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2026-2027 PVASA SMB Elected at the 2026 AGM

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President's Report - November 2026

2026 has been the busiest and a great year for PVA . Veterans Family Day, Honouring the Hidden Service, Band Concert and our Xmas function which will finish off the year nicely. These functions have certainly kept us all on our toes. I would like to say a great big thankyou to our State Management Board Members for their dedication and commitment. Also, a thankyou to all those ordinary members who have stepped up and helped these functions to run so smoothly.

It has been a year with sadness for our members who have passed away and they will all be missed tremendously. Some of our members have lost husbands this year and I know this is not an easy time to cope with. We PVA members are renown for standing by each other when times are tough, and with the support we receive from our peers helps a great deal. This is the best thing about being a member of Partners of Veterans.

We are looking forward to 2027 and our State Management Board meet in January for a planning Day which means we will have a program in place very early in the year – we will send a newsletter early in March and all the details will be in there for you to save the dates.



I hope all of you have a chance to relax over the Christmas/New Year. I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and hope 2027 brings us all some time to stop and "smell the roses."

Chris Goodfellow OAM

Welcome

To our newest PVA SA Members up to November 2026

Cassie O'Shaughnessy - Paralowie

Dionne McRostie - Evanston South

Beryl Searle - Parkholme

Kathleen Thomas - West Beach

Josephine Hillary - Henley Beach

Vicky Crittenden - Blakeview.

This page is a new initiative for our PVASA Newsletter.
We would like to know of any Members/Partners who have recently passed away - commencing in 2026

Robin Bruce
April 2026

Jill Davidson
Sept 2026

Graeme Pulford
August 2026

Helen Barratt
July 2026

Jillian Jebb
June 2026

The Grapevine

A massive thank you to our volunteers who helped set up the room at Ayers House to be ready for the High Tea.



And a huge thank you to those members who worked tirelessly compiling the goodies into gift bags to be ready for the High Tea were: Pauline Cameron, Annie Baker & Colleen Harvey.

Also a huge thank you to Bev Mullins and Barb Smith who did an amazing job of checking off the names of our members and their guests as they arrived at Ayers House.

Your time and effort are immeasurable. Thank You.

AND NOW….. HAVE A LOOK AT PAGES 3 AND 4 FOR THE GREAT PHOTOS FROM THE AYERS HOUSE HIGH TEA EVENT — 2026

AYERS HOUSE

HIGH TEA REPORT

The High Tea was a highly successful event and Pauline has received overwhelmingly positive feedback from attendees: "The food was excellent, with generous portions and plenty of variety; The ballroom was stunning and provided a beautiful setting for the event; The gift bags were an unexpected surprise and greatly appreciated by attendees; Petunia was a tremendous hit with the guests."

The guest speakers were very well received. Pauline has received numerous messages from members complimenting the speaker selection and expressing how much they enjoyed their presentations.

It was a well-attended event that was clearly appreciated by members. There was strong demand for tickets, and requests for similar events in the future suggest that this format is worth repeating.

PVA SA will continue to hold this event in some capacity next year. We will also explore alternative venues that are more appropriately sized and develop a more streamlined and accessible payment process. Stay tuned!



















AYERS HOUSE HIGH TEA — 1ST SEPTEMBER 2026

















ALL PVA SA MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO OUR 2026 PVA SA MEMBER'S XMAS GET-TOGETHER

The SA State Management Board is looking forward to welcoming all PVA SA members to our Annual Xmas Event.



WHEN: Tuesday 24/11/2026
11.00am-2:00pm

WHERE: In the RSL Memorial Hall Torrens Parade Ground, Adelaide.

All food and drink supplied.

There will be door prizes, raffles, and Santa.



For catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 20th November to:

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***Chris* – M:0468 786 241 eMail:sa.president@pvasa.org.au OR**

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CELEBRATING THE 1ST BIRTHDAY OF THE VETERANS' AND FAMILIES' WELLBEING HUB









PVASA were invited to celebrate the Northern Veterans' and Families' Wellbeing Hub on Saturday 29th August from 10am-2pm. It was a well organised event with free food, face painting, activities for the children and the Military Vehicle Museum from Edinburgh attended with several of their military vehicles on display. Over 100 veterans and families attended. Several members from PVASA attended.





One board member joined the children's activities. She drew a picture of a happy face.

CAN YOU READ WHAT IT SAID??

"HAPPY FACES MAKE ALL HAPPY AROUND YOU. SO WEAR A SMILE!"



HONOURING THE HIDDEN SERVICE, CANBERRA FRIDAY 16/10/26

Genny Bruce was the PVA SA Delegate to lay the wreath at the Wreath Laying Ceremony. The ceremony was emotional and spectacular. Genny did South Australia proud. It was an amazing day from early morning to late into the night.

I was joined by Chris and Bob Goodfellow, Genny Bruce, Val Jackson, Dionne McRostie and a soon to be new member—Donna Crouch in attendance for SA.

(Article from Pauline Cameron and photos courtesy of Pauline Cameron and Chris Goodfellow).











THE HIDDEN SERVICE OF A MILITARY WIFE

(Written by Pauline Cameron 2026)

When we fell in love and married a military man, we didn't realise
The unique and lonely life, and how much we would compromise;
Military wives are the supporting act, we did the best we could
We held the fort, some days bad, some days good;
When our husbands were away, loneliness was real
We met military wives, who know exactly how we feel;
Friendships unlike any other, we confide, laugh and share
Coffee and chats, connecting with those who truly care;
When our men are no longer with us, the pain is too much to bear
Grief consumes us, the chair, the bed, no-one is there;
Loss has ups and downs, we try to get on with our lives
When family and friends don't know what to say, we have our military wives;
Military life is not for everyone, some will thrive, while others ponder
The friendships of military wives, are supportive, caring and stronger;
We supported our men who served as sailors, soldiers and airmen
Even after the challenges, military wives would support them again.





Modbury Eastern Group,

Coffee and Chat Group meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10am at the **Modbury Plaza Hotel,** 989 North East Rd., Modbury SA

Contact: Joy B: 0411 244 852

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Southern Suburbs Group – Reynella SA

Coffee and Chat Group meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10.30am at **Caffe Buongiorno,** 93 Main South Rd., O'Halloran Hill SA.

Contacts: Margaret C : 08 8326 8577
Margaret E : 0439 142 221

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Southern Fleurieu Group,
Victor Harbor / Encounter Bay SA.

Meet at various times and venues.
Contacts: Rosemary P : 0418 422 183
Kathie V : 0438 877 709

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Clare Group, Clare SA.

Meet at various times and venues for either coffee/chat or lunch.
Contact: Wendy L : 0417 823 558

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Health and Harmony

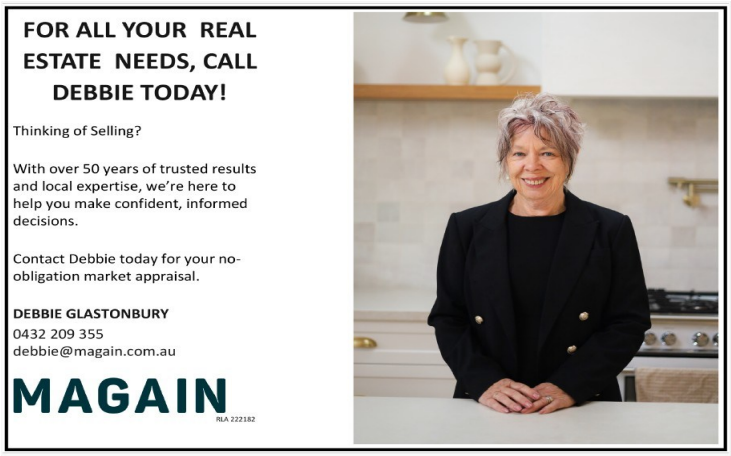
Meets 4th Thursday of each month 10.30am – 1.30pm at **RSL Memorial Hall**, Torrens Parade Ground, Adelaide SA.

Contact: Anne H : 08 8262 3974

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



Debbie Glastonbury is a PVA SA member that contributes to the cause of supporting partners of veterans through her work in real estate.

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

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