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SUCCESSFUL SWIM COACHES SIGN UP FOR SWIMMING NEW ZEALAND



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SNZ are restructuring their highly successful High Performance programme to chase medals in Beijing 2008 and London 2012 by signing up leading coaches Jan Cameron and Thomas Ansorg to long-term contracts effective immediately. Cameron and Ansorg will head up Swimming New Zealand's High Performance Centre based at the Millennium Institute of Sport and Health on Auckland's North Shore.

Recently recognised by SPARC as one of the nine targeted HP sports, SNZ are refusing to sit back on their laurels from this year's Commonwealth Games, World Short Course Championships and World Youth Championships where they exceeded their targets in each competition. Cameron will come onboard as High Performance Coaching Director and Ansorg will be designated High Performance Coach, evolving the shared role he has had with SNZ and the North Shore Swimming Club (NSSC) for the past two years into full time for SNZ. He will continue to have involvement at NSSC in a mentoring/advisory capacity to help them in the transition from losing a key staff member.

Clive Rushton, High Performance Director for the past five years will be High Performance Programmes Director, responsible for High Performance Programmes including strategic planning, competitive development and coach education initiatives.

Cameron has developed the coaching programme at North Shore Swimming Club over 15 years and as head of the Millennium Institute's high performance swimming programme to become the outstanding dominant force in the country. Since 2004 she has headed up the

Millennium Institute-based SNZ High Performance Centre (HPC). She attracted German-born Ansgorg, who had considerable coaching success in South Africa, to join her five years ago. Twelve of the 18-strong team in this year's Commonwealth Games, including all of the individual medalists, were coached by the pair.

"SNZ see the change of role as a natural extension to the High Performance Centre concept," said Rushton. "It will allow Jan's talents to be applied across the country and allow Thomas to focus exclusively on international success."

"Through to Beijing Jan will continue her day-to-day coaching role with the Millennium Institute-based national team swimmers but will also be responsible for the performance of athletes and coaches with national team swimmers throughout the country," added Rushton.

Following Beijing it is planned Cameron will transition 'off the pool deck' to work closely with other programmes in their home environment and have a wider responsibility for the performance of coaches and swimmers at international events with London 2012 being the ultimate goal.

SNZ CEO Paul Veric said, "Jan has developed a remarkable operation and success with the North Shore Swimming Club, the Millennium Institute and SNZ. We all agree that a key for the successful development of swimming in this country is to develop other successful high performance programmes throughout the country."

Veric added, "The high targets we have set require expert resourcing, world leading high performance and development programmes, and quality high performance coaches and athletes each supported and flourishing throughout New Zealand. The restructured team and our other development coaches will certainly be an experienced and formidable team."

"Both North Shore Swimming and the Millennium Institute have been very cooperative in implementing this wider vision and SNZ are indebted to them for their previous substantial contributions. We are grateful for the current 'buy in' into the future of High Performance Swimming in NZ, where we can continue to build on the success of recent years."