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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 9th August 2022

Zoomed members were, Paul Dickson, Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam,
 Gordon Malcolm, Merv Nairn, Rieny Nieuwenhof, Ian Campbell, Terry Erbs, Bert Blink, Steve Wynn,
 Bob Billiards, Ernest Newbold Warwick Brooker

Apologies were received from Ron Mason, Ian Amos, Nick Proskurin, Ged Carroll, George Lane, other State
 Reps and Jim Fitzgerald.

Comrades, Brothers in arms remembered

VALE

Gibson, Robert Martin	Gnr	2787361	Alpha Radar	1968-69	03/03/47	02/03/21
Gordon, Colin Barry 'Bones'	Bdr	16975	Radar	1968 – 1969	31/01/45	28/03/10
Goss, Pierre Ramon	BQMS	213990	Det HQ	1969 – 1970	17/08/36	06/08/11
Gowans, Patrick Thomas Francis	Brig	57036	131 AATV	1965 1971	28/02/33	22/06/22
Greenland, Graham	GNR	2792441		1970	03/08/48	17/11/14
Griffith, Derek "Dirk" Williams	Sgt	310867	Transport	13/8/70 - 12/8/71	1927	02/04/05
Gunn, Gordon Campbell	WO2	16915	1Fd Regt/Svy/SRG	66-67 & 69-70	24/09/44	26/9/13
Hamilton, Warwick Ronald "Blue Leader"	Lt Col	215190	Det OC	67/68	17/11/39	26/08/2019
Harris, Ronald Arthur	L Corp	5410968	2nd SAS Sqd	68/69	14/04/42	17/01/69
Hayes, Terence "Lofty" James	Bdr	214973	Alpha Radar	66/67 & 68/69	17/11/39	14/12/11
Hemming, Leigh Graham	Gnr	1732039		1967	04/10/45	02/03/18
Heyes, John "Jack" Vernon	Gnr	3791085	Survey	1967-68	13/03/45	009/09/21
Holmes, William John	SSgt	61040	RAEME	1969	09/02/37	Unknown

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<i>Item 1</i>	President Allen Morley welcomed all those who have joined us to-day via ZOOM and thanked them for making the effort.
<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) will be covered below in General Business Moved G Dignam Seconded Rieny Nieuwenhof Against Nil Accepted

Item 4

Financial Report.

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 ISP costs to Webmaster and Sec/Treas office supply expenses which will be presented at a later time.

Financial Membership is currently	130
plus Associates	2
plus Affiliates	16
Total	148
Plus Lapsed as at 1/08/2022	34 members

Merchandise as at 1st Aug 2022

Result	In Stock	Cost	sold		ROI
Car Decals	196	\$759	255	\$1152	+ \$410
Nasho UCG ribbons	153	\$905	146	\$600	-\$298
Caps/Hats	14/7	\$2212	181	\$3400	+\$1188
Polo's (1 gift)	18	\$2752	86	\$2800	+ \$48
Tee Shirt	21	\$1307	47	\$1175	-\$125

Moved G Dignam Seconded R Nieuwenhof Against Nil Accepted

Item 5

Presidents report.

- Allen referenced
- A letter of support for the Vietnam Medal proposal will be sent on behalf of our Association.
 - Noted that the RAA Historical Company had requested volunteers for the Cutler Center at North Head to assist with chores.

Item 6

Public Officer Report.

Gordon reported that he has had a quiet time with nothing to report apart from reviewing the Public Liability guidelines which is ongoing.

Item 7

Webmaster Update.

- Webmaster Bob report 314 Face book users most of which are reading the monthly Eyes & Ears from that source. Chatter has picked up a little and health issues are being brought to notice.

Item 8

Interim Discharge Certificates

- A discussion regarding the historical correct wording was had. This was important as it has affected the lives and entitlements of those who received these certificates. The meeting could not agree on a strong position. An item will appear in the newsletter.

Item 8

Health.

We were advised that US ARMY have extended their interpretation of war caused injuries re Agent Orange. Our US Correspondent provided a summary and we are advised that the Australian Government bodies are aware of the changes. The links were from CNN and the Vets Affairs Dept USA

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/08/02/politics/senate-vote-burn-pits/index.html>

<https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other health items were discussed and most had reasonable news to report. The issues were around “OLD MENS” issues – Sleep Apnoea, Prostrate and its effects, various cancers, etc • Steve warned against mentioning “naps” in any visits to Drs or with Driving license related officials as they jump on that issue.
<i>Item 9</i>	<p>General Business and around the grounds.</p> <p>Discussions on other subjects occurred in this area but have been placed in the health area for reporting consistency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob reported that he had brought a new baby for the family and now has a full set of Gogo’s. • A reminder re the Vietnam Vets day on 18th August at Bankstown Sports Club was given. Details were provided with the Agenda Meeting email sent earlier or from the Granville branch on 02 9682 1788.
<i>Item 10</i>	<p>Next General meeting will be on:</p> <p>13th September 2022 at 11.00 AM Venue to be advised</p> <p>And available via Zoom link to be advised.</p> <p>Sec/Treas 0437 361 602</p>
<i>Item 11</i>	Meeting Closed 12.11PM
	Signed Allen Morley Meeting Chairman

Addendum A

131Locators Meeting Action Items July 2022 Prior Action Items

Active Items

1. Foster the 131 Battery Face Book sites
2. Continue working on the Photo Album Project
3. Monitor developments for LSTAA/20 Regiment Banners project

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items