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16 Aug 24

Dear All,

Preparations for the 2024 RAEME Association – Queensland (RAQ), Sunshine Coast, Annual Luncheon are well underway, and it is now time for invitations to be promulgated. To this end, you, your partner and interested friends are invited to attend the lunch, to be held on Saturday 21 September 2024 at, as we have become accustomed, the Maroochy RSL. 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, the Gold Coast and Darling Downs. Visitors to SE QLD at the time are also very welcome.

For those who have attended previous lunches, you will be aware that 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. Attendees are encouraged to make up tables of groups who share a common background, friendships, service history, or interest in the Corps.

We are pleased to confirm that our guest speaker is COL Kane Wright, RAEME, currently Director of Logistics – Army, Army Headquarters, and recently returned from Fiji, where he was the Defence Attaché – at a very interesting time. COL Wright’s impressive Bio is attached and we are sure he will provide a very informative presentation on his experiences while Defence Attaché, his current appointment in Army Headquarters, and some of his personal background.

The format for the lunch will be the same as previous years, with the Colonel Commandant, Queensland, hosting the lunch, and BRIG (Rtd) Ross Grant AM, acting as MC. We will again be ably supported by the Maroochy RSL catering and bar staff, who as many know, look after our every need including providing our meals from the Club’s famous Gold Plate Menu.

Lunch Details. Details of the lunch are as follows:

- **Venue** – Room M4 Maroochy RSL, corner Memorial and First Avenues, Maroochydoore.
- **Timings** – 1200 for 1230 hours on Saturday 21 September 2024.
- **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 will be open from 1200 to 1630 hours with drinks being purchased at your own expense.
- **Parking** – Free parking is available in the multi floor car park directly opposite the RSL. Before departing, please advise the attendant at the front desk in the Club foyer of your vehicle registration number to facilitate exit.

Reserve a Seat(s). Function reservation details are now set up on the RAQ website and you will be able to book and pay for tickets through this medium. **Please note that we are limited to 80 subsidised guests, so get in early.** Most importantly, the lunch is subsidised by both the Maroochy RSL and the RAQ, which makes the cost of the lunch a very competitive \$30.00 per head for **RAQ members and Serving RAEME Members**, including partners; and \$50.00 per head for **non-members**. **To make sure you get your subsidised price, you can join the RAQ at:** <https://qld.raeme.org.au/index.php/membership> .

If you have any difficulties booking or paying electronically, please email the Webmaster at: webmaster@qld.raeme.org.au. You may reserve your seat by clicking on the **Red** button below:

BOOK NOW

Whichever way you wish to secure your booking(s), they need to be made and paid for by COB Wednesday 11th September 2024, as we need to confirm numbers with the venue management one week prior to the event.

No matter your background, you are encouraged to arrange tables for special friends from your early training whether you are an Adult Trainee, Army Apprentice, OCS, OTU or Duntroon graduate, or some other establishment, unit or locations where you may have served together – please let us know if you wish to form a table (max 8 pers) with friends and every effort will be made to accommodate your request.

Kind regards,

R.L.G. GRANT
CONVENOR

MICHEAL J. PRAIN
CONVENOR

Attachments:

1. Luncheon Menu
2. Biographical Details – COLONEL Kane Wright

LUNCHEON MENU

(Alternate Drop)

Entrée

- Coconut poached prawns, betel leaves, spiced mango, chillie, coriander salsa
OR
- Lemongrass & ginger pork belly, apple slaw, soy, sesame, spring onion caramel

Main Course

- Eye fillet of beef, duchess potatoes, confit shallots & garlic, tarragon & red wine jus
OR
- Chicken supreme, creamed cabbage & bacon, potato gratin, madeira jus

Dessert

- Black forest brownie, kirsch cherries, vanilla cream, black cherry coulis, chocolate popping candy
OR
- Salted caramel crepe, caramelised banana, banana ice cream

Note:

Vegetarian meals can be provided on request.

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

Biography – 8226878 Colonel Kane Wright



Colonel Kane Wright was born 24 September 1981 in Mount Isa, Queensland. He commenced his Army career in 1999 at the Australian Defence Force Academy, graduating in 2001. In 2002 he graduated from the Royal Military College – Duntroon (RMC), to the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. As a junior officer he undertook regimental command and headquarter staff postings within Army's 1st and 3rd Brigades, in Darwin and Townsville respectively. This period included an instructional appointment at RMC and his subsequent selection as Aide de Camp to the Chief of Army.

Colonel Wright's Operational deployments include border protection operations in the Indian Ocean, Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief efforts following the 2005 Boxing Day Tsunami in Indonesia, and peacekeeping in Timor Leste. He has also commanded a Logistic Company twice on operational deployments to Afghanistan.

In key developmental staff roles, Colonel Wright was posted as the Brigade Major of 17th Combat Service Support Brigade, coordinating all force level logistic and health support to Army's deployable units, and logistic modernisation. In 2017, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and posted as the Staff Officer Sustainment within Army's Directorate of Logistics. In this position he coordinated the strategic sustainment of all of Defence's land materiel, spanning acquisition, support contracts, supply, maintenance and disposal.

Highlights of Colonel Wright's career include being selected for command appointments as a Company Commander at the 3rd Combat Service Support Battalion, and in 2019 as the Commanding Officer of the 1st Combat Service Support Battalion. He led the Battalion through the readying phase of Army's force generation cycle, whilst concurrently modernising logistic operating concepts through disaggregated, networked nodes and introducing a deployable additive manufacturing concept for Army. From 2022 Colonel Wright contributed to a whole-of-government team as the Australian Defence Advisor to Fiji, building regional relationships. In 2024, Colonel Wright assumed his current role as Army's Director of Logistics.

Colonel Wright holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management, and Masters degrees with high distinction in Business Administration, International Relations and Military Arts and Science. He is an Art of War Scholar and the Distinguished Honour Graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff College. He was the first international officer selected for, and an Honour Graduate of, the United States Army War College's Strategic Arts Program. He is a Distinguished Graduate of the Australian War College's Defence and Strategic Studies Course and the 2021 Secretary / Chief of Defence Force Award recipient. His awards include a Chief of Defence Force Commendation, a Chief of Army Commendation and a Deputy Chief of Joint Operations Commendation. He has published on strategy, modernisation and leadership in the *Australian Journal of Defence and Strategic Studies*, *Australian Army Journal* and US Journal *Military Review*. He is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Colonel Wright is married to Maysel, a Registered Nurse. They have a daughter Eva (2011), and son, Alex (2014). As a family, they enjoy international travel, exploring other cultures and are sponsors and mentors of Australia's Pacific military partners in Canberra. In his free time, Colonel Wright enjoys reading, running and watching movies with his children.