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### OUR SAY

# Transition made easier

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I HAD no idea until I read our P. 2 story today that so many people left the defence forces each year.

For many it must be a hard transition from army life. Though skills learnt in our defence services are often invaluable elsewhere, beginning a new career is never easy.

But one initiative by a former Goondiwindi man is helping.

Brothers Casey and Luke Brown started agricultural recruitment company Agri Labour Australia in 2010.

Casey then heard about an organisation in the United States that helped veterans find new career paths in agriculture.

He started Agri Veterans and in its six months in operation it's been a great success, providing a positive transition from army life for ex-soldiers.

He's out to make more veterans aware of a career in agriculture and has so far placed a handful of them into various industries.

With rural organisations pointing to an ageing farming workforce and often a labour shortage, what Agri Veterans is about will benefit not only individuals but communities.