

27 days and 16 school days until the games

Games underway for the Sport Super Centre – Gold Coast

The Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018) has already kicked off for the Sports Super Centre – Gold Coast with athletes commencing their official training at the centre in preparation for the games this week.



Key road closures for the Gold Coast

Below is part of the latest information that Get Set for the Games are sharing with the community. Here is a handy snapshot of some of the key dates for road closures on the Gold Coast.

Location	Commencing
Nerang Broadbeach Road, Carrara (Chisholm Road – Ross Street) - Eastbound	23 March
TE Peters, Broadbeach (Casino Drive – Gold Coast Highway)	25 March
Surf Parade, Broadbeach (Queensland Avenue – Charles Street)	26 March
Nerang Broadbeach Road, Carrara (Chisholm Road – Ross Street)	29 March
Beattie Road, Coomera (Dreamworld Parkway / Lorenzo Drive)	30 March
Gold Coast Highway, Southport (North Street – Marine Parade)	31 March
Marine Parade, Coolangatta (Pizza Hut – Warner Street)	31 March
Pacific Parade, Currumbin (The Alley)	3 April
The Esplanade, Surfers Paradise (Hanlan Street – Peppers Soul roundabout)	4 April (noon-midnight)

To check all road closures in your suburb, visit the links below.

- [Gold Coast](#)
 - [Broadbeach](#)
 - [Carrara](#)
 - [Coolangatta](#)
 - [Coomera](#)
 - [Currumbin](#)
 - [Labrador](#)
 - [Nerang](#)
 - [Oxenford](#)
 - [Robina](#)
 - [Southport](#)
 - [Surfers Paradise](#)
- [Brisbane](#)
- [Cairns](#)

- [Townsville](#)

Key changes for Brisbane

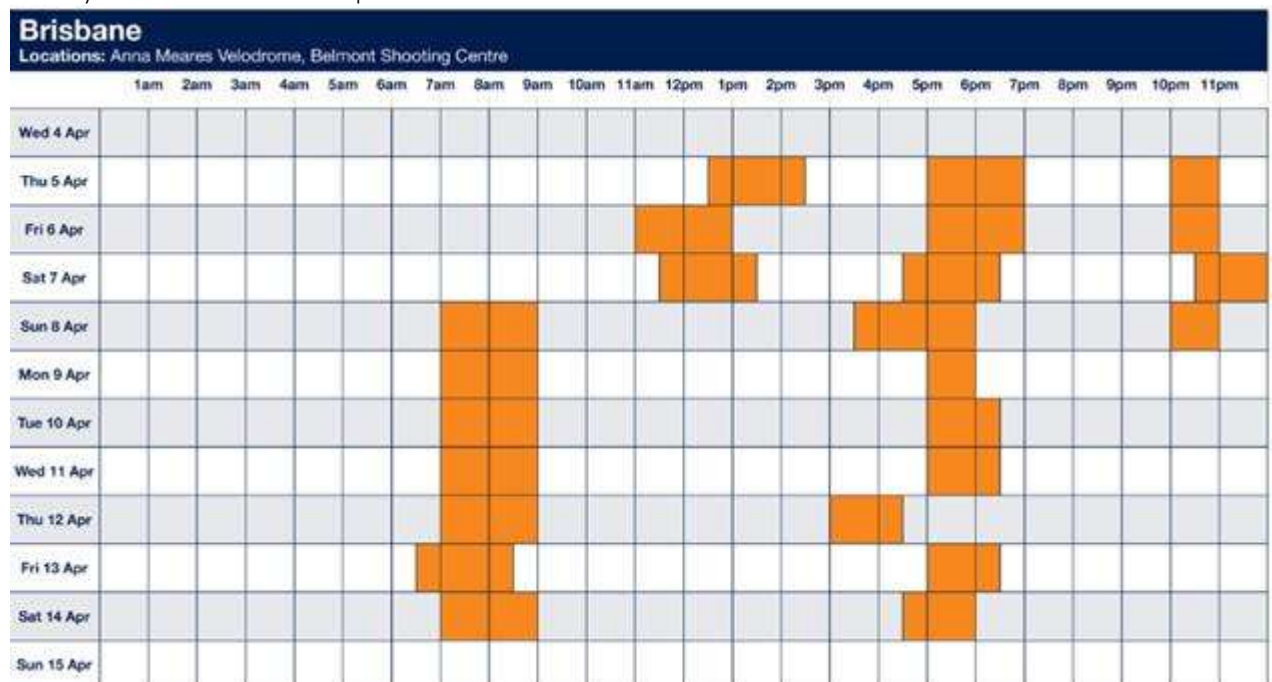
There will be changes to the transport network in Brisbane with:

- Increased traffic in the area due to people going to and from venues
- Increased use of public transport and some changes to bus stops and timetables
- The M1 and train services between Brisbane and the Gold Coast being exceptionally busy
- [Games Route Network](#) in operation
- Changes to parking on Old Cleveland Road and Tilley Road
- Speed limit changes on Old Cleveland Road and Tilley Road.

Road / Street	Changes	Timing
Old Cleveland Road	Reduced speed limits. Parking restrictions.	From 20 March 2018. End date to be advised.
Tilley Road	Parking restrictions.	12 March to 16 April 2018.

The Brisbane suburbs of Belmont and Chandler are expected to be busiest when spectators are arriving and leaving event sessions. At these times more people are expected to be moving around the area and roads, footpaths and public transport services and stops will generally be very busy.

The days and times when it is expected to be busier are shown in the table below.

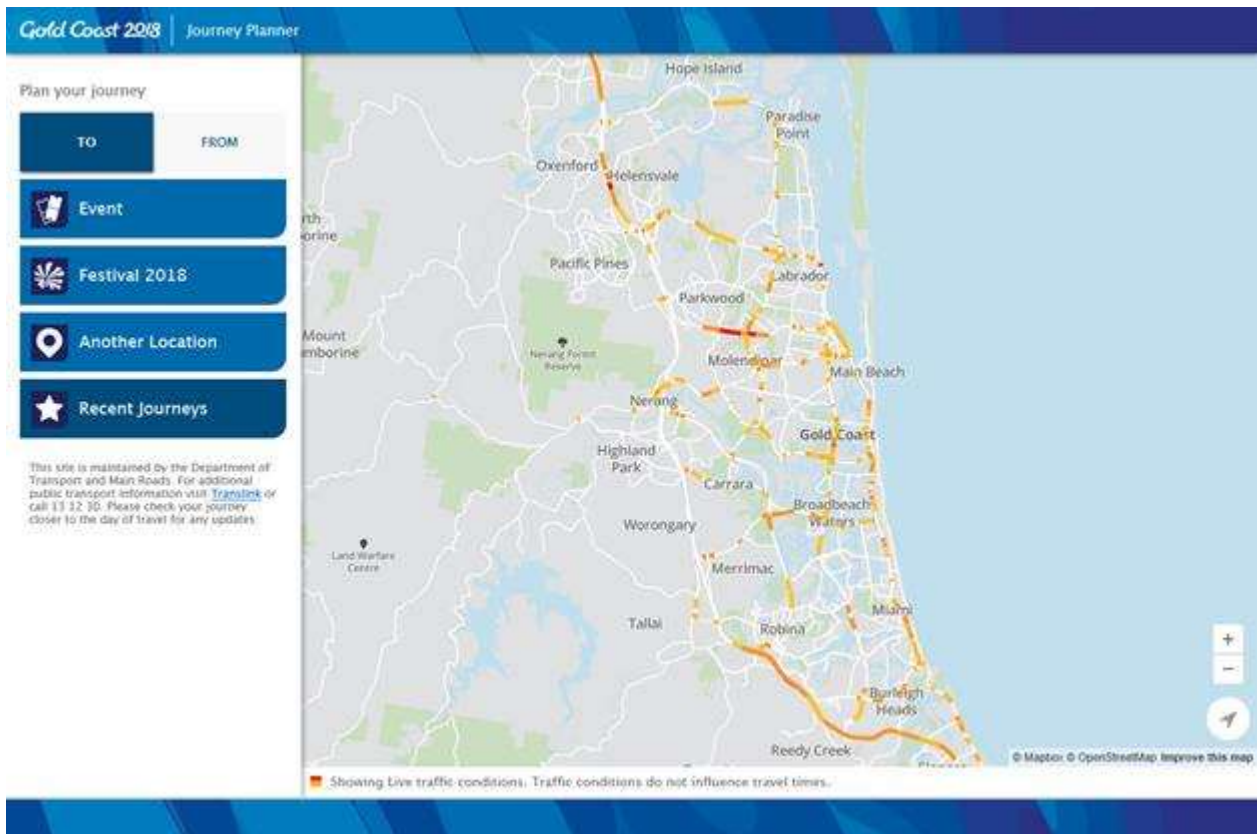


[Download a printable copy of the table \(PDF 27KB\)](#)

2018 Journey Planner

The GC2018 Journey Planner is available now at <https://jp.gc2018.com>. While the [interactive map](#) is wonderful in understanding the projected congestion at games time, the GC2018 Journey Planner can help staff in planning their mode options (the Plan A, B and C); as well as assist in commute timing by choosing the 'Arrive before' option. Remember there is also the GC2018 app you can download to your device.

For any staff working during the games period, we encourage them to start developing their own 'Games Plan'. They should be working towards their Plan A, B and C and testing these plans in the coming weeks.



Myth busting

MYTH: There will be lanes closed on the M1.

FACT: Incorrect. During the Games, there will be no planned lane closures on the M1.

The M1 will form part of the Games Route Network (GRN), which is a series of designated roads that links the Commonwealth Games Village to all venues and airports to provide safe and reliable transport for athletes and officials. Any roads that form part of the GRN will be very busy during the Games and we encourage you to avoid if possible or allow additional travel time for your journey.

MYTH: There will be no changes to public transport during the Games.

FACT: Incorrect. Public transport will have increased services during the Games. There will also be some changes to your local bus services including some routes and stops. You can find all information regarding changes to public transport on getsetforthegames.com. We also recommend you refer to TransLink's Journey Planner to plan ahead your travel using public transport during the Games.

MYTH: Emergency services won't be able to access Games Lanes / closed roads.

FACT: Incorrect. All Emergency services vehicles will have full access to wherever they need to be on the Gold Coast at any time, including Games Lanes.

MYTH: Surfers Paradise doesn't have a competition venue so it won't be busy.

FACT: Incorrect. Whilst Surfers Paradise doesn't have a competition venue, it will still be extremely busy. Operating day and night with the Festival 2018 Main Stage, acting as a transport hub for spectators and workforce, changes to parking and loading zones including closing of the Esplanade for the entirety of the Games, not to mention Games Lanes in place on certain parts of

the Gold Coast Highway in Surfers Paradise – there will certainly be a lot going on. For a full overview of what is happening in Surfers during the Games, check out the local area precinct page on getsetforthegames.com.

MYTH: The only option is for businesses to force staff to take leave.

FACT: Incorrect. The whole point of the Get Set for the Games Program is to keep businesses open for operation and to help them develop a plan to assist their staff in getting to work during the Games.

MYTH: A Local Access Permit will allow me to drive into restricted / closed road areas around venues to make deliveries or service properties.

FACT: Incorrect. Delivery or service providers will not be eligible for Local Access Permits and will therefore not be permitted to drive into restricted / closed road areas around venues. Alternate loading zones adjacent to restricted areas will be provided to enable deliveries and servicing to occur.

Certain residents, accommodation providers and businesses within these restricted areas will require Local Access Permits. Those that are eligible have already been identified and contacted. For more information on Local Access Permit eligibility, visit getsetforthegames.com.

MYTH: My business won't be affected by the Games and need a Travel Action Plan.

FACT: Incorrect. With daily changes to the road network, 14 competition venues on the Gold Coast and an additional six million journeys expected to be made, businesses of all sizes and types will be impacted. Having a [Travel Action Plan](#) in place will help businesses minimise disruption to their operations and allow them to make the most of this once in a lifetime event.

Message from GOLDOC - Schools can purchase bulk tickets to GC2018 event

- GOLDOC have produced exclusive links for local schools (including yours) to purchase bulk tickets to GC2018 events
- This will allow your school community to sit together and support your adopted country and our fellow Aussie athletes
- Fantastic seats are still available, with adult tickets from \$20 and children's tickets from \$10. Free public transport is included.
- Ticket availability can be viewed on the website gc2018.com
- This opportunity can be extended to your entire school community for their consideration and advertised via your school networks
- If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please email Pippa.Jeffries@goldoc.com with the sports of interest and a unique purchase code will be arranged for your school.

Message from City of Gold Coast - It's 'Game On' Gold Coast

- While our city lives and breathes sport for the next few weeks, Game On Gold Coast is your chance to embrace the excitement and enthusiasm of GC2018.
- Game On offers a series of fun and unique sporting, fitness and wellbeing activities across the Gold Coast for the whole family. Come and join the fun – it's open to all ages and all abilities and there's a Game On activity to suit you.
- City of Gold Coast acknowledges the Australian and Queensland governments, through the Embracing 2018 Legacy Program.

- To find an activity near you visit: www.cityofgoldcoast.com.au/gameon



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2018 Commonwealth Games
at your school!

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Photos of Alana Boyd by Julian
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A banner advertisement for the 2018 Commonwealth Games. It features a photograph of Australian athlete Alana Boyd celebrating with her arms raised, holding the Australian flag. The text on the banner includes the website 'gc2018embracelearning.edu.au', the main message 'Embrace the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games at your school!', the 'Embracing 2018' logo, and the Queensland Government logo.

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Go to getsetforthegames.com to find out more.