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ABC announces 2018 Commonwealth Games Broadcast Team

Australia's fastest man, Patrick Johnson and Olympic swimming champion, Rob Woodhouse, will add their expertise to the ABC's 2018 Commonwealth Games broadcast team when coverage starts on April 4.

As the exclusive non-commercial radio broadcaster of the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, the ABC has put together a team of 12 specialist sports broadcasters and commentators headed by ABC Grandstand's Karen Tighe.

Australians will be able to access coverage of every sport and all the key moments of the Gold Coast Games on the ABC's capital city and regional radio networks as well as on online, on the ABC's digital radio service, via the ABC listen App and across its social media platforms.

Head of ABC Sport, Nick Morris, said the Gold Coast Games marked the 19th Commonwealth and British Empire Games covered by the ABC since the London Games in 1934. "For the Gold Coast Games, we have assembled a team of commentators that have considerable broadcast experience coupled with specialist knowledge of their respective sporting fields."

"For these Games, we are providing coverage 24 hours a day, seven days a week over the 11 days of competition from the Opening Ceremony on April 4 to the Closing Ceremony on April 15." Mr Morris said the ABC would be broadcasting regular updates across all its metropolitan and regional stations during the day with a live evening program broadcast each evening from 7.00 pm AEST, except during the live coverage of AFL and NRL matches.

Grandstand Digital will once again be the home for continuous coverage. The ABC listen App will also feature a dedicated 'pop-up' Games channel which will provide updates across the day.

The ABC's 2018 Commonwealth Games broadcast starts at 7.00 pm AEST on Wednesday, April 4 with the Opening Ceremony live from the Carrara Stadium on the Gold Coast, hosted by Quentin Hull and guest presenter, Nicole Dyer.

How to listen:

ABC Local and Regional Stations - Updates throughout the day with live continuous coverage from 7.00 pm

The ABC Listen App – featuring a dedicated Commonwealth Games channel

Grandstand Digital DAB+ - broadcasting 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

ABC Online – ABC Grandstand will stream its Games coverage at abc.net.au/grandstand

Social Media – Games coverage, photos and all the color on ABC Grandstand's Twitter, Facebook and Instagram pages.

Broadcast Team:

Karen Tighe: Host.

Clint Wheeldon: Swimming

Rob Woodhouse: Swimming

Alister Nicholson: Cycling, Hockey, and Rugby 7's

Quentin Hull: Athletics, Triathlon, and Ceremonies

Patrick Johnson: Athletics

Corbin Middlemas: Basketball, Boxing, and sports updates

Tim Gavel: Hockey and sports updates

Zane Bojack: Cycling and sports updates

Shannon Byrne: Gymnastics and sports updates

Matt Clinch: Netball and sports updates

Brett Sprigg: Diving and sports updates

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