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131 Locators Association Inc.

Minutes for the General Meeting of the 131 Locators Association Inc.

Held via Zoom internet facility

At 11.00 AM on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Attendee were: Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam, Ged Carroll, Ernest Newbold, Bob Billiards, Ian Amos and Gordon Malcolm.

Via Zoom Bert Blink, Paul Dickson, Ian Campbell, Merv Nairn, Rieny Niuewenhof and Steve Wynn

Apologies: Jim Fitzgerald, Nick Proskurin Terry Erbs, George Lane, State Reps.

**Comrades, Brothers in arms remembered**

**VALE**

**Lest We Forget**

Name	Rank	Regt No	Section	SVN	DoB	DoD
Addison, George William	WO2	2410040	Survey/Sound Ranging	1969 - 1970	16/07/30	26/08/17
Arch, Maurice Leonard	Bdr	43350		Jan - Nov 1967	17/09/37	26/08/17
Armshaw, Christopher	Gnr	2781291	Survey	1966 – 1967	09/02/45	10/02/70
Atkinson, Neville Ross	Gnr	1733449	Arty Tac	8/11/68 – 5/11/69	12/07/47	14/12/96
Aurisch, Raymond "Mick" Arthur	T/Bdr	2212243	Radar	1969-70	26/03/44	25/03/70
Barry, Peter	Gnr	2794949	131	17/03/71 - 03/08/71	25/07/49	03/10/02
			12 Fld	04/08/71 - 02/11/71		
Bates, Leslie John	Gnr	218053		1969-70	20/11/50	07/08/13
Bensley, Allan Bruce	Sgt	243104	RAEME	68/69 70/71	19/12/42	20/12/11
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
Bohl, Michael Owen	Gnr	1411182	LP	1968	28/10/48	15/06/93

Item 1 Welcome	Chairman President Allen Morley opened the meeting and welcomed those present and thanked those who had logged in from far and wide.	
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 items to be covered in General Business below.  Moved Grahame Dignam                      Seconded Paul Dickson      Against Nil                      Accepted	
Item 3	<b>Financial and membership Report.</b>  The Treasurer advised the current Bank balance from a Statement dated to-day. There are no outstanding amounts due for payment.	

	<p>Financial Membership is currently ..... 125  plus Associates 2  plus Affiliates 12  Total 139  Plus Lapsed as at 1/2/2021 34 members</p> <p>Merchandise as at 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021</p> <table border="1"> <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>201</td> <td>\$759</td> <td>242</td> <td>\$1117</td> <td>+\$358</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Nacho UCG ribbons</b></td> <td>167</td> <td>\$905</td> <td>133</td> <td>\$541</td> <td>-\$364</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Caps/Hats</b></td> <td>33/14</td> <td>\$2212</td> <td>163</td> <td>\$3040</td> <td>+\$1028</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Polo's (1 gift)</b></td> <td>35</td> <td>\$2752</td> <td>75</td> <td>\$2250</td> <td>-\$562</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Tee Shirt</b></td> <td>33</td> <td>\$1307</td> <td>37</td> <td>\$925</td> <td>-\$382</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Moved Grahame Dignam      Seconded Rieny Nieuwenhof      Against Nil      Accepted</p>		In Stock	Cost	sold	ROI	Result	<b>Car Decals</b>	201	\$759	242	\$1117	+\$358	<b>Nacho UCG ribbons</b>	167	\$905	133	\$541	-\$364	<b>Caps/Hats</b>	33/14	\$2212	163	\$3040	+\$1028	<b>Polo's (1 gift)</b>	35	\$2752	75	\$2250	-\$562	<b>Tee Shirt</b>	33	\$1307	37	\$925	-\$382	
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Item 4	<p><b>Presidents report.</b>  Allen advised that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Brisbane ANZAC DAY march committee has not yet finalized details. Further information will be advised.</li> <li>• The Dawn service on the grounds at 20 Regiment will go ahead with the usual entry conditions.</li> <li>• The next QLD LSTAA meeting will be late Feb when the 2021 final program including the 2021 Reunion, will be decided according to local Covid -19 protocols. Again further info to follow.</li> <li>• The official NSW ANZAC Day Dawn Service is held at the Cenotaph in Martin Place Sydney at 4.30am. The Dawn Service will be a ticketed event. We encourage you to commemorate locally or watch the service live on television. Other local arrangements will be advised.</li> </ul>																																					
Item 6	<p><b>Public Officer Report.</b>  Nothing to report.</p>																																					
Item 7	<p><b>Webmaster Update.</b>  Bob added additional information regarding Face book to the web stats for our information. He advised members now are 192. The posts by members are very slow and we are all encouraged to post a photo of what you are doing to-day or a memory from years gone that will strike a chord with other members.</p>																																					
Item 8	<p><b>Health.</b>  No one expressed any personal concerns apart for the usual age related aches. Merv Nairn advised that Des McGuiggan was now residing at the Moran Care facility in Engadine and wasn't too flash. The meeting resolved to send Des a card to remind him that he is remembered and being missed.</p>																																					
Item 9	<p><b>General Business and around the grounds.</b>  Discussions ensued on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bert Blink – DVA Dr is still in the dark re vaccine injection – Anzac Day to be by invitation only – APS staff encouraged to return to Dept offices.</li> <li>• Steve- had an op. more to come- same lack of details re Anzac Day.</li> <li>• Merv – local Dawn service – more to come on Sydney City. Des McGuiggan is not the best. A good read if you can get it "Vietnam war on a tourist visa"</li> <li>• Rieny –Geelong for the flag! Mentioned "The Long Shadow" deals with Vietnam era chemicals and PTSD etc. VVAA Vic reversed their stance and now supports Royal Commission on military Suicide history. Crowd control is a major disincentive for VVAA. Private Anzac Day remembrances preferred. Bupa involvement in medical script issuance to be questioned.</li> <li>• Ian – Covid restriction have eased at last.</li> <li>• Dicko –very restricted</li> <li>• Gordon who is to undergo a shoulder recon. recommended a 3 sided MRI machine at Blacktown hospital – no claustrophobic feeling.</li> </ul>																																					

Item 10	<p><b>Next General meeting</b> will be on:</p> <p>March 9th 2021 at 11.00 AM Zia Zoom as will be advised</p> <p>Sec/Treas 0437 361 602</p>	
Item 11	Meeting Closed 11.58 AM	
	Signed Allen Morley	Meeting Chairman

**Addendum A**

**131Locators Meeting Action Items August 2020  
Prior Action Items**

Active Items

1. Revise Det 131 Display at NVVM pending build of new premises.
2. Foster the 131 Battery Face Book sites
3. Continue working on the Photo Album Project

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items