

DS

September 2012

The 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

12:00 hours

Thursday, 4 October 2012

at the Royal Canberra Golf Club, Yarralumla

To be followed at 12:30 pm by a Luncheon

Speaker: AIRCDRE Warren McDonald csc

Director General Capability Planning—Air Force

(see separate notice included with this newsletter)

From the President



The
Newsletter
of the
RAAF
STAFF COLLEGE
ASSOCIATION Inc

GPO Box 1204 Canberra ACT 2601

Patrons:

AIRMSHL M. BINSKIN AO

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President:

GPCAPT N. WAINWRIGHT AM RAAF (Ret'd)

Vice-President:

GPCAPT M. COTTRELL DFC RAAF (Ret'd)

Secretary:

MR F. J. KELLY Ph: 0428 266 134

Treasurer:

MR D. I. WADE

We approach the last seminar luncheon for 2012 and I am pleased that we've managed to get an ideal speaker for an ideal topic – one which was recommended to me last year. Air Commodore Warren McDonald is one of the most knowledgeable senior RAAF officers available to talk about UAVs and the RAAF/ADF.

Also, the 4 October gathering is important because of the AGM. We need to elect the four members to the Executive Committee, and because I hold a firm belief that 'new blood introduces new ideas', I am standing down as President having given my three years. Mac Cottrell, currently Vice President, has said that due to other organisation commitments, he cannot take on the President position in our Association, but will continue as VP if so elected. So we are looking to others (another) from the membership who might consider standing up. It's not an onerous job and the Executive Committee are collectively most competent at keeping the machine running smoothly – if you are interested and want to talk about the position give me a call (6269 0108) during business hours.

AVM John Paule has been the Association's auditor for the past two financial years, but has decided to stand down after this AGM. I want to thank John for his assistance over the period.

Regards

Noel Wainwright

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 4 October 2012 commencing at 1200 hours
at the Royal Canberra Golf Club, Yarralumla ACT 2600

AGENDA

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening at 1200 hours 2. Apologies 3. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 27 October 2011 4. Business Arising 5. Correspondence 6. President's Report 7. Treasurer's Report 8. Membership Report | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Election of Committee
<i>(Note: the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will become vacant and nominations to fill these positions are required. Please complete a nomination form (included with this newsletter)).</i> 10. Appointment of Honorary Auditor 11. General Business 12. Close (by 12:30) |
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PRESIDENTS REPORT TO THE 2012 AGM

Since the last AGM, the Association has continued its successful model of conducting Canberra Seminar Luncheons inviting prominent speakers to address matters of relevance to the RAAF today. We have enjoyed the Joint Patronage of AIRMSHL Mark Binskin, now Vice Chief of the Defence Force and of AIRMSHL Geoff Brown, Chief of Air Force. Both have been supporters of the Association for many years in their previous ranks and roles. AIRMSHL Brown spoke to us at our March 2012 luncheon, and in July AVM Margaret Staib, Commander Joint Logistics informed us of the Joint Logistics Transformation Project. On 4th October our guest speaker, AIRCDRE Warren McDonald, Director General Capability Planning—Air Force, will speak on 'UAVs and the RAAF/ADF'. All speakers are chosen to bring to Association members interesting and topical matters, and we expect there will many such matters to choose from in 2013.

You may have already visited the RAAF's Hughie Edwards VC Memorial Grove in North Canberra and seen the new RAAF Staff College plaque. The Association arranged to replace the ageing and damaged original plaque. It looks great, and it will now last for a good many years requiring only minor cleaning and maintenance. I again thank those members who contributed to the cost and also Mac Cottrell for handling the arrangements and Arthur Skimin for arranging the final task of installing the old plaque with the new.

Additionally, I want to record my thanks to current Executive, Mac Cottrell VP, Frank Kelly Secretary, and David Wade Treasurer – we have been a tight bunch of 'managers' for the Association these last couple of years, and I'm sure you too are grateful for that. I express a special thanks also to John Paule who has been the Honorary Auditor for the past couple of years.

We have tentatively set dates for luncheon seminars in 2013 (all Thursdays) March 14th, June 6th and October 3rd (mainly the first Thursday of the month). As you know the guidance given to the Executive at the last AGM was to fix charges for the luncheon such that the cost for the members lunch 'break even' with the luncheon price, currently \$60. We can expect a small price increase from the first luncheon in 2013, and it may be necessary to increase to \$65. As we review the financial health of the Association at the 2012 AGM we'll discuss this so that the Executive can implement a change without the need to call an Extraordinary General Meeting.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Association President these past three years, and I thank you for that opportunity.

Noel Wainwright AM
Group Captain (Retd)
President

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE ROYAL CANBERRA GOLF CLUB, YARRALUMLA
THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER 2011**

Present: GPCAPT N.K. Wainwright AM RAAF (Rtd) President
 GPCAPT M. Cottrell DFC RAAF (Rtd) Vice President
 Mr F.J. Kelly Secretary
 Mr D.I. Wade Treasurer
 and 24 members as per attendance list.

Apologies: 28 members submitted an apology (as per attendance list).

OPENING

1. The President opened the Annual General Meeting at 1345 hours and welcomed all present. He advised that the Association's Patrons, AIRMSHL Mark Binskin who had another commitment and couldn't remain for the AGM after addressing us at the luncheon and AIRMSHL Geoff Brown CAF, who also had a prior commitment and could not attend, both wished the meeting well.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

2. The previous AGM Minutes had been circulated in the October 2011 edition of DS newsletter. Moved by GPCAPT Cottrell and seconded by AIRCDRE Trinder that the minutes of the previous AGM held on 16 September 2010 be accepted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

New Association Plaque

3. Following discussion and agreement at the 2009 and 2010 AGMs, a new bronze Association plaque commemorating the RAAF Staff College to replace the old engraved granite plaque at the Hughie Edwards VC Memorial Grove on the Federal Highway was procured with funds donated by several members and a generous donation from Lockheed Martin. Installation of the new plaque is being arranged through GPCAPT Arthur Skimin and GPCAPT Mac Cottrell is liaising with the RAAF Museum at Point Cook to house the old plaque there.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4. The President's report had been distributed in the October 2011 edition of the DS newsletter together with the notice of the meeting.
5. Moved by AIRCDRE Middleton and seconded by AIRMSHL Funnell that the President's report be accepted.

CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT

6. The Treasurer presented the financial statements for financial year 2010/11 (copy included in the October 2011 edition of the DS newsletter).
7. Moved by Mr Wade and seconded by SQNLDR Free that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

CARRIED

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

8. The Secretary reported that membership stood at 179 as at 27 October 2011 and provided a break-up of members on a State/Territory basis, including 5 overseas members.
9. Moved by AVM Tuckwell and seconded by AVM Weller that the Membership Report be accepted.

CARRIED

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

10. The Chairman noted that the Executive had offered to stand again and no other formal nominations for Executive positions had been received. There were no nominations from the floor and the Executive Committee for the next year would be:

President:	GPCAPT N.K. Wainwright
Vice President:	GPCAPT M. Cottrell
Secretary:	Mr F.J. Kelly
Treasurer:	Mr D.I. Wade

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY AUDITOR

11. AVM Paule advised that he was willing to continue as the Association's Honorary Auditor. The appointment was confirmed by the meeting

GENERAL BUSINESS

Association Luncheon Seminars - Costs.

12. The Treasurer (Mr Wade) advised the meeting that the President had discussed with the Functions Manager of the Royal Canberra Golf Club (RCGC) the current pricing for food and beverages. Each financial year the Club adjusts its prices in line with increases in their costs.
13. The Executive was conscious that it didn't want to burden members with the increase of about \$10 per person attending the lunches and examined other possible venue options. While a few venues could provide similar facilities and menus, others were considered to not provide viable options.
14. The President put our position on rising costs to the RCGC and they in turn suggested that there was scope for us to make savings on beverage costs and, without reducing the quality of the food component, they could minimise the increases as a concession to our long association with the Club.
15. The Executive believed that the quality of the venue, food and services and the ease of arrangements at the RCGC were as good as, if not better than what we could find elsewhere. The meeting discussed the pros and cons of moving venues, including meal and venue costs, and the general view was to maintain the status quo.

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16. Moved Mr Wade and seconded by AVM Titheridge that:

- a. the Association continue to use the RCGC as a venue;
- b. the Executive Committee investigate ways to minimise cost increases in food and beverages without lowering quality;
- c. the cost of lunch for guest speakers be met from Association funds directly without being included in the overall total cost used to arrive at the individual cost to be charged to members attending luncheon seminars; and
- d. the Executive Committee for the coming financial year should continue to follow the direction from previous AGMs that luncheon seminars should aim to break even.

CARRIED

Vote of Thanks

17. WGCDR McMahon proposed a vote of thanks to the Executive Committee for their continuing efforts in presenting the luncheon seminars with quality guest speakers and topics.

CARRIED by ACCLAMATION

CLOSURE

18. The Chairman closed the meeting at 1410 hours.

N.K. WAINWRIGHT
President

F.J. KELLY
Secretary

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE STAFF COLLEGE ASSOCIATION Inc

NOMINATION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITION

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I,
(print name) (signature)

Accept the nomination for the position of (*strike out positions not applicable*)

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

Proposer: / / 2012
(signature) (print name)

Seconded : / / 2012
(signature) (print name)

Nominations should preferably be lodged with the Secretary by 28 September 2012

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