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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 9th May 2023

Present: Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam, Ged Carroll, Ernest Newbold Ian Amos, and Gordon Malcolm,

Zoomed members were.

Ron Mason, Paul Dickson, Terry Erbs, Bert Blink,
Steve Wynn, Rieny Nieuwenhof, Laurie Sawyer,

Apologies were received from Nick Proskurin, Merv Nairn, Bob Billiards, Kevin Browning, George Lane,
Warwick Brooker other State Reps and Jim Fitzgerald

Comrades, Brothers in arms remembered.

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Bonser, Barry Douglas	Bdr	37661	T/Port	1967	10/10/41	03/09/98
Borgges, Kenneth Henry	BQ	13543	Q Store	N/A	03/09/36	08/11/18
Broadbent, William "Billy"	-	-	Sound Ranging	N/A	1957	03/12/08
Buckley, Mills Robert	L/Bdr	16950	LP's/Radar	1966-67	03/09/37	02/04/07
Bullen, William Ross	L/Cpl	243083	RAEME	1966	13/03/42	13/08/83
Buss (Rafferty), Paul	Gnr	2781443	Radar	1966 – 1967	14/06/45	28/09/11
Cahill, Leslie James	Gnr	2412281		20/05/66 - 30/04/67	31/03/47	30/07/74
Campbell, Allan James	Maj	18257	Radar	1966 and 1968	13/03/46	19/06/09
Campbell, Lewis Michael	Gnr	6708462	LP	1967	13/11/46	1984
Carsburg, Russell John 'Rusty'	WO2	1205673	Met	N/A	2/11/53	07/05/09
Checkley, Thomas William	Gnr	311534	LP	1966	18/12/38	05/08/66 - KBA

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<i>Item 1</i>	President Allen Morley welcomed those attending via Zoom and to those present.	
<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.	
<i>Item 3</i>	Matters arising and Recent Correspondence (uncirculated) were nil.	
	Moved G Dignam	Seconded Gordon Malcolm Against Nil Accepted

<i>Item 4</i>	<p>Financial Report. The Treasurer advised the current Bank balance from a Statement dated to-day. The Association does have one outstanding payment due for polos ordered from Bluegum Clothing Vic. The delay is due to outsourcing of 4XL sized shirts which have now been delivered for embroidery. We anticipate delivery will be after Xmas.</p> <p>Financial Membership is currently 128 plus Associates 2 plus Affiliates 15 Total 145 Plus Lapsed as at 1stMay 2023 31 members</p> <p>Merchandise as at 1st May 2023</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item</th> <th>Orig. Stock</th> <th>Cost</th> <th> </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> </td> <td>259</td> <td>\$1275</td> <td>+\$525</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nasho UCG ribbons</td> <td>139</td> <td>\$905</td> <td> </td> <td>160</td> <td>\$795</td> <td>-\$110</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Caps/Hats (7 gifts)</td> <td>51/36</td> <td>\$2210</td> <td> </td> <td>196</td> <td>\$3940</td> <td>+\$580</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Polo's (1 gift)</td> <td>43</td> <td>\$2750</td> <td> </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> </td> <td>50</td> <td>\$1250</td> <td>-\$60</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Moved G Dignam Seconded Gordon Malcolm Against Nil Accepted</p>	Item	Orig. Stock	Cost		sold		ROI	Car Decals (gifted)	184	\$759		259	\$1275	+\$525	Nasho UCG ribbons	139	\$905		160	\$795	-\$110	Caps/Hats (7 gifts)	51/36	\$2210		196	\$3940	+\$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 referenced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Association established in 2009 with our roots in SVN 1965-71 needs to be aware of our “end of life” relevance and contribution to our Locators as we near the end of our rainbow. The issue has been raised before but we weren’t ready to address it then. Now we can work toward an orderly winding up after celebrating some more milestones. Watch this space.....!! • July 2025 marks the 100th anniversary of “Locating in the Australian Army” and a major reunion is mooted for Ennogergera Qld. It would include a dedication of the Shadow UAV as its’ focus and also encompass the IRAQ and Afghanistan operations. Again, we will have more information as time passes. • after the Zoom ended, I realised I had omitted to table a request from Bob B for re-imbursement of ISP monthly costs and also the yearly fee for our ZOOM connection totalling \$410.77. As we had a quorum present, the item was duly passed and appears in the minutes.
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<i>Item 6</i>	<p>Public Officer Report. Nothing to report.</p> <p>.</p>
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<i>Item 7</i>	<p>Webmaster Update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Bobs absence Grahame reported Facebook now has 351 members but needs more content. Ern Newbold is doing his bit with some birthdays and other milestones.
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<i>Item 8</i>	<p>Health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reiny Nieuwenhof mentioned the “Veterans Benefits” website. If you haven’t yet
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	visited the link is here: https://veteranbenefitsaustralia.com/	
<i>Item 9</i>	<p>General Business and around the grounds.</p> <p>Discussions ensued on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ron Mason visited Philip Island Museum recently and was hoping to gather information on the State of the VCAT claim against the Museum utilizing its new site. However, no one of authority was available. • Terry mentioned that the new banner did not make the Brisbane AD march. There also was an issue with the readability of the banner to do with the manner it was held whilst in motion. More support was believed to be the issue. • Geelong held a commemorative service on 13 May re the end of SV N conflict https://timesnewsgroup.com.au/surfcoasttimes/news/geelong-to-host-vietnam-war-commemoration/ • A vet's hub will be established at Mt Hotham Vic • Ian Amos has reported that a re-routing of the Sydney Anzac Day march is being suggested by his local RSL Sub-branch. • after the Zoom ended, I realised I had omitted to table a request from Bob B for re-imburement of ISP monthly costs and also the yearly fee for our ZOOM connection totalling \$410.77. As we had a quorum present, the item was duly passed and appears in the minutes. 	
<i>Item 10</i>	<p>Next General meeting will be on: 13th June 2023 at 11.00 AM Venue to be advised (Club preferred) And available via Zoom link to be advised.</p> <p>Sec/Treas 0437 361 602</p>	
<i>Item 11</i>	Meeting Closed 12.06PM	
	Signed Allen Morley	Meeting Chairman

Addendum A

131Locators Meeting Action Items April 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. Banners have been produced for Qld and NSW.

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items