

Vietnam War Memorial Walk

Hi once again from the crew at the Vietnam War Memorial Walk on the Yorke Peninsula in South Australia.

Some exciting news! The Yorke Peninsula Council has announced General the Hon Sir Peter Cosgrove will be opening the Vietnam War Memorial Walk on the 18th August 2025. This article appeared in the Yorke Peninsula Country Times on Tuesday May 27th 2025

War Memorial Walk locks in special guest

EDITHBURGH'S upcoming opening of the Vietnam War Memorial Walk will feature a special guest — General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK AC(Mil) CVO MC (Retd).

The former Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and Chief of the Australian Defence Force said he looked forward to the event and was a strong supporter of the memorial, which is being established along the Walk The Yorke track between Edithburgh and Coobowie.

"This Vietnam Veterans' Day we commemorate 50 years since the conclusion of the Vietnam War and I congratulate everyone involved in the Memorial Walk project which marks the occasion and pays tribute to all who served in the conflict," Sir Peter said.

Project leads Roger Hogben and John Edwards said they were thrilled to welcome Sir Peter and his wife Lady Lynne Cosgrove to the official opening, on Monday, August 18.

"It has been a dream of ours to have Sir Peter officially open the Memorial Walk, which will be the first memorial detailing every Australian unit that served in Vietnam, making it a project of true national significance," Mr Hogben said.

"Sir Peter served in Vietnam as part of a long and highly distinguished military career, and remains a tremendous supporter of veterans — there is nobody we would rather have to officially open the Vietnam War Memorial Walk.

"With the attendance of Sir Peter and many other high-profile guests from all throughout Australia, as well as a genuine Vietnam-era Huey helicopter flying in, this is shaping up to be a huge event and we welcome the wider community to all come along to the official opening and luncheon."

The Vietnam War Memorial Walk is proudly supported by Yorke Peninsula Council and has been funded by the Federal Government's Saluting Their Service grants.

The opening is supported by two grants from Veterans SA.

Australia officially ended its combat role in Vietnam in December 1972 and the USA withdrew its combat troops from March 1973.

Vietnam War Memorial Walk official opening

Location: Edithburgh Golf Course, corner of Giles Terrace and O'Halloran Parade

Time: 10.30am for 11am start

Date: Monday, August 18, 2025 (Vietnam Veterans' Day), marking 50 years since the end of the Vietnam War

Key speaker and official opening by: General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK AC (Mil) CVO MC (Retd).

Also featuring: A fly-in by a genuine Vietnam-era Huey helicopter

And there's more: Official opening to be followed by luncheons from noon; public luncheon at Edithburgh Sports and Community Club with opportunities for photo with the Huey helicopter on the oval

Concert event: John Schumann and the Vagabond Crew (ex-Redgum, 'I Was Only 19') at Light Church Edithburgh from 2pm — ticket purchases essential, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/68cv795v>

INVITATION ACCEPTED...
General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK AC(Mil) CVO MC (Retd) will visit Yorke Peninsula this August to help open the Vietnam Memorial Walk, in Edithburgh.

With General Cosgrove being involved it would be appropriate for veterans and serving members to wear medals to the cenotaph service and the official opening. Family members of deceased veterans are welcome to wear their medals on the right breast.

The program has the Official Opening at 10.30am for 11.00am but with the interest being shown for this event we would suggest it would be advisable to be there early as the Huey will be landing at 10.45am and then flying off prior to the opening.



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The Memorial is well under way with all of the boards completed and the structural supports are being built at the engineering workshop in Brentwood. The support of local producers/manufacturers and transport companies has been an integral part of this project.

Next on the plan is the sponsored seating to be located along the walk. There will be 9 seats produced and installed along the walk before the walk is opened in August. The final design work has been done and the first prototype will be cut and rolled within the next week and if approved the rest will be ordered for production. These seats are being cut from marine grade aluminium and powder-coated black with the final units requiring minimal maintenance in the foreseeable future.

Final arrangements for the arrival of the Huey helicopter at the Official Opening and landing/display at the Edithburgh Oval are being arranged with CASA approvals being applied for. 9 Squadron has been re-formed and is located at RAAF Base Edinburgh and as this particular aircraft is an ex 9 Squadron Vietnam Huey they are hoping that it can visit them on its way to Edithburgh and if permitted, to land there, as it is now a civilian aircraft with an all civilian crew, on the military base. We feel that this would be an appropriate detour because of their long involvement in Vietnam.

If you haven't purchased your tickets for the Behind The Lines concert and are looking for tickets there are only about 100 seats left so it looks like it will be sold out well before the opening. To buy tickets you can either use the QR code or phone SA Country Arts ticketing on 1300 072 849 (best between 11.00am and 2.00 pm). Don't forget that veterans and serving members can purchase 2 tickets at \$53.00 per ticket by using their service number. General admission price is \$78.00 per ticket. Yorke Peninsula Country Times on Tuesday June 3rd 2025 published an interview with John Schumann about the concert and his new song 'Fishing Net In The Rain'. ["Behind the Lines" at Edithburgh | Australian Rural & Regional News](#)



All of the events on the day are open to the public free of charge with the exception of the 'Behind the Lines' concert and the Official Guests Luncheon which are both ticketed entry. The Edithburgh Community/Sports Club will also be open to the public with no entry charge. They will have their bar and kitchen open for refreshments and meals for sale and with the Huey available for photos on their oval.

This project could not happen without the support of volunteers both locally and across Australia with many being involved on the day from traffic control to the opening of clubhouse facilities. There are many others, from the VVAA members who committed to fact checking our research, the members and crews of the Historic Aircraft Restoration Society (owners and operators of the historic Huey VH-X9S) and many others too numerous to name. To all those who have assisted us along the way, John Edwards and Roger Hogben offer our sincere thanks. Yorke Peninsula Council have supported us and enabled the application for the 'Saluting Their Service Grant'. To all those who sent Letters of Support thank you.

Not long to Go



VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL WALK

OFFICIAL OPENING INVITE

**EDITHBURGH
GOLF
COURSE**

(CORNER GILES TERRACE & O'HALLORAN PARADE)

MONDAY

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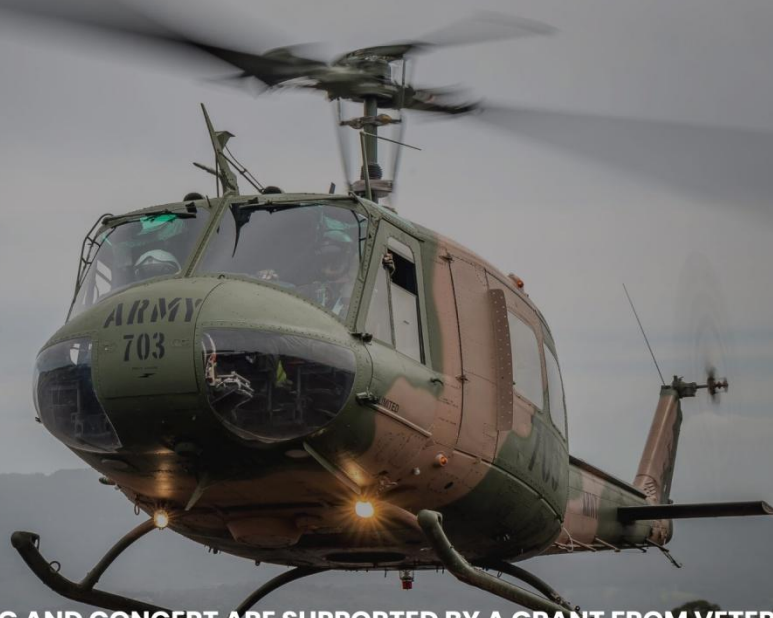
AUGUST

10.30AM FOR

11AM

GET UP AND CLOSE WITH A HUEY HELICOPTER, PAY TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO SERVED ON THE 18TH OF AUGUST 2025 – THE VIETNAM VETERANS DAY THAT MARKS 50 YEARS SINCE THE FINAL AUSSIE LEFT VIETNAM.

STICK AROUND FOR THE CONCERT EVENT JOHN SCHUMANN AND THE VAGABOND CREW (USE THE QR CODE TO BOOK).



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