



District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula

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Queen's Baton Relay – one month to go

At A GLANCE

- Coffin Bay to host 2018 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay on Monday, February 19
- Community celebration at the town centre 10am-1pm
- Town entry/exit will be closed from 10am from the welcome sign on Coffin Bay Road to the boat ramp on the Esplanade
- These roads will be gradually reopened as the convoy goes through with exception of a segment at the town centre (detour will be available)
- No public parking on the Esplanade, Coffin Bay Yacht Club car park, or town jetty carpark from 7am
- Those with a disability will have designated parking on Kent Street, while Hawson Street is designated to school bus parking

COUNCIL is counting down the days to when the 2018 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay reaches Coffin Bay, with just one month to go.

Preparations are well underway with Council planning a whole community celebration at the town centre to coincide with the relay on February 19 from 10am to 1pm.

Comedian and entertainer Sean Murphy will hype up the crowd as MC with his interactive *Games Boy '18* show, while local band C'Change, led by Kelly Bald, will add to the ambience as the crowd watches all 15 batonbearers take part in history.

1802 Oyster Bar and Bistro will showcase Coffin Bay's oysters while a sausage sizzle and drinks stall will be also be available, as well as official merchandise.

All members of the community are invited to attend the celebration and watch the district's own sporting heroes carry the baton.

Local batonbearers taking part in the Coffin Bay leg are Yvonne Ackland, Peter Hurrell, (Coffin Bay), Meryl Davidson, Margaret Palmer, Giuseppe Perone and Rob Watson (Port Lincoln), Craig Dorward (North Shields), Heather Norton and John Treloar (Cummins).

Batonbearers will carry the baton from Coffin Bay's welcome sign to the boat ramp, where it will be loaded on to a local oyster barge to be taken to the town jetty to finish on the lower viewing platform.

With the relay convoy having to adhere to strict timings, chief executive officer Rod Pearson said Council was wary that traffic logistics needed to run smoothly.

The Esplanade, Coffin Bay Yacht Club and town jetty will be closed to parking from 7am that day, while town entry and exit will be closed from 10am.

"Council will then role out the reopening of Coffin Bay Road and the Esplanade as the convoy passes through the town," Mr Pearson said.

Members of the public will be able to park on most side streets and a designated community parking area off Pine Crescent.

"We are really urging people to get to Coffin Bay and find a park well before that 10am road closure so they can get to the community celebration or watch the relay from anywhere on the Esplanade, we don't want people to miss out," Mr Pearson said.

Mayor Julie Low said the council was excited to host the relay, with Coffin Bay set to be on the national stage..

"Council has been lucky enough that local community groups and businesses have come on board to support an event that will highlight Coffin Bay as a destination," Mayor Low said.

Local schools and Member for Flinders Peter Treloar will attend the event, with friends and family of batonbearers and all community members encouraged to be part of the event.

"We congratulate all the batonbearers on their honourable duties, and we encourage everyone to come down and join in the fun."