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131 Locators Association Inc.

Minutes for the General Meeting of the 131 Locators Association Inc.  
 Held via Zoom internet

At 11.00 AM on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Attendee were:, Grahame Dignam, Ged Carroll, Merv Nairn, Ernest Newbold, Nick Proskurin, Ian Amos, Gordon Malcolm

Zoomers: Paul Dickson, Allen Morley Ron Mason, Ian Campbell, Laurie Sawyer, Rieny Niewenhof, Bob Billiards, Bert Blink and Terry Erbs

Apologies: Jim Fitzgerald, George Lane and State Reps.

**Comrades, Brothers in arms remembered**

**VALE**

Douglas, Alan	-	-	-	N/A	-	2009
Doust, Edmond George	Sgt	53111	-	5/5/67 - 2/4/68	14/07/39	26/12/14
Doyle, William Francis	Gnr	4719912	Radar	1969	25/07/47	05/09/78
Erica (formerly Earwicker), Bernard George	Gnr	3787334	-	20/5/66 - 3/3/67	29/04/45	23/11/2016
Evans, Jeffrey Bruce	Maj	3789164	Survey	1971	11/10/45	14/12/11
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	Unknown
Ferris, Michael William	T/Corp	1733794	1 Armour Reg	23/12/68 - 28/03/69 03/03/69 - 03/12/69	13/12/45	21/09/05
Field, Edwin Alfred	T/Sgt	242577	W/Shop-RAEME	1966	08/06/34	20/07/96
Foley, Charles Anthony	WO2		Survey	N/A	1939	31/01/18

Item 1 Welcome	Stand in Chairman Sec/Treas Grahame Dignam opened the meeting and thanked all in attendance in house and those who had logged via Zoom facility.	
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 items to be covered in General Business below.	
Item 3	Matters arising and Recent Correspondence (uncirculated) were: Nil.  Moved Grahame Dignam                      Seconded Nick Proskurin    Against Nil                      Accepted	
Item 4	<b>Financial Report.</b> The Treasurer advised the current Bank balance from a Statement dated to-day. There is one outstanding amounts due for payment – see General Business below.	

Financial Membership is currently ..... 128  
 plus Associates 2  
 plus Affiliates 12  
 Total 142  
 Plus Lapsed as at 1/5/2021 33 members

Merchandise as at 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021

	In Stock	Cost	sold	ROI	Result
<b>Car Decals</b>	199	\$759	244	\$1117	+ \$363
<b>Nasho UCG ribbons</b>	165	\$905	135	\$550	<b>-\$355</b>
<b>Caps/Hats</b>	30/13	\$2212	167	\$3120	+\$1108
<b>Polo's (1 gift)</b>	34	\$2752	76	\$2280	<b>-\$530</b>
<b>Tee Shirt</b>	32	\$1307	38	\$940	<b>-\$350</b>

Moved Grahame Dignam Seconded Gordon Malcolm Against Nil Accepted

Item 5	<p><b>Presidents report.</b>          Allen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanked G Dignam for organizing the 4 May excursion to the SME museum.</li> <li>• Reported that he and Terry Erbs both intended to stand for the LSTAA committee in upcoming elections.</li> <li>• Advised he has had contact with Lionel Outen, one of the original 131 Locating Association organizing committee. He would like to see an appreciation piece written commending those involved for their efforts in the early trying times of getting the association going. We would not be here without their involvement.</li> <li>• Noted that the Army is to receive 4 new Chinook helicopters</li> </ul>
Item 6	<p><b>Public Officer Report.</b>          No item of current interest to report.</p>
Item 7	<p><b>Webmaster Update.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bob advised the Face book page now has 231 members and activity is picking up. 136 members access the EYES &amp; Ears newsletter from that avenue.</li> <li>• We are displaying an item "Return to Mt Pleasant ACT" in the Events section of the website.</li> <li>• Maintenance is being considered for the membership section of the website.</li> </ul>
Item 8	<p><b>Health.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have been in contact with Larry Bridge who is undergoing treatment for a serious illness at the moment.</li> <li>• Keith Ayliffe is still struggling with recovery from his last OP.</li> <li>• Steve Wynn has reported he is undergoing treatment for a serious bug infection.</li> </ul>
Item 9	<p><b>General Business and around the grounds.</b>          Discussions ensued on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ian Campbell reported a new female arrival in the family which promoted him to Grandfather.</li> <li>• A discussion re using Face book pic's in our Newsletter. Once they appear they become public. Newspapers require an acknowledgement for pictures used.</li> <li>• Terry mentioned that the 150th Anniversary celebration would be on 21 August in Canberra and November in Sydney refers to website for details.</li> <li>• The bi-annual reunion which coincides with the Regiments birthday on 9<sup>th</sup> October at Caloundra would see 20 Regiment join with 1st Regiment and later a Family Day and visit to Fort Lytton. Details are available refer to website.</li> <li>• Rieny mentioned that Royal Commission terms of reference should be as wide as possible. Also due to a shortage of burial sites there may be a push to renew some war graves areas- more to come. Also that the report into the DVA in 2019 stated that the DVA was not fit for purpose. The government so far has not responded. Also reported that this year's census will ask questions re service to country.</li> <li>• Bert mentioned a film "a Vietnamese- Australia from Bowral NSW" which proved an interesting item and has sparked interest in a day visit.</li> </ul>

Item 10	<b>Next General meeting</b> will be on:  8 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 11.00 AM And available via Zoom link to be advised.  Sec/Treas 0437 361 602	
Item 11	Meeting Closed 12.11PM	
	Signed Grahame Dignam	Temp. Meeting Chairman

**Addendum A**

**131Locators Meeting Action Items April 2021**  
**Prior Action Items**

Active Items

1. Revise Det 131 Display at NVVM pending build of new premises.
2. Foster the 131 Battery Face Book sites
3. Continue working on the Photo Album Project

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items