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YOUR GUIDE TO

Opening NIGHT IN



You're INVITED

This is your invitation to celebrate the Opening Ceremony of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games. The Opening Ceremony marks the beginning of the biggest event Australia has staged this decade.

As culture, colour, unity and diversity are showcased on the world stage at Carrara Stadium, you can be part of the glamour, theatre and entertainment with your own celebration at home.



LET'S GET STARTED

For inspirational ideas on how to host the best Opening Night In, check out the information below for unique recipes, games, top tips and more.

Share the dream, witness the sporting greatness and celebrate GC2018! Don't forget to share your photos using #SHARETHEDREAM

YOUR GUIDE TO A GREAT OPENING NIGHT IN



LET'S GET PLANNING

Opening Night In preparations and celebrations can be done with ease thanks to our handy checklist.



THE QUEEN'S BATON RELAY

Design your own Queen's Baton and explore the story behind the origin of the Queen's Baton Relay.



LET'S GET COOKING!

Heat things up at your Opening Night In party with our delicious recipes.



OPENING NIGHT IN ACTIVITIES

Create memorable moments with our DIY activities and ways to join in the celebrations.



A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA

Get to know our [Share the Dream](#) guidelines and download great resources to make it an unforgettable event.

SHOW YOUR GC2018 SPIRIT!

This is your chance to host your once in a lifetime Opening Night In party.

There's plenty of ways to decorate and celebrate!

[Check out the official GC2018 decorations here.](#)



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Get together, have some fun and don't forget to share your special moments with us @GC2018 on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

LET'S GET PLANNING!



We've put together a checklist to help make hosting your Opening Night In celebrations a little easier so everyone can enjoy the spectacular that will be the Opening Ceremony!



HOW TO HOST THE GREATEST OPENING NIGHT IN PARTY

A MONTH IN ADVANCE

- Save the date! Add the Opening Ceremony to your diary for Wednesday 4 April
- Write your invitation list.
- Let everyone know you're planning on throwing an Opening Night In party and send out your '[Opening Night In](#)' invites.
- Think ahead of the big night. Make your party a little easier and delegate jobs ahead of the night.
- Make sure you check out the [Official GC2018 decorations](#) ahead of the big night!

A FEW DAYS BEFORE

- Get ready to host your party!
- Make sure there will be plenty of seating for everyone to catch a glimpse of the Opening Ceremony.
- It's time to hang up your decorations and let the flags fly high in support of your chosen nation.
- Deck yourself out! Plan your outfits with plenty of colour and fun.
- Start cooking the delicious [Opening Night In recipes](#).

ON THE NIGHT

- Make sure to tune in to Channel 7 to view the Opening Ceremony.
- Try out some of our DIY and [Opening Night In activities](#).
- Have plenty of fun celebrating the Opening Ceremony for GC2018.

THE QUEEN'S BATON



The Queen's Baton Relay is a Commonwealth Games tradition that celebrates the Commonwealth's diversity as it travels around the world before reaching the final stop of the relay – the Opening Ceremony!

ABOUT THE QBR

THE STORY

The Queen's Baton Relay carries a message from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II that calls the Commonwealth's athletes to come together in peaceful and friendly competition.

FAST FACTS

The GC2018 Queen's Baton Relay will be the longest in history. Starting its journey at Buckingham Palace, visiting 70 nations and territories over 388 days and covering a total distance of 230,000km.

IT'S BEEN EVERYWHERE, MAN!

The GC2018 Queen's Baton visits all nations and territories of the Commonwealth on its way to the Opening Ceremony. The Baton has spent some time in communities across every state and territory in Australia over the last few months. Check out [where the Queen's Baton has travelled](#). Follow the Queen's Baton on [Instagram #QBR2018!](#)



DID YOU KNOW?

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LET'S GET COOKING!



An Opening Night In party won't be complete without some foods of a nation. Enjoy the flavours and cuisines from around the world as we celebrate the Opening Ceremony.



ENGLISH BANGERS & MASH

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- 4 potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks
- 1 tsp salt
- 6 tbsp butter
- 1 cup milk
- Ground black pepper
- 2 medium onions, thinly sliced
- 1 tbsp flour
- 1 cup beef or chicken stock
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 8 sausages

WHAT TO DO:

1. Cook potatoes, drain the water then mash. Combine the milk and butter with the potatoes then keep warm until needed.
2. Cook the sausages, make sure to flip them over on each side. Cook the onion in the butter until caramelised. Add flour and stir until the ingredients combine. Gradually add the stock then let the sauce simmer until it thickens. Serve and enjoy!



EAST AFRICAN MANGO SALAD

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 2 cups seeded tomato, chopped
- 1 red or green jalapeño, seeded and minced
- 1 cucumber, thinly sliced
- 1/2 small red onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 tsp salt, 1/4 tsp cumin, dash of cinnamon
- 2 mangoes, pitted and diced
- 3 tbsp chopped, unsalted dry-roasted nuts
- 1 tbsp chopped coriander
- 3 tbsp fresh lime juice

WHAT TO DO:

1. Toss together the cucumber, onion, salt, and garlic in a colander. Let it stand for 20 minutes to drain. Meanwhile, toss the olive oil, tomato, jalapeño, cumin, cinnamon, and mango together in a large bowl.
2. Add the cucumber mixture to the bowl and toss to combine. Garnish with nuts, coriander, and lime juice.



INDIAN BUTTER CHICKEN

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- 2 tbsp olive oil
 - 1kg skinless chicken breast, cut in large chunks
 - 1 onion, diced
 - 50g butter
 - 2 tsp paprika
 - 2 tsp cumin
 - 2 tsp garam masala
 - 1 tbsp fresh grated ginger
 - 1 tbsp fresh grated garlic
 - 1/2 tsp chilli powder (add more to your own taste)
 - 1 cinnamon stick
 - 410g tomato puree
 - 1 tbsp sugar
 - 1/4 cup plain yogurt
 - 1/2 cup chicken stock
 - 1/2 cup cream
 - Cooked basmati rice
2. Once the chicken is marinated, heat the oil and butter in a sauce pan over medium-high heat. Then add the onion and cook for 3 minutes or until soft. Add the chicken mixture to the pan.
 3. Cook the chicken until it starts to change colour, approx. 5 minutes. Add the tomato puree and stock. Place the lid over saucepan and bring to the boil.
 4. Once the puree begins to bubble reduce the heat and simmer. Stir occasionally for 15 minutes or until the chicken is tender.
 5. Add the remaining cream and simmer for another 5 minutes. Serve with rice.

OPENING NIGHT IN ACTIVITIES



Make a night of it! Celebrate the Opening Ceremony with these fun activities at home as you watch some unforgettable moments with friends and family.

GAMES FOR THE GAMES



BOROBI'S MEMORY GAME

Test your skills with Borobi's memory game at your Opening Night In party. Simply print out two sets of the cards, cut them out and you're ready to play! [Download your Borobi cards here.](#)



COMMONWEALTH GAMES TRIVIA

Test your knowledge of the Commonwealth Games with a trivia game to play at your Opening Night In party. [Download your Question and Answer cards here](#), cut them up, separate into teams and let the Games begin!



BOROBI SAYS

To keep the game fun and fair, make sure to put everyone's phones away before starting the trivia game! Let the winner have the best seat in the house for the Opening Ceremony!

LET'S GET CRAFTY



LET'S BE ROYALS!

The Opening Ceremony of the GC2018 Commonwealth Games is the perfect opportunity to be just like Her Majesty with your very own crown. Simply get some paper and cut it to match the shape of your head. Then decorate it to your liking and tape it together. Try using flowers from the garden to decorate your crown. Be part of the action with a DIY QBR Baton. Enjoy your Opening Night In as a baton bearer at your very own party!



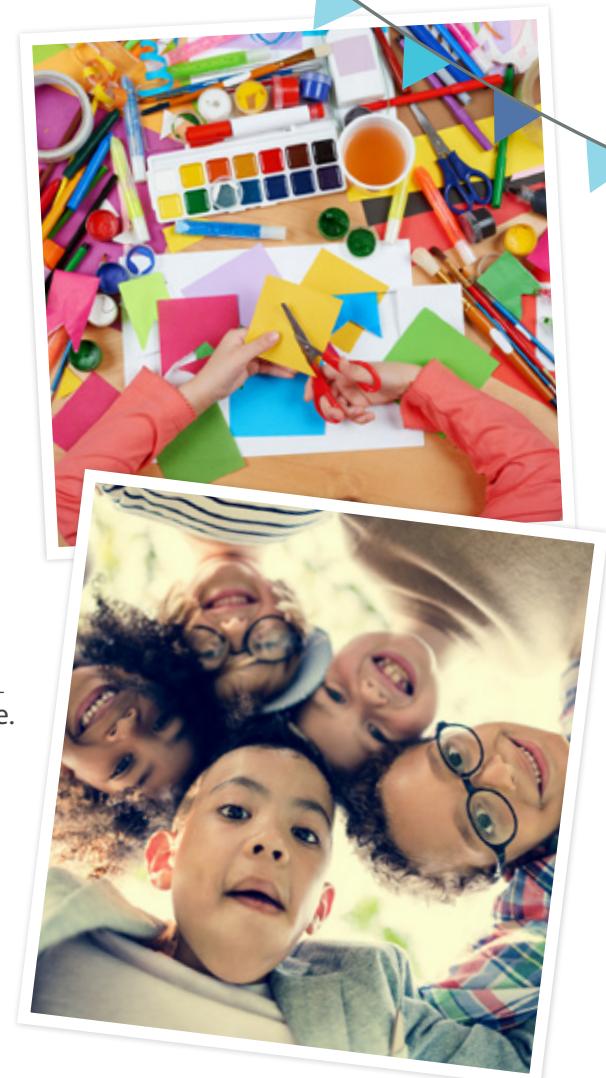
MAKE YOUR OWN MASCOT EARS

Now you can capture the spirit of Borobi with your own set of Borobi ears. [Download everything you need](#) to make your own here.



KEEPSAKE PHOTO FRAMES

Why not make your own GC2018 keepsake photo frames using paddle pop sticks! Simply glue paddle pop sticks in the shape of a rectangle. Let it dry, decorate it to your style, add a photo, glue a magnet onto the back of the frame and enjoy your keepsake photo frame!



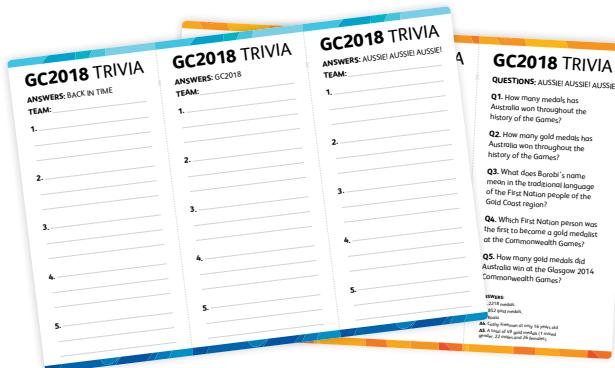
GET OPENING NIGHT IN READY



To help make your Opening Night In a smashing success, check out these GC2018 download-ables.



BOROBI MEMORY GAME



COMMONWEALTH GAMES TRIVIA

Celebrate GC2018

Opening NIGHT IN PARTY



JOIN: _____
For the most exciting night of the year to celebrate the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony!

SAVE THE DATE: _____

WHERE: _____

DRESS CODE: _____

RSVP TO: _____

BY: _____

MAKE YOUR OWN INVITE



A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA
Download our guide for information and guidance around what you can do to celebrate GC2018 in your local area.