



# **VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA SOUTH AUSTRALIA BRANCH INCORPORATED**

## **Administrative Instruction 39/2011**

### **NATIONAL / STATE PATRON**

#### **Introduction**

#### **National**

1. The Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia first appointed a Patron in 1992 but regrettably he died in 1999 resulting in a second Patron being appointed in the same year.
2. The aim of this AI is to provide a personal profile of both Patrons to ensure that VVAA members know of the contributions made by both of them.

#### **Details**

3. The dictionary defines a Patron as an eminent person who protects and/or supports another person, cause or organisation and in both cases our Patrons have demonstrated their worthiness to assume the position.
4. Our past Patron Mr. Jim Greenwood OBE as a senior public servant supported the Vietnam Veterans Association long before the VVAA became an accepted ESO. Without his the patronage the VVAA would have found it extremely difficult to be accepted by Government Departments and other ESO.
5. Rear Admiral Neil Ralph AO DSC RAN (Retd) had a distinguished Naval career and then provided enormous support to the veteran community during his tenure as Repatriation Commissioner. Since becoming our Patron he has shown a willingness to assist our cause wherever and whenever he possibly can.

#### **State:**

- 6 Lieut-General Sir Donald Dunstan AC, KBE, CB, had a long and distinguished Army career and saw service in Vietnam. He served as Governor of South Australia and has been the state patron since 1998

Complete profiles on these gentlemen are available on request from the State Office.

#### **Authority**

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