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**SOUTH VIETNAM**  
**1966 – 1971**  
**Lest We Forget**



Minutes for the General Meeting of the 131 Locators Association Inc.  
 Canley Heights RSL & Sporting Club  
 26 Humphries Rd, Wakeley NSW 2176  
 and via Zoom internet on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Zoomed members were Paul Dickson, Terry Erbs, Bert Blink,  
 Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam, Steve Wynn

Apologies were received from George Lane, Rieny Nieuwenhof, Bob Billiards, Ged Carroll,  
 Merv Nairn, Peter Dealy, Ian Kennedy, Kevin Browning, Jim Fitzgerald,  
 Gordon Malcolm, Nick Proskurin, Ernest Newbold, Warwick Brooker and other State Reps

**Comrades, Brothers in arms remembered.**

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|-------------------------------|-------|---------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Addison, George William       | WO2   | 2410040 | Survey/Sound Ranging | 1969 - 1970                                | 16/07/30 | 26/08/17 |
| Arch, Maurice Leonard         | Bdr   | 43350   |                      | Jan - Nov 1967                             | 17/09/37 | 26/08/17 |
| Armshaw, Christopher          | Gnr   | 2781291 | Survey               | 1966 – 1967                                | 09/02/45 | 10/02/70 |
| Arnold, Rex Terrence          | L/Bdr | 424096  |                      | 1970 - 71                                  | 10/07/49 | 01/06/21 |
| Atkinson, Neville Ross        | Gnr   | 1733449 | Arty Tac             | 8/11/68 – 5/11/69                          | 12/07/47 | 14/12/96 |
| Baker, Leigh "Mouse" Kingsley | L/Bdr | 3789657 | LP's                 | 1967-68                                    | 12/02/45 | 28/02/22 |
| Barry, Peter                  | Gnr   | 2794949 | 131<br>12 Fld        | 17/03/71 - 03/08/71<br>04/08/71 - 02/11/71 | 25/07/49 | 03/10/02 |
| Bassford, Jeffrey Ronald      | L/Bdr | 2792419 |                      | 30/04/70 - 14/04/71                        | 21/04/49 | 19/06/22 |
| Bates, Leslie John            | Gnr   | 218053  |                      | 1969-70                                    | 20/11/50 | 07/08/13 |
| Bennett, Peter John           | Gnr   | 3784060 | -                    | 1969/70                                    | 02/03/48 | 22/11/24 |
| Bensley, Allan Bruce          | Sgt   | 243104  | RAEME                | 68/69 70/71                                | 19/12/42 | 20/12/11 |
| Black, Brian                  | Gnr   | 2786469 | Driver/LP            | 1967 – 1968                                | 16/09/46 | 18/01/11 |

**Lest We Forget**

| Item 1                  | President Allen Morley welcomed those joining via Zoom.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |         |       |         |       |  |     |                     |     |       |     |         |       |                   |     |       |     |       |      |                      |       |         |     |         |       |                 |    |         |     |         |       |                    |   |         |    |         |       |                         |    |     |   |     |     |  |
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| 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) will also be discussed in General Business.<br><br>Moved    G Dignam        Seconded Terry Erbs    Against Nil            Accepted                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |         |       |         |       |  |     |                     |     |       |     |         |       |                   |     |       |     |       |      |                      |       |         |     |         |       |                 |    |         |     |         |       |                    |   |         |    |         |       |                         |    |     |   |     |     |  |
| Item 4                  | <p><b>Financial Report.</b></p> <p>The Treasurer advised the current Bank balance from a Statement dated today. Renewal program has been well supported, producing \$1030. This substantially covers the website expenses for 12 months.</p> <p>Financial Membership is currently ..... 118<br/>                         plus            Associates            2<br/>                         plus            Affiliates            15<br/>                         Total                                    145<br/>Plus    Lapsed as of 1 Aug 2025                                    37 members</p> <p>Merchandise on 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 2025</p> <table><tr><th>Item</th><th>Stock</th><th>cost</th><th>Sold</th><th></th><th>ROI</th></tr><tr><td>Car Decals (gifted)</td><td>158</td><td>\$759</td><td>283</td><td>\$1,405</td><td>\$645</td></tr><tr><td>Nasho UCG ribbons</td><td>112</td><td>\$905</td><td>185</td><td>\$925</td><td>\$45</td></tr><tr><td>Caps/Hats (13 gifts)</td><td>28/23</td><td>\$3,340</td><td>219</td><td>\$4,400</td><td>\$900</td></tr><tr><td>Polo’s (3 gift)</td><td>27</td><td>\$3,793</td><td>129</td><td>\$3,500</td><td>\$750</td></tr><tr><td>Tee Shirt (2 gift)</td><td>8</td><td>\$1,310</td><td>60</td><td>\$1,500</td><td>\$190</td></tr><tr><td>Action! Action! Action!</td><td>22</td><td>300</td><td>8</td><td>120</td><td>180</td></tr></table> <p>Moved   G Dignam    Seconded Terry Erbs        Against Nil            Accepted</p> | Item    | Stock | cost    | Sold  |  | ROI | Car Decals (gifted) | 158 | \$759 | 283 | \$1,405 | \$645 | Nasho UCG ribbons | 112 | \$905 | 185 | \$925 | \$45 | Caps/Hats (13 gifts) | 28/23 | \$3,340 | 219 | \$4,400 | \$900 | Polo’s (3 gift) | 27 | \$3,793 | 129 | \$3,500 | \$750 | Tee Shirt (2 gift) | 8 | \$1,310 | 60 | \$1,500 | \$190 | Action! Action! Action! | 22 | 300 | 8 | 120 | 180 |  |
| Item                    | Stock                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | cost    | Sold  |         | ROI   |  |     |                     |     |       |     |         |       |                   |     |       |     |       |      |                      |       |         |     |         |       |                 |    |         |     |         |       |                    |   |         |    |         |       |                         |    |     |   |     |     |  |
| Car Decals (gifted)     | 158                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$759   | 283   | \$1,405 | \$645 |  |     |                     |     |       |     |         |       |                   |     |       |     |       |      |                      |       |         |     |         |       |                 |    |         |     |         |       |                    |   |         |    |         |       |                         |    |     |   |     |     |  |
| Nasho UCG ribbons       | 112                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$905   | 185   | \$925   | \$45  |  |     |                     |     |       |     |         |       |                   |     |       |     |       |      |                      |       |         |     |         |       |                 |    |         |     |         |       |                    |   |         |    |         |       |                         |    |     |   |     |     |  |
| Caps/Hats (13 gifts)    | 28/23                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$3,340 | 219   | \$4,400 | \$900 |  |     |                     |     |       |     |         |       |                   |     |       |     |       |      |                      |       |         |     |         |       |                 |    |         |     |         |       |                    |   |         |    |         |       |                         |    |     |   |     |     |  |
| Polo’s (3 gift)         | 27                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$3,793 | 129   | \$3,500 | \$750 |  |     |                     |     |       |     |         |       |                   |     |       |     |       |      |                      |       |         |     |         |       |                 |    |         |     |         |       |                    |   |         |    |         |       |                         |    |     |   |     |     |  |
| Tee Shirt (2 gift)      | 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$1,310 | 60    | \$1,500 | \$190 |  |     |                     |     |       |     |         |       |                   |     |       |     |       |      |                      |       |         |     |         |       |                 |    |         |     |         |       |                    |   |         |    |         |       |                         |    |     |   |     |     |  |
| Action! Action! Action! | 22                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 300     | 8     | 120     | 180   |  |     |                     |     |       |     |         |       |                   |     |       |     |       |      |                      |       |         |     |         |       |                 |    |         |     |         |       |                    |   |         |    |         |       |                         |    |     |   |     |     |  |
| Item 5                  | <p><b>President’s report.</b></p> <p>Allen referenced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support for the Vietnam Veterans day at Bankstown Sports is weak with more veterans observing the occasion locally with family members.</li><li>• Allen was contacted by Joe Kaplan, and it was agreed that any expenses for a Xmas gathering this year would not be supported by either LSTAA or 131 Association but would be a personal expense.</li><li>• A few steps forward were taken regarding the Photo Album project with more detail to be provided. More questions arose than were answered.</li><li>• RSL Sydney ran a survey re the Anzac Day March which found that<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. seating was needed for older vets</li><li>2. Timing for “step Off” needs attention (flexible ?)</li><li>3. other appropriate age issues are a concern.</li></ol></li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |         |       |         |       |  |     |                     |     |       |     |         |       |                   |     |       |     |       |      |                      |       |         |     |         |       |                 |    |         |     |         |       |                    |   |         |    |         |       |                         |    |     |   |     |     |  |

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| <i>Item 6</i>  | <b>Public Officer.</b><br>Gordon called prior to the meeting and reported no issues.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| <i>Item 7</i>  | <b>Webmaster Update.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The report was delivered by G Dignam due to Roberts absence.</li> <li>We currently have 537 members with only a few posting regularly.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
| <i>Item 8</i>  | <b>Health.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allen Morley advised he was to undergo a PET Scan with regard to his “P” issue previously advised.</li> <li>We are concerned that not all vets can/have availed themselves of DVA help with medical claims. With this in mind, we agreed that we should support as far as we are able with letters, facts and figures, any claims we come to know of where extra heft would assist the association member claimant.</li> </ul> |  |
| <i>Item 9</i>  | <b>General Business and around the grounds.</b><br>Discussions ensued on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paul Dickson will contact Peter Dealy for any update on the National Vietnam Vets Museum.</li> <li>Paul also reminded all to provide photos of personal commemorations for Vietnam Vets day observances.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                   |  |
| <i>Item 10</i> | <b>Next General meeting</b> will be on:<br>9 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 11.00 AM<br>Venue to be confirmed<br><br>Sec/Treas 0437 361 602                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| <i>Item 11</i> | Meeting Closed 12.02PM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
|                | Signed Allen Morley <div>Meeting Chairman</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |

## Addendum A

### 131Locators Meeting Action Items July 2025 Prior Action Items

#### Active Items

1. Foster the 131 RAA Battery Face Book sites
2. Continue working on the Photo Album Project (selection process has commenced).
3. Review the progress of the relocation of Vietnam Veterans Museum

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items