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Triathlon Australia Welcomes New CEO

This week represents an exciting development for the Australian governing body of Triathlon, with the announcement of the newly appointed CEO. Triathlon Australia is extremely pleased to welcome Ms Anne Gripper to the team, and is confident that her experience, vision and passion for the sport are key qualities that will drive the future performance and growth of the organisation.

Anne's extensive experience within the Australian sporting industry over the last 14 years has included a number of roles in both the Australian Sports Commission, and the Australian Sports Drug Agency (ASDA).

Anne is widely known for her more recent work at the International Cycling Union (UCI) as Director of the Anti-Doping Foundation. Anne was instrumental in the conception and growth of the Cycling Anti-Doping Foundation; the design and implementation of the *Biological Passport*; and the design and implementation of the True Champion or Cheat education programme. Anne's work in the fight against doping has contributed to a significant paradigm shift in the culture of cycling, and the wider international sporting community.

Anne has been appointed by Triathlon Australia at a crucial time of change, and will oversee the implementation of its 2010-2015 strategic plan that will guide the organisation towards its vision of becoming a leading triathlon nation. Anne herself is an active triathlete, having previously represented Triathlon Australia as an Age Group athlete, and is therefore in an excellent position to relate to the members and implement the change necessary for the betterment of the sport across the country.

Speaking of her appointment, Anne commented "The opportunity to provide leadership to Triathlon Australia is an exciting and challenging new phase in my career. Triathlon is a high profile and important sport in Australia and I look forward to ensuring that we become the premier nation in the sport by continuing to build a strong base of participation for all ages and abilities, and enhancing pathways to elite performance. The role of CEO enables me to draw on my personal interest in the sport, together with my Australian and overseas experience in sport management."

Anne holds a Masters of Sports Management from the University of Lausanne/International Olympic Committee and is a founding member of the Lausanne Network for Women in International Sport.

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