

Gold Coast Events

Famous for fun

Official Visitors' Guide



Australia's
Gold Coast
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Welcome

Spectacular venues, stunning weather and an unashamed sense of fun - welcome to the Gold Coast; the home of some of Australia's most iconic events.

Since winning the bid to host the 2018 Commonwealth Games, our city is buzzing with energy and excitement. And rightly so, because if there's one thing Gold Coasters know, it's how to host a party. Each year, lovers of sport, food, wine, fashion, music, and the arts flock to our sun-drenched city to find their kind of fun in a calendar brimming with fantastic events.

If sport is your passion, then you can get amongst it with fellow fans, whether it's watching local teams compete in rugby league, AFL, soccer and basketball, or seeing celebrity athletes go head to head in international competitions like the Armor All Gold Coast 600, the Quicksilver and Roxy Pro, or the ANZ RACV Ladies Masters Golf.

If the arts or culture is more your style, we've got you covered with an eclectic mix of exhibitions and unique local festivals. Soak up the relaxed ambience of festivals like Blues on Broadbeach, Swell Sculpture Festival or Cooly Rocks On, or indulge your inner foodie at a range of culinary celebrations.

Whatever your passion, the Gold Coast has an event that celebrates it. So come and join us to see why we're famous for fun.

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September

Swell Sculpture Festival

14 - 23 September 2012

Swell Sculpture Festival is a free outdoor exhibition that creates visual splendour amongst the natural coastal setting at Currumbin Beach. Over 10 days, visitors can experience the sculptures, enjoy twilight walks, and informative artist talks, discover new perspectives at the Public Art Forum, wander through the Swell Smalls Gallery or participate in artist master classes and childrens workshops.

swellsculpture.com.au

The Castrol Edge Rugby Championship

Australia Vs Argentina

15 September 2012

Don't miss your chance to be part of history when The Castrol Edge Rugby Championship makes its debut at Skilled Park. The Test will also be the Qantas Wallabies last on home soil in The Castrol Edge Rugby Championship so make sure you're at Skilled Park, dressed in Gold, to cheer on the Qantas Wallabies.

rugby.com.au

Gold Coast Pet and Animal Expo

29 - 30 September 2012

The annual two-day Expo is a definite "must do" if you love animals, want to pamper your own pets, meet celebrity guests, learn about what's new and pick up a bargain. The Expo boasts more than 100 exhibitors and showcasing the latest and greatest animal-related products, demonstrations, competitions, rides and interactive activities for all the family including your four legged friends.

goldcoastpetexpo.com.au



October

Gold Coast Sevens - Fever Pitch

13 - 14 October 2012

Sevens Rugby comes alive on the Gold Coast in October. The HSBC Sevens World Series kicks off with the "Gold Coast Sevens - Fever Pitch" tournament which is set to thrill over two days of action both on and off the field. Sixteen teams from around the globe will battle it out in a carnival of fun, fast and furious entertainment.

goldcoastfeverpitch.com.au

Coolangatta Gold

14 October 2012

A 42.7 kilometre test of endurance comprising a 22.5km surf ski leg from T H&C to Surfers Paradise and back down to Broadbeach, followed by a beach run of 2.3km from Broadbeach to Nobby's Beach; a 2km surf swim from Nobby's Beach to Miami; a 2km beach run from Miami to Burleigh and a 5.3km board race from Burleigh to Currumbin Creek, before the final gruelling 8.6km beach run from Currumbin Creek to Coolangatta.

sls.com.au/coolangattagold

Armor All Gold Coast 600

19 - 21 October 2012

Race by day and Rock all night at the Armor All Gold Coast 600, as motorsport's biggest international names join forces with our local V8 racing stars for this one off appearance on the streets of Surfers Paradise. The Armor All Gold Coast 600 has become one of the iconic Gold Coast events featuring a fantastic mix of spectacular V8 Supercar racing and some of music's biggest names.

v8supercars.com.au

Netfest

25 - 28 October 2012

Netballers over the age of 18 from all over Australia and New Zealand will be adding 'sand, sun and socialising' to their training regime as they prepare for this year's NetFest carnival held on the Gold Coast. Offering a choice of traditional (outdoor) or beach netball tournaments, Netfest will see the Gold Coast transformed into the ultimate netball mecca with over 1,000 participants ready to practice, play and party at the world's biggest netball festival!

netfest.com.au



November

Pan Pacific Masters Games 3 - 11 November 2012

You love playing sport. You enjoy socialising. You rock to 70s, 80s and 90s music. You dream about the Gold Coast. You are aged 30 plus. The perfect event for you is the 8th biennial Pan Pacific Masters Games. There will be over 30 sports on the program, with more than 11,000 people from around the world expected to converge on the Gold Coast to participate. The Pan Pacs, as it is affectionately known by past competitors, is a celebration of masters sport with both fierce and friendly competition and a rocking entertainment program at the Games Village.

mastersgames.com.au



December

Kellogs Nutri-Grain Ironman & Ironwoman December 2012

The Kellogs Nutri-Grain Ironman and Ironwoman series features the country's best Surf Life Savers competing in the most gruelling ocean based competition on the planet. Traditionally fought over six rounds at iconic Australian beaches including Surfers Paradise on the beautiful Gold Coast, the popular race format is the ultimate test of an athlete's endurance, power, skill and speed.

surfironmanseries.com

New Year's Eve Fireworks: Surfers Paradise 31-December 2012

5, 4, 3, 2, 1 ... Happy New Year! The place to say goodbye to 2012 and hello to 2013 is amid the most spectacular fireworks display in South East Queensland. The Surfers Paradise Foreshore will once again prove it is the only place to celebrate New Year's Eve. Bring your sparklers, party hats and picnic blankets and see in the New Year with your loved ones.

surfersparadise.com



January 2013

Summafieldayze

5 January 2013

It's your world, your party, your day ... so lift the lid and make a splash! Featuring a unique and dazzling palette of the planet's most sought after artists, and drawing from the magnificent spectrum of its finest sounds, Summafieldayze is guaranteed to be big, bright and brilliantly colorful.

summafieldayze.com

Magic Millions Carnival and Raceday

January 2013

The Gold Coast provides the perfect environment for Australia's Greatest Summer Racing Carnival - the 2013 Magic Millions Carnival and Race Day. Experience the thrill and excitement, at any of the week-long events and activities held at a variety of locations around the Gold Coast. Combining horse sales, racing and fun, come and share the magic and have the time of your life!

magicmillions.com.au

Big Day Out

20 January 2013

The Big Day Out is an annual music festival held in several cities across Australia and New Zealand. Since its inception in 1992, it has played host to the world's most popular contemporary rock, electronic and mainstream artists.

bigdayout.com

Renault National Beach Volleyball Series

January 2013

The Renault National Beach Volleyball Series brings a fusion of elite sport, entertainment, music and holiday fun to one of Australia's most iconic beach locations, Surfers Paradise. Get set for some high-powered summer sporting competition.

beachvolleyballseries.com.au

RACV Australian Ladies Masters

31 January - 3 February 2013

The Sisters of Swing return to the Gold Coast for the 23rd Annual RACV Australian Ladies Masters. The world's best female golfers take on the RACV Royal Pines Resort layout over four days of scintillating golf.

ladiesmasters.com



February 2013

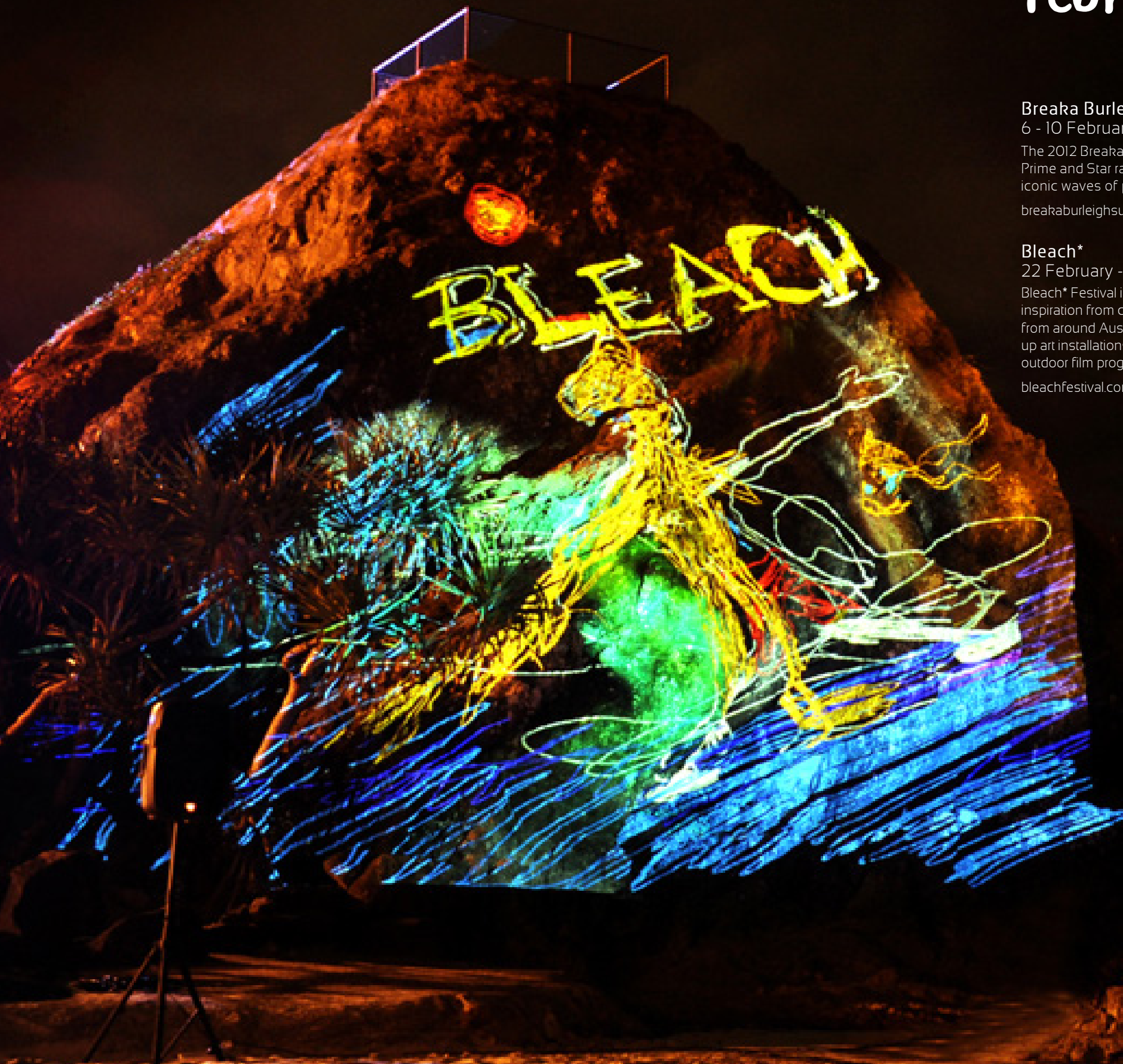
Breaka Burleigh Surf Pro 6 - 10 February 2013

The 2012 Breaka Burleigh Pro marks the beginning of ASP Australasia's Prime and Star rated tour series. See the world's best surfers take on the iconic waves of professional surfing's spiritual home - Burleigh Heads. breakaburleighsurfpro.com.au

Bleach* 22 February - 3 March 2013

Bleach* Festival is the premiere arts Festival on the Gold Coast, drawing its inspiration from coastal culture. Bleach* brings together high calibre artists from around Australia and the Gold Coast for a 10 day celebration of pop up art installations and exhibitions, contemporary music performances, outdoor film programs, street parties, theatre, fashion and ideas.

bleachfestival.com.au



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beachvolleyballseries.com.au

Quiksilver and Roxy Pro 2 - 13 March 2013

With some of the greatest waves in the world at our doorstep, the Gold Coast is the natural home of the Quiksilver and Roxy Pro - the first event on the ASP World Tour and ASP Women's World Tour, unrivalled as the most prestigious surfing competitions.

quiksilverpro.com.au

ARL Masters Tournament 6 - 9 March 2013

The fun and games will continue in 2013 with the seventh annual Schweppes ARL Masters Carnival at the Runaway Bay Junior Rugby Leagues Club. The ARL Masters provides an opportunity for players and officials to continue their involvement in the game in a safe and enjoyable manner.

arlmasters.com.au

Sail Paradise Gold Coast 15 - 17 March 2013

Sail Paradise is becoming one of Australia's premier east coast yachting events. It will be sailed on courses set just off the surf-line of the Gold Coast's magnificent beaches.

sailparadise.com.au

Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 18 - 24 March 2013

The Aussies will bring together surf lifesaving clubs and members from across the country, with athletes of all ages contesting over 300 exhilarating surf lifesaving events at North Kirra beach on the Gold Coast. Mate against mate, club against club, competing to be crowned the best in Australia. Get set for what will be an action-packed week of competition.

sls.com.au/aussies



April 2013

The Cooly Classic Coolangatta Ocean Swim April 2013

Coolangatta is world famous for its surf culture and the Cooly Classic celebrates the very essence of this iconic location. Swim the Cooly Classic and conquer three of Australia's most revered surf breaks - Snapper Rocks, Coolangatta and Kirra. Whether you're an ironman or ironwoman contender looking for a hit-out, or a newcomer to ocean swimming, the Cooly Classic has an option for you.

weekendwarriorevents.com.au

Gold Coast Triathlon Luke Harrop Memorial April 2013

The Luke Harrop Memorial is the final event of the Gatorade Queensland Tri Series. Set at the newly developed Broadwater Parklands on the Gold Coast, the venue is the perfect location for family, friends and work-mates to get involved in Queensland's largest tri series.

usmevents.com.au

Gold Coast Film Festival 18 - 28 April 2013

Are you ready to red carpet? The Gold Coast Film Festival, our own screen culture extravaganza, is on again! Get along and see movie premieres, celebrity guest appearances, film making seminars and the very best of all things pop culture, sci fi, fantasy, anime and more!

gcfilmfestival.com and qpow.com.au



May 2013

Nissan/ BRW Corporate Triathlon May 2013

The NISSAN/BRW Corporate Triathlon National Series has been an iconic event on the Australian triathlon scene for many years. The event will once again be held at Doug Jennings Reserve which will be a confluence of colour and abuzz with a festival like feeling as the last race of the series.

supersprint.com.au

Sanctuary Cove International Boat Show May 2013

Situated in Australia's leading leisure boat building region, the 24th annual Sanctuary Cove International Boat Show is set to be its best yet. The annual four-day event allows visitors to marvel at a myriad of on-water, pavilion and open-air displays including luxury cruisers, power and sail multihulls, and super yachts to connect with businesses providing services to the marine industry sector

sanctuarycoveboatshow.com.au

Blues on Broadbeach May 2013

Blues on Broadbeach Music Festival nurtures Australian Blues talent as well as providing a stage for international acts. The event is completely free and non-ticketed with artists performing on stages, streets and venues throughout Broadbeach.

bluesonbroadbeach.com



June 2013

Cooly Rocks On June 2013

Cooly Rocks On is a 50s and 60s based nostalgia festival run over the borders of Coolangatta and Tweed Heads. The festival consists of a car show of 1200+ hot rods, custom and classic cars and Rock 'n Roll, Rockabilly and Swing entertainment. Over 11 days, Cooly Rocks On delivers shows, displays and fun for all the family. The festival is free to enter.

coolyrockson.com

Surfers Paradise Festival June 2013

The Surfers Paradise Festival is an unparalleled feast of music, art, food and lifestyle. Whether its top music acts, award-winning food and wine events, world-class street entertainment or adventures on the entertainment fringe, the Surfers Paradise precinct will have 'culture' written all over it.

surfersparadisefestival.com

Gold Coast Airport Marathon June 2013

This major Australian running event features a marathon, half marathon, 10km run, 5km challenge and junior dash races for the kids over 4km and 2km. More than 25,000 people from around the world are set to participate in 2012 and lap up the magnificent running climate, as well as the flat, fast and beautiful course that runs alongside the Pacific Ocean.

goldcoastmarathon.com.au



July 2013

Winter Bowls Carnival

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Gold Coast-Tweed Winter Bowls Carnival is in its 62nd year and is the largest bowls carnival in the world. Attracting players and their families from interstate and overseas, this event provides a great opportunity for the bowling fraternity to play competitively, and make and renew friendships while holidaying on the Gold Coast.

gctbowls.org.au

Broadbeach Restaurant Week

July 2013

Have you ever been to a restaurant and known exactly what the bill was going to be before you even sat down? Well you will at Broadbeach Restaurant Week. Based on the famous New York Restaurant Week concept, you'll have the opportunity to dine at a diverse range of fantastic restaurants and experience your choice of a \$35 or a \$55 three course set menu.

broadbeachgc.com

Kokoda Challenge

July 2013

The Kokoda Challenge is hailed as Australia's toughest endurance event. Participants trek a 96km course that leads along fire trails, crosses 12 creeks and summits 5,000m of vertical elevation. The goal is to finish as a complete team of four in honour of the spirit forged on the Kokoda Track in 1942: mateship, endurance, courage and sacrifice.

kokodachallenge.com



August 2013

Broadbeach Jazz Festival August 2013

Jazz up your life in Broadbeach this August with the Broadbeach Jazz Festival. Enjoy a host of Australia's finest Jazz artists performing on outdoor stages and venues throughout the precinct. Experience why Broadbeach is known for delivering amazing entertainment. This is a free to attend event, so you don't even need a ticket!

broadbeachgc.com



Gold Coast, the home of...

On any given weekend on the Gold Coast you can get amongst passionate sports fans by watching our local teams compete in rugby league, AFL, soccer and basketball. With over 600 sporting events hosted in our city each year, there's something for everyone.

Gold Coast Suns

Australian Football League

It was three years in the making and what the Gold Coast SUNS delivered in 2011 signaled there was plenty to look forward to in 2012. Catch the Gold Coast SUNS in action, and while your there check out Metricon Stadium, voted by AFL fans across the country as the number one venue and match day experience in the competition.

goldcoastfc.com.au

Gold Coast Titans

National Rugby League

The Jetstar Gold Coast Titans are lifting the lid off the 2012 NRL season! With a fresh approach and a stack of new and exciting players, the Titans are making a commitment to the Gold Coast to have one of the biggest and best seasons ever.

titans.com.au





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