

Gold Coast to host volunteers

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Queensland's Gold Coast will host the 23rd International Association for Volunteer Effort World Volunteer Conference and Youth Forum in 2014, following Volunteering Australia's successful bid, which was recently announced in London.

Each year thousands of individuals assist with the Gold Coast's multi-million dollar major events calendar in a volunteer capacity, including events such as the Gold Coast Airport Marathon and the Armor All Gold Coast 600.

Gold Coast Tourism CEO Martin Winter said the volunteer community "makes a vital contribution to the successful delivery of these events".

"Major events such as the 2018 Commonwealth Games spur billions in new tourism and city development, positively impacting jobs, infrastructure and the wealth of the community," he said.

"The 1500 international delegates attending this six-day conference will bring in excess of \$3 million to the city, further enhancing the Gold Coast's credibility as an international business events destination."

The Gold Coast Convention Bureau worked with Event Corp, which has been appointed professional conference organiser for the conference, as part of the bid in conjunction with the support provided by Tourism and Events Queensland.