

Aussies seek glory at World Swimming Championships in Russia

LIVE on 7TWO and 7swimming.com.au starts Sunday

(28 July 2015) The Australian Dolphins Swim Team with superstar **Grant Hackett**, two defending world champions **Cate Campbell** and **Christian Sprenger**, and a host of top-ranked swimmers including **Bronte Campbell** and **Emily Seebohm** arrive in Kazan, Russia tomorrow ahead of the 2015 FINA World Championships starting this Sunday.

Hackett will be on a remarkable comeback at the age of 34 in his sixth World Championships and first Australian team in six years. He will be an integral part of the 4 x 200m freestyle relay.

Cate Campbell will be aiming for back-to-back 100m freestyle world titles just six months after shoulder surgery and will need to hold off younger sister **Bronte**.

Australian backstroke ace **Seebohm** will be overcoming a dislocated kneecap in her search for two individual world titles. She holds the best time in 2015 for the 100m and 200m backstroke, so is on track to perform well.

On the road to the Rio Olympics, Australia will also be unearthing a number of new superstars including **Daniel Smith** who will swim alongside Hackett in the 4 x 200m freestyle relay.

Seven's broadcast will be hosted by **Basil Zempilas** with expert commentary from Olympic gold medalist **Giaan Rooney** and poolside interviewer **Nathan Templeton**.

All of the action from Kazan, Russia will be live and free on 7TWO and 7swimming.com.au

Building on the success of its ground-breaking live, free and exclusive coverage of The Australian Open across broadcast television, mobile, hybrid and online, Seven has unveiled the next stage in the development of its long-term strategy to deliver its market-leading content to all Australians across any connected device. Seven dominated sports coverage across January with its coverage of The Australian Open delivering extraordinary consumer engagement across all delivery platforms and driving growth in television audiences for the Open.

Following the success of this multiple-platform delivery of sports content, Seven is launching dedicated new apps — available free in the IOS App store and Android Play store — along with complementary and responsive websites available on desktop and mobile web for the live-streaming of many of Seven's biggest sports franchises.

Following on from Royal Ascot and Wimbledon, the next event slated for "40 Days of live and free sport on your mobile anywhere, anytime" is the Davis Cup in Darwin. Also included in "40 Days" are the FINA World Swimming Championships, and the major golf tournaments: The Australian Masters, The Australian Open and The Australian PGA Championships.

Seven has launched 7horseracing.com.au and 7tennis.com.au, with 7swimming.com.au and 7golf.com.au to come, complementing Seven's major online sports presence with 7sport.com.au.

Seven is building its digital television platform beyond broadcast television with a significant streaming presence and is well-advanced in the further delivery of its video and digital content across an array of delivery platforms, including HbbTV (Hybrid TV) to further strengthen its broadcast television business and extend to one-on-one connected communications with mass audiences.

TV Broadcast times:

Sunday August 2 - Monday August 10

FINA World Swimming Championships

Heats each day - 4.30pm AEST LIVE on 7TWO

Finals each day - 12.30am AEST LIVE on 7TWO

Replays of finals each afternoon from 2pm AEST or 2.30pm AEST on 7TWO on weekdays and midday on weekends.

For the full event schedule go to:

http://www.fina.org/H2O/docs/events/kazan2015/schedule.pdf

Seven delivers leadership in sports

Seven is focused on delivering the biggest sports events to all Australians. Seven's long-term partnerships confirms the company's leadership in sports television with the network continuing to dramatically expand its coverage of major sports across its three digital broadcast television channels and accelerate coverage across online, IPTV, HbbTV (Hybrid TV), mobile and other emerging forms of content delivery.

Seven's commitment to an expanding presence in sports builds on the network's unprecedented new agreement with the International Olympic Committee encompassing the Games of the XXXI Olympiad in Rio de Janeiro in 2016, the XXIII Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang in 2018 and the Games of the XXXII Olympiad in Tokyo in 2020. Seven will also broadcast the 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games in Lillehammer and the 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires. Underlining this new partnership is an option which, if exercised, extends the rights to include the XXIV Olympic Winter Games in 2022 and the XXXIII Olympic Games in 2024.

Seven is also the network of the Paralympic Games in Rio in 2016 and the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast in 2018. Seven is also the network of the first European Games in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Seven's agreements for the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, European Games and Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast, and the World Swimming Championships builds on the company's long-term commitment to the National Football League, including the Super Bowl, The US Masters, Royal Ascot and Wimbledon as major international sports franchises for Seven.

Seven also has all-encompassing agreements for coverage of the Australian Football League Premiership Season, Finals Series, the Grand Final and Brownlow Medal, and the local Australian Rules Football competitions the West Australian Football League, the Victorian Football League and the South Australian National Football League, the Tottenham and Chelsea football matches earlier in 2015, the Bathurst 12 Hour Endurance Race, all major horse racing events including the Sydney Easter Carnival, the Melbourne Spring Carnival and the Melbourne Cup Carnival, the Sydney-Hobart Yacht Race, all major Australian golf tournaments, the Stawell Gift, the Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race, the New South Wales Shute Shield in Rugby, all major iron man and triathlon events, the Gold Coast Marathon and all major tennis tournaments in Australia including The Australian Open and The Davis Cup.

About Seven

Seven is Australia's most-watched broadcast television platform. Seven – with three broadcast channels, Seven, 7TWO and 7mate - continues to lead in primetime, building on its market-leading performance over the past eight years. The network also dominates across breakfast and morning television.

The network is expanding its presence in media, driving its leadership in the creation of content and delivering that content anywhere, anytime to the biggest audiences. The company is expanding its presence in the further delivery of its video and publishing content beyond its three digital broadcast channels and across an array of platforms, including Hybrid Broadband Broadcast Television. Seven has also secured a major presence in subscription video on demand through its Presto joint venture with Foxtel.

Seven is now creating more content than at any time in its history and is expanding its presence in international content production with the formation of two new international production companies: 7Wonder and 7Beyond. These two new businesses underline a key part of its strategy for today and in the future: the expansion of our leadership in the production of content.

Seven is a key business of Seven West Media, Australia's leading multiple platform media company which has a market-leading presence in broadcast television, magazine and newspaper publishing and online. The company is the home of many of Australia's best performing media businesses – Seven, 7TWO and 7mate, Pacific Magazines, The West Australian and Yahoo!7, and the biggest content brands including My Kitchen Rules, The X Factor, Home and Away, Sunrise, the Australian Football League, the Olympic Games, Better Homes and Gardens, marie claire, New Idea, Who, The West Australian, Presto and PLUS7.

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