



Special Olympics

# QUEENSLAND STATE GAMES

SUNSHINE COAST 2017



## STATE GAMES – SUNSHINE COAST April-May 2017

## FAMILIES AND SUPPORTERS GUIDE

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# INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the **Family and Supporters Guide** for Special Olympics Queensland's forthcoming State Games.

We are thrilled to present the second cluster State Games at the Sunshine Coast and are incredibly excited that our athletes will get the opportunity to compete in this fantastic event.

This year's games have expanded from 11 to 14 sports and will feature the following:

- **Swimming**
- **Athletics**
- **Basketball**
- **Bocce**
- **Cricket**
- **Equestrian**
- **Football (Soccer)**
- **Golf**
- **Gymnastics**
- **Open Water Swimming**
- **Sailing**
- **Table Tennis**
- **Tennis**
- **Ten Pin Bowling**

There is expected to be over 500 athletes in competition over two weekends with many more family and supporters cheering the athletes on. The addition of Cricket, sailing and Table Tennis in this year's event sees more opportunity for athletes to compete at a higher level. We are sure you are just as excited as we are to return to the Sunshine Coast for our State Games and we look forward to seeing you there!

Special Olympics Queensland aims to provide every athlete with an opportunity to participate in training and competition events that challenge athletes to achieve their fullest potential, regardless of the athlete's level of ability.

The 2017 State games are an extension of club competition where athletes regularly access a high level of quality competition provided by the hundreds of key volunteers and supporters. These State games are designed as a cluster event to provide access to the most regional athletes and families as well as honouring as much as possible the knowledge that many athletes play across a number of sports.

This year's event will be held at the Sunshine Coast from **Friday 28th April to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May**. The event will kick off with the Open water swim event which will lead into the opening ceremony and culminate with the athletes celebration and finish with a flurry of sports on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Open Water Swim</b>	Caloundra Aquatic Centre – Central Park Road, Caloundra (John Wallace Swim School)
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Aquatics</b>	Caloundra Aquatic Centre – Central Park Road, Caloundra (John Wallace Swim School)
	<b>Bocce</b>	Sunshine Coast Bocce Club – Laidlaw Road, Woombye
	<b>Equestrian</b>	Tallebudgera Pony Club-Andrews Rd Tallebudgera, Gold Coast
	<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b>	Matthew Flinders Anglican College – Stringybark Road, Buderim
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Bocce</b>	Sunshine Coast Bocce Club, Laidlaw Road, Woombye
	<b>Equestrian</b>	Tallebudgera Pony Club-Andrews Rd Tallebudgera, Gold Coast
	<b>Gymnastics</b>	Maroochy Beach Gymnastics Club – Wises Road, Buderim
	<b>Basketball</b>	Clippers Basketball Centre – Syd Lingard Drive, Buderim
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Golf</b>	Headlands Golf Club – Golf Links Road, Buderim
	<b>Table Tennis</b>	Meridan State Collage 168 Sunset Dr, Little Mountain QLD 4551, Australia
	<b>Equestrian</b>	Tallebudgera Pony Club-Andrews Rd Tallebudgera, Gold Coast
	<b>Athletics</b>	University of Sunshine Coast Athletics Track – Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Cricket</b>	Caloundra Cricket Club – Lewis Street, Caloundra
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Cricket</b>	Caloundra Cricket Club – Lewis Street, Caloundra
	<b>Sailing</b>	Double Bay Beach – Grand Parade, Parrearra
	<b>Tennis</b>	Elite Tennis International – Bowman Road, Caloundra
	<b>Ten Pin Bowling</b>	Suncity Ten Pin Bowling – Mari Street, Alexandra Headland
	<b>ATHLETE CLEBRATION</b>	Sunshine Coast Recreation centre 80 Currimundi Rd, Currimundi QLD 4551
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Football</b>	Meridian Sports Field, Meridian Fields Sporting Complex – Meridian Way, Meridian Plains
	<b>Sailing</b>	Double Bay Beach – Grand Parade, Parrearra
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## OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony will be held at Matthew Flinders Anglican College in Buderim. The Ceremony is free of charge and all families and supporters of athletes, teams and coaches are invited and encouraged to attend.

Athletes will march with their Clubs in the ceremonies, and the Flame of Hope will be run by the LETR (Law Enforcement Torch Run).

This event provides the opportunity for all competitors to be recognised together in one large group and will be the formal beginning of the 2017 Special Olympics Queensland State Games.

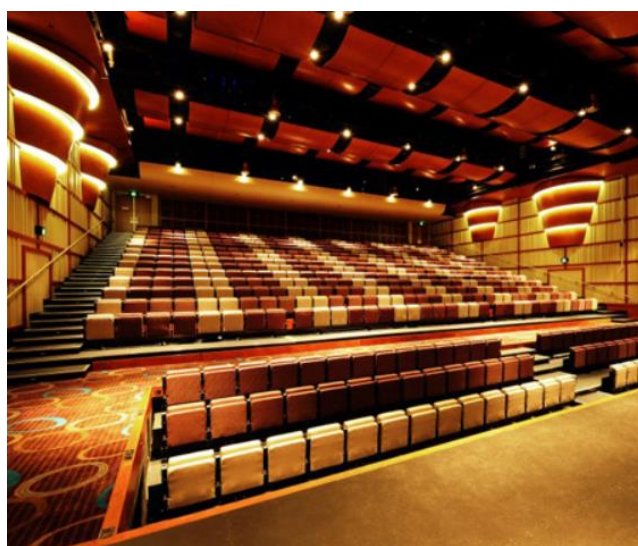
### OPENING CEREMONY

**Date:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**Where:** Matthew Flinders Anglican College  
1-47 Stringybark Road  
Buderim

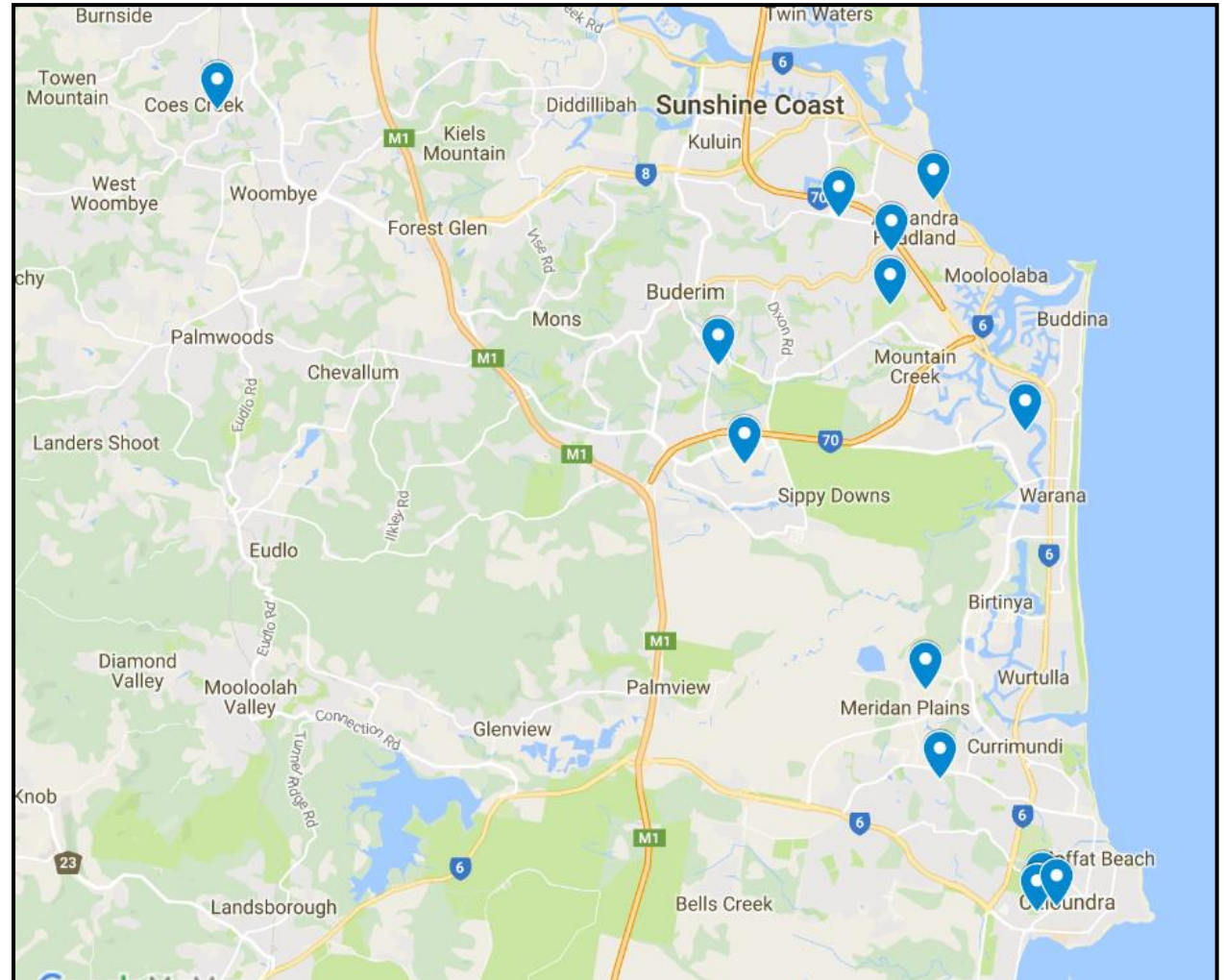
**Time:** Estimated start time 6:30pm – more information to follow

**Cost:** \$0



## VENUE DETAILS

Swimming:	Caloundra Aquatic Centre – Central Park Road, Caloundra (John Wallace Swim School)
Athletics:	University of Sunshine Coast Athletics Track – Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
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**THIS MAP CAN BE VIEWED ONLINE: [State games locations](#)**

## EXTRA ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

There are loads of things to do and see in the Sunshine Coast! Below is a list of activities you can do while visiting the Caloundra and the Sunshine Coast:



**What:** **AUSSIE WORLD**  
**Where:** 73 Frizzo Road, Palmview  
**Details:** If you're looking for thrills and excitement then you will find it all right there! There are rides that will get you soaked, make you green and dizzy, there are simulators and slides, bumps and coasters! For the kids or the big kids at heart – fun for all ages!



**What:** **CALOUNDRA COASTAL WALK**  
**Where:** Golden Beach, Caloundra  
**Details:** The coastal walk is covers 25km of scenic shoreline. Walking tracks, shaded areas, bike racks, viewing platforms and public toilets available.



**What:** **CALOUNDRA CRUISE**  
**Where:** 38 Pelican Waters Boulevard, Pelican Waters Jetty  
**Details:** One of the most popular activities on the waterways and suitable for all ages. Contact 07 5492 8280



**What:** **CALOUNDRA RSL**  
**Where:** 19 West Terrace, Caloundra  
**Details:** Award winning social venue with five dining options and four bars. Contact 07 5438 5800



**What:** **CURRIMUNDI LAKE (KATHLEEN MCARTHUR) CONSERVATION PARK**  
**Where:** Caloundra  
**Details:** This coastal heathland is rich in plants species attracting birds and insects seeking shelter. Birdwatching is a popular activity here!



**What:** **BOUNCE SMOOTHIE & ICE-CREAM BAR**  
**Where:** The Esplanade, Caloundra  
**Details:** Located at Bulcock Beach, try the large selection of delicious ice-cream and smoothies!

**FOR MORE THINGS TO SEE AND DO VISIT: <http://www.visitsunshinecoast.com.au/>**

# ACCOMMODATION

The Sunshine Coast has plenty of accommodation options to suit your individual needs and budget. There are a variety of self-service apartments, hotels, motels and holiday parks available. Nearby areas include Kings Beach, Bulcock Beach and Golden Beach (See map below).

If you are travelling with a group it is recommended you use a group specialist to assist your planning. These specialists will help find the most suitable accommodation and transport options for your group.

For group bookings and enquiries contact **1300 847 481** or email [groups@scdl.com.au](mailto:groups@scdl.com.au)

If you wish to book your own accommodation, why not visit the website below for a more comprehensive list of accommodation options.

## TO BOOK ACCOMMODATION VISIT:

<https://www.visitsunshinecoast.com/Accommodation>

### What should I do?

#### Family Fun

"If you never did, you should. These things are fun, and fun is good" Dr. Seuss  
 Bring a bucket and spade for hanging out on the beach, visit a fun park, hire a seal, race, climb and play in Caloundra and Mooloolaba.  
 Hire a boat in the Pumicestone Passage. Throw a line off the side and you might catch a meal to cook at one of the many BBQ areas along the foreshore, or BYO sausages and bread as a back-up.

#### Adventure Quest

"Just like Indiana Jones"  
 If an activity involves speed, height, or physical exertion on air, land or water, the Sunshine Coast has something for the thrill seeker in everyone.  
 Hire a jet ski. Explore the coastline from a different perspective where speed is king. There are jet ski fire operators located in Caloundra, Mooloolaba, Maroochydore and Noosa.

#### Food Revolution

"If you like food, you are a fanatic"  
 From waterfront restaurants to specialised cafes, food festivals to cooking schools, the Sunshine Coast is a foodie wonderland guaranteed to tempt your tastebuds and satiate the appetite in Noosa or the Hinterland.  
 Indulge at one of Noosa's many world class restaurants and eateries, from unique waterfront dining experiences offering fresh seafood, to bistros and cafes where your culinary fancy will be satisfied with Modern Australian, Thai, French, Japanese, and Italian.

### Legend

- + Hospital
- 🌳 National Park
- 📷 Lookout / Photo Opportunity
- ✈️ Sunshine Coast Airport
- 🚢 Vehicular Ferry
- 🚑 Ex HMAS Brisbane
- i Visitor Information
- ℹ️ Accredited Visitor Information Centres
- Roads
- Highway
- Sunshine Moorway
- Dirt Road
- Railway

- 1 Aussie World
- 2 Narrow Escape Rainforest Retreat
- 3 Coolum Golf Resort and Spa
- 4 Maleny Escapes
- 5 RACV Noosa Resort
- 6 Portobello By The Sea
- 7 Crownes Plaza Pelican Waters
- 8 Glass On Glasshouse
- 9 UnderWater World
- 10 Big Kart Tract

Travelling time by road from BRISBANE AIRPORT to...	
Caloundra	75minutes
Central Hinterland	90minutes
Maroochydore/Mooloolaba	90minutes
Coolum	105minutes
Noosa	120minutes
Cympie	150minutes

Travelling time by road from SUNSHINE COAST AIRPORT to...	
Caloundra	40minutes
Central Hinterland	50minutes
Maroochydore/Mooloolaba	20minutes
Coolum	10minutes
Noosa	40minutes
Cympie	75minutes

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Map Disclaimer: This map has not been created to any scale, and no claim is made to its accuracy. Most natural features are abbreviated, as are changes in elevation. This map does provide a warning users by finding users by finding your way around. Any depiction is subject to change.

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**Please Note:**

**All games registration entry fees except (equestrian) will be payable directly to Special Olympics Queensland, you will receive an email which will assist you in this process. This will include a review of athletes care details through a platform called "Care Monkey" this is to ensure that (only) key volunteer staff have up-to-date information in case of the unlikely need for medical assistance. Also sufficient duty of care is maintained during competition.**

**Game entry fee for the games (all sports) is a one of fee of \$30.00 (Athletes must be financial members of Special Olympics to attend these games)**

## **FAQ's**

**Q. What are the dates of the State Games?**

A. The State Games are being held between Saturday 28 April and Sunday 7 May, 2017. Please refer to the State Games Sports Calendar for dates of specific sports.

**Q. Is there any information available about the Opening Ceremony?**

A. The Opening Ceremony will be held at the Matthew Flinders Anglican College – 1-47 Stringybark Road, Buderim. This is being held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April. The ceremony will start at approx. 6.30pm. There is no entry charge and all Athletes, families and supporters are welcome to attend. The flame of hope will be run by the LETR. Athletes will march in as part of their Club.

**Q. Why have Special Olympics Queensland shifted to a cluster type event over a week rather than individual State Games?**

A. To focus on one large quality run event rather than multiple smaller events. This event due to its size has attracted funding from Sunshine Coast Regional Council. Also, this permits Clubs and Athletes that travel long distances the opportunity to compete in all sports offered at a lower cost than smaller events.

**Q. Why is the State Games on the Sunshine Coast?**

A. In 2013 the Sunshine Coast Regional Council offered to support the event into the future, and the area also presents good facilities and accommodation options. The area is also very close to a central point for Special Olympics Queensland in athlete population across Queensland.

**Q. What do families and athletes need to do between now and the Games?**

A. Families/Carers including athletes should ask their sports coach for details about the particular sport and if the Athlete wants to compete, the coach will assist the athlete to fill in the nomination form. The nomination forms will be distributed via state sports coordinators to Club coaches, who will be the first contact for athlete lodgement and registration.

**Q. Where should nomination fees be paid to?**

A. This time all payments for the games will be paid directly to Special Olympics Queensland through a platform called "Care Monkey" at the time of payment you will be asked to update your athletes care details so that duty of care is maintained during events. Only key staff will have access to this information.



**Q. What accommodation options are there at Caloundra?**

A. There are quite a few holiday apartments available for weekend and weeklong rentals at Kings, Bulcock and Golden Beaches, Caloundra and adjacent areas. The Games Organising Committee has reserved low cost dormitory style accommodation for families and athletes from Clubs north of Gympie. Your Club committee should be consulted if you require this style of accommodation. This accommodation may also be available for southern Clubs dependant on availability.

**Q. Are athletes able to participate in more than one sport if scheduled on the same weekend?**

A. Yes, as long as the sport does not overlap in their schedules or operate at the same time.

**Q. What are the reasons for different sports being scheduled at the same time?**

A. The three reasons for sports being scheduled are 1. Venue availability. 2. The current participation numbers for each sport. 3. To operate as much as possible to respect athlete cross over (athletes training in more than one sport.)

**Q. Will the sports always be scheduled this way for this type of event?**

A. No. The sports will be reviewed each year as participation numbers change along with other outside influences.

**Q. Will the sports at this event be used for selections for the 2018 National Games?**

A. Yes these sports will be selection events for the 2018 National Games to be held in Adelaide.

**Q. What other benefits are the State Games for Special Olympics Queensland and Clubs?**

A. Over time this will enable Special Olympics Queensland and Clubs to lift their profile and attract funds back into the sports.

**Q. Who do I contact for more information?**

A. For more information contact your Club committee, Club sports coordinator, sports coach or Sports Development Manager, Terry Visscher.

