



131 Locators Association Inc.



Minutes for the General Meeting of the 131 Locators Association Inc.  
held at Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club  
at 11.05AM on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Attendees were: Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, George Lane Bert Blink,

Apologies: Paul Dickson, Jim Fitzgerald, Ged Carroll, Vic Danko, Merv Nairn, Nick Proskurin,  
Des McGuiggan, Ian Amos, Gordon Malcolm, Allen Morley, Bob Billiards.

Welcome	Chairman and VP, Bert Blink, after checking to ensure that a quorum was present (4 financial members), welcomed and opened the meeting at 11.05 AM. and thanked those who travelled long distances to be present.	
Item 1	Minutes of the previous General meeting and Correspondence were circulated with the Agenda and are deemed to be read and correct except as mentioned in <b>Issues arising</b> Item 3 below.	
Item 2	Recent Correspondence (uncirculated) included: NIL Moved Bert Blink                      Seconded George Lane                      Against Nil                      Accepted	
Item 3	Issues arising from the previous minutes and circulated Correspondence and were Nil: Move George Lane                      Second Bert Blink                      Against Nil                      Accepted	
Item 4	<b>Financial Report.</b> Current Balance at the Bank was provided to the meeting. Financial Membership is currently ..... 140 plus                      Associates                      2 plus                      Affiliates                      7 Total                      149  Plus Lapsed 12 members	

	<p>Merchandise.</p> <p>Assn Car Decals - stock: 276 – Cost \$759. ROI is \$977 – Surplus <b>\$218</b></p> <p>Nasho ribbons - stock 73 -Cost \$300 ROI is \$135 – <b>Short \$165</b></p> <p>Caps/Hats - stock: 19 caps/23 hats/5 surf. Cost @ \$1654 - ROI is \$2425 Surplus <b>\$771</b></p> <p><b>Polos</b> cost \$2455 sold 15x \$30 ROI is \$450 – <b>Short \$1770</b></p> <p><b>Tee Shirt</b> cost \$ 890 sold 12x \$25 ROI is \$300 – <b>Short \$590</b></p> <p>Moved G Dignam Second Ern Newbold Against Nil Accepted</p>	
Item 5	<p><b>Presidents report.</b></p> <p>Despite no formal written report it is rumoured Allen is in the USA attending the 1/83<sup>rd</sup> Reunion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He and Bob Billiard, accompanied by their partners, met with Bill Taggert, webmaster for their association website and organizer of the event in Washington DC. A great time was had by all and lots of stories told. Allen was able to exchange a number of caps and Polos for some hard currency which will be accounted for in the near future.</li> <li>• A visit to the world renowned Uvar-Dazy Air Museum followed with Bob riding shotgun (or flying wingman if you wish). Further touring will round out the trip.</li> </ul>	
Item 6	<p><b>Public Officer Report.</b></p> <p>Vic has not furnished a report but has suggested via email the Association develop some objectives to focus our efforts and purpose for the year ahead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He mentioned production of the Photo album of 131s’ period in SVN (this is an ongoing project where we are gathering pictorial evidence via RELEVANT photos of equipment and events of the UNITS total tour which will then be presented to 20STA Regt).</li> </ul> <p>With regard to this idea we refer to our Item 8 in General Business of the September Minutes where a number of suggestions were made and are being developed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Ern Newbold suggested that we donate an amount to allow the 20STA soldiers to benefit from an amenity provided by 20STA Regiment in our Association Name. The amenity would be an award or reward generally available to all Ors. This will be investigated.</li> <li>ii) Gordon Malcolm suggested that our Association sponsor an award named “The Jim Menz Book prize “to students attending the local school where Jim grew up and the family still lives.</li> </ol> <p>This does not preclude other worthwhile items being added to the list and further submissions are encouraged and will be welcomed.</p>	
Item 7	<p><b>Webmaster Update.</b></p> <p>Bob is overseas.</p>	
Item 8	<p><b>Update from Coffs Harbour.</b></p> <p>The last Coffs reunion has wound up and the baton has been passed to the SEQ branch of the LSTAA and President Terry Erbs and his committee to develop the 2018 event.</p> <p>The weekend was down on numbers but very enjoyable nonetheless. The organization was up to the usual standard and no Locators were lost during the event. We managed to meet new people we had only previously heard about and they hadn’t aged a day. Visits to Bellingen on Saturday and Bowraville on the Sunday were very interesting and enjoyable.</p>	

	<p>The only minor hiccup came when dismissing the parade after the service at the Memorial on Saturday evening when the parade turned to the east instead of the west then ordered 'Dismissed'. We all knew the beer was in the other direction!</p> <p>A farewell breakfast on the Monday saw most head off to home pastures except those flying out on Tuesday as Qantas had other ideas providing the first aircraft around 3pm in the afternoon and another three hours later. It was a long day for some and Qantas staff were left red faced over the issue.</p>	
Item 9	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <p>As supplies of our Association apparel diminish we need to think what we require in the future. Ern Newbold has suggested that we design a new version of the cap for example and when ordering that minimum number then add a top up order for the existing design. That would give us the merchandise on a cost-effective basis.</p> <p>This will be developed and a report made.</p>	
Item 10	<p><b>Next General meeting will be on:</b></p> <p>November 15th 2016 following the AGM which commences at 11.00AM  Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club  26 Humphries Rd Wakeley NSW 2176</p> <p><b>PHONE [02] 9604 9975 or</b>  <b>Sec/Treas 0437 361 602</b></p>	
Item 11	Meeting Closed 12.02 PM due to arrival of Pizzas.	
	Signed Bert Blink	Chairman

## Addendum A

### 131 Locators Meeting Action Items September 2016 Prior Action Items

1. 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion of 1<sup>st</sup> reo party May 1967 Adelaide 2017
2. A discussion on our community involvement project resulted in 2 suggestion
  - iii) Ern Newbold suggested that we donate an amount to allow the 20STA soldiers to benefit from an amenity provided by 20STA Regiment in our Association Name. The amenity would be an award or reward generally available to all Ors. This will be investigated.
  - iv) Gordon Malcolm suggested that our Association sponsor an award named "The Jim Menz Book prize" to students attending the local school where Jim grew up and the family still lives.

Both suggestions will be developed and a report will be made to the Association.

3. North Head Flagstone paver dedication date
4. 131 Bty flag project

**Ongoing** Suggestions - George Lane suggested 2 x \$500 scholarships be offered to a Locator's family annually.

### Current Meeting Topics

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items

N/A