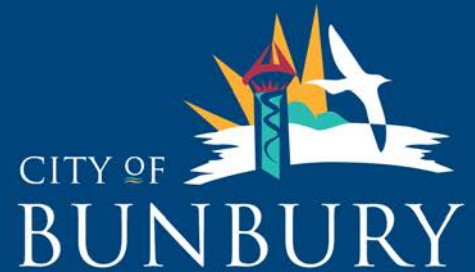


# MEDIA STATEMENT



Tuesday, 7 March 2017

## **Carry the baton to celebrate the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games**

The Queen's Baton Relay is coming to Bunbury and you can be a part of its journey to the start of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Almost 4000 Batonbearers are needed to carry the baton across Australia, with the Bunbury leg occurring on 23 February 2018.

Gold Coast 2018 is calling on people to nominate local legends - everyday Australians who inspire others to be great - in the community to be Batonbearers.

Being a Batonbearer is a unique experience and is also an opportunity to be involved in the largest event to be staged in Australia in a decade.

To nominate a Batonbearer, visit [www.gc2018.com/qbr](http://www.gc2018.com/qbr) and write 100 words about why the person is an inspiration. Nominations must be received by 15 March.

Gold Coast 2018 is looking for people who:

- Have achieved something extraordinary or inspired others to achieve something extraordinary; or
- Have made a significant contribution to either sport, education, the arts, culture, charity or within their community; or
- Have excelled, or aspire to excel athletically or personally; or
- Contribute to a fun, friendly, vibrant and inclusive community;
- Are at least 10 years old as at 25 December 2017; and
- Are an Australian citizen or lawfully entitled to reside in Australia during the Relay period (25 December 2017 – 4 April 2018).

Mayor Gary Brennan said Bunbury's strong sense of community meant there were many people who fitted the criteria of a baton bearer.

"Our community is filled with people who inspire others and the honour of participating in the Queen's Baton Relay would be a fantastic way of recognising their contribution," Mr Brennan said.

"The relay will also be a great opportunity to showcase Bunbury to a worldwide audience."

The Queen's Baton Relay begins in London on 13 March 2017 and arrives in Australia on 25 December 2017. It will travel across the country for 100 days and arriving at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony on 4 April 2018.

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