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**\*\*\*\* LUNCHEON SEMINAR \*\*\*\***

*Thursday 13 October 2022*

**at the National Press Club**

**16 National Circuit, Barton**

**Speaker: SENATOR JIM MOLAN AO DSC**

***Senator for NSW, author and retired army general***

**'Danger On Our Doorstep'**

**(Nominations via separate  
Luncheon Notice & Registration Form)**

From the President

Further to last month's DS, in which I referred to members encouraging the scheduling of additional presentations, I am pleased to advise that [Senator Jim Molan AO DSC](#), Senator for New South Wales, author and retired army general, has kindly agreed to address us on Thursday 13 October on a theme based on his recently published book, [Danger On Our Doorstep](#).

Since last addressing us in March 2015 as a retired general and commentator, Senator Molan has served as a senator for New South Wales for the past five years. In August this year, Senator Molan published his latest book in which he warns that for the first time in nearly eighty years, war on our doorstep is not just possible, it is likely!

This is likely to be a very popular lunch, so PLEASE nominate early to secure your space, noting that the room capacity is fifty persons and the larger space in the Press Club is already booked.

In the August edition of DS, I informed you about the financial imperatives associated with maximising attendance at our lunches and referred to the opportunities associated with

merging our lunch speaker with that of the Australian Aviation Club. Such an arrangement provides additional lunch opportunities, while at the same time does not dilute attendance through the two kindred organisations competing with each other. These arrangements were trialled last month when RAAF Staff College Association members attended the Australian Aviation Club lunch addressed by the Officer Commanding No 92 Wing, [Group Captain Paul Carpenter, CSM](#). Since then, the committees of both organisations have agreed that the RAAF Staff College Association will continue its program of three lunches each year (the last in November), while the Australian Aviation Club will host lunches from February to October inclusive, except for those months when the RAAF Staff College Association hosts its lunches. This arrangement will provide the opportunity to attend up to ten lunches each year, from February to November.

The program for all lunches will be published on the websites of both organisations. Nominations will be opened about four weeks before the lunch to members of the hosting organisation. Should the lunch be undersubscribed two weeks before close of nominations, members of the 'guest' organisation will be invited to nominate. Hopefully this arrangements will have the dual benefits of providing additional lunch opportunities while shoring up our attendance beyond the number that might require the Press Club to impose a venue hire fee.

By way of advanced notice of the next lunch opportunity, the Australian Aviation Club lunch on Thursday 29 September will be addressed by [Dr Reece Clothier](#), President, Australian Association for Uncrewed Systems, who will speak on [The Emerging Aviation Sector - Challenges and Opportunities](#). RAAF Staff College Association members are invited to nominate from Sunday 11 September in accordance with the details contained in the [AAC September flyer](#).

As foreshadowed in the last DS, your committee will continue to identify other opportunities for our members to attend more quality presentations.

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 13 October.

Stay well,

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