

## News Release

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New Zealanders are being invited to put their best foot forward and apply to be part of the wider New Zealand Commonwealth Games Team for the April event on the Gold Coast, it was announced today.

Six special Kiwis will get a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be part of the team and play a variety of roles as team assistants, social media support at ANZ New Zealand House or be a team driver.

ANZ, Major Sponsor of the NZ Commonwealth Games Team, has partnered with the team to give New Zealanders the chance to show their support for the athletes on a whole new level.

Kereyn Smith, CEO of the New Zealand Olympic Committee says she's delighted that New Zealanders can be part of the team at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

"The Commonwealth Games connect communities up and down New Zealand as we support our athletes," she said. "For ANZ to be giving everyday Kiwis the chance to get close to the action and help support the team, is fantastic."

Eric Murray, ANZ Ambassador and Olympic gold medal rower, will lead the ANZ support team on the Gold Coast. He can't wait to bring together six passionate New Zealanders who want to help their country and experience this sensational event.

"ANZ wanted to create a unique way for New Zealanders to be able to connect with the team," says Eric.

"Athletes can't succeed on their own and rely on help from many others, so those prize winners selected will have a really important job, and get to live and breathe the excitement of the Games."

As well as providing support, winners will also attend the Athletes' Team Welcome function, return home on the team plane and attend official functions. The prize includes 15 nights' accommodation and \$2000 spending money.

People over 18 can apply at [anz.co.nz/joinourteam](http://anz.co.nz/joinourteam) by telling ANZ why they think they'd be a great NZ Commonwealth Games Team member. Those shortlisted will go through an interview process, with the winners then being announced mid-March.

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