnr	-	-	N/A	-	02/04/05
Gunn, Gordon Campbell	WO2	16915	1Fd Regt/Det131	66-67 & 69-70	24/09/44	26/9/13
Hayes, Terence "Lofty" James	Bdr	214973	Alpha Radar	66/67 & 68/69	17/11/39	14/12/11
Hemming, Leigh Graham	Gnr	1732039		1967	04/10/45	02/03/18

Item 1 Welcome	Chairman President Allen Morley opened the meeting and thanked those who had travelled a long way to join us.	
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 Nick Proskurin Seconded George Lane Against Nil Accepted	
Item 4	Issues arising from the previous minutes and circulated Correspondence were nil. Moved Bert Blink Seconded Ged Carroll Against Nil Accepted	

Item 5	<p>Financial Report.</p> <p>The Treasurer advised the Current Bank balance from a Statement dated to-day. The only commitments were \$605 reimbursement to Nick for the cost of new adhesive Ribbon set and \$200 as the last of 3 installments to the Marysville Public school for the Jim Menz Book Prize.</p> <p>We have 3 veterans considering memberships and our Annual renewal message will be sent to all eligible members.</p> <p>Financial Membership is currently 121</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr><td>plus</td><td>Associates</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>plus</td><td>Affiliates</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Total</td><td>132</td></tr> </table> <p>Plus Lapsed as at 14//2018 37 members</p> <p>Merchandise as at 1st June 2019.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>In Stock</th> <th>Cost</th> <th>Sold</th> <th>ROI</th> <th>Result</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Car Decals</td> <td>214</td> <td>\$759</td> <td></td> <td>\$1057</td> <td>+\$298</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nasho ribbons</td> <td>182</td> <td>\$905</td> <td></td> <td>\$470</td> <td>-\$435</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Caps/Hats</td> <td>37/15</td> <td>\$2212</td> <td></td> <td>\$2940</td> <td>+\$728</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Polos</td> <td>41</td> <td>\$2752</td> <td>52</td> <td>\$2310</td> <td>-\$442</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tee Shirt</td> <td>36</td> <td>\$1307</td> <td>23</td> <td>\$850</td> <td>-\$457</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOT Dragon</td> <td>1</td> <td>\$30</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Moved Bert Blink Second Ged Carroll Against Nil Accepted</p>	plus	Associates	2	plus	Affiliates	9		Total	132		In Stock	Cost	Sold	ROI	Result	Car Decals	214	\$759		\$1057	+\$298	Nasho ribbons	182	\$905		\$470	-\$435	Caps/Hats	37/15	\$2212		\$2940	+\$728	Polos	41	\$2752	52	\$2310	-\$442	Tee Shirt	36	\$1307	23	\$850	-\$457	TOT Dragon	1	\$30				
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Item 6	<p>Presidents report.</p> <p>Allen advised that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the Federal Election the Shadow DVA minister is Shane Neumann a Qld MP and Chris Bowen has apparently lost favour and is looking after (his) health portfolio. • Russell Hamsey has nominated as President of the LSTAA. • The AGM for our Association will go offsite on the 12th November 21019 and will be held at the North Head North Fort site. The AGM will be held at a time to be advised then followed by a BBQ lunch. A Tour of the Site is to be arranged to round out the day which will included a brief ceremony at the Association Memorial Paver. A general call to arms for this event will be made to all Locators far and away to attend. 																																																				
Item 7	<p>Public Officer Report.</p> <p>There are no changes or developments that will have any effect on our association that I am aware of.</p>																																																				
Item 8	<p>Webmaster Update.</p> <p>Nil report due to absence.</p> <p>Mention was made of a Face book page that was established to leverage our footprint in the digital world. The page when fully developed will be included on the links that we are supplying to the Australian Artillery Association (see below)</p> <p>From minutes of May 2019 meeting:</p> <p>“Bob has provided the Australian Artillery Association with the information they requested for our section of their proposed APP.</p> <p>Bob also discussed the possibility of establishing a Facebook presence which would generate more traffic among the younger Locator audience and serving soldiers. This also would allow us to post more newsy items direct to that space. A number of Moderators would also be required to maintain the integrity of the site.</p> <p>A subcommittee will develop a closed group page and build in security measures where we can control posts.”</p>																																																				

Item 9	<p>Health. No new advices to hand of any health incidents. Committee members commented as to the different approach being applied by various health/fitness organizations as not all are strictly following DVA guidelines which require an ongoing condition requiring treatment. Ask at your local council what may be on offer – you may be surprised of the benefits available.</p>	
Item 10	<p>Photo Album Project Ernest Newbold aided by Geoff Jebb, Bert and his aides have processed sufficient photographs to get the Album project moving. Names and descriptions of scenarios have all been checked and are ready for final assembly. More to come but very shortly.</p>	
Item 11	<p>General Business. Discussions ensued on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merv Nairn produces a number of Laminated Survey maps of the Vung Tau – Baria Nui Dat areas of South Vietnam which caused a pause in the meeting while a 10 minute nostalgia pill was taken. Merv will contact the NVVMuseum to offer the items for their collection. • Ron Mason has provided the Association with a signed Receipt form from the NVVMuseum covering the receipt of the tripod which was donated to complete the tellurometer display already in their possession. • Nick produced an amended “Nasho” Vietnam campaign ribbon showing the recently awarded USG on the same panel as the Lung Dragon (extreme right side). The ribbon is laminated and is UV protected against fading. Sale price will be \$6 each and includes postage. 	
Item 12	<p>Next General meeting will be on: July 9th 2019 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</p>	
Item 13	Meeting Closed 12.10PM	
	Signed Allen Morley	Meeting Chairman

Addendum A

131Locators Meeting Action Items Apr 2019 Prior Action Items

Active Items

1. Revise Det 131 Display at NVVM I to consolidate display items
2. Photo Album Project

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items