



131 Locators Association Inc.

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting of the 131 Locators Association Inc.
held at Tuggerah Lakes RSL club
on 17th December 2013

Attendees were: Grahame Dignam, Allen Morley, Ernest Newbold, George Lane,
Nick Proskurin, Vic Danko, Dave Crowther, Russell Hewitt, Bob Billiards.

Apologies: Paul Dickson, Ian Amos, Bert Blink, Ged Carroll.

Item 1	Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated with the Agenda and as previously adopted are deemed to be read and correct except as mentioned in Issues arising below.	
Item 2	Recent Correspondence (uncirculated) NIL.	
Item 3	Issues arising from All Correspondence and the previous minutes were nil. Moved G.Lane Second B Billiards Against Nil Accepted	
Item 4	Financial Report Current Balance at the Bank is \$10,556. Membership has increase with Russell Hewitt (Hewey) signing up prior to to-days meeting and is currently 140 (2 x 1 yr renewals o/s). Merchandise. Decals - Sales total \$837 stock remaining is 309 - Break even was \$759. Caps/Hats - Sales total \$1120 stock remaining is 4 caps/37/hats -break even was \$1034 Moved G Dignam Second G Lane/E Newbold Against Nil Accepted	
Item 5	Webmaster Update. Monthly activity data for Nov was circulated. Unique visitors are consistently about 500+ however the number of visits has fallen. Mexico stats are low however Dicko is travelling at this time. Hits are being received from 25 foreign countries. Bob Billiards	

Item 6	<p>Presidents report.</p> <p>Allen advised that the next LSTAA Ordinary meeting will be on 9 March 2014 with the AGM to be held on 20 July 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ He mentioned the DVA has released a strategic plan out to 2020 ▪ In regards to the 2015 Gallipoli Ballot we have 2 members entered Allen Morley and Bob Billiards <p>Moved G Lane Second D Crowther Against Nil Accepted</p>	
Item 7	<p>Public Officers Report.</p> <p>Vic congratulated the committee on the way it works with a direction unlike another that he is involved with that is constantly engaged in a power struggle between the members. He is determined to deliver a project that the 131 Locators Association can involve itself in that will deliver a real benefit to a deserving relative of a member of 131 DLB. Whether a Scholarship is the correct vehicle is still to be determined but it is the only card on the table at this time. More will be forthcoming in the New Year.</p>	
Item 8	<p>2016 Anniversary Reunion.</p> <p>While the LSTAA has planned their 2016 reunion for October in Coffs Harbour Allen would like us to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Det 131 Div Loc Bty s' departure for South Vietnam in May 2016 at the Gallipoli Barracks Ennogerger home of the 131st Surveillance and Target Acquisition Battery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This would involve us arranging with the incoming OC 131 with a view to laying an appropriate plaque noting the event and commemorating the service of those earlier 131 soldiers who have been involved in conflicts around the globe. • Nick Proskurin would amend the plaque used in the Canberra dedication to be more appropriate for the Ennogerger Site and sentiment. • Terry Erbs will liaise with the 131 personnel with a view to gaining their approval. This exercise would serve to introduce our 131 Association to the current serving personnel as an integral arm of the LSTAA family of veterans. 	
Item 9	<p>Agent Orange article in the V VP & P November issue.</p> <p>The article appeared and was a comprehensive outline of the issue however more truth is to come in later editions.</p>	
Item 10	<p>Other Matters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ern Newbold had received a further 50 caps with a lighter shade of blue in the Association logo. He was able to also arrange 10 Surf hats with a 7 cm brim that meets current O.H. &S. standards. The total invoice cost for this order was \$620.40. 2 Surf hats and 1 cap have been sold and another hat reserved for the Mexican resident editor of our Eyes & Ears Newsletter. • Related to this item the postage costs of Caps & Hats previously agreed on of \$5 per order has been under quoted as postage has proved to be a minimum of \$8.25 per order. Having regard for the larger, heavier surf hats which will add to the future postage cost the rate will change on January 1 2014 to \$8 per order. 	

Item 11	Next meeting will be at the Canley Heights RSL & Sporting Club on the 20 th February 2014 at 11.00AM	
	Signed A Morley Chairman	

Addendum A

131Locators Meeting Action Items Oct 2013 Prior Action Items

- Projects worthy of Support of 131Locator Association Members. **Ongoing** - details of proposed & current projects and their status to be identified. Suggestions - George Lane suggested 2 x \$500 scholarships be offered annually. Further ideas are encouraged.

Current Meeting Topics

1. For mention – plan and co-ordinate Paver for Det 131 DLB service in SVN at Seymour Vietnam Memorial Walk
 2. For Mention - DVA Pension Questionnaire and Survey Monkey.
- Further to the community assistance projects - other ideas are required.

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items

1. AGM – Changes to the 131Locators Constitution as detailed in the AGM Agenda. Agreed , voted and passed at AGM on 19th November 2013

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