

# Liz Scarce, State Patron



I was asked to be Patron of PVA(SA) when my husband was Governor of South Australia. When his term finished in 2014, I felt very honoured to be asked to stay on as Patron. I have empathy with the members of this amazing little organisation as I have a background in Defence. My two older brothers were senior naval officers, I was a naval officer then I married a naval officer and spent twenty-nine years as a Defence spouse; today, the legacy continues as my son and daughter-in-law are both serving naval officers. Service life can be very rewarding but it also comes with its own unique problems, especially for the spouse. We learn to be very resilient!

I am delighted to be associated with our local members of PVA who all work so hard to support not only their spouse but also each other. No one understands what these families contend with unless you see it first-hand. However, they manage this with great perseverance, with love and with dignity. They deserve the community's thanks and respect.

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