

**MEDIA LAUNCH - TODAY**  
**18 October 2013**

### **Wounded Aussie Defence personnel attempt epic coastal challenge**

One of the toughest group charity challenges ever attempted in Australia will be launched on **Friday [18 October]** at Darling Harbour, Sydney.

23 current and former Australian Defence Force members and supporters will paddle for up to 10 hours a day, clocking up almost 1000 kilometres kayaking from Sydney to Brisbane.

The inaugural *Mates4Mates Sea Kayak Adventure Challenge* aims to help wounded and ill Defence personnel rebuild their life skills and emotional resilience.

The participants are also helping their mates in need by raising money for Mates4Mates.

***Please note:** All those undertaking the challenge will be present at the launch for vision purposes but, due to ongoing rehabilitation issues, only some selected participants can be interviewed.*

### **PICTURE AND INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY**

**WHEN:** 10am  
Friday 18 October 2013.

**WHERE:** Heritage Pontoon, Australian National Maritime Museum  
2 Murray Street, Darling Harbour, Sydney.

### **INTERVIEW TALENT:**

- **Wounded soldiers Sapper Curtis McGrath and Corporal Tyson Murray.**

Sapper Curtis McGrath lost both legs when he stepped on a landmine while clearing a checkpoint in Afghanistan last year.

Corporal Tyson Murray was leading a high risk search team on patrol in Afghanistan when two colleagues were killed by an exploding IED.

- **Mates4Mates Rehabilitation Manager Ricky Dumigan.**
- **Mates4Mates Chief Operating Officer Michael Quinn.**

**VISION:** Event participants launching their kayaks and training on Darling Harbour.

**NOTE:** A media boat will be available for filming from the water.

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