

Commonwealth Games Australia
CGA Batonbearer Nomination Program
Queens Baton Relay Nominations Guidelines and Selection

Introduction

The Gold Coast 2018 Queen's Baton Relay Batonbearer Program is a major element of the Queen's Baton Relay (QBR).

The Queen's Baton Relay is a Games tradition that celebrates the Commonwealth's diversity, inspires community pride and excites people about the world-class festival of sports and culture to come. The Queen's Baton carries a message from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II that calls the Commonwealth's athletes to come together in peaceful and friendly competition.

The Baton will travel on an international sector for 288 days through Africa, the Americas, Caribbean, Europe, Asia and Oceania travelling to more than one third of the world's population, shining a spotlight on the Gold Coast and the great Games to come.

Commencing in Australia on 25 December 2017, the Baton will travel for 100 days bringing together every day Australians to become batonbearers and carry the Baton with pride through Australian Celebration Communities across all states and territories.

When the Queen's Baton arrives on the Gold Coast for the XXI Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony on 4 April 2018, the entire Commonwealth will have been a part of the journey, giving everyone the opportunity to share the dream.

Batonbearers will be selected from nominations received through programs including the Community Batonbearer Nomination Program, the Queensland Schools' Batonbearer Nomination Program, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Batonbearer Nomination Program, Council Selected Batonbearer Nomination Program, GC2018 Sponsor Family Program, high profile personalities and the **CGA Batonbearer Nomination Program**.

Anyone can nominate via the GC2018 nomination process, however Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA) has been allocated 380 batonbearer positions and we welcome direct nominations from athletes, national sporting organisations and CGA state divisions.

CGA will review and assess all direct nominations before forwarded to GOLDOC recommended nominations for athletes and individuals we wish to recognise to become batonbearers through the CGA Batonbearer Nomination Program Final selection of all batonbearer positions is at the discretion of GOLDOC.

CGA Nomination and Selection Guidelines

An allocation of 380 positions, 10% of the total allocated Batonbearer positions, has been assigned to CGA to submit nominations for batonbearers. In accordance with the nomination and selection guidelines established by GOLDOC, the CGA guidelines have been established to ensure fairness, equity, and that a wide cross section of the CGA community are given the opportunity to carry the Queen's Baton.

Batonbearer nomination and selection guidelines:

CGA will nominate individuals who we believe successfully meet one or more of the nomination categories below and will seek to identify athletes and officials in the following categories:

- Flagbearers
- Multi-Games athletes
- Multi-medal athletes
- Hometown heroes – athletes/officials in locations where they have a strong local connection
- Previous Chefs de Mission
- A cross-section of all sports and equality of gender
- A cross-section of past and present athletes with a small selection of future athletes from Commonwealth Youth Games participants past and present.

In line with the GC2018 general nomination criteria, the CGA will also consider nominations from individuals who have made a significant contribution to the Commonwealth Games Movement, however the majority of batonbearer positions will be filled by past and present athletes.

Home towns and current residence, along with the ability of potential batonbearers to participate on the specific dates and locations will also be taken into consideration and therefore any nominations should be placed against specific dates and locations where possible. There is no ability to change the date or location of these batonbearer positions.

The list of Australian Celebration Communities (dates, states and towns/suburbs) is provided in Appendix A and can also be found at www.GCCG2018.com/qbr.

It is important to note that any travel costs will be at the expense of the successful batonbearer.

Other eligibility rules:

The minimum age of a batonbearer is 10 years old as at 25 December 2017.

All nominees must be Australian Citizens or lawfully entitled to reside in Australia during the Relay period (25 December 2017 – 4 April 2018).

CGA is to explain in 100 words or less how each nominee meets one or more of the batonbearer criteria and why they should become a batonbearer.

Timeline:

The GC2018 nomination process opened on Sunday 5 March 2017 and closes at 5pm AEST on Friday 2 June 2017. Strictly no nominations will be accepted after this date.

The CGA Batonbearer Nomination Program timeline is as follows.

Monday 17 April 2017	Nominations open for athletes/officials/ NSO / State Division Branches
Friday 12 May 2017	Nomination period closes
From Monday 15 May 2017	CGA Nomination and Selection Committee Meetings
Friday 2 June 2017	Final CGA nominations submitted to GOLDOC
From July - October 2017	GOLDOC confirms batonbearer nominees

Nominations to CGA can be made via the following link –
<http://commonwealthgames.com.au/qbr/nominate/>

Appendix A

Australian Celebration Communities

These details and further information can be also be found at www.GCCG2018.com/qbr

Celebration Community	Relay Date
Canberra (AIS) ACT	Thu 25 Jan 2018
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Wagga Wagga NSW	Sun 28 Jan 2018
Narrandera NSW	Sun 28 Jan 2018
Griffith NSW	Sun 28 Jan 2018
West Wyalong NSW	Mon 29 Jan 2018
Forbes NSW	Mon 29 Jan 2018
Parkes NSW	Mon 29 Jan 2018
Orange NSW	Tue 30 Jan 2018
Dubbo NSW	Tue 30 Jan 2018
Coonabarabran NSW	Wed 31 Jan 2018
Gunnedah NSW	Wed 31 Jan 2018
Tamworth NSW	Wed 31 Jan 2018
Armidale NSW	Thu 01 Feb 2018
Bellingen NSW	Thu 01 Feb 2018
Coffs Harbour NSW	Thu 01 Feb 2018
Macksville NSW	Fri 02 Feb 2018
Kempsey NSW	Fri 02 Feb 2018
Forster Tuncurry NSW	Fri 02 Feb 2018
Newcastle NSW	Sat 03 Feb 2018
Gosford NSW	Sat 03 Feb 2018
Sydney NSW	Sat 03 Feb 2018
Penrith NSW	Sun 04 Feb 2018
Sydney Olympic Park NSW	Sun 04 Feb 2018
La Perouse NSW	Sun 04 Feb 2018
Wollongong NSW	Mon 05 Feb 2018
Kiama NSW	Mon 05 Feb 2018
Nowra NSW	Mon 05 Feb 2018
Batemans Bay NSW	Tue 06 Feb 2018
Launceston TAS	Wed 07 Feb 2018
Devonport TAS	Wed 07 Feb 2018
Burnie TAS	Wed 07 Feb 2018
Clarence TAS	Fri 09 Feb 2018
Glenorchy TAS	Fri 09 Feb 2018
Hobart TAS	Fri 09 Feb 2018
Williamstown VIC	Sat 10 Feb 2018
Footscray VIC	Sat 10 Feb 2018
St Kilda VIC	Sat 10 Feb 2018
South Melbourne VIC	Sat 10 Feb 2018
Melbourne VIC	Sat 10 Feb 2018
Morwell VIC	Sun 11 Feb 2018

Warragul VIC	Sun 11 Feb 2018
Frankston VIC	Sun 11 Feb 2018
Sorrento VIC	Mon 12 Feb 2018
Queenscliff VIC	Mon 12 Feb 2018
Torquay VIC	Mon 12 Feb 2018
Geelong VIC	Mon 12 Feb 2018
Werribee VIC	Tue 13 Feb 2018
Ballarat VIC	Tue 13 Feb 2018
Ararat VIC	Tue 13 Feb 2018
Bendigo VIC	Wed 14 Feb 2018
Shepparton VIC	Wed 14 Feb 2018
Wangaratta VIC	Wed 14 Feb 2018
Wodonga VIC	Thu 15 Feb 2018
Yarrawonga VIC	Thu 15 Feb 2018
Echuca VIC	Thu 15 Feb 2018
Murrabit VIC	Fri 16 Feb 2018
Kerang VIC	Fri 16 Feb 2018
Swan Hill VIC	Fri 16 Feb 2018
Nyah VIC	Sat 17 Feb 2018
Robinvale VIC	Sat 17 Feb 2018
Mildura VIC	Sat 17 Feb 2018
Renmark Paringa SA	Sun 18 Feb 2018
Angaston SA	Sun 18 Feb 2018
Glenelg SA	Sun 18 Feb 2018
Adelaide SA	Sun 18 Feb 2018
Coffin Bay SA	Mon 19 Feb 2018
Port Lincoln SA	Mon 19 Feb 2018
Penneshaw SA	Tue 20 Feb 2018
Kingscote SA	Tue 20 Feb 2018
Aldinga SA	Wed 21 Feb 2018
Hahndorf SA	Wed 21 Feb 2018
Lobethal SA	Wed 21 Feb 2018
Stirling SA	Wed 21 Feb 2018
Albany WA	Thu 22 Feb 2018
Denmark WA	Thu 22 Feb 2018
Manjimup WA	Thu 22 Feb 2018
Bridgetown WA	Fri 23 Feb 2018
Bunbury WA	Fri 23 Feb 2018
Rockingham WA	Fri 23 Feb 2018
Fremantle WA	Sat 24 Feb 2018
South Perth WA	Sat 24 Feb 2018
Burswood Park WA	Sat 24 Feb 2018
Perth WA	Sat 24 Feb 2018

Kings Park WA	Sun 25 Feb 2018
WA Athletics Stadium WA	Sun 25 Feb 2018
City Beach WA	Sun 25 Feb 2018
Scarborough WA	Sun 25 Feb 2018
Hillarys WA	Sun 25 Feb 2018
Quinns Rocks WA	Mon 26 Feb 2018
Wanneroo WA	Mon 26 Feb 2018
Guildford WA	Mon 26 Feb 2018
Karratha WA	Tue 27 Feb 2018
Alice Springs NT	Thu 01 Mar 2018
Litchfield NT	Thu 01 Mar 2018
Palmerston NT	Fri 02 Mar 2018
Darwin NT	Fri 02 Mar 2018
Horn Island QLD	Sat 03 Mar 2018
Thursday Island QLD	Sat 03 Mar 2018
Bamaga QLD	Sun 04 Mar 2018
Seisia QLD	Sun 04 Mar 2018
Cooktown QLD	Mon 05 Mar 2018
Cloncurry QLD	Tue 06 Mar 2018
Mount Isa QLD	Tue 06 Mar 2018
Birdsville QLD	Wed 07 Mar 2018
Roma QLD	Wed 07 Mar 2018
Mitchell QLD	Thu 08 Mar 2018
Morven QLD	Thu 08 Mar 2018
Charleville QLD	Thu 08 Mar 2018
Augathella QLD	Fri 09 Mar 2018
Blackall QLD	Fri 09 Mar 2018
Barcaldine QLD	Sat 10 Mar 2018
Longreach QLD	Sat 10 Mar 2018
Winton QLD	Sun 11 Mar 2018
Hughenden QLD	Sun 11 Mar 2018
Pentland QLD	Mon 12 Mar 2018
Charters Towers QLD	Mon 12 Mar 2018
Atherton QLD	Wed 14 Mar 2018
Mareeba QLD	Wed 14 Mar 2018
Cairns QLD	Fri 16 Mar 2018
Innisfail QLD	Sat 17 Mar 2018
Mission Beach QLD	Sat 17 Mar 2018
Tully QLD	Sat 17 Mar 2018
Cardwell QLD	Sun 18 Mar 2018
Ingham QLD	Sun 18 Mar 2018

Townsville QLD	Sun 18 Mar 2018
Townsville QLD	Mon 19 Mar 2018
Ayr QLD	Mon 19 Mar 2018
Bowen QLD	Mon 19 Mar 2018
Airlie Beach QLD	Mon 19 Mar 2018
Mackay QLD	Tue 20 Mar 2018
Nebo QLD	Wed 21 Mar 2018
Coppabella QLD	Wed 21 Mar 2018
Moranbah QLD	Wed 21 Mar 2018
Clermont QLD	Wed 21 Mar 2018
Capella QLD	Thu 22 Mar 2018
Emerald QLD	Thu 22 Mar 2018
Blackwater QLD	Fri 23 Mar 2018
Rockhampton QLD	Fri 23 Mar 2018
Gladstone QLD	Sat 24 Mar 2018
Agnes Water QLD	Sat 24 Mar 2018
Bundaberg QLD	Sat 24 Mar 2018
Hervey Bay QLD	Sun 25 Mar 2018
Maryborough QLD	Sun 25 Mar 2018
Gympie QLD	Mon 26 Mar 2018
Noosa QLD	Mon 26 Mar 2018
Caloundra QLD	Tue 27 Mar 2018
Kingaroy QLD	Tue 27 Mar 2018
Dalby QLD	Wed 28 Mar 2018
Oakey QLD	Wed 28 Mar 2018
Toowoomba QLD	Wed 28 Mar 2018
Warwick QLD	Thu 29 Mar 2018
Gatton QLD	Thu 29 Mar 2018
Ipswich QLD	Thu 29 Mar 2018
Redcliffe QLD	Fri 30 Mar 2018
Brisbane QLD	Fri 30 Mar 2018
Cleveland QLD	Sat 31 Mar 2018
Brisbane QLD	Sat 31 Mar 2018
Daisy Hill QLD	Sun 01 Apr 2018
Beenleigh QLD	Sun 01 Apr 2018
Beenleigh QLD	Sun 01 Apr 2018
Gold Coast QLD	Sun 01 Apr 2018
Gold Coast QLD	Tue 03 Apr 2018
Surfers Paradise QLD	Wed 04 Apr 2018