Welcome FRIENDS!

It’s where the Games will begin and end, in a triumphant celebration of colour, dance and entertainment.

It’s where track and field feats will transfixed audiences from around the world. This is Carrara Stadium.

Part of the Carrara Sports Precinct, the stadium will host the spectacular Opening Ceremony and Athletics – Track and Field competition before being transformed into an arena extravaganza for the Closing Ceremony.

This venue guide contains everything you need to know to make the most of your GC2018 experience. You can find even more information on the [GC2018 App](#) and the [website](#).

Carrara Stadium
YOUR OFFICIAL VENUE GUIDE

Before you leave...

1. **DOWNLOAD THE GC2018 APP**
   The app includes all the information you’ll need to know for your event, in one place. You’ll find venue maps, fun facts and more.

2. **PLAN YOUR JOURNEY**
   Use the [GC2018 Journey Planner](#) on the app and make sure you allow plenty of time for travel and entry, and your departure after the event.

3. **ARRIVE EARLY**
   Don’t miss a moment of the action. For the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, entry gates will open up to two hours before the show. For Athletics – Track and Field, gates will open up to two hours before the session starts.

4. **KEEP YOUR TICKET WITH YOU**
   Ensure you have the correct ticket for your session. It also entitles you to free public transport¹ to and from the event.

AVOID BAGS
It will be much faster to enter the venue. If necessary, make sure your bag will fit under your seat, as there are no cloakrooms in GC2018 venues.

KNOW YOUR LIMITS
You will pass through an airport style screening process as you enter the venue. Restrictions apply to certain items, such as water and sunscreen, so please check the [Venue Entry Conditions](#) and [Prohibited & Restricted Items](#) before you leave home.

- **Water:** Commercially sealed water bottle up to 350ml. Only bring empty re-usable transparent plastic bottles (free water refill points are available in venue)
- **Sunscreen:** Sunscreen bottles up to 250ml

¹Free public transport available only on match days.
Athletics

Jumpers will reach dizzying heights, throwers will display incredible strength, sprinters will explode out of the blocks, endurance athletes will test their limits and multi-eventers will do the lot at GC2018 Athletics – Track and Field. Featuring 52 medal events, including the most comprehensive Para-Sport Athletics program in Commonwealth Games history, Athletics provides non-stop action and entertainment at every session.

Opening Ceremony

A showcase of colour, culture, unity and diversity, the Opening Ceremony will set the scene for 11 days of world-class sporting competition. Featuring the Parade of Nations, the Competitors’ Oath and the finale to the Queen’s Baton Relay, the Opening Ceremony will be a collection of incredible moments that you’ll remember for a lifetime.

Closing Ceremony

Providing an emotional, fun and dazzling finale, the Closing Ceremony is your chance to party with the Commonwealth. As the baton is passed to the 2022 Commonwealth Games, the Gold Coast will say its goodbyes in spectacular fashion.

Fast Facts

- The triple jump world record, set by England’s Jonathan Edwards in 1995, is 18.29 metres – the length of four cars.
- The decathlon features four track and six field events, and the heptathlon features three track and four field events.
- England and Australia boast the most medals in Athletics, with 560 and 498 medals a piece.
- GC2018 Ambassador Sally Pearson is one of Australia’s most decorated female track athletes.
GC2018 is the largest sporting event Australia has seen this decade, so make sure you allow plenty of time for travel, queuing at transport hubs and security checks. There are many travel options to get you to and from the Carrara Stadium and public transport is free with your ticket.

The earlier you plan your journey, the more you’ll enjoy your Games experience. Use the GC2018 Journey Planner to get started.

GET ACTIVELY TRAVELING

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**GETTING THERE AND BACK**

**GET ACTIVE**
If you’re travelling locally, walking or cycling will be the easiest way to get to the venue. Bike parking is available near Carrara Stadium.

**TAKE THE BUS**
A Games Shuttle will take you to the venue from Broadbeach South and Surfers Paradise station. Bus routes 740 and 745 will run frequently during the Games and can take you close to the venue. Route GC2018 will also take you close to the venue.

**CATCH THE TRAIN**
Catch the train to Nerang station. From there, you can walk or take a Games Shuttle bus close to the venue.

**RIDE THE G:LINK**
Walk or catch a bus to the G:link light rail, then get off at Broadbeach South station and take a Games Shuttle close to the venue.

**PARK ‘N’ RIDE**
Book a space at Yatala or Millaroo Drive North Park ‘n’ Rides for the duration of your session. From here, you can take a Games Shuttle close to the venue. Spaces are limited and you must book a spot.

**ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT**
Accessible shuttle buses will be available and Park ‘n’ Ride spaces can be booked via the GC2018 Journey Planner. Plan your journey.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**
GC2018 will be an inclusive celebration of our diverse Commonwealth, with benefits lasting beyond the Closing Ceremony. Be inspired to Share the Dream for a sustainable GC2018 by reducing your impact, choosing reusable options and recycling to keep plastic pollutants out of oceans and waterways.

*Free public transport will be available for ticketed spectators travelling to and from competition venues on the Gold Coast and in Brisbane on the South East Queensland TransLink public transport network. Just show your GC2018 ticket upon boarding. Free travel will terminate at 3am the day after your event and is not available on the AirTrain service.*
Walking, cycling or public transport is your best option to get you to and from the competition. There are road restrictions in place and no parking around the venue.

Plan your specific journey by visiting gc2018.com/transport
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