



131 Locators Association Inc.



Minutes for the General Meeting of the 131 Locators Association Inc.
held at Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club
at 11.05AM on Tuesday 28th July 2015

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, George Lane,
Terry Westerway, Ged Carroll, Ian Amos Vic Danko, Bob Billiards, Bert Blink, Nick Proskurin
and Des McGuiggan.

Apologies: Paul Dickson

Welcome	Allen opened the meeting at 11.05 AM by welcoming all the attendees.	
Item 1	Minutes of the previous meeting and Correspondence were circulated with the Agenda and deemed to be read and correct except as mentioned in Issues arising below.	
Item 2	Recent Correspondence (uncirculated) included NIL	
Item 3	Issues arising from All Correspondence and the previous minutes were : Items were reviewed however issues arising were Nil. Move George Lane Second Ernest Newbold Against Nil Accepted	
Item 4	Financial Report. Current Balance at the Bank is \$13221 Financial Membership is currently 141 Associates 2 Affiliates 9 Total 152 New Members - Anthony Foley.	

	<p>Merchandise.</p> <p>Decals - stock: 286 – Cost price \$759. ROI is \$937 – Surplus \$178</p> <p>Caps/Hats - stock: 27 caps/27 hats/5 surf. Cost @ \$1654 - ROI is \$2083 Surplus \$429</p> <p>Moved Grahame Dignam Second George Lane Against Nil Accepted</p>	
Item 5	<p>Presidents report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regarding “Bringing them home” and Tom Checkley: The DVA is in contact with Yvonne Taylor in the UK, the sister of Tom and next of kin, who will be arranging what happens regarding Toms remains. (The association will contact the Minister with a request to arrange contact with Ms Taylor on our behalf. This will allow her to have contact with soldiers who served with Tom if she happy to do so.) Allen attended the recent LSTAA meeting and reported that Joe Kaplun has been re-appointed President. Joe has varied the meeting venue for 22 Nov 2015 Xmas do and 28 Feb 2016 meeting to the Panania East Hills RSL. The May and July 2016 meeting will stay at the Paddo RSL. Allan Harrison has been handed the webmaster reins for the website. Springwood V V day March will be held on Aug 16 commencing 11.30AM Bankstown Sporting Club will host the Sydney Vietnam Vets day commemoration commencing 9.30AM with a lunch and Roland Storm show following.131 is on Table 21 – limited seats available. 	
Item 6	<p>Public Officer Report.</p> <p>“All quiet on the western front”. Nil report.</p>	
Item 7	<p>Webmaster Update.</p> <p>Bob emailed website stats which showed May was very busy with June a little quieter. May had 774 unique visitors and 8000+ pages viewed.</p>	
Item 8	<p>Statement on Vietnam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2016 Vietnam Vets day ACT Bert and George advise they will check accommodation available and report as bookings will be heavy . Allan will contact Terry Erbs to co-ordinate on-site accommodation arrangements at Enoggera for the ANZAC day 2016 observations and Plaque dedication. 	
Item 9	<p>Other Matters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terry Westerway advised that a Lone Pine tree dedication will take place at Campbelltown VVAA in Queen St on 7 August 2015 attended by Turkish consular representatives commencing 11.00 AM Bert is persuing a 3D model of the ANKPQ/1 Radar unit for display in the 131 section of the National Vietnam Veterans Museum at Phillip Island Vic. We need to establish the size that can be accommodated and then consider the cost benefit. Ern Newbold mentioned the value of adding our logo to the VIETNAM Vets film Festival promotion where we will be on show. A number of 131 vets may view the promotion material and be prompted to get in contact with us. (A vote of the committee against supporting the actual film festival raising concerns for vets mental health was noted.) Ern also delivered to the meeting the Official 131 Locators Association photo album superbly 	

	<p>presented with “Dragon and Artillery emblems”. The meeting asked Ern to pass on our thanks to David Newbold for the expert presentation he had produced. As a bonus David also provided a second album for use by Association members for a significant photo record of our history.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ern also mentioned that we are currently holding our meetings on the same day as the TPI association of which he is a member. We resolved to avoid the 4th Tuesday of the month in our future meeting considerations. 	
Item 10	<p>Next General meeting will be on 25th August 2015 at 11.00 AM Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club 26 Humphries Rd Wakeley NSW 2176 PHONE [02] 9604 9975 club or Sec/Treas 0437 361 602</p>	
Item 11	Meeting Closed 12.25PM	
	Signed A Morley	Chairman

Addendum A

131Locators Meeting Action Items June 2015 Prior Action Items

- Projects worthy of Support of 131Locator Association Members. **Ongoing** - details of proposed & current projects and their status to be identified.
 - .1.1. George Lane suggested 2 x \$500 scholarships be offered to a Locator’s family annually.
 - .1.2. Victor has suggested a website tab where vets anonymously tell their stories

Current Meeting Topics

1. Ongoing: Arrange for Meeting Minutes to be placed in Members Only area of Website (Sec/Treas to arrange pdf files for webmaster).
2. Review website tabs to accommodate OCs recollections plus suggested others.

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items

OCs recollections project is close to fruition with 1 to be beaten into shape and 1 outstanding.