

**DET 131**  
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**SOUTH VIETNAM**  
**1966 – 1971**  
**Lest We Forget**



131 Locators Association Inc.

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

Canley Heights RSL & Sporting Club  
 26 Humphries Rd, Wakeley NSW 2176  
 and via Zoom internet  
 on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Present were Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam, Gordon Malcolm, Ernest Newbold,  
 Ian Amos. Ged Carroll, Merv Nairn,

Zoomed members were:

Ron Mason, Paul Dickson, Terry Erbs, Bert Blink, Brian Campbell, Iain Kennedy,

Apologies were received from Rieny Neuwenhof, Kevin Browning, Steve Wynn, Jim Fitzgerald,  
 Warwick Brooker, Nick Proskurin and other State Reps

**Comrades, Brothers in arms remembered.**

**VALE**

Van Driel, Marinus Hendricus Maria 'Marty'	Gnr	38954	Survey	1967 – 1968	07/08/44	02/08/98
Walker, Leonard	Gnr	3798942	-	1970 – 1971	28/09/49	03/02/07
Webb, Ronald Adrian	Gnr	1411172	Survey	1967 – 1968	30/05/43	29/03/77
Weber, Hans Reinhard	Gnr	3789591	Radar	5/1967 – 4/1968	10/12/45	12/07/16
Weeks, Terrill "Terry" John	Gnr	3787197	Orderly Room	1966-1967	19/05/45	03/09/96
Wertheimer, Peter William OAM RFD	Capt	355747	132 Div Loc Bty	N/A	06/11/41	23/11/19
White, Robert Barnett	Sgt	311537	-	1966 – 1967	08/12/37	24/01/92
Whittaker, Roger John	Bdr	2184592	-	1970 – 1971	18/06/49	01/12/08
Williams, Barry John	Gnr	3796729		16/12/70 - 08/02/71	17/11/47	29/09/04
Wood, Geoffrey Paul	Gnr	2783898	A Radar	1967 – 1968	09/02/45	26/04/07
Yerbury, Ian Michael	Lt	43129	Survey	1967 – 1968 / 1971	05/02/44	01/01/89
Young, Michael Murry	Gnr	2786087	Radar and Survey	1967 – 1968	02/05/46	08/10/23

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<i>Item 1</i>	President Allen Morley welcomed those attending and those joining via Zoom.	
<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.

*Item 3* Matters arising and Recent Correspondence (uncirculated) will also be discussed in General Business.  
 Moved G Dignam Seconded Gordon Malcolm Against Nil Accepted

*Item 4* **Financial Report.**  
 The Treasurer advised the current Bank balance from a Statement dated to-day.

Financial Membership is currently ..... 126  
 plus Associates 2  
 plus Affiliates 16  
 Total 144  
 Plus Lapsed as at 1/04/2024 36 members

Merchandise on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024

Item	Stock now	Cost	sold	ROI	
<b>Car Decals (gifted)</b>	174	\$759	268	\$1,340	\$580
<b>Nasho UCG ribbons</b>	128	\$905	171	\$855	<b>\$25</b>
<b>Caps/Hats (12 gifts)</b>	32/24	\$3,340	214	\$4,300	\$800
<b>Polo's (3 gift)</b>	32	\$2,750	125	\$3,360	<b>\$610</b>
<b>Tee Shirt (2 gift)</b>	13	\$1,310	55	\$1,375	<b>\$65</b>

Moved G Dignam Seconded Gordon Malcolm Against Nil Accepted

*Item 5* **President's report.**  
 Allen referenced.

- The DVA is canvassing Veterans and the general population on the changes to the various legislation (ACTS) the DVA uses to determine Health matters. More information and feedback options are available until 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 from the DVA website.
- The Australian War Memorial is seeking candidates for its council positions. People with Strategic Leadership experience and Corporate board experience are invited to apply.
- Anzac Day Sydney will have the Det 131 Banner to head their contingent and the lunch will be at Barracks restaurant on Barrack Street around 12.00 Noon.
- Another Locator has been found. Grahame Lee, a Victorian, was found by Derek Hinde and the story will make the Eyes & Ears shortly.
- John Singleton wrote a piece in the Sydney Telegraph in support of Ben Roberts-Smith and the treatment he has received. He did not hold back in his opinion.

*Item 6* **Public Officer Report.**  
 Gordon had no new issues to report, however he confirmed that the Riverboat Cruise would take place on 7 May 2024. An email to SYDNEY locators would be sent shortly. He also mentioned that he purchased a new Oz flag from Australian Flag Makers and was pleased with the item and commended their service.

Item 7	<p><b>Webmaster Update.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grahame advised Facebook members are now 431. We are still attracting some who want to market non sponsored merchandise to our members- these are barred.</li> <li>• Activity is now more regular, and interest is increasing.</li> </ul>	
Item 8	<p><b>Health.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No new issues were reported, i.e. what we now have we need to live with!</li> <li>• Paul Dickson reported that our regular “zoomer” Steve Wynn has been severely affected recently. He is in our thoughts and we wish him strength and fortitude.</li> </ul>	
Item 9	<p><b>General Business and around the grounds.</b> Discussions ensued on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Survey website availability” update – Bert deferred to Bob who was absent. We will reschedule for the next meeting.</li> <li>• Photo album appeal has had an effect with responses from Tim Ford offering the information held by the Cutler Research Centre to use if required. Accepted with thanks -now we need to get there.</li> <li>• Responses from Hilton Holloway, Terry Erbs, Kevin Browning, Warren Janeke, Warwick Brooker and Graeme Owen are being pursued.</li> <li>• Terry advised the builder contracted to construct the 133 Bty Building has gone bust. Terry will be joining his family in PNG for the Anzac Day ceremonies.</li> </ul>	
Item 10	<p><b>Next General meeting</b> will be on: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 11.00 AM</p> <p>Canley Heights RSL &amp; Sporting Club 26 Humphries Rd, Wakeley NSW 2176 and via Zoom internet</p> <p>Sec/Treas 0437 361 602</p>	
Item 11	Meeting Closed 12.05PM	
	Signed Allen Morley	Meeting Chairman

## Addendum A

### 131 Locators Meeting Action Items March 2024 Prior Action Items

#### Active Items

1. Foster the 131 RAA Battery Face Book sites
2. Continue working on the Photo Album Project (selection process has commenced).
3. Commence placing selected photos into the Album panel for final consent.

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items