

Gymnastics Australia appoints new CEO



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The Board of Gymnastics Australia is pleased to announce the appointment of Mark Rendell to the position of Chief Executive Officer.

Rendell joins Gymnastics Australia from Football Federation Victoria and will step into the position to focus heavily on the journey towards the 2016 Olympics as well as increasing grassroots participation through Gymnastics Australia's LaunchPad initiative.

Grant Harrison, President of Gymnastics Australia said the Board was thrilled to have appointed Mark to the helm.

"Mark will bring valuable sports management experience with his background from Football Federation Victoria and Bowls Australia. We truly believe he will be able to lead Gymnastics to achieve its goal of medalling in 2016. We are very fortunate to have him joining the team and look forward to working with Mark to take Gymnastics to the next level," said Mr Harrison.

Speaking on his appointment, Mark said the significant experience he has gained at Football Federation Victoria will enable him to bring new insight into growing the sport both through High Performance and grassroots programs.

"Gymnastics is a truly unique sport which contributes at every level of the sport and recreation spectrum. I'm very much looking forward to working closely with clubs and the state and territory associations particularly at such an exciting time for sport within Australia at both a grassroots and High Performance level.

"I have worked for many years in sport, both at a state and national level, including the 2006 Commonwealth Games. I'll look to draw on this range of experience to increase participation in gymnastics programs and strengthen pathways for international success. We want every Australian involved in gymnastics and every gymnast to have the very best chance to succeed on the world stage and ultimately make gymnastics a sport accessible to all Australians," said Rendell.

Rendell replaces former CEO Catherine Clark who took on the position in 2010 and was instrumental in securing increased funding for the sport, strengthening relationships with State Associations and leading the implementation of new national participation initiatives and high performance systems.

Rendell is expected to commence in the position before the end of 2012.