



Commendation for army effort

GARY Brace had a visit from his boss recently - some 8000km from their workplace.

The duo, who usually work together at Commicare's offices at Woolloongabba, met up in the jungles of Malaysia, where Mr Brace of Browns Plains is on a three-month tour of duty with the Army Reserve.

Mr Brace's boss, Dave Boske, made the trip as part of the Army's Operation Bosslift. Twenty bosses, mostly from South-East Queensland, got to see what their employees were up to in Army uniform.

"It was a very enlightening trip for me," Mr Boske said.

"Up till now, I hadn't taken much notice of what Gary got up to in the Reserves.

"But after seeing the Reserves learning jungle survival skills, I definitely see its benefits." I now have a much higher level of respect for what the Reserves can do."

Mr Boske said having seen firsthand the tough conditions the Reserves work in, he would encourage



■ Good work . . . Dave Boske with his employee, Army Reservist Gary Brace, in the jungle schools rifle range. XC

other bosses to go looking for them as employees.

"There are gems in there, and Gary has already brought record levels of effectiveness to our community work," he said.

When Mr Brace is in uniform, he is a sergeant and leads a platoon of 27 soldiers.

"Reserves get less training as they are not full-time soldiers, but everyone gets

the same pre-deployment training before they go overseas," he said.

Some 100,000 Australians wear Australian Defence Force uniforms.

Of these soldiers, some 45,000 are volunteer Reserves.

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