The Queen’s Baton Relay in the Mackay region — FAQs

When will the Queen’s Baton Relay arrive in Mackay?

The Queen's Baton Relay will be in Mackay on March 20.

After travelling an astonishing 288 days throughout the Commonwealth, the Queen’s Baton arrived in Australian on December 24, 2017, having shared the dream of GC2018 with over one third of the world's population.

Where will I be able to see the Queen’s Baton Relay?

As the Queen's Baton travels the length and breadth of Australia, the QBR will not just pass through, but spend quality time in each community it visits, calling into hundreds of local schools and community celebrations along the way. Mackay will be no exception. You'll be able to wave and cheer on the Queen's Baton Relay right along the route of the relay. The best place to view the Queen's Baton will be at the community celebrations at Bluewater Quay on Tuesday, March 20, from 5.30pm to 6.30pm, or line the streets of the city from 2.30pm.
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How many people will carry the Queen’s Baton through Mackay?

In Australia alone there will be 3800 batonbearers who will share its remarkable journey. There will be 34 baton bearers during the Mackay visit.

Who will carry the Queen’s Baton?

Baton bearers represent our diverse community, from ambitious youngsters to humble volunteers and some of Australia's most accomplished legends.

An extensive nomination process was held across the country to find batonbearers who inspire others to be great.

Nominations were judged individually on a merit based system, with judges scoring each nomination based on the nomination and selection criteria.

Judging panels were set up in each capital city in Australia where panels convened to judge all nominations received for the celebration communities within their state or territory.

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Will there be any road closures/dispersion to traffic?

The Queen’s Baton Relay travels as a moving convoy, with rolling effect on local road networks and community locations where the Queen's Baton is live. During the Mackay visit, there will be road closures at several key intersections as the relay travels through the region. Please check the route map and take note of approximate timings to plan your journey.

The street level detail was determined by the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation (GOLDOC) in consultation with local working groups, which included representation from government partners such as local council, police, roads and traffic agencies.

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Will the Queen’s Baton Relay go past my home or business?

You can begin planning your QBR experience with the street-level detail and community celebrations now available to explore at www.gc2018.com/qbr

You can see where the iconic Relay will travel, which streets will be lined with people and the celebration dates to mark in your calendars.