

DS

October 2011



**The
Newsletter
of the
RAAF
STAFF COLLEGE
ASSOCIATION Inc**

GPO Box 1204 Canberra ACT 2601

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AM G. BROWN AM

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MR F. J. KELLY Ph: 0428 266 134

Treasurer:

MR D. I. WADE

The 2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

13:45 hours

Thursday, 27 October 2011

at the Royal Canberra Golf Club, Yarralumla

To be preceded at 12:00 hours by a
Luncheon

Speaker: AIRMSHL Mark Binskin AO

Vice Chief of the Defence Force
and

Joint Patron of the Association

(see separate notice included with this newsletter)

From the President

We are grateful and pleased to have our Joint Patron, AIRMSHL Mark Binskin with us as the guest speaker on 27 October. AIRMSHL Binskin accepted a Joint Patron role when he became CAF and generously agreed to continue in that position on assuming the VCDF appointment earlier this year. He has a busy calendar on the 27th but has expressly made time to join us for lunch and to speak on current issues relevant to the ADF and future shape of the RAAF. Because of his schedule we will commence lunch early (1200 for 1215) and hold the AGM at the conclusion of VCDF's talk and discussion. Please take note of the timings, as they are different to the usual arrangements.

In June, CDF's office indicated that ACM Houston would like to join the RAAFSCA. Following discussion with a few members, the Executive exercised the Association Rule that permits the Executive to offer Honorary Membership to those who have provided exceptional support to the membership. Accordingly, I had the pleasure of writing to ACM Houston on 10 June offering him Honorary Membership and to thank him on your behalf for support as the Association's Patron since 2002 while holding the CAF and CDF appointments. We can expect to have ACM Houston join us at some seminar luncheons and any other future activity the Association undertakes.

Unfortunately, due to increasing catering costs, the October luncheon charge has risen to \$60. The AGM will be asked to consider options for future luncheons, including at other venues.

As this is likely to be the last DS prior to the end of the year, your Executive would like to pass on their best wishes for a safe and happy festive season with 2012 bringing you and yours increasing satisfaction.

Regards

Noel Wainwright

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 27 October 2011 commencing at 1345 hours
at the Royal Canberra Golf Club, Yarralumla ACT 2600

AGENDA

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening at 1345 hours 2. Apologies 3. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 16 September 2010 4. Business Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refurbished RAAFSC Plaque 5. Correspondence 6. Treasurer's Report 7. Membership Report 8. President's 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 contact the Secretary to obtain a nomination form or nominate at the AGM).</i> 10. Appointment of Honorary Auditor 11. General Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cost of Luncheons 12. Close (by 14:20) |
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE 2011 AGM

The Association, during 2011, continued its activities centred mainly on the Canberra Seminar Luncheons, with two held thus far and a third to occur in conjunction with the AGM. In April the Association was privileged to have its Joint Patron ACM Angus Houston, then CDF, join members for lunch and to speak widely on the operational tempo and commitments of the ADF during his tenure as CDF. In July RADM Peter Jones, then recently the appointed Head of Capability Systems spoke on the progress of new ADF capability proceeding through the Departmental processes. At the 27 October luncheon AIRMSHL Mark Binskin, now Vice Chief of the Defence Force, is to address attendees on *The ADF Force Structure Review*. Members are fortunate to hear from such distinguished serving leaders on the range of matters highly relevant to the current and future ADF and in particular the RAAF mission.

Additionally, the recommendation from the last AGM to proceed with replacing the ageing RAAFSC plaque at the RAAF's Hughie Edwards Memorial Grove in North Canberra was pursued by the Executive. With funding support from both members and industry a new plaque is to be installed in the near future. This new plaque should withstand the environmental stresses at the Memorial Grove for many years with minimal maintenance.

As expected, the Association faces increased costs for conducting the seminar luncheons, and options for addressing the issue will be put to the AGM on 27 October. Nonetheless, the Association remains financially strong, and with members' agreement the activities will continue into next year largely in line with the past and current approach.

Again, I wish to record, on your behalf, my thanks to the members of your Executive, Macaulay (Mac) Cottrell Vice President, Frank Kelly Secretary, and David Wade Treasurer. I also thank John Paule for agreeing to accept the appointment as Honorary Auditor last year.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Association President this past year, and I thank you for that opportunity."

Noel Wainwright AM
Group Captain (Retd)
President

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

3. The President's report had been distributed in the August 2010 edition of the DS newsletter. GPCAPT Wainwright noted that while the Association was still a viable organization he was a little concerned that attendances for this meeting and earlier luncheons this year had fallen from an average of about 35 to around 24. The incoming Executive would need to monitor this trend as well as the costs of catering for the luncheons.
8. **Moved** by GPCAPT Cottrell and seconded by SQNLDR Free that the President's report be accepted.

CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT

9. The Treasurer presented the audited financial statements for financial year 2009/10 (copy included in the August 2010 edition of the DS newsletter). The costs for the past year's series of luncheon seminars were in excess of receipts by a small margin. However, due to rising costs, there is the need to carefully manage costs to maintain previous AGM guidance that luncheons should aim to operate on at least a break-even basis. The Executive has strived to maintain the quality whilst not imposing a financial burden on members.
10. **Moved** by GPCAPT Mouatt and seconded by AIRCDRE Pearson that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

11. The Secretary reported that membership stood at 186 as at 16 September 2010 and provided a break-up of members on a State/Territory basis, including 5 overseas members.
12. **Moved** by GPCAPT Cottrell and seconded by GPCAPT McDougal that the Membership Report be accepted.

CARRIED

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

13. 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

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APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY AUDITOR

14. The President noted that unfortunately due to ill health WGCDR Geoff Kilby had advised that he was unable to continue as the Association's Honorary Auditor. The Chairman sought nominations noting that it was not an onerous task to review the Association's income and expenditure. AVM John Paule offered to undertake the duties of auditor and his appointment was accepted by the meeting.

15. The President proposed a vote of thanks to WGCDR Kilby for his willing and faithful services as Honorary Auditor not only over the past year but also since the inception of the Association. and generous assistance in maintaining the statutory requirements of the Association's operations. The meeting strongly endorsed the vote of thanks.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Communication

16. The Treasurer noted that due to government budgetary constraints the good offices of the Department of Defence could not be counted on in the future to provide the printing and mailing of our newsletter DS. It would be appreciated if members could provide an email address so that this form of delivery could be used as much as possible to deliver correspondence from the Executive to members.

Vote of Thanks

17. The President thanked members for their attendance and useful contribution to the business of the Association. He also thanked the re-elected Executive members for their contributions over the past year.

CLOSURE

18. The President closed the meeting at 1225 hours.

N.K. WAINWRIGHT
President

F.J. KELLY
Secretary

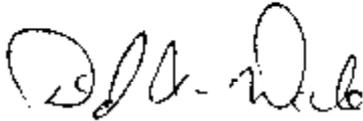
RAAF STAFF COLLEGE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

ASSETS & LIABILITIES (AS AT 30 JUNE 2011)

Assets

Shares in Defence Force Credit Union Limited (1 @ \$10)	\$ 10.00
Bank Account (General Account 20515391)	\$ 1,949.61
Term Deposit maturing 15/5/2012 (Account 17031279)	\$ 7,334.07
Term Deposit maturing 14/10/2011 (Account 171050650)	\$ 3,890.80
Stock of Association Ties (written off) (0)	NIL
Stock of Old Pattern Association Ties (written off) (1)	NIL
Stock of Association Scarves (written off) (44)	NIL

NET ASSETS	\$ 13,184.48
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David I. Wade
Hon. Treasurer
RAAF Staff College Association, Incorporated

13 July 2011

AUDIT CERTIFICATE

I have examined the books and financial records of the RAAF Staff College Association Incorporated for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 and, in my opinion, they reflect a true and accurate record of the financial position of the Association.



J. A. PAULE
Honorary Auditor

7 July 2011



RAAF STAFF COLLEGE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2010 TO 30 JUNE 2011)

Opening Bank Account Balance (1 July 2010)		\$ 2,182.42
Income	- Member Subscriptions @ \$10 (1)	10.00
	- Luncheon Seminars (2)	3,140.00
	- Donations *	1,000.00
	- Sale of ties and scarves	0.00
	- transfer from fixed deposit accounts	0.00
	- Interest	0.14
		\$ 4,150.14
	Sub Total	\$ 6,332.56
Expenditure	- Catering for Luncheon Seminars (3 **)	\$4,330.20
	- Luncheon prizes	0.00
	- Lodgment Fees Annual Return 09/10	34.00
	- Credit Union fees	18.75
	- Postage, Packaging and Storage	0.00
	- Refund of Overpayments (0)	0.00
	- Cancelled Cheques and Fees	0.00
		\$ 4,382.95
	Balance	\$ 1,949.61
Balance at Bank (30 June 2011)		\$ 1,949.61
	- less outstanding cheques	\$ 0.00
	Funds Available (30 June 2011)	\$ 1,949.61

Notes:

*All donations are for the replacement of the RAAFSCA plaque.

**While receipts from the Royal Canberra Golf Club for the luncheon seminar held on 16 June 2010 were received in the previous FY, the invoice was paid in this FY.