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## 2017 State Team Program – Team Coaches Announced

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Water Polo New South Wales (WPNSW) are pleased to announce the coaches of the teams for the upcoming 2017 Sydney Water Polo Youth Festival to be held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre on July 3-6.

This year's event includes competing teams from all over Australia as well international teams from New Zealand, Indonesia and Thailand. With the expected quality of competition at a level never before experienced amongst the state team program, coaches will be working harder than ever to prepare their team for the tournament

Amongst the list of coaches are some familiar names to the water polo community and many coaches with a wealth of experience. Two notable names on the list are two-time Olympian and current Australian Sharks team member Richie Campbell and former coach of the Australian women's team Greg McFadden, who coached the Stingers to a 2006 FINA World Cup gold medal and two Olympic bronze medals.

With Water Polo NSW contributing on average, 50% of Australian teams at representative, Commonwealth and Olympic levels, this year's U14 Blues girls coach Greg McFadden said of the tournament "I'm really looking forward to coaching at the festival because hopefully I can give them an insight to what they can work on to help them become the best player they can be." As for Coach McFadden's expectations, "there are some players who are not that far behind national honours with their basic skill level, tournaments like this one allow athletes to work at a higher intensity."

With a number of coaches having experience at Olympic and national level, their personal insight will provide a significant contribution to the welfare and development of every state team program squad member.





The coaches for the 2017 State Team Program (STP) are:

Female				Male			
U14	F	Blues	Greg McFadden	U14	M	Blues	Mark Holden
U14	F	Waratahs	Kyle Alp	U14	M	Waratahs	Fergus Bennie
U14	F	Platypus	Leanne Lucy	U14	M	Platypus	Sam Negus
U14	F	Opals	Carla Woolley	U14	M	Opals	Patrick O'Brien
U16	F	Blues	Michael Hahn	U16	M	Blues	Dusan Kristic
U16	F	Waratahs	Natasha Rewi-Henry	U16	M	Waratahs	Brian Sutton
U16	F	Platypus	Scott Henderson	U16	M	Platypus	Bret Arnold
U16	F	Opals	Daniel Trent	U16	M	Opals	Liam Ireland
U20	F	Blues	Richie Campbell	U20	M	Blues	Allen Caldwell
U20	F	Waratahs	Troy Stockwell	U20	M	Waratahs	Nick Godfrey

Best of luck with team training in preparation for the SWPYF!

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