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****** LUNCHEON SEMINAR ******

Thursday, 2 March 2017

at the Royal Canberra Golf Club, Yarralumla

Speaker: Vice Admiral David Johnston, AM, RAN

Chief of Joint Operations

'Current ADF Operations'

(via separate Luncheon Notice & Registration Form)

From the President

After 2016 was such a tumultuous year in international, federal and local events, 2017 is shaping up as being no less 'interesting'.

Among the more noteworthy developments we expect to see this year will be the implementation of the Defence Headquarters Review. Arising from the First Principles Review, a key outcome of the Defence Headquarters Review is to integrate the existing single Service headquarters and VCDF staff into a single headquarters, to be known as ADF Headquarters (ADFHQ). With the formal stand-up of the integrated ADFHQ expected to occur this March I have no doubt that our members will follow the new arrangements with great interest. The further currently available information about ADFHQ is posted on the 'News' page of our website.

With so much turbulence around us, members may be reassured by the knowledge that our tried and proven lunch seminar arrangements will continue through 2017. As per the header and attached notice, I am very pleased that Vice Admiral David Johnston, AM, RAN, Chief of Joint Operations will be our first guest speaker on Thursday 2 March. (Admiral Johnston's bio is attached as your pre-reading for the next lunch!) Chief of Air Force, (and Association co-patron) has been tentatively booked for our lunch on Thursday 27 July and the current intention is to have a senior industry representative address us on Friday 6 October. The most up to date information about forthcoming lunches, as well as other news items likely to be of interest to members will continue to be posted on our website, which I encourage you to consult.

As always, I look forward to seeing you at lunch on 2 March.

Regards,

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