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## Media release

Minister for Education and Minister for Tourism,  
Major Events and the Commonwealth Games  
The Honourable Kate Jones

### **\$16.5m GC2018 hockey venue redevelopment complete**

All Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games competition venues are ready for Games action with the completion of the \$16.5 million Gold Coast Hockey Centre.

Commonwealth Games Minister Kate Jones, Federal Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Steven Ciobo and City of Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate today unveiled the new-look hockey venue at Keith Hunt Park in Labrador.

Ms Jones said the redevelopment included two new synthetic international standard pitches and seating for 500.

"I'm delighted to be able to deliver the final world-class sporting venue for the Gold Coast well ahead of the Games," Ms Jones said.

"The two new synthetic pitches were built to international competition standards, providing outstanding facilities for the local hockey community.

"The redevelopment, which also included the upgrade and expansion of the clubhouse amenities, will benefit the sport locally and aid in the attraction of major competitions and international training camps long after the Commonwealth Games."

Ms Jones said Gold Coast builder Alder Constructions managed the redevelopment with more than 1000 workers on-site throughout the duration of the 16-month project.

"Wherever possible, the Palaszczuk Government made it a priority to ensure local businesses and workers benefit from the \$320 million GC2018 venue construction program," she said.

"The redevelopment project has delivered a significant legacy for the Gold Coast hockey community as well as local business."

Minister Ciobo said the Gold Coast Hockey Centre redevelopment would cater for elite and community sporting groups as well as provide a range of facilities to support the public to be physically active.

"The development will not only provide new and upgraded infrastructure to support the growth of hockey on the Gold Coast, it will also help attract major competitions and international training camps long after the Games, driving tourism, jobs and economic growth for our city," Mr Ciobo said.

"This is one of a number of projects the Australian Government has co-funded as part of its \$156 million investment in the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games to provide a legacy into the future and with under 12 months to go until the Games the modern sports infrastructure in place will contribute to a truly memorable event."

Cr Tate said the final GC2018 venue for the Gold Coast would support the development of hockey on the coast and create opportunities for future training camps and major events.

"GC2018 has brought a renewed focus on sport, from grass roots through to elite level with more than \$200 million invested in new and upgraded sporting and community infrastructure in the city," Cr Tate said.

The refurbishment and expansion of the existing Gold Coast Hockey Centre building included new meeting rooms, kitchen and bar facilities, a function room, change rooms and amenities.

New permanent spectator seating for 500 was also built, with provision to accommodate about 5000 during GC2018.

The Gold Coast Hockey Centre redevelopment was funded by the Queensland Government, Australian Government and City of Gold Coast.

More information: [www.gc2018.com](http://www.gc2018.com) (external site) ( <http://www.gc2018.com/> )

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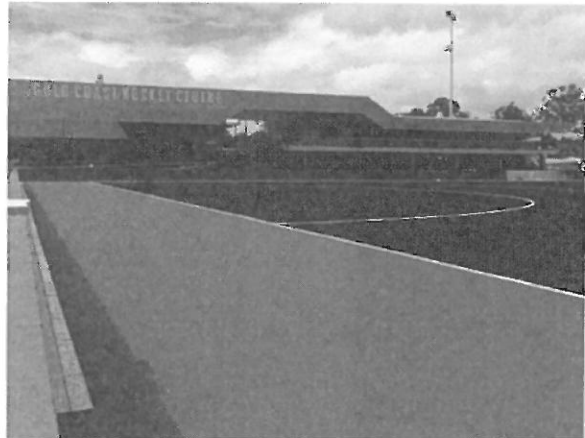
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## Gold Coast Hockey Centre

The Gold Coast Hockey Centre upgrade project will provide the city with a world-class facility capable of hosting the 2018 Commonwealth Games Hockey competition.

The redeveloped facility, including all its upgraded amenities, will cater for elite training and competition, as well as community and club usage. Key features of the venue upgrades include realignment of two synthetic hockey pitches to meet international competition requirements and major refurbishment of a shared clubhouse facility, including permanent seating. The centre is the home of the Gold Coast Hockey Association and the Labrador Hockey Club.

The centre will host two medal events during the Games, and its 500 permanent seating capacity will temporarily expand to 5,000.



In addition, a third hockey pitch to be used as a warm-up venue for GC2018 was completed in May 2016 at the Sports Super Centre at Runaway Bay. The new synthetic hockey pitch has been built to the same specifications as the new pitches being built at the Gold Coast Hockey Centre. The project design consultant was Arup and the construction contractor was Polytan STI.

### Key venue stats

**\$15.8 mil**     \$15.8 million redevelopment  
 Two new synthetic pitches     **2 new**



Upgrade to amenities to include meeting rooms, kitchen, bar facilities, function room, toilets, change rooms and permanent seating overlooking the two new synthetic pitches

### Stakeholder Partners





## Media release

Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games

The Honourable Stirling Hinchliffe

### **Gold Coast company set to build Commonwealth Games Hockey venue**

Gold Coast company Alder Constructions Pty Ltd has won the contract to upgrade the Gold Coast Hockey Centre ahead of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Commonwealth Games Minister Stirling Hinchliffe said the Helensvale firm will undertake construction works on the \$14.5 million project which will support 50 local jobs.

"This is a significant project for a local Gold Coast company that will generate local jobs and deliver a world class hockey facility that will be a lasting legacy for the community," Minister Hinchliffe said.

"From design through construction, the redevelopment of the Gold Coast Hockey Centre for the 2018 Commonwealth Games will support 50 jobs for Queenslanders.

"And with this contract going to a local Gold Coast business, it means locals will be on the job leading the transformation and upgrade of the venue.

"The hockey redevelopment will include the realignment of the synthetic pitches to meet international competition requirements as well as the upgrade and expansion of the clubhouse to deliver permanent seating for 200 spectators, with capacity for 5,000 spectators at Games time.

"The upgrade will not only provide outstanding facilities for the local hockey community, it will help attract major competitions and international training camps long after GC2018."

Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate said the announcement was a boost for jobs on the Gold Coast.

"I'm pleased the tender for the works to the Gold Coast Hockey Centre has gone to a local firm. Much of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018) expenditure will be on procurement, offering a wide range of business opportunities for local suppliers," Mr Tate said.

"The Gold Coast Hockey Centre is a legacy project that will ensure Hockey remains a key sport on the Gold Coast beyond GC2018 and will help attract other major competitions and international training camps in future."

Federal Minister for Sport Sussan Ley said it was great to see the competitiveness of the local construction industry in winning this contract.

"This investment in hockey infrastructure will support local jobs, providing a boost to the economy, and deliver the community a Centre that meets international standards for local and visiting athletes," Ms Ley said.

"The Australian Government has committed \$156 million to the 2018 Commonwealth Games to provide a legacy into the future, not just for south-east Queensland, but for the nation as a whole."

Alder Constructions are scheduled to commence work on expanding the existing clubhouse facility in February 2016 and work on the world-class synthetic pitches will take place over the hockey off-season from late 2016.

The upgrades will include expansion of the existing amenities building to incorporate new meeting rooms, kitchen and bar facilities, a function room, change rooms, toilets and permanent spectator seating overlooking the two synthetic pitches.

The Gold Coast office of architectural firm MODE Design provided the designs for the upgraded Hockey Centre while the Gold Coast office of Aqenta Consulting is the Audit Quantity Surveyor.

The Gold Coast Hockey Centre project is scheduled for completion in early 2017, 12 months ahead of the Games.

The Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018) will inject approximately \$2 billion into the economy and presents one of the most significant procurement programs over the next decade with a wide-range of opportunities for business.

For more information visit the Business and Industry portal ( <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/commonwealth-games/get-involved-games> ) which is the one-stop shop for businesses looking for GC2018 opportunities:  
[www.business.qld.gov.au/commonwealth-games/get-involved-games](http://www.business.qld.gov.au/commonwealth-games/get-involved-games)  
( <http://www.business.qld.gov.au/commonwealth-games/get-involved-games> )

The portal enables suppliers to search the Forward Procurement Schedule for relevant opportunities.

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