



The Partners of Veterans Association South Australian Branch Inc.

SA NEWSLETTER

JULY 2025



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From the PVA SA Board to Members

Upcoming Events:

AGM: – Tuesday 2/9/2025

(See AGM Nomination and Proxy Forms on Page 6)

Band Concert: - Sunday 12th October 2025

at St Peter's Girls School, Stonyfell SA

(More details to follow at a later date)

Hi Everyone

We recently hosted the National Board meeting here in South Australia. National President, Bev, has sent through an email congratulating us about our Membership Day which was held in Parliament House followed by lunch at Torrens Memorial Hall. For those who attended I think you will all agree it was an outstanding success. All National Board members were impressed by the accommodation and hospitality that South Australia offered.

We also hosted the Veterans Family Day which also was a huge success. Thankfully the weather was kind. Further into the newsletter you will see some photos that show everyone enjoying the day. Next year will be bigger and better. It was a real team effort led by Pauline and Angela.

Don't forget Christmas in July which will also celebrate 25 years since PVA members began to meet in South Australia. I look back and feel very proud of the work of all those who have served as Board members, volunteered their time at BBQ's (to raise funds) and all those who have helped in any way to make us what we have become.

Keep warm, stay well.

Chris Goodfellow OAM

AGM –Tuesday 2/9/2025

at 10.30am – 2:00pm

will be held in the RSL Memorial Hall

Torrens Parade Ground, Adelaide

(Please Refer to Page 6 for Nomination and

Proxy Forms)

**Morning tea and a light lunch will be
provided for your enjoyment.**



**Many thanks to the members who have
already paid their yearly membership fees for
2025-2026. It is very much appreciated.
There are just a few outstanding fees owing**

INFORMATION FOR PAYMENT OF YOUR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION:

**DIRECT DEPOSIT ONLINE BANKING DETAILS
at Beyond Bank:**

Account Name: Partners of Veterans Association
of Australia-SA Branch Inc.

BSB: 325 185

Account Number: 03603892

Contact Treasurer, Linda Staszynski for a receipt.

M: 0417 081 150 or

Email: sa.treasurer@pvasa.org.au

Welcome

To our newest SA Members since October

Mrs Mavis Osborne of Hope Valley SA

Mrs Maria Perry of Surrey Downs SA

Ms Deb Farrell of Golden Grove SA

Mrs Wally McDonald of Happy Valley SA

Mrs Lisa Faranda of Craigmore SA

Mrs Helen Jeffrey of Payneham SA

Mrs Barbara Smith of Valley View SA



SAVE THE DATE:

Wednesday 16th July

**A PVASA Member's ONLY Event to Celebrate
Christmas in July & PVA's 25th Anniversary**

Where: Walkers Arms Hotel

36 North East Road

Walkerville SA 5081

When: Wednesday 16th July

12noon to 3:00pm

A \$10 deposit is required when booking.
Please pay your \$10 into our PVA SA Account:
Beyond Bank BSB: 325185 Account No. 03603892

Register your interest with:
Linda Staszynski (Treasurer) at
sa.treasurer@pvasa.org.au OR
Mobile: 0417 081 150



EVENTS/CELEBRATIONS MARCH - JULY 2025

PVA SA Members who have attended the following Events:

- Invitation RAAF 104th Anniversary at Edinburgh Parade Ground 31/3/2025 **Attended by Angela Portakiewicz**
- Anzac Day Service at Victor Harbor – **Kathy Verco laid a wreath.**
- Invitation – Riverland Vietnam Vets, Brother-in-Arms Commemoration 29/3 **Attended by Joy and Chris Biddle**



PVA SA was represented by Mrs Claudia Cream OAM and SA Board Member Joy Biddle.



On Sunday 4/5/2025 Claudia Cream and Joy Biddle were invited to attend the special community commemoration of the 50 years since the fall of Saigon and 50 years of the establishment of the Vietnamese Community Association in Australia. The service was organised by the Vietnamese Veterans of SA inc. and the Vietnamese Community in Australia SA Chapter.

The Berri Commemoration Service of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War was attended by over 120 Veterans, families and visitors. Many Vietnamese and American service men and families had travelled from Adelaide and Melbourne for this unique event that brought together Vietnam Veterans from all allied defence force service branches from Australia, USA and South Vietnam. Veterans from previous and past conflicts including Korea, Middle East, Afghanistan the Gulf war and Peace keeping operations in East Timor were also represented.



SA Board members, Pauline, Joy and Chris attended at a Sustainable and Fully Compostable Wreath Making Workshop at The Heysen Lounge, Centennial Park Cemetery on Monday 16th June.

The workshop was organised by Diane Carr from AWW (SA) and was an opportunity to align with contemporary sustainable practices across veterans' groups. It follows the current practice of Centennial Park and the preference for fully compostable tributes

PVA SA - RECENT EVENTS: MARCH – JULY 2025

PVA National Conference held in Adelaide 27/4/2025 – 2/5/2025

South Australia recently hosted the National Board meeting. There were delegates from all States, with the conference beginning on 27th April. PVA SA State Board Members attended a **Welcome Dinner** at the Mawson Lakes Hotel (where the conference was being held). We Celebrated the birthday of the National President, Bev also at the Welcome Dinner.

National Delegates, Angela and Pauline organised the accommodation and all the necessary arrangements that made the conference run smoothly.

Member's Day (2nd May) was a tour of the SA Parliament House, where members on the tour were amazed with the historical features that were shown to them and they felt that the tour was very worthwhile. The tour was followed by lunch at Torrens Parade Ground, organised by the PVASA State Management Board. Members were entertained by the **Australian Military Wives Choir**, and later an exhibition of Veteran's paintings.



ABORIGINAL VETERANS' COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE 30TH MAY 2025 at TORRENS PARADE GROUNDS

This was a very memorable Commemorative Service acknowledging the service of so many of our Aboriginal ADF members that fought for Australia in the many wars and still do partake in the service of defending Australia. *(Submitted by Angela Portakiewicz)*



Thank you to the PVA SA members that attended at Elizabeth Shopping Centre in May, promoting PVA SA Branch and our Veterans Family Day Sunday on 18/05. We met a few Veterans and Partners that didn't know about us. A very successful day. Well done ladies. *(Submitted by Angela Portakiewicz)*

PVA SA - RECENT EVENTS: MARCH – JULY 2025 (Cont'd)

VETERANS FAMILY DAY – SUNDAY 18th MAY 2025

(Article from the PVA SA Secretary)

An amazing day thanks to a DVA Health and Well Being Grant and many generous monetary sponsorships. Many Items were donated for raffles including the silent raffles. The various tables of information, were all staffed by volunteers from ex-service organisations. A very big thankyou to the Vietnam Veterans Association for the BBQ and car parking help and the Ex Military Rehabilitation Centre (XMRC), helping to erect the marquees for sponsors and dignitaries. There are so many more that were thanked for their time, passion and commitment.

We had a huge attendance of Veteran families, young and old, who were welcomed with music from the 10th/27th RSAR Band and the young singer, Elly. The children enjoyed the 'Poppy Steps'; collecting their stamps along the way, at the various tables and receiving a free lucky dip prize after completion. They also enjoyed the free BBQ, Ice Creams, fruit and water, face painting, balloon twisting, Jump Easy Giant Electronic Games, the wildlife encounter including the lizard and especially the live snake! Also, a competition of guessing the number of edible snakes in a jar and the number of chocolates in a glass container. There was also a table for drawing and colouring.

The Event was formerly opened by Frank Lampard OAM (*a Vietnam Veteran*) with an Acknowledgement of Kaurna Land, followed by four speakers, with military connections namely: Liz Scarce AM our PVASA Patron, Tony Zappia Federal MP; Cressida O'Hanlon State MP; and Janice Silby, Deputy Commissioner DVA.

Some of our Volunteers and Ex-Service Organisations and Families at Veteran's Family Day 2025





Coffee and Chat Groups

NORTH EASTERN, MODBURY:

- 2nd Thursday each month, 10.00am
- The Modbury Plaza Hotel
- 989 North East Rd, Modbury
- Contact Joy B. M:0411 244 852

SOUTHERN SUBURBS, REYNELLA

- 2nd Thursday each month, 10.30am
- at Café Buongiorno
- 93 Main South Rd, O'Halloran Hill
- Contact Margaret C. Hm:08 8326 8577
- Contact Margaret E. M:0439 142 221

CLARE

- Various times and venues for either coffee/chat or lunch
- Contact Wendy L. M:0417 823 558

SOUTHERN FLEURIEU

- Various times and venues
- Contact Rosemary P. M:0418 422 183
- Contact Kathie V. M:0438 877 709

HEALTH AND HARMONY

- 4th Thursday each month, 10.30am to 1.30pm
- RSL Memorial Hall
- Torrens Parade Ground, Adelaide.
- Contact Anne H. Hm:08 8262 3974

A Nationwide support network for partners of past and present members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and their allies.

P.V.A. believes it is imperative that no partner should ever feel deserted, defeated or most of all, totally isolated and/or alone.

• Aged Rights Advocacy Services (ARAS)

Advocates are available at the Strathalbyn Library on the 1st Tuesday of each month, answering questions on aged rights. Services are free, confidential, and culturally safe. No need to book, simply attend the Strathalbyn Library at 1 Colman Tce between 10.00am to 12.00pm. <https://www.facebook.com/photo/>

Real Estate

Thinking of selling? Do you need an up-to-date appraisal of your property? You may be thinking about renting your investment property out. **Debbie Glastonbury** is a PVA SA member that contributes to the cause of supporting partners of veterans through her work in real estate.

• Ph: 0432 209 355

• Email: debbie@magain.com.au

• Website:

<https://www.magain.com.au/staff/debbie-glastonbury/>



Murray Bridge JP Services:

- Melanie Bassham, JP for South Australia,
- Flexible with times and places to meet:
- Ph: 0401 552 250



• Seniors Card Fuel Discount

You can receive a 4c p/ltr discount on your fuel purchase with United Petroleum service stations if you hold a [Seniors Card](#). To register online for a digital or physical United Petroleum fuel discount card go to [United Petroleum](#) or call the United Customer Solutions team on 1300 383 587.

• PVA Support Line: 1300 553 835

Your nationwide link to support, friendship, information and understanding.

***Local call cost from landline.** Mobile call costs according to your mobile phone provider rates.

• Legacy: 08 8231 9812 or 1800 534 229.

Legacy offers Financial Hardship, Social Connection, and Developmental (Educational) Opportunities programs to the families of Australian Defence Force men and women who have lost their lives or their health as a result of their service.

Website: www.legacy.com.au

Email: reception@legacysa.org.au



P.V.A. SA BRANCH INC. – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 10.30am
in the Memorial Hall, Torrens Parade Ground, Adelaide SA

NOMINATION FORM: OFFICE BEARERS - 2025-2026

You are invited to submit nominations of **financial** members for the offices below.

Position for Nomination	Name of Nominee
President	
Vice President	
Hon. Secretary and Membership Officer	
Treasurer	
SA National Delegate	
Board Member – 1	
Board Member – 2	
Board Member – 3	
Board Member – 4	
Board Member – 5	

These positions will be declared vacant at our **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** on **Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at 10.30am**

**in the RSL Memorial Hall,
Torrens Parade Ground,
Adelaide SA 5000**

Positions nominated by:

Name:

Signature:

Date:...../...../2025

(You must be a financial member as at the date of the AGM)

NOTE: Please return your Nomination Form by the close of business on Friday, 15th August 2025

**TO: The Returning Officer (Liz Jones) Email: sa.membership@pvasa.org.au
or by AustPost to: P.V.A. SA, C/- Legacy Club of SA, Box 1367 GPO Adelaide 5001**

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY FORM: @ AGM – Tuesday 2nd September 2025

I,
(Full Name)

of,
(Address)

being a financial member of The Partners of Veterans Association of Australia - SA Branch Inc

hereby appoint
(Full name of proxy)

Of
(Address)

being a financial member of the above Association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting to be held on **Tuesday, 2nd day of September 2025** and at any adjournment of that meeting.

My proxy may vote as she/he thinks fit - **YES/NO** OR per my instructions - **YES/NO** (please indicate your preference)

Signature of member appointing proxy. Date:/...../2025

NOTE: A proxy vote may not be given to a person who is not a member of the Association.

Please return your Proxy Votes by COB ON FRIDAY 15th AUGUST, 2025 to:
The Returning Officer (Liz Jones) Email: sa.membership@pvasa.org.au
OR by AustPost to P.V.A. SA, C/- Legacy Club of SA, GPO Box 1367, Adelaide SA 5001