

## **COMMONWEALTH GAMES MASCOTS**

### **Edmonton 1978**



The 1978 Commonwealth Games mascot was Keyano. The mascot represented the Swan Hills Grizzly Bear, native to Alberta, Canada, and found only in the Swan Hills, a heavily-forested mountain region of North Alberta.

It is one of North America's largest bears and, at maturity, can weigh more than 400 kg. Its fur is a medium-brown colour and is long and shaggy.

'Keyano' is a Cree Indian word meaning 'unity and brotherhood', and appropriately describes the Friendly Games

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### **Brisbane 1982**



The 1982 Commonwealth Games mascot was a kangaroo named Matilda.

Matilda was represented in both the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Games by a "winking" Matilda — a gigantic-size 13-metre (42 feet 8 inches) high mechanical Kangaroo built around a forklift truck. As she travelled around the athletics track, she winked several times at the crowd, including a personal wink at The Duke of Edinburgh who was representing the Crown at the Ceremony.

Once her lap was completed, her pouch opened and children representing joey kangaroos ran out towards small trampolines which had been set up in the centre of the stadium.

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Edinburgh - 1986



The 1986 Commonwealth Games mascot was a 'Scottie' dog called Mac. The Scottish Terrier was bred in the highlands of Scotland. It wasn't until the late 1870s that this breed became known outside Scotland. They are now popular around the world. These terriers were bred to hunt vermin that eat grain, eggs and poultry.

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### **Auckland 1990**



The 1990 Commonwealth Games mascot, Kiwi "Goldie", was a major success. The Kiwi had been the mascot for both the Olympic and Commonwealth Games teams. Goldie became popular after being shown as a performer in each of the Games sports.

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### Victoria – 1994



The Victoria Games mascot was Klee Wych. The mascot symbolised fun, festivities and the host city's popular culture. 'Klee Wych', the Killer Whale, was symbolic of the intelligent, sociable and graceful animals native to Canadian waters, and especially associated with the beauty and vitality of British Columbia, Canada.

The name *Klee Wych* is broadly translated as 'the laughing one' in the Nuu-chah Nulth people's language.

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### **Kuala Lumpur 1998**



Wira is the official mascot of the Kuala Lumpur 98 - XVI Commonwealth Games.

The orang-utan is the largest and probably the most intelligent primate in Asia, second only to man. Highly agile and remarkably strong, the orang-utan is fascinatingly similar to man in its biological build and character. An adult male can weigh up to 100 kg, reach 1.4 metres stretched upright and has an outstretched arm span of 2.4 metres.

As our symbolic ambassador of the Games, Wira confidently projects the friendly personality of Malaysia as a host, encapsulating the traditionally warm nature of our people, our nation and our land.

Meaning Warrior in the local language, Wira characterizes charm, intelligence, and sporting ability.

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### **Manchester 2002**



The official mascot of the 2002 Commonwealth Games was Kit, a part-cat, part-lion design.

Kit symbolises the characteristics of Manchester's personality – youthful, vibrant, dynamic and friendly. He's also been described as street-smart, a little bit mischievous and a lot a fun.

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### Melbourne 2006



The 2006 mascot is a south-eastern Red-tailed Black Cockatoo. Its scientific name is *Calyptorhynchus banksii graptogyne*, though this one is called Karak.

Playful. Loud. Friendly. Energetic. Handsome. Cheeky. Endangered.

With the moniker 'Karak' – after his distinctive birdcall – this native bird was chosen because he embodies the spirit of the Games. He is uniquely Australian and welcoming to all. His gregarious nature and rugged good looks made Karak the perfect Mascot to unite city and bush.



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### **Dehli 2010**



In 2010, the mascot was a Royal Bengal named Sheru.

The mascot is depicted wearing a white sporting jersey and blue shorts.

The Royal Bengal Tiger is the national animal of India. The mascot embodies values that the Indian nation is proud of: majesty, courage, power and grace.

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### **Glasgow 2014**



Clyde has one of the most important jobs in the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games – he's the friendly face who's there to help everyone enjoy events and proudly represent Scotland!

The mascot has been named after the river which flows through the host city.