

Media Release

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OLYMPIC SWIMMERS TO MAKE A SPLASH WITH THE SEALS

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY - Photographs and Interviews available

When: Thursday 22 January 2009

Time: 11am – 1pm

Where: UnderWater World, Mooloolaba

Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba 4557

In preparation for the National Trials, several of Australia's elite swimmers are on the Sunshine Coast participating in an intensive training program. As a special reward breakout session, swim coach Michael Bohl has organised a visit to UnderWater World on Thursday 22 January where his team will have the opportunity to swim with the Coast's very own local swim champs.....the seals.

The swimmers, including swimming's glamour girl Stephanie Rice, Kenrick Monk, Steve Parks, Megan Nay, Michelle Marston, Amy Smith, Ned McKendry, Brendan Capell and Cameron Smith will attend the 11am "Seals Behaving Badly" Seal show before being accompanied on a behind the scenes tour where they will be briefed on seal handling, training, feeding and care in preparation for their swim with the seals at 11:20am.

The seal swim lasts for approximately 20 – 25 minutes and is sure to make a splash with UnderWater World staff and visitors, who are invited to watch their swimming heroes come toe to toe with the seals.

UnderWater World are confident the swimmers will enjoy the break from their hectic training schedule and wish them well as they aim to qualify for the World Championships to be held in Rome in July.

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