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GO BEHIND THE SCENES AT GAMES READY SPORTS VENUES AT GOLD COAST OPEN HOUSE

Marvel at the wonders of sports stadium architecture and design when Commonwealth Games ready venues and elite athlete training centres throw open their doors to the public at Gold Coast Open House on Saturday 4 November 2017.

The new Gold Coast Sports & Leisure Centre and award-winning KDV Gold Coast Golf & Tennis Academy, both at Carrara, Gold Coast Aquatic Centre at Southport and Broadbeach Bowls Club will all welcome visitors to explore their facilities at Gold Coast Open House this year.

The 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games™ will bring 6,600 athletes from 70 nations and territories to the Gold Coast to compete in an 11-day festival of sport and culture from 4-15 April 2018.

The \$105 million Gold Coast Sport & Leisure Centre is home to Commonwealth Games badminton, para power lifting, weight lifting and wrestling and completes the precinct that will host the Games opening and closing ceremonies.

Post-games, the legacy project will support a range of sport and community groups that will use its world-class class competition and training facilities.

KDV Gold Coast Golf & Tennis Academy is not a Commonwealth Games venue but it is right across the road from one. The \$20 million project is a world-class training facility for elite sportsmen and women. It won the Queensland Institute of Architects' state design award for commercial architecture.

Gold Coast Aquatic Centre, Broadbeach Bowls Club and Bond University's Sports Science Building all return to the Gold Coast Open House program. So does Gold Coast Sporting Hall of Fame, home to one of Australia's finest collections of Commonwealth and Olympic games memorabilia and ephemera. The museum is located in an old Queenslander that was moved to Owen Park, Southport and restored.

Gold Coast Open House offers a range of free guided and self-guided tours. Some need to be booked.

Bookings for buildings with registered tours open on Tuesday 3 October. See website for details.

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