



**Government
of South Australia**

Veterans SA

South Australia's Charter for Veterans

Introduction

A “veteran” is a person who has served in the Australian Defence Force.

The “veterans’ community” includes people with a link to service or a veteran. This could include widows, partners, carers, former partners, children, parents, siblings and relatives of ex-servicemen and women, and not exclude anyone with an evident link to or interest in matters associated with veterans’ welfare.

Principle 1

Government services should consider the cultural, economic, social, physical, emotional and pastoral needs of veterans.

Principle 2

Veterans should be involved in consultation about services that affect them and their community.

Principle 3

Services that directly impact veterans should aim to provide timely, appropriate and adequate assistance to veterans, and take into account:

- a. the benefits of early intervention;
- b. the susceptibility to social exclusion experienced by veterans from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities;
- c. the barriers to access to services faced by veterans in rural and remote communities;
- d. the complex needs of allied veterans from culturally and linguistically and diverse communities; and
- e. the needs and role of carers.

*The core of the veteran culture lies in the bonds of mateship,
commemoration of the sacrifice of those who died,
and support for the dependents of deceased comrades
and all those impacted by military service.*