

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Volunteering Australia welcomes Governor-General as new Chief Patron

Volunteering Australia (VA) is pleased to announce His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) as VA's new Chief Patron.

VA President, Tim Jackson said, the VA Board is delighted the Governor-General has accepted our invitation to become VA's Chief Patron.

"It is an absolute honour for VA to be accepted for patronage by His Excellency and to be recognised as an organisation with national significance.

"This is an endorsement of the importance of volunteering and recognition that volunteering makes a significant contribution to the Australian economy and society.

"We are excited about working with the Governor-General to advance volunteering in the Australian community, while continuing to acknowledge and celebrate the generous service of our nation's volunteers," Mr Jackson said.

Mr Jackson thanked former Patron Margaret Bell for her service to VA, "It is with great regret that VA has accepted Margaret Bell's resignation as VA's Patron. VA expresses its deepest thanks to Margaret for her significant contribution to VA, as well as her ongoing commitment to strengthening volunteering in Australia."

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