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131 Locators Association Inc.

Combined Minutes for the General Meetings of the 131 Locators Association Inc.

Canley Heights RSL & Sporting Club
26 Humphries Rd, Wakeley NSW 2176
and via Zoom internet

A on Tuesday 13th June 2023
B and Friday 16th June 2023

A Zoomed members were Steve Wynn, Ron Mason, Paul Dickson, Ian Campbell, Terry Erbs, Bert Blink

A Present at the club were Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam,
Ernest Newbold Nick Proskurin, Gordon Malcolm

B Zoomed members were, Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam, Bert Blink, Ian Amos, Terry Erbs,
Barry Guzder, Steve Wynn, Bob Billiards and Laurie Sawyer

Apologies were received from, Merv Nairn, Rieny Nieuwenhof, Ged Carroll,
George Lane, Warwick Brooker other State Reps and Jim Fitzgerald

Comrades, Brothers in arms remembered.

VALE

Clarke, Peter Andrew	Gnr	3792212		11/11/68 - 27/08/69	19/04/47	20/02/01
Connell, Lesley Phillip	Gnr	6709098	Radar	1969-70	15/05/48	04/04/11
Cooke, Barry	Sgt	28523	RAAOC	16/09/69 - 24/09/69	08/03/46	13/03/99
Coutts, Anthony Patrick	Gnr	1733291	Alpha Radar	1968-69	22/08/46	31/08/88
Crowther, William David	Bdr	215416	Bravo Radar	1966	26/04/46	14/01/20
Dart, Mervyn Frances	T/Bdr	37821	LP	03/01/67-9/01/68	14/09/42	16/03/01
Davidson, Derek	Gnr	-	-	N/A	-	00/01/72
Davies, John William	Sgt	29351	-	1966-67	26/09/37	2004
Deacon, Alan	Bdr	-	-	N/A	-	00/08/07
Delaney, Michael Joseph	Gnr	2789025	-	18/2/69-28/11/69	25/10/47	17/02/13
Doehrmann, Karl Heinz	Maj	38119	Survey	'66-'67/70	15/06/33	10/08/09

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Due to internet difficulties the original meeting had 2 parts - the club and the zoom. Each had a version of their minutes which are shown here and referred to A.

A.

Zoom minutes were: We did have a meeting of sorts.

Attendees were Bert Blink, Terry Erbs, Ron Mason, Steve Wynne, Ian Campbell and me.

Discussion topics:

. Rieny Nieuwenhof being awarded an AOM - we all expressed our congratulations.

Dr Daniel Mealey's email to General Campbell with regards to alcohol being served/provided to troops on active duty etc. It was duly commended.

DVA services - the slowness of reaction times etc.

locating and using Advocates, not going direct to DVA. Contact local (major towns/cities) for directions via RSLs if need be.

Paul Dickson can help via Assoc members.

the type of DVA card you have determines the continuing service that will be maintained to partners if the vet dies.

DVA extra home service ceases if the member goes into assisted living and is replaced By CENTRELINK
Not DVA

Vietnam Museum, Phillip Island update on the legal case - the case was lost, and Ron Mason is going to forward a source of this action to follow up.

All the blokes are breathing, and we discussed mail that had been received and who they were keeping in touch with other mates etc. Small local groups of vets do gather (not all necessarily ex-131).

Discussions were held on upcoming events and the possibility of numbers declining in general with ANZAC Days - smaller local groups are gathering and more members are attending local areas with families. The upcoming 55-year event was agreed to still have legs.

Association longevities were discussed - the subject of 2025 was raised as shutdown times - Terry Erbs agrees with the LSTAA lot as they are having trouble gathering ex-service personnel, in their 50's plus, are not easy to re-contact and enthuse. Will ANZAC Day still be celebrated in the decades to come was another topic - hmmm! was the response.

I think that covered most of the points - we did talk for some time - it was good interaction.

Paul

B Zoomed 16/6/23

<i>Item 1</i>	President Allen Morley welcomed those attending and acknowledged those on Zoom.																																								
<i>Item 2</i>	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.																																								
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<i>Item 4</i>	<p>Financial Report. The Treasurer advised the current Bank balance from a Statement dated to-day. Financial Membership is currently 131 plus Associates 2 plus Affiliates 15 Total 148 Plus Lapsed as at 1/06/2023 31 members</p> <p>Merchandise as at 1st June 2023</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item</th> <th>Orig. Stock</th> <th>Cost</th> <th>sold</th> <th></th> <th>ROI</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Car Decals (gifted)</td> <td>184</td> <td>\$759</td> <td>259</td> <td>\$1275</td> <td>+ \$525</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nasho UCG ribbons</td> <td>139</td> <td>\$905</td> <td>160</td> <td>\$801</td> <td>-\$104</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Caps/Hats (7 gifts)</td> <td>51/36</td> <td>\$2210</td> <td>196</td> <td>\$3920</td> <td>+ \$580</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Polo's (1 gift)</td> <td>43</td> <td>\$2750</td> <td>113</td> <td>\$2940</td> <td>\$190</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tee Shirt (2 gift)</td> <td>18</td> <td>\$1310</td> <td>50</td> <td>\$1250</td> <td>-\$60</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					Item	Orig. Stock	Cost	sold		ROI	Car Decals (gifted)	184	\$759	259	\$1275	+ \$525	Nasho UCG ribbons	139	\$905	160	\$801	-\$104	Caps/Hats (7 gifts)	51/36	\$2210	196	\$3920	+ \$580	Polo's (1 gift)	43	\$2750	113	\$2940	\$190	Tee Shirt (2 gift)	18	\$1310	50	\$1250	-\$60
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<i>Item 5</i>	<p>President's report. Allen deferred delivery until Friday 16th zoom meeting. A Deferred</p> <p>B ZOOM 16/6/23.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on finances including the NVVM case loss in the Victorian Land Tribunal. • Bob Elsworthy thanks the Assn for its donation to the fighting fund. • Confusion on issuing a Brevet to Sean Voss, 20 Regiment RAA. • Bill Taggart sent a musical link to "In the shadow of the horseshoe". This may be suitable for our Website. Permissions will be investigated. • The 131 Locators Assn need to nominate a VIP for the DAY and Grahame Dignam has been nominated and accepted. 	
<i>Item 6</i>	<p>Public Officer Report. Nothing to report.</p> <p>.</p>	
<i>Item 7</i>	<p>Webmaster Update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Deferred till the zoom Friday 16th meeting • B Facebook has 360 members, and a poster is near to her limit due to excessive volume. We had 181 members access the link to Eyes & Ears Newsletter, but we had a drop of 12% loss of hits and a severe drop in International accesses. 	
<i>Item 8</i>	<p>Health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Nil report. • B No new information to hand. 	
<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 133 Headquarters Battery is being reformed and a new building has commenced construction. A history of 133 is being collected for a "Battery Identity" and its history. • Terry advised that an Advocate has been touting for clients from the younger aged veterans to process Medical/ Pension claims for a fee. This appears to be illegal. Beware if approached. More information and better access are being sought to Direct Veterans to the correct pathway. Kits are to be developed. • The Gunners Dinner in Caloundra in 2025 is a goer, and a Locators Table is being canvassed. • Issues with the new Fair-Trading version of the Constitution concerning zoom meetings are being checked. Our Association Constitution may need to be changed. 	
<i>Item 11</i>	Meeting Closed 12.12PM	
	Signed Allen Morley	Meeting Chairman

Addendum A

131Locators Meeting Action Items June 2023 Prior Action Items

Active Items

1. Foster the 131 Battery Face Book sites
2. Continue working on the Photo Album Project (selection process has commenced).
3. Update Canberra reunion on 18 /8 /2023 details

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items