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## **QBE Foundation supports Mates4Mates**

The QBE Foundation is proud to announce a unique charity partnership with Mates4Mates, donating \$60,000 to support the employment of Wounded Soldier Liaison Officers who will act as an integral point of contact between current and ex-serving members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF), their families and Mates4Mates.

Mates4Mates is a not for profit organisation set up by RSL (Queensland Branch) to provide support to Brave Mates – the many wounded, injured or ill members of the ADF community and their families.

The roles, to be filled by candidates who are themselves a wounded Australian soldier, will facilitate relationships with current and ex-serving members of the ADF and encourage them and their families to take up the various support services available to them through Mates4Mates.

Other responsibilities will include supporting Mates4Mates' events, adventures program and providing direct and confidential assistance to soldiers and their families.

"The QBE Foundation is delighted to partner with Mates4Mates to make the Wounded Soldier Liaison roles possible," said QBE Foundation Chairman Tony MacRae.

"A wounded soldier looking after the interests of others is a living example of the Foundation's philosophy, to help people overcome disadvantage, strengthen their abilities, and live more independently, successfully and productively.

"We feel that supporting the creation of this key role will be crucial in helping Australia's wounded soldiers and their families on their journey to rehabilitation and the challenging transition from military service into civilian life.

Michael Quinn, Chief Operating Officer, Mates4Mates, said: "We are very humbled by the QBE Foundation's generous support."

"These roles embody the very heart of Mates4Mates – mates looking out for mates, providing unwavering support when it is needed most.

"This donation will not only strengthen our core capabilities at Mates4Mates but it will also serve to provide long-term support and mentorship for our Brave Mates and their families."

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**About QBE Foundation**

The QBE Foundation supports charities that help people overcome disadvantage, strengthen their abilities, and live more independently, successfully and productively.

The objectives of the Foundation are:

- To make a difference in key areas that align with QBE's vision and values.
- To drive employee engagement by developing networking and a strong team based culture.
- To maximise the return and impact for any collection, distribution and allocation of philanthropic resources.

QBE's corporate responsibility mirrors our insurance role in the community where we are uniquely placed to assist people when they find themselves in need through accident or misadventure.

For more information: <http://www.qbe.com.au/Australia/About-QBE/Our-Community-Involvement/Insurance.html>

**About Mates4Mates**

Mates4Mates is a not for profit organisation set up by RSL (Queensland Branch) to provide support to wounded, injured or ill members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and their families. Our focus is on current and ex-service personnel serving from 1990 onwards.

Mates4Mates is designed to complement and enhance the capacity of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) to support their current and ex-serving personnel & families. We are independent, apolitical and non-religious.

Mates4Mates evokes the Australian spirit, that a True Mate offers unwavering loyalty and friendship even in our darkest hour. It was in this spirit that Mates4Mates was born. Our charity ensures that currently and ex-serving men & women are not without the trust, humility and strength of mateship in times of need.

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