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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 10th February 2026

Present were Allen Morley, Ged Carroll, Bob Billiards ,Merv Nairn, Ernest Newbold and Ian Amos.

Zoomed members were Grahame Dignam, Paul Dickson, Terry Erbs, Rieny Niewenhof,
Bert Blink and Warwick Brooker.

Apologies were received from George Lane, Kevin Browning, Peter Dealy, Jim Fitzgerald, Nick Proskurin,
Steve Wynn, and other State Reps.

Comrades, Brothers in arms remembered.

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Habben, Michael William	Gnr	3788307	LP's	67/68	06/02/45	26/12/22
Halliday, Frank	Sgt	215105		1967	30/03/37	22/02/24
Hamilton, Warwick Ronald "Blue Leader"	Lt Col	215190	Det OC	67/68	17/11/39	26/08/19
Hastings, Neville Stanley	Gnr	1730813	LP	1966 - 67	09/03/45	10/04/23
Hayes, Terence "Lofty" James	Bdr	214973	Alpha Radar	66/67 & 68/69	17/11/39	14/12/11
Heenan, Kevin Lewis	Gnr	3794777		69/70	14/02/48	03/12/24
Hemming, Leigh Graham	Gnr	1732039		1967	04/10/45	02/03/18
Heyes, John "Jack" Vernon	Gnr	3791085	Survey	1967-68	13/03/45	09/09/21
Holmes, William John	SSgt	61040	RAEME	1969	09/02/37	08/06/19
Hutchinson, Raymond William	Bdr	37669	Det HQ	1967-68	26/01/40	01/12/23
I'Anson, John Paul	Gnr	2787424	Radar	1968-69	06/06/45	18/01/23

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Item 1	President Allen Morley welcomed those attending and those joining via Zoom.																																											
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. Moved G Dignam Seconded Merv Nairn Against Nil Accepted																																											
Item 4	Financial Report. The Treasurer advised the current Bank balance from a Statement dated today. Financial Membership is currently 118 plus Associates 2 plus Affiliates 15 Total 135 Plus Lapsed as of 1st February 2026 38 members <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>158</td><td>\$759</td><td>283</td><td>\$1,405</td><td>\$645</td></tr><tr><td>Nasho UCG ribbons</td><td>112</td><td>\$905</td><td>185</td><td>\$925</td><td>\$45</td></tr><tr><td>Caps/Hats (13 gifts)</td><td>28/23</td><td>\$3,340</td><td>219</td><td>\$4,400</td><td>\$900</td></tr><tr><td>Polo’s (3 gift)</td><td>27</td><td>\$3,793</td><td>129</td><td>\$3,500</td><td>\$750</td></tr><tr><td>Tee Shirt (2 gift)</td><td>8</td><td>\$1,310</td><td>60</td><td>\$1,500</td><td>\$190</td></tr><tr><td>Action! Action! Action!</td><td>22</td><td>300</td><td>8</td><td>120</td><td>180</td></tr></table> Merchandise on 1st February 2026 Moved G Dignam Seconded Merv Nairn Against Nil Accepted	Item	Stock	cost	Sold		ROI	Car Decals (gifted)	158	\$759	283	\$1,405	\$645	Nasho UCG ribbons	112	\$905	185	\$925	\$45	Caps/Hats (13 gifts)	28/23	\$3,340	219	\$4,400	\$900	Polo’s (3 gift)	27	\$3,793	129	\$3,500	\$750	Tee Shirt (2 gift)	8	\$1,310	60	\$1,500	\$190	Action! Action! Action!	22	300	8	120	180	
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Item 5	President’s report. Allen referenced • The proposed sale of Surplus Defense properties has created a storm of protests across the nation. • A discussion regarding the Surveyors Website continues. A link has been placed at various locations on our webpages to draw attention to our proposal to re-birth the archived site and maybe enrich its historical content. See Item 8 for further information.																																											
Item 6	Public Officer Report. Due to Gordons’ absence, we record a nil report.																																											
Item 7	Webmaster Update. • Robert B advised that Facebook members now are 565.																																											
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	funds for the nation's current needs. A discussion ensued with various points of view expressed with no one complimentary to the proposal. Aspects such as Our Military Heritage, future uses, commercial and public utility purposes were all mentioned. Suggestions were made that we write to make known our collective opinions to Local Members, local RSL's etc. However, it was agreed we would only achieve nothing more than the current outcry as no considered position has been taken by the Federal body. We wait in trepidation as the Federal Government disregard for our military history festers.	
<i>Item 9</i>	Health. In the news department.... • Prostates and Kidney stones are still popular with minor miracles being reported. • Merv Nairn outlined a procedure he underwent which no man would like to be faced with involving a catheter and a small opening on the front of the body. • Steve O is still attending medicos with each trip leaving him in worse shape than the previous one. Recovery time is his problem!	
<i>Item 10</i>	General Business and around the grounds. Discussions ensued on the following: • Survey Website: The archived site is currently locked and cannot be improved. I think that "Surveyors" from later tours, could be canvassed for their memories and pictures of Operations / equipment. This could then be added to a fresh tab/page on the 131 website for the periods after 1968 . There are some names of surveyors readily available , who are Association members we could approach to widen the scope of Surveyors' collective experiences out to the time our forces withdrew. This will be developed and results will be advised.	
<i>Item 11</i>	Next General meeting will be on: 10th April 2026 at 11.00 AM Venue and format to be advised. Sec/Treas 0437 361 602	
	Meeting Closed 11.59 AM	
	Signed Meeting Chairman	

Addendum A

131Locators Meeting Action Items December 2025 Prior Action Items

Active Items

1. Foster the 131 RAA Battery Website and 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