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11 NORTH SHORE SWIMMERS INCLUDED IN 17-STRONG SWIM TEAM FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Swimming New Zealand will take a team of 17 swimmers to the 2007 Fina World Championships in Melbourne in March.

The team, announced today at the Millennium Institute of Sport and Health, follows the Absolute Insurance World Championship Trials at West Wave Aquatic Centre, Waitakere City this week.

The team for the pool programme to be staged in drop-in pools at the Rod Laver Arena from 25 March to 1 April has more individuals qualifiers and teams than last year's world championships in Montreal.

The New Zealand team will include Commonwealth Games representative Lauren Boyle. The West Auckland swimmer was forced to withdraw from the trials after suffering from a bronchial complaint and the policy allows the selectors to take her best time set this year.

Seven swimmers bettered the individual times while their performances at the trials also qualified five relays – the women's 100m and 200m freestyle relay, women's 4x100m medley, the men's 4x200m medley and the men's 4x100m medley.

The seven who qualified for individual events at the trials consisted of Dean Kent, Zoe Baker, Liz Coster, Hannah McLean, Annabelle Carey, Moss Bumester and Helen Norfolk. The remainder qualified for relays but will also be entitled to compete in individual events.

"This looks a very strong team with excellent depth," Head Coach Jan Cameron said. "In the main the nucleus comes from the team that did so well at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne this year.

"They know how to perform under pressure, and can use that experience in Melbourne.

"They got the job done at the world championship trials but also clearly some know there is still improvement to make before March."

The World Championships are an important stepping stone for us. Those swimmers wanting to really make a mark at the Beijing Olympics will need to take a step up in the world rankings in

Melbourne and then reset themselves for Beijing in 2008 where we would like to think we can achieve something special.”

“As a group we will be focused on getting down to hard work over the next three months, leaving no stone unturned in our preparation and then concentrating on performing to our potential in Melbourne.

The newcomers to the team from the Commonwealth Games include West Auckland Aquatics freestylers Michael Jack and Mark Herring and North Shore freestyler Robert Voss. Jack and Voss competed for New Zealand in August’s Pan Pacific Championships in Canada.

Boyle’s selection will be subject to a return to training including a long-course 200m freestyle test in early February.

The Swimming New Zealand team for pool competition for the 12 Fina World Championships in Melbourne is:

Men: Moss Burmester (North Shore), Cameron Gibson (North Shore), Mark Herring (West Auckland Aquatics), Michael Jack (West Auckland Aquatics), Dean Kent (North Shore), Andrew McMillan (Neptune, Dunedin), Glenn Snyders (North Shore), Corney Swanepoel (North Shore), Robert Voss (North Shore).

Women: Zoe Baker (QE2, Chch), Lauren Boyle (West Auckland Aquatics – subject to fitness test), Annabelle Carey (Aquagym, Chch), Liz Coster (North Shore), Alison Fitch (North Shore), Melissa Ingram (North Shore), Hannah McLean (North Shore), Helen Norfolk (North Shore).

Staff

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