



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 16th May 2017

Attendees were: Bert Blink, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, George Lane, Nick Proskurin, Vic Danko, Merv Nairn, Ian Amos, Gordon Malcolm and Terry Westerway

Apologies: Paul Dickson, Allen Morley, Jim Fitzgerald, Bob Billiards, Ged Carroll, and State Reps.

Welcome	Chairman, VP Bert Blink opened the meeting at 11.05 A.M. and thanked those who were present.	
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: an item concerning the Radar move which will be covered below. Moved George Lane Seconded Bert Blink Against Nil Accepted	
Item 3	Issues arising from the previous minutes and circulated Correspondence again concerned the Radar and will be covered below. Moved George Lane Seconded Bert Blink Against Nil Accepted	
Item 4	Financial Report. The Treasurer circulated the Current Bank Statement showing the balance at the bank and confirmed that funds had been lodged as a Term Deposit as recorded in the minutes of the last meeting. Financial Membership is currently 129 plus Associates 2 plus Affiliates 7 Total 138 Plus Lapsed 24 members No major expenditure is in prospect.	

	<p>Merchandise as at 1 September 2017.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Assn Car Decals</td> <td>- stock: 212 – Cost \$759.</td> <td>ROI is \$962 – Surplus \$203</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nasho car ribbons</td> <td>- stock 38 -Cost \$300</td> <td>ROI is \$186 – Short \$114</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Caps/Hats - stock: 47caps/19 hats/0 surf.</td> <td>Cost \$2212</td> <td>ROI is \$2341 - Surplus \$591</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Polos</td> <td>cost 80 x \$2217 44 sold x \$30</td> <td>ROI is \$1320 – Short \$897</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tee Shirt</td> <td>cost 50 x \$ 890 23 sold x \$25</td> <td>ROI is \$575 – Short \$315</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tracks of the Dragon (10) \$240</td> <td>sold 3 x\$40</td> <td>ROI is \$ 120 – Short \$120</td> </tr> </table> <p>Moved Grahame Dignam Second Ern Newbold Against Nil Accepted</p>	Assn Car Decals	- stock: 212 – Cost \$759.	ROI is \$962 – Surplus \$203	Nasho car ribbons	- stock 38 -Cost \$300	ROI is \$186 – Short \$114	Caps/Hats - stock: 47caps/19 hats/0 surf.	Cost \$2212	ROI is \$2341 - Surplus \$591	Polos	cost 80 x \$2217 44 sold x \$30	ROI is \$1320 – Short \$897	Tee Shirt	cost 50 x \$ 890 23 sold x \$25	ROI is \$575 – Short \$315	Tracks of the Dragon (10) \$240	sold 3 x\$40	ROI is \$ 120 – Short \$120	
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Item 5	<p>Presidents report. Bert advised Allen was in hospital having a pin removed from his shoulder.</p>																			
Item 6	<p>Public Officer Report. No issues to report</p>																			
Item 7	<p>Webmaster Update. Bob has supplied website stats via email to each of the committee members.</p>																			
Item 8	<p>Radar Moves..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update...refer correspondence attached to this meetings' Agenda AND late news. • The Radar crew attending consisted of Ron Mason and wife Margaret, Peter Dealy and wife Anne, Hugh Ellerbock and wife Roz, Ken Dwight assisted by John Methven from the Museum staff. • The Radar was put together with the combined minds displacing the 50 or so years of mist to achieve the feat. There were some missing items that may not have been at the North Fort Museum and so were not on forwarded. They were "the long cables, generator cables and cover plate from the side pedestal. Ern Newbold commented that the spring clip that extends around the girth of the pedestal will need to be locked in some fashion to secure the top section to the base assembly securely. • Besides the missing pieces mentioned above a piece surplus to requirements was forwarded but the item is not part of the normal Radar equipment. We will attempt to identify it and seek it rightful owner • This Assn will look to acquire a CURTA mechanical calculator for inclusion in the general Det 131 DLB display. Also check out a revolving photo display showing the radar in various FSB positions. 																			
Item 9	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Lane advised the meeting that Damian McManus, a Det 131 "Pioneer", has contracted cancer and is not well. • Nick unveiled the new 131 Locators Association Inc.banners – a photograph will be attached to the message delivering the Minutes. The meeting unanimously agreed that they were very impressive and will prove useful at future gatherings and formal functions. As the project had prior approval the amount of \$184 will be reimbursed to Nick who did the design work and placed the order on the Associations behalf. • Grahame asked the meeting to consider renewing the Term Deposit for a further 6 months and as we have sufficient liquid funds for any short term expenses the proposal was agreed to. 																			
Item 10	<p>Next General meeting will follow the Annual General Meeting and will be on:</p> <p>21st November 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> <p>Formal notifications and forms for nominations and proxies will be sent shortly.</p>																			

Item 11	Meeting Closed 11.55AM.	
	Signed Bert Blink	Meeting Chairman

Addendum A

**131 Locators Meeting Action Items October 2017
Prior Action Items**

1. The Association is open to new suggestions for projects that would benefit other Association member individually or collectively.

Active Items

1. North Head Flagstone paver dedication date
 2. 131 Bty flag project
 3. Photo Album Project
- **Photo Album project.** This major undertaking will represent all Locators who served 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 bird dogs, etc
 - 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!

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items

Photo album steps TO DO

- Write to vip radar contacts –# 1 Yes x1 : # 2 x more to go
- Review web albums contact vets for approval.
- Eye & ears item reminder