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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 9th July 2019

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

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

**Comrades, Brothers in arms remembered
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Holmes, William John	SSgt	61040		1969	09/02/37	Unknown
Jeffrey, Wayne	LBdr	2794772	Sensor/Sound ranging	1970-1971	13/10/48	2/3/2016
Jones, Paul William	Gnr	216324	Radar	1966 – 1967	11/10/46	09/09/68
Keech, David Derek	Bdr	311588	-	1970	13/05/47	1999
Kryntjes, Martin	Gnr	5715291	Radar	1968-1969	23/03/47	27/12/2017
Lempa, Helmut	L/Bdr	38120	Radar	1966 – 1967	18/10/46	Unknown
Lennon, Frederick	WO2	29712	Radar	5/66 - 12/66	29/12/27	25/07/13
Leplaw, Garry James	L/Bdr	217182	Arty Tac/LP	1968 – 1969	21/09/48	06/12/83
Leslie, Graeme Benjamin John	Capt	18614		69-70	11/01/42	Unknow

Item 1 Welcome	Chairman President Allen Morley opened the meeting and thanked those who had joined us from far and away. Allen advised the meeting of the sad news that Doreen, wife of Ric Marques, had suddenly passed away while travelling overseas. The meeting expressed our condolences to Ric and his family for their bereavement.	
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 George Lane Against Nil Accepted	
Item 4	Issues arising from the previous minutes and circulated Correspondence were nil. Moved Grahame Dignam Seconded George Lane Against Nil Accepted	
Item 5	Financial Report. The Treasurer advised the Current Bank balance from a Statement dated to-day. The only future commitments were Ventra hosting cost of approx \$170 reimbursement to Bob Billiards. Annual renewal message will be sent to all eligible members(60)	

Financial Membership is currently 121
 plus Associates 2
 plus Affiliates 9
 Total 132
 Plus Lapsed as at 1/7/2019 37 members

Merchandise as at 1st July 2019.

	In Stock	Cost	sold	ROI	Result
Car Decals	214	\$759		\$1057	+\$298
Nasho UCG ribbons	182	\$905		\$470	-\$435
Caps/Hats	37/15	\$2212		\$2940	+\$728
Polos	41	\$2752	52	\$2310	-\$442
Tee Shirt	36	\$1307	23	\$850	-\$457
TOT Dragon	1	\$30			

Moved Grahame Dignam Second George Lane Against Nil Accepted

Item 6

Presidents report.

Allen advised that

- The AGM for the LSTAA will be held on Sunday at Panania RSL and Russell Hamsey has nominated as President of the LSTAA SEQ branch prior to amalgamation.
- Bill Taggart has advised that the reunion for the 1/83rd UA artillery association will be held at Colorado Springs over the 11/13 October 2020.
 Email... artillery_83rd@yahoo.com
 1/83rd Website link... <http://www.1stbn83rdartyvietnam.com/>
- He will be OS from the 16/7 to the 30/7 to inspect the Oshkosh Air pageant
- at his own cost.

Item 7

Public Officer Report.

The only relevant item is a reminder that any special resolution for inclusion at our AGM on 12th November 2019 needs to be received 21 days prior to the AGM. Therefore to be received by the Secretary by 22 October 2019.

Item 8

Webmaster Update.

Mention was made of a Face book page that was established to leverage our footprint in the digital world. The page when fully developed will be included on the links that we are supplying to the Australian Artillery Association (see below).

The link to the page is :

https://www.facebook.com/groups/538656036660419/?notif_id=1558411600281509¬if_t=group_r2j_approved

From minutes of May 2019 meeting:

“Bob also discussed the possibility of establishing a Face book presence which would generate more traffic among the younger Locator audience and serving soldiers. This also would allow us to post more newsy items direct to that space. A number of Moderators would also be required to maintain the integrity of the site.”

Aims and Rules are still be developed but the page is available to view and request memberships. The progress of the App development by the RAA Historical Company is being sought and will be advised as soon as confirmed.

Item 9

Health.

No new advices to hand of any health incidents. Committee members commented as to the different approaches being applied by various health/fitness organizations as not all are strictly following DVA guidelines which require an ongoing condition requiring treatment.

Refer to the article in the July 2019 edition of the Vietnam Veterans newsletter for more complete analysis.

Item 10	<p>Photo Album Project.</p> <p>Progress is slow but it is sure and is happening. More to come very shortly.</p>	
Item 11	<p>General Business.</p> <p>Discussions ensued on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following a mention by a fellow Locator the matter of 131 Heavy AA Battery being established on Horn Island during WW2 came to our attention and has been remembered by a plaque. While no direct link can be found to 131 battery RFAA established in 1949 (Tracks of the Dragon (p 179)this appears to be the first time the Australian Military issued the nomenclature “131 Battery RAA” in the history of the RAA. A donation of \$1000 was approved by the majority of the committee to ensure the upkeep of the monument. http://monumentaaustralia.org.au/themes/conflict/ww2/display/100199-34-heavy-anti-aircraft-battery 	
Item 12	<p>Next General meeting will be on:</p> <p>August 13th 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 12.00PM	
	Signed Allen Morley	Meeting Chairman

Addendum A

131Locators Meeting Action Items June 2019 Prior Action Items

Active Items

1. Revise Det 131 Display at NVVM I to consolidate display items
2. Photo Album Project

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items