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**** LUNCHEON SEMINAR ****

Thursday 25 August 2022

at the National Press Club

16 National Circuit, Barton

August 2022

Speaker: [Group Captain Paul Carpenter, CSM](#)

Officer Commanding No 92 Wing

'RIMPAC 2022'

(Nominations details as per attached Australian Aviation Club flyer)



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From the President

BLUF: You are invited to attend the luncheon meeting of the Australian Aviation Club, next Thursday 25 August.

Following our last excellent lunch in July at which we were addressed by [Mr Peter Jennings](#), I received very encouraging feedback from members, keen for more such presentations.

While your committee is keen to oblige the desire of members for additional luncheon seminars, we need to look at the art of the possible to ensure we can both meet the aspirations of our members while ensuring that we have sufficient attendance for our events to be financially viable. For example, in negotiating our contract for next year's lunches, the Press Club has advised that in waiving the venue hire fee for us, the Club incurs a loss if less than forty persons attend our lunches. We rarely achieve that number, and by increasing the frequency of our lunches we risk further reducing attendance. Should the Press Club charge a venue hire fee we would then need to further increase our attendance charge, something we don't wish to do having just increased it for our last lunch.

One option that might provide a win-win outcome is participation in the lunches of kindred organisations.

Next Thursday 25 August, the Australian Aviation Club, with which there is a significant overlap in membership with that of the RAAF Staff College Association, will be addressed by the Officer Commanding No 92 Wing, [Group Captain Paul Carpenter, CSM](#). While his advertised topic is the 2022 Rim of the Pacific Exercise, from which he has recently returned, recent events in the South China Sea involving a 92 Wing P-8A Poseidon aircraft suggest that in question time at least, broader strategic issues, likely to be of interest to RAAF Staff College Association members) may be canvassed. I am pleased to advise that noting there is still capacity in the National Press Club's Situation Room to accommodate extra persons, the President of the Australian Aviation Club, AVM Bob Richardson (Ret'd), (also a RAAF Staff College Association member) has kindly invited members of the RAAF Staff College Association to attend this event. Should you wish to attend, please nominate and pay in accordance with the directions shown on the attached Aviation Club flyer. You will be familiar with the Secretary, to whom nominations should be forwarded. Please note that nominations close at 1800 this Sunday 21 August, and please make my job as acting Treasurer easy by ensuring your name appears on the EFT payment.

Your committee will continue to look for opportunities to ensure members of the RAAF Staff College Association can meet, enjoy each other's company and hear quality speakers. To this end I have spoken to the CEO of the National Press Club about RAAF Staff College Association members being invited to attend the anticipated presentation there by the [Chief of the German Air Force, LTGEN Ingo Gerhartz](#), who will be in Australia to participate in Pitch Black 2022. More details will be provided as soon as the presentation is confirmed. Meanwhile, we will continue to look to other opportunities that might meet the aspirations of our members in a way that won't break the bank.

Finally, and as always, I encourage you to monitor our website for earliest advice of any changes to the program, and other news, and of course, I look forward to seeing those of you who can attend on Thursday 25 August.

Stay well,

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