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May 2012

**** LUNCHEON SEMINAR ****

Thursday, 7 June 2012

at the Royal Canberra Golf Club, Yarralumla

*Speaker: AVM Margaret STAIB
Commander Joint Logistics*

(See separate Luncheon Notice & Registration Form)

From the President



**Newsletter
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Field Marshal Archibald P. Wavell said in 1946 : *'A real knowledge of supply and movement factors must be the basis of every leader's plan; only then can he know how and when to take risks with these factors, and battles and wars are won by taking risks'*.

Within the ADF, the mission of Joint Logistics Command (JLC) is to provide coordinated delivery of effective and efficient logistics to enable Defence to train, fight and win. JLC is headed by the Commander Joint Logistics (CJLOG), currently AVM Margaret Staib who provides strategic advice and is responsible for the planning, delivery and assurance of designated logistics support to the ADF. In addition CJLOG is also responsible for the provision of logistic support to operations.

AVM Staib is the guest speaker at our forthcoming June luncheon, and I urge you to indicate your attendance early to enable the Executive Committee to organise efficiently. AVM Staib will provide the title of her presentation next week and this will be communicated immediately to those who have indicated their intention to attend. You can be sure that her talk will engage and enlighten you on the role of modern logistics and its important place in the current and future force structure.

regards

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(Report on new RAAF Staff College Plaque over on Page 2)

At the previous 2009 and 2010 AGMs the refurbishment of the Association's plaque at the RAAF Remembrance Driveway Memorial (the Hughie Edwards VC Memorial Grove) was discussed. Although the existing plaque had been cleaned regularly over the past few years by members of the Executive it was suffering deterioration. A new cast bronze plaque with plain relief lettering and badges (as opposed to the engraved lettering and badges on the old granite plaque) was agreed to be commissioned as a replacement.

The new plaque of similar design to plaques now being installed at the Grove has now been installed. On behalf of our Association the Executive acknowledges with gratitude the work undertaken by Steve Skimin of Pride Maintenance in ably carrying out the installation of our new plaque. The old granite plaque is being held in storage pending discussions with the RAAF Museum on a suitable repository for it. To assist in minimising vandalism of the new plaque it has been recessed into the plinth — see photograph below.

Members are invited to visit the site to inspect our new plaque which is located on a plinth on the left hand side of the main walking path through the grove and about 200 metres from the main entry point. While there members should take the opportunity to walk around this very tranquil grove where you will see numerous plaques recording various units stationed at RAAF Fairbairn over the years.



Luncheon Seminars for the remainder of 2012:

Thursday, 7 June (speaker AVM Margaret Staib, CJLOG)

Thursday, 4 October (including the AGM) (speaker to be advised)

Suggestions for speakers and/or topics would be welcomed for the 4 October luncheon and for the 2013 series of luncheon seminars.