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# WELCOME FROM THE MINISTER



It is my absolute pleasure to welcome you all to the 2026 ASICS Gold Coast Marathon. We are so glad to have you with us.

The Queensland Government is proud to support this event through Tourism and Events Queensland Major Events funding program, as we recognise the important role events play in delivering lasting benefits to communities across the state.

The 2026 ASICS Gold Coast Marathon will deliver a uniquely Queensland experience and contributes to Queensland's \$1.3 billion-dollar 2026 events calendar. Queensland's growing calendar of events plays a vital role in driving visitation and showcasing the very best of what our state has to offer.

If you are visiting for this event, I encourage you to take the opportunity to explore the Gold Coast and discover the unique experiences that make this part of Queensland such a special place to visit.

**Andrew Powell MP**  
Minister for Environment and Tourism,  
Science & Innovation



# WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR



What a time to be here on the magical Gold Coast. Celebrating the 46th edition of the ASICS Gold Coast Marathon highlights why our city is now recognised as one of the best sporting destinations in the southern hemisphere.

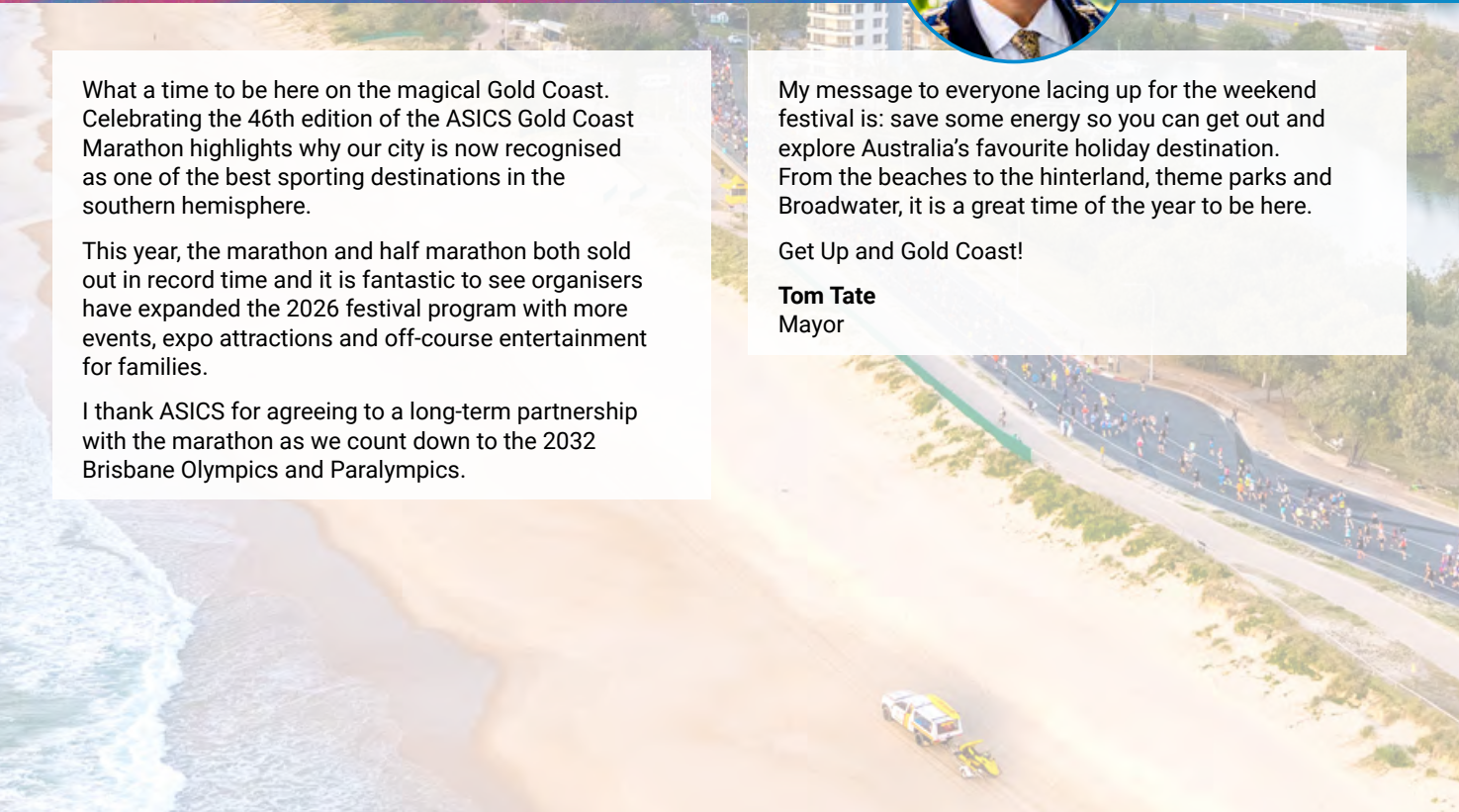
This year, the marathon and half marathon both sold out in record time and it is fantastic to see organisers have expanded the 2026 festival program with more events, expo attractions and off-course entertainment for families.

I thank ASICS for agreeing to a long-term partnership with the marathon as we count down to the 2032 Brisbane Olympics and Paralympics.

My message to everyone lacing up for the weekend festival is: save some energy so you can get out and explore Australia's favourite holiday destination. From the beaches to the hinterland, theme parks and Broadwater, it is a great time of the year to be here.

Get Up and Gold Coast!

**Tom Tate**  
Mayor



# WELCOME FROM THE CEO OF EMQ



Welcome to the 2026 ASICS Gold Coast Marathon – an event that continues to scale new heights and unite our community through the power of sport.

This year's event is the biggest in our 46-year history, with record participation numbers, runners travelling from a record number of countries, and unprecedented demand already seeing several race categories sell out months in advance. It is a remarkable reflection of the growing global reputation of the ASICS Gold Coast Marathon and the unique experience we are proud to deliver here on the Gold Coast.

What makes this event so special is not only the elite performances and personal bests achieved on course, but the incredible atmosphere created by our volunteers, community groups, supporters and spectators. Every year, tens of thousands of people come together to celebrate health, achievement and community spirit, while also showcasing the very best of the Gold Coast to a worldwide audience.

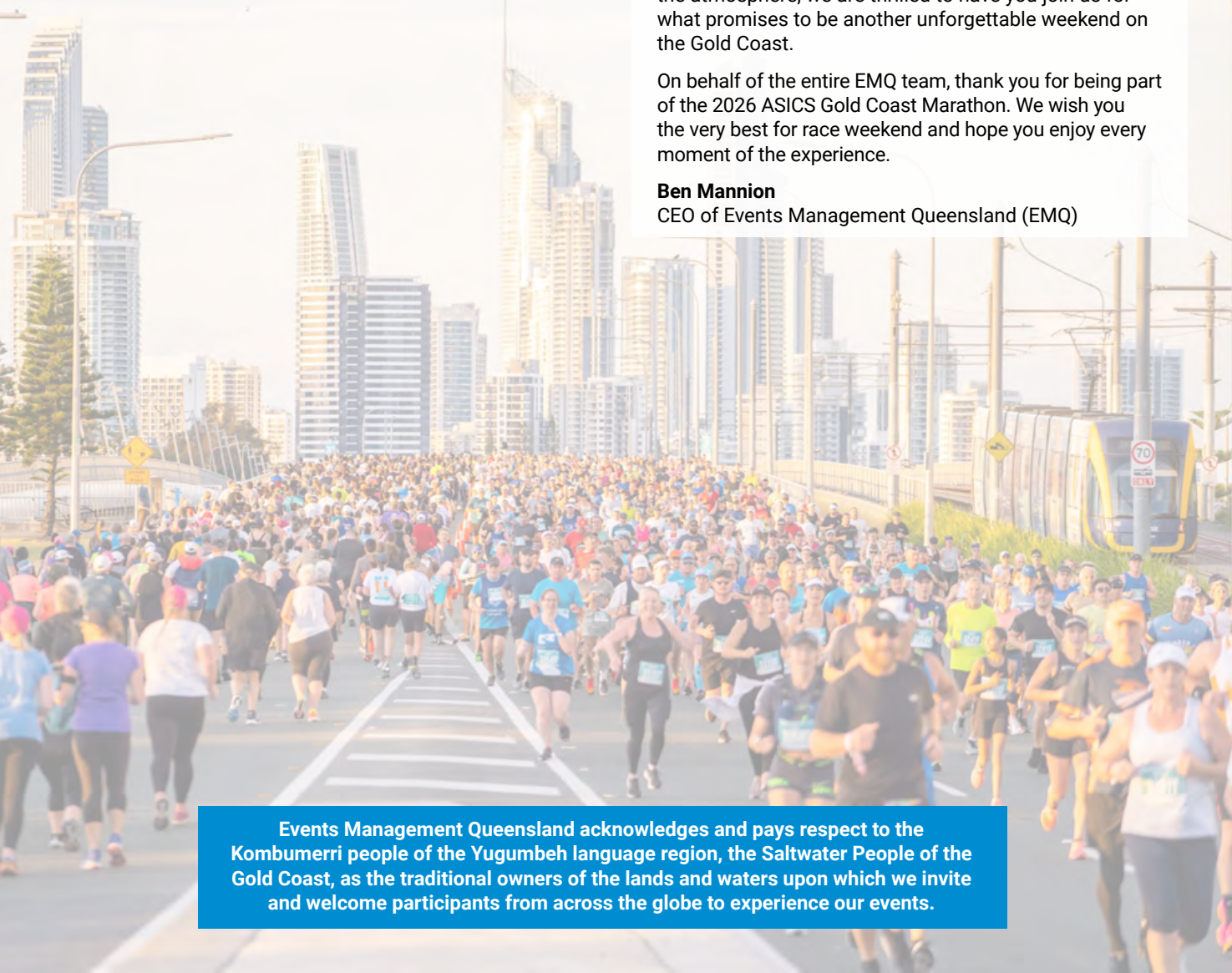
The growth of the ASICS Gold Coast Marathon also reflects the exciting evolution of Events Management Queensland. In 2026, EMQ will deliver five major events across Queensland, including the Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport Running Festival, Gold Coast T100 Triathlon, Pan Pacific Masters Games and the iconic Transurban Bridge to Brisbane presented by Brooks, alongside this event. Together, these events generate more than \$120 million in economic impact and tourism benefits for Queensland while creating unforgettable experiences for participants of all ages and abilities.

As CEO of EMQ, I am incredibly proud of our passionate team and grateful to the many partners, volunteers and stakeholders who help bring these events to life. It takes an enormous collective effort to deliver world-class events of this scale, and we thank every person who plays a role in making this event possible.

Whether you are chasing a personal best, tackling your first event, supporting a loved one or simply soaking up the atmosphere, we are thrilled to have you join us for what promises to be another unforgettable weekend on the Gold Coast.

On behalf of the entire EMQ team, thank you for being part of the 2026 ASICS Gold Coast Marathon. We wish you the very best for race weekend and hope you enjoy every moment of the experience.

**Ben Mannion**  
CEO of Events Management Queensland (EMQ)



Events Management Queensland acknowledges and pays respect to the Kombumerri people of the Yugubeh language region, the Saltwater People of the Gold Coast, as the traditional owners of the lands and waters upon which we invite and welcome participants from across the globe to experience our events.

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# RACE START TIMES

## SATURDAY 4 JULY

- 6:15AM CHINA AIRLINES HALF MARATHON**  
First finisher from 7:15am
- 9:15AM GOLD COAST RECREATION AND SPORT WHEELCHAIR 10KM**  
First finisher from 9:40am
- 9:25AM SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY 10KM RUN**  
First finisher from 9:53am
- 11:10AM AUSTRALIA FAIR 2KM JUNIOR DASH (BOYS)**  
First finisher from 11:16am
- 11:20AM AUSTRALIA FAIR 2KM JUNIOR DASH (GIRLS)**  
First finisher from 11:26am
- 11:30AM GOLD COAST RECREATION AND SPORT WHEELCHAIR 5KM**  
First finisher from 11:45am
- 11:45AM GOLD COAST AIRPORT 5KM**  
First finisher from 11:59pm

## SUNDAY 5 JULY

- 6:05AM GOLD COAST RECREATION AND SPORT WHEELCHAIR MARATHON**  
First finisher from 7:35am
- 6:15AM ASICS GOLD COAST MARATHON**  
First finisher from 8:20am

## START & FINISH LOCATIONS

The start and finish lines for all events at the ASICS Gold Coast Marathon are located at the Race Precinct at the Broadwater Parklands in Southport.

# AUDIENCE GUIDE

### LIVE STREAM

**Saturday:** 6am to 7:45am



**Sunday:** 6am to 9am



Live race vision with expert commentary and special guest interviews with winners, event ambassadors and many more.

### LIVE BROADCAST (QLD TIME - AEST)

**Sunday:** 6am to 9am



### RESULTS - GOLDCOASTMARATHON.COM.AU

Live tracking in the ASICS Gold Coast Marathon and China Airlines Half Marathon  
Live results for all races

### SOCIAL MEDIA #GCM26

- facebook.com/GCMarathon
- x.com/GCMarathon
- instagram.com/goldcoastmarathon
- youtube.com/GCMarathon
- tiktok.com/@goldcoastmarathon

**WEBSITE** - goldcoastmarathon.com.au

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## LIVE STREAM

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# 2026 GCM RunTEAM

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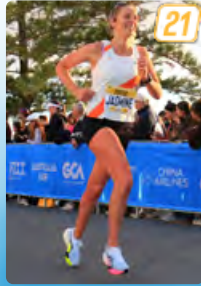
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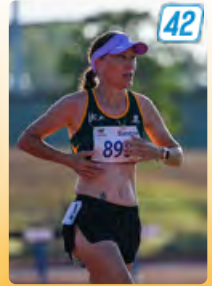
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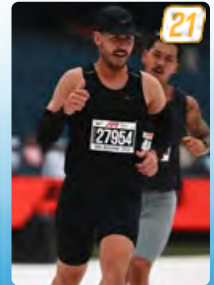
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# ASICS GOLD COAST MARATHON



**START TIME** Sunday 5 July, 6:15am

**WAVE TIMES**  
**Wave 1:** 6:15am - Seeded, Priority & Start Zone A  
**Wave 2:** 6:25am - Start Zone B  
**Wave 3:** 6:35am - Start Zone C  
**Wave 4:** 6:45am - Start Zone D & Start Zone E

**RECOMMENDED ARRIVAL TIME** 5:15am

**CUT OFF TIME FOR RUNNERS (GUN TIME)** 6 hours 40 minutes

**ON STAGE PRESENTATION** 9:40am

Queensland Marathon Championships 10:00am

## FINISHER REWARDS

Official finisher shirt, GCM26 gift, medal and certificate

## PLACEGETTER PRIZE MONEY

**1ST** - \$25,000 **2ND** - \$10,000 **3RD** - \$5,000

**4TH** - \$2,500 **5TH** - \$1,250

For the full prize money and incentive money schedule for elite participants visit

[goldcoastmarathon.com.au/prize-money](http://goldcoastmarathon.com.au/prize-money)

## CHAMPIONSHIPS

Queensland Marathon Championships

UniSport Nationals Distance Running

Australian Defence Marathon Championships

Australian Masters Athletics Marathon Championships

Queensland Masters Athletics Marathon Championships

## RACE INFORMATION

[goldcoastmarathon.com.au/races/marathon](http://goldcoastmarathon.com.au/races/marathon)

## RACE RECORDS

<b>MEN</b>	Yuki Takei	JPN	2:07:33	2025
<b>WOMEN</b>	Yuki Nakamura	JPN	2:24:22	2024

## 2025 WINNERS

<b>MEN</b>	Yuki Takei	JPN	2:07:33
<b>WOMEN</b>	Tegest Ymer	ETH	2:29:27

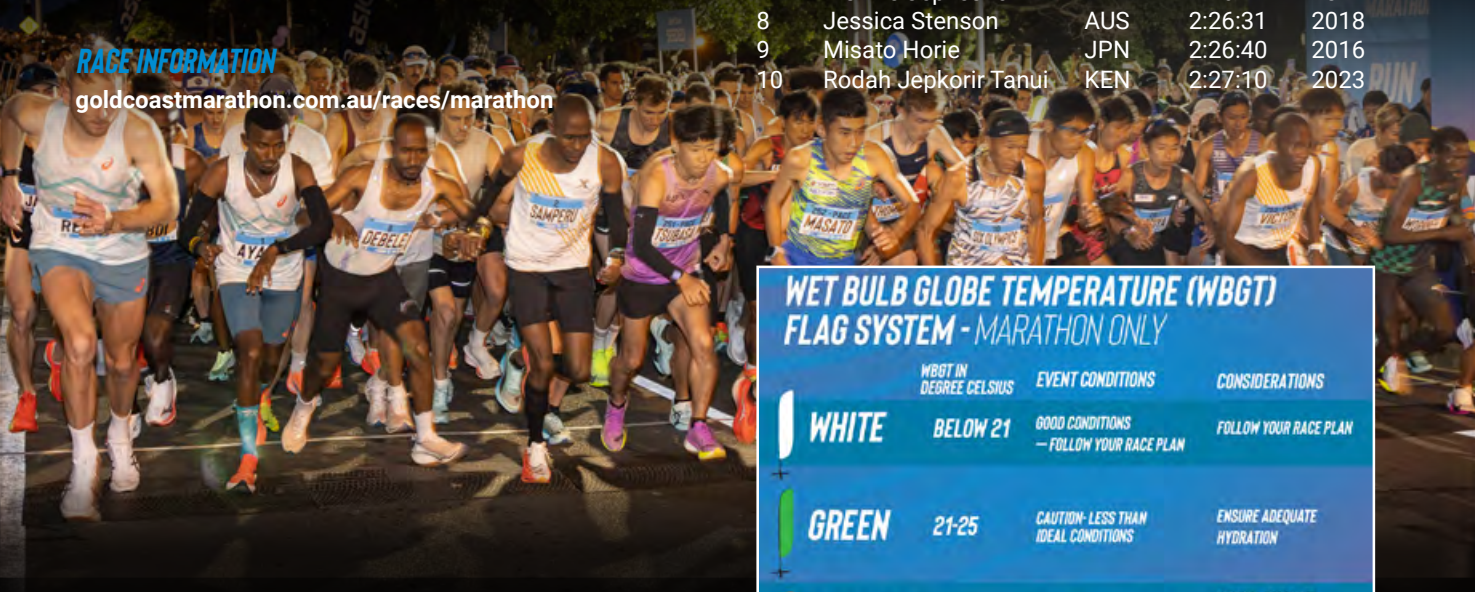
## TOP 10 ALL TIME PERFORMANCES

### MEN

1	Yuki Takei	JPN	2:07:33	2025
2	Naoki Koyama	JPN	2:07:40	2023
3	Yuta Shitara	JPN	2:07:50	2019
4	Barnabas Kiptum	KEN	2:08:02	2019
5	Zane Robertson	NZL	2:08:19	2019
6	Ezekiel Kemboi Omullo	KEN	2:08:26	2023
7	Aoi Ota	JPN	2:08:31	2025
8	Ryoma Takeuchi	JPN	2:08:38	2025
9	Liam Adams	AUS	2:08:39	2023
10	Kenneth Mungara	KEN	2:08:42	2015

### WOMEN

1	Yuki Nakamura	JPN	2:24:22	2024
2	Lindsay Flanagan	USA	2:24:43	2022
3	Ruth Chebitok	KEN	2:24:49	2018
4	Kumeshi Sichala	ETH	2:25:25	2024
5	Abebech Bekele	ETH	2:25:34	2017
6	Lisa Weightman	AUS	2:25:55	2022
7	Visiline Jepkesho	KEN	2:26:17	2024
8	Jessica Stenson	AUS	2:26:31	2018
9	Misato Horie	JPN	2:26:40	2016
10	Rodah Jepkorir Tanui	KEN	2:27:10	2023



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<b>ORANGE</b>	25-28	WARNING- MODERATE RISK FOR HEAT RELATED ILLNESS	ENSURE ADEQUATE HYDRATION. CONSIDER SLOWING PACE
<b>RED</b>	28-30	SEVERE WARNING FOR HIGH RISK HEAT RELATED ILLNESS	ENSURE ADEQUATE HYDRATION AND STRONGLY CONSIDER SLOWING PACE
<b>BLACK</b>	ABOVE 30	DAANGER- EXTREME CONDITIONS	CONSIDER STOPPING PARTICIPATION

## INTERESTING STATS

**Most wins (M):** 4 - Pat Carroll (AUS)

**Most wins (W):** 4 - Margaret Reddan (AUS)

**Most consecutive wins:** 3 - Margaret Reddan (AUS) {84-86}

**Most race sub 2:10 times (M):** 4 - Kenneth Mungara (KEN)

**2026 will be Yuki Kawauchi's 13th time running the ASICS Gold Coast Marathon**

## **STRENGTH IN NUMBERS AS LARGE JAPANESE CONTINGENT HEADLINES QUALITY ASICS GOLD COAST MARATHON FIELD**

### **MEN**

One of the strongest ever elite fields will assemble for the 46th running of the ASICS Gold Coast Marathon on 5 July.

This year's field boasts 13 male runners with sub 2:10 personal best times, headlined by Kenyan star Elisha Rotich whose stunning 2:04:21 personal best from Paris places him among the fastest athletes ever to compete on the Gold Coast. The experienced 36-year-old arrives in strong form after claiming victory at the 2025 Kobe Marathon.

He will be joined on the start line by Ethiopian Abayneh Degu Tsehay (2:04:53) and Kenyan's Benson Tunyo (2:06:10) and Dominic Ngeno (2:06:37) who both come into the race in good form.

The African flyers will continue a long-standing rivalry with Japanese runners for ASICS Gold Coast Marathon honours, with African runners winning 10 of the last 20 editions of the race, ahead of Japan (eight) and Australia (two). However, Japan has shown recent dominance winning four of the past five editions of the race.

Another large cohort of elite Japanese runners will converge on this year's race following last year's domination which saw Japan's Yuki Takei smash the race record (2:07:33) ahead of compatriots Aoi Ota (2:08:31) and Ryoma Takeuchi (2:08:38). The first six finishers over the line were all Japanese.

Takeuchi returns to build on last year's efforts alongside Japanese countrymen Hidekazu Hijikata (2:06:26), Yuma Hattori (2:07:27), cult hero Yuki Kawauchi (2:07:27), Mizuki Higashi (2:08:03), Ryuichi Hashimoto (2:09:40), 2022 Gold Coast Marathon winner Jo Fukuda (2:09:52), who is aiming to do the 63.3km double and Kaisei Sugiyama (2:09:55).

The Africans and Japanese athletes won't have it all their own way though as strong challenges will also come from Ilham Ozbilen (2:08:36) from Turkey and Josh Izewski (2:10:54) from the USA who will be returning to race the ASICS Gold Coast Marathon for the third time.

The Australian charge will be led by Haftu Strintzos (2:11:27), who tasted 10km victory on the Gold Coast in 2024. He comes into the race in red-hot form after setting a new Australian all-comers record for the half marathon (1:00:41) in Launceston on 31 May this year.

The Australians will be looking to break a 20-year drought with Lee Troop's 2006 victory being the last time an Australian stood on the top step of the podium on the Gold Coast.

**With extraordinary depth throughout the field, the 2026 men's marathon has all the ingredients to produce one of the fastest and most exciting races ever seen at the ASICS Gold Coast Marathon.**

### **WOMEN**

A diverse international line-up headlines the women's field for the 2026 ASICS Gold Coast Marathon featuring a fascinating clash between proven African stars, a past American race winner, emerging Japanese contenders and a quality Australian contingent.

Leading the charge is Kenya's Antonina Kwambai, the experienced 34-year-old bringing a personal best of 2:23:20 from Toronto in 2022. She will be joined by exciting Ethiopian youngster Almaz Kebede, whose rapid rise has caught attention globally after clocking 2:23:30 in Dubai last year at just 20 years of age.

2022 Gold Coast Marathon winner and experienced American Lindsay Flanagan also looms as a major contender after producing a career-best 2:23:31 in Chicago in 2024.

Japan's depth in women's distance running will again be on full display with Aika Murakami and Kaede Kawamura both entering with strong credentials. Murakami arrives in career-best form after running 2:25:07 in Nagoya earlier this year, while Kawamura has already demonstrated her class with a 2:25:44 best from Osaka in 2024.

Mongolia's Khishigsaikhan Galbadrakh adds further international intrigue to the elite field. The 35-year-old produced a strong 2:26:32 in Tokyo in 2024 and has proven herself capable of performing in major championship-style races.

Ethiopian Lensa Debele Jaleta (2:26:55) and Kenyan Joyline Chemutai also look poised to feature prominently. Chemutai has a half marathon PB of 1:09:44 and finished a credible third in her debut marathon in hot conditions in Kuala Lumpur last year.

Australia's hopes will be led by experienced Olympian Milly Clark, who returns to the Gold Coast chasing another strong marathon performance. Clark's career-best 2:26:59 and wealth of international experience make her one of the leading local chances.

A strong local contingent also includes experienced Australians Vanessa Wilson (2:28:34), Abigail Nordberg (2:33:05), Simone McInnes (2:34:11) and Australian-based Canadian Danette Sheehan (2:33:15) while 22-year-old Japanese runner Kokone Sakai shapes as one of the rising stars of the field after running 2:35:22 in Kobe.



















**With proven international performers, emerging young talent and experienced campaigners all set to line up, the women's marathon promises to be one of the highlights of the 2026 ASICS Gold Coast Marathon weekend.**

# ASICS GOLD COAST MARATHON ELITE RUNNERS

## 42.195KM ELITE MEN ASICS GOLD COAST MARATHON

	ELISHA ROTICH	KEN	2:04:21	PARIS, 2021
	ABAYNEH DEGU TSEHAY	ETH	2:04:53	PARIS, 2021
	BENSON TUNYO	KEN	2:06:10	OSAKA, 2026
	HIDEKAZU HIJIKATA	JPN	2:06:26	LAKE BIWA, 2021
	DOMINIC NGEND	KEN	2:06:37	PARIS, 2025
	MIZUKI HIGASHI	JPN	2:08:03	OSAKA, 2024
	ILHAM OZBILEN	TUR	2:08:36	MERSHIN, 2024
	RYOMA TAKEUCHI	JPN	2:08:38	GOLD COAST, 2025
	RYUICHI HASHIMOTO	JPN	2:08:40	OSAKA, 2025
	JO FUKUDA	JPN	2:08:52	GOLD COAST, 2019
	KAISEI SUGIYAMA	JPN	2:09:55	OSAKA, 2026
	JAMES NGANDU	KEN	2:10:17	DULUTH, 2022
	HIROMASA KUMAHASHI	JPN	2:10:31	TOKYO, 2026
	RYUICHI YOSHIOKA	JPN	2:10:49	TOKYO, 2025
	NAOKI TOMITA	JPN	2:10:49	OSAKA, 2026
	JOSH IZEWSKI	USA	2:10:54	HOUSTON, 2025
	ENYEW NIGAT	ETH	2:11:03	MALAGA, 2025
	YUDAI FUKUDA	JPN	2:11:16	BEPPU, 2026
	HAFTU STRINTZOS	AUS	2:11:27	SYDNEY, 2025
	YUYA YAMASHITA	JPN	2:11:37	NOBEOKA, 2024
	JINYA OZAKI	JPN	DEBUT	HM 1:01:24 LAUNCESTON, 2025

## 42.195KM ELITE WOMEN ASICS GOLD COAST MARATHON

	ANTONINA KWAMBAI	KEN	2:22:20	TORONTO, 2022
	ALMAZ KEBEDE	ETH	2:23:30	DUBAI, 2025
	LINDSAY FLANAGAN	USA	2:23:31	CHICAGO, 2024
	AIKA MURAKAMI	JPN	2:25:07	NAGOYA, 2026
	KAEDE KAWAMURA	JPN	2:25:14	OSAKA, 2024
	KHISHIGSAIKHAN GALBADRAKH	MNG	2:26:32	TOKYO, 2024
	LENSA DEBELE JALETA	ETH	2:26:55	BELGRADE, 2025
	MILLY CLARK	AUS	2:26:59	MELBOURNE, 2021
	VANESSA WILSON	AUS	2:27:34	BERLIN, 2024
	ABIGAIL NORDBERG	AUS	2:33:05	VALENCIA, 2025
	DANETTE SHEEHAN	CAN	2:33:15	OSAKA, 2026
	SIMONE MCINNES	AUS	2:34:11	VALENCIA, 2025
	KOKONE SAKAI	JPN	2:35:22	KOBE, 2025
	RIIME RINGI	AUS	2:36:51	GOLD COAST, 2024
	GREER WILSON	AUS	2:37:58	MELBOURNE, 2025
	ELLA MCCARTNEY	AUS	2:38:13	GOLD COAST, 2023
	NICHOLA SHERIDAN	IRL	2:39:56	DUBLIN, 2025
	JOYLINE CHEMUTAI	KEN	2:42:34	KUALA LUMPUR, 2025

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## ELITE MEN

**ELISHA ROTICH** 



PB - 2:04:21 (PARIS, 2021)  
NOV 2025 KODE MARATHON 2:11:02

**ABAYNEH DEGU TSEHAY** 



PERSONAL BEST  
2:04:53 (PARIS, 2021)

**BENSON TUNYO** 



PERSONAL BEST  
2:06:10 (OSAKA, 2023)

**DOMINIC NGENO** 



PERSONAL BEST  
2:06:37 (PARIS, 2021)

**MIZUKI HIGASHI** 



PERSONAL BEST  
2:08:03 (OSAKA, 2024)

**RYOMA TAKEUCHI** 



PERSONAL BEST  
2:08:30 (GOLD COAST, 2025)

**JO FUKUDA** 



PERSONAL BEST  
2:09:52 (GOLD COAST, 2018)  
2022 GCM WINNER

COMPETING IN THE FOX NUTRITION GOLD COAST DOUBLE 63.30KM

**JOSH IZIEWSKI** 



PERSONAL BEST  
2:10:54 (HOUSTON, 2023)

**HAFTU STRINTZOS** 



PERSONAL BEST  
2:11:27 (SYDNEY, 2023)  
AUSTRALIAN HALF MARATHON  
ALL-ROUNDERS RECORD HOLDER  
11:00:41

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## ELITE WOMEN

**ANTONINA KWAMBAI** 



PERSONAL BEST  
2:23:29 (TORONTO, 2023)

**LINDSAY FLANAGAN** 



PERSONAL BEST  
2:23:31 (CHICAGO, 2024)  
2022 GOLD COAST MARATHON WINNER

**KAEDE KAWAMURA** 



PERSONAL BEST  
2:25:44 (OSAKA, 2024)

**KHISHIGSAIKHAN GALBADRAKH** 



PERSONAL BEST  
2:28:32 (TOKYO, 2024)

**MILLY CLARK** 



PERSONAL BEST  
2:28:58 (MELBOURNE, 2021)  
2010 GCM 2ND PLACE

**VANESSA WILSON** 





PERSONAL BEST  
2:28:34 (BERLIN, 2024)

**ABIGAIL NORDBERG** 



PERSONAL BEST  
2:30:05 (VALENCIA, 2025)

**DANETTE SHEEHAN** 



PERSONAL BEST  
2:33:15 (OSAKA, 2023)

**SIMONE MGINNES** 



PERSONAL BEST  
2:34:11 (VALENCIA, 2025)

**JOYLINE CHEMUTAI** 



PERSONAL BEST  
2:42:34 (KUALA LUMPUR, 2025)  
3RD PLACE  
CHICAGO HALF MARATHON (2023)  
HALF MARATHON PB  
1:08:44 (DEN HAAG, 2020)

# CHINA AIRLINES HALF MARATHON



**START TIME** Saturday 4 July, 6:15am

**RECOMMENDED ARRIVAL TIME** 5:15am

**CUT OFF TIME FOR RUNNERS (GUN TIME)** 3 hours 20 minutes

**ON STAGE PRESENTATION** 8:45am

Oceania Area Half Marathon Championships 8:55am

Australian Half Marathon Championships 9:05am

## FINISHER REWARDS

Official finisher shirt, medal and certificate

## PLACGETTER PRIZE MONEY

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## CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Australian Half Marathon Championships

UniSport Nationals Distance Running

## RACE INFORMATION

[goldcoastmarathon.com.au/races/half-marathon](http://goldcoastmarathon.com.au/races/half-marathon)

## RACE RECORDS

**MEN** Andy Buchanan AUS 1:01:08 2025

**WOMEN** Keira D'Amato USA 1:06:39 2023

## 2025 WINNERS

**MEN** Andy Buchanan AUS 1:01:08

**WOMEN** Leanne Pompeani AUS 1:09:14

## TOP 5 ALL TIME PERFORMANCES

### MEN

1 Andy Buchanan AUS 1:01:08 2025

2 Kenya Sonota JPN 1:01:10 2025

3 Naoya Sakuda JPN 1:01:11 2025

4 Benson Masya KEN 1:01:16 1992

5 Isaac Heyne AUS 1:01:18 2025

### WOMEN

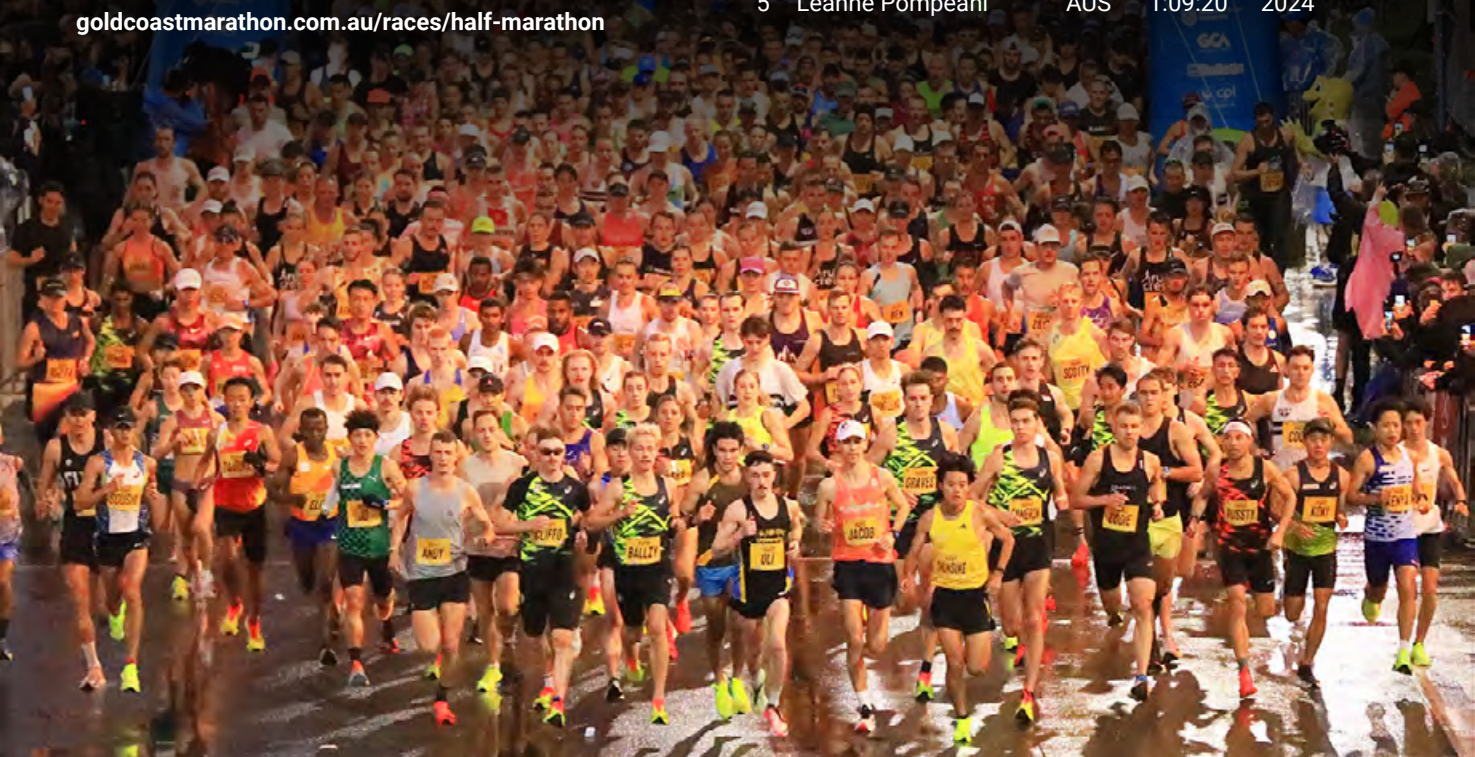
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5 Leanne Pompeani AUS 1:09:20 2024



## INTERESTING STATS

### Most wins (M):

2 - Andy Buchanan (AUS), Brett Robinson (AUS), Martin Dent (AUS), Jeff Hunt (AUS), Patrick Nyangelo (TAN), Jack Rayner (AUS)

### Most wins (W):

3 - Lisa Weightman (AUS), Takako Kotarida (JPN), Jenny Lund (AUS)  
2 - Leanne Pompeani (AUS), Sara Hall (USA), Eloise Wellings (AUS)



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## **BUCHANAN CHASES HISTORY AS INTERNATIONAL STARS DESCEND ON GOLD COAST**

### **MEN**

Australian marathon record holder Andy Buchanan will chase history at the 2026 China Airlines Half Marathon as he looks to become the first athlete to win the race three times while also attempting to reclaim the Australian half marathon all-comers record.

Buchanan returns to the Gold Coast as the two-time defending champion after his race win in 2024 was followed by a historic performance in 2025 when he clocked 1:01:08 to break the race record and set a new Australian all-comers mark.

Also chasing his own slice of history will be Brett Robinson who won the race in 2022 & 2023 and is the former Australian record holder over both the marathon and half marathon.

With the previous four race wins between them, will either Buchanan or Robinson be the first man to win the China Airlines Half Marathon on the Gold Coast a record three times?

2026 has seen the Australian distance running landscape shift when Haftu Strintzos ran a stunning 1:00:41 at the Launceston Running Festival at the end of May to take the national all-comers record from Buchanan, setting the stage for a fascinating showdown with Australia's fastest runners now chasing sub-61-minute performances on home soil.

Buchanan and Robinson will face strong challenges from both Australian elite athletes and an international contingent that are hungry to make their mark.

Emerging Australian stars Liam Boudin (1:01:26) and Tim Vincent (1:01:43) arrive in career-best form. The Gold Coast has played an important role in both Boudin and Vincent's development, with the pair launching their marathon careers at the event before earning opportunities to race internationally in Kobe. Since then they have both gone from strength to strength.

Sam Clifford also returns after his impressive 1:01:49 performance on the Gold Coast last year, while Sydney's Ed Goddard (1:02:01) and Brisbane-based Olympian Ryan Gregson (1:03:00) add further depth to the elite Australian contingent.

In addition, in what is sure to be one of the mostly highly anticipated half marathon debuts in recent years, Edward Marks will be looking to make a statement after he ran a scintillating 27:57 over 10km in Launceston to set a new Australian all-comers record for the distance.

A strong Japanese challenge will be led by Neo Namiki (1:00:29), Daisuke Sato (1:00:40), Hideto Yamanaka (1:00:52), Shumpei Tomita (1:00:58), Yuta Azuma (1:01:32), Tetsuya Yoroizaka (1:01:48) and Shin Kimura (1:01:58) who are all capable of pushing the pace from the outset. In total there will be 12 Japanese men with sub 63-minute personal bests on the Gold Coast start line.

New Zealand will also be well represented with Cameron Avery (1:02:50), Toby Gualter (1:03:15) and Taonga Mbambo (1:03:45) all looking to run a fast time.

Adding further intrigue, the race will also host both the 2026 Oceania Area Half Marathon Championships and the 2026 Australian Half Marathon Championships, creating several battles within the race itself.

With Australian Athletics recently opening the qualifying window for the 2026 World Road Running Championships, a number of athletes will also be targeting qualifying standards on one of the fastest courses in the world.

## **BATT-DOYLE TARGETS CLEAN SWEEP AGAINST QUALITY INTERNATIONAL FIELD**

### **WOMEN**

Australian record holder Izzi Batt-Doyle headlines a quality international field after further strengthening her credentials with victory at the recent Launceston Half Marathon.

Batt-Doyle, who holds the Australian record at 1:07:17, shapes as the athlete to beat as she targets a clean sweep of major honours with the Australian and Oceania titles also on the line.

Among her key rivals in a competitive field is South Australia's Caitlin Scott, who will look to rekindle fond memories on the Gold Coast after clocking a 1:10:26 personal best when finishing second in last year's race.

Australian distance running great and 2019 winner Sinead Diver (1:08:50), Ellie Pashley (1:09:14), two-time champion Eloise Wellings (1:09:29) and Brisbane-based Gen Gregson (1:10:17) also add enormous experience to the field and will be pressing hard for a place on the podium.

Japan's Rino Goshima (1:08:03) and Sayaka Sato (1:09:03) headline the international challenge, while rising stars Risa Yamazaki (1:09:30) and Seira Fuwa (1:09:39) both arrive after impressive performances at Yamaguchi earlier this year.

The women's field also boasts a strong Oceania presence with New Zealand's Georgie Grgec (1:09:13) and Camille French (1:09:59) both expected to feature prominently in the overall race and the Oceania championships.

With ideal conditions, international depth and championship honours on the line, the 2026 China Airlines Half Marathon shapes as one of the most exciting and significant races in Australian road running history.

# CHINA AIRLINES HALF MARATHON ELITE RUNNERS





## 21.05 KM ELITE MEN

### CHINA AIRLINES HALF MARATHON

 ANDY BUCHANAN	AUS	<b>1:00:28</b>	MARUGAME, 2025
 BRETT ROBINSON	AUS	<b>59:57</b>	MARUGAME, 2020
 NEO NAMIKI	JPN	<b>1:00:29</b>	MARUGAME, 2026
 DAISUKE SATO	JPN	<b>1:00:40</b>	MARUGAME, 2026
 HIDETO YAMANAKA	JPN	<b>1:00:52</b>	YAMAGUCHI, 2026
 SHUMPEI TOMITA	JPN	<b>1:00:58</b>	YAMAGUCHI, 2026
 LIAM BOUDIN	AUS	<b>1:01:26</b>	MARUGAME, 2026
 YUTA AZUMA	JPN	<b>1:01:32</b>	YAMAGUCHI, 2026
 TIM VINCENT	AUS	<b>1:01:43</b>	ROME, 2022
 TETSUYA YOROIZAKA	JPN	<b>1:01:48</b>	OSAKA, 2024
 SAM CLIFFORD	AUS	<b>1:01:49</b>	GOLD COAST, 2025
 SHIN KIMURA	JPN	<b>1:01:58</b>	SENDAI, 2026
 ED GODDARD	AUS	<b>1:02:01</b>	AGEO CITY, 2024
 TATSUYA KIYAMA	JPN	<b>1:02:08</b>	YAMAGUCHI, 2026
 KAZUTO KAWABATA	JPN	<b>1:02:23</b>	MARUGAME, 2017
 JO FUKUDA	JPN	<b>1:02:25</b>	MARUGAME, 2019
 TAKAYUKI MATSUURA	JPN	<b>1:02:40</b>	MARUGAME, 2026
 TAKUMA TAKEMURA	JPN	<b>1:02:49</b>	SENDAI, 2026
 CAMERON AVERY	NZL	<b>1:02:50</b>	GOLD COAST, 2023
 RYAN GREGSON	AUS	<b>1:03:00</b>	LARNE, 2024
 ED MARKS	AUS	<b>DEBUT</b>	27:57 10KM PB LAUNCESTON, 2026

## 21.05 KM ELITE WOMEN

### CHINA AIRLINES HALF MARATHON

 IZZI BATT-DOYLE	AUS	<b>1:07:17</b>	MARUGAME, 2025 NR
 RINO GOSHIMA	JPN	<b>1:08:03</b>	YAMAGUCHI, 2022
 SINEAD DIVER	AUS	<b>1:08:50</b>	MARUGAME, 2020
 SAYAKA SATO	JPN	<b>1:09:03</b>	COPENHAGEN, 2024
 GEORGIE GRGEC	NZL	<b>1:09:13</b>	BERLIN, 2025
 ELLIE PASHLEY	AUS	<b>1:09:14</b>	SUNSHINE COAST, 2019
 ELOISE WELLINGS	AUS	<b>1:09:29</b>	MARUGAME, 2016
 RISA YAMAZAKI	JPN	<b>1:09:30</b>	YAMAGUCHI, 2026
 SEIRA FUWA	JPN	<b>1:09:39</b>	YAMAGUCHI, 2026
 CAMILLE FRENCH	NZL	<b>1:09:59</b>	GOLD COAST, 2025
 GEN GREGSON	AUS	<b>1:10:17</b>	MELBOURNE, 2023
 CAITLIN ADAMS	AUS	<b>1:10:26</b>	GOLD COAST, 2025
 MAYU NISHIKAWA	JPN	<b>1:10:59</b>	YAMAGUCHI, 2026
 SHIHO TACHIZAKO	JPN	<b>1:11:16</b>	YAMAGUCHI, 2024
 RIE KAWAUCHI	JPN	<b>1:11:17</b>	MARUGAME, 2025
 DONVE VILJOEN	AUS	<b>1:13:06</b>	SYDNEY, 2026
 JENNY BLUNDELL	AUS	<b>1:13:30</b>	MELBOURNE, 2025
 GRACE LYNCH	IRL	<b>1:13:50</b>	BERLIN, 2022
 REBECCA LOWE	AUS	<b>1:14:22</b>	SUNSHINE COAST, 2025
 RUBY SMEE	AUS	<b>DEBUT</b>	32:57 10KM PB LAUNCESTON, 2025

## ANDY BUCHANAN



2 TIME - GCM HALF MARATHON WINNER (2024, 2025)  
 RACE RECORD HOLDER 1:01:08  
 AUSTRALIAN MARATHON RECORD HOLDER 2:06:22  
 PB - 1:00:28 (MARUGAME, 2025)

## BRETT ROBINSON



2 TIME - GCM HALF MARATHON WINNER (2022, 2023)  
 2 TIME OLYMPIAN (2016, 2020)  
 PB - 59:57 (MARUGAME, 2020)

PB - PERSONAL BEST

## IZZI BATT-DOYLE



2X OLYMPIAN (2020, 2024)  
 PB - 1:07:17 (MARUGAME, 2025)  
 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL RECORD  
 PB 10KM ROAD - 30:44 (TOKYO 2025)  
 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL RECORD

## RINO GOSHIMA



OLYMPIAN (2024)  
 PB - 1:08:03 (YAMAGUCHI, 2022)  
 COMPETED IN THE 10,000M FOR JAPAN AT THE 2022 & 2023 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

## SINEAD DIVER



2019 GCM HALF MARATHON WINNER  
 2X OLYMPIAN (2020, 2024)  
 PB - 1:08:50 (MARUGAME, 2020)

# SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY 10KM RUN



**START TIME** Saturday 4 July, 9:25am

**RECOMMENDED ARRIVAL TIME** 8:25am

**CUT OFF TIME FOR RUNNERS (GUN TIME)** 1 hours 40 minutes

**ON STAGE PRESENTATION** 10:50am

## FINISHER REWARDS

Official finisher shirt, medal and certificate

## PLACEGETTER PRIZE MONEY

**1ST**- \$1,000 **2ND**- \$750 **3RD**- \$500

For the full prize money and incentive money schedule for elite participants visit

[goldcoastmarathon.com.au/prize-money](http://goldcoastmarathon.com.au/prize-money)

## CHAMPIONSHIPS

UniSport Nationals Distance Running

## RACE INFORMATION

[goldcoastmarathon.com.au/races/10km-run](http://goldcoastmarathon.com.au/races/10km-run)

## RACE RECORDS

**MEN:** Jordan Gusman AUS 28:42 2018

**WOMEN:** Lisa Weightman AUS 32:09 2023

## 2025 WINNERS

**MEN:** Matthew Buckell AUS 29:13

**WOMEN:** Ruby Smee AUS 33:04

## TOP 5 ALL TIME PERFORMANCES

### MEN

1	Jordan Gusman	AUS	28:42	2018
2	Michael Shelley	AUS	28:53	2010
2	Haftu Strintzos	AUS	28:53	2024
4	Michael Shelley	AUS	28:55	2011
5	Isaac Heyne	AUS	29:03	2022

### WOMEN

1	Lisa Weightman	AUS	32:09	2023
2	Lisa Weightman	AUS	32:17	2012
3	Leanne Pompeani	AUS	32:21	2022
4	Madeline Heiner	AUS	32:35	2018
4	Paige Campbell	AUS	32:35	2022

The other contenders in the men's race include Liam Cashin (29:24), Jordan Skelly (29:27) and Ben Ludbrook (29:55) but this race inevitably unearths a few new rising stars.

## WOMEN

The women's Southern Cross University 10km Run is wide open with last year's race winner, Ruby Smee, deciding to step up and make her half marathon debut this year.

Victorian Natalie Rule boasts the fastest personal best in the field (32:46) and comes into the race after a top eight placing at the Australian 5,000m Championships (16:00.74) in April.

Kate Spencer from NSW won the recent 2026 Sydney 10 in 33:26 and Zoe Melhuish from the ACT also comes into the race with strong credentials after a 10km road personal best of 33:32 from the 2025 Sydney 10 when she placed third.

Karina Fyfe (33:35) will be making the trip north from Tasmania and Victorian Amy Robinson (33:44) returns to the Gold Coast looking to add a Southern Cross University 10km Run title to her impressive resume. She has already demonstrated her affinity for the Gold Coast course, running her personal best and placing second in the 2024 edition, and shapes as one of the athletes to beat.

The Australian women may not have it all their own way with Ayano Ikeuchi from Japan also in the field who has run 32:50.25 for 10,000m. She is lining up for the 10km after focusing on the marathon and half marathon distances the past couple of years.

The stage is certainly set for an enthralling battle in both the men's and women's races at the 2026 Southern Cross University 10km Run on Saturday 4 July.

## BUCKELL CHASING BACK-TO-BACK TITLES IN SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY 10KM RUN

### MEN

Defending champion Matthew Buckell will return to the Gold Coast aiming to retain his Southern Cross University 10km Run title against one of the strongest fields assembled in recent years.

Buckell announced himself as one of Australia's rising distance running stars with victory in last year's race and returns in 2026 looking to make it back-to-back wins on the fast and scenic Gold Coast course.

The 23-year-old enters the race with a personal best of 29:01 and will once again start among the favourites as he looks to defend his crown against a talented group of Australian challengers.

Leading that challenge is Callum Davies, who arrives on the Gold Coast full of confidence after his victory at last year's Bridge to Brisbane.

Davies captured attention when he upstaged Olympian Ryan Gregson to claim one of Australia's most prestigious road racing titles, confirming his status as one of the country's most exciting emerging distance runners.

The clash between Buckell and Davies shapes as one of the highlights of race weekend, but neither runner can afford to overlook former 10km winner Dale Carroll.

Carroll knows exactly what it takes to win on the Gold Coast after claiming the Southern Cross University 10km Run title in 2023 and remains one of the fastest athletes in the field with a road personal best of 29:07.



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## Student Spotlight

Meet Amanda, one of our Southern Cross University osteopathy students.

After a life-changing experience with what she calls a “wizard osteo” while living in London, Amanda returned home inspired to pursue a career in osteopathy at our Gold Coast campus.

Now completing her Master of Osteopathic Medicine, Amanda is gaining hands-on experience through opportunities like the ASICS Gold Coast Marathon, where she provided recovery treatment for athletes at the Southern Cross University Recovery Hub last year- it's all part of our commitment to real-world learning and supporting healthier, more active communities.

Where did you hear about this opportunity, and why did you decide to apply for it?

“ We were offered this experience through the University, and being able to see and treat acute sporting injuries was something I was really interested in, so I applied straight away.

What did you learn, and what was the highlight of the experience?

“ We learnt how to assess and treat acute sporting injuries in rapid succession, and how to manage multiple patients in a short amount of time. My highlights included working in a fast-paced, non-clinical environment for the day, learning new manual therapy skills, and seeing how osteopathy can be utilised in different ways.

Would you recommend this experience to other physio or exercise science students?

“ Absolutely, it was the most exciting placement I've ever done! The experience you gain from it will help develop your clinical reasoning skills in the Student Clinic and open your eyes to new opportunities within the osteopathic scope of practice. Seeing acute injuries is also something new and exciting!

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# GOLD COAST AIRPORT 5KM



**START TIME** Saturday 4 July, 11:45am

**RECOMMENDED ARRIVAL TIME** 10:45am

**CUT OFF TIME FOR RUNNERS (GUN TIME)** 1 hours 10 minutes

**ON STAGE PRESENTATION** 12:35pm

Queensland 5km Championships 12:45pm

## FINISHER REWARDS

Official finisher shirt, medal and certificate

## PLACEGETTER PRIZE MONEY

**1ST** - \$500 **2ND** - \$300 **3RD** - \$200

For the full prize money and incentive money schedule for elite participants visit

[goldcoastmarathon.com.au/prize-money](http://goldcoastmarathon.com.au/prize-money)

## CHAMPIONSHIPS

Queensland 5km Championships

## RACE INFORMATION

[goldcoastmarathon.com.au/races/5km](http://goldcoastmarathon.com.au/races/5km)

## RACE RECORDS

<b>MEN:</b>	Harrison Martinenko	AUS	14:30	2025
<b>WOMEN:</b>	Olga Firsova	AUS	15:42	2023

## 2025 WINNERS

<b>MEN:</b>	Harrison Martinenko	AUS	14:30
<b>WOMEN:</b>	Isabella Valinoti	AUS	16:15

## TOP 5 ALL TIME PERFORMANCES MEN

1	Harrison Martinenko	AUS	14:30	2025
2	Harrison Martinenko	AUS	14:32	2023
3	Toby Chippendale	AUS	14:36	2025
3	Harvey Cramb	AUS	14:36	2023
5	Charlie Moore	AUS	14:38	2025

## WOMEN

1	Olga Firsova	AUS	15:42	2023
2	Holly Campbell	AUS	15:50	2022
3	Olga Firsova	AUS	15:57	2024
4	Georgia Winkcup	AUS	16:00	2023
5	Olga Firsova	AUS	16:03	2022



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**RECOMMENDED ARRIVAL TIME** 10:10am  
**CUT OFF TIME FOR RUNNERS (GUN TIME)** 20 minutes  
**ON STAGE PRESENTATION** 12:15pm

## FINISHER REWARDS

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## PLACEGETTER PRIZE MONEY

**1ST** - \$250 Australia Fair Gift Card

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## RACE INFORMATION

[goldcoastmarathon.com.au/races/2km-junior-dash](http://goldcoastmarathon.com.au/races/2km-junior-dash)

## RACE RECORDS

**MEN:** Cameron Cox AUS 6:09 2025  
**WOMEN:** Victoria Huang AUS 6:23 2025

## 2025 WINNERS

**MEN:** Cameron Cox AUS 6:09  
**WOMEN:** Victoria Huang AUS 6:23

## TOP 5 ALL TIME PERFORMANCES

### MEN

1	Cameron Cox	AUS	6:09	2025
2	Dylan Reid	AUS	6:13	2025
3	Patrick Reid	AUS	6:14	2025
4	Seth Toghill	AUS	6:17	2025
4	Rueben Casey	AUS	6:17	2025

### WOMEN

1	Victoria Huang	AUS	6:23	2025
2	Elke Rayward	AUS	6:30	2025
3	Elle Down	AUS	6:31	2025
4	Imogen Stewart	AUS	6:47	2016
5	Victoria Huang	AUS	6:50	2023



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# GOLD COAST RECREATION AND SPORT WHEELCHAIR MARATHON



**START TIME** Sunday 5 July, 6:05am

**RECOMMENDED ARRIVAL TIME** 5:05am

**RACE BRIEFING** 3pm Saturday 5 July  
Crowne Plaza Surfers Paradise

**CUT OFF TIME (GUN TIME)** 6 hours 45 minutes

**ON STAGE PRESENTATION** 9:50am

## FINISHER REWARDS

Finisher shirt, finisher medal and certificate

## PLACEGETTER PRIZE MONEY

**1ST** - \$3,000 **2ND** - \$2,000 **3RD** - \$1,000

For the full prize money and incentive money schedule for elite participants visit

[goldcoastmarathon.com.au/prize-money](http://goldcoastmarathon.com.au/prize-money)

## RACE RECORDS

**MEN:** Kurt Fearnley AUS 1:30:18 2016

**WOMEN:** Christie Dawes AUS 1:43:45 2016

## RACE INFORMATION

[goldcoastmarathon.com.au/races/wheelchair-marathon](http://goldcoastmarathon.com.au/races/wheelchair-marathon)



## GOLD COAST RECREATION AND SPORT WHEELCHAIR 10KM

**START TIME** Saturday 4 July, 9:15am

**RECOMMENDED ARRIVAL TIME** 8:15am

**CUT OFF TIME (GUN TIME)** 1 hour 45 minutes

**ON STAGE PRESENTATION** 10:40am

## FINISHER REWARDS

Finisher shirt, finisher medal and certificate

## PLACEGETTER PRIZE MONEY

**1ST** - \$500 **2ND** - \$300 **3RD** - \$200

For the full prize money and incentive money schedule for elite participants visit

[goldcoastmarathon.com.au/prize-money](http://goldcoastmarathon.com.au/prize-money)

## RACE RECORDS

**MEN:** Samuel Rizzo AUS 23:59 2025

**WOMEN:** Emily Tapp AUS 28:36 2024

## RACE INFORMATION

[goldcoastmarathon.com.au/races/wheelchair-10km](http://goldcoastmarathon.com.au/races/wheelchair-10km)

## GOLD COAST RECREATION AND SPORT WHEELCHAIR 5KM

**START TIME** Saturday 4 July, 11:30am

**RECOMMENDED ARRIVAL TIME** 9:00am

**CUT OFF TIME (GUN TIME)** 50 minutes

**ON STAGE PRESENTATION** 12:25pm

## FINISHER REWARDS

Finisher shirt, finisher medal and certificate

## PLACEGETTER PRIZE MONEY

**1ST** - \$300 **2ND** - \$200 **3RD** - \$100

For the full prize money and incentive money schedule for elite participants visit

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## RACE RECORDS

**MEN:** Antoine Sandoz AUS 19:41 2025

**WOMEN:** Sharnie Digby AUS 23:30 2025

## RACE INFORMATION

[goldcoastmarathon.com.au/races/wheelchair-5km](http://goldcoastmarathon.com.au/races/wheelchair-5km)

# GOLD COAST RECREATION AND SPORT WHEELCHAIR MARATHON ELITE ATHLETES

## DE ROZARIO CHASING HISTORY WHILE MEN'S WHEELCHAIR MARATHON RIVALRY REIGNITES

Australian Paralympic champion Madison de Rozario will chase a slice of Gold Coast Marathon history when she returns in pursuit of a fifth Wheelchair Marathon crown.

De Rozario already stands as one of the event's most decorated athletes and a victory would see her equal the all-time record of five Gold Coast Wheelchair Marathon wins, currently shared by pioneering male wheelchair racers Paul Bowes and Mike Nugent.

The multiple Paralympic medallist has long been one of the marquee stars of the ASICS Gold Coast Marathon weekend and her return adds another compelling chapter to the rich history of wheelchair racing on the famous fast course.

While de Rozario chases history in the women's event, the men's race shapes as a fascinating showdown between Japanese star Kota Hokinoue and an Australian contingent.

Hokinoue claimed victory in 2023 before finishing runner-up in both 2024 and 2025.

Australia will be represented by 2-time race winner Bill Chaffey and a pair of marathon debutants in Cormac Ryan and Tristan Orchard.

Last year Sam Rizzo lit up the course with a blistering 1:31:11 to record the second fastest time in event history.

Only Australian wheelchair racing legend Kurt Fearnley has gone faster on the Gold Coast, producing his remarkable race record of 1:30:18 in 2016 in the lead-up to the Rio Paralympic Games.

With the Gold Coast course renowned as one of the fastest marathon circuits in the world, another high-speed battle is expected as some of the sport's biggest names again converge on the iconic beachfront course.

## 42.195KM ELITE WHEELCHAIR GOLD COAST RECREATION AND SPORT WHEELCHAIR MARATHON

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2018, 2019, 2022, 2025

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# 2026 ASICS GOLD COAST MARATHON MEDALS

## INTRODUCING THE 2026 GOLD COAST MARATHON MEDAL — INSPIRED BY THE OCEAN

Introducing the 2026 ASICS Gold Coast Marathon medal as we celebrate the 46th running of our iconic event.

Taking inspiration from the ripple of the ocean and renowned surf beaches that flank the Gold Coast's scenic course, the unique design catches the eye with its striking colour. The rear of the medal includes a symbolic recognition of each of the kilometres conquered along the Gold Coast's fast and flat course.



## FIXX NUTRITION GOLD COAST DOUBLE 63.3KM

In 2026, a record-breaking 738 participants are taking on the ultimate test of endurance – the Fixx Nutrition Gold Coast Double 63.3km. This challenge sees runners complete the China Airlines Half Marathon on Saturday 4 July, followed by the ASICS Gold Coast Marathon on Sunday 5 July. Those who complete both races will receive an exclusive Fixx Nutrition Gold Coast Double medal and gift, along with all finisher rewards from each event.

It's a one-of-a-kind event weekend experience at the ASICS Gold Coast Marathon for those ready to go the extra distance!



# WHERE EVERY PACE, EVERY DISTANCE AND EVERY RUNNER IS WELCOME.



**The ASICS Gold Coast Marathon holds a special place in the hearts of runners-turned-podcast extraordinaires Hayley Moodie and Justine Lae.**

Not only was it the place where their friendship was forged, as well as a collective love of running. It was also the sliding doors moment which sparked the creation of The Women's Collective - a weekly podcast targeted at women **"where every pace, every distance, and every runner is welcome."**

"We met at our local running group, probably a week before the Gold Coast Marathon," remembers Hayley, from their home-based podcast studio on the NSW Central Coast.

"We had both entered and were like, "Oh hey, what are you training for?" Then we realised we didn't even really know how we were getting there or where we were staying.

"So we said, "Let's just do a road trip together," even though we didn't know each other. Justine laughs: "Lucky that worked out because we could have been completely crazy." "It was so much fun," recalls Hayley. "It was the start of our friendship and the start of really loving running.

**"I hadn't done a running race in so long and I think it reignited my flame to love racing and training for something and accomplishing."**

The trip to the Gold Coast also marked the birth of a podcast that has since become a vehicle for the pair to use their running stories, experiences and even failures to help other women regardless of their running level or expertise.

"We had no idea what we're doing and we wanted to learn and we wanted to educate other women on the best way, I suppose, to go into racing," said Hayley.

"I actually listen to a lot of podcasts and I found that there wasn't a female only running podcast that catered for women like us that were just having fun but also want to learn, want to do personal bests, want to eat right and train right and you know, not get injured and not spew in a bag. "We also really wanted to cultivate community. I'd only just moved to Foster, I was struggling to find community and I didn't find it until I found our running group.

"There are so many regional communities out there that don't have a running group or don't have someone to bounce ideas off or to ask about training.

Justine adds: "Plus I think its super intimidating for women ... a lot of the time if women don't know everything about something, they won't be willing to try it.

"The average runner is people like us, so we wanted to kind of break down that barrier. If we don't mind asking questions and trying things then we can break it down for people and make it seem achievable and relatable, hopefully we can encourage women to run."

And so the podcast was born - starting initially recorded out of a community library in Forster, advancing to a home studio in Hayley's study where they would "shut the door and hide from the kids" before getting more serious with a studio in the backyard of Hayley's mother's house.

The impact of the running community has been significant, with the pair inspiring and educating women all over Australia having recently reached over 50,000 downloads. The profile and calibre of their guests has also grown over time, with the likes of Grace Tame and Jana Pittman agreeing to join them for interviews. As far as evidence of their impact on the community goes, a recent encounter with the father of a 16-year-old girl who had been listening to the podcast spoke volumes.

"This big dad came and gave me this massive hug and said "thank you so much for what you girls do for my daughter." And then I was tearing up," remembers Justine.

Hayley adds: "That is my favourite story because I think we probably look at who our target audience is and they are probably middle-aged mums like us just trying to get through.

"But the fact that young girls are listening as well, that to me says we're helping encourage the next generation of women and young girls that want to believe in themselves and their dreams, no matter how big they are."

**And so will they be back to run this year's ASICS Gold Coast Marathon? You bet.**

"What I love about the Gold Coast is I feel like it's quintessentially the Aussie culture like you are diving right into the middle of what it's like to just get amongst a great Australian event for people coming from overseas," says Justine. "Also for us, it's just fun. I think with Marathon running, people can get really intense and they can kind of get in their own head.

**"But when you get to the Gold Coast, there's DJs, there's dancing, people have smiles on their faces – that's what it has that I think other races would aspire to."**

# ASICS GOLD COAST MARATHON SCALES NEW HEIGHTS

# 42,500 PARTICIPANTS



**The ASICS Gold Coast Marathon has reached a record-breaking milestone, surpassing 42,500 entries following a surge of unprecedented demand with two months to go before the starter's gun on July 4-5.**

Hot off the heels of a record-breaking 2025 event which attracted 39,000 runners and recorded \$65.67 million in economic impact, the 2026 event will scale new heights after attracting overwhelming interest from interstate and international participants.

Reinforcing the growing popularity of the ASICS Gold Coast Marathon as one of the world's premier running events, this year's event has already attracted participants from a record 59 countries.

EMQ Chairman Paul Donovan said the results would act as a major boost for the Gold Coast's visitor economy, with tens of thousands of participants, supporters and spectators expected to travel to the region.

"To reach a record 42,500 entries with two months still to go is a fantastic achievement and a strong indicator of the event's continued growth," said Donovan.

"The ASICS Gold Coast Marathon delivers enormous benefits for local businesses and showcases our city to a global audience. We are really excited to see just how big this year's event will be as we look to build on the success of last year's event which was the biggest in our 45-year history."

**Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate said: "Bigger, better and brighter is the best way to describe the 2026 ASICS Gold Coast Marathon."**

"This year will be the 46th edition of the weekend running festival but it is also a further step, excuse the pun, in our city's evolution as one of the most vibrant, engaging and welcoming sporting cities on the globe. Let's lace up for another weekend of PBs, smiles and entertainment."

EMQ CEO Ben Mannion said the milestone was a significant result which reinforces the event's standing as a must-do on the global running calendar.

**"This is an incredible result and one the EMQ team should be proud of given the amount of work that has gone into growing the event in recent years," said Mannion.**

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NEW 2026 APP

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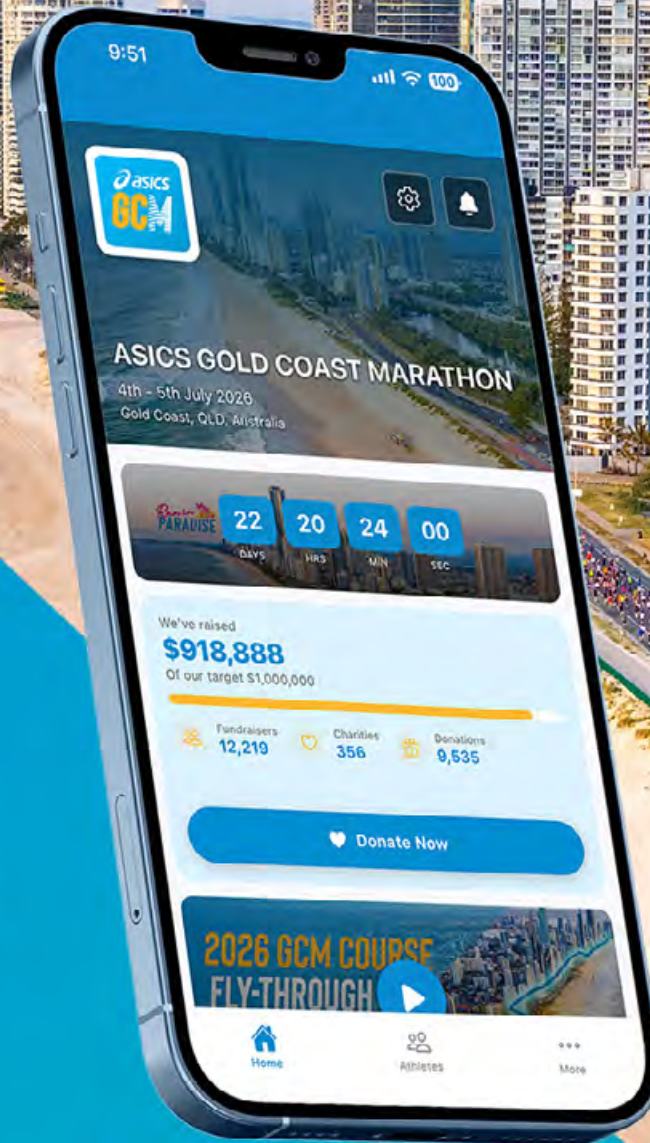
**FOLLOW MULTIPLE RUNNERS**

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**COURSE MAPS**

*\*LIVE TRACKING USES SPLIT TIMES TO PREDICT RUNNERS COURSE POSITION*



## APP FEATURES

- Live Tracking (Marathon/Half Marathon)  
- NOTE: Participants do not need to carry their phones for this feature to work.
- Live tracking uses split times to predict runners course position.
- Live Splits (Marathon/Half Marathon/10km)
- Follow Multiple Runners
- Results
- Live Leaderboard
- Livestream
- Finish Line Camera
- Course Maps
- Event Schedule
- Fan Zone Locations
- Notifications & Updates
- AI Race Assistant

*\*LIVE TRACKING IN 42KM AND 21KM RACES USES SPLIT TIMES FROM THE TIMING CHIP TO PREDICT RUNNER'S COURSE POSITION*

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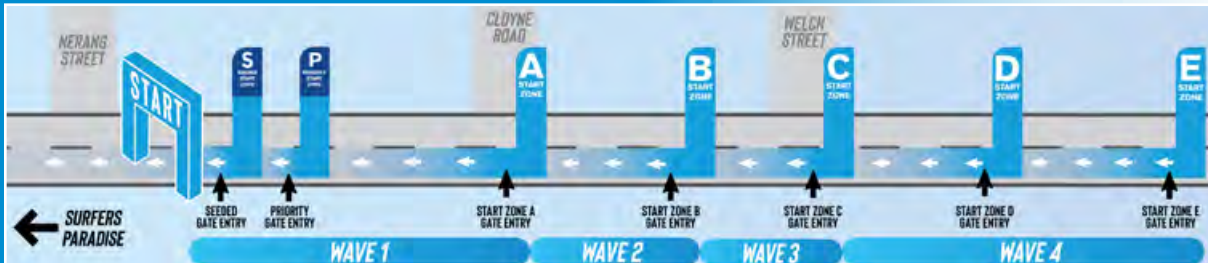
# START ZONES

Start zones will be in place at the start line of each race to ensure a smooth start for all participants.

Entrants are asked to assemble in the appropriate zone as indicated by the letter printed on their race number (excluding 2km Junior Dash participants).

If you wish to run with friends or family who are starting in a different start zone, you may start in a slower zone than that printed on your race number. Please be aware that anyone found deliberately running out of their designated start zone may be disqualified without a race result.

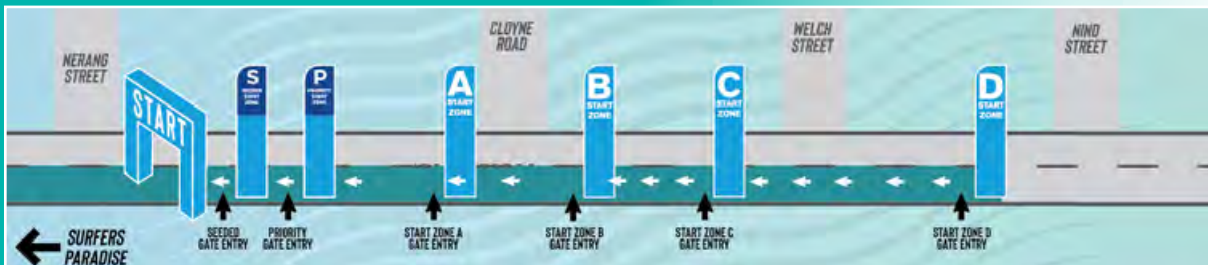
## ASICS GOLD COAST MARATHON



## CHINA AIRLINES HALF MARATHON



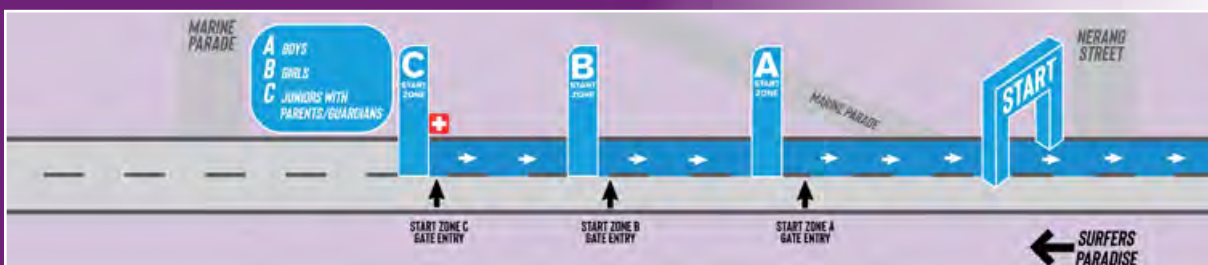
## SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY 10KM RUN



## GOLD COAST AIRPORT 5KM



## AUSTRALIA FAIR 2KM JUNIOR DASH



# START WAVES

## MARATHON START WAVES

Your marathon journey begins with a structured wave start to ensure a smooth and safe race experience. All participants need to be in their allocated start zone by 6:05am.

**Wave 1: 6:15am** - Seeded, Priority and Start Zone A

**Wave 2: 6:25am** - Start Zone B

**Wave 3: 6:35am** - Start Zone C

**Wave 4: 6:45am** - Start Zone D and Start Zone E

Bunting and signage will be held between each wave to manage the flow and maintain an efficient start sequence.

## 5KM START WAVES

There will be three waves with the first starting at 11:45am:

**Wave 1: 11:45am** - Seeded, Priority, Start Zone A, and Start Zone B

**Wave 2:** Start Zone C - **2min after wave 1 has cleared the start**

**Wave 3:** Start Zone D - **2min after wave 2 has cleared the start**

This staggered start helps maintain flow and provides all runners with the best possible experience. Each wave will have its own start gun.

## 2KM JUNIOR DASH START WAVES

There will be three waves with the first starting at 11:00am:

**Wave 1: 11:10am** - Boys running by themselves

**Wave 2: 11:20am** - Girls running by themselves

**Wave 3: 11:22am (approx)** - Children running with an accompanying adult

If your child wishes to run competitively, we recommend them starting in wave 1 and wave 2. Wave 3 is designed for participation, younger kids and those that would like to run with a parent/guardian. This staggered start helps maintain flow and provides all runners with the best possible experience. Each wave will have its own start gun.



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<sup>1</sup> The stated values are based on the mandatory WLTP measurement procedure. The real life values depend on various factors, e.g. cargo weight, driving style, route, weather conditions, auxiliary electrical consumption (including air conditioning), tires, battery state of health.

<sup>2</sup> The range after 10 minutes High-Power-Charging was determined according to ISO12906 in the WLTP cycle. This, as well as the charging performance depend on vehicle equipment, the state of charge and health of the battery, battery temperature, individual driving profile, use of auxiliary users, ambient temperature, and the charging power provided at the charging station. Diverse model shown. Local specification may vary.

# GCM PACERS POWERED BY PAT CARROLL



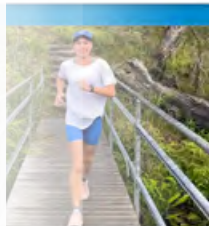
The GCM Pacers assist participants to achieve their time goals in the ASICS Gold Coast Marathon, China Airlines Half Marathon and Southern Cross University 10km Run. Pacers are experienced runners who aim to maintain an even pace throughout the race with the goal to have you finishing slightly faster (30 seconds or so) than your goal time.

For easy visibility, the pace runners will be carrying a coloured balloon and a goal time sign high amongst the starting runners. Each pace runner will also wear a singlet with the goal time marked on the back. It's important to know the start zone your pace runner will be in and ensure you choose the same start zone when you enter so you can start the race near your pace runner.

Each pace time will have at least two pace runners who will lead the pace (off net-time) whilst guiding & motivating you throughout the race.

Pacers will run to the 'Net Time' (also called 'Chip Time'). Net Time is the time it takes you to complete the distance once you've crossed the start line. Note: Due to participant numbers, it may take several minutes to cross the start line after the gun is fired.

...course so pacing and sharing the course on... highlight. This year also marks my... 'marathon'!



**MCKENZIE**

Pace Group: 4 hrs  
Pace: 5:42 min/km

...ghlight of every year. I enjoy it... n racing or pacing but the biggest... other people achieve their goals... and mark 4 hr marathon group is my

...achieve their goals"



**JOHN BRETON**

Pace Group: 4 hrs  
Pace: 5:42 min/km

"Love to run, this will be my 11th official Gold Coast Marathon distance and will be my 5th time pacing"

...have achieved it is rewarding"



**ERVIN CHAN**

Pace Group: 4 hrs 15 mins  
Pace: 6:03 min/km

"Love for the sport and love to achieve it... others by helping them on race day"



**KELLY LIM**

Pace Group: 4 hrs 15 mins  
Pace: 6:03 min/km

"Guiding runners has always been my passion, I even accepted the role as coach to conduct running clinics beyond pacing to support



"The satisfaction of seeing others achieve what could be the biggest challenge of their life"



"After the enjoyment of getting people in GCM24 to their goals, the opportunity to for GCM25 was high on the card to do"

## FIND YOUR PACER

### ASICS GOLD COAST MARATHON



### CHINA AIRLINES HALF MARATHON



### SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY 10KM RUN



# GCM BY THE NUMBERS

# GCM 2026 BY THE NUMBERS!



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**738** RUNNERS  
TAKING ON THE FIXX NUTRITION  
63.3KM GOLD COAST DOUBLE  
HALF MARATHON & MARATHON



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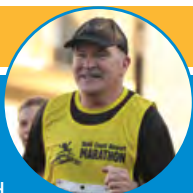


**76** PACERS  
HELPING YOU ACHIEVE  
YOUR TIME GOALS

# ASICS GOLD COAST MARATHON LEGEND AMBASSADORS

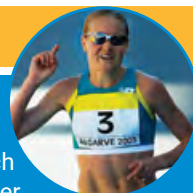
## ROB DE CASTELLA

The legendary Rob De Castella, better known as 'Deek', is a two-time Commonwealth Games gold medallist in the marathon and held the world record for three years after winning the Fukuoka Marathon in 1981. 'Deek' was the Australian Marathon Record holder up until 2022 with a time of 2:07:51 which he set at the Boston Marathon in 1986.



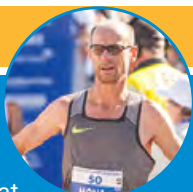
## BENITA WILLIS

Benita is a four time Olympian and former Australian female marathon record holder, with a time of 2:22:36 which she set at the 2006 Chicago Marathon. Her foremost achievement was when Benita was crowned as the World Cross Country champion in 2004. She is one of Australia's most versatile runners, holding records on the track and road across her career.



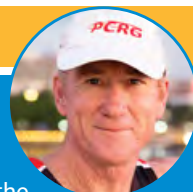
## STEVE MONEGHETTI

'Mona' has a complete set of Commonwealth Games medals in the marathon with a bronze from 1986, silver from 1990 and gold from 1994. The Ballarat running legend has a best marathon time of 2:08:16 set in Berlin in 1990, and four Olympic Games representations. He was also the Australian team Chef de Mission at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.



## PAT CARROLL

Pat has, what many say, the greatest honour roll of any athlete at the Gold Coast Marathon. He is a four-time Gold Coast Marathon winner plus has wins in the Half Marathon and 10km Run. The Queensland Record holder for the 5,000m, half marathon and marathon, 'PC' achieved his marathon personal best of 2:09:39 when he won the 1995 Beppu Marathon.



# ASICS GOLD COAST MARATHON TRAILBLAZERS

## PETE RUDLAND

Pete has represented the ADF in three Invictus Games winning two gold medals in recumbent cycling and one in wheelchair rugby. Pete has nearly three decades of experience in the Australian army and was deployed to Cambodia, East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2010, a Blackhawk helicopter crash in Afghanistan left Pete with skeletal injuries and a traumatic brain injury, he now aids veterans with post - traumatic stress and physical injuries.



## ERCHANA MURRAY-BARTLETT

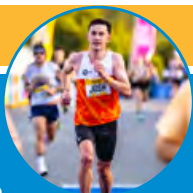
Erchana Murray-Bartlett is no stranger to endurance. In 2023, she etched her name into the record books by completing 150 marathons in 150 consecutive days, running from Cape York to Melbourne.

Her world-record-breaking Tip to Toe challenge raised over \$120,000 for at-risk Australian wildlife, amplifying her mission to keep wild places wild.



## JOSHUA MANNING

Josh Manning ran his first race at just 16 - a gruelling 50km ultra through Nerang, and he's never looked back. The Gold Coast Marathon quickly became central to his story, with his first Half there in 2014, following which he debuted at the marathon distance at the 2014 Honolulu marathon and in 2015 ran a 3:22 Gold Coast Marathon at age 18. Ever since, the Gold Coast Marathon has been the anchor of his running story, his hometown race, the one that fuels his passion year after year.





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# GCM RACE ETIQUETTE

## PRE-RACE PREP....

- Preparation is key on race weekend.
- Start with – how are you getting to the event precinct, remembering there's thousands of other runners getting there at the same time as you. Think about it.
- What time do you need to set your alarm... do you need two alarms?
- What's your pre-race meal?
- Lay your gear out so you're ready to roll in the morning.
- Make sure you've pinned your number on and check the back of it to make sure your emergency contact details are correct.
- Have gels/drink bottles – everything locked and loaded.
- Make sure you have time to leave your gear at the bag drop if you need to.
- Double check your finishers t-shirt size so you know where to head once you've finished your race and you're in recovery.
- Again – plan your journey and arrive in the precinct an hour before your scheduled start.



## YOU'RE OFF AND RACING....

- Don't be a hero – start in your correct start zone.
- Don't push forward... you don't need to – so don't be tempted.
- Your race starts when you cross the start line.
- Look for pace runners if you plan to run to a time.
- Don't wear over-ear headphones/airpods for your race – it's a safety issue. Chose an option like Shokz bone conducting/open ear headphones so you can still hear race officials and/or first aid directions on course.
- GPS - all GPS have issues - use as a guide only.
- Stay left unless you're overtaking.
- If you need to stop on course, move to the left-hand side if you can - Don't stop in the middle of the road.
- There are a record number of aid stations with multiple tables so don't run to the first one - keep moving through the aid stations.
- There are big white bale bags for cups located about 50 metres after the station - hone your basketball skills and aim your rubbish for the bin.
- Be courteous to people on aid stations - they're our precious volunteers
- Respect the environment and throw gel wrappers in the bin too - don't throw them on the ground - they can be slippery and sticky.



## A FABULOUS FINISH....

- When you get to the finish line area feel free to wave to friends and family but KEEP moving through
- Do not stop to take a selfie ... we take plenty of official photos of you at the finish line – KEEP moving
- Be courteous and KEEP moving through to recovery – there's people to help if you need it but KEEP moving
- Once in recovery take your time to refuel with plenty of fruit and fluids at recovery stations
- Your finisher's t-shirt size is located on the back of your race number – once you've refuelled head over and collect your rewards for a job well done.



# BONZA! THE ASICS GOLD COAST MARATHON MASCOT.

## LIKE ALL BEARDED DRAGONS, I LOVE TO RUN!

I normally hibernate during the cooler months, but I knew this race was one-of-a-kind and I had to be a part of the good times.

But, if I wanted to become the first bearded dragon to run at the ASICS Gold Coast Marathon, I'd have to stop bludging and take a break from chilling with my surfing buddies and start training.

Luckily for me, I'm a gifted runner. You see, after I was born, instead of running around on four legs like my siblings, I ran flat out like a lizard drinking around Burleigh Head National Park on my hind-legs.

It didn't take me long to find a local running group who enjoy the thrill of running as much as me. I've been clocking up plenty of kilometres on the beautiful beachfront in perfect conditions along the marathon route and now I'm ready to join you and Run Gold Coast!

I'll be stoked to give you a high-five or grab a selfie as you cross the finish line.

All the best with your training and I look forward to seeing you at the ASICS Gold Coast Marathon!

## MEET BONZA DURING RACE WEEK

ASICS Sport & Leisure Expo  
Friday 3 July, 4:00pm - 6:30pm

Race precinct  
Saturday 4 July & Sunday 5 July



## BONZA PLUSH TOY & BAG TAG

Own your very own Bonza Plush toy or Bag Tag. Available at the GCM Collectors booth at the ASICS Sport & Leisure expo.



# RACE PRECINCT

## LOCATION OF THE RACE PRECINCT

The Race Precinct is located at the Broadwater Parklands, Marine Parade, Southport.

It is the centre of all the action and atmosphere on race weekend and features the start and finish lines, event entertainment lawn, food and beverages, toilets, bag drop, information booth, a lost persons' tent and it's easily accessible via the G.link.



  
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# LEGEND

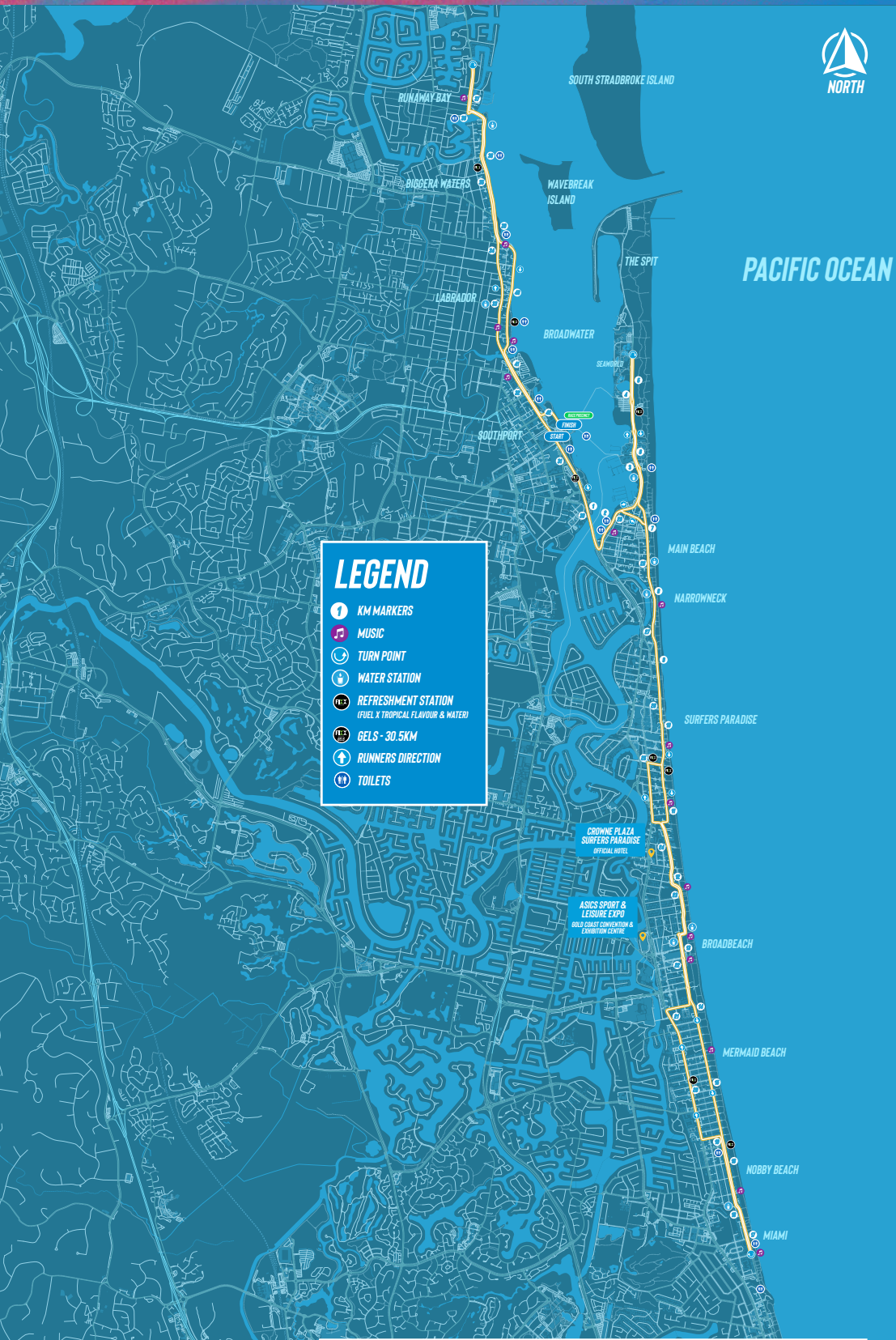
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- Food & Beverage
- Bag Drop
- Lime Bike Drop off area
- Physio
- Finishers Shirts, Medals
- GC Double 63.3km Pick Up
- Wheelchair Athlete Area
- Junior Dash Parent Collection Point

- Toilets
- Ideal Viewing
- Water Refill
- Medical Centre
- Media Centre
- Drop Off Zone
- Pedestrian Crossing
- Fences / Restricted Access
- Lost Persons / Property
- Pedestrian Bridge

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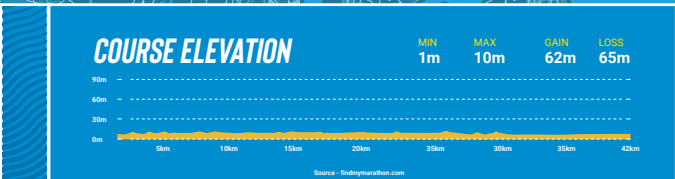


# ASICS GOLD COAST MARATHON COURSE MAP



### LEGEND

- KM MARKERS
- MUSIC
- TURN POINT
- WATER STATION
- REFRESHMENT STATION  
(FUEL X TROPICAL FLAVOUR & WATER)
- GELS - 30.5KM
- RUNNERS DIRECTION
- TOILETS



BURLEIGH HEADS

# CHINA AIRLINES HALF MARATHON COURSE MAP



PARADISE POINT



RUNAWAY BAY

SOUTH STRADBROKE ISLAND

BIGGERA WATERS

WAVEBREAK ISLAND

LABRADOR

THE SPIT

## LEGEND

- KM MARKERS
- MUSIC
- TURN POINT
- WATER STATION
- REFRESHMENT STATION  
(FUEL X TROPICAL FLAVOUR & WATER)
- RUNNERS DIRECTION
- TOILETS

BROADWATER

SEAWORLD

SOUTHPORT

FINISH  
RACE PREMISES  
START

MAIN BEACH








## COURSE ELEVATION

MIN	MAX	GAIN	LOSS
1m	8m	28m	34m



# SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY 10KM RUN COURSE MAP

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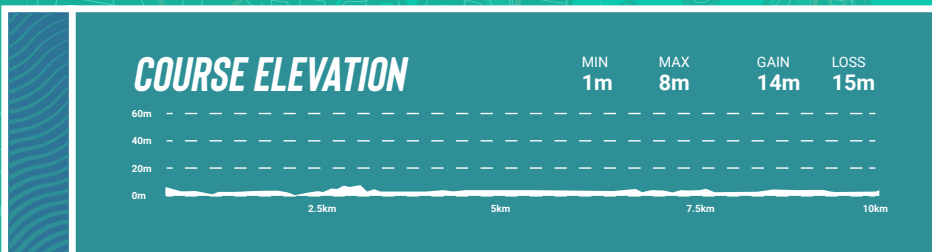
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PACIFIC OCEAN

SOUTHPORT

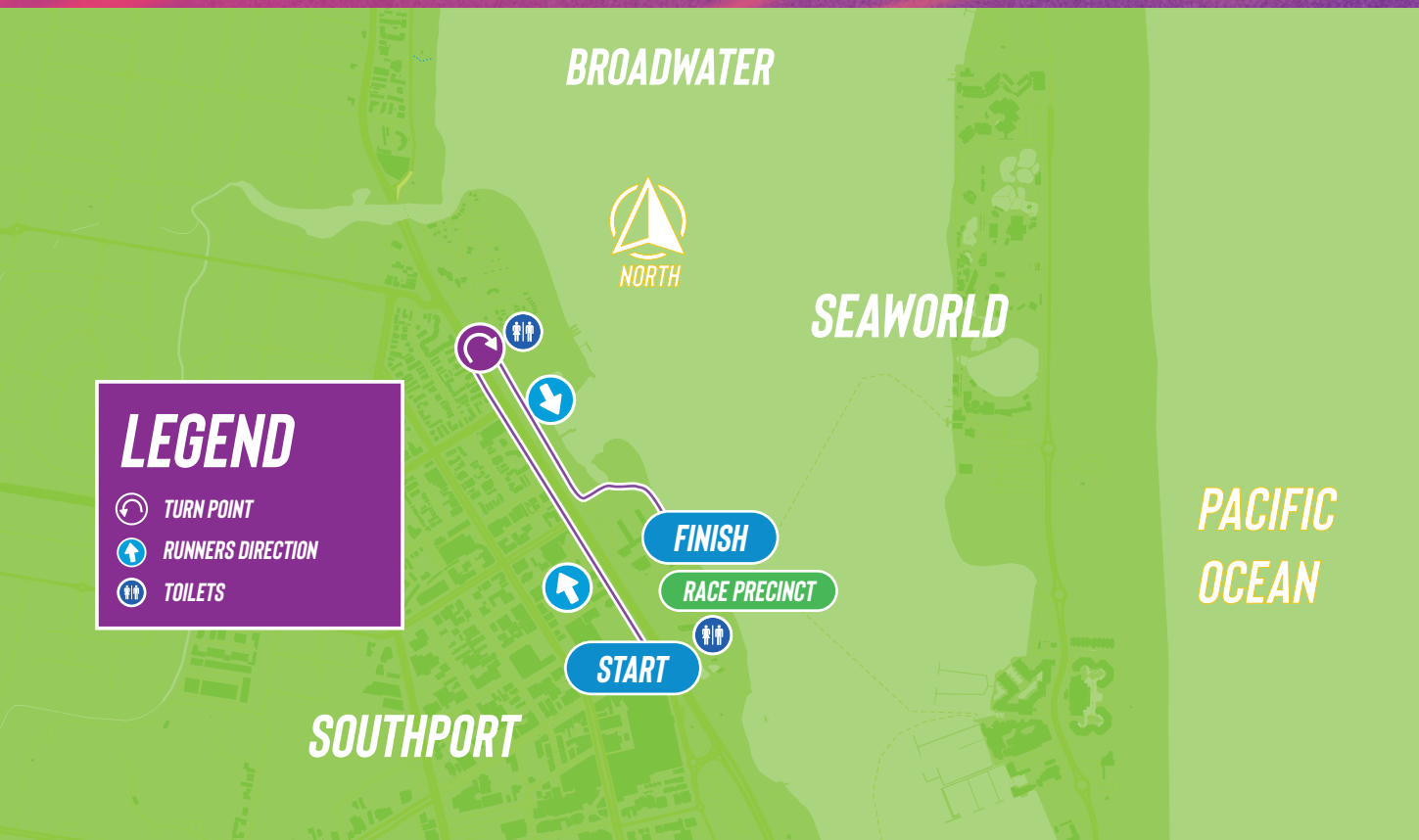
MAIN BEACH



# GOLD COAST AIRPORT 5KM COURSE MAP



# AUSTRALIA FAIR 2KM JUNIOR DASH COURSE MAP



# TRANSPORT

Whether you drive and park, catch a bus or tram, get dropped off or walk if you are staying close by, it's important to plan how you'll get to and from the race precinct. Please ensure you arrive at least one hour before your race.

## G:LINK — TRAM

Free travel to and from the Race Precinct will only be available to registered participants between 4:00am - 2:00pm on Saturday & 4:00am - 3:00pm Sunday. Display your race number when boarding. Standard Translink fares apply to non-registered accompanying persons. Services run from Broadbeach South to Helensvale.

For the easiest tram access, disembark at Southern Broadwater Parklands station and follow directional signage to the event precinct.

Plan ahead and allow extra time for your journey to ensure a smooth arrival at the event.

### SATURDAY 4 JULY

Services will operate on a 6.5 minute frequency from 4:00am - 12:00pm in both directions. From 12:00pm - 2:00pm, services will operate on a 7.5 minute frequency in both directions. From 2:00pm services will operate as per the regular weekend schedule.

**Please note:** During the Southern Cross University 10km Run, road crossings will be unavailable. To access the event precinct, please use the Sundale Bridge underpass.

### SUNDAY 5 JULY

Services will operate on a 6.5 minute frequency from 4:00am - 7:00am. From 7:00am - 2:00pm, services will operate on a 7.5 minute frequency in both directions. From 2:00pm services will operate as per the regular weekend schedule.

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## TRAIN

### Saturday 27 June until Sunday 19 July

During this period, some journeys may take significantly longer than usual. We encourage people to plan ahead, consider alternative travel options, and allow extra time for their journey.

Service changes will vary across lines, and the best travel option may change throughout June and July. Please refer to the link below for detailed information on how your travel may be impacted.

[TRANSLINK SERVICE UPDATE JUNE - JULY](#)

### Monday 29th June – Friday 3rd July

Customers travelling from Brisbane, including Brisbane Airport, can take a train to Eagle Junction. From Eagle Junction, rail replacement buses will operate to Helensvale. From Helensvale, G:link trams will run as normal.

Further information can be found here:

[TRANSLINK UPDATE](#)

## TRAIN

### Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 July (Race Weekend)

Customers travelling from Brisbane can take a train to Boggo Road. From Boggo Road, a direct rail replacement bus will operate to Helensvale (non-stop).

From Helensvale, G:link trams will operate as normal to all regular stops, including Broadwater Parklands and Southport.

Further information can be found here:

[TRANSLINK UPDATE](#)

### Journey Planner

We encourage all travellers journeying between Brisbane and the Gold Coast to plan ahead using the Translink Journey Planner. The planner will reflect the latest service updates and planned works approximately one month in advance, meaning that customers will be able to view accurate, up-to-date information for their travel.

[VISIT TRANSLINK JOURNEY PLANNER](#)

# TRANSPORT

## BUS

Normal Gold Coast bus services on will be in operation with standard fares to be charged.

### SUNDAY 5 JULY

To ensure smooth transport to the event precinct, additional shuttle bus services have been organised to supplement the trams in case they reach capacity.

#### Broadbeach Shuttle Route:

Operating Hours: 4:30am - 5:30am  
(last bus departs at 5:15am)

Buses will depart from Broadbeach South Tram Station, making stops at:

- Broadbeach North
- Florida Gardens
- Northcliffe

Please note that you will need to cross the road to access the bus stops.

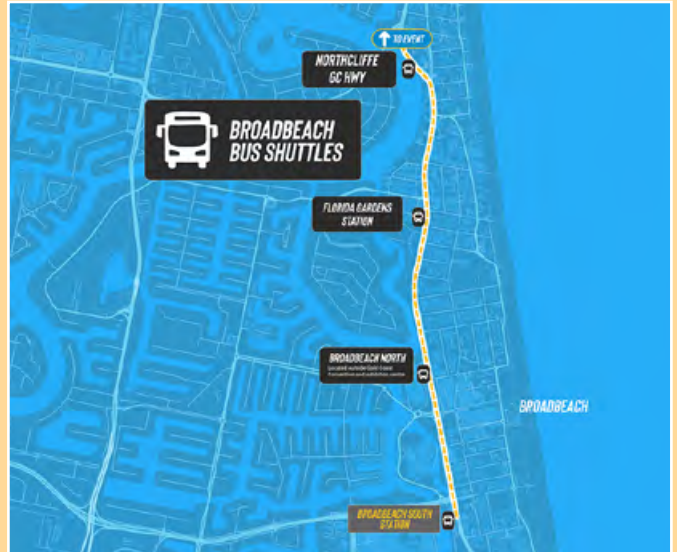
#### Surfers Paradise Shuttle Route:

Operating Hours: 4:30am - 5:45am  
(last bus departs at 5:30am)

Buses will depart from:

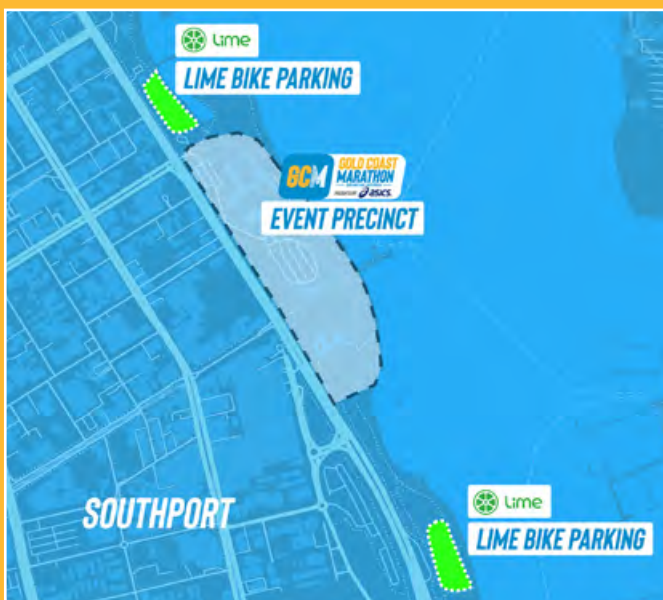
- Cavill Avenue
- Cypress Avenue

For a seamless travel experience, please follow the guidance of on-ground bus staff, who will assist in directing passengers efficiently.



## LIME BIKE PARKING

Please see below the designated Lime bike parking and drop off areas North and South of the event precinct.



## ROAD CLOSURES

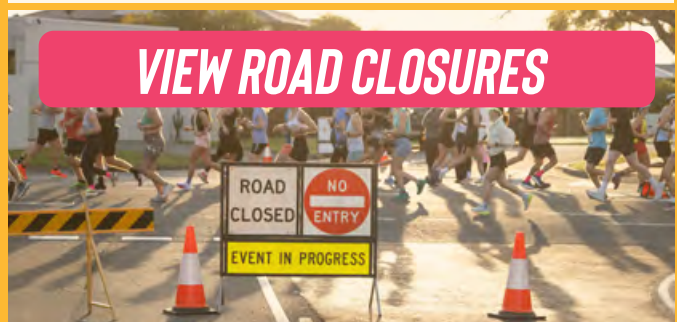
To ensure the safety of participants, volunteers and spectators, police-controlled road closures will be in place from Paradise Point to Miami.

### SATURDAY 4 JULY

Roads will be closed from 3:30am and will progressively reopen as events are completed. All roads are scheduled to reopen by 13:30pm.

### SUNDAY 5 JULY

Roads will be closed from 3:30am and will progressively reopen as events are completed. All roads are scheduled to reopen by 2:30pm.



# TRANSPORT

## CAR

### Drop Off Zone

The Drop Off Zone is on Davenport St (north of Windmill St). Vehicles are to access Davenport St via Nerang St and exit via Nind St (westbound). The Drop Off Zone is a 5min walk to the Race Precinct along Nind St (eastbound).

### Parking

People with a disability parking permit may use the VIP car park at Carey Park in front of Australia Fair Shopping Centre.

## VISIT CITY OF GOLD COAST

### Broadwater Parklands Car Park (Gold Coast Aquatic Centre Car Park)

The Broadwater Parklands Car Park in Southport will be fully closed from 5am Monday 22 June through to 5pm Thursday 9 July.

### Tow Away Zones

Parking restrictions will apply on the course and vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense. Refer to event signage for these locations.

### Pedestrian crossings

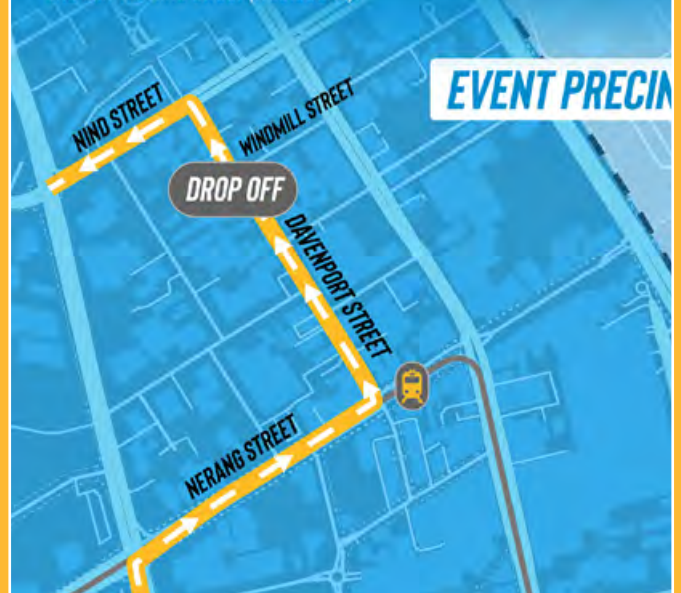
Pedestrian crossings on the Gold Coast Highway to access the Race Precinct will be located at Ada Bell Way (one crossing), Marine Pde (one crossing), Nerang St (one crossing), Nind St (one crossing) & North St (one crossing).

### Boat Ramps

Access to boat ramps along the event course will be restricted during the race weekend. Please refer to the road closure summary for details.

## DROP OFF

The Drop Off Zone is on Davenport Street (north of Windmill Street). Vehicles are to access Davenport Street via Nerang Street and exit via Nind Street (westbound).



	Car Park	Saturday 5 July	Sunday 6 July
P1	Australia Fair Shopping Centre (east side)	Open from 4am 0-3 hrs free Fees apply after 3 hrs	Open from 4am 0-3 hrs free. Fees apply after 3 hrs
P3	Mal Burke Car Park, Hicks Street	Free until 9am \$3 / hr	Free
P4	Athol Patterson, Suter Street	Free until 9am \$3 / hr	Free

## TRAVEL TIPS

If you live in affected suburbs or need to access these suburbs during the ASICS Gold Coast Marathon weekend, please consider these travel tips:

- Add additional time to your journey in anticipation of delays.
- Due to this event, traffic in Southport and surrounding suburbs will be heavily congested.
- Avoid travelling along the Gold Coast Highway between Southport and Mermaid Beach as heavy traffic delays are expected from 7am to 12pm on Sunday 5 July.
- The Gold Coast Highway will be impacted for southbound travel in Mermaid from Alexandra Avenue and Seashell Avenue. Please use western roads.
- Use either Benowa or Currumburra Roads when travelling north and south.
- Use Ferry Road and Scarborough Street to access parking in Southport.
- Use Olsen Avenue and Oxley Drive to enter/exit Labrador, Runaway Bay and Paradise Point.
- Use Tedder Avenue as the main thoroughfare to get to The Spit on Sunday 5 July, as it will be under police direction.
- If coming from Brisbane or the north along the Pacific Motorway (M1), use Nerang-Broadbeach Road to access Surfers Paradise or any suburbs further south.
- Access across the course will be permitted under the direction of traffic controllers and police when deemed safe.
- Please note there will be amplified sound before 7am in areas surrounding the course.
- Sound check will occur at Southport Broadwater Parklands in the week leading up to 4-5 July.

# TRANSPORT

## BOAT (MARINA MIRAGE TRANSFER) SAT & SUNDAY - START 4AM - FINISH 3PM

### Beachcomber Charters

Beachcomber Charters will be selling wristbands for Gold Coast Marathon Boat Transfers in the Sheraton Mirage foyer on Friday 3 July, from 4pm to 7pm.

Enjoy fast, stress-free travel across the Broadwater with Beachcomber Charters. Avoid road closures and cruise straight to the start line.

### Operating continuous return boat transfers all weekend from:

- Departure point: Marina Mirage, Hopo Ferry Pontoon
- Destination point: Southport Broadwater Parklands (beach landing)

### Operating hours:

- 4:00am – 3:00pm (Saturday & Sunday)
- 5 - 6 mins each way | No set times | First come, first served
- Our vessel Beachcomber and crew will be running non-stop return transfers throughout the day.

### Ticket Options (per day):

- Adults: \$40 for unlimited return trips
- Children (under 18): \$30 unlimited return trips
- One-way fares (Tap & Go on the day): \$20 Adult, \$15 child
- Round-trip tickets also available online

### VISIT BEACHCOMBER CHARTERS

**NOTE:** Wristbands are valid for one day only (Saturday or Sunday must be purchased separately).

This service is ideal for runners staying on The Spit, including guests at the Sheraton Mirage, Sea World Resort, and Imperial Hotel.

**Website:** [www.beachcombercharters.com.au](http://www.beachcombercharters.com.au)

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# COMMENTARY TEAM

## START AND FINISH LINE

### PETE MURRAY



Pete Murray returns to the ASICS Gold Coast Marathon in 2026 for his second year on the start and finish line, bringing more than 15 years of experience as one of endurance sport's most respected and energetic voices.

Known for his ability to connect with athletes and spectators alike, Pete has travelled the world sharing the stories and moments that make race day so special. His passion for celebrating the grit, determination and personal journeys of every runner helps create an atmosphere that leaves athletes with a lasting memory of their achievement.

## START AND FINISH LINE

### LIAM FLANAGAN



Back for his second year on the start and finish lines in 2026, Liam Flanagan returns with his trademark energy, wit and passion for sport, once again alongside his "partner in crime" Pete Murray to bring event weekend to life.

A familiar voice to many, Liam began his career with Triple M over a decade ago and has since worn many hats, from drive show host to sports commentator. He is also co-host of the award-winning In the Beginning podcast, which was named Best Sports Podcast at the Australian Sports Commission Media Awards, further showcasing his love of storytelling and sport.

## PRESENTATIONS

### NED BALME



Ned is a reporter with 9NEWS Queensland, bringing enthusiasm and a genuine love of sport to this year's presentations at the 2026 ASICS Gold Coast Marathon.

In his early 20s, he moved to the United States where he played college football before returning to Australia to build a career in news. While he has reported across everything from politics to crime, Ned is most passionate about community-driven stories, and counts the Brisbane Lions' drought-breaking premiership and Queensland Origin victories among his career highlights.

## ASICS SPORT & LEISURE EXPO

### LIAM RYAN



Returning for his second year as MC of the ASICS Sport & Leisure Expo, Liam Ryan is an all-round sports enthusiast qualified Sports & Exercise Physiotherapist.

When he's not in the physio clinic, you'll find him behind the mic doing sports commentary or out in the community competing in or supporting local swim, run, cycle and surf lifesaving events. A familiar face on the Gold Coast, Liam brings great energy and local knowledge to the ASICS Sport & Leisure Expo, and you will see him out running in the ASICS Gold Coast Marathon.

## BROADCAST INTERVIEWS & MC

### COURTNEY AKRIGG



Courtney returns to the ASICS Gold Coast Marathon in 2026 primarily in broadcast interview duties across race weekend, having worked with the event in previous years.

She brings extensive experience across major international sporting events, including the Commonwealth, Asian and Pan American Games, Olympic and Paralympic Games, and World Championships, alongside a strong background in communications, PR and live event hosting. This year also marks her first time stepping into a supporting MC commentary role.

## JAPANESE COMMENTATOR

### IRENE NICHOLSON



Irene Nicholson returns to the commentary team on Sunday to call the Japanese wheelchair and marathon athletes across the line in their native language.

## DJ

### ADAM THORNLEY - DJ TALLIE



The Big Voice is back to bring the beats to the ASICS Gold Coast Marathon!

At 2.01m tall, DJ Tallie is hard to miss! A regular on the Australian event scene, DJ Tallie works as both a DJ and MC known for his big energy and love of live crowds. He'll be pumping up the atmosphere and creating the ultimate finish line vibe all weekend long.

# WINTER OLYMPIAN SWAPS SKIS FOR RUNNERS IN GOLD COAST MARATHON DEBUT.

**AFTER SPENDING 3 YEARS TRAINING ON SNOW COVERED TRAILS IN NORWAY, AUSTRALIAN WINTER OLYMPIAN SEVE DE CAMPO IS PREPARING FOR A VERY DIFFERENT ENDURANCE EVENT, LINING UP FOR HIS FIRST ASICS GOLD COAST MARATHON.**



By Rosie Malone

De Campo's endurance credentials are unquestionable, having recorded Australia's best 50km cross-country ski result since 1992 at the recent Winter Olympics in Milano Cortina, Italy.

**The Melbourne based cross-country skier is now trading sub-zero temperatures for 42.2kms of sunshine, sea, and palm trees along Australia's most iconic marathon course.**

"The contrast between racing an Olympic 50km ski race in -18°C conditions and preparing for a marathon on the Gold Coast couldn't be much greater," Seve said.

Despite not having a background in running, de Campo is aiming to finish the marathon in two hours and thirty minutes and says, "one of my secrets has been incorporating plenty of cross-training."

The Olympic endurance athlete is known for his aerobic engine and VO2 max training, frequently documenting his sessions and data on social media as he prepares for the next big sporting event.

De Campo is using the marathon training as pre-season for his cross-country ski season and believes this challenge will be a test of patience, consistency and preparation, setting him up for success ahead of his international competition. "This marathon has become an opportunity to apply everything I've learned over years of international endurance sport to a new challenge," he said.

In the lead up to the Milano Cortina Winter Olympics, Seve lived and trained in Lillehammer, Norway, immersing himself in one of the world's most dominant endurance sport cultures.

Spending years of long, dark winters and temperatures below freezing, Seve is looking forward to being back home in Australia and making the most of the warmer Gold Coast weather.

**"So many Norwegians would tell me their dream was to move to Australia's Gold Coast," said de Campo.**

As he prepares for his debut marathon, Seve has been slowly increasing his running load and incorporating plenty of ski erg sessions to maintain a high aerobic load while reducing impact on the body. With plenty of experience pushing his body to the limit in sport, de Campo understands fuelling and nutrition can be the difference between a great performance and a very long day.

"I've brought that same mindset into marathon preparation, practising fuelling strategies during long runs and refining a plan for race day," he said.

Beyond the result, Seve hopes the marathon delivers what endurance sport does best - community, challenge and an opportunity to test himself in a new environment in front of the world.

**"The goal is ambitious, but I'm all in".**

# ASICS SPORTS AND LEISURE EXPO

The annual ASICS Sport & Leisure Expo adds even more colour and atmosphere to the ASICS Gold Coast Marathon weekend. It's Australia's favourite running expo and is expected to attract close to 50,000 visitors with free admission for the general public.

There are more than 60 exhibitors, including a huge display of ASICS footwear and fashion, the latest in fitness technology, nutrition and events, and all-important race information for the ASICS Gold Coast Marathon.

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## WHERE

Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre  
2684-2690 Gold Coast Highway,  
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## WHEN

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Friday 3 July, 2025 9am - 8pm  
Saturday 4 July, 2025 9am - 4pm



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# STEPHANIE BRIGGS HAS BEEN VOLUNTEERING WITH EMQ FOR 22 YEARS.

By Rosie Malone

**For volunteers like Stephanie Briggs with more than two decades experience, the Gold Coast Marathon has become so much more than a sporting event.**

This year, she will join more than 1500 volunteers working behind the scenes to ensure every participant has a memorable race-day experience at the record-breaking 2026 ASICS Gold Coast Marathon.

After 22 years of volunteering with Events Management Queensland (EMQ), Stephanie has become a familiar face at some of Queensland's biggest participant events, consistently lending a hand at the Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport Running Festival, ASICS Gold Coast Marathon, and Pan Pacific Masters Games.

While thousands of runners see the marathon as a test of endurance, volunteers like Stephanie see it as an opportunity to connect with new and familiar faces.

**"I come back every year because I love what I do," she said.**

This year's Gold Coast Marathon will see volunteers travel from all over the east coast of Australia, bringing together people from different nationalities and age groups, from young university students to retirees.

"I like meeting people from all walks of life and all ages." "You help the community and give back to the community." For Stephanie, it's those seemingly small moments that leave a big impact and make her want to keep coming back year after year.



"One year I checked a gentleman in before his race and we ended up having the same birthday which we had a lovely chat about," she said. "You wouldn't believe it, but the next year he came back and happened to come to my desk, it was like home coming week for us."

Among one of her most memorable moments was helping a runner from Japan who was separated from her transport and couldn't find her way home. After several phone calls and navigating event traffic and security, Stephanie was able to reunite the athlete with her driver to get home.

**"She was so grateful as she told me she was on her own with no one to help," Stephanie recalled.**

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## SPECTATOR VIEW LOCATIONS

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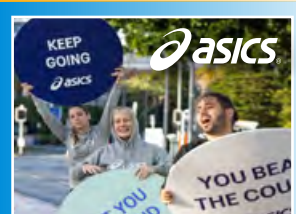
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- GELS - 30.5KM
- RUNNERS DIRECTION
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 Bayview St/Marine Parade Roundabout, Runaway Bay  
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**3. LABRADOR - ASICS SUPPORTER ZONE**  
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**DJ & Hype Squad**



**4. BIGGERA WATERS - BEFORE YOU SPEAK COFFEE SUPPORTER ZONE**  
 Burrows Street Carpark, Biggera Waters  
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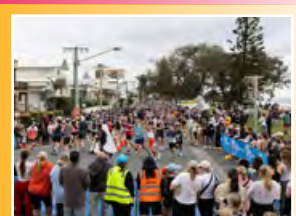
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