

# SwimmingNZ Appoints New Head Coach

This is to let you all know that we have been successful in recruiting Mark Regan from Australia and recently from his time as Head coach of Denmark to NZ to be our new [Swimming NZ](#) Head coach (Performance.)

This position was formerly filled by me and I was juggling both the GM position with its huge brief of installing policies, selections, structures, pathways and overseeing our NZ performance and pathways in conjunction with all of our partners.

It has evolved that we need to have a hands on head coach who can devote 100% of time to this position in order to fulfill our goals objectives and responsibilities. In order to accomplish this to our fullest potential parts of this position were being compromised and as we all know there is only 100% if we want podium results..

With the knowledge that our performances in 2010 2011 and 2012 are going to reflect on our abilities to gain funding and support from SPARC it has become apparent that we must prioritise [even more sharply](#) our performance component of the brief and [yet continue with all of our development planning so that we are continuing to provide each talent with the pathway to the podium..](#)

For the last few months we have been negotiating with Mark to come to NZ to fill this vital role.

Marks CV is impressive and a brief summary you can study is included. [He is indeed a PODIUM COACH](#)

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| Olympic Games Medals              | 3 silver and 3 bronze   |
| World championship medals (LC/SC) | 8 gold 9 silver 4 bronze                                      |
| Commonwealth Medals               | 16 gold 3 silver 6 bronze                                     |
| European championship medals      | 5 gold 4 silver 5 bronze (as Head coach of Denmark 6+ years)_ |
| World Records                     | 2 relay and 1 individual record.                              |

Mark has been head coach of the AIS in Canberra as well as most recently head Coach of Denmark (5 million [pop](#)) for 7 years.

I am excited about our future and hope you join with me in providing Mark with the support and expertise we will all need to demonstrate if we are collectively to ensure the achievement of our National Goals.

Of great significance is Marks inclusive demeanor. His approach in Denmark led to not only performances but in [sustained](#) collective [output](#) both in Denmark and in the Nordic countries something which was quite evident over the last few years. [Denmark has certainly made massive gains internationally.](#)

Mark has begun already, [and](#) is based at Mish as the bulk of our National team is here. He will be running camps regularly and inviting coaches and swimmers to both MISH and to QEII Christchurch where the national camps will be held

Both these venues are well served by NZAS support service programs which are keen to provide international standards of support. My special thanks to both the North and South Island Academies and in particular Kereyn Smith and her Board for having the vision to support this venture. MISH has created an opportunity for performance swimming [so that Mark can increase delivery and work with the coaches here.](#) Many thanks to Mike Stanley (CEO) for his vision in this regard as well.

Marks email is [headcoach@swimmingnz.org.nz](mailto:headcoach@swimmingnz.org.nz) For all pathways and processes I am the contact Mark is specifically [focusing on performance coaching.](#) This week Mark is finding accommodation and getting to know NZ.

You can email or txt me with any queries and I look forward to your continuing [support in our efforts](#) to make NZ a great [swimming nation.](#)

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