



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
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Western Australian Olympic Council and Commonwealth Games Australia WA Division

MAY 2017

2017 Commonwealth Youth Games



CONGRATUALTIONS to the following WA athletes and officials selected in the Australian Commonwealth Games Team to compete in 2017 Bahamas Commonwealth Youth Games from 19-23 July.

Melany Smart	Athletics, 3000m
Sean Szalek	Athletics, High Jump
Sophie Robins	Judo, U48kg
Ethan McAleese	Swimming, 200m Individual Medley
Emily Mascaro	Cycling, Time Trial Road Race
Kennedy Cherrington	Women's Rugby 7's
Langley Sesega	Women's Rugby 7's

Official

Amanda Combes Coach, Beach Volleyball

Matt Cowdrey OAM, will lead the Australian Team to the games as Team General Manager and at Thursday's announcement Craig Phillips CGA CEO said, "CGA is pleased to be able you give each of these talented young Australians the opportunity to take this important step along the pathway of their athletic careers." [Read more](#)

ATHLETES AND COMMUNITY

Queen's Baton Relay Launch

QBR Baton Bearer Launch held at City Beach on Sunday 5 March was a great opportunity to get athlete's, past and present, to come together and celebrate the launch of the public nomination program and reveal the participating communities. Approximately 3,800 baton bearers will be selected to carry the Queen's Baton across Australia.

Pictured right - Jamie Harnwell (Football), Natalie Medhurst (Netball), Trent Mitton (Hockey) with special guests including Mr Ron Alexander, Director General DSR and Ms Kerry Shannon, Mayor of the Town of Cambridge.

[Read more](#)



Celebrating One Year to Go – GC2018

Prospective GC2018 athletes gathered at Cottesloe Beach for an article in the West Australian to mark the 1-year-to-go milestone, pictured right.

2017 Pierre de Coubertin Awards

Secondary schools across WA and WAOC and CGAWA member State Sporting Associations have been invited to nominate one recipient from year 10, 11 or 12 for the prestigious Pierre de Coubertin Award (PDC). The awards recognise students who represent their School / State Sporting Association at the highest level both on and off the field, exemplifying the Olympic ideals of Sportsmanship, Teamwork and Fair Play.

The 2017 PDC Olympic Academy will be held on Friday 9 June at the WA Institute of Sport and the top 70 student nominations (as judged by the WAOC) will be invited to attend. **Nominations close 26 May.**

The Academy Day will give students the opportunity to meet with some of their Olympic heroes and hear their unique insight into the Olympic Games with stories about how they got involved in sport and the positive impact this has had on their life. Among the Olympians will be Natalie Burton (Basketball), Stephen Bird (Kayak) and Jesse Phillips (Kayak) and we thank them for their involvement. More information can be found [HERE](#).



Olympic Day Preparations

Olympic Day is held every year on the 23rd June and preparations are well underway in promoting the ideals of Sportsmanship, Teamwork and Fair Play among our WA school students.

- Australia Day Council WA schools program. June is Olympic month with all participating schools focusing on the values of Olympism when awarding school certificates at assemblies etc. [Read more](#)
- The Joint Office has been in partnership with VenuesWest to welcome local primary schools to Olympic Day celebrations at HBF Stadium. Olympians will share their stories and experiences with the students and then participate in activities run by VenuesWest staff.
- Tom Price Senior High School – currently liaising with the Shire of Ashburton and Tom Price SHS to deliver a “Meet a Champ” session and an Olympian public engagement opportunity for the local community.

Calling all budding sports reporters for the Youth Olympic Games

The Australian Olympic Committee is able to nominate one female and one male Australian reporter to the Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC) who will then submit a total of two females and two males from the Oceania region to the IOC for final approval to head to third Summer YOG.

This is a great opportunity for budding media professionals and a proven pathway to success in the industry. 23 individuals that participated in the program at the Singapore 2010, Innsbruck 2012 and Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games were fully accredited as written, photographic or television reporters at Rio 2016.

Nomination close October 2017 – [Read more](#)



UPCOMING GAMES NEWS

PyeongChang 2018, the XXIII Winter Olympic Games

From 9 to 25 February 2018 in PyeongChang, Gangwon Province, the Republic of Korea.



There will be two central venue clusters in PyeongChang: the Gangneung Coastal Cluster (Speed Skating, Figure Skating, Short Track Speed Skating, Ice Hockey & Curling) and the PyeongChang Alpensia Cluster (Alpine Skiing, Cross Country Skiing, Ski Jumping, Biathlon, Bobsleigh, Skeleton & Luge). Some Alpine events will also take place at Jeongseon Jungbong, while Freestyle Skiing and Snowboard will be hosted at Bokwang Phoenix Park.

2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Speedo Partnership

Speedo Australia is proud to announce the sponsorship of the Australian Commonwealth Games Team for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018).

Graham Eyres, Brand Manager – Speedo Pacific said: “We’re thrilled to be extending our relationship with the Team. It’s our mission to inspire all Australians to swim, and grow the sport of swimming, and we believe our Commonwealth team sponsorship will do this. We can’t wait to see what our swimmers and divers deliver on a home soil Commonwealth Games”. The agreement will see Speedo supply training and competition wear to the Australian swimming and diving teams. [Read more](#)



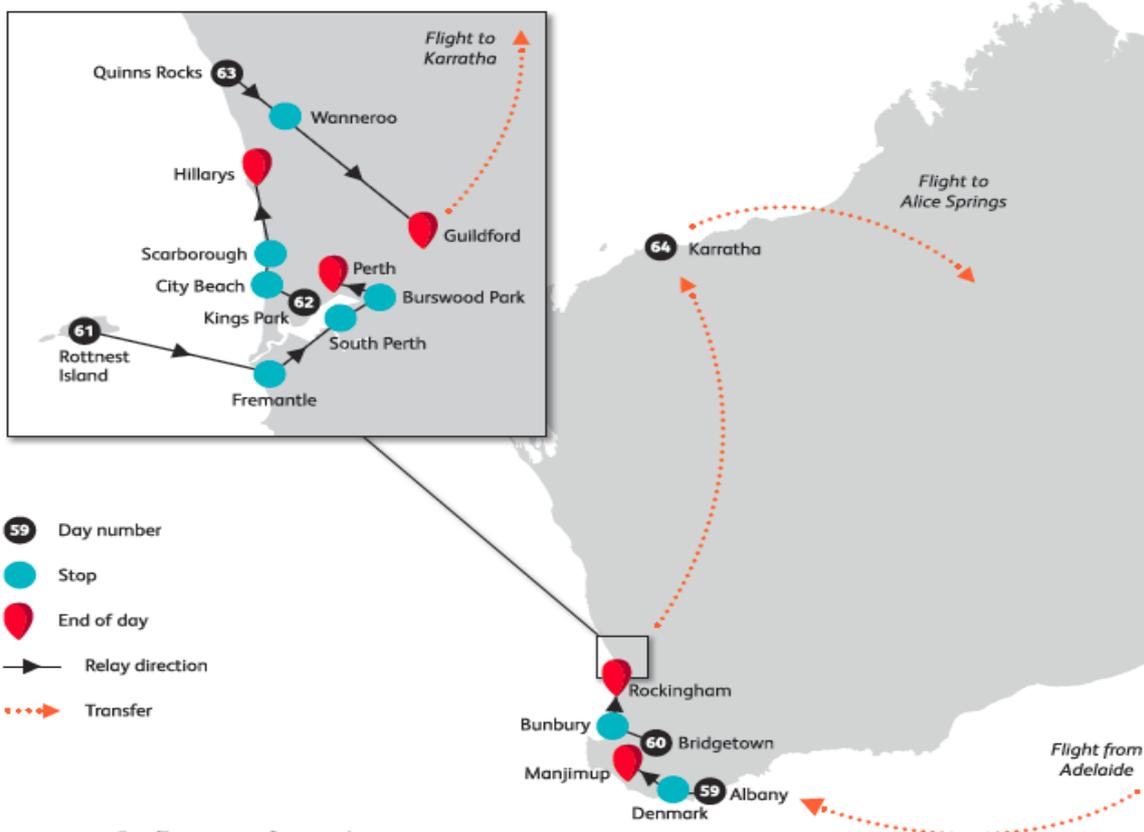
2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Queens Baton Relay

The Baton will arrive in Western Australia on Thursday 22 February 2018 and will spend six days travelling through 19 communities, highlighting the State’s great diversity.

Local legends will carry the Queen’s Baton from Albany, the departure point for WWI soldiers, north through areas including Manjimup, Bridgetown and Bunbury. After spending time in the metro area, showcasing our iconic coastline and meeting the odd quokka, the Baton will head north to Karratha for its last day on Tuesday 27 February 2018. The Queens Baton Relay commenced from Buckingham Palace on Commonwealth Day, 13 March 2017.

- 15 May – Close of baton bearer nomination
- 29 & 30 May - Baton Bearer selection panel meeting

For more information on the story behind the new style Baton and the latest news, [Read more](#)



	Day/Date	Community	Transfer
Day 59	Thursday, 22 February 2018	Albany	
		Denmark	
		Manjimup	
Day 60	Friday, 23 February 2018	Bridgetown	
		Bunbury	
		Rockingham	
Day 61	Saturday, 24 February 2018	Rottne Island	
		Fremantle	
		South Perth	
		Burswood Park	
		Perth	

	Day/Date	Community	Transfer
Day 62	Sunday, 25 February 2018	Kings Park	
		City Beach	
		Scarborough	
Day 63	Monday, 26 February 2018	Hillarys	
		Quinns Rocks	
		Wanneroo	
Day 64	Tuesday, 27 February 2018	Guildford	
		Karratha	Karratha to Alice Springs

STAKEHOLDERS AND SUPPORTERS

GC 2018 Sundowner

CGAWA is proud to host the GC2018 Sundowner on 25 May 2017 at the City of Perth SLSC. The Joint Executive Committee, Team Appeal Committee, State Sporting Associations and Stakeholders have been invited to hear the latest from special guests Steve Moneghetti and Craig Phillips.



CGA visit to WA

CGA CEO Craig Phillips and Chef de Mission Steve Moneghetti AM will be visiting WA at the end of the month in support of Joint Office fundraising towards the Commonwealth Games Team Appeal and participate in discussions with DSR around Joint office funding.

AOC Community and Athlete Focus

At the recent AOC AGM, the President committed funding to the development and implementation of an Athlete Transition Program in close consultation with the AOC Athletes Commission. The program will be delivered through each of the State Olympic Councils. With a renewed community focus, the AOC will also be working with the State Olympic Councils to assist the grass roots development of our future Olympians.

AOC Elections and CEO Appointment

John Coates has been re-elected President of the Australian Olympic Committee following a vote at AOC AGM held on Saturday 6 May and will hold the position until the 2021 AGM. Coates won the vote 58 to Danni Roche's 35.

He will continue his roles with the IOC which include being the Chair of the IOC Coordination Commission for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Ian Chesterman and Helen Brownlee were elected for the two Vice President roles.

Elected members of the AOC Executive Board are:

Matt Allen, Mark Arbib, Craig Carracher, Kitty Chiller, Evelyn Halls, Nicole Livingstone and Michael Murphy.



Matt Carroll AM, has been appointed CEO of the AOC and commenced on Monday 1 May. Matt's appointment was the culmination of a global search and involved 322 potential candidates and from recent correspondence he is keen to engage with all National Sporting Organisations and State Olympic Councils to strengthen all relationships towards Tokyo 2020.

VenuesWest Ambassador Program

VenuesWest are proud supporters of our athletes and as part of this commitment, is offering an opportunity for local athletes to become VenuesWest ambassadors. The successful recipients of the \$5,000 athlete grants will be announced in the coming weeks.

The Joint Office worked with VenuesWest providing feedback on program structure, selection criteria and nominations. The program was promoted throughout our Olympian/ Athlete and State Sporting Association network encouraging athlete nominations.

[Read more](#)

FUNDRAISING

CGA CEO Craig Phillips and GC2018 Australian Team Chef de Mission Steve Moneghetti AM will be visiting WA at the end of the month in support of Joint Office fundraising initiatives.

The Joint Office is fortunate to have an engaged and passionate Team Appeal Committee who give freely of their time towards fundraising for the Commonwealth and Olympic Team Appeals. Without the Team Appeal Committee and their relationships with the WA corporate community, we could not deliver on our fundraising in support of our Western Australian Athletes.

We would also like to acknowledge the support of the Carbine Club in our Fundraising activities with auction proceeds from their upcoming Luncheon being donated to the Commonwealth Games Team Appeal. We also acknowledge the support of Tamsin Cook (Swimming) and Trent Mitton (Hockey) who have agreed to be part of the athlete panel discussion at the Luncheon.

HISTORY AND HERITAGE

The AOC will be implementing a Customer Relationship Management system throughout the State Council Offices to ensure databases and relationships with our stakeholders and supporters can be managed effectively and maintained in a real time perspective. The Joint Office of the WAOC and CGAWA will continue to manage our historical athlete data at a local level and ensure it is updated accordingly with the recent results and achievements of our athletes.

The Joint Office continues to work with the WA Museum and the Perth Stadium Memorabilia Project leaders to secure the inclusion of our Olympic and Commonwealth Games athletes and ensure their achievements are recognised appropriately within the new Stadium opening in 2018 and the new WA Museum opening in 2020.

GOVERNANCE

Annual General Meeting

The WAOC and CGAWA AGM's were held on Monday 3 April with the support of 45 members representing 19 Sports, our Life Members and our Joint Executive.

We are pleased to report the following nominees were elected to the WAOC for a four year term:

Greg Kaeding, President
Allana Slater (Gymnastics 2000, 2004) and Sam Castiglione, Vice Presidents
Danielle Woodhouse OAM (Water Polo 2000), Executive Committee
Mel Tantrum, Executive Committee
Two casual vacancies exist

We are pleased to report the following nominees were elected to the CGAWA for a two year term:

Sam Castiglione (Weightlifting 1978), President
Allana Slater (Gymnastics 1998, 2002), Vice President
Olivia Birkett, Executive Committee
Brendan Kennedy, Executive Committee

Life members and State Sporting Associations gathered to hear the review of 2016 and following official proceeding had the chance to network and share ideas.

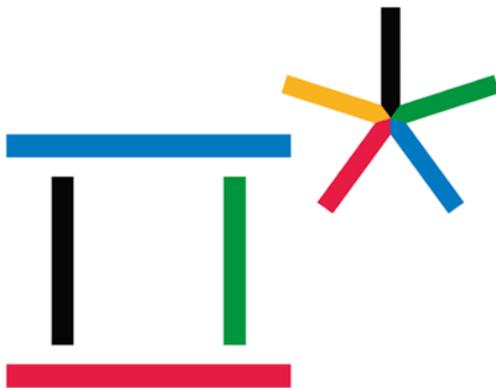


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Funding

The Joint Office is still engaged in discussions with DSR regarding funding of the Joint Office to sustain operations. We look forward to providing clarity on the situation in the near future. Meetings have been scheduled with the Minister and the DSR Executive.



PyeongChang 2018



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