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131 Locators Association Inc.

Minutes for the General Meeting of the 131 Locators Association Inc.
held at Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club
At 11.05 AM on Tuesday 10th September 2019

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Bert Blink, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, Kev Browning, Ian Amos, Gordon Malcolm, Nick Proskurin, Bob Billiards, Merv Nairn, and George Lane.

Apologies: Paul Dickson, Ged Carroll, Jim Fitzgerald, State Reps.

**Comrades, Brothers in arms remembered
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McPherson, Maxwell Duncan	Gnr	3795560	Radar	28/11/69 - 5/11/70	19/07/1947	19/05/2016
Menz, James Leslie	L/Bdr	38833	Survey	1967 – 1968	01/02/46	18/02/68 - KIA
Miller, Robert	Staff Sgt.	36499	Radar - RAEME	1969 - 1970	25/02/39	29/12/17
Minns, Raymond Arthur	L/Bdr	4410744	Arty Tac	1966 – 1967	03/12/41	24/05/97
Mitchell, Raymond John	Gnr	218731	-	1970	26/05/51	24/09/11
Moreau, Vic	Wo2	1200577	Radar	4/66 - 1/67	18/03/39	09/02/19
Ness, Robert John	Gnr	4717755	Radar	1966 - 1967	09/01/45	01/01/01
O'Keefe, Michael Francis	Gnr	2787168	-	1968 – 1969	26/11/46	1980
O'Mara, Anthony Joseph	Sgt	38334	Radar-RAEME	1968 – 1969	07/12/40	01/01/85

Item 1 Welcome	Chairman President Allen Morley opened the meeting and thanked those who had travelled far to join us today.	
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 item to be covered in General Business below.	
Item 3	Recent Correspondence (uncirculated) was: Nil. Moved Bob Billiards Seconded George Lane Against Nil Accepted	
Item 4	Issues arising from the previous minutes and circulated Correspondence were nil. Moved Grahame Dignam Seconded Bert Blink Against Nil Accepted	

Item 5	<p>Financial Report.</p> <p>The Treasurer advised the Current Bank balance from a Statement dated to-day.</p> <p>Financial Membership is currently 119 plus Associates 2 plus Affiliates 9 Total 130</p> <p>Plus Lapsed as at 11/9/2018 38 members</p> <p>Merchandise as at 1st Sept 2019.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="373 488 1396 689"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>In Stock</th> <th>Cost</th> <th>sold</th> <th>ROI</th> <th>Result</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Car Decals</td> <td>214</td> <td>\$759</td> <td></td> <td>\$1057</td> <td>+\$298</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nasho UCG ribbons</td> <td>180</td> <td>\$905</td> <td></td> <td>\$481</td> <td>-\$424</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Caps/Hats</td> <td>37/15</td> <td>\$2212</td> <td></td> <td>\$2940</td> <td>+\$728</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Polos</td> <td>40</td> <td>\$2752</td> <td>70</td> <td>\$2100</td> <td>-\$652</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tee Shirts</td> <td>36</td> <td>\$1307</td> <td>34</td> <td>\$850</td> <td>-\$457</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Moved Grahame Dignam Second Bert Blink Against Nil Accepted</p>		In Stock	Cost	sold	ROI	Result	Car Decals	214	\$759		\$1057	+\$298	Nasho UCG ribbons	180	\$905		\$481	-\$424	Caps/Hats	37/15	\$2212		\$2940	+\$728	Polos	40	\$2752	70	\$2100	-\$652	Tee Shirts	36	\$1307	34	\$850	-\$457	
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Item 6	<p>Presidents report.</p> <p>Allen advised that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have been offered the option of applying for a Community Grant by DVA . At this time a grant will be sought to fund the Pictorial History of 131 DLB photo Album project which has been in prospect for some time. • A memorial function of the life of Warwick Hamilton will be held on 15th November 2019 between 11.30 -3.00PM at the "Sergeants Mess Chowder Bay Rd Chowder Bay NSW. More detailed information will follow. • A reminder that the AGM for our Association will go offsite on the 12th November 2019 and will be held at the North Head North Fort site. The AGM will commence at the normal 11.00AM start time followed by a general meeting before breaking for a BBQ lunch. A Tour of the Site is to be arranged to round out the day which will included a brief ceremony at the Association Memorial Paver. A general call to arms for this event will be made to all Locators far and away to attend. 																																					
Item 7	<p>Public Officer Report.</p> <p>There are no changes or developments that will have any effect on our association that I am aware of. However a reminder that Committee nominations and Agenda items for the AGM will need to be in the hands of the Secretary seven clear days before the date of the AGM and can only be made by a financial member of the Association.</p>																																					
Item 8	<p>Webmaster Update.</p> <p>A copy of the latest stats was circulated prior to this meeting.</p> <p>The Face book page we produced (131 Battery Royal Australian Artillery) will be hibernated while we evaluate the activity on the existing 131 Div Loc Oldies face book page.</p>																																					
Item 9	<p>Health.</p> <p>No reports of any serious complaints have been received apart from the normal change of season ailments.</p>																																					
Item 10	<p>Photo Album Project</p> <p>See Presidents report above.</p>																																					

Item 11	<p>General Business. Discussions ensued on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Browning mentioned that he had seen our interest in the Horn Island Memorial as he was instrumental in accessing the 3.7 in coastal gun which had recently been gifted to the site and relocated from Darwin. • Kevin also paid tribute to the work of Keith Ayliffe on the recognition of the eligibility of 131 DLB to wear the recent UCG awarded for the battle of Coral/Balmoral. He has asked if we would garner support from the Locator community by asking veterans to write to their MP requesting that 131DLB be specifically included in the list of units represented at that battle. An email request will be made followed by an item in our Newsletter to seek our Locator community support. 	
Item 12	<p>Next General meeting will be on:</p> <p>8th October 2019 at 11.00 AM Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club 26 Humphries Rd Wakeley NSW 2176</p> <p>PHONE [02] 9604 9975 or Sec/Treas 0437 361 602</p>	
Item 13	Meeting Closed 12.10PM	
	Signed Allen Morley	Meeting Chairman

Addendum A

131Locators Meeting Action Items Aug 2019 Prior Action Items

Active Items

1. Revise Det 131 Display at NVVM I to consolidate display items
2. Apply for a DVA Grant to complete the 131 Pictorial Photo Album Project
3. Seek support for 131DLB to be included in grant of the UCG

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items