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### Spinifex paper and reclaimed plastic: the Queen's Baton at SLQ

Discover the story behind the design of the GC2018 Queen's Baton at State Library of Queensland (SLQ).

The **Bright Bold Boundless** display goes to the heart of the creative process featuring sketches, digital stories and an exclusive look at prototypes of the 2018 Baton design.

Explore images of the Baton's journey across the Commonwealth towards the Gold Coast and enjoy rarely-seen Batons from past Commonwealth Games events in Australia.

*Bright Bold Boundless* is co-curated by SLQ's Asia Pacific Design Library and the Baton's designer, Brisbane-based Designworks.

The GC2018 Queen's Baton is:

- made of macadamia wood, a stainless steel stringer and reclaimed plastic
- shaped to reflect the state's water culture (e.g. surfboards and surfcraft)
- technology enabled (GPS tracks the journey of Baton bearers)
- embedded with the Queen's message written on spinifex paper

#### Quotes from Minister for the Arts Leanne Enoch:

"This fascinating Queen's Baton display showcases Queensland creativity and ingenuity, combining traditional storytelling with cutting-edge technology."

"Drawing inspiration from our extraordinarily diverse geography and enviable lifestyle, I encourage locals and visitors to our state to explore the uniquely Queensland story behind the innovative design of the Queen's Baton for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games."

#### Quotes from the State Librarian and CEO Vicki McDonald:

"Exploring innovation and enterprise is part of State Library's vision as a collector of Queensland stories."

"*Bright Bold Boundless* looks at contemporary design practices and how design thinking was integral in the creation of this year's Queen's Baton."

#### Quotes from Designworks co-founder Alexander Wall:

"The consultative nature of the design process informed the selection of the local materials used in the making of the Queen's Baton. We're excited to share our work and the design process used, hopefully inspiring others pursuing a creative sustainable practice."

"The Baton draws inspiration from the boundless energy of the people, place and spirit of the Gold Coast."

#### Bright Bold Boundless: Designing the Queen's Baton

Open daily until 12 August 2018  
Free entry  
Asia Pacific Design Library, level 2  
State Library of Queensland, Cultural Precinct

*The Untold Stories of the GC2018 Baton*  
31 March, 3pm–4.30pm  
Free talk | Bookings required  
SLQ Auditorium 2

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