

# Welcome to new Head Coach

## Wayne Riddin

Following an extensive talent search, I am pleased to announce the appointment of the new Noosa Aquatic Centre (NAC) Head Coach of the NAC Swim Squad Program, Coach Wayne Riddin.

Wayne has spent 46 years coaching athletes, mostly in his homeland of South Africa. Wayne has extensive international experience including as Head Coach of South African Swim Team at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, 2018 Commonwealth Games and 2022 World Short Course Championships in Melbourne where his swimmer Matthew Sates won gold in the 200M Individual Medley (IM) and a bronze medal in the 400m IM.

As Head Coach of the Seals Swimming Club for the last 34 years, Wayne has coached both pool and open water swimmers to Olympic and World Championship levels. The former schoolteacher also maintains a Level 5 International Coach qualification with the American Swim Coaches Association, and a Level 4 Coach license (highest level) in South Africa.

Wayne will join NAC Mentor Coach John (JR) Rogers in overseeing the High-Performance Squads and the newly created Performance Squad Programs, as well as guiding the Development and Platinum Squad Pathway Programs.

– *Tim Wilson, NAC Aquatics Co-ordinator*



*New NAC Head Coach Wayne Riddin talks to Australian Open Water national medallist Tom Raymond on pool deck.*