ALICE SPRINGS TO WELCOME QUEEN’S BATON IN LEAD UP TO GOLD COAST 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Local legends are being called on to carry the Queen’s Baton in Alice Springs as it prepares to host the Queen’s Baton Relay.

The eyes of the Commonwealth will be on Alice Springs from 28 February and 1 March 2018 as the Baton journeys towards its final destination, the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018) Opening Ceremony on 4 April 2018.

Across Australia approximately 3,800 batonbearers are needed to share the dream of the ‘friendly Games’ as part of the QBR.

A community nomination program, which opens today, will offer the people of Central Australia with an opportunity to carry the Baton.

Batonbearers are people of all abilities who inspire others to be great. Batonbearers represent their community with pride and showcase to the world beautiful Alice Springs.

Setting off in Australia on 25 December 2017, the Baton will travel for 100 days to connect with as many people as possible in every state and territory.

The Queen’s Baton carries a message from Her Majesty The Queen through the entire Commonwealth. The Games are declared officially open when the message is read aloud.

In just eight days the Baton will start its global journey at Buckingham Palace on Commonwealth Day, Monday 13 March. It will travel through every Commonwealth nation and territory on its way to Australia.

From today until 15 May 2017, anyone can nominate a person who inspires them to be great. Nominations can be made at gc2018.com/qbr.

“We’re delighted to be a part of an event that will take Alice Springs to the world and I encourage you to nominate a local legend you think deserves to be a Batonbearer, whether they’re an aspiring young person or someone who is already accomplished”, Mayor Damien Ryan said.
“The Queen’s Baton Relay is a rare opportunity to shine a light on the people and places that help make our community truly great.

“The Queen’s Baton Relay is not only a symbol of the Commonwealth Games, but an event that will connect Alice Springs with communities across Australia and the entire Commonwealth.

“It’s a tradition that celebrates community pride and that shows us how important a role sport plays to build our great community, which is why we’ve chosen to embrace the Baton’s visit wholeheartedly. And it means Alice Springs will play an important part in the largest multi-sport event to be staged in Australia in a decade”, said Mayor Ryan.

“I for one can’t wait for the start of the QBR on Commonwealth Day, Monday 13 March, and to follow its journey around the world on its way to Alice Springs and the Opening Ceremony of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.”

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