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Regional Academies Coach Development Conference a Huge Success

The Western Sydney Academy of Sport – as a member of the NSW collective of Regional Academies – participated in a groundbreaking pre-elite coach development conference on the 7th May at Terrigal on the Central Coast.

The Regional Academies partnered with the NSW Institute of Sport and the NSW Office of Sport in the planning and delivery of the inaugural event, which was attended by over 100 regionally located coaches.

The conference included a series of panel sessions involving highly accredited national and international high performance experts who imparted their expert knowledge and learnings to the ever eager and hungry to learn coaches from Academies located across the State. These included NSWIS CEO Kevin Thompson, former Sport New Zealand High Performance CEO Michael Scott and Sydney Kings owner Paul Smith.

As an exciting addition, the event also featured guest speakers of the caliber of Kerri Pottharst OAM (2000 Sydney Olympic Gold Medalist), Nicole McDermott (2022 Tokyo Olympic Silver Medalist) and Brad McGee (Tour de France and Bronze medalist at 1996 Atlanta Olympics).

The Regional Academies and NSWIS has placed a much needed and highly beneficial focus on regional pre-elite level coaches as a major component of the State-wide strategy around the Brisbane Olympics in 2032.

Western Sydney Academy CEO Martin Bullock commented “This conference was absolutely enormous for our skilled and committed volunteer coaches. It will act as a strong catalyst for Regional Academies and the NSW Institute of Sport in providing further development initiatives, to ensure our regional coaches are well equipped to service emerging talent from across NSW that will represent our State at the 2032 Brisbane Olympics”.

“The collaboration with and support provided by the NSW Institute of Sport was highly effective and will shape further ongoing initiatives that the Regional Academies and NSWIS will deliver in preparation for the Brisbane Olympics” he added.

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