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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Gold Coast to host Australia's first-ever Pride House during GC2018 Commonwealth Games**

2018 Pride House Gold Coast (Pride House) will be an inclusive space for anyone who comes to the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018), a place to find information and advice about the wider events and activities for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer, and 'Other' (LGBTIQ+) visitors, from 28 March to 15 April 2018. Pride House will be hosted by Team Rainbow Inc, a Queensland based, not-for-profit organisation that promotes inclusivity through tourism and sport.

Pride House will operate daily (2-8 pm) out of Rise Bar & Club on 2 Cavill Ave, Surfers Paradise and be the first in Australia. It will be a welcoming space for LGBTIQ+ athletes, fans, tourists and their allies during the Games. Pride House will have on display two exhibitions (LGBTIQ+ People of the Commonwealth and Australian LGBTIQ+ Sporting Trailblazers) and will also bring together LGBTIQ+ entertainment and performances.

Pride House will be a place to hold education and awareness sessions, promote human rights, watch the GC2018 competitions, experience the event with like-minded others, learn about LGBTIQ+ sport and homophobia in sport, and build a relationship with mainstream sport in a safe, diverse and inclusive environment.

A range of workshops will be conducted to help raise awareness on topics affecting LGBTIQ+ communities, as well as focusing on mental health and legal issues.

Pride House was officially launched on Wednesday, 28 March at Rise Bar & Club. Commonwealth Games Federation Chief Executive, David Grevemberg, and Queensland Government Assistant Minister for Tourism Industry Development, Meaghan Scanlon MP, were in attendance.

2018 Pride House Gold Coast is proudly supported by The Star Gold Coast, PwC and the Queensland Government.

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