

## Hon Steven Marshall MP

Premier

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### **New Director appointed for Veterans SA**

The State Government has announced that Ms Catherine Walsh has been appointed as the new Director of Veterans SA.

Ms Walsh, the former head of Human Resources in the federal Department of Veterans' Affairs, brings 20 years of public sector experience to the role, beginning as a military officer and moving across the Defence, Finance and Veterans' Affairs portfolios.

Premier Steven Marshall said Ms Walsh is well-placed to support the South Australian veterans' community.

"Ms Walsh has a military history with the Australian Defence Force as a Royal Australian Air Force Intelligence Officer, and her military connection continues with her Reserve service," said the Premier.

"Her passion to improve the lives of Australians every day makes her a brilliant fit for the role."

Ms Walsh said she was delighted to return to Adelaide for the role.

"I started my military career in Adelaide, where I'm looking forward to continuing my work with the veteran community and supporters over the next three years," said Ms Walsh.

Premier Steven Marshall thanked previous Director Mr Rob Manton for his dedicated service and acknowledged the work of Ms Chantelle Bohan, who has acted in the role since October 2019.

Premier Steven Marshall also announced the appointment of the new Chair of the Veterans Advisory Council (VAC), Colonel Susan Neuhaus CSC (Ret'd), a distinguished surgeon and former army officer whose military career included postings in Cambodia, Papua New Guinea and Afghanistan.

"The VAC performs a very important function providing a voice for veterans, their families and carers in South Australia. I look forward to the opportunity to engage with Colonel Neuhaus and the VAC on a range of issues important to the veteran community," said the Premier.

"I would also like to acknowledge outgoing Chair, Brigadier Laurie Lewis AM. Brigadier Lewis served on the VAC since its inception in 2009, serving as the Chair for more than two years. He has worked tirelessly on behalf of veterans, their families and carers."



Ms Walsh will officially commence her role on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April.