



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 13th December 2016

Attendees were: Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, George Lane, Gordon Malcolm, Nick Proskurin,
and Bob Billiards.

Apologies: Allen Morley, Paul Dickson, Jim Fitzgerald, Des McGuiggan, Ian Amos, Ged Carroll, Bert
Blink, Vic Danko, Merv Nairn.

Welcome	Chairman, Grahame Dignam, opened the meeting at 11.05 AM. and thanked those who were present. The chairman advised that Mr. Morley's absence which was due to personal misfortune and he will be back better and brighter in the New Year.	
Item 1	Minutes of the previous General meeting and Correspondence were circulated with the Agenda and are deemed to be read and correct except as mentioned in Issues arising below.	
Item 2	Recent Correspondence (uncirculated) included: A note of thanks from Ron Mason to the Committee for their work on acquiring and arranging for the display of the AN/KPQ-1 radar at the National Vietnam Veterans Museum Phillip Island. And seasons greeting for Christmas and the New Year. Moved George Lane Seconded Nick Proskurin Against Nil Accepted	
Item 3	Issues arising from the previous minutes and circulated Correspondence and were Nil. Move George Lane Second Ern Newbold Against Nil Accepted	

Item 4	<p>Financial Report. Current Balance at the Bank was provided to the meeting. The report fee of \$44 for the Dept of Fair Trading has been paid but has not yet reflected in the bank statement.</p> <p>Financial Membership is currently 140 plus Associates 2 plus Affiliates 7 Total 149</p> <p>Plus Lapsed 12 members NO major expenditure is in prospect.</p> <p>Merchandise. Assn Car Decals - stock: 282 – Cost \$759. ROI is \$952 – Surplus \$193 Nasho ribbons - stock 74 -Cost \$300 ROI is \$130 – Short \$170 Caps/Hats - stock: 19 caps/23 hats/5 surf. Cost @ \$1654 - ROI is \$2341 Surplus \$687 Polos cost 50 x \$1165 sold 15x \$30 ROI is \$450 – Short \$715 Tee Shirt cost 50 x \$ 890 sold 12x \$25 ROI is \$300 – Short \$590</p> <p>Moved Gordon Malcolm Second Ern Newbold Against Nil Accepted</p>	
Item 5	<p>Presidents report. No presidents report due to Allen’s’ absence. However, Radar scans...Latest information is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport to the Museum will be arranged by them • We will need to prepare the unit for pickup so another work day will be required and still another day to supervise dispatch. • The museum will arrange for further clean up and repaint once colour designation is supplied. • An unveiling will be arranged later in 2017 on a day TBA. 	
Item 6	<p>Public Officer Report. Vic has provided his apologies. He has also supplied a copy of his note to the Manager Netanya Resort, Noosa advising the winners’ name of the Fundraising raffle last year.</p>	
Item 7	<p>Webmaster Update. Bob has supplied stats separately.</p>	
Item 8	<p>Arrangements for 50th Anniversary May 1967 reunion in Adelaide ANZAC DAY 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request for expressions of interest will go out in mid-January as first advice with a follow up included in the End January edition of Eyes & Ears. • A list of events including day trips to wineries proposed for the period will be included as well as suggested accommodation if required. • Depending on numbers, a ‘bus may be required to move people between venues. 	
Item 9	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo Album project. This major undertaking will represent all Locators who served in SVN and to achieve its aim we require the help of all vets. Unlike the photos that appear in Eyes & Ears which are reduced in size, we will require BEST POSSIBLE QUALITY photos that will make the final cut. This project will represent the entire period of 131’s involvement in the SVN conflict and will be a heritage item so each photo will need a full description. • The committee is requesting the BEST pictures you have of Orderly Rm, Tpt Office. RAEME and Radar and LP sites (showing different modifications over time): Equipment used- Bearing Boards, Sound Ranging, Sensors etc. incl. details of how, when, where and why. (Radar. Starlight scopes, firearms, Transport modes {vehicular, airlift by chopper}:Aircraft used for deployments to FSBs and in close support roles birddogs, etc 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pics of the US Arty guns in support units 1/83rd and 2/35th: pics of liaison with ARVN personnel and positions. • We will be looking for help from Personnel from each year/Corp to help with names and position identifications to ensure accuracy. • We need YOUR INPUT! <p>Memorial Pavers for Jim Menz and Tom Checkley. Gordon Malcolm suggested we arrange for the pavers to be laid at Geelong and Seymour memorial walks to commemorate those 2 departed soldiers. (Pavers already have been placed in the North Fort Memorial walk).The idea met with unanimous approval. Sec/Treas to follow up.</p>	
Item 10	<p>Next General meeting will be on:</p> <p>February 21st 2017 at 11.00 AM Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club 26 Humphries Rd Wakeley NSW 2176</p> <p>PHONE [02] 9604 9975 or Sec/Treas 0437 361 602</p>	
Item 11	Meeting Closed 12.14 PM due to arrival of Pizzas.	
	Signed Grahame Dignam	Meeting Chairman

Addendum A

131Locators Meeting Action Items December 2016 Prior Action Items

1. The following projects have been deferred. **Ongoing** Suggestions - George Lane suggested 2 x \$500 scholarships be offered to a Locator's family annually.

Current Meeting Topics

1. Ongoing: Arrange the Adelaide 2017 50th Anniversary or Reos' departure (4 May 1967) programme (including Commemorative Dinner.
2. North Head Flagstone paver dedication date
3. 131 Bty flag project

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items

1. Note: Meeting Minutes are now on the website in Members only area requiring password access.