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## ALEXANDRA HILLS LOCAL CARRIED THE QUEEN'S BATON

Alexandra Hills resident Molly-Rose Parry has travelled to Tasmania to take part in the Queen's Baton Relay ahead of next month's Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018).

Molly-Rose, has been an outstanding TAFE Queensland Senior College student as well as an Australian representative of in the national U17 Futsal team for the past four years. Molly-Rose was nominated by her TAFE Queensland teacher to be a batonbearer in the Queen's Baton Relay (QBR) as a result of her commitment to her studies while balancing representative sport.

Molly Rose said she was honoured to be recognised by her peers and thrilled to have had the opportunity to take part in the longest relay in history.

"I'm honoured and incredibly grateful to have been nominated by my teachers – it's a real privilege and something that totally surprised me," she said.

"My teachers have always supported my endeavours, and to be able to take part in the QBR and to be a part of such a major sporting event throughout Australia and the Commonwealth is very exciting."

TAFE Queensland Brisbane Region General Manager, Dr Paul Wilson said he was excited to see Molly-Rose represent TAFE Queensland as a batonbearer.

"Batonbearers are people that inspire others to be great, and we're very excited to have had Molly-Rose participate in the Queen's Baton Relay," he said.

"She is a great example of someone who has achieved greatness in their field, and is a fantastic representative for our region and our state.

Dr Wilson said as the Official Training Partner for the Games, TAFE Queensland is training 15,000 volunteers to provide them with the skills needed to make a great Games.

"We are extremely proud to have been chosen as the training partner and we are working hand-in-hand with GOLDOC to provide the best training possible for the Games workforce to bring the Games to life," he said.

The QBR celebrates the Commonwealth's diversity, inspires community pride and excites people about the world-class festival of sports and culture to come.

The Queen's Baton started its journey in Australia on 25 December, 2017 and will be celebrated in communities across the country for 100 days as it covers around 40,000 kilometres to arrive on the Gold Coast in time for the GC2018 opening ceremony on 4 April, 2018.

For more information about TAFE Queensland's partnership with GC2018, our batonbearers and our volunteers, visit [tafeqld.edu.au/gc2018](http://tafeqld.edu.au/gc2018).

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## More information about the Queen's Baton Relay:

- The GC2018 QBR is the longest and most accessible in history, travelling through the entire Commonwealth for 388 days and 230,000 kilometers.
- The QBR started its journey in Australia on 25 December 2017 and will be celebrated in communities across the country for 100 days.
- Approximately 3,800 batonbearers will be given the opportunity to carry the Queen's Baton throughout Australia covering an estimated 40,000 kilometres (1 million steps around Australia).
- All batonbearers meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - Has achieved something extraordinary or inspired others to achieve something extraordinary.
  - Has made a significant contribution to either sport, education, the arts, culture, charity or within their community.
  - Has excelled, or aspires to excel athletically or personally.
  - Is contributing to a fun, friendly, vibrant and inclusive community.
- As an Official Partner and the Training Partner for the Games, TAFE Queensland will be in charge of training 15,000 volunteers to provide them with the skills needed to make a great Games.
- TAFE Queensland will also be the presenting partner for the preliminary basketball events set to take place in Townsville and Cairns.
- Leveraging our strengths as Queensland's largest vocational education and training provider, volunteers will be equipped with the valuable skills and knowledge to not only successfully perform their roles at the Games, but also to contribute to their communities long after the Games have finished.

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