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131 Locators Association Inc.

Minutes for the General Meeting of the 131 Locators Association Inc.  
 Held via Zoom internet  
 on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Zoomed members were Allen Morley, Ron Mason, Grahame Dignam, Terry Erbs, Ernest Newbold, Merv Nairn Ian Campbell, Paul Dickson, Bert Blink, Gordon Malcolm, and Ian Amos

Apologies were received from Steve Wynn, Bob Billiards, Ged Carroll, Kev Browning, Warwick Brooker, Nick Proskurin, Rieny Nieuwenhof, Laurie Sawyer, George Lane, other State Reps and Jim Fitzgerald

**Comrades, Brothers in arms remembered**

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|--|--------|---------|--------------|---------------------|----------|------------|
| Erica (formerly Earwicker), Bernard George | Gnr    | 3787334 | -            | 20/5/66 - 3/3/67    | 29/04/45 | 23/11/2016 |
| Evans, Jeffrey Bruce                       | Maj    | 3789164 | Survey       | 1971                | 11/10/45 | 14/12/11   |
| Fahey, Fred                                | WO1    |         | 132 Bty      |                     |          | 2/6/2014   |
| Farr, Lawrence Joseph                      | Gnr    | 1734257 | -            | 1969 – 1970         | 27/08/47 | 2009       |
| Fawcett-Smith, Neville                     | Sgt    | 17732   | RAEME        | 67/68 70/71         | 29/06/42 | Unknown    |
| Ferris, Michael William                    | T/Corp | 1733794 | 1 Armor Reg  | 23/12/68 - 28/03/69 | 13/12/45 | 21/09/05   |
|  |        |         | 131 RAEME    | 03/03/69 - 03/12/69 |          |            |
|  | T/Sgt  | 242577  | W/Shop-RAEME | 1966                | 08/06/34 | 20/07/96   |
| Foley, Charles Anthony                     | WO2    |         | Survey       | N/A                 | 1939     | 31/01/18   |
| Fountain, Barry Edward                     | Gnr    | 3798485 | Det 131      | 03/03/71 - 20/08/71 | 12/10/49 | 12/05/22   |
|  |        |         | 12 Fld Regt. | 21/08/71 - 30/10/71 |          |            |
| Frost, Leslie David                        | WO1    | 215230  | RSM          | 1966 - 1967         | 24/08/45 | 26/03/14   |

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| <i>Item 1</i> | President Allen Morley welcomed the Zoom attendees.  |  |
| <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  |  |

| <p><i>Item 4</i></p>     | <p><b>Financial Report.</b><br/> The Treasurer advised the current Bank balance from a Statement dated to-day. The Association does not have any outstanding payments due apart from reimbursement of Webmasters ISP expenses which are yet to be received.</p> <p>Financial Membership is currently ..... 131<br/>   plus          Associates          2<br/>   plus          Affiliates          16<br/>                                   Total                                  149<br/> Plus Lapsed as at 1/02/2022                                  34 members</p> <p>Merchandise as at 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2022</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="280 600 1369 828"> <thead> <tr> <th>Result</th> <th>In Stock</th> <th>Cost</th> <th>sold</th> <th></th> <th>ROI</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Car Decals</b></td> <td>192</td> <td>\$759</td> <td>251</td> <td>\$1127</td> <td>+\$393</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Nasho UCG ribbons</b></td> <td>156</td> <td>\$905</td> <td>143</td> <td>\$582</td> <td>-\$313</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Caps/Hats</b></td> <td>14/7</td> <td>\$2212</td> <td>180</td> <td>\$3380</td> <td>+\$1408</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Polo's (1 gift)</b></td> <td>19</td> <td>\$2752</td> <td>85</td> <td>\$2730</td> <td>-\$80</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Tee Shirt</b></td> <td>21</td> <td>\$1307</td> <td>47</td> <td>\$1175</td> <td>-\$125</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Moved G Dignam Seconded Gordon Malcolm Against Nil Accepted</p> | Result | In Stock | Cost   | sold    |  | ROI | <b>Car Decals</b> | 192 | \$759 | 251 | \$1127 | +\$393 | <b>Nasho UCG ribbons</b> | 156 | \$905 | 143 | \$582 | -\$313 | <b>Caps/Hats</b> | 14/7 | \$2212 | 180 | \$3380 | +\$1408 | <b>Polo's (1 gift)</b> | 19 | \$2752 | 85 | \$2730 | -\$80 | <b>Tee Shirt</b> | 21 | \$1307 | 47 | \$1175 | -\$125 |  |
|--------------------------|---|--------|----------|--------|---------|--|-----|-------------------|-----|-------|-----|--------|--------|--------------------------|-----|-------|-----|-------|--------|------------------|------|--------|-----|--------|---------|------------------------|----|--------|----|--------|-------|------------------|----|--------|----|--------|--------|--|
| Result                   | In Stock  | Cost   | sold     |        | ROI     |  |     |                   |     |       |     |        |        |                          |     |       |     |       |        |                  |      |        |     |        |         |                        |    |        |    |        |       |                  |    |        |    |        |        |  |
| <b>Car Decals</b>        | 192   | \$759  | 251      | \$1127 | +\$393  |  |     |                   |     |       |     |        |        |                          |     |       |     |       |        |                  |      |        |     |        |         |                        |    |        |    |        |       |                  |    |        |    |        |        |  |
| <b>Nasho UCG ribbons</b> | 156   | \$905  | 143      | \$582  | -\$313  |  |     |                   |     |       |     |        |        |                          |     |       |     |       |        |                  |      |        |     |        |         |                        |    |        |    |        |       |                  |    |        |    |        |        |  |
| <b>Caps/Hats</b>         | 14/7  | \$2212 | 180      | \$3380 | +\$1408 |  |     |                   |     |       |     |        |        |                          |     |       |     |       |        |                  |      |        |     |        |         |                        |    |        |    |        |       |                  |    |        |    |        |        |  |
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| <b>Tee Shirt</b>         | 21  | \$1307 | 47       | \$1175 | -\$125  |  |     |                   |     |       |     |        |        |                          |     |       |     |       |        |                  |      |        |     |        |         |                        |    |        |    |        |       |                  |    |        |    |        |        |  |
| <p><i>Item 5</i></p>     | <p><b>Presidents report.</b><br/> Allen referenced</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the change of Banner from old to new for 131 has been approved</li> <li>The final version of the proposed "Heritage " Banner incorporating all serving units of 20 Regt will be moved at the AGM on 21 July 2022. There will a choice of 3 to consider.</li> <li>Due to circumstance this year the 131 Banner was not on Parade during the Anzac day March. Efforts will be made to find a suitable storage point near the city centre where the banner could be stored rather than travel long distances on public transport with it.</li> </ul>   |        |          |        |         |  |     |                   |     |       |     |        |        |                          |     |       |     |       |        |                  |      |        |     |        |         |                        |    |        |    |        |       |                  |    |        |    |        |        |  |
| <p><i>Item 6</i></p>     | <p><b>Public Officer Report.</b><br/> Nothing to report.</p>  |        |          |        |         |  |     |                   |     |       |     |        |        |                          |     |       |     |       |        |                  |      |        |     |        |         |                        |    |        |    |        |       |                  |    |        |    |        |        |  |
| <p><i>Item 7</i></p>     | <p><b>Webmaster Update.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Bob's absence the Face book member's number are now 303. Bob advised he would be travelling home from the Gold Coast and apologized for his non-attendance.</li> </ul>  |        |          |        |         |  |     |                   |     |       |     |        |        |                          |     |       |     |       |        |                  |      |        |     |        |         |                        |    |        |    |        |       |                  |    |        |    |        |        |  |
| <p><i>Item 8</i></p>     | <p><b>Health.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John Vitkovsky has been able to sell his eco tourist site and has moved to Victor Harbour. Peter Piro and Ken Osborne have had some severe setbacks healthwise recently. We wish them well.</li> <li>A general discussion about health ensued.</li> </ul>  |        |          |        |         |  |     |                   |     |       |     |        |        |                          |     |       |     |       |        |                  |      |        |     |        |         |                        |    |        |    |        |       |                  |    |        |    |        |        |  |

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| <p><i>Item 9</i></p>  | <p><b>General Business and around the grounds.</b><br/> Discussions ensued on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stu Sporn called to enquire after a flag from Bravo Radar to which the soldiers manning the site added their signatures in 1967/68. There was a recollection that such a flag was encountered at North Fort when clearing out the artifacts prior to releasing the site to the Government Foreshore authority.</li> <li>• After a millisecond President Allen Morley reached into the first or second drawer of his desk and produces a flag very similar to aforementioned described and exclaimed "Is this IT?"</li> <li>• Stu ( the original owner of the flag ) asked for it to be returned to him as he wished to present it to the Darwin Military Museum for display.</li> </ul> |  |
| <p><i>Item 10</i></p> | <p><b>Next General meeting</b> will be on:<br/> 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 11.00 AM<br/> Venue to be advised</p> <p>And available via Zoom link to be advised.</p> <p>Sec/Treas 0437 361 602</p>  |  |
| <p><i>Item 11</i></p> | <p>Meeting Closed 12.03PM</p>   |  |
|                       | <p>Signed Allen Morley</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Meeting Chairman</p>   |  |

## Addendum A

### 131Locators Meeting Action Items May2022

#### Action Items

##### Active Items

1. Review 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 developments for LSTAA/20 Regiment during 2022.

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items