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



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 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Present were Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam, Gordon Malcolm, Merv Nairn,

Zoomed members were Bert Blink, Bob Billiards and Rieny Nieuwenhof.

Apologies were received from Paul Dickson, Terry Erbs, George Lane, Jim Fitzgerald, Nick Proskurin, Ian Amos, Steve Wynn, Ged Carroll, Ernest Newbold, Warwick Brooker and other State Reps

**Comrades, Brothers in arms remembered.**

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| Carsburg, Russell John 'Rusty' | WO2   | 1205673 | Met         | N/A                 | 2/11/53  | 07/05/09       |
| Chase, Edward "Spike" George   | Gnr   | 2782043 | Radar       | 1966                | 30/06/45 | 12/07/24       |
| Checkley, Thomas William       | Gnr   | 311534  | LP          | 1966                | 18/12/38 | 05/08/66 - KBA |
| Clarke, Peter Andrew           | Gnr   | 3792212 |             | 11/11/68 - 27/08/69 | 19/04/47 | 20/02/01       |
| Claxton, Victor Leanard        | Gnr   | 4410991 | Bravo Radar | 1968                | 13/04/48 | 07/02/22       |
| Coffey, Michael James "Lofty"  | WO1   | 36703   | RAAOC       | 1966-67             | 12/05/37 | 13/04/06       |
| Connell, Lesley Phillip        | Gnr   | 6709098 | Radar       | 1969-70             | 15/05/48 | 04/04/11       |
| Cooke, Barry                   | Sgt   | 28523   | RAAOC       | 16/09/69 - 24/09/69 | 08/03/46 | 13/03/99       |
| Coutts, Anthony Patrick        | Gnr   | 1733291 | Alpha Radar | 1968-69             | 22/08/46 | 31/08/88       |
| Crowther, William David        | Bdr   | 215416  | Bravo Radar | 1966                | 26/04/46 | 14/01/20       |
| Dart, Mervyn Frances           | T/Bdr | 37821   | LP          | 03/01/67-9/01/68    | 14/09/42 | 16/03/01       |
| Davies, John William           | Sgt   | 29351   | -           | 1966-67             | 26/09/37 | 2004           |

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| Item 1                         | President Allen Morley welcomed those attending and those joining via Zoom.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |            |          |            |               |  |     |                     |     |       |     |         |              |                   |     |       |     |       |             |                      |       |         |     |         |               |                 |    |         |     |         |              |                    |   |         |    |         |              |                                |          |            |          |            |            |  |
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| 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) will also be discussed in General Business.<br><br>Moved    G Dignam        Seconded Gordon Malcolm    Against Nil        Accepted                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |            |          |            |               |  |     |                     |     |       |     |         |              |                   |     |       |     |       |             |                      |       |         |     |         |               |                 |    |         |     |         |              |                    |   |         |    |         |              |                                |          |            |          |            |            |  |
| Item 4                         | <p><b>Financial Report.</b></p> <p>The Treasurer advised the current Bank balance from a Statement dated today. Financials for the AGM Have been completed and forwarded to the President A Morley and Vice Pres. Bert Blink for appraisal. These will be presented at the AGM.</p> <p>Financial Membership is currently .....    117<br/>                                         plus           Associates           2<br/>                                         plus           Affiliates           15<br/>                                         Total                                           134<br/>Plus    Lapsed as of 1 October 2025                                           37 members</p> <p>Merchandise on<br/>1<sup>st</sup> October2025</p> <table><tr><th>Item</th><th>Stock</th><th>cost</th><th>Sold</th><th></th><th>ROI</th></tr><tr><td>Car Decals (gifted)</td><td>154</td><td>\$759</td><td>283</td><td>\$1,405</td><td><b>\$645</b></td></tr><tr><td>Nasho UCG ribbons</td><td>109</td><td>\$905</td><td>187</td><td>\$935</td><td><b>\$55</b></td></tr><tr><td>Caps/Hats (13 gifts)</td><td>22/23</td><td>\$3,340</td><td>226</td><td>\$4,460</td><td><b>\$1060</b></td></tr><tr><td>Polo’s (3 gift)</td><td>26</td><td>\$3,793</td><td>130</td><td>\$3,535</td><td><b>\$785</b></td></tr><tr><td>Tee Shirt (2 gift)</td><td>8</td><td>\$1,310</td><td>60</td><td>\$1,500</td><td><b>\$190</b></td></tr><tr><td><b>Action! Action! Action!</b></td><td><b>7</b></td><td><b>300</b></td><td><b>8</b></td><td><b>120</b></td><td><b>180</b></td></tr></table> <p>Moved   G Dignam    Seconded Gordon Malcolm        Against Nil        Accepted</p> | Item       | Stock    | cost       | Sold          |  | ROI | Car Decals (gifted) | 154 | \$759 | 283 | \$1,405 | <b>\$645</b> | Nasho UCG ribbons | 109 | \$905 | 187 | \$935 | <b>\$55</b> | Caps/Hats (13 gifts) | 22/23 | \$3,340 | 226 | \$4,460 | <b>\$1060</b> | Polo’s (3 gift) | 26 | \$3,793 | 130 | \$3,535 | <b>\$785</b> | Tee Shirt (2 gift) | 8 | \$1,310 | 60 | \$1,500 | <b>\$190</b> | <b>Action! Action! Action!</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>300</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>120</b> | <b>180</b> |  |
| Item                           | Stock                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | cost       | Sold     |            | ROI           |  |     |                     |     |       |     |         |              |                   |     |       |     |       |             |                      |       |         |     |         |               |                 |    |         |     |         |              |                    |   |         |    |         |              |                                |          |            |          |            |            |  |
| Car Decals (gifted)            | 154                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$759      | 283      | \$1,405    | <b>\$645</b>  |  |     |                     |     |       |     |         |              |                   |     |       |     |       |             |                      |       |         |     |         |               |                 |    |         |     |         |              |                    |   |         |    |         |              |                                |          |            |          |            |            |  |
| Nasho UCG ribbons              | 109                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$905      | 187      | \$935      | <b>\$55</b>   |  |     |                     |     |       |     |         |              |                   |     |       |     |       |             |                      |       |         |     |         |               |                 |    |         |     |         |              |                    |   |         |    |         |              |                                |          |            |          |            |            |  |
| Caps/Hats (13 gifts)           | 22/23                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$3,340    | 226      | \$4,460    | <b>\$1060</b> |  |     |                     |     |       |     |         |              |                   |     |       |     |       |             |                      |       |         |     |         |               |                 |    |         |     |         |              |                    |   |         |    |         |              |                                |          |            |          |            |            |  |
| Polo’s (3 gift)                | 26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$3,793    | 130      | \$3,535    | <b>\$785</b>  |  |     |                     |     |       |     |         |              |                   |     |       |     |       |             |                      |       |         |     |         |               |                 |    |         |     |         |              |                    |   |         |    |         |              |                                |          |            |          |            |            |  |
| Tee Shirt (2 gift)             | 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$1,310    | 60       | \$1,500    | <b>\$190</b>  |  |     |                     |     |       |     |         |              |                   |     |       |     |       |             |                      |       |         |     |         |               |                 |    |         |     |         |              |                    |   |         |    |         |              |                                |          |            |          |            |            |  |
| <b>Action! Action! Action!</b> | <b>7</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>300</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>120</b> | <b>180</b>    |  |     |                     |     |       |     |         |              |                   |     |       |     |       |             |                      |       |         |     |         |               |                 |    |         |     |         |              |                    |   |         |    |         |              |                                |          |            |          |            |            |  |
| Item 5                         | <p><b>President’s report.</b></p> <p>Allen referenced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NSW RSL is in turmoil after 4 Director’s resignations. Resolution will be protracted.</li><li>• RAAHC has requested support to cover cost of extending the Mount Pleasant memorial to include Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. A suggestion we donate \$500.00 was made and the meeting unanimously agreed</li><li>• Allen confirmed that Nick Proskurin had been discharged and was resting at home.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |            |          |            |               |  |     |                     |     |       |     |         |              |                   |     |       |     |       |             |                      |       |         |     |         |               |                 |    |         |     |         |              |                    |   |         |    |         |              |                                |          |            |          |            |            |  |

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| <i>Item 6</i>  | <b>Public Officer Report.</b><br>Gordon confirmed that no issues were to hand. However, he is preparing the AGM notices for publication.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| <i>Item 7</i>  | <b>Webmaster Update.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robert advised Facebook members are 546. He also will post the AGM notices on the website and Facebook.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| <i>Item 8</i>  | <b>Health.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The usual “old men’s” issues are prevalent and are of concern, but no new members have come to notice.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| <i>Item 9</i>  | <b>General Business and around the grounds.</b><br>Discussions ensued on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private operators claiming a speedier service for processing DVA claims have been touting for business on the net and in newspapers. However, a commission is usually charged for this service which can be provided free by approved DVA advocates. Once lodged, the claims are placed in date order by DVA, and the wheels fall off at that point. Be aware!</li> <li>Bob Biliards reported that Original data files for the Surveyors website are still being sought. This will greatly assist restoring the display on our website.</li> <li>A warning that Vets should check the expiry date on their NSW OPAL Travel concession cards.</li> </ul> |  |
| <i>Item 10</i> | <b>Next General meeting</b> will be following the AGM on:<br>18 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 at approximately 11.15 AM<br><br>Sec/Treas 0437 361 602                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
| <i>Item 11</i> | Meeting Closed 12.02 PM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
|                | Signed Allen Morley <div>Meeting Chairman</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |

## Addendum A

### 131 Locators Meeting Action Items September 2025 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. Review the progress of the relocation of Vietnam Veterans Museum.

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items