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131 Locators Association Inc.

Minutes for the General Meeting of the 131 Locators Association Inc.

Held via Zoom internet

At 11.00 AM on Tuesday 14th September 2021

Attendees were all Zoomers due to Sydney Lockdown.

Zoomers: Paul Dickson, Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam, Ian Campbell, Ian Amos, Gordon Malcolm, Merv Nairn, Bob Billiards, Ron Mason, Vic Danko, Warwick Brooker, Kev Browning, Rieny Niewenhof, Bert Blink and Ern Newbold

Apologies: Jim Fitzgerald, Steve Wynn, Nick Proskurin, Ged Carroll, Terry Erbs, George Lane and State Reps.

Comrades, Brothers in arms remembered

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McGuiggan, Desmond (Des)	Sgt	214722	Arty Int	20/01/70 - 21/01/71	08/03/44	25/02/2021
McManus, Norman Ronald Keith	WO2	26202	-	11/11/70 - 19/08/71	18/08/1924	04/10/2016
McNaughton, Quentin	-	-	-	N/A	-	09/07/07
McNeill, John Joseph "Joe"	Cpl	18814	RAEME	1968-69	13/06/1946	14/11/2020
McPherson, Maxwell Duncan	Gnr	3795560	Radar	28/11/69 - 5/11/70	19/07/1947	19/05/2016
Menz, James Leslie	L/Bdr	38833	Survey	1967 – 1968	01/02/46	18/02/68 - KIA
Miller, Robert	Staff Sgt.	36499	Radar - RAEME	1969 - 1970	25/02/39	29/12/17
Minns, Raymond Arthur	L/Bdr	4410744	Arty Tac	1966 – 1967	03/12/41	24/05/97
Mitchell, Raymond John	Gnr	218731	-	1970	26/05/51	24/09/11
Moreau, Vic	Wo2	1200577	Radar	4/66 - 1/67	18/03/39	09/02/19
O'Keefe, Michael Francis	Gnr	2787168	-	1968 – 1969	26/11/46	1980
O'Mara, Anthony Joseph	Sgt	38334	Radar-RAEME	1968 – 1969	07/12/40	01/01/85

Item 1	Chairman Allen Morley welcomed all who moved to a quiet area of their homes to join us.	
Item 2	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.	
Item 3	Matters arising and Recent Correspondence (uncirculated) were: Nil. Moved G Dignam Seconded R Niuwenhof Against Nil Accepted	
Item 4	Financial Report.	

	<p>The Treasurer advised the current Bank balance from a Statement dated to-day. There is one amount due for payment for the re-order of 50 lapel pins not yet received at \$565.45. Also due to be reimbursed to Bob Billiards for ISP costs of \$157.67. A motion to proceed with the payment was called and carried unanimously.</p> <p>Financial Membership is currently 136 plus Associates 2 plus Affiliates 14 Total 152 Plus Lapsed as at 1/9/2021 27 members</p> <p>Merchandise as at 1st Sept 2021</p> <table><thead><tr><th></th><th>In Stock</th><th>Cost</th><th>sold</th><th>ROI</th><th>Result</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Car Decals</td><td>193</td><td>\$759</td><td>250</td><td>\$1127</td><td>+ \$388</td></tr><tr><td>Nasho</td><td>160</td><td>\$905</td><td>140</td><td>\$577</td><td>-\$328</td></tr><tr><td>UCGribbons</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Caps/Hats</td><td>26/13</td><td>\$2212</td><td>171</td><td>\$3200</td><td>+\$1188</td></tr><tr><td>Polo's (1 gift)</td><td>31</td><td>\$2752</td><td>79</td><td>\$2370</td><td>-\$430</td></tr><tr><td>Tee Shirt</td><td>31</td><td>\$1307</td><td>39</td><td>\$975</td><td>-\$325</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>Moved G Dignam Seconded R Nieuwenhof Against Nil Accepted</p>		In Stock	Cost	sold	ROI	Result	Car Decals	193	\$759	250	\$1127	+ \$388	Nasho	160	\$905	140	\$577	-\$328	UCGribbons						Caps/Hats	26/13	\$2212	171	\$3200	+\$1188	Polo's (1 gift)	31	\$2752	79	\$2370	-\$430	Tee Shirt	31	\$1307	39	\$975	-\$325	
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Item 5	<p>Presidents report.</p> <p>Allen :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reminded us that the AGM was due on 9 Nov and that notices and Nominations were due 25 days before.Voice of the Vet Heston Russell had started a new political party. He was also being pursued for costs due on another of his ventures.Confirmed that Letters of support for worthwhile causes to SMEAC and the LSTAA were sent as requested.Advised he had received a request for the use of our Association dragon insignia for use for the 131 Battery football team. Clarification of which image he was requesting will be sought.																																											
Item 6	<p>Public Officer Report.</p> <p>No item of current interest to report.</p>																																											
Item 7	<p>Webmaster Update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bob advised the number of face book members was now 247 with new members being able to join without requiring Moderator approval.Moderators are able to block member posts if they are breaching Site rules but are now responsible for any content allowed on the site.Indications are that Face book members are using that link to access the Newsletter rather than the website.Instagram was now the APP of choice for the younger generation and may be worth pursuing.																																											
Item 8	<p>Health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Allen had spoken to Nick Proskurin who confirmed “He was OK”.																																											

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ron Mason was prepared to display his scar for his “New” tin knee but the meeting declined. • G Dignam confirmed he had a second surgery to complete the removal of a BSC from his leg. • All sort of vaccines are now available so there must be one to suit everyone – go get yours! • Bert confirmed Geoff Jebb had returned home from hospital. • Ern Newbold mentioned that the V Vets newsletter carried news that Geoff Carthew had passed away. We are trying to confirm that at the moment. Latest news is that he is ALIVE AND WELL! And wants to find the author of that story. 	
Item 9	<p>General Business and around the grounds.</p> <p>Discussions ensued on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home haircuts are all the rage in Sydney due to LOCKDOWN. • Kev Browning advised that a publication by Kevin O’Brien entitled “Defending Middle Head” featuring buildings on Middle Head as well as spectacular scenes of the Harbour. The buildings were the original 131 Battery quarters. The self funded publication of 300 copies are available at a cost of \$40 each. • The buildings have been given a “Heritage rating” but have been untouched for 6 years and are set for demolition as they are no longer a “preferred asset” for the location by the Foreshore Trust. • The publication hopes to preserve the buildings for posterity. 	
Item 10	<p>Next General meeting will be on:</p> <p>12th October 2021 at 11.00 AM</p> <p>And available via Zoom link to be advised.</p> <p>Sec/Treas 0437 361 602</p>	
Item 11	Meeting Closed 12.22PM	
	Signed Allen Morley	Meeting Chairman

131Locators Meeting Action Items August 2021
Prior Action Items

Active Items

1. Revise Det 131 Display at NVVM pending build of new premises.
2. Foster the 131 Battery Face Book sites
3. Continue working on the Photo Album Project
4. Monitor reunion dates for LSTAA/20 Regiment 2022.

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items

1. Letters of support provided to SMEARC and the LSTAA re the reunion in April 2022
2. Additional names provided to Kit Cullen for his "Voices of Coral" project