

MEDIA RELEASE

The Queen's Baton Relay Comes to Town

The Queen's Baton Relay (QBR) is coming to town on Monday 19 February 2018.

After travelling an astonishing 288 days throughout the Commonwealth, the Queen's Baton arrived in Brisbane on 24 December 2017. The Baton has been passed between thousands of people across Africa, the Caribbean, the Americas, Europe Asia and Oceania, building excitement for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018). Approximately 3,800 batonbearers will carry it through every state and territory in Australia.

Now it's Eyre Peninsula's turn.

After visiting Coffin Bay in the morning, 14 local heroes will carry the QBR from Jubilee Drive at the Port Lincoln Marina, travelling along South Quay Boulevard, Marina Drive, Ravendale Road, St Andrews Terrace, Le Brun Street, Mortlock Terrace, Park Terrace, Adelaide Place, Liverpool Street, Eyre Street and Tasman Terrace, finishing at the town square at approximately 1:45 pm.

Mayor Bruce Green said "I encourage the community to share in this momentous occasion by cheering on local batonbearers along the Relay route or by joining the festivities on the foreshore lawns". A community celebration will be held at the Port Lincoln foreshore from 11.30am onwards on the day, with the Baton arriving at approximately 1:45pm. Magic 89.9 will be conducting a live broadcast and there will be food stalls and entertainment for the children.

GOLDOC CEO Mark Peters said "We are looking forward to celebrating our inspirational batonbearers, sharing their stories throughout Australia and giving due recognition for some of our hardest working community members".

For more information about the Queen's Baton relay (including the names of all the local batonbearers) visit www.gc2018.com/qbr.

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