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**The
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**** LUNCHEON SEMINAR ****

Thursday, 28 July 2011

at the Royal Canberra Golf Club, Yarralumla

Speaker: RADM Peter D. JONES DSC, AM, RAN
Head Capability Systems
Capability Development Group, DoD

From the President

As most will have heard there will be a changing of the guard at Russell Offices in early July:

- CDF ACM Angus Houston retires and VCDF General David Hurley is appointed CDF
- CAF AM Mark Binskin is appointed VCDF
- DCAF AM Geoff Brown is appointed CAF
- AVM Davies is appointed DCAF
- HCS AVM Jack Plenty is appointed HCS Special Projects and
- RADM Peter Jones is appointed HCS.

There are other changes foreshadowed for later in the year, and we'll pick up those in the next newsletter.

For the RAAFSCA, this signals the end of nine years enjoying support from the retiring CDF, ACM Angus Houston, first as CAF and then for the six years he was CDF. Those attending the April luncheon had the privilege and pleasure of hearing him speak on the state of the ADF generally and of the RAAF in particular. We wish him well in retirement, and you will be pleased to hear that he expressly asked after membership of the RAAFSCA. Your Executive exercised a provision in our Constitution and offered ACM Houston honorary membership in recognition of his long and beneficial support of the Association.

On another topic, the Executive is moving ahead with arrangements to replace the RAAFSCA Plaque at the Hughie Edwards VC Memorial Grove on the Federal Highway near the Majura Road overpass in North Canberra. 'Mac' Cottrell will provide more details on this at the 28 July luncheon.

Our speaker at this upcoming luncheon is the newly appointed Head Capability Systems in the Capability Development Group – RADM Peter Jones and his topic is *Realising the Defence Capability Plan: Some Early Thoughts of a New Head, Capability Systems*. I look forward to seeing you on 28th and hearing from RADM Jones.

regards

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(Separate Luncheon Notice & Registration Form enclosed)