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Dear All,

2022 is the Corps' 80th Anniversary year and what better way to celebrate such an occasion than by attending this year's RAEME Association – Queensland (RAQ), Sunshine Coast Chapter, Annual Luncheon. Preparations 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 this year's celebratory lunch, to be held once more at the Maroochy RSL, on Saturday 01 October 2022. 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 and the Gold Coast. Visitors to the area at the time are also very welcome.

As you will be aware by now, 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. The good news is that this year we have no COVID restrictions in our venue of choice – the Maroochy RSL.

We are pleased to confirm that our guest speaker is the Founder and Executive Chairman of Canberra based Aspen Medical, retired RAEME MAJ Glenn Keys AO. Aspen Medical provides support across the full spectrum of healthcare in Australia and abroad and has had Government contracts not just in Australia, but in the UK, US, the Middle East and Africa. Glenn has a wealth of experience to talk about but will concentrate on Aspen's support to State and Federal Government responses to the COVID pandemic in Australia. Glenn's presentation should be informative and contribute greatly to another entertaining afternoon.

The Colonel Commandant, Queensland, COL (Rtd) Steve Evans, will host the lunch, and as has become the practice, BRIG (Rtd) Ross Grant AM will be our MC. We will again be ably supported by the Maroochy RSL catering and bar staff, who will look after our every need.

Lunch Details. Important details to remember include:

- **Venue** – Room M4 Maroochy RSL, corner Memorial and First Avenues, Maroochydore.
- **Timings** – 1200 for 1230 hours on Saturday 01 October 2022.
- **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 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, 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 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 only 100 guests**, so get in early. The cost of the lunch is \$38.00 per head for RAQ members, including partners, and \$48.00 per head for non-members. The website has two options for payment, either PayPal or EFT. Procedures for both are detailed on the website. 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 the button below:

BOOK NOW

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 20 September 2022 as we need to confirm numbers with the venue management seven working days prior to the event.

As mentioned above, there are no COVID restrictions and tables can hold a maximum of 10 people. If you do wish to request specific seating, or arrange that table of friends, please email us at: commschair@qld.raeme.org.au.

As an adjunct to the lunch, for those who have an interest in old, well preserved military vehicles, including the [RAQ 1943 GPW Jeep](#), a number of Rolls Royce cars and other exhibits, a special viewing has been arranged at Carroll's Transport Depot at nearby Coolum. See <https://carrollstransportdepot.com.au/> and linked sites for more information. See also www.henryroycefoundation.com/coolumshowroom.

The owner, Mr Frank Carroll will conduct a tour commencing at 1000 hours on the morning of 01 October 2022 which will last one hour at a cost of \$8.00 per person. You are invited to arrive around 0900 hours and enjoy a coffee and informal walk around, before the commencement of the tour. Carroll's Transport Depot museum can be found at Unit 2, 52 Lysaght Street, Coolum Beach QLD 4573. If you are interested in visiting the museum, please Register by clicking on the register button below, so we can organise access and provide Mr Carroll with numbers.

REGISTER NOW

See attachment 3 for more detail.

Kind regards,

(Original signed by)

ROSS L.G. GRANT
CONVENOR

(Original signed by)

MICHEAL J. PRAIN
CONVENOR

Attachments:

1. Luncheon Menu
2. Biographical Details – Mr Glen Keys AO
3. Detail on Carroll's Transport Depot display

LUNCHEON MENU

(Alternate Drop)

ENTREE

- Soft herb crab tart, watercress salad, French shallot, citrus dressing.

OR

- Fennel seed pork belly, apple, grain mustard puree, pickled French shallot, jus. (GF)

MAIN COURSE

- Eye fillet of beef, dauphinoise potato, forest mushrooms, spinach, red wine thyme jus. (GF)

OR

- Serrano wrapped chicken breast, sautéed leeks, charred corn, pommes anna, confit garlic cream sauce. (GF)

DESSERT

- Lemon meringue tart, raspberry puree, fresh raspberries, vanilla bean icecream.

OR

- Chai tea panna cotta, fresh figs, pistachio caramel popcorn. (GF)

Note:

Vegetarian meals can be provided on request.

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

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS – MR GLENN KEYS AO



Glenn is the Founder and Executive Chairman of Australian-headquartered Aspen Medical, one of the world's leading providers of outsourced healthcare solutions.

Prior to building and leading businesses in the private sector, Glenn had a distinguished career in the Australian Defence Force (ADF). His service saw him undertake a range of tasks from training to test flying and engineering to logistics support for Army aircraft.

In 2003, Glenn founded Aspen Medical. After almost 20 years Aspen Medical has a team of over 4,500 and operates across Australasia, the Pacific Rim, the Middle East, Africa, the USA and the UK. Today the company has customers in the Government, Defence, Mining, Oil & Gas and Humanitarian sectors. In 2017 Glenn was selected as runner up for the World Entrepreneurs of the Year, and Glenn was made an Officer of the Order of Australia for both his philanthropic leadership in the business sector and his work as an advocate for people with an intellectual disability.

A passionate advocate of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Glenn has placed Social Purpose and community involvement at the heart of Aspen Medical's culture.

Glenn sits on a number of Boards including the National Disability Insurance Agency, the Australian-ASEAN Council, the Aspen Foundation and Project Independence. Project Independence is a Not For Profit that Glenn founded in 2012 to provide homeownership for people with an intellectual disability and is the only homeownership programme of its kind in Australia.

Glenn is a graduate of the University of New South Wales and the International Test Pilots School in the UK. He is a member of the Australian Institute of Project Management, a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and an Honorary Fellow of Engineers Australia.



Mr Frank Carroll, the owner and host of our proposed visit, advises any keen motoring enthusiasts to arrive by 0900 hours in order to enjoy some of his 60 to 80 vintage and veteran cars, including the [RAQ 1943 GPW Jeep](#). This timing will allow you to enjoy a coffee from The German Bakehouse next door, informally view the displays, before being conducted around the Depot. Frank will begin a guided tour at 10.00 hours and conclude by no later than 11.00 hours to enable lunch guests to drive back to the Maroochydore RSL by noon.