



Venue Media Information

1. Usage at Gold Coast 2018

Diving

2. Location

Marine Parade, Southport, Queensland 4225

The Press and Photographers' Guide contains maps to all venues



3. Getting there and transport options

Parking around Games venues is severely restricted. For more information around parking, see the Press and Photographers' Guide.

Media Load Zone: The TM media transport from the Media Transport Mall is the most convenient and direct way to access this venue.



The Media Load Zone is in Nind Street, 150m from the accredited entry.

Accredited Media Load Zone (AMD): The AMD is located on Nind Street, 150m from the accredited entry.

Taxi stand: Marine Parade, outside Australia Fair Shopping Centre

Passenger pick-up: Scarborough Street, Southport

Public transport:

G:Link: Southport Station, 1km walk to the venue

Bus: 700, 704, 713, 719 to/from Southport Bus Station on Scarborough Street

Visit Translink.com.au for more transport information

Bicycle parking: Nerang Street and Broadwater Parklands

Main Press Centre to Gold Coast Aquatic Centre – around a 20-minute drive - [Click here to view map](#)

4. Dates of competition & medal events

Diving: April 11 to April 14 and 10 medal events

5. Training venues

Competition venue: All athlete training for diving takes place at the competition venue. Media are able to access open sessions.

For operational reasons, all diving training sessions are closed to media during swimming competition hours.

There is no media access to training once competition starts.

6. Venue Media Centre (VMC)

Opening dates/hours:

- 25 March – 2 April, Limited services. Request service: media can access venue only for athlete training sessions that are indicated as open to media
- 3 April, 07:00-21:30, non-competition day
- 4 April, 07:00-13:30, non-competition day
- 5 April, 08:30-01:30, competition day
- 6 April, 08:30-01:30, competition day
- 7 April, 08:30-01:30, competition day
- 8 April, 08:30-01:30, competition day
- 9 April, 08:30-01:30, competition day
- 10 April, 08:30-01:30, competition day
- 11 April, 08:00-01:30, competition day (diving)
- 12 April, 18:00-01:30, competition day (diving)
- 13 April, 08:30-01:15, competition day (diving)
- 14 April, 18:00-01:45, competition day (diving)

Each VMC has a Media Lounge with complimentary refreshment station providing tea, coffee and water. Drinking water is provided and press are encouraged to use the sports bottle provided in the press kit.



Press have access to dedicated user-pay catering concessions providing refreshments and meals at the Optus Aquatic Centre. There are always options for press to purchase refreshments and meals inside venues.

7. Media Conference Room

Media conferences or opportunities will only be held when there is demand; this will primarily be after medal ceremonies, but they may take place after any session. There is a Media Conference Room at Gold Coast Aquatic Centre.

8. Tribune

Tabled tribunes for press are available. Rate card services to tabled tribunes are labelled and these positions are dedicated to those organisations which have purchased services. Remaining tabled positions are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Accredited press without dedicated Rate Card services cannot reserve tribune positions or label seats.

All tabled tribunes have complimentary Wi-Fi, power and shared TV screens showing the in-venue feed. Basic printed information is available on request. Weather protection is provided at outdoor venues for equipment only.

For some sessions, additional non-tabled press seating is available. All non-tabled press seats have access to Wi-Fi.

9. Mixed Zone

There are Mixed Zones at all competition venues. These provide an opportunity for press to interview athletes immediately after competition. A hierarchy is followed in the Mixed Zone, with the rights holding broadcaster taking place ahead of the press.

10. Internet/Wi-Fi

Each VMC has workrooms for press and photographers, which are generally co-located. There is complimentary Wi-Fi throughout workrooms (to protect all network users, free Wi-Fi connections will be limited to 3Mbps).

11. Photographers' work areas

Each VMC is equipped with:

- Help desk for enquiries, information, print and photocopy services and locker allocation
- Shared cabled positions in photo workrooms
- Workspaces with access to power
- Lockers (first-come, first-served basis)
- Printing from personal devices

12. Venue facts

*Post Games usage: The venue will continue to host diving, swimming, synchronised swimming, underwater hockey and water polo.

*The centre has six pools, including a new 50m, 10-lane competition pool and dry land dive training facility.

*The pools are heated to a minimum of 27 degrees Celsius all year round.

*GAC underwent major redevelopment in July 2014 in preparation for the Commonwealth Games – around \$40m was spent.



*Originally opened in the 1960s as Southport Pool, it was renamed Gold Coast Aquatic Centre in the late 2000s.

*The 2014 Pan Pacific Swimming Championships were held at GAC – Michael Phelps won three gold medals.

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