

GC2018 Marathon

YOUR FREE SPORT EVENT GUIDE



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Embrace THE RACE



PRESENTING PARTNER MARATHON

The Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018) Road Events will give everyone the chance to line the streets, catching the exciting and fast-paced action of world-class sport across the Gold Coast. Griffith University are the Presenting Partner of the GC2018 Marathon, which will include four races—the men's marathon, women's marathon, men's T54 (para) marathon and women's T54 (para) marathon.

The races take place on the final day of GC2018 between 6.10am – 12.10pm, as some of the world's fittest athletes take on the gruelling 42.195km course.

Starting and finishing at the spectacular Southport Broadwater Parklands, this course will take athletes to a northern turn at Runaway Bay, on a flat and scenic route to a southern

turn at Burleigh Heads, before an exciting final stretch back to Southport for the finish. There will be some great places to view the Marathon course along the picturesque coastline.

Get active and walk or cycle to your favourite spot along the course. There are some great vantage points along the route where you will get close to the action, so grab your friends and family and cheer the athletes. Please note there will be no public access to the start and finish line.

At the same time as the GC2018 marathoners are going for gold, 6,600 participants will be actively participating in Gold Run 2018. This is a 5km community fun run that starts and finishes at the marathon start line. It is the first time that a community participation event has been included as part of the Commonwealth Games!



**SUNDAY
15 APRIL**
GC2018 MARATHON
(6.10AM – 12.10PM)

KEY VIEWING TIMES

Runaway Bay (6.10am – 8.30am)
Labrador (6.10am – 9:40am)
Southport (6.10am – 11.15am)
Surfers Paradise (6.30am – 11.00am)
Broadbeach (6.45am – 10.45am)
Burleigh Heads (7.00am – 10.15am)

Race	Start Time	Time of expected first finisher	Time of expected final finisher
Men's & Women's T54 Wheelchair Marathon	6:10am	7:35am (M) 7:50am (W)	8:35am
Women's Marathon	7:20am	9:45am	10:20am
Men's Marathon	8:15am	10:25am	11:15am
Gold Run 2018 5km Racing Wheelchair	8:39am	8:49am	9:40am
Gold Run 2018 5km Runners	8:40am	8:55am	

Don't miss THE ACTION



MAKE A DAY OF IT

There are lots of free things to see and do around the Marathon event - keep an eye out for roaming entertainers in Southport Broadwater Parklands and along the course. The CBD Street Party is a free public celebration being held in Gold Coast Chinatown, Southport and will run every day of GC2018 from early until late. There will be a big screen broadcasting GC2018, a daily line-up of the best local live music acts, artistic installations and plenty of activities to entertain the kids. The **Festival 2018** sites at Surfers Paradise and Broadbeach will play GC2018 coverage on the big screens during the Marathon. The full program of music, theatre, circus and dance performances will begin at 9am at Broadbeach and from 1pm at Festival 2018 in Surfers Paradise.



THE MARATHON COURSE:

GC2018 is the largest sporting event Australia has seen this decade, so make sure you allow plenty of time for travel. There are many travel options to get you to and from the GC2018 Marathon. The earlier you plan your journey, the more you'll enjoy your GC2018 experience. Get active and walk or cycle to your favourite spot along the marathon course or purchase a go card and take public transport. When using the **GC2018 Journey Planner** select "Another Location" on the homepage and input your desired destination from the course map to get you started. A ticket needs to be purchased for public transport.

Before you leave...



DOWNLOAD THE GC2018 APP

The **GC2018 App** includes all the information you'll need to know for the free events in one place. You'll find course maps, fun facts and more.



BE PREPARED

All road events are outdoors so prepare for all weather conditions. Allow plenty of time for travel and be prepared for crowds. All the cheering and celebrating works up an appetite, so bring a picnic with you or fuel up at the local cafés, restaurants and shops along the course.



PLAN YOUR JOURNEY

Remember that free travel on public transport is only available to those spectators with a valid GC2018 ticket for the day of travel. Get active and walk or cycle to your favourite spot along the free road event course. See the Marathon map plan your best place to watch all the action. If you are heading from the south of the Gold Coast, follow Borobi and his footprints on the Official GC2018 Borobi Fan Trail. You can also take public transport. Use the **GC2018 Journey Planner** on the **GC2018 App**, choose your spot and select "Another Location". Make sure you allow plenty of time for travel as the roads will be extremely busy.



SHOW YOUR GC2018 SPIRIT!

This is your chance to line the streets and celebrate GC2018. Help showcase the Gold Coast to the world! There are plenty of ways to celebrate and decorate! Get creative and make some noise or plan your own celebrations by dressing up and getting your face paint on. We have lots of ideas in our **Embrace the Race toolkit** and our **Celebrate GC2018 information pack**. Official GC2018 **Community Celebration Packs** are available now.





GET ACTIVE

The roads will be extremely busy. If you're travelling locally, walking or cycling will be the easiest way to get to a good spot along the course. Bike parking will be available.



FOLLOW BOROBI'S FOOTPRINTS

If you are heading from the south of the Gold Coast, follow Borobi and his footprints on the Borobi Fan Trail. It begins from the GC2018 Superstore in Victoria Park, Broadbeach and continues through Surfers Paradise, Main Beach and the Broadwater Parklands.



CATCH THE BUS

Bus routes will run frequently during GC2018 and can take you close to the course. Check out the [Journey Planner](#) to plan your route.



CATCH THE TRAIN

Catch the train to Helensvale station. From there, you can catch the G:link where you can then walk to the course.



RIDE THE G:LINK

Walk, catch a bus or train to the G:link light rail, from Southport station as far as Broadbeach South where you can get within walking distance of the course.



GRAB A GO CARD

go card is TransLinks's electronic ticket to fast, easy and convenient travel. Use go card on all TransLink bus, train (including the Airtrain), ferry and tram services in greater Brisbane, Ipswich, Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast regions. Go cards can be purchased online, over the phone on 13 12 30 or at a number of retail locations. For more information, check out translink.com.au.



The awe-inspiring Marathon races at Southport Broadwater Parklands form part of the exciting and diverse sport of Athletics at GC2018.

The Marathon athletes will showcase their amazing endurance on one of the world's most beautiful courses. There will be four Marathon medal events at GC2018. In addition to the men's and women's races, there will be thrilling men's and women's T54 wheelchair Marathon races for the first time at a Commonwealth Games.

Fast Facts:

- The GC2018 Marathon is proudly presented by Griffith University
- The race distance of a Marathon is 42.195km.
- Para sport athletes will compete for medals in the men's and women's T54 Wheelchair Marathon for the first time at a Commonwealth Games.
- Australia has won the most men's and women's Commonwealth Games Marathon gold medals with five each.
- The wheelchair competitors will push at almost 30km/hr (2:05 mins/km), the men run at almost 20km/hr (3:05 mins/km) and the women run at about 17km/hr (3:30 mins/km)

GC2018 ROADSIDE TIPS

KEEP HYDRATED

Hydration is important for both athletes and spectators. Make sure you bring plenty with you. Choose Tap! The City of Gold Coast has a number of public water refill points in and around the course. Please bring a reusable water bottle to refill during the day.



BE PREPARED

The only way to get around the course will be by foot so ensure you are wearing comfortable clothing and footwear. Take a folding chair, hat, water and sunscreen and try to avoid bringing strollers.



BE A GOOD SPORT

You can get close to the action of the athletes, but make sure to stay behind the barriers (including selfie sticks), listen to the stewards and only cross at the pedestrian crossing points along the route. Dogs must be kept on a lead and filming must be for personal, non-commercial purposes only and flash photography is prohibited during competition.



LET'S GET LOUD

Watching from the side of the road, you are part of the course. Cheer, yell and applaud athletes as they take on the challenges of the race. There's plenty of ways to celebrate and decorate! We have lots of ideas in our [Embrace the Race](#) toolkit and our [Celebrate GC2018](#) information pack.



GC2018 Marathon

Sunday 15th April
6:10am - 12:10pm

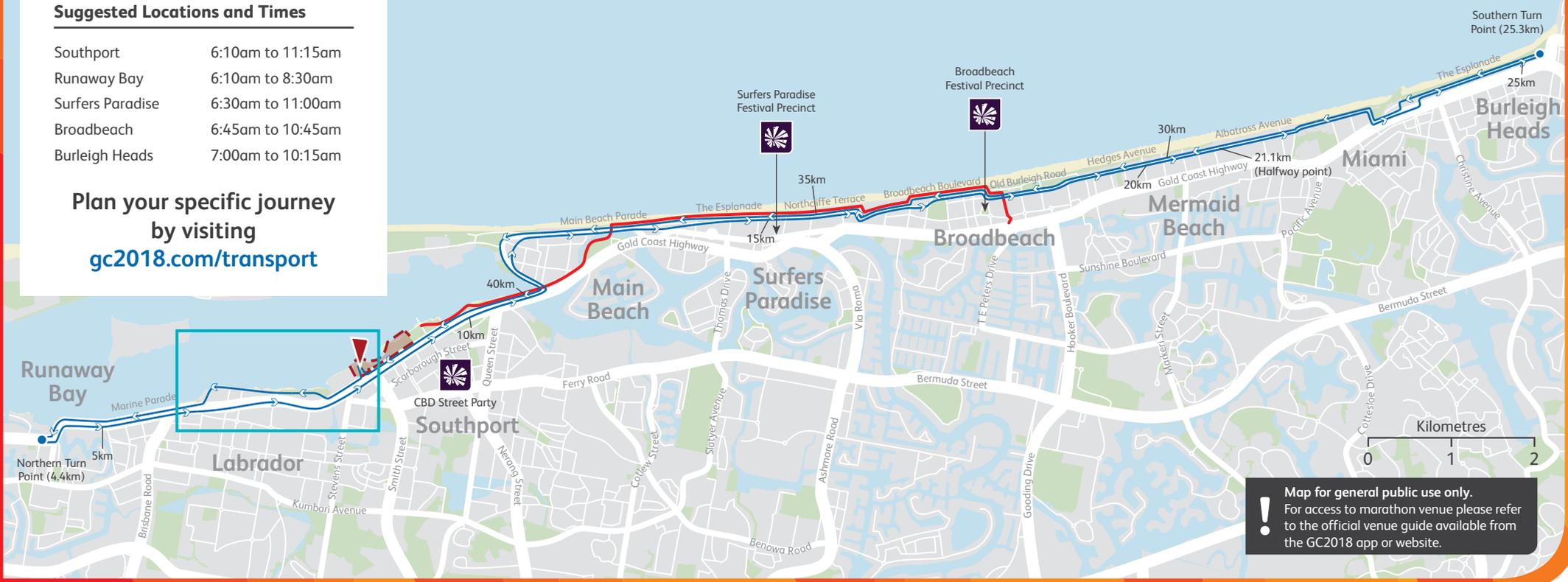
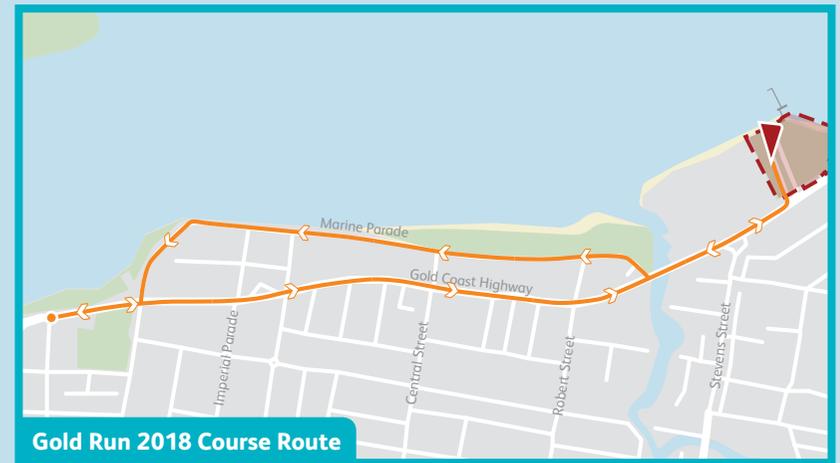
Legend

-  Turn Point
-  Turn Point
-  Borobi Fan Trail
-  Marathon Route
-  Gold Run 2018 Route
-  Start/Finish Line
-  Venue Perimeter (No public access)
-  Festival 2018

Suggested Locations and Times

Southport	6:10am to 11:15am
Runaway Bay	6:10am to 8:30am
Surfers Paradise	6:30am to 11:00am
Broadbeach	6:45am to 10:45am
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Plan your specific journey
by visiting
gc2018.com/transport



! Map for general public use only.
For access to marathon venue please refer to the official venue guide available from the GC2018 app or website.