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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 14th May 2019

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Ron Mason, Bob Billiards, Bert Blink, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, Ian Amos,
Nick Proskurin, Merv Nairn, Ged Carroll and George Lane,

Apologies: Paul Dickson, Gordon Malcolm, Jim Fitzgerald, State Reps.

**Comrades, Brothers in arms remembered
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Doust, Edmond George	Sgt	53111	-	5/5/67 - 2/4/68	14/07/39	26/12/14
Doyle, William Francis	Gnr	4719912	-	1969	25/07/47	05/09/78
Evans, Jeffrey Bruce	Maj	3789164	Survey	1971	11/10/45	14/12/11
Erica (formerly Earwicker), Bernard George	Gnr	3787334	-	20/5/66 - 3/3/67	29/04/45	23/11/2016
Fahey, Fred	WO1		132 Bty			2/6/2014
Farr, Lawrence Joseph	Gnr	1734257	-	1969 – 1970	27/08/47	2009
Fawcett-Smith, Neville	Sgt	17732	RAEME	67/68 70/71	29/06/42	-
Field, Edwin Alfred	T/Sgt	242577	W/Shop-RAEME	1966	08/06/34	20/07/96
Foley, Charles Anthony	WO2		Survey	N/A		2018

Item 1 Welcome	Chairman President Allen Morley opened the meeting and thanked Ron Mason who had travelled far to join us and VP Bert Blink for his consistency and diligence.	
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) were: A proposal from the Australian Artillery Association to develop an APP where our Association would be included. Discussion followed and is in General Business below. Moved Grahame Dignam Seconded Bert Blink Against Nil Accepted	

Item 4	<p>Issues arising from the previous minutes and circulated Correspondence again concerned the NVV Museum display and will be covered below.</p> <p>Moved Grahame Dignam Seconded Bert Blink Against Nil Accepted</p>																										
Item 5	<p>Financial Report.</p> <p>The Treasurer advised the Current Bank balance from a Statement dated to-day and of no large impending expenditures in the near future.</p> <p>We have 4 new financial members following Anzac Day with 3 outstanding and another in progress.</p> <p>Financial Membership is currently 121 plus Associates 2 plus Affiliates 9 Total 132</p> <p>Plus Lapsed as at 14//2018 37 members</p> <p>Merchandise as at 1st May 2018.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Assn Car Decals</td> <td>- stock: 214 – Cost \$759.</td> <td>ROI is \$1057</td> <td>– Surplus</td> <td>\$298</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nasho ribbons</td> <td>- stock 2 -Cost \$300</td> <td>ROI is \$370</td> <td>Surplus</td> <td>\$70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Caps/Hats</td> <td>- stock: 2caps/19 hats/0 surf. Cost @2212</td> <td>ROI is \$2940</td> <td>- Surplus</td> <td>\$728</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Polos</td> <td>cost 50 x \$22.17 sold 46x \$30</td> <td>ROI is \$1380</td> <td>Short</td> <td>-\$837</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tee Shirt</td> <td>cost 50 x \$ 890 sold 23x \$25</td> <td>ROI is \$575</td> <td>Short</td> <td>-\$315</td> </tr> </table> <p>1 x Tracks of the Dragon available \$30 plus postage \$13.80</p> <p>Moved Grahame Dignam Second Bert Blink Against Nil Accepted</p>	Assn Car Decals	- stock: 214 – Cost \$759.	ROI is \$1057	– Surplus	\$298	Nasho ribbons	- stock 2 -Cost \$300	ROI is \$370	Surplus	\$70	Caps/Hats	- stock: 2caps/19 hats/0 surf. Cost @2212	ROI is \$2940	- Surplus	\$728	Polos	cost 50 x \$22.17 sold 46x \$30	ROI is \$1380	Short	-\$837	Tee Shirt	cost 50 x \$ 890 sold 23x \$25	ROI is \$575	Short	-\$315	
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Item 6	<p>Presidents report.</p> <p>Allen advised that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sydney Anzac Day 2019 was held in warm summery conditions. The Det 131 banner was well attended with our group being swelled by mates from interstate joining in mini reunions. Approximately 60 vets and a couple of family members made up the contingent • The un official PIONEERS reunion at Coffs Harbor over the 4/5th May went off well with a number of pals (about 14) getting together in an atmosphere where you “do your own thing”. A very informal family friendly affair where good chat and good times were had in abundance. It’s on again next year so put it in your diary for the first weekend in May • The AGM of the Sydney LSTAA will be held at Panania RSL on 14 July 2019 and all are welcome. • He had spoken to W. Hamilton who was holidaying in Narooma and advised “the reds available here are very drinkable”. 																										
Item 7	<p>Public Officer Report.</p> <p>There are no changes or developments that will have any effect on the association that I am aware of.</p>																										
Item 8	<p>Webmaster Update.</p> <p>Bob has sent his website stats out as usual. He will contact the “web builder people “to do a conversion of the “Contact Us” tab on the website. The meeting unanimously approved the reasonable expenditure to complete this requirement.</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. Bert is going along well following his prostate procedure last year and is due for a checkup next week. Grahame Dignam has had 2 skin cancers removed but is otherwise enjoyed good health. A number of the committee are involved in the Heart Health programme and the associated exercise regime and have been for some time. It is a good routine to reduce stress and share some down time among like-minded vets. The programme has many positives and very few negatives. Consult your GP before any strenuous exercise.</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"> • The un official PIONEERS reunion at Coffs Harbor over the 4/5th May went off well with a number of pals (about 14) getting together in an atmosphere where you “do your own thing”. A very informal family friendly affair where good chat and good times were had in abundance. It’s on again next year so put it in your diary for the first weekend in May • Ron Mason has recently spoken to Phil Dressing, GM of the NVV museum, who reported that the museum is embarrassed by the amount of items he has in the collection. The Museum is looking for a space to re-locate and has government money to proceed on the RIGHT site. Until then he has to manage the item on display due to lack of space. Ron passed on the Signed receipt from the museum for the recent Tellurometer and stand we supplied. • 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 will be laminated and is UV protected against fading. The committee approved the purchase of 200 ribbons at a total cost of \$550. Sale price will be \$6 each and includes postage. 	
Item 12	<p>Next General meeting will be on: June 11th 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	<p>Meeting Closed 12.00 Noon</p>	
	<p>Signed Allen Morley</p>	<p>Meeting Chairman</p>

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