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THE STAR GOLD COAST CELEBRATES NON-STOP ENTERTAINMENT FOR GC2018



Live entertainment, DJs, nightly themed events, fireworks, a pop-up food stall showcasing flavours of the Commonwealth, giant outdoor screens and more have been announced as part of a thrilling and packed nightly schedule of events at The Star for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, April 4 – 15.

The Star Gold Coast – the first official partner of the Commonwealth Games – is also a proud sponsor of Commonwealth Games Australia, with the property proving to be the best place outside of the stadiums to cheer on the 2018 Australian Team, and watch all the action broadcast live on the lawn, and in the newly unveiled Sports Bar.

The Star Entertainment Group Managing Director Queensland Geoff Hogg said athletes will also join in the celebrations at The Star following their events giving fans and sporting enthusiasts a first-hand account of what it takes to be a Commonwealth Games champion.



“We are thrilled to not only be a partner of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, but the Australian Team as well, giving us the opportunity to really show our support to every athlete while they compete on home soil,” Mr Hogg said.

Commonwealth Games Australia CEO Craig Phillips said he was pleased to have The Star Gold Coast backing the Australian Team.

“Commonwealth Games Australia are proud to have The Star Gold Coast partner with the Australian Team for Gold Coast 2018,” he said.

“There is no doubt that The Star will be a hub of activity during Games time and be a very popular place for people to cheer on our Australian athletes,” Phillips said.

The entertainment program at The Star is set to appeal to locals and visitors alike, with themed events celebrating the multicultural diversity of the Games lighting up the lawn over the twelve nights taking guests on a journey through the *Best of British*, *Caribbean Celebration*, *Party Pasifika* and *The Great Aussie BBQ*, complementing all the action happening across the Coast during Games time.

The expansive lawn will also feature live performances from the Potbelleez (DJ set), Havana Brown, Bobby Alu, Midnight Juggernauts (DJ Set), and Triple J favourites KLP and Alex Dyson, plus many more promising to offer unique and exciting experiences every day.

Homegrown international superstar Dami Im will grace the stage at The Star Gold Coast Theatre with a special one-off show on Thursday April 5, while Gold FM Live puts on a ten-band line up on Saturday April 7, and Australian favourite Jimmy Barnes performs “Working Class Man: An Evening of Stories and Songs” on Saturday April 14 to round out the entertainment extravaganza.

Another key partner of The Star is Channel 7, whose custom-built lifeguard tower will form a centrepiece of the celebrations on the lawn, while radio stations Nova and Hot Tomato will also broadcast live daily from the property.

“The Games is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to shine a spotlight on everything that makes the Gold Coast such a remarkable City, and we’re thrilled to be a part it,” Mr Hogg said.

“As presenting partner of Festival 2018 Broadbeach, and the huge entertainment line-up on-property, The Star Gold Coast is going to be the best place to be outside of the Games events and we encourage every Gold Coaster to come join in the celebrations.”

The Star Gold Coast will be one of Seven’s key broadcast locations, as the Official Australian Broadcaster of the Commonwealth Games crosses live to athlete interviews and entertainment on-property every day of the Games.

Seven’s Director of Olympic and Commonwealth Games, Kurt Burnette said: “The Commonwealth Games will be a truly extraordinary event, engaging and exciting Australians at levels not seen since the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games and Sydney 2000 Olympics.

“Building on from Rio, the Tennis and the highly successful Winter Olympics, Australians will be able to follow every moment at home on the big screens of 7, and on the move via our world class apps and digital and social content and communication platforms.

“Seven is not just the official Domestic and Host broadcaster but also a proud Event and Australian Team Sponsor. Our objective is to integrate the 7 brand into the entire Event and the community, working with likeminded partners like The Star to ensure this event is experienced and seen by Australians like never before.”

Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation (GOLDOC) CEO Mark Peters expressed his support of the iconic Gold Coast venue’s plans during the Games.



“With just 9 days to go until the Commonwealth Games, we are delighted to see how the City is coming together to host not just an incredible sporting event but a world-class entertainment experience,” said Mr Peters.

“The Star will immerse locals and visitors in the heart of the action and allow them to explore the various regions, sports and cultures of the Commonwealth creating a not-to-be-missed experience.”

At the front of the property, The Star’s new luxury suite hotel The Darling officially opened on Thursday March 22 before the Games, with more than 50 luxury suites from 70 to 328 square metres in size. The luxury hotel also plays home to Nineteen at The Star, a new signature restaurant and bar experience, as well as world-class gaming amenities and a rooftop infinity-edge pool.

Throughout the twelve days of the Games period, guests at each venue will be taken on a gastronomical tour of the Commonwealth region, with new menu items available exclusively for the period.

CELEBRATING THE GOLD COAST 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES AT THE STAR:

- The Star Gold Coast will be open 24-hours a day, 7 days a week during Games time, with varying restaurant and bar times to be available on the website
- Located in the epicentre of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, The Star Gold Coast is walking distance from Festival 2018, the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre, G:link and bus stops both north and south bound, taking you to the Games quicker and easier, and is the perfect place to begin and end your journey
- The Star Gold Coast’s Celebration Lawn will feature nightly themed events promising to bring guests unique and exciting experiences every day of the Games
- The brand-new Sports Bar is now open offering a 10m long super screen and additional multiscreen viewing will broadcast all the Games action 24-hours a day, 7 days a week
- Dami Im will be performing in the Theatre Thursday April 5, 2018 (tickets from \$79.90) - doors open from 7pm
- Jimmy Barnes will be performing in the Theatre Saturday April 14, 2018 (tickets sold out) - doors open from 7pm
- Gold FM Live’s ten-band line up including Ross Wilson, Eurogliders, The Chantoozies, The Radiators, Chocolate Starfish, Mark Gable of The Choirboys, Pseudo Echo, Real Life, Dale Ryder Boom Crash Opera and Steve Kilbey of The Church will be performing in the Theatre Saturday April 7, 2018 (tickets from \$89.90) – doors open from 7pm
- The Star Gold Coast is the proud presenting partner of Festival 2018’s Brisbane and Broadbeach sites in Kurrawa Park and Surf Parade, supporting the arts and cultural program within the Broadbeach precinct
- The Star Gold Coast is also a Gold Sponsor of the 2018 Pride House Gold Coast located in Surfers Paradise, the first ever Pride House to be hosted in the southern hemisphere to celebrate inclusion and diversity through sport during the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games

JIMMY BARNES

Jimmy Barnes’ highly anticipated new memoir “*Working Class Man*” will be accompanied by a special national tour. “*Working Class Man: An Evening of Stories and Songs*” will be the sequel to the acclaimed and hugely successful live show Jimmy performed alongside his first bestselling memoir – “*Working Class Boy*”. Like the previous production, this new tour will see Jimmy tell his life story, singing stripped back versions of the songs that have shaped his journey. However, unlike its predecessor, this live show – and book – will cover the Oz rock icon’s entire adult life, revealing the successes and excesses of Australia’s greatest rock’n’roll story.



DAMI IM

While earning a reputation as one of the hardest working women in the Australian show business, Dami Im has quietly established herself as something of a national treasure. Accolades over the last couple of years have come thick and fast. Dami's special one-off show will take you through her impressive range of songs, giving fans the chance to see one of the most exciting Australian artists of this new millennium up close and personal.

GOLD FM LIVE

GOLD FM LIVE will be three hours, full of hits and performances from ten of Australia's most well-loved 70s, 80s and 90s acts including Ross Wilson, Swanee, 1927, Wendy Matthews, Eurogliders, Real Life, Mi-Sex, Wa Wa Nee, The Chantoozies and Mark Gable. 92.5 Gold FM are thrilled to once again be presenting GOLD FM LIVE hosted by 92.5 Gold FM Breakfast's Bridge and Spida.

THE STAR GOLD COAST'S REDEVELOPMENT

The Star Gold Coast's current transformation heralds a new era for the property and forms part of crucial investment in the region ahead of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Eleven new food and beverage offerings including a newly unveiled Sports Bar, 596 refurbished hotel rooms at The Star Grand and a premium poolside experience are among the already completed offering, while The Darling, the new luxury suite hotel and rooftop destination forms the centrepiece of the redevelopment.

Adding to the excitement of the current development is the planned addition of the first mixed use residential apartment and hotel tower on Broadbeach Island. Pending successful pre-sales of The Star Residences, the 53-storey tower could be the first of up to five within a future master plan for the property as part of a joint venture with renowned Hong Kong-based partners Chow Tai Fook and Far East Consortium.

Together, the refurbishments of the existing property, and the development of both The Darling and the proposed hotel and residential tower would involve an investment of up to \$850 million.

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