



### **Andy Kent Employment Announcement:**

Swimming NZ is delighted to announce that Andy Kent has been appointed as its new Head of Participation to replace Kent Stead who leaves the organisation at the end of this month.

Andy is currently employed by Surf Life Saving New South Wales, currently in the role as Acting Operations Manager, and for the four years prior to that, as Lifesaving Manager. Prior to moving to Sydney, Andy was the Lifesaving Services and Education Manager for Surf Life Saving NZ.

No stranger to swimming, Andy has been a competitive swimmer and surf lifesaver for most of his life and has two Olympian brothers, Dean and Steven Kent. Andy says "I am really looking forward to moving back to NZ and working for Swimming NZ. Swimming has been such a big part of mine and my family's life, that having the opportunity to lead Swimming NZ's Participation programme is a real privilege and I look forward to the challenge".

Swimming NZ CEO Steve Johns is excited about Andy's appointment and believes he will be a powerful addition to the Swimming NZ team. "Andy has a great swimming background and with his leadership experience gained at SLSNSW while leading a team of 19+ staff and controlling a budget of over \$3.5m, he will be a great asset to the Swimming NZ team and we look forward to welcoming him onboard in early July" says Johns.

Andy will commence his employment with Swimming NZ on Monday 3 July.

