

# Let the Games begin

*“Serious sport and serious fun this September”*

In 2017, the Australian University Games returns to The Gold Coast for its sixth year.

Its major event partners, Tourism and Events Queensland and City Of Gold Coast are gearing up to welcome students from across Australia to take part in a week of serious sport and serious fun this September.

Since its inception in 1993, the Australian University Games (AUG) has grown to be Australia's largest annual multisport event.

Held each September/October, the Games are

renowned for providing a friendly but competitive environment for Australian university athletes and is the flagship event on the national university sporting calendar.

The Games are recognised as a perfect opportunity to provide university athletes, many of whom are of Olympic standard, to compete against each other in a national multi sport event.

As such, the Games has built up a reputation as a not to be missed event attracting over 9000 participants each year.



Away from their own sporting competition venues, Unigames team members can compete in one of the Uni vs Uni beach battles under lights at Surfers Paradise Beach, support their university in matches at one of the night-time competition venues or enjoy the company of team mates and fellow competitors at a number of Games endorsed venues in the Surfers Paradise nightclub district.

Each year the Games sporting schedule is made up of more than 30 individual and team sports. A number of sporting competitions

are classified as qualification competition.

The top teams qualify from the previous AUG and the remainder will qualify via the Regional University Games, held in July. In 2017, the Australian University Games will be held on The Gold Coast from 24 to 29 September.

To find out how you can #playunigames contact your sport officer via the link below.

[australianunigames.com.au](http://australianunigames.com.au)

## Swinburne at Indigenous Games

The Indigenous Uni Games began in 1996 as a joint class project between 13 students from the University of Newcastle.

The 2017 games were held at Deakin University's Geelong campus from 25 June–29 June. The Swinburne/Victoria University team competed in netball, volleyball, touch football and basketball.

The event was a great opportunity for students to have the chance to represent Swinburne in sports, as well as meet other students who also have indigenous heritage.

“Being involved with the Uni Games was important to me, because my teammates and I were able to represent not only our university but our indigenous culture,” participant Liam Flanagan says.



## Future of carbon fibre

Thanks to breakthrough Deakin research, the University and LeMond Composites have joined forces in a \$58 million deal to revolutionise the use of carbon fibre across the world. The technology, developed by Carbon Nexus PhD student Maxime Maghe and Carbon Nexus General Manager Steve Atkiss, has the potential to reduce the energy used in carbon fibre production by 75 per cent and reduces the production process time from around 80 minutes to under 15 minutes.

In addition, the specialised carbon fibre production machinery required is expected to cost around 50 per cent less than current equipment. The smaller equipment footprint makes possible a 70 per cent reduction in the size of a carbon fibre processing plant. 

