



**Brisbane 2032**  
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# Media Release

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## THOUSANDS CELEBRATE 9 YEARS TO BRISBANE 2032

Thousands of people have attended more than 30 community celebrations across South East Queensland to mark the 9 Years to Go to Brisbane 2032 milestone, with the Olympic Rings and Paralympic Agitos now officially calling Brisbane, Queensland their new Australian home.

Large-scale Olympic Rings and Paralympics Agitos have been on display across iconic locations in Brisbane, the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast throughout the weekend, with local celebrations planned to welcome the Rings and Agitos – the first time both symbols have been on prominent display in Australia since the Sydney 2000 Games.

Local communities are encouraged to visit the Rings and Agitos and capture their own piece of history with a photo, with many of the sites also hosting sporting activations for people to take part in.

Further information on all of the Rings and Agitos locations and activities taking place can be found on local Brisbane, Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast Council websites and at [www.olympics.com/brisbane2032](http://www.olympics.com/brisbane2032).

## QUOTES FROM LEADERS OF THE BRISBANE 2032 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

Brisbane 2032 President, Andrew Liveris AO

“This is an historic occasion, with the Olympic Rings and Paralympic Agitos back in Australia for the first time in more than 20 years and making their new home in Brisbane, Queensland.

“The Rings and Agitos are a symbolic reminder that Brisbane has become an Olympic and Paralympic city of the world, alongside LA, Paris, London and so many others.

“Annual milestones remind us of the journey we are on to deliver climate friendly world-class Games, employing sport to spark patriotic pride, celebrate inclusion, and inspire a better way of living the world over.”

Premier of Queensland and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

“We have achieved a lot in the past two years, and we will achieve a lot more in the next nine.

“Being an Olympic and Paralympic City and State will be the biggest single catalyst for change this century.

“The world is going to discover all the things we love about Queensland and Queensland will be the winner.”

Australian Minister for Sport and Aged Care, the Hon. Anika Wells MP

“9 Years To Go is another important milestone on the Green and Gold runway and this weekend’s events again place community engagement at the forefront of our path to Brisbane 2032.

“Australia is one year closer to a life-changing celebration that will place our beautiful country as the epicentre of the sporting world and leave a tangible legacy for Queensland and Australia.”

Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Cr Adrian Schrinner

“The Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games are much more than four weeks’ of sport – they’re a lifetime of opportunity.

“The unveiling of the Rings and Agitos is a great way to recognise both the journey we’ve been on to get here as well as the path ahead to the Games and beyond.

“I encourage Brisbane residents to get involved in the Nine Years to Go activations and be part of what will be an historic moment in the history of our city and our state.”

Australian Olympic Committee President, Ian Chesterman AM

“The arrival of the Rings in Queensland marking nine years to go is a milestone worth celebrating. In a few days, it will be one year until the Paris 2024 Games, so today’s athletes are very much focused on qualifying for those Games. But there are young people today who will be inspired by the sight of these Rings to undertake their own journey. We encourage everyone to Have a Go – who knows what might happen?

“We want the Olympics to galvanise and motivate all Australians to achieve their dreams, no matter what they are right across the county. The presence of the Rings is a powerful symbol of that ambition.”

Paralympics Australia President, Jock O'Callaghan

“The presence of the Paralympic Agitos in Queensland is extremely significant, especially for the athletes who aspire to represent Australia on home soil in 2032.

“Agito, in Latin, means ‘I move’. The Paralympic Agitos, which circle a central point, symbolise the power of the Paralympic Movement to bring together people from around the world and indicate the determination of Paralympic athletes to always move forward, to always progress.

“It’s a fitting symbolism for the 9 Years To Go celebration, which is an exciting opportunity for Queenslanders and all Australians to unite as we count down towards Brisbane 2032.”

Mayor of the Gold Coast, Cr Tom Tate

"I applaud the arrival of the Olympic Rings and Paralympic Agitos as symbols of unity and movement.

"Having the Agitos on display underscores the strength of the global Olympic and Paralympic families.

"With only nine years to go, momentum is slowly building, and I encourage residents to view the Rings and Agitos up close and to also come and witness some Games sports being played across the coast in celebration this weekend.

“From beach volleyball at Kurrawa Beach, BMX at Pizzey Park and basketball and wheelchair basketball at the Gold Coast Sport and Leisure Centre, come and see why we are a frontrunner when it comes to Olympic and Paralympic standard venues.”

Mayor of the Sunshine Coast, Cr Mark Jamieson

“In nine years, when the world tunes in to watch the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Sunshine Coast’s picturesque Alexandra Headland will be front and centre as the planned location for a number of events, including the start and finishing line of the Olympic and Paralympic Marathon.

“So, it’s only fitting that this location is the starting line for the Olympic Rings and Paralympic Agitos as they come to our region on July 22 and 23.

“This is a truly historic opportunity for our Sunshine Coast community to be part of this once in a lifetime event.”

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