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I am delighted to announce the appointment of Kim MacCarthy as Head Coach, Guildford Blues Swimming Club.

Kim is a Bronze license qualified coach who has achieved outstanding success at State and National level in Victoria and Western Australia; Kim's detailed biography follows.

Kim will take up his new role on Tuesday, 9 August 2011. As set out in our earlier announcement, the club's existing squads and training times will remain intact throughout August. Kim will use this time to assess swimmer capabilities, speak with swimmers about their goals and also speak with parents. Following this period of assessment, the club's new squad structure and training times will be announced to take effect 5 September 2011.

Kim is available to speak with parents after training or by appointment. His contact details are set out below.

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Please join me in welcoming Kim MacCarthy to his new role.

Kim MacCarthy - Biography

An accomplished athlete and Bronze license ASCTA coach, Kim began coaching in 2001 and has developed a reputation for his outstanding motivational skills and his holistic approach to coaching young athletes to elite performance. His enduring commitment to the development of swimmers is evidenced by their continuing relationship with their coach, long after their swimming career has reached its end.

In 2004, Kim established the Ranges Swim Club in Yarra Junction, Victoria, where he worked as Head Coach for four years. The club reached Swimming WA's Go Club 'Gold' recognition in its second year for its achievements. This award was made to only 30% of all clubs in Australia in that year.

Amongst a broad cross section of swimming goals the inexperienced squad of 23 swimmers at the Ranges club achieved great success, including outstanding performances in their school swim programs, a gold medal performance at National PSA, Victorian state No.1 rankings in age Backstroke events, Top 20 rankings in National competition and more. A highlight during this time was taking novice swimmers to elite National Age competition in just two years. One swimmer achieved an Open National qualifying time in Backstroke at 14 years.

In the lead up to his return to WA in 2009, Kim worked for as Coach at St Michael's Grammar in St Kilda, Melbourne, before taking up his role as Coach for the National Age Development squad for



West Coast Swim Club at Challenge Stadium. In his 14 months at West Coast, and from a squad of 16 swimmers, 10 achieved top 10 WA rankings and of these, three swimmers achieved WA No. 1 rankings in several events. A further four swimmers achieved Top 20 rankings and two swimmers proudly excelled in their personal best achievements.

Throughout his coaching career, Kim has established good rapport with local, national and international coaches in the professional Coaching community. Most recently Kim has worked with WAIS as a WA 'Futures Squad' Coach. In turn, Kim has mentored a number of junior coaches who have been drawn to his values of respect, accountability and integrity.

A feature of Kim's coaching is his ability to help swimmers to see their potential and to passionately believe in their ability to identify and achieve their swimming goals.

Yours sincerely,



Peter Benzie
Headmaster's Representative

