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Minutes from the General Meeting of the 131 Locators Association Inc.
held at Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club
At 11.00AM on Tuesday 12th February 2019

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Bob Billiards, Bert Blink, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, Ian Amos,
Gordon Malcolm, Nick Proskurin, Ged Carroll and George Lane,

Apologies: Paul Dickson, Merv Nairn, Jim Fitzgerald, State Reps.

Comrades, Brothers in arms: Remembered

Name	Rank	Regt No	Section	SVN	DoB	DoD
Addison, George William	Bdr	43350		1967	17/09/37	26/08/17
Arch, Maurice Leonard	WO2	2410040	Survey/Sound Ranging	1969 – 1970	16/04/30	27/12/12
Armshaw, Christopher	Gnr	2781291	Survey	1966 – 1967	09/02/45	10/02/70
Atkinson, Neville Ross	Gnr	1733449	-	8/11/68 – 5/11/69	12/07/47	14/12/96
Aurisch, Raymond Arthur	T/Bdr	2212243		1969-70	26/03/44	25/03/70
Bates, Leslie John	Gnr	218053		1969-70	20/11/50	Unknown
Bensley, Allan Bruce	Sgt	243104	RAEME	68/69 70/71	19/12/42	-
Black, Brian	Gnr	2786469	Driver/LP	1967 – 1968	16/09/46	18/01/11
Black, Lindsay Colin	WOI	213794		1970 – 1971	07/02/40	2008

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Welcome	Chairman President Allen Morley opened the meeting and thanked those who were 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 for item to be covered in General Business below.	
Item 2	Recent Correspondence (uncirculated) was advice that Pioneer Vet Vic Moreau had passed after a short severe illness. Moved Grahame Dignam Seconded Bert Blink Against Nil Accepted	
Item 3	Issues arising from the previous minutes and circulated Correspondence again concerned the NVV Museum display and will be covered below. Moved Grahame Dignam Seconded Bert Blink Against Nil Accepted	
Item 4	Financial Report. The Treasurer advised the Current Bank balance from a Statement dated to-day and advised that a transfer of surplus fund had been made to the interest bearing account. This is in the absence of any large impending expenditure in the near future.	

	<p>Financial Membership at 1 February 2019 is currently 117</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr><td>plus</td><td>Associates</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>plus</td><td>Affiliates</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Total</td><td>128</td></tr> </table> <p>Plus Lapsed as at 14//2018 38 members Deceased 7 Members</p> <p>Merchandise as at 1 February 2019.</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr><td>Assn Car Decals</td><td>- stock: 214 – Cost \$759.</td><td>ROI is \$1057</td><td>– Surplus</td><td>\$298</td></tr> <tr><td>Nasho ribbons</td><td>- stock 22 -Cost \$300</td><td>ROI is \$370</td><td>– Surplus</td><td>\$70</td></tr> <tr><td>Caps/Hats</td><td>- stock: 2caps/19 hats/0 surf. Cost @2212</td><td>ROI is \$2940</td><td>- Surplus</td><td>\$728</td></tr> <tr><td>Polos</td><td>cost 50 x \$2217 sold 46x \$30</td><td>ROI is \$1380</td><td>– Short</td><td>-\$837</td></tr> <tr><td>Tee Shirt</td><td>cost 50 x \$ 890 sold 23x \$25</td><td>ROI is \$575</td><td>– Short</td><td>-\$315</td></tr> </table> <p>1 x Tracks of the Dragon available \$30 plus postage \$13.80</p> <p>Moved Grahame Dignam Second George Lane Against Nil Accepted</p>	plus	Associates	2	plus	Affiliates	9		Total	128	Assn Car Decals	- stock: 214 – Cost \$759.	ROI is \$1057	– Surplus	\$298	Nasho ribbons	- stock 22 -Cost \$300	ROI is \$370	– Surplus	\$70	Caps/Hats	- stock: 2caps/19 hats/0 surf. Cost @2212	ROI is \$2940	- Surplus	\$728	Polos	cost 50 x \$2217 sold 46x \$30	ROI is \$1380	– Short	-\$837	Tee Shirt	cost 50 x \$ 890 sold 23x \$25	ROI is \$575	– Short	-\$315	
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Item 5	<p>Presidents report. Allen advised :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the original item in “Airburst” regarding the recipients of the UCG was incorrect. The 131 Bty and 20STA regiments had been included in error due to the word “NOT” being omitted. A small word with eternal consequences. There will be more to come on this topic. • The Photo album project would be the main focus for our Association this year. He reported that there had been some activity and that Ern Newbold had received some submissions. Ern also commented that he was working on renovating some of the pics he already had in his possession making them acceptable for the album. More are required. • He enquired as to numbers of members of the committee who would be attending the Sydney Anzac Day march this year. G Dignam indicated that he would be attending the Camden march as a family affair. • The Coffs reunion for all/any 131 personnel over the 4/5 May 2019 has attracted 15 vets. While not an official reunion it is a great place to gather and remember the “departures to SVN” of the Pioneers in 1967 and 1st Reo’s in 1968. 																																			
Item 6	<p>Public Officer Report. There have been no changes or developments affecting the association that I am aware of.</p>																																			
Item 7	<p>Webmaster Update. Bob has successfully moved the website from a physical computer server to “the cloud” and all components are operating well. There has been a gap in the collection of stats regarding the accessing of the “Eyes and Ears “on the web but that has been addressed and new figures will be available next month.</p>																																			
Item 8	<p>Health issues. Allen has requested that we adopt a permanent section in the minutes to deal with this important subject. He noted that we had recently learnt of Vic Moreau being hospitalized. We subsequently learnt that Vic had passed on 10 Feb. A “VALE” item will be in the next Eyes & Ears edition.</p>																																			
Item 9	<p>General Business. Discussions ensued on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going arrangements re Jim Menz Book prize • Payment to Webmaster Rob Billiards for the cost of hosting the website under the new “Cloud arrangements. We are billed in USD which will be converted to AUD As a result the final amount will be subject to changes in AUST/USD exchange rates. • Grahame Dignam suggested that we mention a number of departed members’ names on each of the minutes over the course of the year as a means of reminding us of their service and memory. The meeting endorsed this proposal. 																																			

Item 10	<p>Next General meeting will be on:</p> <p>March 12th 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 11	Meeting Closed 12.20 PM	
	Signed Allen Morley	Meeting Chairman

Addendum A

**131Locators Meeting Action Items Dec 2018
Prior Action Items**

Active Items

1. Photo Album Project
2. Revise Det 131 Display at NVVM to consolidate display items
3. Marysville Public School Book prize

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items