



## BATONBEARERS PREPARE TO SHARE THE DREAM OF THE GOLD COAST 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

The Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation (GOLDOC) has announced the 18 local batonbearers from Dubbo and Wellington who will carry the Queen's Baton during the 100-day countdown to the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Across the region, hundreds of people will get the opportunity to engage with the Baton as it spends quality time in the region and arrives in Wellington and Dubbo on 30 January, 2018.

"I am immensely proud of our batonbearers and the role they will take when the Queen's Baton comes to our region," Dubbo Regional Council Mayor Ben Shields said.

"Many have dedicated their lives to improving the lives of others, some have accomplished great feats and others are working towards realising their dreams," he said.

"I encourage the community to support these great people and to share a memorable moment with the Queen's Baton as it makes its way through the region."

Collectively across the country, batonbearers will take more than a million steps to bring the Baton to its final destination, the Games' Opening Ceremony on 4 April, 2018.

The uniquely designed Baton starts its Australian journey on 25 December 2017, 100 days before the Opening Ceremony. For one month during the school summer holidays, the Queen's Baton will visit major events, iconic landmarks and children's hospitals.

From Canberra on 25 January 2018, the Baton will switch gears to a traditional Relay and be carried by great Australians through QBR celebration communities around the country.

The Dubbo Regional area will celebrate the arrival of the Baton on 30 January 2018 with a community celebration being planned.

The event will not only help herald the arrival of the Baton but it will be an opportunity for the community to gather and celebrate the spirit of the Commonwealth Games.

The relay route and community celebration details will be announced on 17 November 2017.

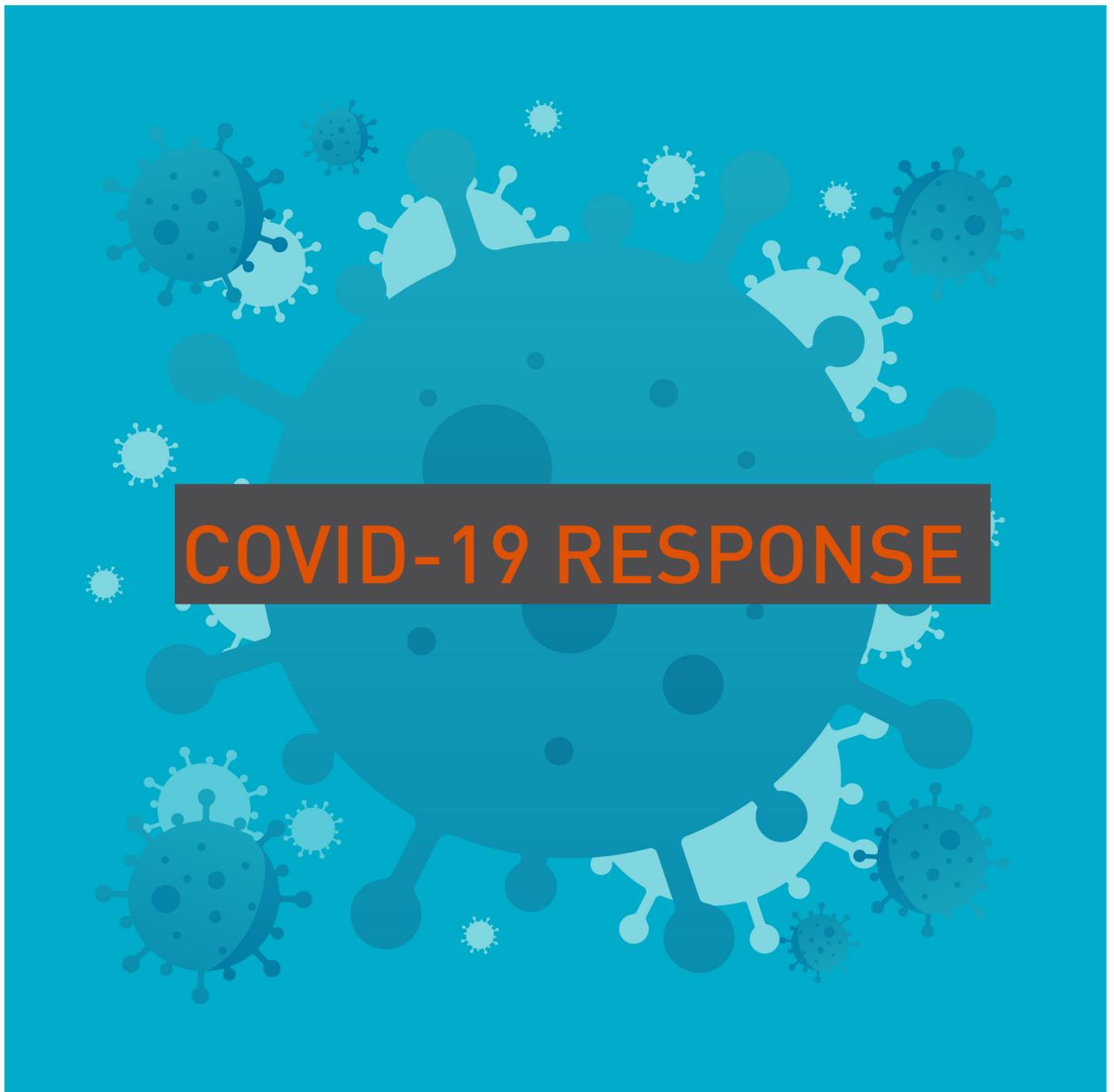
Batonbearer names and the communities that they will carry the Baton in are available at [www.gc2018.com/qbr](http://www.gc2018.com/qbr)

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