



Interesting Facts & Figures

Fastest in Australia: Two elite runners in this year's Gold Coast Airport Marathon, Kenya's Kenneth Mungara and Japan's Yuki Kawauchi, boast four of the fastest 10 marathon times ever run in Australia. Mungara has the fastest time ever with his 2:08:42 when victorious in the 2015 Gold Coast race.

Teams: There are 319 teams entered in this year's Gold Coast Airport Marathon which is a record surpassing the previous record of 229 teams in 2014. Teams are entered in one of the corporate, fitness, school or social team categories.

Countries: There are entrants from 47 different countries this year highlighting the global appeal of this event. This year the event has attracted a record number from Singapore, United States and Indonesia.

Social Media: There have been more than 7,000 photos on Instagram tagged with #GCAM17. A short video posted to the GCAM Facebook page in April of the memorable 2016 men's finish between Kenneth Mungara and Yuki Kawauchi generated over 682,000 views and more than 4,600 shares.

Charity: More than \$200,000 has been raised for charity by participants in the 2017 Gold Coast Airport Marathon via the Everyday Hero fundraising platform and it's still climbing.

Oldest: Phyl Jones from New Zealand is currently the oldest entered participant this year at 88 years of age. Phyl is entered in Southern Cross University 10km Run on the Saturday. The oldest entrant in the 42.195km Gold Coast Airport Marathon is Yasuhiro Hayashi from Tokyo in Japan. Yasuhiro will be 84 when he lines up for the marathon on the Sunday.

Youngest: The age of eligibility for kids in the Zespri Junior Dash races is five. There is an entrant in the boy's Zespri 2km Junior Dash from Westlake in Brisbane who will just turn five on race day.

Longest Travel: The runner who currently will be travelling the farthest distance to race at this year's Gold Coast Airport Marathon is 38-year-old Aussie marathon runner Kris Ryan who will be travelling 16,735km from his Irish base in Dublin.

Most Years: 75-year-old Graeme McLennan from Grafton in NSW has completed a race at 36 Gold Coast Airport Marathon events to hold the record for the most number of years of participation. He has finished 35 marathons and a single half marathon over this time, with a best marathon time of 3:28:58 in 1988, while last year finishing in 4:51:15.

Birthdays: There are currently 82 people entered who will be celebrating their birthday on their race day. There are two people celebrating their 50th birthday.



Organisation: The organisation of the Gold Coast Airport Marathon requires a mass workforce of more than 20 staff, 135 medical personnel and 1,250 volunteers but also a lot of food, drink, equipment and other infrastructure such as:

- 15 three-tonne trucks are used over the weekend for the delivery, set-up and removal of course infrastructure.
- 3,250 orange safety cones are used to mark the 42.195km of the course to keep competitors safe across the event.
- 6.5km of crowd control barriers are used to separate the participants from spectators along various sections of the course to ensure everyone's comfort and safety.
- Over 5,000 cable ties are utilised from securing course signage to even emergency shoelace repairs on runners' shoes.
- Four 3m x 3m skip bins are filled with throw-away warm clothing at the start line, equating to about 2.11 tonnes. Participants are urged to wear clothing they are happy to donate to keep them warm before they start their race. These clothes are then donated to charity.
- Approximately 150,000 litres of water will be consumed by participants over race weekend. 350,000 cups of water and Endura will be distributed at the 24 aid stations on course.
- Over 2,000kg of bananas, 2,700kg of oranges and 560kg of kiwifruit will be consumed by competitors after they finish their races across the weekend.

Celebrity Participants: A number of high profile people in their respective fields have indicated they will be participating this year including:

- Australian music composer Anne Boyd AM (marathon)
- Nine News presenter Andrew Lofthouse (marathon)
- Nine News & Triple M presenter Luke Bradnam (marathon)
- Former NRL premiership player & 90.9 Sea FM presenter Ben Hannant (marathon)
- 92.5 Gold FM presenter Spida Everitt (marathon)
- 'Best Job in the World' winner Ben Southall (marathon)
- Former NRL player David Shillington (10km)
- Former NRL player Mat Rogers (marathon)
- Nine presenter Candice Warner (marathon)
- Nine presenter Brodie Harper (marathon)
- Nine Network sports presenter Tim Gilbert
- Three time Olympian and 2006 GCAM winner Lee Troop (10km)
- V8 Supercar driver Will Davison (half marathon)
- 2000 Gold Coast Airport Marathon winner Samantha Hughes (half marathon)
- 1989 Gold Coast Airport Marathon winner Brad Camp (marathon)
- Gold Coast fitness model Dani Byrnes (half marathon)
- Social media influencer and WBFF competitor Katie Stevens (half marathon)

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