

Lawyer spends time in Malaysia

GATTON lawyer Kerian McNamara earlier this month spent time in the jungles of southern Malaysia with his Army Reservist employee Josh Brown — and it reinforced everything he had ever thought about Army Reserves.

After Kerian's jungle experience the senior partner's advice on Reserves was loud and clear.

"If you can get one, look after them," Kerian said.

Kerian's trip was all part of the Army's Operation Bosslift, where 20 bosses, mostly from south-east Queensland, were flown out to see their employees while they were on a

three month deployment to Malaysia.

"I was particularly interested in the jungle survival school," Kerian said.

"In seeing all the food and drink that was around you if only you knew where to look.

"These days it's hard to keep people — so if they want to go away for three months, I let them.

"But that's because there is something in it for me.

"They get self-discipline, they have a work ethic, even basic grooming!

"They think for themselves and use initiative.

"More lawyers should get involved in supporting Reserves and we should definitely offer them a career path."



PRIVATE JOSH Brown shows his civilian boss Kerian McNamara the workings of his rifle at Camp Burma, Malaysia.

KERIAN MCNAMARA tries his marksmanship with an Austeyr F88 rifle at the Johor rifle range during Operation Bosslift. PHOTOS BY COURTESY OF KASUN UBAYA-SIRI, Kulimages.com.au

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Laidley offers lower fees

LAIDLEY Central Child Care Centre is offering reduced fees for new enrolments this January and February, giving local families a helping hand.

Parents who enrol their child at the centre before February 28 will receive up to \$540 off care when enrolling for three or more days for the first month of care.

Laidley Central Child Care Centre Director Tonya Piper said with some local families starting to feel the pinch of the struggling economy, the centre wanted to offer a special deal to help ease the squeeze on local households.

"With all the excitement and fuss surrounding the launch of the new school year, I encourage parents to enrol their children as soon as possible so as not to miss out on placements.

"As the holidays wind up and the children return to our centre, it's so wonderful to watch them once again join their friends and get stuck into some fun new activities," she said.

"Laidley Central Child Care Centre is more than just a child-minding centre; it is a place where a child's development is fostered.

"We provide tailored programs for every

child to develop their self esteem and confidence."

For the convenience of local families, the centre also offers free courtesy bus that picks children up and drops them off in the afternoon and a nutritious morning and afternoon tea included in the daily fee.

Also, for the convenience of working families with school-aged children, Laidley Central Child Care Centre also offers before and after school care and a Holiday Club program for children aged six to 12.

Laidley Central Child Care Centre is open five days a week from 6.30am and is centrally located at 19 Hope Street.

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