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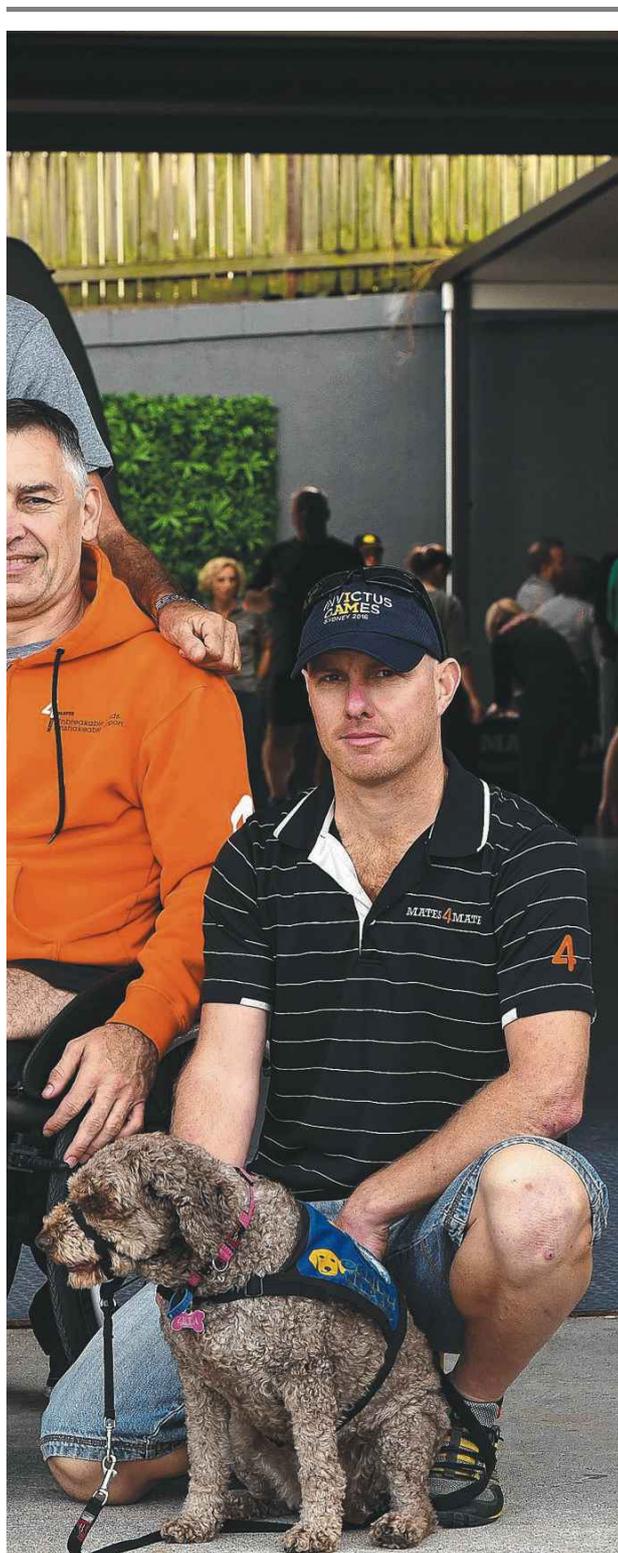
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AN Australian racing legend has teamed up with Mates4Mates to launch "Australia's Greatest Mate" campaign.

On Monday it was announced Supercars Champion Craig Lowndes OAM would start encouraging Aussies to nominate their mate, trying to raise awareness in the community about the importance of friendship in the Australian Defence Force.

Lowndes said it was easy to get behind the cause because of his previous work with serving personnel.

"Through motor racing I was lucky enough to go to Iraq and Kuwait to go up and see our troops to show support," he said.

"Through the defence force we've had great connections and to hear stories and to see first-hand what goes on, so it was easy to jump on board.

"The veterans served our country and allow us to have the freedom we have in our day to day life, so we need to be supportive of that transition when they decide to leave."

Lowndes urged people to go to the Mates4Mates website to nominate a great mate.

"It's to show respect and recognition to our veterans, who are all about mateship, it's part of our Australian DNA," he said.

**THANKS, MATE:** Australian motor racing legend Craig Lowndes and his wife, and Greatest Mate nominee, Lara Lowndes, at the Mates4Mates Brisbane Family Recovery Centre in Milton with Stan New, Dominic Beirne, Trent Forbes and Zeta the dog.

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