



# CGA Newsletter

May 2017 V2

## 2017 CGA KEY DATES

Timeframe & Deadlines	Functional Area	Activity	CGA Action Required	New /updated
<b>Tue to Fri 4-Apr to 2-Jun</b>	Press Operations	Press Organisations Accreditation Expression of Interest process		
<b>Mon to Fri 17-Apr to 5-May</b>	Accommodation	Accommodation Contact Centre opens exclusive request period for Extra Team Officials	✓	◆
<b>Apr/May</b>	Accreditation	Distribution of Accreditation Guide / Manual		
<b>Apr/May</b>	Accommodation	CGA Booking Terms must be signed and returned within 30 days of receipt together with 10% deposit	✓	
<b>Mon 1-May</b>	Ticketing	1st Invoice for 50% of initial ticket allocation to be paid in full	✓	
<b>Tue 2-May</b>	CGA Relations and Operations	Team Size Calculator v2 distributed to CGAs		
<b>Tue to Fri 4-May to 4-Nov</b>	Rate Card	Rate Card Catalogue goes live - Normal Order Period	✓	◆
<b>Sat to Wed 6-May to 31-May</b>	Accommodation	Accommodation Contact Centre will review all requests for Extra Team Officials and issue Booking Terms.		◆
<b>Wed 8 May</b>	GC2018 Chefs de Mission Seminar	CGF calls for delegates names attending the Chefs Seminar	✓	◆
<b>Thu 1 Jun</b>	GC2018 Chefs de Mission Seminar	Registration Portal Opens for Delegates to Register	✓	◆
<b>Fri 2-Jun</b>	CGA Relations and Operations	CGAs submit Team Size Calculator v2 to Gold Coast 2018	✓	
<b>Mon 5-Jun</b>	Logistics	Distribution of Freight Guide		
<b>Mon to Fri 5-Jun to 28-Jul</b>	Press Operations	Press Organisations accreditation approval process		
<b>Fri 30-Jun</b>	CGA Relations and Operations	Chefs de Mission Manual v2 to be distributed		
<b>Jul</b>	CGA Relations and Operations	Deadline to register CGA Delegates & Guests for the Chefs de Mission Seminar	✓	
<b>Jul to 30-Aug</b>	Medical	Chief Medical Officer or lead medical representative: Nominate a Chief Medical Officer (CMO) or lead medical representative for your CGA. This information should be provided, in writing, by the CGA Chef de Mission to CGAmedical@goldoc.com.	✓	◆
<b>Mon to Fri 3-Jul to 8-Sep</b>	Ticketing	Phase 2 CGA ticket requests – CGAs are given the opportunity to request further tickets, and request refund up to 25% of the phase one ticket allocation via the online Client Ticket Portal (CTP).	✓	
<b>Wed to Sun 19-Jul to 23-Jul</b>	CGF	Commonwealth Youth Games, Bahamas		
<b>Tue 1 Aug</b>	GC2018 Chefs de Mission Seminar	Deadline for all Delegate Registrations and Hotel Bookings	✓	◆
<b>Tue 1 Aug</b>	GC2018 Chefs de Mission Seminar	Australian visa application process commences	✓	◆

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<b>Tue 1-Aug</b>	Accreditation	CGA Accreditation Applications live	✓	
<b>Sun to Thu 19-Aug to 31-Aug</b>	Event	Southeast Asian Games, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia		
<b>Mon 21-Aug</b>	CGA Relations and Operations	Team Size Calculator v3 distributed to CGAs		
<b>Thu 31 Aug</b>	GC2018 Chefs de Mission Seminar	Deadline for Arrivals and Departure details to be submitted for the Chefs de Mission Seminar	✓	◆
<b>Thu 31 Aug</b>	GC2018 Chefs de Mission Seminar	Australian Visa Application process deadline for Chefs de Mission Seminar	✓	◆
<b>Sep to Oct</b>	CGA Relations and Operations	CGA Visit Block Out Period		
<b>Sep - 30-Nov</b>	Medical	Notification of medical team members: Provide a list of all practising CGA healthcare professionals accompanying the CGA team at GC2018 to CGAmedical@goldoc.com.	✓	◆
<b>Sep - 30-Nov</b>	Medical	Doctor registration: For each practising CGA team doctor, complete and return an intention to practise notice to CGAmedical@goldoc.com.	✓	◆
<b>Fri to Sun 15-Sep to 24-Sep</b>	Event	5th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan		
<b>Wed 20-Sep</b>	Accommodation	60% of total payment DUE. The Accommodation Contact Centre issue invoice 30 days prior to this date	✓	
<b>Fri 22-Sep</b>	CGA Relations and Operations	CGAs submit Team Size Calculator v3 to Gold Coast 2018	✓	
<b>Fri 22-Sep</b>	CGA Relations and Operations	1 <sup>st</sup> instalment of Travel Grant payment of 20% (on receipt of Team Size Calculator v3)		
<b>Fri 22-Sep</b>	Sport	Entry by number deadline	✓	
<b>Sun 30-Sep</b>	Ticketing	Confirmation of phase 2 tickets provided to CGAs via email. Invoice distributed for the outstanding balance from phase 1 and total amount from phase 2, less any approved returns. Payment due in October 2017.		
<b>Oct</b>	Sport	Sport Handbook (version 2) distributed - includes sport fact sheets and guides to sport entries and para-sport		
<b>October - 1-Jan 2018</b>	Medical	Medications and medical devices: Provide a full list of all medications and medical devices the CGA team is bringing to Australia to CGAmedical@goldoc.com.	✓	◆
<b>Sun to Thu 8-Oct to 12-Oct</b>	CGA Relations and Operations	Chefs de Mission Seminar, Gold Coast, Australia	✓	
<b>Sun 8 Oct</b>	GC2018 Chefs de Mission Seminar	CGA arrives to the Gold Coast PM – CdM Welcome & Kick Off session	✓	◆
<b>Mon 9 Oct</b>	GC2018 Chefs de Mission Seminar	All day – CdM Seminar	✓	◆

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<b>Tue 10 Oct</b>	GC2018 Chefs de Mission Seminar	All day – CdM Seminar	✓	◆
<b>Wed 11 Oct</b>	GC2018 Chefs de Mission Seminar	All day – CdM Seminar	✓	◆
<b>Thu 12 Oct</b>	GC2018 Chefs de Mission Seminar	Optional Venue Tours AM – Option #1 Brisbane Venue Tours (Track Cycling & Shooting competition venues)  All day – Option #2 Cairns & Townsville Venue Tours* (Basketball competition venues and regional village locations)  CGA Departures	✓	◆
<b>Sat 14-Oct</b>	Medical	Distribution of V2 Medical Handbook and Pharmacy Guide and V1 Anti-Doping Standards	✓	◆
<b>Mon 30-Oct</b>	Ticketing	Final Payment for all Tickets to be received by Gold Coast 2018	✓	
<b>Wed to Wed 1-Nov to 29-Nov</b>	Accommodation	Up until 29 Nov 2017, CGAs can cancel (release) up to 100% of rooms (10% cancellation fee applies)		
<b>Sun to Mon 5-Nov to 4-Dec</b>	Rate Card	Late Order Period	✓	
<b>Mon 6-Nov to Games Time</b>	Ticketing	Phase 3 ticket requests – CGAs can contact the GOLDOC Ticketing team for any further requests. These tickets will come from available inventory and must be paid for immediately at time of confirmation.	✓	
<b>Fri 24-Nov</b>	Accreditation	Accreditation deadline for CGAs (Ac, Ac**,Aa, Ab, Ao, Am and P)	✓	
<b>Fri 24-Nov</b>	CGA Relations and Operations	2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of Travel Grant payment of 50% (on receipt of accreditation information)		
<b>Wed 29-Nov</b>	Accommodation	100% final payment DUE. The Accommodation Contact Centre issue invoice 30 days prior to this date	✓	
<b>Thu 30-Nov</b>	Accommodation	On or after 30 Nov 2017, CGAs can cancel (release) up to 100% of rooms (100% cancellation fee applies)		
<b>Nov</b>	Ticketing	GOLDOC to process seat allocation for all CGA tickets		
<b>Nov</b>	Medical	Distribution of V2 Medical Handbook and Pharmacy Guide and V1 Anti-Doping Standards		
<b>Nov</b>	Arrivals and Departures	Distribution of Arrival and Departure Guide / Forms		
<b>Dec to Games Time</b>	CGA Relations and Operations	CGA Visit Block Out Period		
<b>Sat to Sat 2-Dec to 16-Dec</b>	Event	Mini Pacific Games, Port Vila, Vanuatu		
<b>Mon to Fri 4-Dec to 15-Dec</b>	CGA Relations and Operations	Pre-Delegation Registration Meetings (Pre-DRMs)	✓	
<b>Fri 22-Dec</b>	Accreditation	Accreditation deadline for submission of Dignitaries and CGA Guests (CGA, CGA**, G, G**,Gi, Gi** and Gt)	✓	

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<b>Mon 25-Dec</b>	Gold Coast 2018	100 days to go until GC2018		
<b>Mon 25-Dec</b>	QBR	Queen's Baton arrives in Australia		

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<b>Early 2018</b>	Medical	Therapeutic Use Exemptions: Apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) or mutual recognition of an existing TUE, through the Commonwealth Games Federation TUE Committee.	✓	◆
<b>Thu 4-Jan</b>	Sport	Sport Entries System goes live (CGAs to enter athletes by name in to Sports Entries System)	✓	
<b>Mon 8-Jan</b>	Ticketing	CGAs can schedule appointments to collect tickets from GOLDOC Headquarters either personally or via a courier service	✓	
<b>Fri 19-Jan</b>	CGA Relations and Operations	Chefs de Mission Manual v3 to be distributed		
<b>Fri 2-Feb</b>	Accreditation	Non Valid Pass (NVP) mail-out complete		
<b>Fri to Sun 9-Feb to 25-Feb</b>	Event	2018 Pyeongchang Winter Olympics		
<b>Mar</b>	Medical	Distribution of Final Medical Handbook and Pharmacy Guide and Anti-Doping Standards		
<b>Mar</b>	Sport	Hard copies of Sport Guides for Team Leaders and Technical Officials' Manuals (per sport) are available		
<b>Wed 7-Mar</b>	CGA Relations and Operations	CGAs submit Team Size Calculator v4 (Entries by Name) to Gold Coast 2018	✓	
<b>Wed 7-Mar</b>	Sport	Individual Sport Entries deadline (by Name)	✓	
<b>Wed 7-Mar</b>	Sport	Team Sport Preliminary Squad Submission deadline (by Name)	✓	
<b>Wed 7-Mar</b>	Arrivals and Departures	Submission of Arrivals and Departures information	✓	
<b>Mon 12-Mar</b>	Event	Commonwealth Day		
<b>Mon 19-Mar</b>	Sport	Team Sport Final Squad Submission deadline (by name)	✓	
<b>Tue 20-Mar</b>	Village Operations	Soft Opening of Commonwealth Games Village		
<b>Sun 25-Mar</b>	Village Operations	Official Opening of Commonwealth Games Village		

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<b>Mon to Tue 26-Mar to 3-Apr</b>	Village Operations	Team Welcome Ceremonies		
<b>Fri to Mon 30-Mar to 2-Apr</b>	Public Holiday	Easter		
<b>Sat 31-Mar</b>	Sport	Regional training venues open (Cairns and Townsville)		
<b>Sat to Wed 31-Mar to 11-Apr</b>	Village Operations	Regional Villages Open (Cairns and Townsville)		
<b>Tues 3-Apr</b>	Gold Coast 2018	Commonwealth Sport Ministers Conference		
<b>Apr</b>	CGF	CGF General Assembly, Gold Coast		
<b>Mon to Sun 3-Apr to 15-Apr 2018</b>	Technology	Deadline for CGAs to submit Spectrum requests for radios and Wi-Fi (TBC)	✓	
<b>Wed 4-Apr</b>	Ceremonies	GC2018 Opening Ceremony		
<b>Wed to Sun 4-Apr to 15-Apr</b>	Gold Coast 2018	Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games		
<b>Sun 15-Apr</b>	Ceremonies	GC2018 Closing Ceremony		
<b>Wed 18-Apr</b>	Village Operations	Closing of Commonwealth Games Village		

## Social Media – Follow Us, Like Us, Join Us

Is your CGA on social media? Please engage with our official GC2018 channels as listed below. GOLDOC encourages you to actively use social media to engage and inform your community of your participation in the Games. Proudly use the #GC2018 in your positive GC2018 stories!



Use the official  
**#GC2018**

Channel	GC2018 Account
Website	gc2018.com
Facebook	facebook.com/gc2018
Twitter	twitter.com/gc2018
Instagram	instagram.com/gc2018
Youtube	youtube.com/gc2018
Hashtags	#GC2018 #SHARETHEDREAM #QBR2018



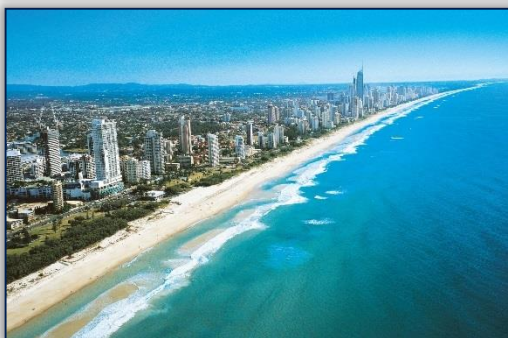
## CGA Relations & Operations FA Update

### GC2018 Chefs de Mission Seminar Update

The Chefs de Mission (CdM) seminar will be held from 08 -12 October 2017 at the Mantra on the View, Gold Coast.

An email was distributed to all CGAs in the first week of May, requesting the name of your appointed Chef de Mission. Please advise your CGA Relations Manager of your Chef de Mission. For any queries regarding the Chefs de Mission Seminar program or other Gold Coast information, please contact Michelle Cowley([michelle.cowley@goldoc.com](mailto:michelle.cowley@goldoc.com)).

A more detailed program for the Chefs de Mission Seminar will be shared with CGAs shortly.



#### Chefs de Mission Seminar Timeline

Wed 8 May	CGF calls for delegates names attending the Chefs Seminar
Thu 1 Jun	Registration Portal Opens for Delegates to Register
Tue 1 Aug	Deadline for all Delegate Registrations and Hotel Bookings
	Australian visa application process commences
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**\* CGAs with Basketball teams only.**

**All costs associated with Cairns & Townsville tours (including flights, accommodation, meals) is at CGAs expense.**

**CGA Relations staff will travel with CGAs to Optional Venue Tours.**

## Commonwealth Games Scotland visits the Gold Coast

With just 325 days until Games time, Team Scotland travelled to the Gold Coast to receive an update on GOLDOC planning from numerous functional areas, view the progress of the competition venues, meet with their respective GOLDOC Sport Competition Manager and view their sports' training facilities.

For some of the travellers, this was their first time to Australia and the Gold Coast.

During their time on the Gold Coast, some of the team also travelled up to Cairns and Townsville to view the regional city venues for preliminary rounds of Basketball.



## Team Size Calculator (TSC) v2

TSC v2 was distributed to CGAs on Friday 5 May 2017. Each CGA also received a copy of their Sport Qualification Tracking document. Please reference the Sport Qualification Tracking document when completing TSC v2 and include the most accurate information possible.

As mentioned in the April newsletter, the accuracy of these numbers in the TSC is critical as this helps inform many GOLDOC planning areas such as Villages, Transport, Sport and Catering.

TSC v2 is due back to your CGA Relations Manager by **2 June 2017**.



## GFS10 (Identification on Personal, Competition Clothing and Personal Equipment)

As per the communication from the CGF on 2 May 2017, the CGF Sports Committee will shortly undertake a review of GFS10 rule with the respective Technical Delegates of International Federations and in conjunction with GOLDOC and interested CGAs

This exercise will focus specifically within the remit of competition kit, sport equipment and auxiliary field of play (FOP) apparel only. Please send any queries regarding GFS10 to the Andrew Hibbert, CGF Head of CGA Relations ([a.hibbert@thecgf.com](mailto:a.hibbert@thecgf.com)).

## Team Kit – leisure wear, casual team kit

If CGAs are wishing to include the GC2018 emblem on any item of CGAs clothing, this requires approval from GOLDOC. Please send concepts drawings through to your CGA Relations Manager for approval **prior to** production.



**NOTE: CGAs are reminded that Olympic rings must not appear on any items of clothing at a Commonwealth Games.**



## CGA visits to the Gold Coast

Is your CGA considering visiting the Gold Coast to view competition venues, training venues and the Commonwealth Games Village this year?

If so, please reach out to your CGA Relations Manager to book in your visit a minimum of 8 weeks in advance.

**Please note** that GOLDOC will not be able to facilitate CGA visits during September and October 2017. CGA visits will also be blocked out from December 4 to Games Time.



## Sport FA Update

### CGF Sport Updates

The CGF recently communicated several sport updates relating to GC2018. In particular:

#### Change of Women's Boxing Category – Welterweight (69kg)

As announced, the CGF has approved the replacement of the Women's +75kg weight category with the Women's 69kg Welterweight (64 – 69kg) weight category. Please click [here](#) for the updated Medal Event Program. (Note: this link expires in 30 days).

#### Additional Women's Medal Events

The CGF and GOLDOC confirmed the addition of 3 Women's Boxing events, a Women's Weightlifting event and the 3 Women's Track Cycling events in 2018. This is an exciting step forward in ensuring GC2018 is the first multi-sport games to achieve gender parity of medal events.

The CGF also agreed to assign a designated pool of CGA Primary Allocations to ensure depth of competition in the Women's Boxing and Women's Team Pursuit events, recognising the existing open-allocation caps.



## Women's Boxing



The CGF have confirmed that where a CGA elects to enter more than three (3) athletes in Women's Boxing medal events (max 1 per event), they would be eligible to receive additional CGA Primary Allocations. CGAs must not exceed 13 athletes across all 16 Boxing events. This does not change. However, the additional CGA Primary Allocations mean that a CGA would be eligible to enter more athletes in any open-allocation discipline.

For example:

- CGA has 20 Primary Allocations.
  - CGA enters five (5) athletes in Women's boxing events.
  - CGA *may* earn two additional Primary Allocations.
  - Therefore, CGA would be eligible to enter 22 athletes across open-allocation sports.
- CGA must not enter more than 13 athletes in Boxing.

The timeline and acceptance process for confirming these allocations is being discussed with the CGF, and will be communicated with CGAs as soon as finalised.

## Women's Track Cycling



Where a CGA enters the Women's Team Pursuit, they will be eligible to enter thirty-four (34) athletes across Cycling disciplines. This is an increase of one (1) to the existing CGA maximum of thirty-three (33) across Cycling.

If a CGA is ranked in the top six (6) on the UCI Ranking Database for Women's Team Pursuit at 22 September 2017, they will also earn one (1) additional CGA Primary Allocation. As with the Boxing example, this is an increase to the CGA's Primary Allocation and the CGA is able to use this allocation in any open-allocation sport.



## GC2018 Sport Handbook v1

The GC2018 Sport Handbook v1 was distributed to all CGAs mid-April. Please click [here](#) to download and save a copy of the GC2018 Sport Handbook v1 (Note: this link expires in 30 days). The next version of the handbook will be distributed in October.



## Operational Trial



### ITU World Triathlon Series

On Saturday 8 April, Mitchell Park as part of Southport Broadwater Parklands on the Gold Coast hosted Race Two of the ITU World Triathlon Series. This race served as both a qualifying race for some Commonwealth Countries and the official Operational Trial for Triathlon as part of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

The ITU, City of Gold Coast and GOLDOC were pleased to report a successful event, delivering great feedback from key stakeholders and key learnings to further improve delivery of Triathlon in under one years' time. All parties look forward to announcing the official GC2018 Triathlon courses in the coming months. The event saw podium performances by both Commonwealth athletes Andrea Hewitt (NZL) and Richard Murray (RSA).

Race highlights can be found on the ITU official website <http://goldcoast.com.au/itu>



## Pre-Games Training Opportunities

### Office of the Commonwealth Games

Sporting venues across the state are excited about welcoming your team to Queensland in the lead up to the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Queensland, accessible by four international airports, is Australia's premier holiday and lifestyle destination. As well as many excellent sporting facilities, Queensland offers a variety of relaxing, fun and adventurous activities for team building opportunities or pure relaxation after a tough training session.

While you're visiting us you can:

- unwind on a beach in a tropical paradise
- go under the sea on the magnificent Great Barrier Reef
- lose yourself in the starry skies of the outback
- explore lush rainforests
- sail the breeze on a yacht in the Whitsundays
- soak up the sun while you surf a legendary break on the Gold Coast. With an enviable climate and world-class training facilities, there is no better place to train, play and stay than Queensland, Australia.

## Embracing 2018

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To find out more about Queensland's pre-events training facilities and for assistance in matching locations and facilities to your sports requirements, please contact:

### Reg Roberts

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[http://www.embracing2018.com/page/Pre-event\\_Training/](http://www.embracing2018.com/page/Pre-event_Training/)

## City of Gold Coast

The City of Gold Coast would like to officially invite Commonwealth Nations and Territories to utilise the city as a training base in the lead-up to GC2018.

The link below provides an overview of the Gold Coast's sporting capabilities and a message from the Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate, inviting you to the city. Click [here](#) to view the footage.

The City of Gold Coast has provided a proposal that provides an overview of the Gold Coast's high performance sport facilities and services available for elite athletes.

Click [here](#) to read the proposal.

## AUSTRALIA'S GOLD COAST™

To support this invitation, dedicated representatives on the Gold Coast are available to provide ongoing advice and assistance. Please feel free to directly contact:

Craig Rowsell  
Council of the City of Gold Coast  
T: +61 7 5581 7269  
E: [crowsell@goldcoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:crowsell@goldcoast.qld.gov.au)  
Further information can be found at –  
<http://sport.moregoldcoast.com.au/>

## Village FA Update



'CGV Commercial Centre'





## Accommodation FA Update

### Extra Team Officials

The exclusive request period for Extra Team Officials officially closed on 5 May 2017 and all requests submitted in this window and are in final stages of contracting. The Accommodation team will reach out to those CGAs that requested ETO accommodation shortly with more information.

### Accommodation portal - REOPENED

GOLDOC has re-opened the GC2018 Accommodation Portal to all GC2018 clients. The portal can be accessed by visiting: <https://events.gc2018.com/accommodation/constituent>. Please use your existing CGA login details to access the portal. The **GC2018 Accommodation Guide** has been provided to assist with your accommodation planning. (Note: this link expires in 30 days).

Please include as much detail and information as possible when submitting your accommodation requests so that this can be taken into consideration during the allocation process.

If you are unable to access the GC2018 Accommodation Reservation Constituent Portal, or have any further questions specifically related to accommodation, please feel free to contact the Accommodation Contact Centre directly on 1300 641 875 (within Australia) or +617 5618 2269 if calling from overseas. Alternatively, please email your enquiry to [accommodation@goldoc.com](mailto:accommodation@goldoc.com)

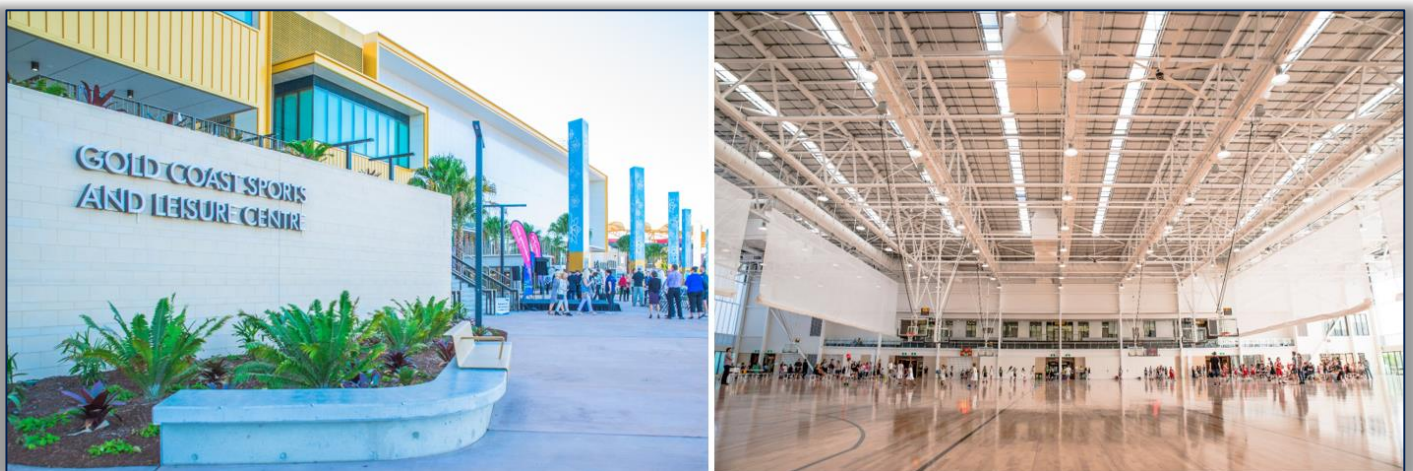
## Venue Development FA Update

### Carrara Sports and Leisure Centre

On Monday 29 April, the new Carrara Sports and Leisure Centre was officially opened. The 16,500m<sup>2</sup> multipurpose centre features two mixed-use indoor sporting halls and will host Weightlifting, Powerlifting, Wrestling and Badminton during the games.

Please [click here](#) to view the opening of the facility.

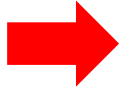
The 2017 Sudirman Cup (Badminton) will be held at the venue on 21 - 28 May 2017.



## Rate Card FA Update

The Rate Card Portal is now live for the normal order period for CGAs. The CGA Rate Card Catalogue can be downloaded by clicking [here](#) (Note: This link will expire in 30 days). Please save this document in your office as this link expires in 30 days. The normal order period closes on **4 November 2017**.

### CGA CALL TO ACTION: Primary Contact Form for Rate Card Portal



Please click [here](#) to download and return a copy of the form to your CGA Relations Manager **ASAP**. (Note: This link will expire in 30 days).

## Merchandise FA Update

### International Shipping

Don't want to wait Games time to get your very own Borobi! The GC2018 Online Store is now live for International Shipping.

Full catalogue of products can be viewed online now!

<https://shop.gc2018.com/>



## Accreditation FA Update

### Australian Visa Update

The Visa Application Overview has been made available to CGAs, to assist CGAs in preparing members of their delegation to apply for a Games Time Visa for their participation in the Games. We recommend that you review the Visa Application Overview as soon as possible. Click [here](#) to review the Visa Application Overview. (Note: This link will expire in 30 days).

### Games Time Visa Hub

GOLDOC is providing an in-house Games Time Visa Hub to support all Games Family participants to obtain the appropriate visa for travel to Australia for their participation in the Games.

The Games Time Visa Hub will:

- Operate under the supervision of Registered Migration Agents within the GOLDOC Accreditation Team
- Initiate the visa application after the Application for Accreditation has been made by the CGA directly with the participant
- Use software to support individual applicant engagement and track progress and outstanding actions
- Provide the best level of support possible to guide participants through the process
- GOLDOC will be able to advise CGAs of progress with visa applications for their delegation.

Further detailed information on the Games Time Visa Hub will be provided in the Games Time visa update in August 2017.



## Sponsorship FA Update

### Technogym Announcement

Technogym, internationally recognised for setting the standard in athletic training, rehabilitation and wellness, has joined the GC2018 Sponsor Family as the Official Fitness Equipment Supplier.

The global leader in fitness, wellness and sport training will equip GC2018 training facilities across Queensland for all athletes. With a resume that includes equipment supply and sponsorship of the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games and numerous Olympic Games including Rio 2016, Technogym are a great addition to the ever expanding GC2018 Sponsor Family.



## Transport FA Update

### GC2018 Fleet Service Overview

The Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation (GOLDOC) with the support of the CGF has introduced changes to the delivery of fleet services for Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018). The changes will provide a more efficient, cost effective, innovative and sustainable fleet service that will set a new benchmark for the Commonwealth Games. Changes include new naming conventions for the fleet services, as well as upgrades to the CGA fleet operations. Click [here](#) to read more.

## Workforce FA Update

### Volunteer Selection Centre

The Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games' (GC2018) first operational venue opened in Burleigh on 3 May. The Volunteer Selection Centre (VSC) will host the interviews of up to 25,000 volunteer applicants over the next four months. The opening of the VSC was another milestone on the road to GC2018. Receiving 47,000 volunteer applications was a terrific result but now the hard part of actually selecting our great team begins.

Inside, the VSC applicants will move through an 'excite and educate' zone which features an overview of GC2018 Vision, Sports and Venues, the Gold Coast, the GCC2018 Ambassadors and Local Indigenous Culture.

For all applicants, it is important to remember this isn't a first come, first served process. This is based on merit with all applicants to undertake a range of scenario questioning and one on one interviews.



## Queen's Baton Relay FA Update

### QBR finishes its African adventure

The Queen's Baton Relay (QBR) has reached the end of the African region, sharing the Queen's message of hope and peace across the continent. We saw a vibrant and inclusive start to the Relay, giving thousands of people the opportunity to be part of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018). Currently the QBR is in South Africa from 15 – 20 May, its final stop in Africa before making its way to the tropical island nations of the Caribbean.

For highlights of the Baton's colourful journey through Africa, including photos, video recaps and articles, go to [gc2018.com/qbr](http://gc2018.com/qbr). The GC2018 QBR has been on the road now for 64 days, visiting 18 Commonwealth nations since it was launched by Her Majesty from Buckingham Palace on Commonwealth day in March. The longest Relay in history, the Queen's Baton will travel for 288-days across the Commonwealth, covering a staggering distance of 230,000 kilometres.

We look forward to continuing to receive CGA event plans and funding applications, which are required 60-days prior to the arrival of the Queen's Baton in your nation or territory.



### CGA CALL TO ACTION: QBR Event plan required



Please forward your event plans at your earliest convenience, to allow us time to provide relevant feedback and enable us to process the funding grant of AUD \$5,000.

A reminder that any use of the Queen's Baton Relay emblem, wordmark or graphic, must be approved prior to use.

Please [click here](#) to download and review a copy of the QBR Brand Guidelines.

Please email your request with attached creative to [qbrapprovals@goldoc.com](mailto:qbrapprovals@goldoc.com).

Follow the Queen's Baton Relay on its journey. Please direct your communities and stakeholders to follow the Baton at [www.gc2018.com/qbr](http://www.gc2018.com/qbr) and be sure to interact with us on social media @gc2018 and use the hashtag #qbr2018.





## Gold Coast Schools Connect

With 60 per cent of the Commonwealth's population under 30-years-old, youth engagement sits at the heart of the Commonwealth's sport movement and legacy efforts. The program provides a unique, genuine and lasting connection with students on the other side of the world, underpinning the 'Friendly Games.'

The QBR is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to learn about the Commonwealth and follow the baton's journey as it visits their adopted nation or territory.

A gift banner (see below) from each of the 112 Gold Coast Schools will be taken on the road with the QBR Team and given to the connected school in their adopted nation or territory.

GOLDOC will continue to work closely with CGAs to facilitate connections between the schools to ensure students across the broader Commonwealth are all informed, excited and involved in GC2018.

### CGA CALL TO ACTION: GC2018 Schools connection



If your CGA has not yet provided a school from your nation or territory to connect with a Gold Coast School, please click [here](#) to download the contact form and send it back to your respective CGA Relations Manager.

**It is important for your school(s) to be connected in advance of the Queen's Baton Relay arriving to your nation or territory.**





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