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Dear All,

You, your partner and interested friends are invited to attend this year's RAEME Association– Queensland (RAQ), Sunshine Coast Chapter, Annual Luncheon to be held at the Maroochy RSL on Saturday 31st August, 2019. The invitation is extended to all current and past members of RAEME, and friends of RAEME, who live on the Sunshine Coast/Wide Bay area, or the surrounding region, including Brisbane – visitors to the area are also welcome.

As previous attendees will be aware, the prime purpose of the gathering is to provide an opportunity for those of us who live in the wonderful Sunshine Coast region to renew old friendships and meet newly retired 'Bluebells', who may have moved to SE Qld. We also attempt to keep you abreast of developments in the Corps. I think you will agree that our previous lunches have met this ideal.

In line with our traditions, we are proud to announce that our Head of Corps, Brigadier Andrew Freeman, will be guest speaker this year. Andrew will talk briefly on the 'Emerging Role of RAEME as the Result of Changing Technology and Operational Requirements' – a very topical subject, and as we have heard previously, all part of Plan Centaur work currently underway.

The newly appointed Colonel Commandant, Queensland, Colonel Steve Evans (Rtd), will host the lunch and will introduce himself to our attendees. Once again, we are supported by the Maroochy RSL which looks after our every need.

Lunch Details. Important details to remember include the following:

- **Venue** – Room M4 Maroochy RSL, corner Memorial and First Avenues, Maroochydore.
- **Timings** – 1200 for 1230 hours on Saturday 31 August 2019.
- **Dress** – Neat casual.
- **Menu** – A copy of the menu is attached. Meals will be served as 'alternate drop'. Please let us know of any special dietary needs.
- **Drinks** – The bar opens at 1200 hours and drinks can be purchased at your own expense.
- **Parking** - Free parking is available in the multi floor car park directly opposite the RSL. Before departing, and to ensure easy exit from the carpark, please advise the attendant at the front desk in the Club foyer of your vehicle registration number to facilitate egress.

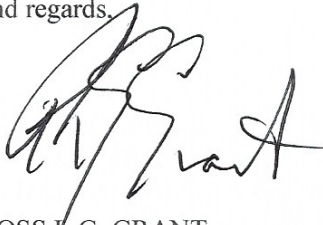
Reserve a Seat(s). Function reservation details will be set up on the RAQ website and you will be able to book and pay for tickets through this medium. The cost of the lunch is \$35.00 per head for RAQ members, including their partners, and \$40.00 per head for non-members. The website has two options for payment, either PayPal or EFT. Procedures for both are detailed on the site. If you have any difficulties booking or paying on the website, please email the Webmaster at: webmaster@qld.raeme.org.au

If you can't use the website to book then please contact our Treasurer, MAJ Steve Howells, at treasurer@qld.raeme.org.au or call him on 0400 850 396.


Whichever way you wish to secure your booking(s) for the lunch, they need to be made and paid for by COB 16 August 2019 as we need to confirm numbers with the venue management.

We encourage you to make up a table of like-minded folks so you can enjoy the day with close friends. If you wish to request specific seating, or arrange a group table, please email us at: commschair@qld.raeme.org.au.

Kind regards,



ROSS L.G. GRANT
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Attachments:

1. Luncheon Menu
2. Biographical Details - Brigadier Andrew Freeman

LUNCHEON MENU

(Alternate Drop)

Entree

- Thai fish cakes

OR

- Pork and fennel sausage roll

Main Course

- Beef and mushroom pie

OR

- Oven baked fillet of salmon

Dessert

- Lemon curd pavlova

OR

- Sticky date pudding

Vegetarian meals can be provided on request.

All meals are served with bread rolls, and freshly brewed tea and coffee.

BIOGRAPHY – BRIGADIER ANDREW FREEMAN



Brigadier Freeman was born on the 5th December 1967 in Rockhampton, Queensland. He attended Yeppoon State High School before enlisting in the Australian Army on the 7th January 1985 as an Electrical Fitter Apprentice. On completion of his apprenticeship he attended the Royal Military College Duntroon in 1990. Upon graduating to the Corps of Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers in 1991, he attended Long Term Schooling in the UK studying Aircraft Engineering.

Over the past 32 years Brigadier Freeman has gained extensive command, operations, personnel management, logistics, Army Aviation and staff work experience, having been appointed as Deputy Assistant Adjutant Quartermaster (DQ) Headquarters 3rd Brigade, Staff Officer Grade One Logistics Headquarters 16th Aviation Brigade, Commanding Officer of the 3rd Combat Service Support Battalion, Military Assistant to Commander 1st Division, Director of Logistics – Army (Army G4), Director General Land (Army G3) and assumed command of 17 Combat Service Support Brigade in October 2017.

Operationally, Brigadier Freeman has deployed to Kuwait in 1999 with the 101st Airborne Division, East Timor in 2001/2 as a Commander of an Aviation Workshop Detachment, to Iraq in 2007/8 with the British Army as the Staff Officer Grade One Plans on their Divisional Headquarters (Basra), and to Afghanistan in 2014 for 12 months as the CJ4 Director at NATO Special Operations Component Command–Afghanistan. Brigadier Freeman was awarded a Commendation for Distinguished Service in the 2016 Australia Day Honours and Awards for his contribution to the NATO's Special Operations Command in Afghanistan.

Academically Brigadier Freeman is an Aircraft Engineer having studied at the School of Aeronautical Engineering – UK (1992), has a Bachelor of Social Science Degree from Southern Cross University (1998), has attended the Australian Command and Staff College (2003) and the Centre for Defence Studies (2015) achieving Masters Degrees in Defence Studies from the University of Canberra, and in Strategic Studies from Deakin University.

Brigadier Freeman is married to Jane, who is a very supportive and understanding wife. They have four children; identical twin girls Stephanie and Jenna (22) and two boys Ben (20) and Sam (16). Brigadier Freeman's interests include maintaining a high level of fitness, fishing, golf and socialising.