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131 Locators Association Inc.

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

Canley Heights RSL & Sporting Club
 26 Humphries Rd, Wakeley NSW 2176
 and via Zoom internet
 on Tuesday 11th July 2023

Attendees were Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam, Ian Amos, Gordon Malcolm,
 Ged Carroll, Nick Proskurin, Ernest Newbold

Zoomed members were.

Ron Mason, Paul Dickson, Terry Erbs, Bert Blink, Warwick Brooker
 Steve Wynn, Bob Billiards, Rieny Nieuwenhof, Laurie Sawyer, Barry Guzder

Apologies were received from Merv Nairn, Kevin Browning, George Lane, Jim Fitzgerald, and other State
 Reps

Comrades, Brothers in arms remembered.

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Douglas, Alan	-	-	-	N/A	-	2009
Doust, Edmond George	Sgt	53111	-	5/5/67 - 2/4/68	14/07/39	26/12/14
Doyle, William Francis	Gnr	4719912	Radar	1969	25/07/47	05/09/78
Erica (formerly Earwicker), Bernard George	Gnr	3787334	-	20/5/66 - 3/3/67	29/04/45	23/11/2016
Evans, Jeffrey Bruce	Maj	3789164	Survey	1971	11/10/45	14/12/11
Fahey, Fred	WO1		132 Bty			2/6/2014
Farr, Lawrence Joseph	Gnr	1734257	-	1969 – 1970	27/08/47	2009
Fawcett-Smith, Neville	Sgt	17732	RAEME	67/68 70/71	29/06/42	02/02/91
Ferris, Michael William	T/Corp	1733794	1 Armor Reg	23/12/68 - 28/03/69 03/03/69 - 03/12/69	13/12/45	21/09/05
Field, Edwin Alfred	T/Sgt	242577	W/Shop-RAEME	1966	08/06/34	20/07/96
Foley, Charles Anthony	WO2		Survey	N/A	1939	31/01/18
Fountain, Barry Edward	Gnr	3798485	Det 131	03/03/71 - 20/08/71	12/10/49	12/05/22
			12 Fld Regt.	21/08/71 - 30/10/71		

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<i>Item 7</i>	<p>Webmaster Update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob advised Facebook now has 325 members and that the Newsletter had been accessed on 140 occasions. As screen times were short, it appears the newsletter was downloaded and read later. • He also mentioned that we had a couple of problem posters who are being “managed”. 	
<i>Item 8</i>	<p>Health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dicko advised he had confirmed Helmet Lempa had passed some time ago as he was mentioned in his mother’s obituary obtained from Germany. The reference to Helmet Lempa was located in a virtual War memorial in Yackandandah (he also observed the spelling also changed around a bit). • Removal of SB and SC cancers were reported in the group and Bert and family were now Covid positive and have received drugs and are in recovery. • Geelong is organizing its own Vietnam Vets day event and has commissioned a history of their organization. The proposed DVA welfare hub will also be sited in the city with a satellite at Torquay. 	
<i>Item 9</i>	<p>General Business and around the grounds. Discussions ensued on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry reported the RAAHC has confirmed the 100th Anniversary of Locating is set for 1/7/2025. Full details will follow when advised. • 133 Bty is being reformed and the BC has been appointed. A history of the unit has been produced by Keith Ayliffe and others. • Our Association has been approached to cover the cost of a Plaque for those who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. A problem is the names of those who served have not been recorded. This idea deserves more development. • No further movement or news on the use of the Phillip Island Museum site but other ideas are being investigated. • Ian Amos shared information from a friend on late life care options to confirm that once you move out of your home into a public care position you lose DVA cover and come under Centrelink provisions. 	
<i>Item 10</i>	<p>Next General meeting will be on: 8th August 2023 at 11.00 AM Venue to be advised (Club preferred) And available via Zoom link to be advised. Sec/Treas 0437 361 602</p>	
<i>Item 11</i>	Meeting Closed 12.05PM	
	Signed Allen Morley	Meeting Chairman

Addendum A

131Locators Meeting Action Items June 2023 Prior Action Items

Active Items

1. Foster the 131 Battery FaceBook and websites.
2. Continue working on the Photo Album Project (selection process has commenced).
3. Update Canberra event for 18 August 2023.

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items