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**** UPDATE ****

Postponement of lunch to Friday 5 November 2021

From the President

Welcome to spring. Notwithstanding the rain forecast for this weekend, what a spectacular start we have had to this very pleasant time in Canberra: that is, if you can overlook the current Covid restrictions!

The Covid restrictions are precisely why I am writing to you at this time. Given current uncertainties, your committee has decided to give ourselves some clear air for the planning of our next lunch. We have rescheduled our final lunch for the year to Friday 5 November – Guy Fawkes Day! Many of you will be aware of the postponement of the RAAF Retired Officers dinner. With the new date for that dinner yet to be determined, I regret that the timing of it and our lunch may not align. I accept that this will be unwelcome news for those who travel from interstate to attend both that dinner and our lunch. Meanwhile, having received overwhelmingly positive reports on our first outing at the National Press Club, unless otherwise advised, our intention is to continue having our lunches there.

At our 22 July lunch the Deputy Chief of Air Force, [Air Vice-Marshal Stephen Meredith](#) brought us up to date with what the Air Force is doing now and planned future developments. Noting that we are still celebrating the RAAF's centenary year, and also commemorating the 50th anniversary of the RAAF's withdrawal from Vietnam, the intention for our next lunch was to return to a historical theme with Air-Vice Marshal Mac Weller addressing us on his service experience in Vietnam. With Mac currently offline, the speaker for our 5 November lunch will be announced in next month's edition of DS and on our [website](#).

I look forward to us being able to meet again, and to providing further details about that meeting.

Stay well,

Ian Pearson

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