

Subject	Veterans In Surf program
Information	<i>Communication to Club Presidents and Admin</i> Surf Life Saving Queensland has launched the Veterans in Surf Program, which we hope will be beneficial to clubs in the recruitment of new lifesavers, and which also offers community, connection and purpose for veterans transitioning out of service. The idea is simple. Surf Life Saving and military service share more than people realise - teamwork, discipline, looking out for your mates, and a job that matters. The program is built to put those shared values to work, in two ways: • Finding the veterans already among us. Chances are we already have veterans training, patrolling, or volunteering at our clubs; we just haven't always known who they are or made space to connect them with each other. SLSQ's soft launch has already identified over 70 veterans across the state. We are hoping to seek out those who wish to be identified and connect them with other veterans in Surf Life Saving through organised patrols, activities and social engagements. • Welcoming veterans who are transitioning out of service. For many veterans, leaving the forces means losing structure, purpose, and a tight-knit team all at once. Surf Life Saving can offer all three: patrols, training, and a crew that has your back, while giving them a genuine, ongoing role in the community. Why it matters to Surf Life Saving This isn't a box-ticking exercise. It's a chance to grow club membership with people who bring real skills, first aid, teamwork under pressure, physical readiness and to be part of something bigger than our own patch of beach: breaking down the stigma around veteran mental health and transition, one club at a time. What we're asking of clubs • Opt in. Let us know if your club wants to formally take part in the program, which means if veterans are identified or recruited, we know we can send them your way and they will be supported and welcomed. • Nominate a Club Vets Champion. This is simply a friendly, go-to contact for any veteran, current member or new recruit, who wants to know more about getting involved. No extra qualifications needed, just someone approachable who can point people in the right direction. Ready to opt in?

	Complete the short Club Opt is – Veterans in Surf Form here. It only takes a couple of minutes and it’s how we will confirm your club is part of the program and get your Club Vets Champion added to the network.
Links	https://form.jotform.com/262650942846869
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