



The GC26 "Have you started training yet?" Bulletin #5

26 June 2026



What's On

Hub Opening Hours

Daily 8 AM – 10PM*

*subject to change

Opening Ceremony

10 October 2026

From 4:30 PM

Opening Party

10 October 2026

6 PM - Late

Beach Party

13 October 2026

10 AM – 5 PM

Closing Ceremony

17 October 2026

From 3 PM

Dates to Remember

Registration Closing

30 September 2026

Volunteer Sign Up Deadline

1 September 2026



Meet our Games Ambassadors

Charli Bliss - Australian basketballer playing in the NBL1 circuit for both Mackay Meteorettes and South West Metro Pirates. A standout centre, she represented Mackay in the 2023 First Nations Round. She continues her career with the South West Metro Pirates in NBL1 North.

Montanna McAvoy - Montanna excels as a middle distance and steeplechase runner. She has represented her country on numerous occasions at Commonwealth Youth Games and World Championships, displaying her drive, passion and tenacity to her chosen sport.

Hunter McAvoy - Excelling in both running and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Hunter has achieved great success in both his chosen disciplines reaching a career high of 2nd place in the National Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Championships for the Middle Heavyweight division.

Trist Hardwick - Our first ever registered adaptive athlete, Trist has a strong sporting foundation in track & field, baseball and weightlifting. Enduring a right arm trans radial amputation in 2024, he remains focused on pushing his limits and redefining what's possible.

Monster Raffle



Tickets Available Now! Prizes include:

- Murf Electric Bike valued at \$4,000
- 1 x week of free RIGS Recovery for 1 team valued at \$3850
- 4 x Dreamworld 5 Day Escape passes valued at \$776.00
- 2 x KIA Australian Open Tennis tickets valued at \$600
- 1 x 2 person 5 hour fishing charter with Wild Thing Fishing Charter valued at \$320
- **Plus MORE!**

Purchase your tickets

through the Registration Portal

All proceeds support our charity partner SmackTalk



Are you an Adaptive Athlete, or know someone who is?

Adaptive athletes are now included in the APES Games.

GC26 is about participation, inclusion and opportunity. We'd love to see all adaptive athletes join us on the Gold Coast.

Help us spread the word and make the 2026 Games our most inclusive yet.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Join us at the finish line as GC26 comes to an exciting close!

Which state will take home the trophy?

📍 The Hub

📅 17 October 2026

🕒 From 3:00pm

Be there for the official handover to the 2028 Games – an unforgettable finale to GC26!



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Sports Spotlight

Judo

Date: Wednesday-Thursday 14-15 October 2026

Time: 8 AM – 5 PM

Cost: \$55

Address: Gold Coash Sports and Leisure Centre – 296
Nerang-Broadbreach Road, Carrara

Competition Categories:

Male:

Over 100kg

Under 100kg

Under 90kg

Under 81kg

Under 73kg

Under 66kg

Under 60kg

Under 52kg

Female:

Over 78kg

Under 78kg

Under 70kg

Under 63kg

Under 57kg

Under 48kg



Sponsors Spotlight



Movement that inspires

GC26 is proud to welcome KIA Australia as our *Official Vehicle Sponsor*. Through commitment to innovation, KIA is helping drive an unforgettable Games experience.

We thank KIA for its support of emergency service personnel by celebrating sport, wellbeing, camaraderie and community on the Gold Coast in 2026.



As a global leader in firefighting and emergency response technology, Rosenbauer's support helps bring the Games to life and contributes to an outstanding experience for police and emergency services personnel across Australasia.

We sincerely appreciate their commitment to our emergency services community and GC26.

Team Entry Numbers

The below are the team entry numbers

AFL 9s - Mixed (1)

Aqua Blitz – Women's (5), Men's (2), Mixed (3) **Athletics – Relays**- Men's (3)

Basketball 3 on 3 – Women's (1), Men's (2)

Beach Soccer – Men's (2), Mixed (1)

Beach Volleyball – Men's pair (4), Mixed fours (2), Mixed pair (6), Women's pair (2)

Bowling – Mixed (8)

Cornhole – Women's (14), Men's (7), Mixed (15)

Cricket – Indoor – Men's (2)

Cricket – T10 – Men's (3)

Dodgeball – Mixed (11)

Futsal – Men's open (8), Mixed open (5), Women's open (1)

Hockey – Women's open (6), Men's open (5), Mixed 35+ (1), Mixed open (7)

Indoor Rowing – Mixed(1) *please note numerous registered – teams not yet formed*

Judo – Women's (1), Men's (5)

Lawn Bowls – Barefoot (3), Mixed novice (8), Mixed open (10)

Oztag – Mixed (7)

Pentanque – Mixed triples (2)

Rugby League 9s – Women's 35+ (1), Women's open (1), Men's 35+ (1), Men's open (6)

Soccer – Women's 35+ (1), Women's open (7), Men's 35+ (4), Men's open (12) Men's 45+ (3),

Softball – Fast pitch (3), Slow pitch (4)

Swimming – Relays – Women's (3), Men's (2)

Touch Football – Men's 40+ (2), Men's open (4), Mixed 40+ (1), Mixed open (12)

Triathlon – Mixed (1)

Tug of War – Men's (2), Mixed (2)

Ultimate Disc – Mixed (3)

Volleyball – Mixed (5)



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