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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 9th June 2026

Present were Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam, Bob Billiards, Ernest Newbold,
 Gordon Malcolm and Ian Amos.

Zoomed members were Bert Blink, Rieny Nieuwenhof, Merv Nairn, Paul Dickson, Terry Erbs.

Apologies were received from George Lane, Kevin Browning, B Guzder, Ged Carroll,
 Peter Dealy, Jim Fitzgerald, Nick Proskurin, Steve Wynn, Warwick Brooker and other State Reps

Comrades, Brothers in arms remembered.

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Larkin, Peter John	T/Bdr	3793067	Survey	1968-1969	29/10/46	15/02/25
Lawler, James Frederick	Sgt	28523	Orderly Room	18/12/67 - 03/12/68	18/09/36	14/08/20
Lempa, Helmut	L/Bdr	38120	Radar	20/05/66 – 02/12/66	18/10/46	04/07/85
Lennon, Frederick	WO2	29712	Radar	5/66 - 12/66	29/12/27	25/07/13
Leplaw, Garry James	L/Bdr	217182	Arty Tac/LP	1968 – 1969	21/09/48	06/12/83
Leslie, Graeme Benjamin John	Capt	18614	RAEME	69-70	11/01/42	30/07/15
Lewis, Edwin Leslie	S/Sgt	53909	-	1970 – 1971	08/08/35	26/08/92
Lindroos, Norman John	T/Sgt	3410957		1968-69	14/10/39	27/08/25
Little, Harold "Tiny" Philip	T/Bdr	2789038	Radar	1969	04/11/45	02/04/18
Lock, Geoffrey William	Gnr	2782439	Survey	1966 – 1967	17/03/45	09/09/10
Lockart, James Douglas	Bdr	6709144	-	04/06/1969 - 12/02/1970	05/06/47	12/04/14
Long, Roger Crenlin	Gnr	3788775	Radar	1967	30/05/45	22/05/90

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Item 1	President Allen Morley welcomed those attending and those joining via Zoom. Apologies were received and are noted.																																										
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 A Morley Against Nil Accepted																																										
Item 4	Financial Report. The Treasurer advised the current Bank balance from a Statement dated today. He also noted the reduced revenue and the increasing lapsed members. However this is not an ongoing concern at the moment. There is a commitment to cover the unknown cost of a TV for use in the Photo Project by 131 Bty Enoggera Qld. and a possible contribution to a plaque for the “Shadow UAV” plaque yet to be advised. Financial Membership is currently 101 plus Associates 2 plus Affiliates 15 Total 118 Plus Lapsed as of 1st June 2026 51 members Merchandise on 1st June 2026 <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>151</td><td>\$759</td><td>285</td><td>\$1,405</td><td>\$655</td></tr><tr><td>Nasho UCG ribbons</td><td>105</td><td>\$905</td><td>191</td><td>\$955</td><td>\$75</td></tr><tr><td>Caps/Hats (13 gifts)</td><td>22/21</td><td>\$3,340</td><td>228</td><td>\$4,580</td><td>\$1080</td></tr><tr><td>Polo’s (3 gift)</td><td>25</td><td>\$3,793</td><td>131</td><td>\$3,570</td><td>\$820</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>7</td><td>300</td><td>8</td><td>120</td><td>180</td></tr></table> Moved G Dignam Seconded A Morley Against Nil Accepted	Item	Stock	cost	Sold		ROI	Car Decals (gifted)	151	\$759	285	\$1,405	\$655	Nasho UCG ribbons	105	\$905	191	\$955	\$75	Caps/Hats (13 gifts)	22/21	\$3,340	228	\$4,580	\$1080	Polo’s (3 gift)	25	\$3,793	131	\$3,570	\$820	Tee Shirt (2 gift)	8	\$1,310	60	\$1,500	\$190	Action! Action! Action!	7	300	8	120	180
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Item 5	President’s report. Allen referenced - Anzac Day attendance at the Sydney CBD was down on numbers and this was repeated around the country. Age and location of members do play a part as families become the priority. - The 131 banner paraded at Ballina was well received and has been returned to 131 Battery Enoggera Qld - DVA has had changes due in July ’26 thrust upon it by the Government in this year’s budget.																																										

<i>Item 6</i>	Public Officer Report. Gordon advised that there are no issues of concern.	
<i>Item 7</i>	Webmaster Update. - Robert advised that Facebook activity has increased and we now have 629 members. 8 members have been receiving a mailed version of Eyes & Ears monthly. As this has been replaced by the Face book Mailbox. The Sec/Treas will attempt to keep these people in the loop by supplying a printed version of relevant posts on the mailbox on a monthly basis. More to follow.	
<i>Item 8</i>	Health. In the goods news (?) department - The 2026 Government Budget has proposed a decrease in Allied Health treatment cycles, Improved provider fees and a cap on DVA claimants of \$5000 per Year . If further treatments are required these will need to be authorized. Changes are proposed to commence 1 July 2027. - Influenza shots are recommended for all.	
<i>Item 9</i>	General Business and around the grounds. Discussions ensued on the following: - Of the thirteen persons listed on the committee 2 are under 80 and that will be a “Canasta” after 24th Sept. That sort of explains a lot! - Vietnam Vets day at Bankstown Sports Club on 18 August - Further discussions on the Photo Album project, the size of the TV etc and a target date of 24 October were all canvassed. - Rieny N advised that the conditions attached to the presentation of the Vietnam Medal had changed. Information is available at the official address https://www.defence.gov.au/adf-members-families/honours-awards/australian-awards/vietnam-medal - Vets considering selling their home and moving into a “Care Facility” are cautioned to take care as there is a possibility of a loss of value in the “wrong” choice being made.	
<i>Item 10</i>	Next General meeting will be on: 11 th August 2026 at 11.00 AM Venue and format to be confirmed. Sec/Treas 0437 361 602	
<i>Item 11</i>	Meeting Closed 12.10 PM	
	Signed Allen Morley	Meeting Chairman

Addendum A

131Locators Meeting Action Items April 2026 Prior Action Items

Active Items

1. Foster the 131 RAA Battery Face Book sites
2. Continue working on the Photo Album Project (selection process is finishing soon).
3. Review the progress of the relocation of Vietnam Veterans Museum in Victoria.

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items