



# 131 Locators Association Inc.

Minutes for the General Meeting of the 131 Locators Association Inc.  
held at

**CRONULLA RSL MEMORIAL CLUB, 38 Gerrale Street, Cronulla NSW 2230**

at 11.00AM on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, George Lane, Ian Amos, Nick Proskurin, Vic Danko, Des McGuiggan, Ged Carroll and Merv Nairn.  
Apologies: Paul Dickson, Bob Billiards Bert Blink.

Chaired by Allen Morley

Item 1	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated with the Agenda and deemed to be read and correct except as mentioned in Issues arising below.</p> <p>Moved G.Lane                      Second G Carroll                      Against Nil                      Accepted</p>	
Item 2	Recent Correspondence (uncirculated) Nil.	
Item 3	<p>Issues arising from <b>All Correspondence</b> and the previous minutes were :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Errors as described by the committee members re placement of apostrophe in item re Barry Heards' .....amended .</li> <li>• Under Addendum B Current Meeting topics -Numbering of AGENDA ITEM 2. 3. Was clarified to 2.</li> </ul> <p>Moved G Dignam/E Newbold                      Second G Lane                      Against Nil                      Accepted</p>	
Item 4	<p>Financial Report</p> <p>Current Balance at the Bank is \$10,354.87. After payment of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small paver cost of \$50.00 to clarify our role in the placement of the unit paver in the Seymour Memorial Walk</li> </ul> <p>The net figure will be \$10,304.87.</p> <p>MEMBERSHIP is currently 145.</p> <p>Merchandise.</p> <p>Decals        - stock is 300 – Cost price \$759.        ROI is \$877                      Profit \$118.</p> <p>Caps/Hats - stock is 44 caps/37 hats/7 surf .Cost price \$1654 - ROI total \$1475    Def \$179</p> <p>Moved G Dignam        Second G Lane                      Against Nil                      Accepted</p>	

Item 5	<p>Presidents report. Allen mentioned the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 131 DLB Reunion on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at Enoggera Barracks Qld. The new design banner had finally arrived from Pakistan and was formally handed to 20 STA. At the same reunion, mention was made of marking the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Det131 DLB troops departing for Vietnam on 4th May 1966. The idea was warmly received by the RSM 131st Surveillance and Target Acquisition Battery and conversations will continue between us</li> <li>• A chaperoned 3 member contingent attended “Wings over Wanaka” over Easter 2014 and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.</li> <li>• Anzac Day 2014 was wet, wet, WET! And had 11 attend for lunch at Zest.</li> <li>• A reply in the negative has been received from the Vietnam Campaign Medal Eligibility Appeals Board so no further claims will be entertained.</li> </ul>	
Item 6	<p>Public Officer Report.</p> <p>Nothing significant to report.</p>	
Item 7	<p>Anzac Day 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sydney see above</li> <li>• Lord Howe Island- Vic Danko and Garth Nicholls made up 2/3s of the veterans who marched in a moving ceremony for a small population.</li> <li>• Melbourne – see next Eyes and Ears</li> <li>• Beerwah Qld saw 6 x131 Vets march amongst a good community role up on the day- Geoff Blackwell, Bob Billiards, Bert Blink, Barry Guzder and Grahame Dignam joined Ric Marques for a mini reunion in the shadows of the Glass House Mountains Qld.</li> </ul>	
Item 8	<p>Webmaster Update.</p> <p>Webmaster has taken leave and is 4xwheeling between Sydney and Cape York renewing his batteries (metaphorically speaking we hope).</p>	
Item 9	<p>Other items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholarship structure will be 3x \$200 and will be available to be paid in the first term of the 2015 school year. See addendum A Item 1.</li> </ul>	
Item 10	<p>Next meeting.</p> <p>Next meeting will on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 11.00AM at: Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club, 26 Humphries Rd Wakeley NSW 2176</p>	
Item 11	<p>Meeting Closed 12.20PM.</p>	
Item 12	<p>Signed A Morley</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chairman</p>	

## Addendum A

### 131Locators Meeting Action Items March 2014 Prior Action Items

1. Projects worthy of Support of 131Locator Association Members. **Ongoing** - details of proposed & current projects and their status to be identified.  
**Suggestions** - 3 x \$200 scholarships be offered to family members of a 131 Locators Assn **financial member** annually. An item will appear in Eyes & Ears seeking families who wish to take part in the draw for the scholarships to be judged by the executive committee.
2. Further ideas are encouraged.
3. Donation to seed a Movie project "Well done those Men" from a book by Barry Heard - more information to come from the author.

### Current Meeting Topics

1. Arrange for Meeting Minutes to be placed in Members Only area of Website ( Sec/Treas to arrange pdf files for webmaster).
2. For Mention and Action - DVA Pension Questionnaire and Survey Monkey. Survey Monkey has been tested by Bert Blink with responses from committee members with a view to implementation. Further development is needed to review purpose of the survey and if it will be effective and its secure placement.
4. 131 DLB unit history project to be progressed via all available avenues including CO's being asked to place their recollections of their army experiences on voice recorder with a view to collation and eventual publication.

### Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items

1. Paver for Det 131 DLB service in SVN at Seymour Vietnam Memorial Walk is in place.

### Current Action Items

2. 2016 Anniversary Reunion. Refer Presidents report.