



City of **HOBART**

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Nominations sought for Hobart leg of Queen's Baton Relay

The Lord Mayor of Hobart, Alderman Sue Hickey is encouraging City of Hobart community members to consider nominating an “inspiring Hobartian” to carry the Queen’s Baton as Hobart prepares to host a leg of the Queen’s Baton Relay in the lead up to the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

The eyes of the Commonwealth will be on Hobart on Friday 9 February 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.

The community nomination program offers the people of Hobart and the surrounding region with an opportunity to carry the Baton. Batonbearers are people of all abilities who inspire others to be great.

The Baton starts its global journey at Buckingham Palace on Commonwealth Day, Monday 13 March and will travel through every Commonwealth nation and territory on its way to Australia.

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

“The City of Hobart is thrilled to be part of an event that will showcase Hobart to the world and I encourage community members to nominate someone deserving of being a baton bearer – whether they are an aspiring young person or someone who is already accomplished,” said the Lord Mayor.

Games organisers are 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 Australian citizens or lawfully entitled to reside in Australia during the Relay period (25 December 2017 – 4 April 2018).

Nominations can be made at gc2018.com/qbr

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