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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 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Bert Blink, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, Ian Amos, John Blake, Gordon Malcolm, Merv Nairn, Terry Westerway, Geoff Cowgill, Ged Carroll and Vic Danko.

Apologies: Paul Dickson, Nick Proskurin, George Lane, Bob Billiard, Jim Fitzgerald, State Reps.

**Comrades, Brothers in arms remembered**

**VALE**

Sadler, Peter Scott	Maj	15138	Survey	1966 – 1967	09/01/41	09/10/01
Sali, Peter	Gnr	1735560	radar	1970 – 1971	13/10/1948	2/3/2016
Self, Christopher	Gnr	66981	-	1969 - 70	14/12/49	Unknown
Simmons, Donald Victor	Sgt	212769	-	22.04.66 - 21.12.66	24/11/37	25/04/15
Slape, William	Bdr	44464	LPs/Snd Rg	1969-70	12/07/50	12/05/12
Smith, Garry	Gnr	2792048	-	1970	21/03/47	19/01/12
Staziker, George Stuart RFD ED	Lt Col	2108436	133 Bty	N/A	25/01/38	29/12/12
Thomas, Ean	Gnr	-	130 Gun Lock Bty	N/A	-	Unknown
Thomson, Alan James "Big Al"	Bdr	42308	-	20/5/66 - 22/6/67	12/08/37	07/10/15
Townley, James Harold	Brigadier	17072	Det OC	22/4/66 - 18/8/66	02/03/39	22/10/19

Item 1 Welcome	Chairman President Allen Morley welcomed those travelers from afar, John Blake, QLD: Geoff Cowgill, Mittagong and Bert Blink ACT. He then opened the meeting and thanked all those most recently re-elected committee members and thanked them for their generous nature and continued service..
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 Grahame Dignam      Seconded Merv Nairn      Against Nil      Accepted
Item 4	Issues arising from the previous minutes and circulated Correspondence were nil.  Moved Bert Blink      Seconded Ged Carroll      Against Nil      Accepted

Item 5	<p><b>Financial Report.</b></p> <p>The Treasurer advised the Current Bank balance from a Statement dated to-day. The only commitments are reimbursement of Sec/Treas expenses for the previous year of \$200. Other matters will be mentioned in General Business.</p> <p>Financial Membership is currently ..... 119  plus Associates 2  plus Affiliates 9  Total 130</p> <p>Plus Lapsed as at 1/11/2019 38 members</p> <p>Merchandise as at 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2019.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="375 548 1396 750"> <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><b>Car Decals</b></td> <td>213</td> <td>\$759</td> <td>230</td> <td>\$1062</td> <td>+\$303</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Nasho UCG ribbons</b></td> <td>178</td> <td>\$905</td> <td>122</td> <td>\$486</td> <td>-\$419</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Caps/Hats</b></td> <td>37/15</td> <td>\$2212</td> <td>158</td> <td>\$3220</td> <td>+\$1008</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Polos</b></td> <td>40</td> <td>\$2752</td> <td>70</td> <td>\$2100</td> <td>-\$652</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Tee Shirt</b></td> <td>36</td> <td>\$1307</td> <td>34</td> <td>\$850</td> <td>-\$457</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Moved Bert Blink Second Ged Carroll Against Nil Accepted</p>		In Stock	Cost	sold	ROI	Result	<b>Car Decals</b>	213	\$759	230	\$1062	+\$303	<b>Nasho UCG ribbons</b>	178	\$905	122	\$486	-\$419	<b>Caps/Hats</b>	37/15	\$2212	158	\$3220	+\$1008	<b>Polos</b>	40	\$2752	70	\$2100	-\$652	<b>Tee Shirt</b>	36	\$1307	34	\$850	-\$457	
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Item 6	<p><b>Presidents report.</b></p> <p>Allen advised that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work on the DVA Grant had been put on hold due to other pressing issues.</li> <li>• He had been advised that his protracted claim will be reviewed in the short term hopefully with a better outcome and has his fingers crossed.</li> <li>• Kevin Browning has submitted his position paper to the Honours and Awards board on the exclusion of Det 131 DLB from being included in the UCG nomination group. This is a fresh approach from those previously submitted and provides examples to support his argument for inclusion of the Det. in the Award. We wish him success.</li> </ul>																																					
Item 7	<p><b>Public Officer Report.</b>(G Dignam)</p> <p>The new Public officer Gordon Malcolm will take the reins from to-day however there are no other changes or developments that will have any effect on our association that I am aware of.</p>																																					
Item 8	<p><b>Webmaster Update.</b></p> <p><b>Nil report due to absence.</b></p>																																					
Item 9	<p><b>Health.</b></p> <p>See presidents report above.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terry Westerway reported that he had 5 disc removed and is feeling ok anyway.</li> <li>• Merv Nairn provided a report on his new hearing aids which he advised were excellent but they were provided by his audio supplier not the DVA.</li> </ul> <p>A reminder that the Federal Government initiative “the Australian Defense Veterans covenant” has been passed into law. Designed to increase awareness and appreciation for those who served their nation it also provides for discounts from various vendors around the country.</p>																																					
Item 10	<p><b>Photo Album Project.</b></p> <p>Ernest Newbold is awaiting a reply from Ted Jux regarding his promised contribution to the project.</p>																																					

Item 11	<p><b>General Business.</b> Discussions ensued on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A suggestion that a donation to the RAAHC to support the restoration of the unique 12 Pounder (Armstrong) gun would be very gladly accepted. A close contact and association member has advised the work is being undertaken at Werribee Vic. The project had been moving along steadily but has lately stalled due to a lack of funds. A donation of \$600 was moved and the motion was carried.</li> </ul>	
Item 12	<p><b>Next General meeting</b> will be on:</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 11.00 AM Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club 26 Humphries Rd Wakeley NSW 2176</p> <p><b>PHONE [02] 9604 9975</b> or Sec/Treas 0437 361 602</p>	
Item 13	Meeting Closed 12.10PM	
	Signed Allen Morley	Meeting Chairman

#### Addendum A

#### 131Locators Meeting Action Items Oct 2019 Prior Action Items

##### Active Items

1. Revise Det 131 Display at NVVM to consolidate display items
2. Complete the application for a DVA grant for the 131 Pictorial Photo album project and seek to finalise the project.
3. Seek support for 131DLB specifically to be included in the grant of the Coral/Balmoral UCG

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items